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GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,

THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,

THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH,

BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

Before Jesus Christ came into this world no one ever dreamt of saying "God loves." Some of the Old Testament psalmists had glimpses of that truth and came pretty near expressing it. . . . Once "God loves," was a new and almost incredible message, but we have grown accustomed to it, and it is not strange any more to us. But if we would try to think of what it means, the whole truth would flash up into fresh newness, and all the miseries and sorrows and perplexities of our lives would drift away down the wind, and we should be no more troubled with them. "God loves" is the greatest thing that can be said by lips. . . .

When we think or feel anything about a great multitude of people, it is like looking at a forest. We do not see the trees, we see the whole wood. But that is not how God loves the world. Suppose I said that I loved the people in India. I should not mean by that that I had any feeling about any individual soul of all those millions, but only that I massed them all together, or made what people call a generalization of them.

But that is not the way in which God loves. He loves all because he loves each. And when we say, "God so loved the world" we have to break up the mass into its atoms and to think of each atom as being an object of his love. We all stand out in God's eyes. Have you ever realized that when we say he loved the world, that really means, as far as each of us is concerned, he loves me? And just as the whole beams of the sun come pouring down into every eye of the crowd that is looking up to it, so the whole love of God pours down not upon a multitude, an abstraction, a community, but upon every single soul. He loves us all because he loves us each. We shall never get all the good of that thought until we translate it, and lay it upon our hearts. . . .

All through the New Testament, but especially in John's gospel, the world does not only mean men, but sinful men, men separated from God. And the great and blessed truth taught here is that, however I may drag myself away from God, I cannot drive him away from me, and that however little I may care for him, or love him, or think about him, it does not make one hairsbreadth of difference as to the fact that he loves me. I know, of course, that if a man does not love him back again, God's love has to take shapes that it would not otherwise take, which may be extremely inconvenient for the man. But though the shape may alter, must alter, the fact remains, and every sinful soul on the earth has God's love resting upon him. . . .

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. . . ."

"God so loved"—so deeply, so holily, so perfectly—that he "gave his only begotten Son," and the gift of that Son is, as it were, the river by which the love of God comes to every soul in the world—From a sermon by Alexander MacLaren.

"Let's Keep Christmas"

by Peter Marshall

CHANGES are everywhere.

Many institutions and customs that we once thought sacrosanct have gone by the board.

Yet there are a few that abide, defying time and revolution.

The old message: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" is still the heart of Christmas. It can be nothing else.

And this message can neither be changed—nor quite forgotten although there are many things that tend to make us forget.

The idea of Santa Claus coming in a helicopter does not ring true. No interior decorator with a fondness for yellow or blue could ever persuade me to forsake the Christmas colors of red and green.

I must confess that modernistic Christmas cards leave me cold.

I cannot appreciate the dogs and cats

the galloping horses

the ships in full sail . . .

or any of the cute designs that leave out the traditional symbols of the star . . .

the manger . . .

the wise men on their camels.

Angels there must be—but they need not be modernistic angels in evening dress with peroxide permanents.

There is no need to search for stories new and different.

There is only one after all—and no modern author can improve it:

Let's Keep Christmas

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

We all feel the pressure of approaching Christmas. The traffic is terrible.

You can't find a parking space . . .

The stores are crowded . . .

Mob scenes make shopping a nightmare.

You are thinking about presents—wondering what in the world you can get for so-and-so.

You think of friends and loved ones who are so hard to shop for.

You can't think of anything they need (which is rather strange when you take time to think of it).

Maybe there is nothing in a store that they need.

But what about some token of love—what about love itself . . .

and friendship . . .

and understanding . . .

and consideration . . .

and a helping hand . . .

and a smile . . .

and a prayer?

You can't buy these things in any store, and these are the very things people need.

We all need them. . . . Blessed will they be who receive them this Christmas or at any time.

Let's not permit the crowds and the rush to crowd Christmas out of our hearts . . .

for that is where it belongs.

Christmas is not in the stores—but in the hearts of people.

Let's not give way to cynicism and mutter that "Christmas has become commercialized."

It never will be—unless you let it be.

Your Christmas is not commercialized, unless you have commercialized it.

Let's not succumb to the sophistication that complains:

"Christmas belongs only to the children."

That shows that you have never understood Christmas at all, for the older you get, the more it means, if you know what it means. Christmas, though forever young, grows old along with us.



Have you been saying, "I just can't seem to feel the Christmas spirit this year?" That's too bad.

As a confession of lack of faith, it is rather significant.

You are saying that you feel no joy that Jesus came into the world . . .

You are confessing that his presence in the world is not a reality to you . . .

Maybe you need all the more to read the Christmas story over again, need to sit down with the Gospel of Luke and think about it.

I thank God for Christmas.

Would that it lasted all year.

For on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, all the world is a better place, and men and women are more lovable.

Love itself seeps into every heart, and miracles happen.

When Christmas doesn't make your heart swell up until it nearly bursts . . . and fill your eyes with tears . . .

and make you all soft and warm inside . . .

then you'll know that something inside of you is dead.

We hope that there will be snow for Christmas.

Why?

It's not really important, but it is so nice, and old-fashioned, and appropriate, we think.

Isn't it wonderful to think that nothing can really harm the joy of Christmas . . .

Although your Christmas tree decorations will include many new gadgets, such as lights with bulbs in them . . .

it's the old tree decorations that mean the most . . .

the ones you save carefully from year to year . . .

the crooked star that goes on the top of the tree . . .

the ornaments that you've been so careful with

And you'll bring out the tiny manger, and the shed,

and the little figures of the Holy Family . . .

and lovingly arrange them on the mantel

or in the middle of the dining room table.

And getting the tree will be a family event with great excitement for the children . . .

And there will be a closet into which you'll forbid your husband to look,

And he will be moving through the house mysteriously with bundles under his coat, and you'll pretend not to notice . . .

There will be the fragrance of cookies baking, spices and fruit cake . . .

and the warmth of the house shall be melodious with the lilting strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

And you'll listen to the wonderful Christmas music on the radio,

Some of the songs will be modern—good enough music perhaps—but it will be the old carols,

the lovely old Christmas hymns that will mean the most.

And forests of fir trees will march right into our living rooms . . .

There will be bells on our doors and holly wreaths in our windows . . .

And we shall sweep the Noel skies for their brightest colors and bestow our homes with stars.

Let's Keep Christmas

There will be a chubby stocking hung by the fireplace . . .

and with finger to lip you will whisper
and ask me to tip-toe, for a little tousled head is asleep and
must not be awakened until after Santa has come.

And finally Christmas morning will come.

Don't worry—you'll be ready for it—

You'll catch the spirit all right,

or it will catch you, which is even better.

And then you will remember what Christmas means—the beginning of Christianity . . .

the Second Chance for the world . . .

the hope for peace . . .

and the only way.

The promise that the angels sang is the most wonderful music
the world has ever heard.

"Peace on earth and good will toward men."

It is not a pronouncement upon the state of the world then

Nor is it a reading of the international barometer of the present time . . .

but it is a promise—God's promise—of what one day will come to pass.

The years that are gone are graveyards in which all the persua-
sions of men have crumbled into dust.

If history has any voice, it is to say that all these ways of men lead nowhere.

There remains one way—The Way—untried, untested, unexplored fully . . .

the way of Him Who was born a Babe in Bethlehem.

In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving,
there are some tens of millions of us who want
Christmas to be the same . . .

with the same old greeting "Merry Christmas" and no other.

We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings . . .

believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening,
sweetening influence to tug at our heartstrings once again.

We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because
they strengthen our family ties.

bind us to our friends..

make us one with all mankind

for whom the Child was born,

and bring us back again to the God Who gave His only begotten Son, that

"whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So we will not "spend" Christmas . . . nor "observe" Christmas.

We will "keep" Christmas—keep it as it is . . .

in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions.

May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its hope.

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IN BEHALF of the editorial staff, I wish to extend Christmas greetings to the readers of *Royal Service*—to the missionaries on home and foreign fields, to women in small societies and large societies, to those who lead in Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Sunbeam Bands.

December is a month when we are particularly mindful of the gift of God's Son to the world and of the worldwide reach of our prayers and our gifts. We pray that during the first week of this month more people will gather to pray for the world than ever in our history, that a greater portion of our money will be given for the salvation of the lost through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Then indeed shall we know more clearly the meaning of peace on earth, good will toward men.

Alma Hunt

Executive Secretary

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Cover—The beautiful, shining, Christmas balls on your tree this year no doubt are lovelier than ever. As you draw near to look at them, it may be you will see reflected in their gleaming surface the happy scene of your family-at-home-at-Christmas.

Will you also rejoice as you visualize our Southern Baptist mission areas as caught in the Christmas balls on our cover? But look again! The work seems so inadequate when compared with the needs of the whole big world!

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*Baptist College, Iwo, Nigeria
adequate dormitory and beautiful Chapel*

Christian Education and Nigeria's Future

by Carl F. Whirley and Ethel Guss **Missionary teachers**

NEAR the beginning of this century our missionaries in Nigeria realized the need for training young men as Christian teachers to meet the awakening desire for education among Nigeria's youth. There was no public education system, so Christian schools became a part of the Southern Baptist witness.

The Baptist Training School was founded by Rev. E. C. Smith in 1900 at Ogbomoso to train pastors and teachers. A normal training course was included in the curriculum. This plan continued for a number of years, but with difficulty because of shortage of missionary personnel. It soon became apparent that theological and normal training should be separated into two departments. In 1912 the school was renamed, The Baptist College and Seminary. In 1921, Dr. George W. Sadler became principal of the combined schools.

As the demand for education continued to grow, Baptists realized that not two departments, but rather two institutions were

needed. Dr. W. H. Carson became principal of the Baptist College and Dr. J. C. Pool of the Baptist Theological Seminary. It was in 1938 that the college was moved to its present site in Iwo and the Seminary remained in Ogbomoso. Through the years other heads of the college have contributed greatly to its development. They are Rev. H. P. McCormick, Rev. L. R. Brothers, and Rev. C. F. Whirley, the present principal. For many years approximately half the teaching staff have been Africans. As examples to the young men students they have been fine examples in ways which missionaries could never be.

At the heart of the Baptist program of Christian education in Nigeria is this Baptist College, located at Iwo. Today, it has a student body of almost 200, and looks forward soon to a capacity of 240. There are three areas of study (a four-year course and two separate two-year courses). These are adjusted to meet the subject matter of previous training, though all work is toward

the same higher elementary teaching certificate. Last year the college graduated seventy-five young men.

In addition to the classroom, there are varied activities on the campus and a fully organized Baptist church which strengthen the Christian convictions, spirit of service, and practical training for these future Christian leaders and teachers.

It is interesting to discover here and there in classroom discussion, casual conversation, and campus observation what the Christian atmosphere in the college is really doing for these young people. Tribal prejudices and fears that some, especially from smaller tribes, brought with them are overcome and often the closest friendships form across tribal lines here where ten tribes are represented. Christian home life, so completely unknown to many who come from non-Christian polygamous homes, becomes an ideal to be earnestly sought after

by these young men as they observe daily the difference Christ makes in the homes of the missionary and African staff. Superstitious fear, the hold of "ju-ju" upon some is often hard to break, but we have seen fetish objects given up and complete faith in God take over. Misconceptions are corrected, attitudes changed, new horizons opened up, spiritual vision awakened, courage found to face social problems in the clash of Christian and pagan in our society.

Graduates of the college are prominent among the Convention leadership. Many serve as heads of institutions. Others have gone on to the Seminary and are pastors. In fact, the annual Nigerian Baptist Con-





A practical part of rural science, a required course, includes work done each day by every student



The new dorm just completed will relieve these crowded conditions under which students have been living

Christian Education and Nigeria's Future

vention session is like an alumni reunion.

We who are serving at the Baptist College are keenly conscious of our responsibility. We are conscious, too, of the part you at home play in this drama in human life. We wish you could see firsthand the new dormitory, Sadler Hall, and the eagerness with which we watch the administration-classroom building go up. These make our life and work here more pleasant and efficient, but they are only outward sym-

bols of the real contribution you are making to Nigeria as you have a vital part in training her Christian youth.

The College has been developed by your interest and support, financially and spiritually. The effectiveness of our day-to-day labor depends largely on the spiritual power of your prayer, your interest and dedication, and on the influence of your Christian attitudes and examples which our students watch carefully across the distance.

WMS Focus Week

a Time of Spiritual Growth

by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

Recently those in the WMS department here at 600 got together to discuss the question "What is the purpose of WMS Focus Week?" What do we hope to accomplish by promoting it? Should it be a week of activity—something special every day? Other questions came to our minds as we continued our conference. Perhaps you are asking these same questions about WMS Focus Week, January 12-17. These answers will stimulate your own thinking

WMS Focus Week

◆ Should give a clear understanding of WMS purposes

It is true that a woman may be a member of a Woman's Missionary Society and not really know why. She may have joined because a friend invited her. She likes the fellowship, and it seems the thing to do in her church. The programs are of interest to her, but so often her mind wanders and the challenge of missions has never become personal.

Or, there may be a woman in your church who is prejudiced against the WMU. She has never seen the need of the youth organizations, and to her the WMS is just a waste of time.

Or, there is one whose time is so filled with the Garden Club, the Literary Club, P.T.A. and a dozen other good organizations, she just never finds time to go to the WMS.

Or, there may be husbands, church leaders, and even pastors who do not know the purposes of a Woman's Missionary Society.

Plans for Focus Week should include ways to help the members of your church and society have a clear understanding of the organization's purpose. Make every effort to show how your WMS seeks to develop an appreciation for all people and a deep concern for those who are lost without Christ, to strengthen the spiritual life

of members, to lead members into experiences of Christian witnessing, to magnify Christian sharing, to cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth, to bring others into a growing experience of missionary endeavor.

WMS Focus Week

◆ Should enlist women in missions.

The world population is increasing at the rate of eighty-three persons a minute, or about five thousand an hour. At the present rate it will double by the end of this century. The United Nations Demographic Yearbook for 1956 estimated the world population now at 2 billion 777 million. The population increases by about 43 million a year. These amazing figures indicate the tremendous number of prospects Baptist churches and their organizations have.

In every community there are vast numbers of people unreached by churches. In every church there are women who are not enrolled in the Woman's Missionary Society. How many of them are enlisted in your WMS? Are the enlistment vice-president and her committee visiting women who join your church week by week? Does your society have a regular weekly or monthly program of visitation? Have you provided for all the women by organizing enlistment and extension circles? Do you have a circle for young marrieds and for

those received from YWA by promotion?

Often there are those enrolled in WMS who are not really enlisted. When a woman is enlisted she is engaged in the organizational activities and supports all that it undertakes. Women need all that Woman's Missionary Society offers: world awareness, spiritual development, community service, sensitiveness to sharing, and opportunities for educating youth.

WMS Focus Week

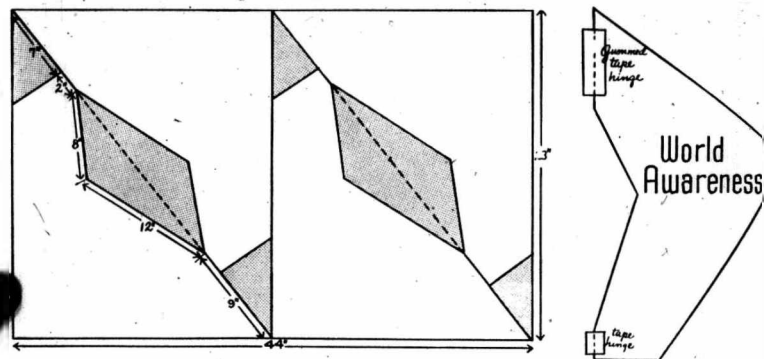
- ◆ Should be a week of soul-winning visitation

During the week of January 6-10 there will be thousands of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention having a special Bible Study Week when members

will consider *Studies of Hosea* by Dr. Owen K. White, price 60c from your Baptist Book Store. This experience should be good preparation for a week of soul-winning visitation.

The New Testament disciples waited to witness until the Holy Spirit came and gave them power. It is his power which convicts sinners, converts souls, and transforms lives. To be effective in Christian witness the messenger must be prepared in mind, heart, soul, and body if he is to be a channel through which the Holy Spirit can work.

There should be those who will pray as two by two. Christians go to win lost souls. A praying church is a soul-winning church; stress the necessity of your church praying for your week of soul-winning visitation.



How to Make Your WMS Aims for Advancement Display

Dimensions are given in diagram for cutting four "arrows" from one large standard size sheet of colored posterboard (28"x44"). You may choose to use lavender or green posterboard, and paint the gray back of it a contrasting color. Let boards remain flat on floor until dry. Or to make the displays more sturdy and to avoid painting surface, use two sheets of posterboard, gluing them back to back. If you do this, be sure your tape hinges are inserted between these boards to make them invisible.

Letter or write one point of the Aims for Ad-

vancement on each side of each arrow. Mount arrows at 10" intervals on another piece of 28"x44" colored board, reinforced with wooden frame on the back. Extend arrows about 2" above top of back so the flat bottom of each arrow rests on table for support.

Women will stand at either side of this interest center to answer questions about WMS work, to take subscriptions to *Royal Service*, and to enlist new members. Occasionally they will change the angle of the arrows, so the first four aims may be seen and then the last four.

WMS Focus Week

- ◆ Should be a deep spiritual experience for your church

Participation in soul-winning is one of the most enriching experiences a Christian can have. If your members have engaged in soul-winning instead of "busy-ness," too many meetings, and other activities of lesser importance, they have had a deep

spiritual experience and have felt the reality of Christ's presence in their lives.

Lead the members of your society to participate in a daily period of concerted prayer at nine o'clock or at another hour set by the society. Urge members during their family worship periods to pray for the soul-winners. Intercessory Prayer League members and extension circle members may have a part in this tremendously important week through prayer. Promotion of attendance at midweek prayer service is another means of deepening the spiritual life of your members.

These are only a few of the values we hope to gain through WMS Focus Week. Pray and work that the aims of this week may be achieved. (See *December and January Forecaster* for other directives.)



Make a WMS Display for Focus Week

(See instructions on opposite page.)



Why a Week Before Christmas?

by Ramsay Yelvington

This moving dramatization was presented at the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago last May. There are numerous occasions when it may be presented with profit in your church. The pastor may wish it to be used on Sunday evening preceding the Week of Prayer.

SCENE: *Scrim curtain with outline of the world behind it.*

VOICE 1 "Go ye into all the world"

VOICE 1 The World.

VOICE 2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form, and void;

VOICE 3 And darkness was upon the face of the deep...

VOICE 4 Not long ago in Sunday newspapers all across the country there appeared a picture of the sea. And hovering above the vast and desolate scene, one seagull.

The author of the thought accompanying the picture invited the reader to place his hand over the seagull—blot it out—and then reflect on the difference.

It was a striking illustration of the meaning of life, and of the words with which the story of creation is told.

VOICE 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form, and void.

VOICE 2 And so he made the beasts of the earth and the creeping things, and the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air...

VOICE 3 All living things made he them...

VOICE 1 And finally: Man!

VOICE 4 From that time the meaning of the world has resided in man; and the purpose of the Creator, it resides in man; and the fulfillment—and that, too, resides within the will of man. He may choose to fulfill, or not fulfill, for he is the crown of creation, and bears within him a seed, a God-portion...

VOICE 2 The lords of creation, every last one, has the power of choice.

VOICE 3 The God-power.

VOICE 1 And many choose wrong.

VOICE 2 The first man chose wrong.

VOICE 3 The very first.

VOICE 1 The first man, Adam; and his wife, Eve.

VOICE 4 But in every generation since that time, from the beginning, there have been those who sought God.

VOICE 2 The Titans of faith, who discerned the way.

VOICE 3 That the way is through—

VOICE 1 Giving!

VOICE 2 Through giving of

VOICE 3 Self!

VOICE 4 And then, when the time was ripe, out of the fullness of time and the long agonizing of a group of people chosen for the purpose, there came the perfect example, the epitome of selflessness, Jesus.

VOICE 1 Who died for our sins!

VOICE 2 The Lamb that was slain!

VOICE 1 The author and finisher of our faith!

VOICE 4 Even so... and today, we of this generation, in the generation that is our time, our opportunity, we come to try and convey to each other, followers of the Christ, seekers after God, the continuing challenge to do more which is illustrated for us in the life of a woman who spent forty years in China, and died, on her way home, physically broken, while her ship rode at anchor in the harbor of Kobe, Japan.

SCENE: *Lottie Moon and Chinese servant, Miss Moon writing.*

VOICE 1 That woman was Lottie Moon.

VOICE 4 Lottie... Moon. She was by birth a Virginia aristocrat. Her story is familiar. She wrote:

VOICE 1 "I am convinced that one of the chief reasons our Southern Baptist women do so little is the lack of organization..."

VOICE 4 She wrote:

VOICE 2 "Why not institute a week of prayer and offering, not only for the Foreign Mission Board and its work, but for both boards of the Convention..."

VOICE 4 And then she added:

VOICE 3 "I suggest the week before Christmas. Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen?"

VOICE 4 You would think there would be no need. Yet we know, as Lottie Moon knew, the story must be told and re-told, to ourselves first, and to the world, over and over and over. Which is why we come with these figures and statistics, lame messengers of the heroic human deeds our dimes and dollars abetted through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

SCENE: *A typewriter.*

VOICE 1 A typewriter. It cost three hundred dollars.

VOICE 2 It will be used in Baptist headquarters in a town in South Brazil.

VOICE 4. What will it be used for?

SCENE: *A blank page of a large tract.*

VOICE 4 To fill a blank page, of course.

And it may be a prosaic matter of money, or confirmation of a date and time for a missionary service, or a greeting, a letter to one of our missionary magazines...

SCENE: *The page is turned. On it is written John 3:16.*

VOICE 1 In Guatemala City \$200 of the Lottie Moon Offering will go to a small print shop.

VOICE 2 Last year this small shop published 5,000 tracts and 7,000 periodicals.

VOICE 3 Then there is a big allocation of \$24,595 to the Spanish Publishing House

in El Paso, where literature is shipped in quantity to every nation on earth where Spanish is spoken.

VOICE 1 To a total of 89 different countries!

VOICE 2 And there are dozens more allocations for publications of all kinds!

SCENE: *A group of school girls with teacher in Nigeria.*

VOICE 4 Schools! The world is being remade. In no era of history has there been a comparable remaking of nations. These people are avid for knowledge, avid to catch up!

VOICE 3 And they will!

VOICE 4 Whether we do it, or someone else does it.

VOICE 1 From the printed word...

VOICE 2 From the schools.

VOICE 3 From strong teachers...

VOICE 4 Will come the leaders. We must mold them in the way of Christ!

VOICE 1 \$1,000 will go to Elam Memorial Girls School, Nigeria, to help pay the salaries of seven African teachers, and for routine operation...

VOICE 2 In Southern Rhodesia another \$11,000 will be spent for current expenses of Sanyati Central School...

VOICE 3 And in Spain, difficult Spain, \$2,000 will go for scholarships to aid fifty young people to educate themselves to become better Christian laymen in the Spanish churches.

