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Alaskan woman



Spanish young woman



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# See the People

with whom you share the gospel

as you give through the

Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions

Neighborhood Workers - Canton, Atlanta



Young mothers and children in a school



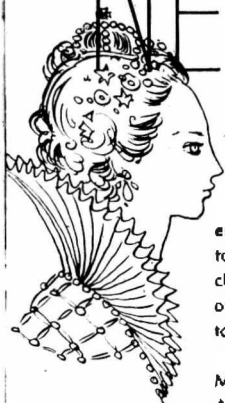
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# NEW AGE for SELF-DENIAL OFFERING



FROM TIME TO TIME all of us are seized with the longing to escape from the age in which we live, to go back, if only for a moment to some other period. Opinions only differ about the period we should choose. Quite a lot of people I think would want to go back to the age of the Crusaders. Others would choose the age of Elizabeth I, if only to see what it was really like.

Personally, I would choose the years of our beginnings in Woman's Missionary Union. I would very much like to "look in" on Miss Annie Armstrong in 1894 and have her tell me all about her dreams for a time of prayer for home missions and that first "self-denial offering."

But we cannot go back. We must stay at home in our own time. Even in our imagination we must stay where we are unless we are prepared for strange habits and customs, prepared to write letters by hand, to go to meetings in horse and buggy, to meet in cold buildings, and prepared to make sacrificial offerings.

And it is this last thought which strikes home! Are we willing to approach the spirit of giving which the women had in "Miss Annie's" day? Are we?

Could we by any stretch of the imagination call our Annie Armstrong Offering a "self-denial offering?" I feel certain that you join me in saying, "No, we cannot!"

Let us take time to look about us and see what might happen if we should really make a self-denial offering. A spell holds me as I see hundreds of churches built with the 1958 Annie Armstrong Offering—many of the "30,000 churches and preaching points" we have promised God to build before 1964. Do not imagine from this statement that I am exaggerating what could be done.

Far from it! All that is needed is a united spirit of determination on the part of our eight and a half million members of Southern Baptist churches to give in this year already dedicated to prayer—a full week of prayer and a "self-denial offering."

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union

Now what about it?

Miss Annie Armstrong called on the women of her day to give a self-denial offering. It was the people of that day who responded, beginning to tell the story of Jesus to the people of the USA who did not have him in their hearts.

Nor must we ever forget that there are still many people in America who need the Lord. And best of all, glowing like great jewels of light, are Woman's Missionary Union organizations ready to prove to God that we in our day can give with self-denial.

And then perhaps some day some seventy years hence some woman will say, "I wish I could go back, if only for a moment, to that period in the history of Woman's Missionary Union, the year of 1958, when the women gave a real self-denial offering."

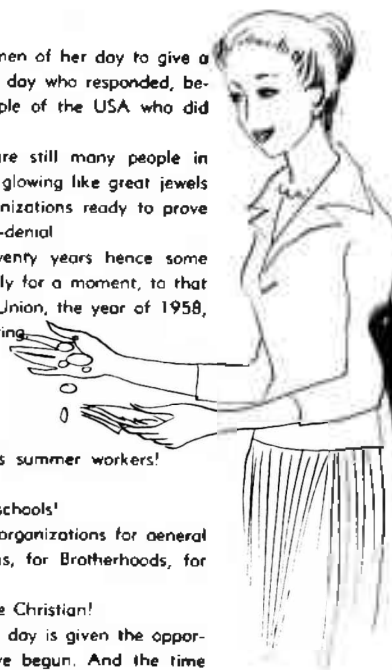
• And it was adequate!

- || built churches, hundreds of them!
- || built good will centers!
- || sent out new missionaries!
- || sent more and more young people as summer workers!
- || provided scholarships!
- || built mission centers, kindergartens, schools!
- || even gave assistance to the new state organizations for general work, for Sunday schools, for Training Unions, for Brotherhoods, for Woman's Missionary Unions!

It did so much to make our country more Christian!

And so it goes on. To each of us, in our day is given the opportunity to build on what our predecessors have begun. And the time quickly passes for us to achieve all that God would have us to do.

May he help us to see that in this strategic time in the history of mankind we must make this a great day. To that end let us all meet together in prayer, March 3-7 and make in 1958 a self-denial offering for His glory.



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Cover—Fellowship, need for mutual encouragement and help bind together the 22,000,000 Baptists in 100 countries around the world today.

Hands of all are extended to assist a discouraged group in Communist Hungary, a persecuted fellowship in Colombia or Spain. Through the Baptist World Alliance needs are known and met more quickly; BWA Sunday is February 2. Read pages 15 and 16 of this Royal Service for information about Baptist World Alliance.

February is the middle month of home mission emphasis. Usually we strongly stress work in our own country during January, February, and March. You know the reason for this. We are getting ready for the climax of this interest in the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

During February will you sensitize your heart to the need, the sin, the heartbreak, loneliness, the lost multitudes around you. Knowing and feeling the need, then you can pray with greater power. Pray too that the Annie Armstrong Offering will far exceed the \$2,000,000 goal. What will you give to make your neighbors Christians?

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## A Woman's Response

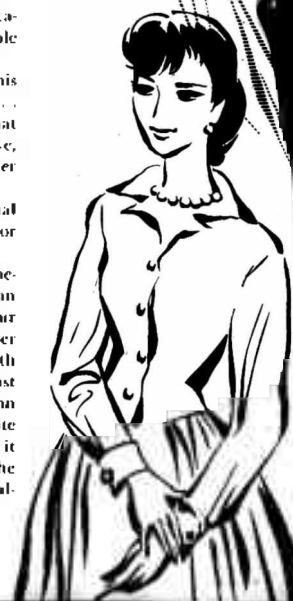
WOMEN have had a very important part in the advancement of the Lord's work throughout the ages. Jochebed, the mother of Moses, made possible his early training and his marvelous leadership. Samuel's mother, Hannah, was faithful to her promise to God and lent her son to the Lord all the days of his life. Esther, with a spirit of complete dedication, played her part in the preservation of God's chosen people in a time of eminent danger and adversity.

To Mary, the sister of Lazarus, Christ spoke some of his most words of commendation when he said, "Let her alone . . . she hath wrought a good work on me . . . she hath done what she could." And he implied that her example of faith, love, and sacrifice should be an inspiration to others "wherever this gospel shall be preached."

"She hath done what she could." May that be the personal goal of every woman during the special Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7.

Surely the challenge of needs and opportunities in the homeland deserves your best. It appears that no other nation can launch and maintain a worldwide mission program in our generation. Asia with her dearth of Christian churches and her predominance of other religions, cannot do it. Europe, with her churches standing as empty tombs, lives in the glory of past ages and is impotent to launch or support a great mission program. Africa is still steeped in heathenism and appears quite inadequate to give our generation the Christian leadership it needs. England, the mother of modern missions, neglected the home base and is now so shackled by agnosticism and material-

by Courts Redford  
Executive Secretary  
Home Mission Board



## A Woman's Response

ism that she is almost helpless in evangelistic endeavor. South America, wearing the yoke of Romanism and sacramentalism, is unable to promote a spirited dynamic program of missions.

All the world looks to the USA for Christian leadership; but, our country cannot give that which she does not have. America must be genuinely Christian if she is to fill her place in today's world for mission advance.

Southern Baptists should find a big place in this moment of our nation's destiny. We have a much needed program of evangelism. We have a church-centered mission program designed to plant churches and missions in every nook and corner of our land. We have a democratic spirit that quickly crosses all barriers with the gospel to win and enlist people of every area and every walk of life.

Baptists are now planning a great soul-winning effort. The first scheduled year of our Third Jubilee Advance will be given to a special emphasis on evangelism. It is hoped that such preparation and organization may be perfected during 1958 as to make possible the best results in 1959. 1958 has been designated as a year of prayer for the Advance. Never has any Week of Prayer for Home Missions been so surcharged with possibilities for evangelism. (See Caudill article in January ROYAL SERVICE.)

The growth of cities, the increase of population, the movements of our people, and the urgent need for the gospel have imposed upon Southern Baptists the greatest need for new churches and mission stations which we have ever known. Realizing this need, the Convention initiated the 30,000 movement through which it is expected that Southern Baptists will start 30,000 new churches and preaching points by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Atlantic City in 1964.

Women will have a big part in this effort in church extension. Their prayers, their

Dr. Courts Redford with Miss Alma Hunt and Mrs. R. L. Mathis

personal ministries, their influence, and their gifts will contribute much to final victory.

You are needed in this movement. When the final record is completed will it be said of you, "She hath done what she could?"

In periods of unusual advance there is great danger that minority groups may be overlooked or neglected. Be it said to the credit of Woman's Missionary Union that she has ever been aware of and concerned for these minorities. It is so today. A spiritual ministry is being provided for practically every neglected, isolated, unfortunate, and underprivileged group in our land, largely through the efforts and support of Woman's Missionary Union.