VOICE 1 In Hong Kong the Hong Kong Baptist College will receive \$50,000 to help provide new buildings on a new site now being purchased. The college plans for 600 students by 1960.

SCENE: *A young Mexican minister preaching.*

VOICE 4 Out of the schools will come the native ministers we so desperately need.

VOICE 1 Out of the schools our dimes and dollars assist helping hands in building.

VOICE 3 In Allende (Coahuila), Mexico, \$5,000 will be allocated to build a pastor's home.

VOICE 5 For the first time in three years all the churches in the Coahuila field

have pastors.
SCENE: *A church*

VOICE 4 Under the guidance of native pastors, and with the direction of the missionaries, as people are added, the mission stations grow into churches, and it is our privilege to add financially some of these where the need is great.

VOICE 1 In equatorial Brazil, in the strategic city of Parnaiba, we will contribute \$10,000 for the first unit of a new church building . . . funds for a suitable site were provided in the 1956 Lottie Moon offering.

VOICE 2 And to the most progressive church in Argentina, the First Baptist Church of Mendoza, \$22,200 for a new location where it may reach even more people in years to come. . .

SCENE: *Young people of Hawaii: Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Americans*

VOICE 4 The people of the world are coming closer together.

VOICE 1 Almost everybody, now, is literally our neighbor.

VOICE 3 This year \$1,800 will make possible the sending of summer student missionaries to Hawaii to work in vacation Bible schools and in churches.

VOICE 1 \$2,000 will go to summer camps in Hawaii. The Hawaii mission has a camp ground located near the sea, and in Hawaii's wonderful climate it is used the year around. . .

VOICE 2 And then we help maintain good will centers, such as the one in Kobata, Japan. The \$2,000 we send will provide a large part of the annual maintenance.

SCENE: *A doctor and nurse over patient on operating table*

VOICE 4 Much of our ministering is best done by example. Show the world that the Christ way is to alleviate suffering.

VOICE 1 A man will listen, when he hurts.

VOICE 2 A mother is receptive when the pain of her child is eased, first.

VOICE 3 Even the most stubborn of new countries are susceptible to the example which begins with the erection of what they cannot provide—a hospital.

VOICE 4 Therefore we spend a good portion of the Lottie Moon offering on hospitals.

VOICE 1 In Korea, still showing the horrible scars of war, \$5,000 to bring the total to \$20,000 for our hospital there.

VOICE 2 In Jordan in the Near East, \$25,000 for current expenses of Ajloun Hospital.

VOICE 3 Eku Hospital in Nigeria has requested \$7,000 . . . the Igede Dispensary \$500 for current expenses . . . and for the Joinkrama Hospital a total of \$5,000. . .

VOICE 1 This last hospital alone ministers to approximately 8,000 patients per year.

VOICE 4 What may this ministry not yield in the future toward the winning of those nations to Christ!

SCENE: *A donkey*

VOICE 4 Our report is long, and we're grateful it grows longer each year. The longer it grows the greater is our ministry. We hidden away in the pages of appropriations, among the necessarily terse comments and dollar marks, if you would read with expansive vision, you could see these allocations in human terms. What is a donkey worth? Not much in terms of money. But when to that donkey is added the determination of a Christian witness to get the message of the Gospel through to a remote region where no roads are, where live people who had never heard of Christ, then that donkey may be priceless.

SCENE: *The open Bible with 3 women reaching toward it*

VOICE 2 Although some countries are closed to us, others are opening.

VOICE 3 An example is Pakistan, for which we have allocated \$5,000. The exact nature of the opportunities are not even known yet, but this fund will make it possible for us to take advantage of evangelistic opportunities as they develop. Pakistan is an important country, proud and nationalistic, a new country in an old culture. It is significant that the Lottie Moon offering will make

possible a Christian witness from the first. . .

VOICE 4 . . . it will in every new country that will permit us to come in.

SCENE: *Large Lottie Moon offering envelope*

VOICE 1 The Lottie Moon story has grown familiar to us all.

VOICE 2 But let us not permit familiarity to result in indifference!

VOICE 3 Let us not regard our dollars as wheels on which to coast!

VOICE 4 That is why the Lottie Moon offering is preceded by a week of prayer. Because it is only through prayer that we can approach an understanding of the potential in these dollars we give, and it is only through prayer that their value may be extended, because without that extension they will not go far.

VOICE 1 The extension, which is the sacrifice of the missionary at work in his field.

VOICE 2 The extension, which is the zeal of the lost man won to Christ and desiring to witness to his belief.

VOICE 3 The extension, which is the special province of God, which adds to our every effort and gift beyond all our comprehension, beyond our expectation.

VOICE 4 So then let us give, and pray with confidence for that extension of our gifts which God can and does give.

VOICE 1 "Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen?"

VOICE 4 And Miss Moon knew that it must be said over and over as the story of Jesus the Saviour is lovingly told Sunday after Sunday and day after day by his followers. Miss Moon answered her own question:

VOICE 2 "Is it not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the Gift laid on the altar for the redemption of every person, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from both abounding riches and scant poverty, to send forth the good tidings of great joy to all the world?"

VOICE 4 To which we, I know, will all respond, "yes, it is so, even unto us."

Better Than Kerosene Lamps by Josephine Scaggs, missionary

The mission compound at Joinkrama at the backside o' nowhere in Nigeria now has better than kerosene lamps for light. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provided for the wiring of the hospital buildings and three missionary residences, and for a large plant to generate and supply electricity.

What a thrill it is, coming across the river by canoe at night, to see those brilliant lights from the homes and hospital in the midst of jungle darkness.

Great is the thrill of the missionaries living in the homes to be able to see clearly when they eat, read, and write, and to be able to hear by radio news from the outside world, such programs as "The Hour of Decision" and beautiful music.

Still greater is the thrill of the missionary doctor and nurse to have bright, steady light for accuracy and certainty in operating to save human lives.

The missionaries at Joinkrama are greatly strengthened in their task of giving the Light of the world to many tribes because you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.





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

The Right to Vote

Civil Rights arguments have harassed Congress for so many years that the term has now become an unpleasant sound to many Americans. Session after session the national legislators have considered bills, and each time deliberations have been characterized by partisanship, sectionalism, and prejudices, with no bill passed.

To many it was therefore a shock when the 85th Congress last summer agreed on a piece of civil rights legislation. Though considerably watered down from proposals originally submitted, the bill actually is the first such measure enacted into law since 1875—eighty-two years ago.

Actually, the history of the United States is a running story of a continuing struggle to achieve the noble goals which this nation's founding fathers recognized in expressing "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The Principle of Freedom

The principle of freedom for all citizens and participation of all citizens in government is basic in the U.S. Constitution. These rights were extended to Negroes in the Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery; and in the Fourteenth Amendment, guaranteeing citizenship.

The Fifteenth Amendment was even more specific as it declared:

1. The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by sufficient legislation.

Congress accepted this authority by passing three acts during the Reconstruction period—1866, 1870, and 1875.

That the South should be the focal point of attention on all discussion of rights for Negroes is natural in that the Negro has

been until recently almost entirely a resident of the South. In many Southern areas the Negro population is greater than the white population, meaning that the Negro could swing elections if he were permitted the privilege of exercising the ballot.

Seeking to maintain white supremacy, many states across the South have, in these intervening years since the Civil War, enacted state laws to minimize Negro voting strength. Congressional battles on voting rights for the Negro have thus hinged many times on the question of federal versus state control.

Civil Rights Bill Adopted

The Civil Rights bill finally adopted by the 85th Congress was much watered down from the proposals originally submitted. Rather than encompassing the broad field Webster's dictionary describes as civil rights, the new law basically is a right-to-vote measure.

Its three main provisions are:

1. Creation of a six-member federal commission which, armed with subpoena power, will make studies and recommendations in the broad field of civil rights.

2. Establishment of a special civil rights division within the Justice Department to be headed by an assistant attorney general.

3. Empowerment of federal prosecutors, acting without the consent of the injured party, to obtain federal court injunctions against actual or threatened interference with the right to vote. Federal judges, in cases of criminal contempt where the purpose is to punish, must grant trial by jury if they desire to fine defendants more than \$300 or jail them for more than 15 days.

It is the third item, which has been discussed most widely. One can watch with interest for advances in the field of civil rights.

The Christian Life Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue No., Nashville 3, Tennessee has published a series of leaflets on problems related to the Christian and race. All of these tracts were printed before the enactment of the Civil Rights Bill.

Write to the Commission for the following which are free. Order only enough for your present needs.

"The Christian's Obligation to All Races"

"Integration"

"Race Relations, a Charter of Principles"

"Some Quiet Thoughts on a Turbulent Issue"



FEARFUL RESPONSIBILITY

I am responsible
for the evil which my encouragement
lends
to lawlessness
to situations which shame
a good woman's thinking,
to mistreatment of another human being
who like myself has been cast in God's
very image, even though my skin is
white and his is red or brown or even
black.

I am responsible
if I encourage my child
by word or deed or attitude
to hate,
to express that hate in ways which
humiliate another person.

I am responsible
if I give approval to my husband's
non-Christian deeds, his violent actions.

God holds me responsible.



Members of faculty at Baptist Seminary in Switzerland shown are President Josef Nardenhau, A. M. Crabtree, J. D. Hughey, and J. D. W. Watts

When You Pray for Us

by Mrs. Evelyn Wells Hughey

SEVERAL years ago a friend of ours, a minister of another denomination in New England, wrote us about an exciting discovery he had made. His letter read: "What a surprise it has been to find that the elderly couple with whom I live, former Southern Baptists, pray for you every day." Think of it. These people who have never seen us and whom we have never seen praying for us every day!

Our friend went on to explain that they kept a card catalogue on the missionaries on their prayer calendar, with data on each card to picture the special needs of that missionary or missionary family.

We would not be so selfish as to ask you to pray for us every day; but might I tell you some of our greatest needs, so that you may know better what to pray for when you do intercede for us?

It would be erroneous to pray for us in terms of physical hardships and dangers, because our everyday life in Switzerland is neither more difficult nor more dangerous than life in America.

But pray for our home. Missionary children have the advantage of an international education for which we are grateful,

but they have a big share of conflicts and tensions along with it. What really concerns us is that in our situation so many of these complications come to a center in the religious development of our children. So pray for us as parents. Pray also that our home may be a blessing to students, coming out of so many different countries, some of them lost permanently to their own homes and loved ones.

Pray for us in our neighborhood in Thalwil the next town to Ruschlikon. We are surrounded by people who have inherited a Christian standard from a Christianized society. Many of them have been wonderfully kind and generous with us. Some of them are faithful church members, but many of them seldom if ever go to church. Pray that our lives will reflect Christ to these friends, and that our inconsistencies will not turn them away from his church.

Pray for us in our church life in Switzerland. We are members of a small Swiss Baptist church. Pray that we may be good members of this church, able to share with our Swiss brethren the responsibilities and problems of church life as well as the privilege of communion together in Christ.

And of course pray for us in our work in the Seminary at Ruschlikon. Our mission field is a beautiful campus in a majestic setting. We have adequate buildings and equipment, a good faculty and staff and student body. But do you know, it is sometimes harder to feel like a missionary in a situation like that than on a field where one must endure physical hardships and face real dangers for the sake of the gospel? Pray that we may never for a day lose a sense of the tremendous missionary challenge in this Seminary, which is dedicated to raising up a new Christian leadership in Europe. Pray that in the absence of physical hardships we may bear greater spiritual burdens. Pray that while we are not facing physical dangers we may be given insight into the great spiritual hazards of our time and courage to interpret these insights to the churches of Europe.



Student family in seminary apartment building make study time a family affair

Written on board RMS Queen Mary, en route to Switzerland after a furlough in the USA

Main building of Baptist Seminary, Switzerland was formerly a lovely private home



Nearly two thousand years ago the Lord Jesus Christ entrusted to his followers the task of making the gospel of his saving grace known to all people. All too often we have acted as though the world would wait for us to bring the message, seeming to forget sometimes that during our lifetime countless souls die without the knowledge of Jesus as Saviour

The World's People Cannot Wait

by J. O. Percy

Q. Mr. Percy, is it possible to tell with any certainty whether a larger percentage of the world is Christian today than at, say, the time of William Carey?

A. Yes, if we use the word "Christian" in its broad sense. It should be understood, of course, that it is virtually impossible to distinguish between professing and real Christians.

Q. Are we making progress in taking the gospel to all the world in terms of world population? In other words, is there a higher percentage of Christians in the world today than a generation or two ago?

A. That is a hard question. Considering the areas completely closed to the missionary but partially reached by radio, we believe we are making some slight progress.

Q. About how fast is world population increasing?

A. The generally accepted figure is about 40 million births over deaths each year. However, the actual increase reported by the United Nations over a five-year period (1950-55) was about 261 million, some of which might be newly discovered tribes not included in previous estimates. It seems safe to assume that there

is an annual increase of 40 million people a year. With this in mind, and despite the optimism in my answer to the previous question, there is a real possibility that Christian missions are not expanding fast enough to keep pace with population growth.

Q. Is there any way of knowing how rapidly we are reaching people with the gospel?

A. We can't give figures, but we do know that many more are being reached as a result of three great means—radio, literature, and mass evangelistic meetings. With the world being circled now by powerful gospel radio stations, with Christian periodicals going out by the tens of thousands each month, and with great evangelistic campaigns in the Orient, Latin America, and Europe, there seems no question but that we are reaching more people with the gospel than ever before. But we still have a long way to go before we adequately reach the present and constantly expanding population.

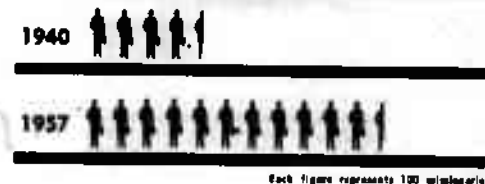
Q. Does Christianity seem to be more or less effective than other world religions in winning new converts?

A. Aside from Islam, it would appear that Protestant Christianity is winning

Sixty-seven per cent of the world's population is not Christian



Southern Baptist missionaries have more than doubled since 1940 when there were 446; today there are 1165



more converts than other world religions. However, Islam is increasing at a phenomenal rate. It is reported that in Africa alone, Islam has won 40 million converts in 25 years, and now can claim 80 million devout followers in Africa. We rather question whether there are 15 million Protestants in Africa. Then Hinduism and Buddhism have recently begun missionary training programs and are now carrying on concerted campaigns to win people to their faiths.

Q. How does our Protestant missionary activity compare with the efforts being made by Roman Catholicism?

A. Roman Catholicism is still very active, but there is evidence to indicate that Protestantism is advancing at a greater rate. This is shown, for example, in Latin

America where there has been an increase of at least 130 per cent in converts in the past 60 years. Brazil, theoretically a Roman Catholic country, is said to have the fastest growing Protestant group in the world. But Protestants still have a long way to go before overtaking the Catholics. Remember, there are only about 205 million Protestants in the world as compared to 470 million Roman Catholics.

Q. What percentage of our Protestant population is engaged in foreign missionary work?

A. Recent reports show that in 1956 there were 23,432 Protestant missionaries from the United States and Canada (34.

Mr. J. O. Percy at one time was head of the Sudan Inland mission. His interview article was written at the request of Moody Monthly.

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692 from all world areas). Statistics from the *Yearbook of American Churches* show that about one half the population of the United States and Canada, or about 90 million are Protestant church members. This would mean that there is approximately one Protestant missionary for every 4,000 church members. Naturally, we have no way of knowing how many of these Protestants are evangelical.

Q. How many church members does it take to support one missionary on the field?

A. These figures vary considerably. One large denomination, for example, has one missionary for every 8,000 members; and another, one to every 2,500 members. One definitely evangelical of which we have record has a missionary for every 540 members. With a vast number of evangelical believers supporting missionaries directly, it would be virtually impossible to arrive at an over-all figure. One thing is certain. If only 5 million evangelicals (out of a possible 50 million evangelical Christians in the United States and Canada) gave an additional \$3-\$5 (to missions) each per year, they could support an additional 10,000 missionaries!

Q. How much does the average Protestant church member* give for missions?

A. One large denomination, according to published figures, gives only 95 cents per member per year to foreign missions. Another reports \$1.40 and still another, \$3.10 per member. Two groups gave \$57 and \$68 respectively per member per year to support their missionaries, which might be an average figure for evangelical Christians. It is interesting to note that for 1956, 103 evangelical mission societies in the United States and Canada reported receipts of about 35 million dollars to maintain their 12,896 missionaries.

*More than 82 per cent of every dollar given in 1956 by a member in a Southern Baptist church was kept by the church; only 1.3 per cent of each dollar went for foreign missions!

Q. Are missionaries fairly evenly distributed with respect to the populations being reached?

A. Generally speaking, no. In 1949, for example, India and Pakistan, with a population of 400 million had only 4,308 Protestant missionaries while at the same time in Latin America, with a population of approximately 125 million there were 4,576 missionaries. The greatest discrepancies, however, are probably in Moslem areas. Iran, with 21 million people has approximately 100 missionaries while the Belgian Congo with only 13 million has nearly 1,700 missionaries.

Q. Are there any large areas today which are completely without missionary activity?

A. Areas dominated by communism, such as Russia and her satellites, China and Mongolia, are, of course, closed to active missionary work. These areas have about a billion people or two fifths of the world population. Some Moslem countries are also closed. Otherwise there are few areas today without some missionary activity. The tragedy is that the number of missionaries is so small and activity, therefore, so limited.

Q. What do you feel is the answer to the problem of mushrooming world population and our lagging missionary effort?

A. We cannot help but feel that the answer to our present-day problem is a complete rededication on the part of every born again man and woman to a life of personal self-sacrifice in prayer, giving, and in going. We believe there must be a fresh realization of the awfulness of sin, the truth that men and women without Christ are destined to the blackness of eternal separation from God, and the fact that the only possible way they will ever hear of the One who saves is through the Lord's own people—you and me.—*Reprinted from Moody Monthly. Used by permission.*



Road Into the Cosmos

December 2, 1942 will be recorded in the history book, for on this day in Chicago there was the uncontrolled release of the power of the atom in a self-sustained nuclear chain reaction. Henceforth the resources of energy in the nucleus of the atom were at the disposal of mankind. The test was not made public until after World War II. Since then hydrogen bombs have been made with an explosive power equal to millions of tons of TNT. Since then the energy of the atom has been increasingly harnessed for peaceful purposes.

In July 1955 almost ten years after the atomic bomb had been exploded in New Mexico, Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the American Atomic Energy Commission, closed a giant two-way copper electric switch. Pushed one way, and atomic power for commercial use could be put in motion; pushed the other way and there would start working an atomic submarine propulsion unit. "This switch," he said, "is a symbol of the great dilemma of our times. I throw it now to the peaceful atom and by that choice mark the beginning of the Scriptural injunction of Isaiah, 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks.'"

In the late summer of this year the world was startled by the announcement that Russia had successfully tested an inter-continental ballistic missile, the ultimate weapon so far, in modern warfare. "Road into the Cosmos" boasted Moscow in captioning a picture of the rocket that speeds the missile into space.

The choice is still before the world, but it lies within the power of the Christian to create the conditions of peace.

Hong Kong Women Demand End to Polygamy

American Review of Eastern Orthodoxy reports that 10,000 Hong Kong women signed a petition demanding an end to polygamy in this Crown Colony. The leader of the campaign, Mrs. R. T. Eng, said thousands of other women are back of the effort but through fear of their husbands are afraid to say so openly. Mrs. Eng declared that many Hong Kong farmers keep several wives for the sole purpose of having them breed children for farm labor. She added, "This custom reduces women to the level of farm implements and breeding animals."

Finger-phono

Recent news from the American Bible Society states that after months of experiments the "finger-phono" is now ready for distribution.

This machine is a small, hand-turned phonograph which will bring the Scriptures to many thousands of illiterates, underprivileged and neglected groups who otherwise would be without the Word of God. The finger-phono plays records made of flexible vinyl plastic on

which Bible readings have been recorded.

Now any man with a finger to operate the phonograph can bring the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to millions who cannot read.

Malaya On Her Own

August 31 marked the end of 133 years of British colonial rule in Malaya, the tenth nation to gain self-rule from Britain since the war. Amid a fanfare of trumpets the transference of power was effected when the representative of the Queen handed a parchment scroll to the Premier-designate. The ceremonies ended with a shout of "Merdeka!" (freedom) from the people who had crowded the new stadium for the great day.

Communist guerrillas are still entrenched in the jungles. The Chinese minority (43 per cent of Malaya's 6.3 million) who control the nation's economy are discontented because they claim that they are made second-class citizens by the predominately Moslem Malay government. So the new prime minister will need agility to steer a middle course and keep pacified the extremists.

On a high point in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur where the independence ceremonies were held stands the new Baptist church building, a true symbol of freedom to a multi-racial population.

Religious Liberty in Italy

The old Fascist law requiring religious bodies to notify the police in advance of all meetings open to the public has been repealed by Rome's highest court. In the past Roman Catholic officials have used the police to suppress evangelical gatherings. Dr. Roy Starmer, editor of *Roman Milestones*, bulletin of the Italian Baptist Mission, writes, "Though it is still necessary to notify the police in the case of religious functions held in the open air, an important milestone has been passed in the battle for religious liberty in Italy. The way is now clear to carry the message of Christ into the remotest corners of the land."



The Open Door

This is the story of a small door. Built over a cave that is said to have housed cattle and the manger crib of Jesus is the Church of the Nativity. The smoke-stained ceiling is high and the walls seem bare in spite of their silk and embroidered hangings. Some faded pictures adorn the marble pillars which seem out of place with the brown beams overhead. The winding steps made even more treacherous by the candle drippings of the centuries lead down to the grotto where according to legend the Saviour was born.

Some of the residents of the little town will tell you that the door of the church is low to keep out donkeys, sheep, and camels. There are others who say that Napoleon had the top of the door cut down so that everyone who entered would have to bow his head.

The door at Bethlehem is a reminder to all the world that a haughty spirit, stiff-necked unforgiveness, and vain pride in material accomplishments cannot enter.

The door at Bethlehem is open. All people who bow the head and heart in repentance before the One who bids us come, may enter.

Through the open door at Bethlehem God had brought down his matchless love to you and me.



Kowloon City, Hong Kong

Dear Friends:

We have finished our first school year here, which is the fifth for this seminary in Hong Kong. Baptists have had seminaries at different points inside China through the years, but since the Communist "liberation," one has been opened on Formosa and one here. Our school stands on the terraced slope of a round knob in the "old walled city" of Kowloon. It shares this hill with over-crowded relief housing, also terraced. A closed road serves this district, for which we must get monthly police permits to enter. Across the road, below the seminary, is a congested slum area. People come and go through alleys maybe a yard wide. Sin, misery, vice, and squalor are all evident, for the area is a sort of "no man's land" outside the law.

With no sidewalks around the seminary, everything goes down the middle of the closed road—throngs of people on foot, heavy freight being pushed on little wheels by a couple of men, hawkers, housewives with babies tied on their backs, carrying buckets of rationed water for the next day, bicycles with incredible loads, an occasional car.