Your prayers, your interest, and your gifts have made it possible for our home missionaries to cross barriers of race, nationality, of economic and social differences, and of distance, taking the gospel of Christ to people of all ages. More and more of them have been enlisted in the total program of our denomination so that today many of the most enthusiastic supporters of the 30,000 movement and the Third Jubilee Advance are members of minority congregations such as Spanish, French, and Indian churches. The Negro congregations are working within the framework of their own convention to enlist their people in an advance program very similar to ours. We all go forward together.

Your prayers, your personal ministries, your program of community missions, and your gifts which support an aggressive home mission program have made possible

our unusual achievements in these areas.

There are six things which Woman's Missionary Union contributes to the Home Mission program of advance.

First is understanding and a sympathetic heart. Through all the years of your history you have served as a faithful helpmate to implement and reinforce the programs and policies of our Board. It is of tremendous value to our missionary family to know that you understand and that you care.

Second, your educational programs, plans and materials inspire and stimulate our constituency. Your literature, your fine magazines, and your visuals flow as a mighty stream into our homes and our churches to increase concern for home mission work, our Board and for its work.

Third, your members are doing a good job in missionary participation. Many are serving in missionary projects on the local level. Through conferences, camps, conventions, and assembly programs you have brought women and youth into contact with "live missionaries." Thousands of your members have found places of volunteer service in Good Will Centers, mission centers, and with minority groups.

Fourth, you have rendered a worthy service through personal and united prayer. Every missionary looks forward to that time when his name appears on the calendar of prayer. We all look forward to the Week of Prayer for Home Missions when thousands of our church members are engaged in concerted prayer for our missionaries and our mission causes. The Week of Prayer for Home Missions is to our missionary movement very much the same as the evangelistic revival is to our soul-winning efforts. It quickens the hearts of our people. It stimulates interest in various phases of mission endeavor. It calls for personal consecration. It prepares our people for sacrificial giving.

Fifth, you undergird and support our mission program with your gifts. We are grateful for your growing interest as manifested by your increase in the Annie Armstrong Offering. In 1940 you gave \$167,

904.81 and in 1956, \$1,574,890—a 900 per cent increase. These offerings provide about 40 per cent of the total operating expenses of the Board and provide between \$200,000 and \$500,000 annually for buildings and equipment.

We are looking to you for at least \$2,000,000 in the 1958 offering. About \$1,500,000 of this will be used for the support of missionary operations on our various fields.

We now have 27 phases of work in 42 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Panama, the Canal Zone, Canada, and Cuba. Your gifts will help to support about 1200 full-time missionaries and 450 summer workers. In addition to \$1,500,000 for current operations, \$500,000 will be available for much needed buildings and for special projects in our program of advance. The more you give, the more we can do.

Sixth, your efforts through education, prayer and giving have resulted in the dedication of young lives out of your homes for full-time mission service. In most lives many factors and influences are brought into focus to cause one to surrender for mission service. In the great majority of these cases, Woman's Missionary Union is one of these factors. In this hour when we need more missionaries, when our work is expanding and when the prospects for the future are so very encouraging, we call upon you to redouble your efforts to make many more fine young people available for our mission fields.

Thanks for all that you have done through the years and for what you are going to do during this time of special Home Missions emphasis. Please remember that the Home Mission Board is your Board. That its work is your work, and its missionaries are your missionaries. Its accomplishments and triumphs are your accomplishments and victories, and its advance into new areas is your advance.

Let us join hands and hearts and resources to do our best for the Master, and when the final achievements are totaled may the Lord say of each of you, "She hath done what she could."

# Jewish Evangelism

by Margaret Laswell director of Jewish work for St. Louis Mission Board

Many Baptist women seem to hesitate to tell those of the Jewish faith that Jesus is the true Messiah, the Saviour for every person, whether he be Gentile or Jew. In St. Louis we have discovered many ways to be friendly with Jews. God has blessed this work and a number have found Christ as Saviour.

During a revival crusade, many of our churches planned a Jewish Neighbor Night. In preparation, the women made personal visits to Jewish people in their community, helped in mailing personal letters of invitation written by the pastor, and sponsored the fellowship luncheon after the night service.

Many blessings were received during this visitation. One Baptist woman had been a friend of a Jewish neighbor for five years. She said, "I can talk with her about everything except Christ!" We encouraged her to extend a special invitation to this service and when she did, the Jewish woman said, "I've known for five years that you had something I did not have, and I was wondering if you were ever going to tell me about it. Will I hear about it at this service?"

There are many ways for normal, friendly contact with Jewish neighbors and friends. An Annual Hebrew-Christian Tea is sponsored

by our women. This is a time when Baptist women bring their Jewish friends and enjoy fellowship together. Thirteen Jewish women attended this year, and most of these had never been inside a Christian church.

A Christmas party, sponsored this year by our business women, is given for Jewish boys and girls, and children of other races.

Some of our women helped to provide food and clothing for a needy Jewish family with four children. They witnessed to them about Jesus and both the mother and father have since been baptized.

The Business Woman's Federation, Young Woman's Auxiliary, and the Intermediate boys and girls of our association have studied the book *Our Jewish Neighbors*. We prepared a work book about Jewish friends for the Juniors and it was used also in our associational Girls' Auxiliary camps.

This past summer, during vacation Bible school, our women assisted in arranging a visit to a Jewish Orthodox synagogue. More than 1100 boys and girls heard the rabbi explain the symbols and customs of the Jewish religion. The importance of this visit was shown when a little boy said, "Miss Margaret, we must hurry and tell people about Jesus!"

This is a group of Jewish people who attended a service for Jews at Mary Ann Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

They are Mrs. Tackman, Arthur Tackman, Danny Tackman, Sam Schwartz, Jenny and Jerry Rosenfeld, Mrs. Sam Schwartz and her daughter Violet Cohn, Max Cohn, the evangelist and Margaret Laswell; the two children in front are Rosenfelds.

All are Christians except Jerry Rosenfeld. Mrs. Rosenfeld accepted Jesus as her Messiah at our Jewish Neighbor Night at Baden Baptist Church in St. Louis. Mrs. Tackman witnessed to her at that service.



"Except the Lord build the house..."

by Mrs. Howard Butt

A close friend of mine is in the midst of building a house. Only a short time ago she and I sat in her living room poring over blueprints, discussing the architecture—whether to build the low rambling ranch style so popular in Texas, or the more contemporary with its broad expanses of glass and outdoor living, or the staid traditional. It is exciting and thrilling to contemplate and plan a new house!

But I want to tell you about something which I have found far more exciting and thrilling than building a house—building a home, a Christian home.

What are the building qualities of a Christian home? Perhaps we could use an acronym to pinpoint our thoughts, the letters spelling out the word HOME.

FIRST, are we building a hotel or a haven? The unique problem that American women face today is that our houses are not lived in. The American home in our generation is more like a hotel than a haven. The home was once the center of all activity. Today it has become the stopping off place to grab a sandwich, hang a hat in the evening, and shed our grousches!

Sometimes good things become enemy of the best. Many good things are becoming the enemy of the home. Susie must rush to the Tri-Hy-Y meeting. Dick has Little League practice. Burt is due back to school for a band rehearsal. Mother has a committee meeting to promote the sale of tickets for the symphony, and Daddy has a bank board meeting. Good things—enemy of the best.

Is your home a hotel or haven for your

family? The haven of rest for your husband? The place of refuge for your children? Or is it only a house which could correctly have a sign out front that reads "Room and Board"?

It stands for hotel or haven. "Except the Lord build the house" it will be a hotel. If he builds it it is a haven.

ARE we rearing our children as orphans or offspring? Someone has said, "Babies are bits of star dust blown from the finger tips of God." Oh, it is so true! Children are the best mortar that ever held a home together. Our children, which come as the fruit of our marriage, produce a divine solidarity. Yet, with them comes grave responsibility.

Some of us have the false impression that rearing children involves no more than bearing them; feeding them, clothing them, and sheltering them! Far, far from it!

We have many orphans today, orphans who have parents. Orphans who are not found in the orphanages. We have orphans living in the loveliest homes, accepted in the socially elite circles, going to the finest finishing schools. We have study club orphans, country club orphans, civic club orphans. We have church orphans. Some women are so wrapped up in projects they



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do not have time to be parents!

The story is told of the busy-busy woman who went to a meeting for the improvement of parks on Monday, a study club Tuesday, Ladies Aid on Wednesday, garden club Thursday, and a lecture on home economics Friday. Hurrying home, late for supper, she saw a dirty little boy playing in a mud puddle. She chided him, had unkind thoughts about his parents, and asked him where he lived. The dirt-spattered boy looked at her wide-eyed, "Mommy, don't you know me?" Orphans in our homes may be created by neglect.

It is an overwhelming thought that God should choose weak, imperfect men and women to guide faltering little steps. God

has chosen fumbling amateurs to carry out the most important task in the world, that of rearing children. Our intelligence would have told us to make some other arrangements, but he performs wonders in mysterious ways. Having chosen parents to do the job, he does not leave us alone. He is our helper.

So O stands for orphan or offspring. "Except the Lord build the house" there will be orphans. If he builds it there are offsprings.

**C**ONSIDERING the calling of the home, do we have maintenance or motherhood?

My young brother-in-law, when just a little tot, came to his mother one evening and posed a question, "Your name is Mary isn't it?"

"Yes," she answered, "My name is Mary."

"Your name is Mary Holdsworth Butt isn't it?"

"Yes, that is my name."

"But your real name is Mother, isn't it?"

"Yes, my real name is Mother."

The woman of the twentieth century is called by many names. Sometimes she is called President, sometimes Board Member or Lecturer, often Chairman, Committee Member, or Sunday School Teacher. But always and primarily she must be called Mother.

"Motherhood is not merely a biological process. It is not merely dull domestic work. It is not merely a job. It is a holy calling," so Elton Trueblood tells us. Be bold your calling!

Perhaps you, as I, must confess that there are times when we feel frustrated, defeated, discouraged with the multitudinous details of housekeeping and child rearing. Often at the end of a day I say, "What have I really accomplished today? In what way have I served Christ this day?" But was a moment. Pauline Trueblood encourages our hearts with these words: "Sometimes

a wife and mother is doing her work best when she is seemingly doing nothing," when she takes time to read regularly to the preschooler, when she stops to plant a carrot seed with the four-year-old, when she patiently explains that the lovely rosebud must be returned to the next door neighbor from whose garden it came, when she listens to the sounds of a sea shell with an enraptured youngster, when she takes time on a trip to stop and pick wild flowers—this is not time wasted! Far from it!

We as housewives complain that we do not have the freedom a career woman or professional man has in getting out into the world, making contacts, and having a positive influence for the Master. Instead we are encumbered with the taxicab service for the teenagers, the car pool for the kindergarten crew, helping with the school lessons, running household errands, marketing, cooking, housecleaning. Wasn't it Peter Marshall who placed the plaque over the kitchen sink in his home? "Divine services are held here three times a day?" Housekeeping itself is a part of our divine call! It becomes sacred when we perform it as unto the Lord. You and I, as mothers, have a divine task second in importance to none.

We can let M stand for maintenance or motherhood—"Except the Lord build the house" there will be maintenance. If he builds it, there is the eternal influence of true motherhood.

**I**n thinking of Christ, are our homes built for earth or eternity? In Acts 5:12 it is recorded, "Not for a single day did they cease to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus the Christ, in the temple and at home" (Moffatt).

Above all else we must make Christ himself the very heart and center of our homes. He is the foundation upon which we build the superstructure.

Anybody can build a house. We need the Lord of creation in a home. The Christian gospel seeks to change houses into homes. The New Testament does not say

very much about homes. It says a great deal about things that make homes. It speaks of life, love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith. If these are practiced by a family living in a house, it becomes a home.

Paul Calvin Payne says, "Having a Christian home means far more than a household of nice people who treat each other fairly, kindly, and who go to church regularly. It means a home where Christ is known, and loved and served, where children come to know him through their parents, where eyes see far horizons of a world to be won for Christ."

We each teach our child about God whether we are aware of it or not. Our actions speak louder than our words. Our attitudes, our conversation, our habits, and our interests speak for us.

Only the other day my little five-year-old boy and I were in the kitchen helping to prepare the evening meal. We were singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" when suddenly he stopped to ask the question, "Mommie, are they on our side?" Already he has the impression that Christianity is forever militant. It must be the militancy of love. I must prove this fact by the way I live before my five-year-old every day.

More than anything else in the world my husband and I want to build a Christian home for our little boys. Our primary goal in life is to rear our two sons in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." How are we to do it? By our family devotional period, prayer, grace at meals, faithfulness in church attendance, and more important than all the rest, by the way we live every day as parents. We want to show them the way to the Master. We want Christ himself to be the host of our home, and though unseen always felt to be present. How thankful I am that in the nine wonderful years since Howard and I became husband and wife Christ himself has been our partner, today he is the Master of our home.

Money can build a house. Add love and you have a home. Add Christ and you have a temple!

Howard and Barbara Dan Butt with their sons





A first grader rushed in from school. "Mother, I'm the smartest boy in my class," he exclaimed. "Did the teacher tell you that?" asked the proud Mother. "Nope," he replied. "I noticed it all by myself." There are many things children notice for themselves. Inconsistency in home life and Christian profession are obvious to a child. As Christians, we profess to believe in Bible reading and prayer. It has been estimated, however, that 90 per cent of our Christian homes do not have a family altar. This may be a pessimistic percentage, but it reminds us that the time has come to examine a few truths.

Parents are the first and most influential teachers of Christian ways. Christian living is something we catch as well as learn. A small boy had watched his mother save

## write it on their hearts

for the Annie Armstrong Offering. One Sunday he was caught putting \$5,000 in play money in the church collection plate. When reprimanded for this, he wept. "But Mother, it's all I've got." He had caught a spirit of generosity. Another small boy grasped a spirit of reverence for the ministry. When the preacher passed by, he pointed him out to his sister. "There goes God." A pastor once remarked that if he wanted to know who his loyal supporters were in the congregation, all he had to do was watch the attitude of the children.

There are no substitutes for parents. A father must realize his importance from Bible language which speaks of God as Father and we as his children. A father can change jobs but he cannot change sons. If he fails on his children, his failure is great indeed. A mother who thinks she can hire someone to take her place underestimates her calling. A four-year-old boy liked for his mother to lie down by him until he went to sleep. One night she was unusually tired and went on to her bed. "Come sleep with me," he demanded. His father offered, "I'll sleep with you." "No,"



by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

was the emphatic reply. "Why not?" inquired the father. "Because—you're not a mother." There are some things only a mother can do, and maintaining a peaceful, orderly, and loving home is one of them. No need to pray if there is tension, bickering, disorder, and grief.

Lives are the world's greatest sermons. The old saying is familiar to all, "What you are speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say." This is certainly true in the home. A child wanted to wait and come home with her preacher-father after church. The mother said, "Didn't you hear Daddy say in his sermon that he had another meeting after church?" The child replied, "Oh, I just thought that was some more of his preaching." There must be no conflict between what we preach and live. The same child crawled into bed between her parents one morning. She glanced at her snoring father and remarked, "I wish you'd look at the preacher." Our children look at us in the intimate contact of day-by-day living. Children have a front seat for the sermons of their parents' lives.

Each home can be a Christian institution. A little girl went to a neighborhood Sunday school leaving her parents to read the Sunday paper. She returned with a new-found truth, and wished to impress them with it. "Where is God?" she asked her father. "God's in heaven" he replied while still reading the paper. "Where's heaven?" she persisted. Her mother and father exchanged exasperated glances. "Oh, it's far, far away. Run on out and play." The child was smart. She reasoned that God was far away, but it really didn't matter much after all: her mother and father didn't care.

No single danger faces our nation greater than that of the decay of family life. Amelia Rappold, a home missionary in New Orleans, said that she could not remember a single meal where her family all sat down and ate together. Even a perfunctory blessing before a meal gives the family

a needed religious experience. But how can they have this if they fail to have their meals together? A home loses its meaning when everybody is just there between appointments and dates. It takes time to teach the Bible and create an atmosphere for prayer. It takes patience to explain to a small boy who explodes, "I thought I told God not to let it rain."

Family worship is a rewarding experience. A ten-year-old was required to write an autobiography. She concluded with a G.A. memory verse that she and her mother had studied. "All we like sheep have gone astray." The teacher praised it highly. A classmate challenged her authorship. "If you wrote it yourself," she stated, "how did you know that Bible verse?" Familiarity with the Bible was beyond that child's understanding, for she had never heard her father or mother read the Bible or pray. Parents who wish to leave religious instruction to the Sunday school must remember that the church will have the child for Bible study one hour on Sunday morning and there are 168 hours in the week. Such parents are like the six-year-old pretending to appear on TV. After her song, she bowed and threw out her arms in a loving gesture: "God bless you ladies and gentlemen. I'll be back on the program again next week." A child must be made to realize that religion is more than a once-a-week affair.

A housewife had as her hobby knitting baby booties. She took a pair to her next door neighbor's new nephew. As she leaned over the crib she was horrified to see both little feet in steel braces. "Why didn't you tell me?" she exclaimed. "If I had only known."

Christian mothers have no excuse for ignorance in regard to the importance of family worship. We need not say, "If I had only known" for more than two thousand years ago the Lord spoke through Jeremiah telling the people to put his law "in their inward parts and write it in their hearts." Then he would "be their God, and they shall be my people."





### More Books Are Read by People

Literate Southern Baptist women may be startled to know that the typical American has not read a book other than the Bible in a year. The American Institute of Public Opinion issued another revealing fact: More books are read by people who live in the East and Far West than in the South and Midwest. More than half of the high school graduates have not read a single book for the past year; one person in four with a college education has no better record. The United States now ranks seventh on a world list of adults who regularly read books.

### The Pope's Voice

Pius XII recently blessed a new Vatican radio station costing 2.5 million dollars. The powerful short-wave transmitters will carry his voice for the first time to all parts of the world including Soviet Russia. The money was contributed by Roman Catholics throughout the world. Protestant money should be used to give the people of the world the freedom to choose religious propaganda. The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention provides weekly broadcasts on 440 stations in 34 states and several foreign countries. Since the appearance of television the Commission is also using the new method of reaching millions for Christ.