The seminary buildings are just emergency affairs, made of sand brick and covered with white plaster. They look like the rest of the refugee housing built some years ago to replace the horrible firetraps. We have three buildings, each 100 feet long and 20 feet wide. These house classes, library, offices, dining hall, and dormitory for many of our students. The view from the top building is nice—beyond the slum foreground lies the Bay, Hong Kong Island, and the East Channel through which ships go to sea. The lower building has a ring-

side seat on the bed. The present plan is to turn this property over to a relief school and relocate the Seminary in a more accessible place; it is now a mile from a bus line. A half acre was recently bought, but the process of getting government permits and finally building may take a year or so.

The undergraduates are going out this summer to serve in the churches and chapels of the Hong Kong-Macao area. It is more than a period of practical training and experience for them; it will mean a strengthening of the gospel in this remaining corner of the free world. Pray for them. The King's business requires haste.



Baptist Mission
Joinkrama, Nigeria

Dear Friends:

May I take this opportunity to express appreciation for each Christmas card, letter, and remembrance. . . . On Christmas morning as we were in the canoe trying to go to church for the regular Christmas morning service, our canoe jammed on a sand bar, and it took quite some time to get it off. Then, in a few minutes, the pin in the propeller of our outboard motor came off. There was terrible noise. The boat was rocking from side to side, being

NOTE: These letters are to be used in your circle program this month if you are not studying Africa in circles. See page 36.

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moved by the big waves it was making. We borrowed paddles to get home. By this time the service was over.

We keep busy at the hospital and continue to have thrilling experiences. An Abua woman, Arel, came to the hospital a few months ago with a large abdominal tumor. She had it for at least two years, and being a heathen woman, she felt that someone had "made ju-ju against her" (put a curse on her). We gave the patient three transfusions prior to surgery, and three during surgery. The operation lasted six hours, and the tumor weighed twenty-one pounds after four gallons of fluid had been drained from it. What a happy woman she is today, not only happy to be relieved of great discomfort, not only happy to look normal again, but happy also to be relieved of the fear of ju-ju. For this woman, who was a heathen only a few months ago is very active in our Baptist work at Abua today.

As our electric lights were turned on December 21, and as the water was turned on in our houses about that same time, we thought much of the people who had contributed to the Lottie Moon offering and made these wonderful conveniences possible. We are looking forward to the time when the plumbing will be completed in the hospital. What a blessing it all is, and our sincere thanks go to each of you who had a part.

Please continue praying earnestly for us.
Yours faithfully,
Aletha Fuller

MUCH of the world's distress today results from too many people seeking to be God rather than striving to be like God—Russell B. Hilliard, missionary to Spain.



Nagasaki, Japan

Dear Friends:

Today is a typical day in Japan for the "tsuyu." The tsuyu is the six-weeks rainy season in Japan which is from the first part of June until the middle of July. It rains some every day and the sky never clears completely. It is usually hot and sticky but not nearly so hot as the latter half of July and August after the rains cease. We only have about two and one half months of really hot weather here, and as a rule, the nights cool off quite a bit.

The other day I received 10,000 tracts which I ordered for several rural evangelistic trips in the months ahead. There are many small towns in this state with no Christian witness. I plan to take the pastor and three or four young men with me. As we come to a town we will stop and tell a picture Bible story, pass out tracts, sing hymns, and preach over the loud-speaker. We hope to have a five-day vacation Bible school for the sixty to eighty children who come to our home each Saturday afternoon for Bible classes. This Saturday we are going to have the "King of Kings" film.

We come in contact with many different people in the course of a month. Most of these are not Christians, but have a passing interest in Christianity or English. Please pray that God will save many of these and help us to draw the net most effectively to lead them into an active Christian life.

In His service,
Virgil McMillan



by June Petty, missionary in Israel

HAVE YOU EVER dreamed of climbing a green hillside near Nazareth and picking wild flowers as the boy Jesus might have done? Then come along and join David, Ann, and me on a long-promised Saturday morning hike.

Yes, it's Saturday—no school and no rain! We'll take our sweaters, for it may be cool if we stop to rest in the shade. We pass our tiny garden and walk through the narrow streets, climbing the steep incline to the paved road at the edge of the city. At the government forest, just before us, our road forks in three directions, one way leading to Cana, one around the back side of Nazareth, and the middle path to a small village. We choose the latter, for it promises the best view.

What a beautiful morning it is, sunny and clear. So clear that we can see Mount Hermon in the distance with snow sparkling under towering peaks. The valley, so green from the winter rains, looks like huge velvet carpets dotted with brown plots of plowed ground and small villages. Such beauty makes us sing for joy and walk a little faster.

Ann's main interest is picking wild flowers, so we join her. In our eagerness we

leave the main road and climb one of the grassy, rocky slopes. David spies some red anemones and runs ahead for them. As we touch their ruby petals we remember what Jesus said about these lilies of the fields, "Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." And we realize anew that God can supply our every need, too.

The hill is rather steep but we are well rewarded, for when we reach the top we see a shepherd caring for his sheep. How peaceful he looks resting on the grass, playing his flute. David thinks he'd like to be a shepherd with nothing to do but care for the sheep all through the day.

The sun tells us it's almost noon and time to return home. We hesitate to leave for we know it was on these very hillsides that another boy played long ago. Here he came to withdraw from the noisy village and talk with the Heavenly Father. We linger to speak with him, too.

As we return we find ourselves singing a chorus that doesn't translate very well: "He played on the green grassy hillsides With the boys and the girls as they came. In favor with God and with man, Jesus, Jesus, I want to be just like him."



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men. . . . This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth—1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4.

1 Sunday For living is the Word of God, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword Heb. 4:12

"At the Christmas season, our thoughts naturally turn to home and to those of you who have been so faithful to pray for us through the years. The Week of Prayer has always served to strengthen us, and we have come to look forward to this season for our work seems to go forward with new power, which we attribute to a praying constituency in the homeland. These have been days of great blessings!"—BETTY AND RALPH BOWLEN, SOUTHERN RHODESIA. Pray for Rev. L. E. Johns, Coolidge, Ariz.; Mrs. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N.M.; ev. among Indians; Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, Zanzibika, RN

Tuesday Behold what manner of love the Father has given us in allowing us to be called "Children of God!" 1 John 3:1

Over two years ago little Akpara was brought to the Joinkrama hospital with large ulcers on his arms and legs. After treatment he was sent home. Later he returned, alone and in pitiable condition. His parents were dead; his uncle had turned him out and deserted him. Mrs. BILLY NON-MAN writes: "He was a pathetic little sight—sick, unloved, unwanted. But because there was a Christian hospital here, there was a place for him . . . in his need. This wonderful experience . . . might not have happened (to Akpara) had it not been for you.

There are hundreds of others like Akpara in Nigeria, Kenya, Tanganyika, Pakistan, and throughout the world. Pray that your love might measure up to their need, that they, too, might know Christ, and for Mrs. C. B. Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Jr., Argentina, Rev.

Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Barcelona, Spain, Mrs. W. L. DuVall, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ev.; WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 2-6

3 Tuesday Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me Ex. 19:5

Sixteen persons in the leper colony in Sao Luis, Brazil, wanted to share in the Brazilian Home Mission Offering. They had little to give, but somehow they gave. One man owned one banana tree. It takes a banana plant almost a year to produce its one stalk of bananas. But the leper sold his one stalk and gave the entire amount to the offering. Does your devotion to Christ and his cause match this?

Pray that God will raise up well-prepared young people to help meet the needs of spiritually hungry people around the world, and for Rev. R. L. Harris, Lima, Peru, ev.; Rev. Harmon Popham, Whiterocks, Utah, ev. among Indians; Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, HMB, em.

4 Wednesday I will pray for you unto the Lord 1 Sam. 7:5

Many of you have asked what you could send us for Christmas. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness. Our greatest need is for your daily prayers—that we may have physical strength to do our work, that we may have understanding and patience as we work with the Africans. Then as you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we consider it a gift to us—STELLA AUGUST, MARJORIE STEPHENS, MARGARET LAMBERTH, MISSIONARIES TO NIGERIA

Pray for Mrs. A. K. Bonham, Sacramento, Calif.; ev. among Japanese; Rev. W. D. Bender, Abeokuta,

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Nigeria, ev.; Miss Lydia Greene, Singapore, Malaya, ed. ev.; Mrs. Winfield Applewhite, Bandung, Indonesia, lan. st.; Rev. Pedro Lopez, Fort Worth, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

Thursday The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be kind to all men; a skilful teacher, patient of wrong 2 Tim. 2:24

"God has richly blessed his work here, and we feel that if Lebanese Baptist remain faithful in his service and if you remain faithful in prayer, this will be but the beginning of a new day for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Recently a young Moslem asked: 'How does one join your group?' I told him of the services and invited him to attend. 'No, how do you join and be one of your group?' He listened carefully to the way of salvation and accepted a New Testament. . . . How did it happen that a Moslem asked such a question? He had seen the changed life of a man who accepted Christ. Pray for this young man that he may see the way clearly and accept Christ as his Lord also"—VIRGINIA COSS, LEBANON. . . . And pray for others like him: all through the Near East, for Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Miami, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. A. C. Scanlon, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Mrs. E. E. Hantey, Hermosillo, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. Melvin Bradshaw, Kyoto, Japan, ed. ev.

Friday But let each give according to the purpose of his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion. It is a cheerful giver that God loves 1 Cor. 9:7

A very young Baptist church in Japan voted to triple their gifts in order to strengthen their witness. To do this, the pastor sold his most valuable possession, a beautiful watch given him by a dying man he had led to Christ. One woman whose son was killed three days after he had accepted Christ and who became a Christian herself through her tragedy, said she would give her rice money for a month.

Pray that the Lottie Moon offering will represent equally sacrificial giving that His Word may go into all the world, and for Mr. Domingo Fernandez, San Jose, Cuba, Mrs. F. E. Runyan, Kaduna, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. R. V. Calcote, Yawata, Japan, Miss Carol Leigh Humphries, Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Mexico, em.

7 Saturday Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see 2 Kings 6:17

While visiting one of the church members in Chihuahua, Mexico, and talking with her about the Saviour's love, Mrs. A. R. Pierson noticed two other women slip quietly to the door and listen. Finally they came into the room. After greeting them, Mrs. Pierson told them of the way of salvation, and one of them said: "I have waited for such a long time to hear and know of your Saviour. Now, please, would you talk to your Saviour about me?"

Today all three women have been saved and are members of the church. Mrs. Pierson writes: "Many are eager to learn about Jesus. Let's not keep them waiting in the shadows."

Pray for the missionaries who labor in Catholic countries and for Mr. Paul Rogovin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Rev. R. J. Park, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. Dan Sprinkle, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.



8 Sunday Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? Job 12:9

Mrs. Papy was led to Christ through the work of a Good Will Center. Night after night she would sit by the telephone waiting for a call from the police, the hospital, or perhaps the morgue. For her only son was a drunkard, and when he drank excessively he was wild. His home had broken up, his wife had left him, and he and his two little girls lived with Mrs. Papy. For eight years Mrs. Papy waited for him—prayed for him, joined in prayer with others who knew the situation. At last God had his way with the son who is now a fine Christian man.

Alcoholism is a growing menace. Pray that the Christian people of America will rise in determination to curb it and for Rev. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Otis Brady, Nassau, Bahamas, Mrs. Charles Whitten, Barcelona, Spain, Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Thailand, Mrs. M. F. Gilham, East Pakistan, ev.; Rev. Francisco Paez, Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking



Emphasize Call to Prayer

Presidents and prayer chairmen want to help members use the Call to Prayer each day. It should be given strong emphasis at your general missionary meetings; thereby, cultivating the desire among members to join with thousands of women in private devotion to pray faithfully each day.

The new plan for our calendar of prayer is designed to help each woman in intercessory thinking and praying habits. It is not for personal account-taking, but to turn your thoughts to the needs of others.

For explanations of how one woman used an interest center, like the one above, to make more effective a meditation time at the beginning of each general missionary meeting, see December Forecaster. Her ideas will stimulate you to other plans.

Monday The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet Nahum 1:3

"We are optimistic, for God is with us. We believe in the future and we will work before the night comes and before the opportunities slip out of our hands and are lost forever"—Mrs. RACHEL ILMON, Norway.

Pray that we at home shall link hearts and hands with our missionaries that opportunities shall not be lost today, and for Rev. Carlos Carreon, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Robert Fricke, Havana, Cuba, Rev. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, ev.; Rev. J. O. Teel, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Rev. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, Mrs. A. C. Muller, Coahuila, Mexico, ed. ev.; Mrs. Rex Ray, Korea, Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China, em.

10 Tuesday And many nations shall be joined to the Lord . . . and shall be my people Zechariah 8:23

One summer while in the States, Rev. and Mrs. Leon Chow supplied the pulpit of a South Carolina church. When the pastor returned, he was greeted by his congregation with enthusiastic appreciation for the Chows. Some of the comments were: "I learned to love people with a language different from mine;" "I had forgotten to pray for Christians in China now that our work is closed."

Pray for Christians who are behind all the "curtains" in the world today, and for Mrs. David Trevizo, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Cardenas, Cuba, Mrs. T. W. Hill, Venezuela, ev.; Mrs. Hubert Neely Memphis, Tenn., rescue mission; Mrs. W. E. Allen Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mr. J. A. Harrington, Basle, Switzerland, ed. ev.

11 Wednesday Every good gift and every perfect boon is from above James 1:17

A young Italian boy who had been coming to the mission in Tampa suddenly dropped out of things. Ted York, formerly missionary in Tampa, was concerned and tried to be unusually friendly whenever he saw the boy. After a time he realized the lad was deliberately avoiding him. Weeks and months went by. On rare occasions when Mr. York did meet him, the boy crossed the street to avoid speaking. Mr. York's birthday came on Sunday that year. As people all over the world were praying for him, he went into the pulpit for the morning service. He looked out and saw the boy in the congregation. That morning—surely in answer to the prayers for Mr. York and his work—the boy confessed Christ as his Saviour.

Pray for others who lack courage to take their stand for Christ, and for Rev. S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Ark., Mr. L. T. Whitelocks, St. Augustine, Fla., ed. ev. among Negroes; Rev. L. A. Lovegren, Taiybeh, Jordan, MD; Rev. William Lichter, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. J. P. Smyth, Bahia, Brazil, Rev. S. B. Sears, Java, Indonesia, Miss Fannie Starnes, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Rev. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, Mr. B. R. Lawton, Rivoli-Turin, Italy, ed. ev.

12 Thursday Glorify ye the Lord in the first Isa. 24:15

One Sunday afternoon, a young Moslem came to the Indonesian service in Kediri. He had never been to a Christian service before. After attending subsequent services, he made a profession of faith in Christ. Sometime later, his landlord told him he wanted "only Moslems living on the property." Living quarters were very difficult to

find. Missionary Elton Moore told him the missionaries were praying for him. The man answered: "They can take away my house and my rice, but they cannot take away the peace and joy I have found in Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour."

Pray for new Christians that they may have strength to stand firm "in the fires," and for Miss Vera Aguillard, Eunice, La., HMB field worker; Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. P. C. Rowland, Quapaw, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, San Ysidro, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, Rev. Gene Legg, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Rev. J. L. Nolette, Richmond, Calif., ev. among Japanese

13 Friday Jesus said to him: "If you can! All things can be for one who believes" Mark 9:23

"The Lord is moving in Chile. Continue to pray that he will send us a real spiritual awakening in this land. How we do need to know him, the fellowship of his suffering, and the power of his resurrection. To this end let us unite our requests with thanksgiving before his throne of grace"—ROBERTA RYAN, CHILE.

Pray for Rev. B. I. Carpenter, Seward, Alaska, Mrs. J. B. Brazington, Lima, Peru, Rev. W. S. Wester, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Mrs. Gerald Pinkston, Indonesia, ev.; Miss Anna Mae Wollenman, Mato Grosso, Brazil, Miss Bonnie Moore, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, Brazil, em.

14 Saturday Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me Psalm 23:4

Dr. Sandor Haraszi was a prominent Hungarian Baptist minister-physician. When the Russians invaded Hungary last year, he, his wife and five children managed to escape. The last ten kilometers to the border, the family had to walk through very dangerous territory. Dr. Haraszi kept his hand over the mouth of his two-year-old to keep her from crying and the three-year-old was told if he cried they would be killed. When they finally crossed the border and were free, the small three-year-old asked: "Is it true, my father, that now we are free and I can cry?"

Thank God for our blessed freedom. Pray for millions of others who know neither earthly nor spiritual freedom, and for Mrs. F. W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mrs. Daniel Sotelo, El Monte, Calif., Mrs. Amos Mascareno, Deming, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. G. S. Lowak, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Rev. E. M. Howell, Warri, Nigeria, Rev. Gerald McNeely, Spain, ev.; Dr. A. Jackson Roddy, Atlanta, Ga., ev. among deaf



15 Sunday Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass Psalm 37:5

"For almost three years now, since our chapel (Lila and Sylvia and I are members of the Second Church) was closed by the police, we have had to hold our meetings in different homes . . . and we need to be able to have a church building where we can really carry on a church program as we ought to do. The pastor of the church and I have been in contact with the authorities, trying to get permission to let the Second Baptist Church hold services in the old building of the First Church, which is property of the Foreign Mission Board. We are to make a trip to Madrid in the hope of obtaining this permission. We would appreciate your prayerful interest in the matter"—JOE MEX-ROD, MISSIONARY IN SPAIN.

Pray for Mr. Raul Gonzales, Havana, Cuba, Rev. Gene Phillips, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

16 Monday And now man see not the bright light which is in the clouds Job 37:21

"Another year has gone . . . Opposition from a priest . . . trying to get a clear title to our church property . . . have caused us many discouraging, disappointing, and disheartening moments. . . ."

"Thank God there were professions of faith and baptisms, Christians growing in grace, members being faithful; through regular weekly services and extra cottage meetings opportunities to enter new homes with the gospel, a faithful group of women carrying on in WMU. . . ."

Missionaries, like everyone else have many moments of discouragement. Pray that they may see the light behind the clouds, the rainbow in the rain, and for Rev. A. G. Hamrick, Magdalena, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Martins, Brazil, Mrs. Webster Carroll, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.

17 Tuesday Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart Psalm 119:2

"I find that many people, even though they do not attend services held in evangelical churches are listening to the message . . . on the radio. One man and his wife were led to accept Christ through David Gomez' Bible School of the Air, and were baptized. . . . They opened their hospitable home (one small room with dirt floor, tile roof, unceiled,

plank walls with big cracks between the planks) to their even poorer neighbors who drop in to enjoy the religious programs with them. I visited them. . . . As I left them I felt I was the one most benefited by the visit!"—MURRAY LAMMERS, BRAZIL.

Pray for Mrs. Joana Grijelmo, Denver, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. H. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Bryant Hicks, Baguio, Philippines, ed. ev.

18 Wednesday For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord Eph. 5:8

One of the men in the American colony in Cuba had never accepted Christ as Saviour and had been very indifferent about it. His wife and daughters were members of a Baptist church in Havana. One day, while his family was visiting in the States, he attended church for the first time in nine years. Why he did, he did not know for he said he tried every way not to go. After that, he went regularly, and in time after real struggle and much thought and prayer, he made a profession of faith. Since then, there has been a complete change in his life and his has been "one of the most miraculous conversion experiences" the missionaries have ever witnessed.

In foreign countries, there are many Americans who are not Christians. Pray for these who need to know Him, too, and for Miss Catherine Chapell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. Tilman K. Edwards, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. Edward Humphrey, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil, em.

19 Thursday And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness as the noonday Isa. 58:10

"People who know claim that in large areas of our Pacific northwest the percentage of Christians is as low as in India. This includes small towns, villages, and logging camps. When we gave a fourteen-year-old boy a Gospel of John, he asked, 'What's this?' When told it was a book from the Bible, he then asked, 'What's that?'"—CHARLES A. LEONARD, Sr., former foreign missionary, now living in Tacoma, Washington.

Pray for this great area of "Christian" America and for Mrs. J. H. Rose, Valdez, Alaska, Mrs. B. E. Cader, Bahia, Brazil, Mr. Heyward L. Adams, Nigeria, Rev. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. P. C. Porter, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. H. H. Muirhead, Mexico, em.

20 Friday With him is strength and wisdom Job 12:16

In 1930, Anna Wollerman established a school for girls in Amambai, Brazil. After a visit there

again this spring, she wrote: "The Brazilian girls are carrying on the school. There are about 120 pupils, a drop in enrollment since there are now living in Amambai three priests who have opened a parochial school and are really bringing pressure on the people to take their children out of the Baptist school. But ours is certainly the one with the greatest influence on the people's lives."

Pray for the Brazilian girls in Amambai and for other nationals who must stand against their own families, and for Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Anihang, N. M., Mrs. Alexander Pozzelli, Immokalee, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Dr. Glynn Breeden, San Jose, Costa Rica, laa. st.; Rev. Stanley Howard, Shimonoseki, Japan Mrs. Gerald McNeely, Spain ev.; Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. L. L. Johnson, Brazil, em.

21 Saturday Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be completely satisfied Matt. 5:6

The Ross C. Cogginsses, missionaries to Indonesia, awoke one Sunday morning to find the street flooded. They assumed that no one would come for services, but fifty-nine people waded to the house for Sunday school and more than that met them at the church. One teacher stood ankle deep in water to teach her class in the back of the house "knowing that every pupil . . . was desperately in earnest about learning the Bible. Would you have gone?"

Pray for the ones who labor there and the people with whom they work, and for Mrs. Raymond Joe, New Orleans, La., rescue home; Mr. J. J. Horton, Strathmore, Calif., ev. among migrants; Rev. C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, Rev. Randall Sledge, Lima, Peru, ev.; Miss Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Chile, RN; Miss Anne Cowan, Ajloun, Jordan, Rev. R. M. Parham, Jr., Kaduna, Nigeria, Miss Frances Horton, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev.



22 Sunday For the love of Christ overmaster me 2 Cor. 5:14

"The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brings us to our knees in intercessory prayer. We pray for the more than eleven hundred missionaries who represent Southern Baptists in thirty-eight countries, holding aloft the light of the truth. The missionaries are surrounded by needs far beyond

their resources. We bring to our Lord an offering that goes to meet need where it is greatest!"—BARBARA JAMES CAGHERN.

Pray for Mrs. Mallie Sweetnam, New Orleans, La., SBH; Mrs. N. H. Rudaly, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Rev. H. W. Schweinsberg, Bogota, Rev. B. H. Weimaker, Cali, Colombia, Mrs. M. O. Tolbert, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, Mrs. Elmo Scoggin, Israel, Rev. W. A. Poe, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.; Dr. J. L. Riffey, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Miss Virginia Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon, Rev. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Miss Gladys McLanahan, HMB em.

23 Monday There is no salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men, in which we must be saved Acts 4:12

One day a couple brought their baby girl, suffering from terrible third-degree burns, to the Baptist hospital at Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia. From the beginning there was no hope. As Dr. Giles Fort talked with the parents and tried to comfort them, he very simply talked with them of their own salvation. When he had finished, the father said, "But, Doctor, how can I be saved? There have been no schools where I live. . . I cannot read about these things in the Bible of which you speak. There are no churches at our village and no preachers have come to explain about Jesus to us. How can I believe?"