### Indian Schools Segregated?

Many people are asking if the Federal Government maintains separate schools for Indian children. Officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs say there is no "racial segregation" as such in the Indian schools. To qualify for entrance without paying tuition a child must be at least one-quarter Indian. Non-Indian children must pay tuition, because money for the schools is earmarked by Congress specifically for the education of Indian children.

Today more and more Indian children are being educated in public schools. Language difficulties and restriction to life on the reservations are no longer the barriers they used to be. In 1900 fewer than 300 Indians were in public schools. Today latest official figures show 76,250 in public schools, 38,295 in federal Indian schools, and 11,010 in mission schools operated by various denominations.

### Temperance Programs Around the World

Last fall Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance made a survey of temperance programs in eleven countries. "In Japan, India, Hong Kong, Thailand, Egypt, Lebanon, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, England, and Alaska there is some type of temperance movement under way," writes Dr. Hooton. The Institute for the Prevention of Alcoholism in India was

cited by Dr. Hooton as evidence of an increasing desire in many countries for leadership in the search for solutions to alcohol problems. India is moving toward national prohibition.

In our own country the National Distillers Products Company held a two-day meeting in New York City with 400 salesmen in attendance from all parts of the world. The president of Licensed Beverage Industries reported that per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages declined 9.2 per cent between 1942 and 1956. Two reasons he gave for the decline are excessive tax and the "alcoholism propaganda which tended to scare otherwise moderate drinkers into total abstinence." He said a program was soon to be launched by the industry to place the blame for alcoholism where it belonged; namely on the man and not the product!

Dr. Andrew Ivy, chairman of the department of clinical sciences at the University of Illinois, warned that if America does not cut down on its drinking habits the plague of alcoholism will reach every family in the country. The research scientist further stated that more than 200,000 new alcoholics are appearing in the United States every year.

### Russian Baptists and the BWA

Russian Baptists celebrated their ninetieth anniversary in 1957. Today 550,000 are on the church rolls. To get the real number of Baptists in Russia one would have to ask each person how many he had personally led to Christ. For every Russian Baptist is a missionary. He stated a leader who came to this country after the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in 1955.

Russian Baptists are conservative in their theology. The Bible is the authority for faith and practice. Requirements for church membership are exacting. To join a church by letter one must submit written statements from others who approve the character of the applicant. To obtain membership by baptism one must be 18 years old, apply for membership and be "observed" for a year. After passing a thorough examination on theology and practice the candidate is then admitted to the church.

Russian Baptists do not permit members to drink, smoke, or dance. Neither do they believe in the marriage of a Christian to a non-Christian. They dress simply. The women wear their hair long; they do not use cosmetics.

Among the delegates to the meeting in Hamilton, Ontario of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance was the tall, bearded president of the Russian Baptist Union, Rev. Y. Zhidkov. When asked about religious freedom in his country, he said that by the constitution all religions have equal freedom of worship but not the freedom of propaganda. Youth under 18 are not allowed to receive any religious training outside the home. No Sunday schools are permitted, but Baptist churches have Bible classes for 18 year-olds and over who are candidates for church membership. Even with these restrictions Dr. Zhidkov pointed out, "We are receiving 10,000 to 15,000 new members a year."

On February 2 many Southern Baptist churches will be observing BWA Sunday (see page 16). In the country where rocket engineers have the moon at their feet let us pray that the evangelicals will be so compelling in their witness that even the men of science and government will come to bow before the awesome power of the God of the universe.



Mr. Zhidkov



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## An Arm of Home and Foreign Missions

On first glance it seemed odd that the month of February should be marked on denominational calendars for emphasis of both home missions and the Baptist World Alliance. Since the Alliance is undisputedly international in its scope, we think of it as an arm of foreign missions.

But a visit to the Baptist Building, only a few blocks from the White House on Washington's beautiful Sixteenth Street, will remind you that the Baptist World Alliance has a vital connection with Baptist activities in our own country as well as overseas.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Alliance, points out that BWA is concerned with evangelism and education and the general ministry of Baptists everywhere.

In our own America, the Baptist World Alliance is at the forefront of planning for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a seven-year continent-wide evangelistic program, 1954-61. The idea of BJA, as the advance is being called by its planners, originated with Dr. C. C. Warren during his presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

But BJA is bigger than one convention. Dr. Warren envisioned it to encompass every Baptist on the North American continent, since its date is timed to conclude with observance of the 150th anniversary of the first national Baptist co-operative work in America—the convention organized in Philadelphia in 1814 to sponsor Adoniram Judson's mission to Burma.

For seven years, beginning with the New Year's Eve prayer services last December 31, all Baptists in North America will work together for the winning of souls and the enlistment and training of Baptist people.

The fifth Baptist Youth World Conference meets in Toronto, Canada, June 27-July 2, 1958—drawing together for fellowship and Bible study thousands of American young people and representative youth from 50 other nations.

Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance, is in general charge of the Toronto planning. He is known to Southern Baptists for his earlier work with the Department of Student Work of the Sunday School Board.

And in 1960, some 2,000 to 3,000 Southern Baptists will join hosts of other Baptists from all the world's continents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the Alliance's tenth Baptist World Congress. Mark the date now, June 26-July 3, 1960, and call your travel agent! On their way these traveling Baptists will make stops at two Southern Baptist home mission fields—Cuba and Panama.

It is entirely appropriate therefore, in the midst of a three-month emphasis on home missions, that Southern Baptist churches pause on Sunday, February 2, to observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

Southern Baptists can know that 22 million Baptists in more than 100 countries on six continents will be observing the same date—and that as the sun's rays make their trip across the earth's surface that day, Baptists of many colors and many nationalities will be praying in many languages to Almighty God for the progress of kingdom work everywhere.

The idea of a Baptist world fellowship originated, as far as Baptist historians can learn, with a London minister and editor, Dr. John Rippon. That was in the year



Rev. B. R. Moses of India gives Bob Denny, BWA youth secretary, \$6 from Indian Baptists for Hungarian relief

1790—even a few years before William Carey instituted what we call the Modern Missionary Movement. Dr. Rippon's hope seemingly was all but forgotten for about a century, until around 1900 when Dr. A. T. Robertson of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary echoed it in an address. Editor J. N. Prestridge of Kentucky took up the cry, to soon be joined by Editor R. H. Pitt of Virginia and others.

These dreams for a Baptist world gathering in London were realized in 1905, and before the some 3,000 enthusiastic Baptists adjourned they organized the Baptist World Alliance "to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation."

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, formerly president of the Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary at Oslo, is general secretary of the Alliance and heads the Washington staff.

Through various information outlets, the chief of which is a monthly magazine, *The Baptist World*, the Alliance pulls all these groups into a globe circling family.

The bigger fellowship—ever mindful of

Ephesians 4:5: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism"—gives encouragement to those areas where Baptists are a minority people among vast non-Christian multitudes. Ideas are shared in evangelism, teaching, training, missions and doctrinal emphases, so that all may profit from each other. And when famine or persecution hits, the whole fellowship co-operates in relief to those who are oppressed and distressed.

Fellowship, service, co-operation—these are the keynotes of the Baptist World Alliance.



Two Canadian youths with Mr. Denny plan for world youth meeting in summer, 1958



Mrs. George R. Martin and Dr. Earnest Payne, general secretary of Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland

# The Arroyo Across the Road

by Audley and Jo Hamrick missionaries to the Navajos in New Mexico

In the vicinity of the Alamo Navajo Baptist Church is located the home of Fannie Cleveland. She is one of the most faithful members of the church here in Magdalena, New Mexico.

It was when we visited Jose Maria Apache, that we met his granddaughter Fannie and her two children. Although Jose could not speak English we felt his radiant testimony and sensed his devotion to the Lord when we heard him pray in Navajo. Fannie is very close to him and helps to care for him as he is advanced in age.

Fannie and the other members of her family spend most of their time in summer living outside. Many do not even have the convenience of a range on which to cook. Most of the people cook over an open fire, however, some use ranges out in the open.

When Fannie wants to iron she doesn't plug in an electric iron but uses flatirons heated over an open fire to press her long satin skirts and velvet blouses which are the typical feminine apparel of Navajo women. These outfits are quite colorful and are often decorated with silver.

It is not a simple matter for Fannie to obtain water for cooking and washing. It means taking the horses and wagon to the Rio Salado and bringing back water in barrels. Then the water has to be siphoned out of the barrel into a bucket for drinking or other uses.

Fannie Cleveland lives in a Navajo hogan house with her son, Milton and her grandfather, Jose Maria Apache. In mild weather the kitchen is moved outside the house where there is plenty of light and space.

Horses are not only used for work such as hauling water but they provide the chief means of transportation such as the time when Fannie rode to our home to ask for help when the children were sick.

Fannie and her family asked us to come over each Sunday to bring them to church. We hoped it would be a means of leading Fannie to know Christ. One day during our spring revival Mrs. Milton Leach, wife of our co-ordinator and evangelist in the revival and Mrs. Hamrick were taking Fannie home from the service. They talked with her about accepting Christ as her Saviour. The next time Fannie came there was a happier expression on her face. In the meantime she had given her heart to Christ. Now it is a blessing to go for her and see her smiling radiantly.

She does not let discouragement keep her from church. During the rainy season this summer the arroyo<sup>a</sup> on the road between the church and Fannie's home washed out and when Brother Hamrick started to get Fannie and her family for church he could not get across. Before the next service Fannie and some of the children had taken their shovels and worked on the road so that the missionary could get across the next time. This was a big task for a woman and children. But before another service the rains had come again and washed the road away, but the missionary told them he would meet them at the arroyo so they would not have to walk all the way. That evening as he got to the arroyo, he could see Fannie and the children on their way to meet him. When they got to the arroyo they took off their shoes and waded across. Another time when the missionary could not pick

them up because of car trouble they walked all the way.

Yes, Fannie is faithful to her church and is willing to serve. She may be interpreting for kindergarten or Sunday school or taking her part in Training Union. Since Fannie has little education, she has a hard time with some of the words and often comes to Mrs. Hamrick asking,

Some of the 115 missionaries to the Indians who are supported by the Home Mission Board work on isolated reservations described by one missionary as "forty-eight miles south of nowhere, 37 miles northwest of Magdalena, New Mexico, and 48 miles south of Corrao." That description locates Alamo Baptist Church where Rev. and Mrs. Audley G. Hamrick work with the Navajos. This missionary averages driving over 3,000 miles a month in his effort to reach the Indians on his field. Sometimes the work is discouraging and the spirit of the missionaries drops bottom, but the reward comes as one by one the Indians turn to Christ as Saviour. Last year 1,218 professions of faith were reported by the Home Board's missionaries to the Indians.

"What is this word?" Then on Sunday evening she stands before the group to witness for Christ as she gives her part in Training Union.

Often as we have been riding together, Fannie has said, "Let's sing 'Shi K'ad Jesus Bihee Yishaat Doo'—I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," and we will join in with our broken Navajo to help her sing and are thankful that her life shows that she is following Jesus. Many others here need to find him as their Saviour.

<sup>a</sup>A small watercourse, arroyo.



## Continue Mission Study in the Circles

At your January Circle meeting you began your study of *The Long Bridge* with the presentation of the author, Phyllis Sapp, using information from the prepared Teaching Helps for that book.

Since that time the Home Mission Board has felt it wise to withdraw *The Long Bridge*. Dr. Courts Redford says, "The withdrawal does not indicate any decrease of interest or concern for our program of Negro Work. The program has been expanded and the budget for such work has been increased."

"When preparation for the book was started in 1952 there was no indication that the promotion and study of such a book would incite divisive discussions or aggravate race tensions. Because of more recent developments, it now appears that this is an undesirable time to study [*The Long Bridge*]. . . . It is because of this unfavorable timing of the study that the book is being withdrawn."

### YWA—An Indispensable (Continued from inside back cover)

opportunities for undertaking larger mission projects, offers leadership development, inspiration, and fellowship.

One of the most attractive distinctives of Young Woman's Auxiliary is the Gift Bible Ceremony. When a member is to be married she is presented with a Bible. Usually it is a white one which may be used at her wedding. The presentation ceremony is most inspiring as the pastor, counselor, and members of the YWA assure the bride-to-be of their prayers for her in this new relationship.

Never could I tell all the reasons why all Baptist young women sixteen to twenty-five should be members of a Young Woman's Auxiliary. But it has been gratifying to watch YWAs develop into home mis-

"It is ever the purpose of this Board to promote harmony and co-operation in the denomination and in our churches and, furthermore, we earnestly desire to maintain the wonderful co-operation that we now have in the support and promotion of our Negro Work."

Fortunately the excellent *Look, Look the Cities* was also promoted as a book for adult study. It is also fortunate that your January Circle study is fine as your beginning study for *Look, Look the Cities* by Albert McClellan, 50c from your Baptist Book Store.

Cut from secular magazines pictures which show life in the cities, including minority people which make up our city populations. Mount on large posterboard, printing at center "Look, Look the Cities—at our February Circle Meetings." Put poster on church bulletin board.

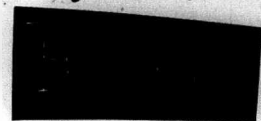
Read again Luke 10:25-37 pointing out the concern which Christians must develop for the needy, but especially for the lost. (Continued on page 40)

sionaries as well as overseas missionaries; to see them become church educational and youth workers, state youth secretaries. Others are mothers, taking places of leadership in their churches. One Ann Hasseltine YWA president is now a state WMU president, one is a convention-wide YWA director, and another is her associate.

I have not mentioned all that this missionary organization means to a girl in the development of world awareness, her spiritual life, her Christian witnessing, her sharing of possessions, but you know through experience or observation.

It is no wonder then that I say Young Woman's Auxiliary is indispensable in the life of all young women, in the life of your daughters.

## FEBRUARY



by Kate Chenault Maddy

## Doorposts and Gates

Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West," 443 Baptist Hymnal

A Declaration of Faith—Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Introduction: Picture Moses and the children of Israel wandering about in the wilderness with their faces and hopes turned toward the promised land of Canaan. There were practical and spiritual problems to be solved; temptations to meet. The right and good way of living was hard. Because Moses depended upon God to guide him, and because he listened to instruction, he was able to lead God's people in a magnificent and victorious way.

He exhorted these people to listen carefully to the commandments and to observe them—to be doers of all that the Lord had commanded. Let us listen to his exact words again (read Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

These verses are the first Scripture verses taught to Jewish children today. The Jewish name for this particular passage is the *Shema* which is the word "hear" in He-

brew. This passage is most often referred to as the Jewish Declaration of Faith.

You will note that Moses reminded his people that "the Lord our God is one Lord." He was conscious of how necessary it was to keep reminding the children of Israel of this fact. They had not forgotten how the Egyptians worshiped many gods, and there were still times when they were tempted to worship something they could see and touch.

Moses wanted to help his people to see that not only must they recognize God as the one and only Lord, but that God demanded allegiance from the whole man—heart, soul and might.

Not only were they to observe the commandments, they were to teach them to their children. Moses therefore made specific suggestions as to times and places when the parents should talk to their children about observing the commandments which God had given. They were to be the subject of conversation in the home and as they left home to go anywhere. The children were likewise to be

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

Devotional Period: A Declaration of Faith  
Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West"  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Prayer  
Jews in the United States  
Good Citizens  
A Religious Debt  
Revival in Judaism  
Rapid Growth  
Definite Plans  
Beyond Our Borders  
"There Is None Other Name . . ."  
A Young Jewess Finds Jesus  
A Recent Jewish Convert  
Directed Work Among the Jews  
The Purpose  
Our Workers  
Our Response As Individuals  
Our Response As A Society  
Sentence Prayers  
Hymn

reminded of the statutes early in the morning and before retiring in the evening. Later the Jewish law required the children to recite every morning and every evening, "The Lord our God is one Lord."

Moses even suggested some visual aids for teaching the children. They were to wear a portion of the Word of God on the hand and on the forehead between their eyes as a constant personal reminder of God and what he had done for them. This custom is practiced today by the Orthodox and Conservative Jews. During weekday morning prayers each wears a phylactery. The phylactery is a square leather box with a loop on the underside through which is passed a thong for binding it to the hand or head. These little boxes contain four sections from the Scrip-

tures: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-31 and Exodus 13:1-10, 11-16 (read the last two). (The idea of the phylactery can be demonstrated with a small matchbox and a ribbon.)

Another suggestion was to "write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Jews have continued this practice through the years. The *shema* is written on parchment and placed in a small metal or wooden box called the mezuzah (*mez-zoo-zah*). This ornament is usually set at an angle about eye level to the right of the entrance to the house. In many of the Orthodox and Conservative homes they are found on almost every door in the house.

Later in chapter 6 Moses reminded the people that if they observed all that the Lord commanded them, they would be

blessed. However, he reminded them that punishment would come if they forgot God and failed to keep his law.

Christians have a great appreciation for this Jewish declaration of faith. None of us would minimize the importance of keeping the commandments. None of us would deny that God demands all of life. No one of us would want to fail to recognize the importance of training our children in the way of the Lord; all would express belief in the triumph of the righteous and the ultimate punishment to those who break the law. We believe with our Jewish friends that this Scripture passage is important. If only they could believe with us another important truth which is found in the New Testament in John 10:9 (read it). The Christian today is concerned not only over

a declaration of faith. He must be busy in living his faith in Jesus Christ the Saviour so that neighbors and friends will turn to Him.

**Prayer of thanksgiving for the Old Testament teachings and for Jesus, the Messiah whose birth and teachings are revealed in the New Testament.**

#### Program Chairman:

Today we glimpse briefly the faith and practice of Jews who are our fellow citizens and neighbors by

*Learning of their religious life*

*Recognizing their contributions as citizens of our country*

*Knowing the plan of Southern Baptists for winning Jews to Christ*

*Examining our own hearts to see if we*

### Program Helps for Doorposts and Gates

**A Scroll:** The program chairman will see that scrolls are given to each person as she arrives. A plain sheet of paper, 8½"x11" will make two program scrolls. If the society is small, the programs may be written in or printed by hand. If you cut a stencil, type a program outline in each column, then cut each sheet in half lengthwise. Attach the program at each end to a wooden (sucker) stick or secure from a lumber company the size desired. Attach ends to the sticks, roll each back to center and secure with a rubber band or paper ribbon.