Today is the day of opportunity, not only in Africa, but all over the world—doors are open that have always been shut. Pray that we shall not fail to send, to give, to pray, and for Mrs. J. G. Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

24 Tuesday Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you Matt. 5:44

A young Seminary student in Nigeria knows the transforming power of Christ's love. Before he had found Christ his heart had been filled with hatred, particularly against a person he disliked so much that he planned to kill him. As an apprenticed witch doctor, the young man knew many tricks by which murder could be committed. But while making his plans, he became ill and was hospitalized in the mission hospital. There he learned of the love of Jesus Christ and turned his back completely on his old way of life. Cleansed of hatred, his heart became filled with love for Christ and concern for his fellow man.

"The world is filled with much hatred today, man for man, nation for nation. Pray this Christmas that the cleansing power of Christ's love may be born anew in the hearts of men and for Mrs. Thomas Lowe, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Chinese; Rev. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ev.; Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Kumasi, Ghana, ed. ev.



25 Wednesday Open your Bible and read John 3:16; Luke 2:1-20.

Thank God for the unspeakable gift of Jesus and pray that every heart shall acknowledge Jesus as Saviour.

Pray for Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Cidade, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. W. J. Blair, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. Daniel Ray, Taejon, Korea, ev.

26 Thursday Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord Ex. 14:13

"On one of the many marsh islands that dot our southern Louisiana coast there live Indians who have never had a religious service conducted on their island. The island is not marked on maps and can be reached only by small boats. Life there has changed little since the times of our great-grandfathers. Recently for the first time we were granted permission to visit a home to play the accordion and sing. We were not invited to read the Bible or pray, but that will come. The Lord willing, these people will soon have chance to hear that Jesus died that they live eternally!"—A. V. PICKERN, JR., MISSIONARY, FRENCH-SPEAKING.

Pray for these that they may come to know and love Jesus, and for Rev. Chester Murphy, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Italians; Rev. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, ed. ev.; Miss Antonina Canziani, Ogbomoso, Miss Valda Long, Eku, Nigeria, RN; Rev. J. B. Gaultney, Eku, Nigeria, med. tech.; Rev. J. Dale Carter, Brazil, agriculture; Mrs. J. C. Abeil, Eku, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Brazil, em.

27 Friday Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering Ex. 25:2

"According to official surveys, there are more than 800,000 refugees in Hong Kong. Some of these refugees are already Christians. Most, however, have not yet believed, and many have never heard the gospel. I drove a Southern Baptist pastor to a refugee area. We stopped the car and looked out over a forest of wooden huts where some 50,000 people struggle to maintain life. As we bowed our heads to pray, he said, 'Oh, Lord,

let me never forget what my eyes have seen today. He has not forgotten. He is helping. What about you?"—JAMES D. BELOTS, MISSIONARY TO HONG KONG.

Pray for Rev. M. M. Alexander, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Rev. Grayson Tennison, Recife, Brazil, Rev. F. E. Runyon, Kaduna, Nigeria, Rev. H. L. Petty, Nazareth, Israel, Mr. Curtis Askew, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. R. H. Wolf, Mexico, ev.; Rev. P. D. Rowden, Jr., Haifa, Israel, ed. ev.; Miss Ruth Ford, Kediri, Indonesia, RN; Mr. V. T. Yearwood, HMB, em.

28 Saturday Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people Ps. 96:3

"If the missionary enterprise is a mistake, it is not our mistake; it is the mistake of God. If the laying down of life in the attempt to evangelize the world is an illegitimate waste, let the reproach of it rest on that one priceless life that was, therefore, laid down needless for the world. We bow our heads beneath the cross on which our Saviour hung, and for us no other word needs to be spoken regarding the absoluteness of his faith and the inadequacy of the half-teachers who have gone before him"—from *Our Mission Fields*, April, 1909.

Pray for Rev. A. C. Muller, Coahuila, Mexico, Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. J. D. Hollis, Macao, Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. Emilio Planos, Marianao, Cuba, ev.; Miss Vello Jane Burch, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev.; Rev. J. B. Silva, HMB, Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Brazil, em.



29 Sunday If any one preaches, let him always preach as one who utters God's truth; if any one serves another, let it be with the strength which God supplies; so that in every way God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen 1 Peter 4:11

"A noble Asian Christian said to an American missionary, 'I don't believe you are a hypocrite, but I am convinced that many of those in America who sent you out are hypocrites.' The very attitudes of all who rejoice that Christ came must undergo much change if the real purpose for which he came is realized"—*The Commission*.

Pray that Christ shall have full control of the attitudes of both those who send and the ones sent, and for Mrs. Elbert H. Walker, Philippines, ev.

30 Monday For we are God's fellow workers 1 Cor. 3:9

"We must have not only workers who give their lives in active service, but we need those who will support them by their prayers, words of encouragement, and with the funds necessary to keep them on the field and make their work effective. He that stays at home and supports our missionary personnel is participating in the great mission enterprise and will share the fruits of the missionary labor for 'as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff'"—*COURTES RIZORNO, Home Missions*.

Remember that your missionaries need prayer to sustain them in His will in their daily personal lives. Pray for Mrs. Ruth Tulley, New Orleans, La., rescue home; Rev. George Hook, Winalov, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. Ware, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.; Miss Mary Sue Meuth, Bandung, Indonesia, Mrs. W. O. Harper, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Miss Eva Sanders, Oshogbo, Nigeria, RN; Mr. J. T. Poe, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Rev. Thomas Wade, HMB, em.

31 Tuesday In consequence people would even bring out their sick into the street, and place them upon beds and pallets as Peter was passing, that at least his shadow might fall upon some of them Acts 5:15

"Few of us are conscious of our shadows; yet each of us is casting one. Our influence is as constant as our presence in society and more far-reaching.

"A missionary had to leave his post of duty because of ill health. Then, after several months of enforced rest, he was able to return to the place of service and the people he loved. Imagine his surprise when, upon entering the barbershop, he was fondly embraced by all six barbers. They were not Christians; but his manner of life, even in a casual contact, had cast a shadow for Christ. As individuals, or as a nation, we are casting shadows. Do they inspire love or hate, faith or fear?"—JAMES P. KIRK, SOUTH BRAZIL.

Most of our missionaries work where the influence of the shadows we cast today is keenly felt among the people they are seeking to lead to Christ. Pray that our shadows shall fall for Him, and pray for Mrs. W. B. McNeely, Rio, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Bennie T. Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.

Note: New Testament Scripture verses are from Montgomery's translation.

em. emeritus
ev. evangelist
ex. exhortation
ed. education
RN nurse
lan. st. language study
CWC Good Will Center

MF Margaret Fund student
HMB Home Mission Board
med. ex. medical evangelism
pub. ex. publication evangelism
sec. ex. secretarial evangelism
SMB Seller Baptist Home
med. tech. medical technician

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by Hermione Dannelly Jackson

What did you choose? If your Society decided to study *Continents in Commission* in circles, then your final study plans are on cover 3. Follow through and be sure every woman reads this excellent book by Dr. Ira N. Patterson. If you studied this book in your Society, then use the suggested program which follows.

Circle Program Chairman Use a star theme for this Christmas program. Make invitations from dark blue construction paper. Put a silver star in the upper left-hand corner. Draw radiance beams from it. In the lower right-hand corner write "We have seen his star. . ." and continue on the inside with ". . . and are taking its light into all the world." Then put time, place, and date of meeting.

Make a center of interest backdrop of dark blue crepe paper. Hang a large tinsel star in front of this. Place a globe and an open Bible on a table before it. Attach silver streamers to the star. As the location of each epistle is mentioned, scotch tape a streamer to the globe or map.

Call to Worship: "There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!" All the darkness in the world cannot make that light die!

Hymn: "There's a Song in the Air" Broadman Hymnal (by group or as special)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Devotional Thoughts: An artist painted a picture of a dark cold night. Outlines of streets and houses could be seen faintly. Ice hung from trees and a thin blanket of snow covered the earth. Then he put one star in the sky, only one small star, yet what a difference it made.

Christ's birth was a light in a cold dark world. What a difference it has made.

In a world of great white ways, mechanical gadgets, "automobiles in every garage and chickens in every pot," we must be careful that we are not blinded by the glare. Jesus said, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" The great upheavals sweeping Asia, Africa, and other places of the world are pressing upon us. The light of plenty must not blind us to the fact that millions are "living like cattle and dying like dogs."

We have seen Christ's star, we have worshiped him, and now we must "go . . . therefore, and teach all nations."

Write on old Christmas cards these verses to be read by different individuals: Matthew 5:16; John 3:19; John 12:35; Isaiah 9:2; 1 John 1:5; Romans 13:12; Isaiah 60:20. If mission study is being taught, use these verses in the palaver session with illustrations from book to show how light has come to African women.

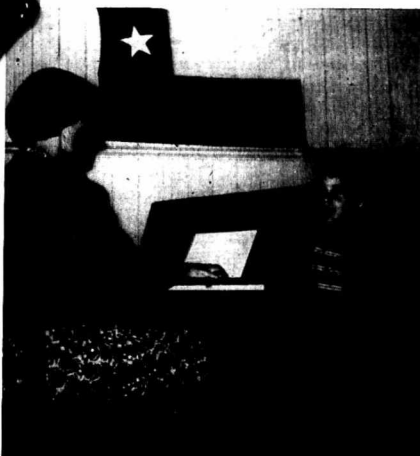
"Epistles from Today's Apostles" Use letters on page 25 or secure copies of *The Commission* and select letters from this monthly feature in that magazine. Put the letters in envelopes as though they had just been received.

To add a personal touch, send Christmas cards to each missionary whose letter was read. See addresses in "Directory of Missionary Personnel" free from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Va. The cards will be late, but the missionaries will be glad to know that you prayed for them.

Close with prayer for those on the Calendar of Prayer today and for the missionaries whose letters you have just read.



Roberta Ryan, kindergarten teacher and Sunbeam Band director in Temuco, Chile, tutors young Tito Gatica



SOUTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

Christmas has always been a time for singing. The Christmas carol tells the story of the coming of Jesus in such simplicity that small children with great joy sing of His wondrous birth. But before Christ was born

Left above: A "Lottie Moon car" and a folding organ are a fine pair of helpers for any missionary. Gerald Riddell uses them at an early morning funeral service in Colombia

Left below: George Kollmar and Darlene Elliott rehearse the choir of Central Baptist Church in Barranquilla, Colombia. Music is a "hobby" as well as an essential part of evangelism for many missionaries

Students in leisure time activity with the record player in the parlor of WMU Training School in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



SING!

God's people sang their thanksgiving and praise to him. David and other Hebrews recorded these songs of worship.

Christmas and Christianity are full of song. And so are Latin American Christians! Because of their love of rhythm and music, our South American friends are often irresistibly drawn into a Baptist fellowship through the Christian music and hymns. Wherever there is singing, Brazilians come, and Chileans come, and Colombians and Peruvians come! In our Baptist churches and schools, one can hear South America singing . . . of the Savior!



First Baptist Church in Cali, Colombia has one of the few robed choirs in Latin America. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orr, our first music foreign missionaries, teach at the International Seminary in Cali and work with this choir and congregation

Pianos and organs are seldom standard equipment in mission churches, but they are much used blessings wherever they are. From the young national student (in Quito, Ecuador) to the experienced missionary organist (Mrs. W. E. Allen in Rio de Janeiro), these instruments sound forth the glory of God





Francisco Lopez and his daughter Rebecca, lead evening of music in a bamboo-cane church over the swamps of Guayaquil, Ecuador. How these children love to sing choruses!



A school teacher in Fortaleza, Brazil, teaches son at Vacation Bible school meeting in a home.

Young men of musical talent dedicate their lives to the Lord and minister through music. . . Adolph Leonard plays his sintonio multiple in Caracas, Venezuela. . . Samuel Escobar directs music and sings in Lima, Peru. . . Pastor Edson Nascimento plays accordion in Fortaleza in a church which has neither piano nor organ.



Nationals Witness Through MUSIC

Accordions in hand, young people laugh and chat as they gather each Sunday afternoon at Central Baptist Church in Lima, Peru.

Singing and concerned prayer are all a part of effective, joyous witnessing. Becoming inspired through song, the consecrated Christian, impelled by the Holy Spirit, seeks out yet others for Christ and his kingdom.

After a period of earnest prayer, they go out into the highways and byways of Peru's capital city. Two or three "evangelists" go to each preaching point.

Inside the small houses are eager children and waiting adults, unmindful of the close quarters, because they love this hour of joyous singing and listening to la palabra de Dios, the Word of God.



Total for Latin America

500
2,000

Minas Institute
Annex School

Allocations for the 1957 LOTTIE MOON Christmas OFFERING for Foreign Missions

General

Salaries of 125 Missionaries	\$125,000
Supplement to Salaries Children's Allowances, Rent, Medical Allowances and Other Personal Grants to 125 Missionaries Supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	125,000
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund)	34,000
Toward the Support and Maintenance of New Missionaries	300,000
Advanced Training in the United States of Experienced Baptist Workers from the Foreign Fields	8,707
American Bible Society	20,000
Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, Current Expenses	
Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome	13,700
WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	17,865
WMU Training School, Recife, Brazil	11,700
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields	59,375
Formosa	\$1,000
Hawaii	3,000
Hong Kong-Macao	1,000
Japan	6,000
Korea	200
Gold Coast	1,450
Nigeria	6,400
Italy	5,500
Spain	2,000
Israel	1,050
Jordan	800
Southern Rhodesia	1,495
Tanganyika	250
WMU Publications and Literature	
Hong Kong-Macao	3,000
Japan	1,000
Korea	1,000
Gold Coast	1,175
Nigeria	2,000
Italy	1,800
Spain	2,500
Spanish America (Chile)	8,000
Argentina	2,350
Brazil	1,500
Chile	1,000
Colombia	100
Costa Rica	500
Mexico	1,000
Paraguay	500
Total for General Work	\$741,500

The Orient

Formosa:	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Taipei, Seminary, Current Expenses	20,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	1,000
Summer Camps	30,000
Hong Kong-Macao:	
Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Publication Work, Current Expenses	15,000
Hong Kong Baptist College, Building	50,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Summer Camps	500
Indonesia:	
Publication Work	5,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	5,000
Semarang, Seminary, Current Expenses	12,000
Kediri, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	20,000
Youth Work	3,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	4,000
Japan:	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	30,000
Japan Publication Work, Current Expenses	20,000
Kokura, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Current Expenses	15,000
Fukuoka, Japan Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Fukuoka, Seinan Gakuin, Current Expenses	20,000
Ryoto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000
Amagi Assembly, Current Expenses	1,000
Japan Convention Young People's Work	4,000
Fukuoka, Training School for Kindergarten Workers: Current Expenses	5,000
Scholarships	1,000
Board of Evangelism	10,000
Goodwill Center, Tohara	2,000
Korea:	
Taejeon, Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	30,000
Pusan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	20,000
Summer Camps	500
Malaya:	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	20,000
Penang, Seminary, Current Expenses	8,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	5,000
Kindergarten, Singapore	1,000
Summer Camps	500
Pakistan:	
Evangelistic Work	5,000
Philippines:	
Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Mari Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	18,000
Summer Camps	1,000
Bible School, Davao, Current Expenses	5,000
Publication Work	7,200
Thailand:	
Bangkok, Seminary, Current Expenses	8,000
Publication Work	6,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	10,000
Summer Camps	1,000
Student Center, Bangkok	1,500
General:	
Baptist Women's Union of the Pacific and South Asia Area	1,000
Total for Orient	\$567,000

Africa, Europe and the Near East

East Africa:	
Contingent Fund	8,000
Treasurer's Expense	1,000
Ghana:	
WMU Work, Automobile	2,400
Kumasi, Middle School, Current Expenses	3,000
Nalerigu, Medical Work, Current Expenses	5,000
Nalerigu, Field Car for Medical Center	7,500
Kumasi, Book Supplies	1,000
Nigeria:	
Abenokuta:	10,900
Baptist Women's Training College, Current Expenses	12,000
Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	8,000
Agbor, Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	5,500
Benin, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	14,000
Iwo, Baptist College, Current Expenses	18,000
Lagos, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	1,000
Ogbomoso, Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Other:	
Abenokuta, Baptist High School, Current Expenses	1,000
Abenokuta, Baptist Memorial School, Current Expenses	5,000
Scholarships for students studying in Africa, England and America	10,000
Field Hospital, Current Expenses	1,000
Ogbomoso, Hospital, Current Expenses	4,000
Ogbomoso, Teaching Hospital, Nurses' Training, Current Expenses	4,000
Ogbomoso, Leprosy Service, Current Expenses	7,500
Ogbomoso, Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home, Current Expenses	1,150
Ogbomoso, Kersey Children's Home, Current Expenses	4,000
Medical Work, Dispensaries:	
Iwo (William Carter)	2,500
Igbo	500
Okita	1,000
Iwo	1,000
Joinkama, Hospital, Current Expenses	5,000
Shaki, Hospital, Current Expenses	4,500
Automobiles (4)	8,800
Lagos, Baptist Hostel, Current Expenses	3,500
Ibadan, Printing Press, Current Expenses	2,000
Publications and Literature—General	2,000
Workers' Aid (Aged and Retired)	1,500
Baptist Department of Architecture	2,500
Edo Elementary Training Center	21,000
Ilife Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	10,000
Kaduna, Hausa Pastors' School, Current Expenses	4,800
Mina Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	7,000
Obinze Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	9,000
Aid for Unassisted Primary Schools, Current Expenses	2,750
Literature for General Evangelism, Current Expenses	550
Hausa Publication and Literature	500
Northern Nigeria, I Literature—Hausa	50
Northern Nigeria, III Literature—Hausa	100
Ike Midwestern School, Current Expenses	1,200
Ogbomoso Seminary Library Equipment	5,000
School for Missionary Children	20,000
Southern Rhodesia:	
Sanyati, Hospital, Current Expenses	6,000
Sanyati, Central School, Current Expenses	11,000
Umtali Schools, Current Expenses	2,870
Gwelo School, Current Expenses	2,715
Gwelo School, Current Expenses	985
Bulawayo Schools, Current Expenses	7,560
Garrama Schools, Current Expenses	4,125
Gwelo Seminary, Current Expenses	5,365
Scholarships	1,685
Germany:	
Building of Chapels	37,900
Italy:	
Publications and Literature	16,000
Young People's Work, Current Expenses	

Evangelization	6,000	Baptist Academy, Porto Alegre	5,098
Rome, Good Samaritan Dispensary	1,850	Baptist College, Campos, State of Rio	1,800
Pastoral Transfers	1,800	Baptist Seminary, Rio de Janeiro	22,150
Widows and Orphans of Pastors, Current Expenses	10,000	Scholarships, Pre-Training School Girls, Rio de Janeiro	4,500
Rome, Armstrong Memorial Training School, Current Expenses	2,150	Publications and Literature	27,000
Philadelphia Institute, Rivoli, Current Expenses	5,500	Medical Clinic, Tomas Coelho Church, Rio de Janeiro	600
		Medical Clinic, Belo Horizonte, Minas, Current Expenses	1,000
		Medical Clinic, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso	1,000
		Student Hostel, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso	5,000
		Typewriter, Goiania, Goias	300
		First Baptist Church Building, Campinas, Sao Paulo	10,000
		Typewriter, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais	300
			102,455
Spain:	45,300	Chile:	
Scholarships	2,000	Seminary, Santiago, Current Expenses	13,000
Barcelona, Bible School, Current Expenses	10,000	Baptist Academy, Temuco, Current Expenses	21,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers	7,000	Publications and Literature	1,600
Evangelism in New Areas, Current Expenses	1,000	Goodwill Center, Antofagasta, Current Expenses	1,700
Publications	5,500	Talcahuano Church Property	7,000
		Vina del Mar Church Building	10,000
			54,300
General Europe:	23,500	Colombia:	
Ruschlikon:		International Seminary, Cali, Current Expenses	13,000
Seminary, Student Subsidies	17,500	Scholarships, Secondary Schools	9,070
Student and Faculty Missionary Work	1,500	Hospital, Barranquilla, Current Expenses	18,500
		Palmaria Church Property and Building	35,000
		Property, Church Building, Medellin	10,000
			85,570
Israel:	19,000	Costa Rica:	
Publications and Literature	6,000	Evangelistic Crusades	2,300
Nazareth, School, Current Expenses	15,000	National Convention Magazine	500
Netach Tikva, George W. Truett Home, Current Expenses	20,000	School of the Prophets, Pastors	750
Automobiles	5,000		3,550
		Ecuador:	
		Nursery School, Quito, Current Expenses	320
		Evangelistic Crusade	1,200
		Radio Evangelism	878
		Gospel Tracts and Literature	400
			2,798
		Guatemala-Honduras:	
		Bible Institute, Guatemala City, Current Expenses	1,250
		Bible Institute, Guatemala City, Scholarships	1,200
		Evangelistic Tracts	200
		Pastors' Institute	450
		Bookstore, Guatemala City, Current Expenses	610
		Bookstore, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Current Expenses	250
			4,160
		Mexico:	
		Religious Education Program	1,000
		Torreon Seminary, Current Expenses	1,000
		Goodwill Center—Day Nursery, Guadalajara	1,000
			3,000
		Paraguay:	
		Nurses' Training School, Asuncion, Current Expenses	2,500
		Asuncion Hospital, Current Expenses	30,000
			32,500
		Peru:	
		Radio Work	1,000
		Evangelistic Crusade	750
		Primary School, Lima, Current Expenses	3,800
		Primary School, Lima, Scholarships	1,300
		Bible Institute, Lima, Current Expenses	1,450
		Literature Needs	1,050
			9,350
		Uruguay:	
		Primary School, Conchillas, Current Expenses	5,000
		Pastors' Retreat, Montevideo	100
		Bible Institute, Montevideo, Current Expenses	5,700
			10,800
		Venezuela:	
		Theological Institute, Caracas, Current Expenses	4,500
		Barquisimeto, Primary School, Current Expenses	3,000
		Barquisimeto, Primary School, Scholarships	1,500
		Tracts	500
		National Convention Magazine	500
		Bookstore Stock	1,000
		Church Property, San Cristobal	10,000
		Completion, Mission Residence, Caracas	15,000
			36,000
		Spanish Publishing House, El Paso:	
		Current Expenses	24,505
		Tract Publication	4,500
		Representative, Latin American Conventions	300
			29,305
		General:	
		Latin American Women's Union (Brazil)	500
		Spanish American Women's Union (Southern Area)	500
		Spanish American Women's Union (Northern Area)	500
			1,500
		Total for Latin America	91,960
Argentina:	2,260		
Convention Mission Board	1,000		
Mission Committee on Evangelism and Stewardship	1,040		
Promotional Work (W. W. Graves)	21,500		
International Seminary, Buenos Aires, Current Expenses	1,800		
Goodwill Center, Parana, Current Expenses	5,050		
Goodwill Center, Rosario, Current Expenses	11,250		
Publication Board, Current Expenses	1,500		
Encampment, Binler Masse, Current Expenses	5,000		
Mission Automobile	5,700		
Church Building, Resistencia	22,200		
Property, First Baptist Church, Mendoza	17,000		
Ministry, Buenos Aires	91,400		
Brazil, Current Expenses:			
Santarem School, Para	1,900		
Manaus School, Amazonas	2,700		
Trinidad School, Roraima	2,100		
Trinidad School, Roraima (Rent)	3,200		
Trinidad School, Roraima (Food)	1,200		
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses:			
North Piaui Clinic, Teresina	1,000		
Maranhao Clinic, Sao Luis	1,000		
Ceara Clinic, Fortaleza	1,500		
Chapel Buildings, Nova Olinda and Sao Raimundo, Amazonas	5,000		
Parangaba Church Building, Fortaleza, Ceara	5,000		
Enlarge Kitchen, Mission House, Belem, Para	1,000		
First Unit, Church Building, Parauaiba	10,000		
	33,600		
North Brazil:			
Student Evangelism, Eastern Pernambuco	600		
Schools, Current Expenses:			
Domestic School, Salvador, Bahia	1,950		
Baptist Academy, Jaguapara, Bahia	5,100		
Baptist Academy, Macao, Alagoas	2,800		
Baptist Academy, Recife, Pernambuco	10,040		
Baptist Academy, Joao Pessoa, Paraiba	2,450		
Baptist Academy, Corrente, South Piaui	6,000		
Baptist Academy, Natal, Rio Grande do Norte	1,200		
Baptist Primary School, Aracaju, Sergipe	1,000		
Green Mountain Bible School, Triunfo	1,700		
Baptist Seminary, Recife, Pernambuco	13,500		
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses:			
Alagoas Clinic, Macao	500		
Paraiba Clinic, Joao Pessoa	800		
Rio Grande do Norte Clinic, Natal and Martins	900		
Sergipe Clinic, Aracaju	1,300		
South Piaui Clinic, Corrente	1,200		
Western Pernambuco Clinic, Triunfo	150		
Bahia Clinic, Feira de Santana	200		
Tract and Bible Fund	1,000		
Capunga Church Building, Recife, Pernambuco (Building and Loan)	5,000		
Strategic Properties, Eastern Pernambuco (2nd Installment)	10,000		
Strategic Properties, Alagoas	2,000		
Mission Residence, Salvador, Bahia	20,000		
	91,960		
South Brazil:			
Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention	4,000		
Student Expenses, Field Evangelism	4,745		
Schools, Current Expenses:			
Baptist College, Rio de Janeiro (Girls)	1,600		
Baptist College, Belo Horizonte	5,575		
Baptist Schools, State of Goias	2,040		
Baptist Schools, State of Mato Grosso	5,000		
Minas Institute	250		
Anna's School	500		
Baptist Institute, Curitiba, Parana	2,000		

LOTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL IN 1957 IS \$5,000,000 FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS



Korean women going about their everyday tasks

Photographs by Morris Wright

Deacon Choon Young San of Ulsung church



Men of Taejon Baptist Church in typical hats



Two Korean men along the roadside near Pusan



Suk San Church building in the background



Children of Pusan sleeping in war rubble

Tae Pyung children playing in the straw



Korean Need Christ

Although God has greatly blessed Baptist work in Korea, the needs still press upon Koreans and missionaries

It was in 1950 that our first missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, went to Korea. Now there are 22 missionaries on the field and others under appointment. The Korean Baptist Convention has designated 25 strategic cities in South Korea where they hope to have missionaries living and working as soon as possible. A language school has been opened in Taejon and there is great need for missionaries: preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses, technicians, student workers. In every area of the work the challenge of Korea continues. In the capital city of Seoul alone there are 14 colleges and universities. The doors are wide open for the preaching and teaching of the gospel. The president of Seoul's Central University has invited us to set up a chair of Bible in his school where there are 8,000 students.



ORPHANAGES Orphans presenting a bouquet to missionaries, the John Abernathys



RELIEF

Left: Missionary Rex Ray distributing in Pusan relief clothing much of it was sent by Southern Baptist church members in expression of Christian love and concern

Right: Missionary Dan Ray preaching in a street service in Pusan. Many come out of curiosity and hear of Jesus for the first time

MEDICAL (below)

William Wallace Memorial Hospital, Pusan, Korea ... patients waiting to see the doctor. Dr. A. W. Yocum, missionary examining patients ... missionary Ruby Wheat and Korean nurse giving an injection



...how Southern Baptists
help to meet the needs of the
KOREAN PEOPLE



Korean Churches ...

The number of Baptist churches has grown rapidly in seven years—from 40 in 1950 to 146 today

Below: village church in Usung at right; the exterior and interior of Seoul church



In Pusan the pastor's wife teaching her Sunday school class, and a child reciting in same Sunday school



DECEMBER



Week of Prayer for
Foreign Missions

December 2—6, 1957

for every
Woman's Missionary Society

Theme: For God So Loved

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Goal: \$5,000,000

Suggested plans to help you prepare for the Week of Prayer

An information sheet to help with plans for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 2-6, will reach you from your state office.

Included in the packet from your state WMU office there should be a world map, announcement poster, sample of priced program folders, offering envelopes or sample invitation post cards, sample.

Free from your state WMU office there are offering envelopes, invitation post cards, leaflet about Lottie Moon, "Big Love Heart."

Priced from WMU, Birmingham 3, Alabama are program folders (2c each) in which you may wish to print, type, or mimeograph the program for the week.

Priced from your state Baptist Book Store are supplementary helps to consider after studying the entire material for this week. They are:

"Types of Ministries of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (14 slides for \$3.50).

"The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (a film-

strip, \$3.50) which shows ways Offering has advanced missions.

A song book "Old-Fashioned Revival Hymns Songs No. 1" (75c) in which you will find the song "The Love of God."

A 78 rpm record of "The Love of God," George Beverly Shea singing (\$1.05).

Order the supplementary materials early so you can make full use of these, some of which have been prepared especially for this observance.

This Week of Prayer material is filled with excellent information which Business Women's Clubs will use to meet their needs.

The president, prayer chairman, and stewardship chairman of your WMS should pray much, plan far in advance, and work hard to carry out these plans that the church may have a new understanding of the love of God, and a deeper sense of the obligation of every Christian to pray, to give, and to live that Christ may be known.

Prepare a Prayer Place

Prepare a place at your church for prayer all day on Friday. Give publicity to this. Have the map of the world where it can be easily seen. Special prayer requests can be spotlighted on a poster or on a chalk board.

Assign fifteen-minute periods of prayer from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to different members of your Woman's Missionary Society and the older members of the youth organizations; these periods to be observed either at home or at the church. Besides those assigned, enlist as many prayers as possible.

This will all be silent praying—no music. People may come and go as they choose. Invite the whole church family to join in this. People can stop to pray on their way to or from work, or school, any time during the day. This day should be the climax of the week's observance.

around the world.

The chairman will guide the presentation and prayer periods with care. If she deems it wise to omit some information to conserve time for prayer, she will do so. It is important that a spirit of worship and meditation prevail if this week is to be of spiritual blessing. It is only as God's followers are moved and prompted by the Holy Spirit that they give with dedicated purpose their money and witness.

You will, of course, be aware of the time set aside for your daily observance and strictly abide by the schedule.

Presenting the Program

Arrange the room for a worshipful atmosphere. Confer with all those who are to contribute to each day's observance.

Be sure music, meditation, information, and prayer periods are planned so that everything moves forward without announcement. Choose the very best talent for your music and meditation each day and use the same persons all week.

You will note that the words "God So Loved" are at the beginning of each day's theme. Decide on a way to place these mighty words before the women. Then add the remaining words of each

day's theme as the week progresses. You may wish to thumbtack on the wall rather high and to the left in large letters the words "God So Loved."

As the program begins you can add the remaining words in smaller letters, building each day so that at the close all the topics are before the WMS. A simple interest center of the Bible in several languages placed on a royal blue cloth would be effective. Or an interest center with a world globe in clouds of angel hair may be arranged on a table. Make a Christmas wreath of holly, greens, or magnolia leaves with three bells (like those on Christmas tree) attached to side. Place the wreath around the globe. As the offering envelopes are brought individuals will stick them in the wreath. These will give additional color to the interest center.

Or, use your own good taste about an interest center. Refer to it and tie its meaning in with the main emphasis of the daily themes. Put the map of the world on a blackboard at the right where all can see it and yet be able to see also the theme.

The call to worship each day is John 3:16. You could vary this by using a different translation. However, if you do this, make careful preparation. Each woman should have a copy so that she may have a meaningful part in the call to worship. Scripture meditations have been carefully and prayerfully selected by Mrs. Sibel Townsend of New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Have them read each day without comment, with time for meditation on the meaning of the Scriptures. This portion of your daily program should be prepared carefully and read well and with expression.

The closing thought is the same each day. The lines from the song "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" should become the real desire of each heart before the week is over.

Do you want an idea for calling the Lottie Moore Christmas Offering to the attention of the entire church? In the vestibule of your church or in the room for the Week of Prayer observance plan a lovely Christmas tree. On the tree put bell made of cardboard. Make the clapper of the bell round and draw continents on it to represent the world. Let each bell represent a certain amount of your goal and as that amount is given tie another bell on the tree. Spray the tree pink and use red bells with darker red continents. You may prefer the traditional red and green color scheme or a white tree with gold or silver bells.

Receiving the Offering

You may wish to put an offering plate in the interest center, then at the proper time it can be bowed and those who have brought an offering that day can leave their seats to place it in the plate while soft music is played.

TOPIC FOR MONDAY:

For God So Loved That He Gave to All Countries

Prepared by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

(Prayer Chairman Presiding)

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: John 3:16 in unison

Hymn: "The Love of God" (to be sung as solo or read)

Prayer of thanksgiving for His love

Hymn: "Love Divine"

Scripture Meditation: (May be read slowly and with real meaning by two women.) Malachi 1:2a; Psalm 19:1-6; Isaiah 52:9-10; Ephesians 2:4-8; John 17:10-18; 20:23; Acts 13:47; Revelation 14:6-7

New Mission Areas

Today we will look at the pressing need in some areas recently entered by the Foreign Mission Board.

Southern Baptist missionaries in the mid-twentieth century are treading the paths of David Livingstone in East Africa (Tanganyika and Kenya), and of William Carey in South Asia (Pakistan) for the first time. The countries so well known to these missionaries a century and more ago were not new cultures then. On both continents, the civilizations are thousands of years older than the history of the United States of America. But they are new to missionary-minded people in the United States of America.

In Africa, Nigeria being far advanced toward spiritual as well as political independence, Southern Baptists have begun to consider other African fields that are "white unto harvest." The Gold Coast (now Ghana) and later Southern Rhodesia caught the eye and heart of Southern Baptists. Having established missions there, the Foreign Mission Board began to look eastward. It was natural to consider another part of the continent under British control, and today the denominational missionary effort includes East Africa.

These ventures in 1957 are a part of the general movement known to the Southern Baptist Convention as the Advance Program. During our first one hundred years, most of the denominational foreign mission resources in Africa were absorbed by Nigeria and in Asia by China. World War I impelled Southern Baptists to look beyond the borders of the denominational foreign mission enterprise. We strengthened our mission to Japan. When the Communists took China, missionaries of all denominations were forced to

leave. But China's loss was Asia's gain. Since 1950 Southern Baptists have been at work in Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaya; in Indonesia since 1951, and Pakistan in 1957.

Prayer for pioneering missionaries and the people.

(Pictures on the next four pages are missionary couples entering Kenya and Tanganyika)

Kenya, a Country of Contrasts

Kenya is no recent geographical discovery. It is the area immediately south of Ethiopia, one of whose cabinet members the Apostle Philip won to Christ on the road to Gaza. Vasco de Gama touched the Kenya coast when he explored the Indian Ocean in 1498. Kenya did not exist as such until the early 1800's, and until 1920 it was the East Africa Protectorate.

Those Strange-Sounding Names

(See the Gazetteer section of your dictionary for pronunciation of all geographical names)

Monday

Tanganyika	Tang-gan-yeh-ko
Kenya	Kehn-yoh
Pakistan	Pak-ist-an
Ghana	Ga-na
Thailand	Tie-land
Mau Mau	Mo-mo
Uganda	Oo-gan-da
Der-es-Salaam	Dah-res-sah-lahm
Swahili	Swa-he-lee
Mbeya	Em-bah-yah
Kilimanjaro	Kil-i-man-jar-o
Rutiji	Roo-ti-je
Mombasa	Mom-ba-sa
Nairobi	Ni-ro-be
Nyansa	Nyan-za
Dacca	Dak-kah
Fatidpur	Fa-tid-poor

Southern Baptist Missionaries in the Past Year Entered New Work in Tanganyika and Kenya in East Africa



Mr. and Mrs. Webster Carroll

Missionaries to Tanganyika, he was born in Bluefield, Virginia, she in Lakeland, Florida. Both are graduates of Carson-Newman College in Tennessee, and Southwestern Seminary. Mr. Carroll is a minister. He has a brother, Daniel, who is a Southern Baptist missionary to Argentina.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. DeBord

Mrs. DeBord is a nurse, he is a minister. The DeBords came face to face with the needs of people for the gospel as they visited in Cuba and attended the Baptist Youth Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They serve in Tanganyika.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hampton

Mr. Hampton was pastor of Cavern Baptist Church, Carlisle, New Mexico at the time of their appointment to Kenya in 1954. They have two daughters, Kathie Lynn and Connie Marie. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hampton are from Arkansas.



Mr. and Mrs. Winfred O. Harper

Native Texans and both graduates of Hordis-Simmons University. Mr. Harper served several churches before they were appointed to Nigeria in 1950. When Southern Baptists opened work in Tanganyika in 1956 the Harpers were first on that field. Richard and Elizabeth are their children.

For a name the new nation chose that of its highest peak, Mount Kenya, meaning "white mountain." About the size of Texas, Kenya is the homeland of five and one half million Africans and 42,000 whites. The wonderful climate and gorgeous scenery of its highlands were so attractive that postwar immigration into Kenya was heavy. Gradually African resentment over British immigrant possession of their ancestral lands boiled over, and for more than three years, a secret society of Africans led by an African educated in Britain and Moscow conducted a bloody revolt. Some 17,000 persons lost their lives during the revolt. As John Gunther puts it, Kenya is "the stronghold of a European settler minority that will fight to the last bitter inch to maintain white supremacy." Mau Mau, which means "do it quickly," was put down by British armed might. The soldiers were withdrawn by summer, 1956, and the still unsolved problem is being dealt with by colonial administration.

In addition to Europeans, Kenya has almost as many Arab residents, and three times as many Asians, mostly from India. That means the religions of Kenya include Christianity as represented by the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England, the Hindu religion, and Islam, as well as the various forms of animism practiced by African tribesmen. All are in evidence in Nairobi, the capital, and Mombasa, chief coastal city.

Prayer for Kenya's political and social problems

Tanganyika, a Country Which Beckons

This country, southwest of Kenya, is half again as large, and is a United Nations trust territory assigned to Great Britain. Its eight and one half million people include 72,500 Asians and 25,000 Europeans. Many of the same problems exist here as in Kenya but there has been no Mau Mau terrorism.

Henry M. Stanley of the old *New York Herald* crossed the country in search of the great missionary explorer, David Livingstone, in 1871, and found him at Ujiji on the eastern shore of Lake Tanganyika, which forms part of the western boundary of the country. Today Tanganyika like so many African countries is striving for national independence. A federation of the three states of Kenya, Tanganyika, and their neighbor to the west, Uganda, has been proposed and may yet develop. They form a natural political unit.

To this area a team of two experienced Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa was sent in 1954 to explore possibilities of mission work. Dr. I. N. Patterson, a veteran missionary in Nigeria, knows British colonial policy and personnel. Dr. W. L. Jester, recently working in Nigeria, had served as a missionary of another Board in Tanganyika for fifteen years and in Kenya for ten.

The survey revealed that not a single Baptist witness is available in the entire region, although one or two Baptists are among the missionaries of the Africa Inland Mission in East Africa. The team learned that the Roman Catholic and Angli-

can missionaries feel rather complacent about the spiritual welfare of some parts of the country, and dislike the possibility of "intruders." However, in Tanganyika and Kenya, the Baptist team received a cordial welcome from both government and religious forces.

In August, 1956, the Baptist mission of East Africa was formally organized with six missionaries of Nigeria. Today in the capital city Dar es Salaam, on the coast of Tanganyika all the new appointees for Tanganyika and Kenya are studying Swahili, the language of the area.

A TB Hospital at Mbeya

Missionary Winfred O. Harper, secretary-treasurer of the mission, indicates the prospect for the immediate future: "After looking over the area and praying for the leadership of God, we recommend that we open a tuberculosis hospital at Mbeya in the highlands of Tanganyika.

"The need is terrific," Dr. Jack Walker reports. We need to open with a fifty-bed capacity, and that will be full in a very short time, maybe only within two or three years after opening.

The suggested appropriation for the hospital is based on the rate of \$15,000 per twenty-five-bed ward. The equipment will cost another \$10,000. All of the equipment here is very expensive. A chapel on the hospital compound will be a special need, estimated at about \$3,000.

The wisdom or practicability of tuberculosis medical work in Tanganyika may be questioned

by some who have not visited this area of the world. The British government has a TB hospital, the only one in all Tanganyika, located on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, 750 miles from Mbeya. It is operating at double its designed capacity of 250 beds, with patients resting in beds under trees outside the building.

"Tuberculosis medical care as it is conducted in East Africa requires only brief hospitalization. The type program we plan is to keep the patients in the hospital a few weeks, to get them past the acute phase of the disease, and then give them domiciliary care—home hospitalization in the community. In many centers around Mbeya, we will have outpatient clinics however through which patients may be visited regularly and follow-up care administered.

"Having a patient come to the hospital gives the missionary force contact with his home and the homes of all who have had close contact with him; those who have contracted tuberculosis can be treated in the early stages of the disease as outpatients. This gives us an exceptionally good opportunity to share the gospel with a large number of people from a wide area. The evangelistic opportunity of this type is certainly as great as general missionary work.

Other Needs in Tanganyika

"A good will center is recommended for Dar es Salaam. Many people come to the capital city, only to lose touch with their tribes and kinsmen. They are soon lost even to the best elements in



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin

Mr. Martin from Pennsylvania, Mrs. Martin of Washington, D. C. are missionaries to Kenya. Mr. Martin was pastor and teacher before they became missionaries to the tribe from which the Mau Mau movement sprang. Judith, Susan, and Charlene are their daughters.



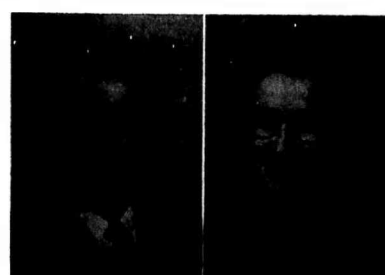
Mr. and Mrs. Corliss Owens

These are missionaries to Tanganyika, he a Tennessee, she from Florida. God called Mr. Owens to preach while he was still in high school. Mrs. Owens, at sixteen, dedicated her life to God as a missionary nurse. They have one daughter, Janice Alesse.



Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Saunders

These missionaries to Kenya have three children, Mary Lee, Susan, and John. Both Mr. and Mrs. Saunders are from South Carolina. Mrs. Saunders is a nurse, and he a preacher. They served first in Nigeria, he doing evangelistic work and Mrs. Saunders in medical work in Igdes and Iwa.



Dr. and Mrs. Jack Walker

Dr. Walker first did missionary work in our Baptist Hospital at Shaki, Nigeria where they went in 1951. Mrs. Walker managed the hospital and did evangelistic work. They with the Davis Saunders and the Winfred Hapers transferred from Nigeria to Tanganyika.

their own culture. They are in most acute need of a Christian witness and a personal knowledge of God. We can use a center as a medium of evangelism in the new areas of Dar es Salaam, with the prospect of fostering a church in the same building. A church in the good will center will be followed, we believe, by other churches around this great city. A Bible school for all Tanganyika, with the prospect of it growing into a seminary, is our prayer for the future.

"The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is our hope for a TB hospital and a good will center. Both were requested for the 1956 offering; surely the 1957 offering will be abundant enough to supply the funds necessary for East Africa.

"In our survey of East Africa we wanted so much to open a general hospital in the Rufiji River Valley. The ruling chief, a devout Moslem, had the final authority to grant land. He told us he would like to have the medical facilities Southern Baptists could provide, but that he knew we would want to tell the people about Christ; he said that many patients would become Christians after being under our care, and for that reason he could not let us enter.

"If we had promised to do medical work without saying anything about Jesus Christ, the chief gladly would have granted us the land for a hospital. It is still our hope eventually to provide a Christian witness at Rufiji.

Prayer for the physically and spiritually ill in Tanganyika and for the missionaries who must be patient for funds and other missionary help.

The Survey Challenges

Dr. Walker believes that Southern Baptist entry into East Africa is the "direct result of the extended vision of our people." He concludes his report with this significant statement: "I feel that we ought to go wherever we can in Africa because of the rapid development of the continent, politically, and economically, and also because of the extensive invasion of the Communists in nearly all of the African's life. We ought to work all the more diligently because of the influence of the Roman Catholics, who are greatly extending their work. They are evangelizing the world with methods which do not insure that the people actually know Christ as Saviour."

Another one of the first appointees for East Africa, Missionary Davis Saunders declares: "Our survey of the South Nyanza District of Kenya reveals it to be a ripe field for missions. There is only one non-Catholic group working among the three-quarter million people there, and they are the Pentecostals. (The Roman Catholics are everywhere in East Africa.) We missionaries of Southern Baptists received a warm welcome from the government and from the Pentecostals, and it is my hope that our mission will vote to enter that district."

"The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering means much to us for we are just beginning a new mission, a very expensive proposition. We made an estimate of need for the past year, and it came to \$200,000 for capital expenditures. To grow and expand we will need as much for next year. The

1957 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is our chief hope for money for churches in Mombasa and Nairobi, and for South Nyanza. East Africa is a mission field with almost unlimited horizons."

Prayer for vision and sacrifice to meet the needs of a new field.

Uganda Yet To Be Entered

"A very unusual situation was encountered in Uganda," as Missionary Davis Saunders reports it. "Only two groups are working there among the five million inhabitants: the Roman Catholics and the Church of England. About equal in strength, these two groups consider the country as exclusively theirs. Both claim a large number of constituents, for they count families, not individuals. The Anglican Bishop talked of people saved before baptism and after baptism. He even deplored the number of persons in the church who show no evidence of having been saved. Yet he felt that Baptists were not needed. It is a rich field and one we ought to enter when the way opens in a few years!"

Prayer that our missionaries may have wisdom in knowing the best means to enter untried places with new work.

Pakistan Has Baptist Work

Cross the Indian Ocean, go around Ceylon and up into the Bay of Bengal, and we come to another new mission field, a nation only ten years old in one of the truly ancient parts of Asia. It

is within a 150-mile radius of the work and influence of William Carey, the "Father of the Modern Missionary Movement." It is a bare five hundred miles from Adoniram Judson's center of work.

On March 23, 1956, Pakistan became the world's first Islamic republic with complete freedom of religion. It is a self-governing republic within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The first Moslems to come to India were Arabs who invaded what is now Northwest Pakistan in the early 700's. Unlike other invaders, the Moslems refused to take on Hindu ways; they remained faithful to Mohammed. Under British rule, the Hindu majority dominated the minority in India; now the Moslems are determined to be free forever of the hated Hindu influence.

Eighty million people live in Pakistan. East Pakistan, about the size of Arkansas, has 22 times its population. Eight out of every ten persons in Pakistan try to make a living by farming, but the crooked stick or crude wooden plow is the usual implement. Only fourteen out of one hundred can read and write. Poverty, debt, illiteracy, disease, hopelessness are prevalent. Dacca, the major city of East Pakistan, has a population of more than 276,000. The areas immediately east and west of the city have a total of five million.

Exploration of this area as a possible Southern Baptist mission field was highly encouraging. The government, though Moslem, has no legal restrictions against Christian missionaries. The Baptists of Britain, Australia, and New Zealand all sponsor

missions in East Pakistan, but they need help and welcome the prospect of Southern Baptists entering the country. The East Bengal Baptist Union, an association of churches in East Pakistan, is also ready to welcome Southern Baptists.

A missionary couple arrived December, 1956, and set to work studying Urdu. Faridpur is the center of their work. As missionary Troy Bennett reports, "The Australians have been in this area for over 75 years. Calcutta was formerly the center for the Bengali Christian work. With partition of the province of Bengal, a half to India and the other half to East Pakistan, this area was cut away from the Bengal Christian work which had been one work for many years.

"Now with the poverty and dearth of leadership in East Pakistan, we are faced with an almost totally new mission work. We probably will be in several of the stations formerly occupied by Australian Baptists, but these will only serve as a center from which to reach the great mass of people. Within twenty miles of Faridpur are villages where people heard the gospel for the first time in 1958."

Missionary Bennett mentions a new Roman Catholic hospital recently opened in Dacca and the publicity it gave that brand of Christianity. The Foreign Mission Board anticipates some medical mission project eventually, but the more immediate need is student evangelism.

"We must pour in missionaries if we are to begin to cope with the task in East Pakistan," the missionary continues. "Under the shadow of communism, this country is being bombarded with propaganda. In the largest and most central city of this part of Pakistan is the national university. The University of Dacca, founded in 1921, is the chief training center for Pakistan's future leaders. No Christian work is being done among the 3,000 students, and these students will not go to the area of Dacca where the only Baptist center is now located. A neat and worshipful Baptist church is our hope. The 1957 Lottie Moon Offering may make it possible to rebuild some of the dilapidated, antiquated church buildings formerly used by Baptists, but our work here needs the freshness of new life and activity if the Moslems are to be reached for Christ."

Prayer for Pakistan, a new nation, whose people need the love and understanding of Christian missionaries.

Suggested Thoughts for Closing Prayer

O Father God,
who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son

We give thee thanks
for this Unquestionable Gift
for thy great love
poured out
upon sinners.

We praise thee that thy Gift means eternal life for each of us, and for all those who believe on thy Son.

For the glory of the calling of Jesus Christ, and our part in God's plan for the ages
For the privilege of sharing the gospel even to the uttermost parts of the earth
We now express our gratitude.

We acknowledge our selfishness
Our failure to see human need in out-of-way places
Our misuse of money in failing to tithe and make offerings

Forgive us, Oh God, for judging people by the color of their skin.
We pray now
That thou wilt lift our eyes to the far horizons
Make us sensitive to the fears and hungers and yearnings of human beings in Kenya, Tanganyika, and Uganda, and in Pakistan.

Bless the new secretary for Africa, Dr. Cornell Goerner, and the secretary for the Orient, Dr. Winston Crawley.

The little band of Southern Baptists who have crossed frontiers to reach others for Christ; who are struggling with a new language, new customs, new problems, new people.

Protect these missionaries from the resentment which sometimes expresses itself in violence against the person of white skin; from the dangers of disease and malnutrition; from homesickness and morbid self-pity; from the spiritual down drag of a pagan environment; from weak resignation to the sins that easily beset those who are committed to thy purposes in the earth; and from the temptation to discouragement before so many problems.

Bless every effort exerted in thy name to win confidence, build friendship, preach the truth, and organize churches.

Enlarge our sympathies and give us a new sense of values, to help us resist the impulse to buy, when we ought to give; to invest in a new gadget or a new outfit, when we ought to invest in the world mission enterprise; to give with sacrifice this year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in order to share the gospel with the people who have never heard of Christ, and never dreamed that anybody cared enough to cross a street, much less an ocean, to tell them about him. In his name, Amen.

Offering

Closing Thought:

"Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do." Amen.

TOPIC FOR TUESDAY:

For God So Loved . . . That He Sent to All People

Prepared by Edna Frances Dawkins

(Prayer Chairman Presiding)

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: John 3:16 in unison

Hymn: "The Love of God" (to be sung as a solo or read)

Hymn: "Love Divine"

Prayer of thanksgiving for His love

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:11-15; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 7:20-24; Ephesians 4:11-16

The Call and Preparation of Missionaries

Today's program deals with the qualifications for foreign mission service under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as with steps in the procedure toward appointment.

Soon after the assistant personnel secretary came in the Foreign Mission Board a friend remarked to her, "Oh, you know no one goes as a missionary who can do anything else!" I believe that most Southern Baptists have become so well-educated that this idea is no longer prevalent. But I am also aware that there are still people with a similar concept of missionaries, for some who fill in references on candidates indicate that as the candidate has stated that God has called him to foreign mission service, the person filling out the reference feels that he must say nothing to prevent the person from going. Yet it is a conviction of the members of the staff of the Foreign Mission Board, as well as those who serve on the Board, that the person who goes as Christ's ambassador in another land must be a capable, well-educated, attractive person who is healthy in body and emotions. From the early days of mission activity those who have gone out to other countries to take the message of hope in Christ Jesus have been outstanding people. It is exceedingly important in this day of world revolution when the forces of communism are attacking the western world that the representative of Christianity who goes to another land be a superior person in every respect.

Perhaps as never before, the world is in need of the message which we as Christians have to give. In Japan a highly educated person comes to realize the emptiness of his life after years of Shinto, or ancestor worship. In Spain, a fifty-eight year old woman who had worshipped a dead Christ on

the cross attends services in a little Baptist church for the first time and thus comes to know a living Christ. In Africa, a young person attending a Baptist school is released from the ignorance and superstition in which he has been steeped and realizes that no longer need he worship the numerous gods which have filled him with fear, but he is free to worship a loving God whose Son died for men whose skins are black, as well as for those of other races. Men and women who have been oppressed by state religions come to know Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, and affiliate themselves with small Baptist churches, knowing for the first time the release and joy which comes in belonging to such an independent group. One might go on and on to cite true stories, which never cease to be thrilling, of the change which comes in human lives when Jesus Christ is made known and accepted. Yes, messengers are needed to take this glorious message of God's power and love.

Let us stop and take a look at some of the qualifications of one who is to represent Christ and Southern Baptists as a foreign missionary.

Of greatest importance are the spiritual qualifications. One of the first questions which we who are in the Personnel Department ask a candidate in an interview has to do with his Christian experience. It goes without saying that one who hopes to serve as a missionary must have had a real experience of conversion. It is also important that the young person gives evidence of Christian growth which comes through Bible study, prayer, witnessing to others, and through taking part in all phases of the life of the church where he is a member.

It is equally important that the one who is to be appointed as a missionary overseas have a definite sense of commitment and of God's leading to such a lifetime of service. The call to foreign mission service may come quite differently from the conversion experience, for oftentimes a young person reaches this point of commitment only after months or years of seeking. This spiritual quest includes not only Bible study and prayer, but also a study of the needs of the world.

The starting point may be acquaintance with the fact that Southern Baptists have more than 27,600 pastors in the United States, and only 432 men missionaries of whom 119 are pastors serving

on our missionary staff around the world. The one who is seeking God's will may also become aware that he or she is a strong and healthy person meeting the educational qualifications and having acquired successful experience, whereas among the small percentage who are willing to go, there are those who are not physically strong enough to withstand the rigors of life in another country or else who have reached the decision too late to make the necessary preparation. Thus, the thinking Christian young person who has sincerely committed his life to Christ often comes to the point where ties which bind him to home and family and the land he loves become overshadowed by his world responsibility. What an important place members of Woman's Missionary Union have as they present the needs of the world through the youth organizations, and encourage those whom God calls as missionaries from their homes.

Prayer that in this week of prayer members of Baptist churches throughout the Convention will accept the responsibility of presenting to our young people the great needs for missionaries around the world and for developing through our churches the opportunity for continual growth and Christian maturity.

Educational Qualifications

It is highly important also that Christ's ambassadors to people in another land be well-educated. How grateful we are that Southern Baptists are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of Christian education and that those who are entering church-related vocations have the desire to be well-prepared. Even though illiteracy is great in many of the countries of the world, the people of the world expect American Christians to be well-educated.

Missionary teachers never cease to be thrilled with the response of eager young minds. Conversely, young people in other lands who have come to admire the brilliant minds of some missionaries have thus been challenged to seek to know Christ and then to commit their lives to making him known to their people. Within recent years two young men, a Nigerian and a Chinese, served as teaching fellows at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the time they were completing work for doctorates in theology. Now the Chinese is back in Formosa, serving as a pastor and professor in the theological seminary, as well as preaching from time to time in the church where Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek attend. The Nigerian has returned to his country to serve as a professor in the theological seminary and as a leader of Baptist pastors in his country. These men are good examples of numbers of Baptists around the world who have been challenged by well-trained missionaries.

What are some of the educational requirements?

Ideally, we could hope that every missionary would have a degree from an accredited senior college and seminary. In most instances the appointees of our Board meet this qualification. A man who goes to serve in direct evangelism must have a degree from both college and seminary. The man who will serve as a specialist in religious education will have the same number of years of training, but after attaining the religious education degree from a seminary in two years, he takes an additional year in order to get course in theology or advanced work in his chosen field. A relatively small number of specialists, such as those who will serve in agriculture or as a college teacher, might have a master's degree in the chosen field plus one or two years of seminary. It is generally assumed that a man who goes to serve as a missionary will have three years of graduate work beyond college, either in seminary or in some other school.

A single woman who serves as a missionary overseas must have a degree from an accredited senior college plus at least two years of seminary training. Usually this young woman gets a religious education degree, but in some rare instances she may have a master's degree in a specialized field and one year of seminary training.

While the Foreign Mission Board would like for missionary wives to have attained as high a standard of education as possible, in some instances a wife who has two years of college or seminary may be appointed. In some instances where the couple make a decision after they have children, it is impossible for the wife to get training beyond the basic two years.

The medical missionary must have a number of years of specialized training, taking four years of medical school after completing college. After receiving the M.D. degree, the candidate for medical missionary overseas serves a year of internship and a year of residency before seeking appointment. Wherever possible, a missionary doctor is encouraged to get one year of seminary training either before appointment or while on furlough.

The missionary nurse must have both a college degree and the three years of professional training leading toward the registered nurse. Many nursing schools have a four- or five-year program in connection with some college so that the nurse may receive a college degree in addition to completing her nurse's training at the end of this

Those Strange-Sounding Names

Generalissimo	General-iss-imo
Chiang Kai-shek	Je-ang ki-shék



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period of time. The missionary nurse must have at least one year of seminary. Other specialists in the field of medicine, such as the laboratory technician, the pharmacist, the hospital administrator, are expected to get one or more years of seminary in addition to the professional training.

Practical Experience

It is exceedingly important that the one who is to serve as a missionary in another land prove himself before going as a missionary, so the For-

eign Mission Board has set a minimum of two years practical experience as a requirement. For the man who is to go as a field missionary or to train pastors in a theological seminary, this means at least two years in a pastorate. Usually, preachers seeking appointment have more than two years pastoral experience, and some who have been appointed in recent years have had as much as a total of six to eight years in two or three pastorates. Young women may get their experience either in public school teaching or in working on a church

staff, in a Good Will Center, or in some other phase of our Baptist life. Doctors and nurses get practical experience during periods of training, but many of them go beyond the basic requirements because of the desire to be well prepared.

Health

Through years of experience, our Foreign Mission Board has come to realize the importance of good health, both physical and emotional. It is always difficult for the members of the staff and of the Foreign Mission Board to prevent a young person from going as a missionary, but it is even more heartbreaking to see a missionary come home because of inability to stand up under the physical or emotional stresses and strains of life in another country. For that reason a rigid medical examination must be passed before appointment.

Emotional Stability

Not only must he have a strong body with no physical handicaps, but the one who would serve as a missionary overseas must have a healthy control of his emotions. Mr. Elmer West, personnel secretary, in discussing the need for emotional stability, states: "He must be able to work very closely with people and get along with them, although there may be decided differences of opinion and personality. He must have a sense of inner security which will see him through a hard and discouraging situation. He must learn how to live amid tension and uncertainty. He must be pliable enough to adjust to loneliness, hardships, strange customs, language, and environment, away from family, friends, and homeland."

Prayer that we as Southern Baptists may accept responsibility in helping our young people to get the necessary education and by encouraging them to guard their health in the years of training.

Steps in the Procedure Toward Appointment

The Personnel Department is eager to correspond with every young person who is at all interested in foreign mission service.

The Rev. Elmer S. West Jr., serves as secretary for missionary personnel. Miss Edna Frances Dawkins and the Rev. James Stertz are assistant secretaries for the candidate division, the latter having joined the department in May 1957. The Rev. Bill Cody serves as assistant secretary for the volunteer division.

Mr. West, Mr. Stertz, and Miss Dawkins spend the major portion of their time in interviewing and working with those in seminaries and graduate schools, or those getting experience, while Mr. Cody works with those of college age and under.

Youngsters of Junior age frequently come to feel that God is calling them to prepare for such service and concerned Sunday school teachers, pastors, or parents encourage them to write the Personnel Department. A mission volunteer card

is sent and the volunteer is requested to write a sketch of his life, giving information about his conversion and Christian experience, schooling and other pertinent facts. When this sketch is received a free subscription to *The Commission* is made available. Every volunteer is encouraged to write at least once a year and many write more often. The volunteer division of the Personnel Department answers all the letters and sends out a general letter at least once a year.

Once a volunteer becomes a candidate, upon graduation from college, he is urged to keep in even closer touch with the Personnel Department by writing several times each year and by having conferences with the personnel secretary and assistant secretaries as they visit seminary campuses, conventions, and assemblies.

After filling in an interview record the next step in the procedure for the candidate is the writing of the autobiography according to an outline provided by the Personnel Department. This complete life history is from eighteen to thirty pages in length and means a great deal not only to the members of the Personnel Department who is to interview the candidate, but also to the candidate who writes the history, for it gives real insight into his own personality, strength, and weaknesses. This autobiography is requested within six months after the candidate enters seminary or graduate school, or as soon as possible for one with more advanced training.

About twelve months before a candidate is to seek appointment he requests the information and reference blanks, returning them after he has listed twenty-two references and after he has given basic information. The gathering of this information requires at least two months, after which the candidate may request the final application forms. One of these forms gives information of statistical nature concerning the person's education, experience, date of birth, of marriage, and other facts which are needed for the permanent records of the Board. The other form requests the candidate to give information concerning the content of his Christian message and in this form the candidate is requested to write a brief life sketch which may be used for publicity purposes by the Department of Education and Promotion.

Some weeks after these final application forms are received a composite of information is worked up for the doctors. The candidates are authorized to have the medical and psychiatric examinations at one of the centers which the Foreign Mission Board has designated. Doctors who are qualified give these examinations.

Within several weeks after the medical examinations take place, members of the Personnel Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, together with the executive secretary, area secretaries, and personnel secretaries meet for a careful and

prayerful consideration of all the material which has been compiled on the candidate. This includes a record of interviews which members of the Personnel Department and area secretaries have had with the candidate, a study of all the forms which the candidate has filled in, together with a composite of information compiled from the references, and the reports of the physical and psychiatric examinations. The Personnel Committee sometimes spends as much time as an hour discussing one person or couple. If the candidate is approved, he is notified and invited to come to Richmond for appointment at a monthly meeting of the Board.

In some instances, a candidate is deferred for two or three years in order that he may get further experience or work out other problems, such as a health difficulty which may be overcome in time. In other cases, it is necessary that a candidate be advised that it is felt that his best service can be rendered in the United States.

Seven out of eight candidates seeking appointment eventually reach the Mission Board. The appointment of new missionaries never ceases to be an inspiration to the members of the staff of the Foreign Mission Board. Candidates are appointed six or seven months out of the year. When a young person stands before the Board and tells of influences which led him to this high hour of appointment, those who hear these testimonies are reminded of the many people who have played a vital part in bringing the candidate to this point.

In some instances, Christian parents who have been willing to present the needs of the world and the challenge of Christian service are the main influence. In other instances, a candidate may mention a Sunbeam leader, a Royal Ambassador counselor, a Sunday school teacher, a pastor or a pastor's wife, or perhaps a schoolteacher who presented world need in such a way that the candidate was forced to stop and consider how he might help meet that need. In the case of a young person who has not come from a Christian home, one is often impressed with the fact that members of the local church take the place of parents in encouraging a young person and in helping to provide funds for the necessary education.

It is our hope that in this week of prayer many young people may be made more conscious of the joy which can come from committing one's life to Christ. The Foreign Mission Board appointed 121 new missionaries in 1956, and hopes that this number of appointments will be exceeded in 1957. We are grateful for the ever-increasing support of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program and through their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, as well as through the dedication of the lives of young people for foreign mission service. But there is an

ever-increasing need for enlarging the missionary staff. In numbers of places around the world missionaries may be found carrying far more than the normal load of work.

Requests for additional personnel from all of the areas where Southern Baptists have mission work reached a total of more than five hundred during the past year. Only one in five needs is being met at the present time. One hundred twenty-one new missionaries a year is not enough.

In spite of the turbulent world conditions which make the future uncertain, there are open doors and encouraging opportunities for missionaries in most of the thirty-eight countries and territories where Southern Baptists undertake to carry on a program of Christian witnessing. There is an ever-present need for qualified preachers and their wives as well as for well-trained single women to help carry on the evangelistic program through teaching or work with the churches. There is a desperate need for nurses. Even though the Foreign Mission Board has been appointing six or eight doctors per year, there will always be a need for more. In addition there are some needs for people who can render a specialized service.

The Foreign Mission Board continues to be grateful for the way in which Woman's Missionary Union, through its total program and especially through the week of prayer presents to the women and young people of the churches the challenge of the missionary task.

Directed Prayer

That we as individuals may take our responsibilities in presenting world needs to the young people of our church and that even during this week one or more young people may hear and respond to God's call to enter missionary service overseas (pause).

Let us pray also that in addition to presenting the needs and the joy that come from serving Christ, we may continually encourage through personal interest and prayers as well as through financial help wherever needed, those who have volunteered for foreign missions.

Let us pray for members of the Personnel Department staff as they interview young people who are seeking God's will in this important matter. Let us pray for members of the staff of the Foreign Mission Board and members of the Personnel Committee of the Foreign Mission Board that God may lead them in each decision which must be made after a candidate has taken all the steps in the procedure toward appointment.

Offering

Closing Thought:

"Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do." Amen.

TOPIC FOR WEDNESDAY:

For God So Loved . . . That He Empowered Against All Hinderances

Prepared by Baker James Cauthen

(Prayer Chairman Presiding)

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: John 3:16 in unison

Hymn: "The Love of God" (to be sung as a solo or read)

Hymn: "Love Divine"

Prayer of Thanksgiving for his love

Scripture Meditation: 2 Timothy 1:7-12; 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17-3:5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Romans 8:28-29

Introduction: As our Lord turned his face from Galilee to go to Jerusalem where he would endure the cross, he sent before him seventy of his followers into every place where he was about to come. He gave them instructions to preach and heal.

Wednesday's Program

In some churches the pastor wishes the local WMU to present a missionary program on Wednesday night at the prayer meeting hour. If your pastor desires to follow this plan, explain that the Wednesday program is one in a series of five prayer services in which the WMS members are engaging this week. Explain also that the YWAs, GAs, RAs, and Sunbeams are observing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Explain about the name of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from the folder "Big Love Heart." Refer to the allocations (see December Royal Service). So the people will understand the way allocations are listed, give information from Dr. Cauthen's article in November Royal Service. Use your large map and point out places as they are referred to. At the beginning or close of your presentation show the 14 slides "Typical Ministries of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." (See price p. 49.) Plan your program so that it fits the time schedule and make it as prayerful as possible. Do not continue longer than regular prayer meeting time.

A little later the seventy returned with joy saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

Jesus said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy."

These words of Jesus have brought encouragement to his servants across the ages. Paul wrote from Ephesus, "But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

John wrote, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." He said again, "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

There are many hinderances which must be encountered in giving the gospel to the entire world. Over all these there is victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this program we shall examine some of these hinderances in order that we may more effectively pray. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

Health Hazards and Language Barriers

In the early days of foreign missions adverse climate and uncontrolled diseases claimed many missionary lives. West Africa was commonly spoken of as the white man's graveyard. Many missionaries in China laid down their lives in service. The loss of little children was very great.

Progress has been made in overcoming these health hazards. Medical missionaries have been sent and hospitals established. The work of medical missions has a two-fold ministry. On the one hand it serves to reduce suffering and thereby witnesses to the love of Christ. On the other hand it preserves the health and usefulness of missionaries.

Satisfactory residences are vital to the health and well-being of missionaries on the field. Experience has proved this to be true. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides many missionary residences.

To protect the health of missionaries provision is made for them to come home on furlough. This does not mean simply a vacation periodically. It means that they are brought away from the fields of labor for physical and spiritual refreshment and witness.

On mission fields provision is made for education of missionary children. Sometimes they are sent to schools; sometimes they are taught by their parents at home. Every effort is made through proper support to enable missionaries to have home life on a basis that will contribute to the health and emotional stability of the entire family.

Another important factor in overcoming health hazards is that of careful appointment standards. Missionary candidates are given thorough examinations. If it is discovered that the candidate is in poor health, he is advised to remain in the homeland. Only people in good physical and emotional health should go to the mission fields. The strains there are greater than are found in normal life at home. It is always a great disappointment to the Foreign Mission Board and to the individual when it becomes impossible for a volunteer to go; yet experience has proved that sending to the field people whose health is not strong is unwise.

Closely allied with health hazards are language barriers. Every missionary finds it necessary to work with people of another nationality and culture. Usually he finds himself unable to communicate in a satisfactory manner until he learns the language. This involves hard work, persistence and real determination. It tests one's sense of call to missionary service as definitely as any problem he faces. For this reason along with many others the Foreign Mission Board carefully examines the motivation of those who go to the mission field. Every effort is made to help a missionary candidate see that only a real sense of his Lord's direction will enable him to stay on the mission field.

Missionaries upon arrival on the fields go to language schools where they are given opportunity to acquire working knowledge of the language before they take up other responsibilities. New missionaries need the prayers of God's people for strength and persistence as they labor in learning difficult languages.

Directed Prayer:

Pray for missionaries who are now sick.

Pray for the health of missionary families.

Pray for missionary doctors and nurses who labor to preserve the health of their fellow missionaries.

Pray for missionaries who are engaged in studying languages.