**Doorpost:** Place above a partially opened door at front of room in which the society meets the words "Hear, O Israel." Attach to the doorpost or facing a mezuzah (*mez-zoo-zah*) at an angle about eye level. The person who reads the Scripture may go to the door, open the mezuzah, take out a small scroll on which the Scripture verses Deuteronomy 6:4-9 have been written. She reads from it rather than from the Bible.

**Poster:** The same idea may be carried out with a double poster board or a covered screen. The mezuzah may be drawn, or better still, made and attached at the proper place. Write across the top "Hear, O Israel."

The mezuzah may be made of heavy gold paper. Or, cover with metallic paper a small, oblong matchbox in such a manner that it can be opened. Attach this to a heavy piece of gold

paper or gold-covered cardboard the width of the box but extending beyond each end about one half inch. Thumbtack or tape these in place.

**Substitutions:** If the program chairman or the person discussing "Good Citizens" would like to add stories of other Jews whom she may know, she should feel free to do so.

Also, changes may be made under "There is None Other Name," if the person giving this knows personally the story of the conversion of a Jew and wishes to use that instead of or in addition to a story given in program.

Or, should there be a Christian Jew in the community who would like to come and share his experiences with the group, then this part of the program could be adjusted to allow for this.

**Jewish Calendar:** Make a calendar of Jewish holidays, using those mentioned in this program.

**Picture dictionary:** If time permits, and there is interest, make a picture dictionary on a large flip chart. Pictures and brief explanation of familiar Hebrew symbols other than those listed below may be drawn on the chart. Holidays may be added to chart too, if you wish. Selection may be made from the glossary in *Your Neighbor Celebrates*, (Gilbert and Tarov) price \$2.50 or from *Our Jewish Neighbors*, Halbeck, price \$.75 from your Baptist Book Store.

#### Listed are a few symbols:

**Beth Knesset** (*bat-knes-set*)—"house of gathering" or synagogue

**Hallah** (*hal-lah*)—Sabbath loaf, usually braided

**Megillah** (*me-gil-lah*)—A special scroll parchment containing the book of Esther, usually read during celebration of Purim.

**Mezuzah** (*mez-zoo-zah*)—wooden or metal container for "shema" used on door entrances

**Phylactery** (*fil-act-ter-ry*)—container for "shema" to be bound on forehead

**Sefer Torah** (*sa-fer-to-rah*)—scrolls containing the five books written by Moses

**Tallith** (*tal-lis*)—fringed prayer shawl

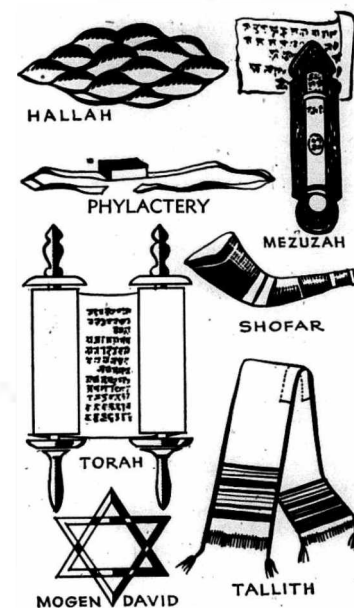
**Yad** (*yad*)—"hand" or pointer used when the Torah is read in the synagogue

**Mogen David** (*ma-gen da-veed*)—shield of David, symbol of Jewish religion

**Shofar** (*sha-far*)—the ram's horn used in celebration of New Year and Yom Kippur

**Continue the program:** After the closing prayer, give to each woman the leaflet, "If I Were a Jew," by Henry Alfred Porter (free upon request from Department of Jewish evangelism, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, Atlanta 3, Georgia).

If program guides are not provided, it will be necessary to make some explanation of the plan for closing. This may be done before the program begins, or just before the period designated "sentence prayers." This particular way of closing should help the women to think more about what they have heard and also feel that the tract is an important part of the program, and it is!



*have proper concern for this large minority group  
Finding ways of witnessing personally in  
the name of Jesus to the Jews we  
know.*

### **Jews in the United States**

In 1954 the Jews of America celebrated the American Jewish Tercentenary—the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the first group of Jewish settlers to the United States. The theme for this celebration was "Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities Under Freedom."

It was in 1654 that a ship sailed up the Hudson River and deposited twenty-three Jewish refugees on American soil. They landed at New Amsterdam (now New York City), a small Dutch village with a population of less than a thousand people. These Jews sought American soil because of persecution in Brazil. At first they felt that they had really found rest and freedom, but they were soon disappointed in the attitude of the intolerant governor, Peter Stuyvesant. America had not yet worked out its pattern of religious freedom, and these Jews found that they, along with certain other religious groups, were not welcome. These Jews were poor, and the governor complained to the Amsterdam Chamber of the West India Company of their presence, pointing out the fact that they would be a burden upon the rest of the people. The company considered the complaint and sent back the following message: "These people may travel and trade to and in New Netherland and live and remain there provided that the poor among them shall not become a burden to the Company or to the community but be supported by their own people."

These Jews were patient, courageous and hard-working. They wanted to be a part of the community. They soon petitioned and gained the rights of citizenship. As early as 1695 a synagogue was built in the city and remains as one of the oldest houses of worship in existence in the city of New York.

From this small number of twenty-three, the Jews have grown to number five and a half million in the United States.

### **GOOD CITIZENS**

Through three centuries, the American Jew has assumed his full share of responsibility as citizen in the United States. He is so much a part of America that it would seem unnecessary to stress this fact. Yet it is fitting that we recognize, not in self-glorification but in self-respect, the good things that Jews as a group have brought to our beloved country.

The Jews have brought to the United States a deep religious faith and have kept it alive within a harmony of differing faiths. They have brought a love of the arts, and a respect for those who create with words and sounds and colors. They have brought a tradition of learning, of scholarship, of scientific curiosity. With the Jews' all too intimate knowledge of persecution, they have brought a deep passion for human freedom and personal dignity. With their intimate knowledge of poverty and privation in the Old World, they have brought a striving for social justice and equality of economic opportunity. They have not been the only ones to bring such values to America; others have done as much or more. The Jews have joined with their fellow citizens in making our communities better.

We mention here a few contemporary Jews in the United States, not forgetting that some made important contributions to our early history.

Martin A. Marks, a prominent Jewish executive, was the creator of the first Community Chest in 1913. It was started in Cleveland, Ohio and was patterned after Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Professor Albert Einstein made the late President Roosevelt aware of the need for atomic research. And it is interesting to note that three years ago, of the twenty-six sponsors of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, eleven were Jews. It is safe to assume that the proportion still holds.

Simon Guggenheim established the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation of three and a half million dollars for aiding scholars, scientists and artists regardless of race, color, creed or sex.

Living Berlin, song writer, is loved especially for his "God Bless America" and for the choral arrangement of "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," the words of which were also written by the Jewess, Emma Lazarus.

Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, has recently been called "an architect of faith, a builder of men and a shaper of a better world for all mankind" by the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Such praise was showered upon him because of his discovery of more than a thousand ancient sites in and near Bible lands.

### **A RELIGIOUS DEBT**

Out of the household of Judaism has come our Bible. This race gave to us Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, Amos, and Micah, along with many other great leaders and prophets. Then later from the same group came Peter, Paul, John, Matthew, and Timothy. It was through the Jewish people that God saw fit to reveal himself to the world in the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus learned, loved, and kept the law as found in the Torah, the sacred Scriptures of the Jews. He stated that he had not come to destroy that law but to fulfill it.

The Torah is composed of the first five books of our Bible—those attributed to Moses. Each Sabbath of the year a section of this Torah, written on scrolls, is read aloud in synagogues. On the last day of Succoth, a thanksgiving festival which lasts for nine days, the year's reading is completed. The scrolls are carried around the synagogues as the children follow with banners, candles and songs. Early the following morning the celebration begins again and Scripture reading begins again with the book of Genesis.

### **Revival in Judaism**

There are three Jewish denominations in the United States. They are the Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox. The congregations of all three groups are approximately equal in size and their growth has been more or less equal as each has expanded. All three use practically the same Biblical and rabbinical writings. They hold in common many ideas about God and about right and wrong, along with the destiny of the Jews. The main difference is in the place of the law in Judaism. Some groups feel that the laws dealing with rites and ceremonies are important and should be observed in certain ways, while other groups take a different view.

### **RAPID GROWTH**

At this time in American history, when it seems that the Jews could more easily than ever break with Judaism, there is a very spirit of revival. There is a returning to the synagogue, more emphasis has been placed in recent years upon the training of Jewish rabbis, and there is renewed interest concerning propagation of Judaism in the home and in the synagogue school.

There are at present four seminaries in the United States, one for training the Conservative rabbis, one for training those of the Reform group, and two for Orthodox rabbis. The Jewish Statistical Bureau reports a rapid growth in the number of trained rabbis during the past fifty years. According to their report, "This growth in influence and in expanded service to the Jewish community may be expected to continue."

In 1854 there were 70 rabbis in the United States, in 1900 there were 526, but in 1954 there were 4,257! The rabbinical services now extend beyond the service to congregations. Approximately 25 per cent of the rabbis in this country are engaged in specialized Jewish community service. Some are in the field of education; some in social work and welfare; and others are engaged in activities in the field of worship and religious observance.



## DEFINITE PLANS

Leaders of the Reform branch of Judaism held a meeting in Cincinnati during mid-October, 1957. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss juvenile delinquency and social evils.

Earl Morse, chairman of the evaluation studies committee of the Union Hebrew Congregations alerted those present to the need for religious schoolteachers. His concern was for proper spiritual training of Jewish children. He urged a nation-wide drive for religious leaders among the Reform congregations. He also proposed that new schools for training teachers be established in Philadelphia and Florida.

At the same meeting, a two-year fund-raising campaign was initiated. The goal set was for more than two and a half million dollars. This money is to be used for religious education and the spiritual training of youth and for strengthening individual congregations.

## BEYOND OUR BORDERS

This revival in Judaism is not only felt in the United States. During the last week of September, 1957 the students attending the government-run secular schools in Israel reacted in a variety of ways to a new course of teaching. Some were bored, some were curious, and others were plain angry because a course in Jewish religion had been added. This came about because the Israel Ministry of Education realized the young people were ignorant of all Jewish

traditions. It was discovered that children who started to school after the creation of Israel showed no interest in Jewish religion, literature, or history.

But now there are definite signs that even some of the young people are ashamed of their ignorance and lack of religious concern.

Defending the introduction of this new course to the schools, an official of the Israel Ministry of Education said, "Perhaps we won't even be able to continue to exist as a nation if we continue to deny our link with religion."

But regardless of the revival of Judaism both in our country and in the new state of Israel, those Jews who do not know Christ as personal Saviour are lost. The Scriptures state plainly that "he that believeth not the Son shall not see life."

## "There Is None Other Name"

The Heavenly Father can do for the Jews what he has done and can do for every lost person. He can save anyone who turns to Jesus Christ the Messiah in repentance and faith for salvation. Every missionary can testify that through many different circumstances and experiences God's Holy Spirit brings the lost to Him.

It was through the persistence of a child that a Jewish father and his entire family were convicted of their lost condition.

One Saturday morning a Jewish boy came home from a Sunbeam meeting sing-



Working with the Italians in Tampa—Mr. A. Pucciarelli



Two young women who work among the Chinese in Tucson, Arizona are Miss Mary Etheridge and Miss Nina Gillespie



ing "Jesus Loves Me." His father slapped the boy and told him not to sing it again. Later during the day, as the father was sitting in his chair, the little boy crawled upon his knee. "Daddy," he said, "I love you." His father smiled and said, "I love you too, Son." The little boy then whispered in his father's ear, "And Jesus loves you, too." These words haunted the boy's father all week. When Saturday came the father went to the Sunbeam leader and asked her to tell him about Jesus. Later he and his whole family accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

## A YOUNG JEWESS FINDS JESUS

It was when Elsie Clor was twelve years old that a chance invitation to a gospel service was the means by which this Jewish girl became a Christian.

Elsie Clor was brought to this country in the arms of her mother. This Orthodox Jewish family from Russia settled in Chicago, where Elsie attended the public schools.

When Elsie was twelve years old her father died and she was occupied with the thoughts of what happened after death. Her restless spirit searched for something she did not know how to find. It was

during this time that she was invited to a noonday service where she heard the gospel preached. At this service she began to realize that Jesus was the answer to her famished soul.

Her decision for Christ brought about a strained family relationship. A year after she had been appointed by our Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to Palestine, she wrote, "I was opposed strongly by all my family and finally was turned away from home. I had a good opportunity to rely on God and learn what real faith meant, which has been a great blessing all my Christian life."

Miss Clor directed a Good Will Center in Jerusalem until her death a few years ago. She was zealous beyond her physical strength. This can be understood when we read from her own pen soon after she began her work there, "We must have souls out of Israel for Jesus. He can bring it to pass. Our anchor is sure in Jesus alone."

Dr. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College in Kentucky, former missionary in Jerusalem, says of Miss Clor: "She was one of the hardest workers I have ever known. She was very devoted to the cause of winning Jews to Christ. Perhaps

## Meet Some of Our Versatile Home Missionaries . . .

To the Indians of Oklahoma—  
Dr. and Mrs. Frank Belvin



To the Chinese of El Paso,  
Mr. and Mrs. Lok-Tin Cheung







Fine home missionary families witness effectively in many communities—the G. L. Stanleys among the Chinese in Phoenix, Arizona and the Paul Rogosins with the Russian-speaking in San Francisco, California



her chief contribution was what she did in the field of children's work. The children could play on the playground which had been supplied by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on the condition that they attend the story hour. The stories were always from the Bible."

#### A RECENT JEWISH CONVERT

Mrs. Emma Bernheim, music teacher and active Baptist, lives in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina.

An older sister and three of young Emma's brothers had accepted invitations from playmates to visit their churches. Although their experiences were not discussed openly, these children exchanged their impressions of their visits. One day the boys brought home a Bible and secretly the children took turns reading it.

During the period in which Emma was experiencing a great emotional struggle, she was drawn close to a schoolteacher. This teacher took special interest in Emma. She was not only friendly, but made it possible for her to use her talents in music and dramatics. Emma felt that the teacher was genuine in her interest, and from time to time confided in her. The teacher talked to Emma about accepting Christ. She prayed with her about it and also about her other problems.

When Emma's father saw that she was interested in Christianity and that she was

reading the Bible, he showed his anger in many ways. He tried to change her attitude by talking to her. When he saw that she was determined to accept Jesus, he refused to continue her education and music. This was almost more than a young girl could bear. Emma's mother also used every means possible to dissuade her. In discussing with her daughter reasons for not accepting Jesus, she called him an "imposter" and added, "He cannot be divine."

But Emma could not believe her and besides, she was interested in a new way of living. Inevitably the break came with her father and mother.

Through the prayers and interest of friends and with the help of her older sister and a brother, she was able to go back to school and also to resume her study of music. Finally she graduated from one of our Baptist colleges. Before she finished her education, however, her father did give her some financial aid.

She worked for a period of time in the Jewish neighborhood house in Baltimore. Later she married a Christian Jew who gave his full time until his death working among his people and with the Baptist churches. A great deal of his time was spent trying to interest the churches in receiving the Jews who were interested in becoming Christians.

Mrs. Bernheim admits that it is very hard to witness to the Jews. The difficulty

comes because of the attitude of Jews toward those who "forsake" their group. They can think of only three reasons why any Jew would consider such a step. Either he is mentally unbalanced, he is receiving money, or he is in love with a non-Jew.

Her word to those who would win the Jews to Christ is first of all to win their friendship. Then because of a genuine interest and a desire to understand them, pray for them and invite them to hear the gospel. In her deep concern that women really act upon the knowledge available to them she said, "Sometimes I fear we do not take our WMS programs seriously. We enjoy each other so much that we go home and forget all about the needs which have been presented."

Mrs. Bernheim's victorious testimony is "You tell the women that it has been worth it all—losing friends, being misunderstood, lonely at times. God has blessed me far beyond anything it has cost me to be a Christian."

#### Directed Work Among the Jews

As early as 1867 the Southern Baptist Convention showed its concern for the Jews by passing a resolution to labor and pray for the conversion of the Jews. Eight years later the Convention adopted a resolution instructing the Home Mission Board to consider sending a missionary to the

Jews as soon as a suitable man could be found to do this difficult work.

Our Home Mission Board has worked out an associational and local church plan.

In the local church, the work is best promoted through a Jewish Evangelism Committee. This committee has responsibility for keeping church members aware of responsibility to the Jews in the community.

William B. Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will supply your committee with definite suggestions for promoting interest in our Jewish friends. Among the suggestions he offers are sample letters the committee may send to the leaders of all church organizations. If his suggestions are followed, every active person in a local church may learn what he can do to secure the interest of his Jewish friends in becoming Christians.

The Home Mission Board also promotes a Jewish Fellowship Week each year. The dates this year are April 14-20. Upon request the Home Mission Board will send a prepared program for this week.

Another very important suggestion which the Home Mission Board makes to all churches is that there be set aside the first Thursday of every revival as Jewish night. The success of this, however, is dependent upon specific preparation.

Home Board missionaries are effective with their groups: Rev. William Taft Watts in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rev. Amelio Giannetta with the Italians in Richmond, California, and Rev. Toshio Sakamoto with the Japanese-speaking in Los Angeles





Out in the West, serving as home missionaries to the Japanese are the Alva Bonhams in Sacramento, California and with the Chinese-speaking in San Francisco, the Peter Chans



#### THE PURPOSE

According to Frank Halbeck, former superintendent of Jewish work, there are four objectives to the program the Home Missions Board promotes:

1. To prepare Jewish people for their acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
2. To encourage Christians to try to win Jews to Christ and to membership in the local Baptist church.
3. To help the local church to want to receive Jews into its membership after they become Christians.
4. To give them something to do after they become members.