Buddha idol in temple in Japan

The Obstacle of Non-Christian Religions

In many areas vast populations live under the influence of religions which bar the way to the message of Christ. Among the 300,000,000 people of the Moslem world Christian evangelistic work is very difficult. For the most part followers of Mohammed are unwilling to listen to a message about Christ. When a member of a family is converted, he is often disowned and his life is endangered. A high degree of courage is required to follow Christ under such circumstances. One can readily understand why medical ministries and Christian education have such a vital place in the Moslem world as these approaches give opportunity for leading people to know Christ. Missionaries in the Moslem world stand always in need of intercessory prayer.

In most parts of Africa the progress of the gospel also is hindered by fear and superstition under which people live. The power of the witch doctor is diminishing in the light of Christian progress but it is still a terrible reality to millions of people who live in fear of evil spirits with whom the witch doctor claims to have communion.

In the Orient, religion is bound up with family life. Ancestor worship is so vital to most Orientals that to become a Christian automatically brings upon the individual the disfavor of his loved ones. In countries like Japan and Thailand where Buddhism has been established for hundreds of years, its grip upon the people is far-reaching.

Wherever non-Christian religions become linked with rising nationalism, the barrier to the progress of the gospel is much greater. During the years leading up to war with Japan the Shinto religion was made an instrument of government

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Baghdad

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policy and became a great barrier to the progress of the gospel. In India there has been a resurgence of Hinduism under present day nationalistic trends to the extent that many obstacles have been placed in the way of the gospel in that country.

It is only fair to say that in many lands the opposition presented by the Roman Catholic Church has been just as definite as the opposition presented by any non-Christian religion. Baptist churches have been closed in Spain and faithful Christians have spent weeks in jail because of their Christian services. Oppressive measures have been taken in Colombia to limit the progress of evangelical work. The progress of Baptist work in Catholic lands is made in the face of constant opposition from priests and Catholic church authorities.

Directed Prayer:

Pray for Baptists in Spain and Colombia (pause).

Pray that many people may have courage to confess Christ in Mohammedan areas (pause).

Pray for new Christians in Thailand who must follow Christ in a land that is almost totally Buddhist (pause).

Pray that radio and publication ministries may get behind closed doors and bring many people to Christ who otherwise would not hear (pause).

Unfavorable Governments and International Crises

In addition to the problems raised by governments where nationalism is linked with religion there are many hindrances which grow out of international tensions on a world scale.

In the days leading up to Pearl Harbor missionaries in Japan found themselves greatly restricted by growing hostility of the Japanese government toward anything related to America.

In the Near East mission work is seriously affected in crises. On Baptist hospital property at Ajloun, Jordan, a riot was staged which resulted directly from political tensions rising after the signing of the Baghdad Pact.

The sweep of communism throughout the world has made much more difficult missionary work in many areas. Everybody knows that China was closed to missionary service by the Communist government. No missionaries or money can be sent to aid Christian work in China now. Eastern Europe lies under the control of Communist governments, and it is impossible for missionaries to reside in lands like Yugoslavia and Rumania where once we had established work.

International tensions linked with resurgence of Hinduism have made it difficult for missionaries to gain admission to India. Many missionaries of boards long at work in that country have been unable to return and mission agencies which have not been at work there have found it impossible to enter.

Governmental barriers to mission work arise chiefly from Catholic influence, Communist domination, unwise nationalism, and international tensions.

Through the power of God these hindrances can be overcome. The patience, persistence, and readiness to suffer on the part of Christian people win the admiration of an unbelieving world. In Communist countries where no missionaries can be located and where no funds can be sent Christian work continues. This is true in China and in Eastern Europe. In those areas Christ's work still goes forward through the faithfulness of many who love his name.

Even when there is war and vast areas are disrupted our Lord is able to turn tragedy into triumph of the gospel. As a consequence of our being forced out of China, we are today widely deployed in our work in Japan, Korea, Formosa, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, and Pakistan. This extension of Baptist work in the Orient might not have come in many years except through the emergencies faced.

Pray for Christians serving their Lord in Communist China and Eastern Europe (pause).

Pray that the doors for missionary service in China may be opened again (pause).

Pray that the way may be opened for missionaries and Christian workers in dealing with unfavorable government attitudes (pause).

Pray for the progress of the gospel of our Lord in Israel (pause).

New Christians and Untrained Leaders

Imagine arriving as a missionary in Indonesia without knowing a single person and without having any Baptist constituency or national workers with whom to be related. This is exactly what our missionaries faced when they began Baptist work in that country of 80,000,000 people.

This is the same general situation met by missionaries as they enter new fields of work. It constitutes a major problem and is one of the most definite challenges to faith a missionary ever confronts.

To further complicate the problem illiteracy is so universal that many new Christians who cannot read are greatly handicapped.

Experienced church workers readily can imagine the many problems in undertaking to lead new Christians along the pathway of New Testament church life. Every problem reflected in the book of Acts and Paul's letters to the churches are found

among new Christians on mission fields.

In many places there is relatively little background of self-government to give a concept of New Testament church practices. All this must be shared with people who come to Christ out of non-Christian religions and cultures.

One can instantly visualize the vast need for Christian education and leadership training. This means that from the beginning on mission fields each church must project a thoroughgoing church educational program. Every educational principle which has blessed our own churches in the homeland can be applied with variation anywhere in the world.

Much more than this, however, is necessary. There must be a program of Christian education extending from kindergarten through college and seminary. There are 856 Baptist schools on the mission fields enrolling 118,000 students.

Among the Baptist schools on mission fields are 23 theological schools and four women's training schools. These institutions are of paramount importance. From them go forth leaders to serve the churches and institutions being developed.

Along with seminaries are junior and senior colleges. There are eight of these institutions extending their ministries on our fields.

Publication work is of vital importance in helping to develop a trained Christian constituency. More than 12,000,000 pieces of literature were earned out in 1956 including periodicals, tracts, books, and Bibles.

As a consequence of this type ministry there is trained leadership in countries like China where today Christian work goes on led by men and women who have received thorough training in days gone by.

Directed Prayer:

Pray for many people to answer God's call for service on mission fields (pause).

Pray for courage and wisdom for national Christian workers as they labor in their own lands (pause).

Pray for the work of leadership training on all mission fields (pause).

Militant Opposition of Satan

It is difficult to overstate the power of Satan in areas where the gospel is little known. Life without the inspiration and control of Christian idealism is very different from that which Christ produces.

Satan undertakes to frustrate Christian work by producing problems among Christian people and in the churches. Much prayer is necessary in order that victory may be experienced in individual lives and in churches.

One can understand this problem when he remembers Paul's concern for the church in Corinth and the perplexities of the Galatian Christians.

The challenge on mission fields calls for the

best trained and most dedicated hearts among us. It should never be thought that a person should go to a mission field because he cannot find a useful work in this country and might be able to do something there. Quite the reverse is true. The same effective leadership is called for throughout the world as is required at home. The difference lies at the point that even more serious problems often emerge on mission fields to challenge the best in wisdom, training, and dedication.

One of Satan's approaches is to tempt God's servants to become discouraged. The battle often is against overwhelming odds. Sometimes the missionary finds himself surrounded by such great need that he feels submerged in need he cannot begin to touch. As he sees his limited resources, he feels like crying out as did the disciples concerning the five loaves and two fishes. "What are they among so many?"

The missionary sometimes grows burden-hearted when he has waited so long for reinforcements and they are delayed in coming. The greatest appeal that comes to the Foreign Mission Board is for more missionaries. God's servants see overwhelming needs and their hearts yearn to meet them. They realize that it is impossible to get the message of salvation to those who ought to hear unless there are sufficient workers. Many times they wait and pray for years for reinforcement and still more missionaries do not come.

Directed Prayer:

Let us pray for more people to answer the call personally to go as missionaries (pause).

Let us pray that some in our own church may go as missionaries (pause).

Let us pray that we will so do our part that missionaries will know that the maximum effort is being made to reinforce them in their task (pause).

Negative Influences From the Home Base

The world is rapidly becoming a single community. What happens in one place is known around the world. America has emerged as the nation of major interest to all people of the world. Motion picture films and magazines have carried the story of America everywhere. Sometimes the story as it is told does not reflect credit upon our country. The missionary's heart is often made very sad as he goes through non-Christian cities and sees the influence of the wrong type of movies and magazines from America.

America is made known throughout the world by soldiers, business people, and tourists. Unfortunately, many of these are not Christians or else become unmindful of their Christians responsibility while in foreign lands. The work of the missionary is often made more difficult because of the bad influences they leave.

On the other hand, many wonderful contributions to Christian work around the world are

made by devoted men and women who go out in military or business capacities or who visit the world as tourists.

It would be good if every church could give such recognition to a member going abroad as to cause him to feel that he has Christian opportunities as an ambassador for Christ. There are servicemen in far more countries than are served by missionaries of our Board. If each one regarded himself as an ambassador for Christ, much could be done to make the world know of the Saviour.

Sometimes overseas students who have been in the United States leave with a very poor impression of American Christianity. Some study here for a number of years and are never invited to attend a church service. Others have never been in a Christian home. Many have found their pleasure afforded only by Americans who do not know Christ. Those young people return to their lands with an unfavorable attitude toward the Christian message as borne by missionaries.

Every community should seek proper Christian relationships with these students so that when they return to their own lands, they may carry Christ in their hearts.

Around the world the press reflects every development in American life. When there is anything on the American scene which can be interpreted as being contradictory to the principles of liberty and democracy, for which we stand, the Communist press gives wide publicity to it. The story of crime, juvenile delinquency and divorce in America is widely publicized.

In most parts of the world questions of race are very important and explosive. Incidents arising from racial tensions become headline news. In vast areas of the world the populations are non-white. Racial tensions in our country are viewed by these people as a commentary upon our Christian attitudes.

It is important for the people of America to approach our racial problems in such a way as to leave no question in the minds of the world's peoples concerning our love for our fellow man. We must keep in mind that America stands upon a spotlighted stage with the remainder of the world looking carefully upon what we do and appraising the gospel of Christ largely in terms of our actions and attitudes. By seeking to solve our racial problems in the spirit and love for Christ, we can demonstrate to the people of many lands that Christ is the answer to every human relationship.

Season of Prayer: Pray for the members of your church and others to give a Christian witness in every area of life that will reinforce the work of missions throughout the world.

Limited Resources for An Overwhelming Task

The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. It will change hearts and transform life.

This gospel, however, must be made known. Water will extinguish fire but it must be poured on the fire in order to accomplish this objective. Medicine in the bottle does not do the patient any good. The gospel must be made known in order to attain its purpose in human experience.

We are confronted with a mushrooming world population yet our Christian witness is increasing at a very slow pace. When we went to war with Japan, there were 73,114,000 people in that country. Today there are more than 90,000,000. Through the world the growth of population is far in excess of the increase in Christian testimony.

We are rebuked when we remember that while our total giving in the churches has greatly increased, the proportion shared to make the gospel known across the world has not increased. It remains, in fact, on the same level as in the days of the depression. This is a situation to move our hearts and cause us serious self-examination.

Through the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we have opportunity to increase our resources. We can unite in prayer for a vast increase in the number of our missionaries. Every church in the Southern Baptist Convention should long to be the mother church of a missionary. This can come about through prayer and dedication.

Through the Week of Prayer there can be created among us an attitude which will encourage young people to surrender their lives to go as missionaries. This attitude must be felt throughout the church and in the home.

Through the Week of Prayer we can be encouraged to bring our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering knowing that every dollar goes to meet needs on the mission fields. We can also renew our determination to increase our giving through the Cooperative Program so that every aspect of world mission labor can be strengthened.

Directed Prayer

Pray for mission volunteers (pause).

Pray for a volunteer from each church in the Convention (pause).

Pray that God may bring spiritual blessings through the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (pause).

Pray for liberal outpouring of gifts through the Lottie Moon offering that the gospel may be made known throughout the world (pause).

Pray that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may stimulate larger giving through the Cooperative Program for all work in world missions (pause).

Offering

Closing Thought:

"Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love Him, too
And trust in His redeeming blood
And try His works to do. Amen."

TOPIC FOR THURSDAY:

For God So Loved ... That He Called From All Races

Prepared by Juliette Mather

(Prayer Chairman Presiding)

Silent Prayer

Hymn: "Love Divine"

(all to Worship: John 3:16 in unison)

Hymn: "The Love of God" (to be sung as a solo or read)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for His love

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 6:8; Acts 13:2; 26:16; 1 Corinthians 1:24-29; Acts 40:34-35

"So Measureless and Strong"

Many women who attended the WMU meeting at Houston, Texas in 1953, will think of Mrs. Edna Wong whenever they hear the song, "The Love of God." This beautiful Chinese young woman sang this solo at the close of a session as a part of the devotional period. Mrs. Wong's life is now abundant in rich service for the Lord in Hong Kong. There was a time after her promising young husband's death when Edna Wong felt she would wrap herself in sorrow and grief. Then little by little the Holy Spirit moved in her heart. She saw that God's love was still "measureless and strong"; she knew that she had a witness others needed so she reached out of herself and began to sing and live for the Lord.

Around the world are wonderful people like Edna Wong who out of their night of sin have come into the light of God's love and who are now leaders in their lands as a result of Southern Baptist mission service. Today we will become acquainted with some of these shining ones filled with his wondrous love in other lands.

Let us begin by looking south to Ecuador.

Senora Lucrecia Carcelen

Senora (Mrs.) Lucrecia Carcelen is the charming president of the Woman's Missionary Society in Quito, Ecuador. Slender, tall for a person of Ecuador with lovely classical features, she is the mother of four children, and for twenty-five years has taught Spanish in the girls' normal school in Quito. She is also superintendent of an elementary evangelical school sponsored by the Swedish Evangelical Mission. This is the only evangelical school for Ecuadorians in Quito, where Southern Baptists have a kindergarten and hope some day to have a Baptist school. Senor (Mr.) Carcelen is one of the four deacons of the Quito Baptist church.

The Carcelen family first attended the Baptist church during the Christmas season in 1952, when an ex-priest was holding a revival. Mr. Carcelen and the older son and daughter accepted Christ soon after that. Jorge is a second-year medical student in the university. Maria Elena graduated this year from the normal school in which her mother teaches. These two have been baptized. The two young children are Carlos in high school and Isabel in the third grade.

Senora Carcelen was like most Ecuadorian women in that she was in no hurry to leave the Catholic Church, but unlike most she did not object to her husband and children following Christ. She is well-educated, with a university degree, not common among women in Ecuador. About seven months after her husband had accepted Christ she became a Christian. That resulted in many trials caused by her fellow teachers among whom she is a "marked woman," probably the only evangelical teacher in the public school. Nevertheless because of her ability, experience, and training she is often placed in prominent position on committees of representatives from all the schools in Quito. Quietly, discreetly she witnesses, giving her fellow teachers books and literature to read, speaking of her Saviour when there is opportunity. She has brought several to church services and we can pray that they will be won to Christ.

She is not only president of the WMS but also teacher of the Young People's class in Sunday school.

Senora Lucrecia Carcelen



Those Strange-Sounding Names

Senora Carcelen	Sayn-yo-ra Car-say-lan
Quito	Ke-to
Senar	Sayn-or
Guayaquil	Gwa-yo-keel
Cali	Ka-lee
Barranquilla	Ba-ran-kee-ya
Signora Schiro	Sayn-yo-ra Shy-ro
Ayotinde	Ay-yor-in-dee
Nyathi	Ny-a-the
Demi Abdurachman	Oo-mi Ab-dur-ach-man
Davne	Da-vow
Viciara	Ve-Chee-ere-a
Bogala	Bo-gyo
Sadomets Kawano	So-da-mo-to Ka-wa-no
Seinan Gohuin	Say-nan Goh-queen
Fukuoka	Foo-koo-o-ka

Senora Carcelen is one example of women and others won through Southern Baptist evangelistic efforts made possible by our prayers and gifts through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Directed Prayer:

Thank God for Senora Carcelen and others loyal to the Lord in Ecuador and pray there will be many others who will come to know Christ in countries to the south (pause).

As we think of this section of the world let us remember also Mr. and Mrs. Lerin and other nationals with the missionaries serving in the Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas from which streams of literature go out with the good news of salvation to all Spanish-speaking countries (pause).

In Guayaquil, Ecuador, our national pastor Senor Olmos, makes tape recordings which are used over radio. It is hoped that money in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocations may extend such a radio ministry. Rejoice that Baptists can broadcast in Ecuador. In some Latin American lands we cannot do so (pause).

Thank God for the courage and stamina of our churches in Colombia which are being started or growing stronger in the midst of persecution. Pray for the seminary at Cali and the hospital in Barranquilla—both so necessary to the development of strong Baptists (pause).

Pray for schools—primary schools in churches, elementary and high schools, for seminaries and training schools in Brazil, in Argentina and Chile, in Uruguay and Paraguay, in all lands where schools provide the daily Christian atmosphere in which young people can find the Lord and grow in grace, supplementing the direct evangelism of churches and mission points and efforts (pause).

Signora Lydia Schiro

Across the Atlantic on the continent of Europe also in a Catholic land, we have our wonderful Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome, Italy. There a remarkable woman teaches while she serves as executive secretary of the Italian WMU. Her name is Signora (Mrs.) Lydia Schiro. Signora Lydia Schiro is a living testimony to the faithfulness of Baptists laboring in the shadow of the Vatican. She was born to evangelical parents, her father having been disowned by his family when at the age of seventeen he accepted the teachings of the "heretical" group. Mrs. Schiro ascribes her own deep convictions to the Christian environment in which she grew up. Her religious training began at the family altar and as soon as she was old enough to read, she was given the responsibility of finding the Scripture passages to be read aloud. Thus she early gained an intimate knowledge of the Bible.

As a child Lydia lived with her parents in an apartment above the Trastevere Baptist Church where her father was custodian and also a deacon. Her mother took care of the children in the kindergarten and helped in the clinic for the poor. With such examples of Christian devotion ever before her, Lydia soon dedicated her life to Christ, participating in all the meetings of the church and on Sundays attending three worship services. At fourteen she made a public confession of her faith in Christ and presented herself for baptism. Thereafter, she had the responsibility of the Sunday school, was the church organist and led the youth groups.

When she was twenty the beautiful Lydia fell in love with Giorgio Schiro, a young Baptist theological student. Two years later they were married. After seven years in the ministry it was necessary that they return to Rome to live with her parents. Though the next four years were not easy ones, Mrs. Schiro's faith in the everlasting goodness of God did not waver. Soon a daughter, Milva, was born to them.

Just at that time, Woman's Missionary Union was getting under way in Italy. Eager to serve Mrs. Schiro joined the group in Rome, and after several years was chosen "as national counselor." In 1954 she was elected executive secretary of Italy's Woman's Missionary Union.

When in 1950 Armstrong Memorial Training School was dedicated, Mrs. Schiro joined the faculty, first as instructor of music. Today she teaches religious drama and assists in the teaching of WMU methods and organization.

In 1956, due to a decline in health, she felt compelled to present her resignation to the National Convention, but the Italian women would not accept it. Instead they voted to give her "an annual" so she could hire someone to help with the housework, thereby leaving more time to devote

to her other duties. After a period of rest, she is now serving as earnestly and enthusiastically as ever.

Once more the faith of the Schiros is being tested. The daughter, Milva, is engaged to marry a young man, recently converted to the gospel, who for ten years has been employed in a Catholic bookstore. The bishops and priests who are his employers tell him they will not permit an evangelical "demon" to work in their midst. Unless he marries in the Catholic church, he will lose his post. He is hindered in securing another position because he must present recommendations from a priest or swear he is a faithful Catholic. Even if the couple should choose to have a civil ceremony, the outcome would be the same. Then he would be accused of being Communist. Though the solution is not yet in sight, they have promised themselves and Christ whom they serve that they will not marry in a Catholic church.

The quality of Mrs. Schiro's faith is summed up in her own words: "One thing is certain—in all these years of service to Christ, he has never failed in his promises. Whatever I have done that is good I owe to the example and teachings of my parents who were for me a living gospel."

Directed Prayer:

Pray for the WMU work in Italy and in Spain, as well as the Catholic countries of South America where there is continual hindrance to organized efforts of Baptists (pause).

Pray for the girls and young women in the training schools in Italy, for the seminary students in Switzerland and in the Bible school in Spain. Notice that from your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$15,850 goes to the Armstrong Memorial School, \$19,000 to the Seminary, and \$12,000 to Spain's Bible school and scholarships. Follow this gift with your prayers thinking of all that these trained young people are to do for the Lord in the face of grievous handicaps and hindrances (pause).

Mrs. J. M. Nyathi

In Africa we are grateful for trained Nigerians, both men and women, graduates of our several schools which have been blessed by God through struggling years of growth. There are Dr. and Mrs. Ayorinde, graduates of our schools in Nigeria, who have completed post graduate study in the USA and returned to serve in the ministry and activities of Nigeria. There are others like them, going into the sections dominated by Islam, by Catholicism, and by paganism. So the Lord's name is little by little exalted in Nigeria and Ghana and in Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, and Tanganyika, and by a small group in Egypt.

Before Southern Baptists began mission work in Southern Rhodesia in 1950, Mrs. J. M. Nyathi was helping her pastor husband in Baptist

churches. While working in the Alexander Township of Johannesburg, South Africa under the South African Baptist Convention, new government rules were passed stating that any African who was a native of Rhodesia must leave the Union. Because Mr. and Mrs. Nyathi were rendering such splendid service every effort was made to secure permission for them to stay with the South African Baptists, but to no avail.

Mrs. Nyathi has never been afraid of hard places of service. When they arrived in Southern Rhodesia they found a truly pioneer work.

Besides Mrs. Nyathi's service with the women and children in the churches, she is a wonderful mother. In January, 1957 her son, Africa, entered the eighth grade at the Sanyati Central Primary School. Alice, John, Jacobeth, and David were also in school. Her daughter, Edith, married a fine Christian young man in 1956.

In 1952, Mr. Nyathi became very ill and for a year she had to be mother, teacher in the Baptist schools, leader of the churches, and nurse for her bedfast husband. Many of the months he was in the government hospital she prepared his food, then walked the long distance to take it to him. It was only through the strength given her by her Heavenly Father that she was able to carry on.

When Mr. Nyathi realized he did not have long to live he woke the family at 4:00 AM and told them to gather around his bed for their last worship together, for he felt that he would die before ten o'clock, the family's hour for worship. They sang hymns, read Scripture verses, and prayed together until the hour of his death, about nine o'clock.

Mrs. Nyathi was left with the complete care of the children. Soon after her husband died she asked one of the missionaries to join her in prayer that the Lord would reveal how she might serve him in a fuller way. She was teaching in a Baptist school and the leader in the WMU, but felt that she should be giving even more of her time and effort in the Lord's work. Not long after that the opportunity came for one delegate to be sent to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London. Mrs. Nyathi was chosen to be the first African ever to represent the Rhodesian Baptist Mission Board abroad. All reports say that she did it in a beautiful way and made a real contribution to the Congress in London. When she returned she was an inspiration to all as she described the Baptist Alliance and the large Baptist fellowship.

Last year Mrs. Nyathi was asked to help with the WMU work in other communities as well as her own. She led in the observance of the World Day of Prayer for Baptist women preparing and sending out the material to be used in Rhodesia.

Mrs. Nyathi has been a help and an inspiration to Southern Baptist missionaries. Her radiant faith in her Saviour was revealed when she gathered her children at her husband's graveside and sang a hymn of praise with them. They saw her



Dr. Sadamoto Kawano presides at family altar in his home in Japan.

sincere humility as she took a place of "followership" though in the beginning she and her husband had led and directed the Baptist work before American missionaries. She showed her courage in flying to London alone when she knew the meaning of race problems after living in the Union of South Africa. These are the characteristics of a Christian pioneer and a wonderful woman in Southern Rhodesia who signs her letters after the closing expression, "Yours in His precious blood."

Directed Prayer:

Pray for the fifteen schools in Nigeria (see list on page 41) which look to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; pray that faculty and students may be led by the Lord to a larger knowledge of his plan for their lives and the world (pause).

Pray for the graduates in places of leadership because of their advanced learning (pause).

Enlarge your praying to include the schools in Jordan and Israel, the few churches there, the hospitals at Ajloun and Gaza with the Arab as assistants on their staffs (pause).

Pray for faithful women who like Mrs. Nyathi serve the Lord with gladness, leading their children and others to know him through saving grace (pause).

The Orient and East Asia

Now let us look toward the Orient and East Asia with the new fields of Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, the Philippines, Formosa, Hong Kong, and the areas where Southern Baptists have been serving longer, as in Hawaii and Japan.

There is courageous Oemi Abdurrahman from Java in Indonesia who came to study at Carver School in preparation for service to her people. Before Oemi became a Christian, Mrs. Cowherd first had her as a language teacher. Each missionary who came to know her loved her and longed for her salvation. The battle was not easy but the victory in the Lord was wonderful. After months of consideration, Oemi decided she wanted to believe in Jesus and to be a Christian if she could. She thought this impossible because she had been a Moslem and had been taught that Jesus was only a prophet. The Lord led her pastor to challenge her to tell this problem to God in prayer and to ask him to give her faith to believe in Jesus. Before the prayer was ended she was confessing her faith and thanking Jesus for coming into her heart. The next Sunday was Easter and Oemi thrilled the church by stepping out to confess the living Saviour. She has made great sacrifices for the Lord.

In the Philippine Islands to which missionaries went as refugees from China and where Southern

Baptists are now building a work for the Lord, there are already devoted leaders. Some are Chinese, some are Filipinos. One Filipino woman in a town near Davao will serve to illustrate the devotion of women, men, and young people who are making God's love known in these islands.

Mrs. Viciera and her husband owned a small store in their town. When they heard the gospel and believed, they opened their rooms so that our missionary could preach in their store and home. Presently seventeen people were converted and went to Davao by jolty, makeshift, crowded bus, or walked the eighteen miles to be baptized. But there was no one to be the pastor. It was agreed that Mr. Viciera who yearned to preach the gospel at once after he was saved, should go to the seminary at Baguio for three years. He would then return to the church which the missionary would visit as frequently as possible while laymen conducted services on Sunday and in mid week. In order to finance this, Mrs. Viciera would go back to being a midwife to support the family.

Then some women missionaries went to the town and led in a vacation Bible school. Mrs. Viciera and her daughters helped. They went to another town and held a similar vacation Bible school. Carefully they made record sheets like the ones they had used with the missionaries. They had the closing exercises—all was carefully done following the pattern set by the missionaries. The mayor of the town ordered two roast pigs for that commencement and made it a great day. He said, "This is the first time anyone ever came and cared for our children."

There are other women who will catch such visions and carry them out, as Mrs. Viciera did if we are faithful to pray and give and send more missionaries to show them the way.

Now that we no longer have missionaries in China, our oldest work in the Orient is in Japan. We would expect to find there more fruit of the Holy Spirit's development of leaders. The presidents of our two colleges, one junior, one senior college rank, are Japanese Baptists.

Mr. Sudamoto Kawano attended Seinan Gakuin for boys at Fukuoka, Japan in its early days. He came expecting to be a Shinto priest. But the part of Seinan took hold of him and he learned in his own experience its motto, "Seinan, be true to Christ." Later with genuine sacrifice on the part of his wife and children, he studied at the Southern Seminary in Louisville and also at Oberlin University. He has been vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and presided over the Continental Conference on Asia at the Golden Jubilee Congress in London. In Japan he is president of Seinan Gakuin University which is made up of seminary, college, kindergarten, training school, junior high school, junior high school, and night college. Mrs. Kawano is a leader in Woman's Missionary Union of Japan, president of the dia-

trict organization.

Each year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides current expenses for Seinan Gakuin's various departments and for Seinan Jo Gakuin, the girls' junior college at Kokura. Special gifts have helped erect the several buildings. At the opening chapel service in 1957 Professor Kawano told of thanking audiences in the United States for their gifts which made Seinan possible. "A little child spoke to me, shook hands, and when he drew his hand away he had left a nickel in mine," said the president. "The people of America are not all rich but they add together gifts like that of this little child because of their love for Christ, and we are grateful."

Directed Prayer:

Pray that the money for Seinan, and for all schools of the Foreign Mission Board may be received through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and even more than the goal may be given so that the Board can distribute more money to schools desperate for classrooms, libraries, dormitories, and other equipment (pause).

Pray that all mission schools may truly present the message of Christ and provide atmosphere in which new Christians can develop into stalwart Christian leaders. Pray especially for the new Baptist college in Hong Kong, Southern Baptist's only college for Chinese students. Pray for the seminaries and their students in each country (pause).

Pray for the hospitals in Japan, in Indonesia, in the Philippines. Pray that doctors and nurses needed for these hospitals may volunteer and be prepared to serve before those at their posts break under their heavy toil. Pray that money for water, lights, operating room tables, X-rays, etc., may be supplied (pause).

Pray for a spirit of evangelism to grip and hold the hearts of national Christians everywhere (pause).

Pray that we will all continue faithful in praying for our missionaries, using the Prayer Calendar daily (pause).

Pray that we will bring our gifts of money mingled in sacrifice and prayer; of time and personality for community missions witnessing; leadership of young people that the story of God's wondrous love may be known to all lost people (pause).

Offering

Closing Thought:

"Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do" Amen.

TOPIC FOR FRIDAY:

For God So Loved . . . That We Must Love Him Too

Prepared by Dr. Floy Barnard

(Prayer Chairman Presiding)

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: John 3:16 in unison

Hymn: "The Love of God" (to be sung as a solo or read)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for His love

Hymn: "Love Divine"

Scripture Meditation: Ephesians 3:14-18

5:2 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 John 3:13-18; 4:19; 5:4; John 3:16

Worldwide Fellowship in Prayer

Prayer Chairman: Today is the Day of Prayer Around the World. It is a special day of worldwide fellowship in prayer. It is a day when Baptist women unite their earnest petitions for the salvation of the people of the earth.

It was during the December Week of Prayer in 1931 that Friday was designated as the Day of Prayer Around the World. And since then this day has been observed by increasingly larger numbers of Woman's Missionary Societies. Mrs. W. J. Cox in the book, *Following in His Train*, describes vividly the observance of the Day of Prayer Around the World. "Prayer began to ascend with the rising of the sun in Japan, which sweeping around the world crossed China, Palestine, Africa, Europe, South America, Cuba, the Southern Baptist home territory, and Mexico, ending in Honolulu where a little society of American Baptist women on the farthest ocean territory of the United States observed the day and sent a gift for the Christmas offering for foreign missions.

"As o'er each continent and ocean the dawn flings out another day

The voice of prayer is never silent

Nor dies the hymn of praise away."

Few realize and many never avail themselves of the tremendous power found in prayer. Tennyson said: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Hallesby stated that prayer is the most important work in the kingdom of God. Dr. Frank Laubach calls prayer the mightiest force in the world. Great things for God can be accomplished when God's children really pray. Jesus said, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss."

As we pray today we need first of all to ask God to give us the spirit of prayer. "Praying always . . . in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18). Remember that the

Spirit himself is making intercession for us that we may know how to pray. The spirit of prayer will erase unconcern, weariness, coldness, and help us to pray.

In the victorious prayer meeting at Pentecost it is said that they all with one accord devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:14). Today if our praying is effective we must put aside our own needs and pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."

Prayer offers to us great unused resources of God for kingdom building. Are we ready to accept the challenge? "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).

Directed Prayer:

Pray that each woman may accept the challenge of prayer that this day offers.

Pray that you may accept the responsibility of prayer today.

Prayer Chairman: Have you ever stood with Christian friends in a circle, clasped hands with them and prayed together? It is an experience long to remember. Just now take the hand of the woman at your side and imagine that you are in a friendship circle which extends from this room all the way around the world and then back again into this room. In this circle of Christian friends there are women of the Americas—North, Central and South. There are women from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the islands of the seas—everyone praying together. You will not understand every woman for some speak Spanish, some French some Japanese; but God who loves all of us hears each one—each in his own tongue. (Bow for silent prayer of at least a minute when every woman prays for a stronger Christian witness by women everywhere.)

This is the Day of Prayer Around the World. It could be a day of great victory for God, who said "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance" (Psalm 2:8).

Directed Prayer: (Before the meeting the prayer chairman may ask several women, whom she knows as women of prayer, to lead the prayer. These will have time for God to prepare their hearts. Suggest that the burden of the praying

Friday—Day of Prayer Around The World

For Baptist women this is the Day of Prayer Around the World and you have the privilege of this worldwide fellowship. What will you do with the day? Plan to make it a day of prayer. Each woman must make a decision now as to what she will do about the unmet needs, the unreached areas, and her individual obligation to world missions. Call upon the women for personal dedication as they meditate upon the love of God.

Take time to search your hearts and attempt sincerely to pray during this day. Do not hurry through these prayer periods.

In addition to the Friday meeting, we strongly urge you to observe all day Friday as a day of prayer, joining with Baptist women around the world in making our requests known to God. Consult with your pastor about these plans.

be for all who pray on this Day of Prayer to have the spirit of dedication and sacrifice. Seek to make this a time of heart-searching, confession, and preparation of the heart for prayer. Unless the women's hearts are warm and ready to give themselves to prayer, then the purpose of the day is defeated.

Call on these women to pray for themselves and then for all the women in this worldwide circle of prayer. Ask one woman who leads in prayer to pray that today the women of the Americas may have real understanding and concern over problems of serving Christ effectively; that they will pray with one accord for God's will to be done upon the earth. Another woman will remember the women of Europe, while another prays for the women of Africa, Asia, and the islands of the sea.)

A Vision of Whiten'd Fields and No Laborers

Prayer Chairman: Before Christian women can pray intelligently they must see and feel the spiritual needs all about them and then in areas far beyond. Let us awake to the spiritual needs that cry out to us from every corner of the world.

The picture "Go Preach" by Eugene Burnard shows a majestic figure representing Christ Jesus. By his side stands a young man. Christ has one arm around the young man, and with his other he is pointing out the distant horizon, seeking to show him the world of need. The young man's brow is furrowed, his figure is alert and tense as he seeks to see what Christ is seeking to show

him. You can almost hear Christ say "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields."

Today Christ has his arm around you as it were and is asking you to look and see the many people unreached by the gospel. He asks you to see the people in sin and in desperate need of Christ. He wants you to see that in many places there is no one near to tell them of Christ who can lift them out of their sin.

First Woman: Look upon the people of the world. See the countless numbers of men, women, and children of all nations; the black people of Africa, the yellow people of China, the white people of Europe, the brown people of India. (Use your large world map to indicate these areas.)

Note the hungry people of the world, some of them dying because of physical hunger. Throughout the world in every nation there are hungry people. Listen to them say to you: "Hungry are we. Ye who are fed, who never yet have lacked for bread, remember us the living dead." Physical hunger is tragic, but even more terrible is the spiritual hunger of the people of the earth. There are many who are dying without the Bread of life—the Bread of life which you and I have and delight in, often keep instead of sharing by prayer, money, our children.

Look upon the sick people of this world. In every nation there are the diseased ones. They need to know the healing power of the Great Physician.

Second woman: Masses of people possess fears, maddening and hopeless. They possess fear of life, of death. They are haunted, driven, ruled by fear. Filled with fears, their bodies are often diseased; their energies wasted. Many of these fearful ones have never heard the words of God, "Fear not: . . . For unto you is born . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). They do not know that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). They do not know that perfect love casts out fear.

Third woman: Hate enslaves countless people in the world. People are hating and being hated. They have hate within and hate without. They deal out death in their hate and prejudices. These people do not know God's love in its full scope. They have not heeded God to love their neighbors as themselves. Followers of Christ whose hearts are filled with his love and compassion must witness to the power of his message to these who are filled with hate.

Look upon the people of the world in darkness and oppressed by sin and iniquity. No one has told them that whoever believes on Christ shall be saved.

Do you see the people of the world: hungry, sick, fearful, hating, and dying in darkness with-

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(See list of allocations on pages 41-43)

Recapitulation	
General	\$741,590
The Orient	567,000
Africa, Europe and the Near East	537,063
Latin America	654,347
Total Already Allocated	\$2,500,000

out Christ? When Christ saw them his heart was moved with compassion. How do you feel when you look upon them?

Directed Prayer:

Pray that we shall examine our hearts that we shall be loving toward others.

Pray that all may become aware of the people about them and then beyond to areas unreached for Christ the Saviour of the world.

Pray that God will show us what we can do to help give his message of love and salvation to them.

Pray that he will send us to some soul today.

Prayer Chairman: There is another group of men and women we need to see today. This is a much smaller group. There are people of our own country, perhaps from our state, even from our town and our church. Possibly some of them are members of our own family. This small group is made up of the missionaries which the Foreign Mission Board has appointed to go out to help meet the spiritual needs of the hungry, fearful, hating, sinning, dying people of the earth. They have gone to people who never have heard of Christ Jesus, God's only begotten Son. They have obeyed God's call to go even to the uttermost parts of the world. The hearts of these missionaries are often disturbed and distressed because the spiritual needs of the people all about them are far beyond their ability to help. The task before them is overwhelming, and always unfinished. Approximately 75 million pagans on the continent of Africa are in countries in which our

missionaries are at work. There are too few of these heroic missionaries, only 274. Many of the seeking come to the very doors of the missionaries appealing to them to witness in their villages and establish churches, schools, hospitals, for they have none of these.

Can you imagine one single woman missionary in a territory far from the populous centers of the country, carrying the whole work of a missionary? She conducts church services, wins people to Christ and takes them in her truck to the nearest place to be baptized. She directs a school and teaches the teachers before they can help her teach in the school. She conducts classes for those who desire to do special work for the Lord but who are too poor to go to the schools in the far-away towns. She counsels with the people, represents them in legal matters, takes the sick to hospitals in the nearest town and helps to bury their dead. Can you see her need for your prayerful concern today?

You and I, too, have the same responsibility, for Jesus said to us also, "Go ye."

Directed Prayer:

Pray that God will call young men and women from your church to go as missionaries to some areas where a missionary has never been.

Pray that missionaries may be sent to fields where there are few helpers.

Pray that you will be willing for your daughter or your son to go, and that other fathers and mothers will be willing too.

Pray that the hearts of all Baptist women around the world may be so filled with love for the Lord that they will give an unequalled gift this Christmas time to speed the missionaries on their way.

Personal Dedication

Prayer Chairman: As we meditate now upon our personal dedication to the glorious mission responsibility God put upon each child of his, let us first review God's wondrous love for us.

It may be difficult to comprehend God's love for the world until we see that compassionate love set forth in the earthly life of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. It is made real to us as we contemplate the life Jesus lived upon earth among men, women, and children.

First Woman: Isaiah the prophet set forth in detail the earthly work of the Lord Jesus in an incomparable statement. "The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek . . . to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound . . . to comfort all that mourn . . . to give unto them beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:1-3).

Christ Jesus came to bring salvation. His life was filled with this blessed mission. He went about in all the villages seeking those who needed his love, understanding, and his saving grace. He sought them out. He ministered to their particular need. Wherever he went he brought healing to bodies and souls of the distressed, sinful ones.

You will recall that one day as Jesus passed through Samaria he met a spiritually needy woman at the well. He talked with her and the woman, unmindful of her water pot, hurried to the city to tell the people she had found the promised Messiah. In the meantime Jesus' disciples had returned from the town where they had gone for food, and they said to him, "Master, eat." But Jesus' thoughts were on things other than food. He had seen the joy in the eyes of a woman to whom he had given the Water of Life. He also knew there were many more people even in nearby Sychar who were still waiting to drink the living water. He said to his disciples, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of. . . . My meat is to do the will of him that sent me" (John 4:32, 34).

Always in every event of his life Jesus' compassion for people was evident. The written gospel often emphasizes the fact that Jesus was moved with compassion as he looked upon people. One of the most touching of many such instances was when he wept over Jerusalem, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together . . . and ye would not" (Matt 23:37).

Second Woman: Reverently let it be said that Jesus set the pattern of life for his disciples to follow. He intends for us to follow that example. "The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

Today it is through the followers of Jesus Christ that God helps men and women; that he lifts them up out of fear, hate, and sin into lives of usefulness and joy. God is in the world reconciling people to himself through Jesus Christ and he chooses men and women, even you and me, to be instruments of his purpose in salvation. Martin Luther said with reverence and dignity: "God hath willed His truth to triumph through us." When God gave his beloved Son he provided the means for our redemption. His reservoirs of grace are full, but he needs channels through which the living water may flow. God needs women in witness to his saving grace and power. God needs Christian women living Christian lives in their communities. He needs women and youth proclaiming his redemption in every town, in the blocks where they live, out and out farther and farther even to the whole wide world. "We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do. Shun not the struggle."

God needs women of prayer—women who will give love and energy and tears, who will be

willing to travail in prayer.

Out in the darkness of sorrow and sin
Somebody needs your love.
Led by the Master that soul you may win
Somebody needs your love.

—B. B. McKINNEY

Third Woman: God needs women to work for him, for the hungry must be fed, the naked clothed, the distressed comforted. Children must be loved and cared for, the sick and afflicted ministered to. Justice must be proclaimed. Sin-sick and weary souls must be brought to Christ. God needs you. Are you ready to follow in the path he set before us?

Lord speak to us, that we may speak
In living echoes of thy tone.

As thou has sought, so let us seek

Thy erring children lost and lone.

Directed Prayer: (The pauses made for silent prayer should be long enough for the women to pray.)

This is a blessed hour, for God is here. Bow your heads, close your eyes and remember: God is searching the very depths of your heart. He knows all about you. Nothing is hidden from him. He is speaking to you of his love for you. He is asking you, even as long ago he asked Peter, "Lovest thou me?" (John 21:16). (Pause.)

As you speak to him now, tell him how you really love him. (Pause for silent prayer.)

Thank and praise him for his love for you. (Pause for silent prayer.)

Ask God to help you to know what he wants you to do. (Pause for silent prayer.)

Ask God to help you to be willing to pay the price to be a woman of fervent, effectual prayer. Pray, "Lord, teach me to pray."

Ask him to help you to witness each day by the life you live. (Pause for silent prayer.)

Ask him to help you witness to others concerning your own salvation experience and seek to win them to Christ. (Pause for silent prayer.)

Ask him to help you to give even this week generously, sacrificially and lovingly of your money for foreign missions. (Pause for silent prayer.)

Ask him to help you to give your children to go and thus you through them can go into the uttermost parts of the world. (Pause for silent prayer.)

(Ask someone to close this time of silent prayer and make it a prayer of complete dedication to God.)

Offering

Closing Thought:

"Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do." Amen.

Those Strange-Sounding Names

Lushchik
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Margaret Fund Students THIS SCHOOL YEAR



Sons and daughters of missionaries, both home and foreign, benefit from this scholarship fund provided by the members of Woman's Missionary Societies and youth organizations as you give to the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings each year. Many of the children of foreign missionaries are away from parents for most of their college experience. All these young people need your prayers, so pray for them especially when you see their names listed in Call to Prayer.

Members of missionary organizations have wanted to contact these students during the school year. Their names, college, and mailing address are listed below for your use.

Name	School	Mailing Address
ALABAMA		
Doreen Owens (Near East)	Howard College, Birmingham	(Same)
ARIZONA		
Terry Lamar Branch (Oregon)	Grand Canyon College	2901 W. Colter Phoenix
CALIFORNIA		
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KANSAS		
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KENTUCKY		
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MASSACHUSETTS		
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TENNESSEE

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Davis L. Cooper San Marcos, Peru
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Jerry Valdivia San Marcos, Peru
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Abel Becerra San Marcos, Peru
Peter Miller San Marcos, Peru
Evangeline & Hobe Barrera San Marcos, Peru
Manuel E. Miller San Marcos, Peru
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Moises Rodriguez
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Sadie Rodriguez
Obad Millan
Sara Santana

PALAUER ON A SAFARI

(For final Circle study of Continent in Commotion)

According to information in *Fun and Festival from Africa* by Rosa Wright, Portuguese explorers gave the word palaver to the parleys that African kings held at their central cottages. These palavers were meetings in which matters of importance to the tribe were discussed.

Let your last session in the study of *Continent in Commotion* be a "Great Palaver." Decorate the place of meeting to give the appearance of an African village. If there are posts in the room wrap them in fringed brown crepe paper. Old umbrella frames covered with green fringed paper attached to the posts turn them into make-believe palm trees. Hang on the walls the African mural and bulletin paper about persons, priced \$1.00 and 75c respectively, both from your book store.

Display all materials used in the previous sessions. Arrange two or three additional exhibits such as products typical of the countries you have studied, curios, and painted matter suggested in "Leader's Guide for Adults."

Have a "palaver-woman" at each display. These women may lead the group to get attention. As the members go from one to the other the palaver-woman explains her display which may be a sort of review.

The head palaver-woman (chairman) pulls the group together. Let them sit informally around the room. Ask each member to tell what she has enjoyed most or considered her last discovery during the whole safari. Limit each person to one minute if you have as many as twenty present.

Let this part of the palaver center around women. Give facts about women both African and missionary from text and suggested magazine articles listed in the teaching help. See pages 57-59 and 117 in *Continent in Commotion*.

By all means get a copy of the September 1937 issue of *The Commission*. Information may be typed on smaller paper cut smaller to fit over a black miniature map of Africa. Here are some items to be added to facts gleaned from other sources:

One of the outstanding events in 1954 was the organization of the African Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance. There were fifteen representatives from eight countries. The meeting was at Camp Young near Ede, headquarters for the Nigerian WAMU. Mrs. George Morda, chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, and Mrs. Edgar Bates of Ede, a vice-president of the Alliance, welcomed in the organization.

Miss Mary Perry, missionary to Nigeria, was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II on June 13. This is the highest award that has been conferred on a Southern Baptist missionary by the British Crown.

If there is time discuss the following question and statement:

1. "Would it be better to have Christian African leaders or Americans? Why?"
2. A British statesman once said referring to Africa, "One cannot continually disappoint a continent."

Include the study with a social hour. Africans love riddles. You will find a good selection in the teaching guide for the young people's book. Type riddles on slips of paper decorated with African seals. These may be drawn out of a clay bowl or a hollow miniature drum at a designated time. Serve fruit salad liberally spiced with coconut, peanuts, and coffee strong enough to have been brewed in the jungle.

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