#### OUR WORKERS

According to the report made to the Convention in Chicago in May, 1957, there were only three workers besides the Superintendent, William B. Mitchell. They are: John Meiss in Bellaire, Texas; Howard Smith in Miami, Florida; A. Jase Jones working in Dallas and Fort Worth. (Robert F. Gunter is serving in Louisville, Kentucky as a part-time missionary.)

#### OUR RESPONSE AS INDIVIDUALS

Friendly acts and Christlike living will make any woman a worthy representative of Christ.

"I have many friends who come to my dress shop, but I cannot understand why they are so thoughtless of holiday seasons which mean so much to me," said a Jewess shop owner.

Perhaps the answer is that her friends do not know about these special holidays.\*

**Hanukkah**, or the Feast of the Light comes this year on December 7. The celebration lasts through December 14. This is celebrated very much as we celebrate Christmas. It is a time when the Jews exchange gifts with their loved ones. It would be entirely proper to remember a Jewish friend with a gift during this celebration.

The two high holy days for the Jews are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**Rosh Hashanah** is the Jewish New Year, and a time when they appreciate being remembered by their friends. The Orthodox and Conservative congregations celebrate two days, while the Reform congregations celebrate only one. The dates for 1958 are September 15-16. The celebration begins with the sunset of the holy day itself. According to Jewish tradition,

this is a day on which Almighty God passes judgment upon the acts of men. The people pray for forgiveness and for a year of peace for the world.

**Yom Kippur** is the last of the ten days of penitence which begins with Rosh Hashanah. It is the Day of Atonement. This is the holiest day of the Jewish year, a day of fasting and prayers. Even young children try to fast on this day. It is a day in which forgiveness of sin is asked of God. According to the Jewish law, one cannot ask forgiveness of God on Yom Kippur until he first asks his fellow men to forgive him for any wrong he may have done to them during the year. Jews believe this to be the day when their sins and their good works are balanced with God. Yom Kippur this year (1958) is September 24.

We each have a responsibility toward enlisting our young people in friendliness toward their Jewish acquaintances. Mary was a junior in high school when she rallied about two dozen other high school students to go Christmas caroling. Two days later she received this note from a Jewish boy: "Thank you, Mary, for coming to our home last night. It was one of the nicest things that has ever happened to us. It was the first time anyone has ever sung Christmas carols to us." This senior in the high school was the son of a prominent businessman and city official.

#### OUR RESPONSE AS A SOCIETY

There are many things which may be considered in creating understanding and love for our Jewish friends. Perhaps the first and best plan would be to study the book, *Our Jewish Neighbors* by Frank Halbeck.

Some societies will want to co-operate with the Community Missions Chairman in compiling a list of Jews in the community. With such a list, the women could use their influence in helping the church to promote a planned program of work with the Jews.

An interesting project would be to plan a visit to a temple or synagogue if one is near. The rabbis and congregations welcome visitors. Mr. Mitchell reports that one temple in Atlanta invited the Baptist women of that city to services on Saturday morning. Five hundred women attended, and they "went away with a deeper understanding of what their Jewish neighbors believe and how they need Jesus as Saviour." Let us pray for our Jewish friends, for ourselves, for our church leadership.

#### Sentence prayers

Hymn: Read "Rise Up, O Men of God," No. 445 in Baptist Hymnal, substituting "women" for "men," then let program chairman dismiss women as pianist plays the hymn.

Working with the Jews, Southern Baptists have these home missionaries: Miss Margaret Laswell, Mr. William B. Mitchell, Howard Smith, and John Meiss; Robert F. Gunter and A. Jase Jones are not pictured



(\* The books, *Four Neighbor Celebrates* by Gilbert and Tarnow, (\$2.58) and *Our Jewish Neighbors* by Halbeck (75c) would be helpful in understanding Jewish holidays. Order from your Baptist Book Store.)



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 Saturday** Give us today our bread for the day before us. Matt. 6:11.

"There is great contrast here in Indonesia between the lives of the Christians and the masses of unsaved people. The latter can only be described by one word: without—faces without smiles, lives without purpose, Sundays without worship, the hungry without sympathy, the sick without doctors, souls without Christ"—Rev. and Mrs. Ross C. Coggins, Indonesia. On every mission field, these people without are a source of heartache for the missionary who seeks to meet their needs.

Pray for both the Indonesian people and the missionaries there, and for Rev. W. T. Watts, Oklahoma City, Okla., ed. ev. among Negroes; Mr. I. E. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Odulita Gonzalez, MF; Miss Gladys Keith, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. M. K. Wasson,\* Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mrs. R. C. Coggins, Bandung, Indonesia, Mr. J. Alex Herring, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Miss Grace Tyler,\* Rome, Italy, Mrs. B. T. Griffin,\* Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Bennie Griffin, MF



**2 Sunday** Behold, God is mighty. Job 38:5.

"The Sky Is the Limit" is a radio and TV quiz program in Brazil. One time, a Baptist woman appeared on the program, answering questions on the New Testament.

MISSIONARY JACK COWSEY wrote: "Every one we meet speaks of the program. The woman answered the questions in such a way that a tremendous interest was created in the Bible. Two people, at least, told us they stopped going to the movies on Monday nights in order to listen to this Baptist woman answer questions on the Bible."

"This is some of the biggest and best propaganda we have had for the Bible as yet."

Pray that the power of radio and TV may be used in Brazil to the fullest for the kingdom's work, and pray for Rev. T. L. Granger, Arnaudville, La., ev. among French; Mrs. Ross H. Hanna, Quapaw, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. Amelio Giannetta, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Italians; Rev. George W. Thomas, New Orleans, La., ev. among deaf; Mrs. A. Worthington, HMB, em.; Rev. J. P. Kirk, Vitoria, Brazil, ed. ev.

**3 Monday** Never neglect the gift within you. 1 Tim. 4:14.

Leticia of Nargana, San Blas Islands, is representative of a small but growing number of San Blas girls. At six, she was sent to Panama to be brought up by a strongly Roman Catholic family. She attended mass and accepted Roman Catholic teachings. Then, when she was about eleven, she came back to the islands to enter the mission school in Alligandi. There she heard the truths of the Bible and later, at the Baptist secondary school, she became a Christian. For most of one year she helped administer medicines at the Mulatuppu mission, eagerly learning to treat cuts, burns, and so on. Now, finishing high school, she yearns to go into nurse's training. Will the Lord provide a way

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for her to study at a Baptist hospital? Will she be prepared some day to minister comfort and hope to other girls in their ordeals of pain in a primitive world?

Pray for Leticia and for all San Blas girls, and for Rev. C. A. Talley, East St. Louis, Ill., rescue mission; Mrs. C. J. Smith, Clinton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Dr. G. H. Kollmar, Barranquilla, Colombia, Dr. F. B. Owen, Kediri, Indonesia, med. ev.; Mrs. H. D. McCamey,\* Ibadan, Nigeria, RN, Miss Dorothea Lane, Kokura, Japan, Rev. S. A. Quails, Campinas, Brazil, Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. J. T. McRae,\* Gaza, ed. ev.

**4 Tuesday** Christ died in due time for the ungodly. Rom. 5:6.

The great New England preacher Phillips Brooks once said, "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatest greatness is." In the face of Christ's great sacrifice for us, do we dare to fail to pray for others?

Pray for the leaders of our Home and Foreign Mission boards, and for Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, HMB, em.; Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Mindanao, Philippines, Mrs. B. A. O'Neal, Maceio, Brazil, Rev. E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, ev.

**5 Wednesday** For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. 1 Peter 3:12.

One day MISSIONARY AND MRS. A. H. FOSTER were visiting a migrant family, in an old tumble-down shack with only two rooms. The family would live there until the harvest was over. While visiting them, Mr. Foster began reading from God's Word, and the family listened. After a while, the Fosters thought the family was growing tired of the reading and explaining of the Scripture passages, so they stopped. It was then the mother spoke out and said, "Keep on reading, preacher. This is the first time anyone has read to us from God's Word. Read some more."

Are there migrants in and around your town? What are you doing about them? Pray for them, for the thousands of others who know not Christ, and for Rev. M. W. Williams, Little Rock, Ark., ed. ev. among Negroes; Mrs. James P. Gilbert, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. L. N. Nelson, Hiroshima, Japan, Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Manhuaçu, Brazil, ev.; Mr. Cecil Roberson,\* Kabbu, Nigeria, Miss Lila Watson,\* Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. H. H. Culpepper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev.

**6 Thursday** Now you have an anointing from the Holy One. 1 John 2:20.

MISSIONARY W. W. ENETE went with a group from one of the churches in Rio de Janeiro to hold an open-air service in a public park. Though there were many people in the park, they showed little interest in the Baptist meeting until ventriloquist Enete got busy. Taking the microphone, he held his doll, Sammy, as high as he could and in a high, shrill voice started calling, "Come here, everybody! Come here!" Seeing the talking doll, people came running from every direction. Soon a large crowd was waiting expectantly to see what the ventriloquist would have to say. And most of them remained to hear the sermon that followed.

Missionaries have to use many means to first attract people to the gospel message. Pray that they may know how to use these various means wisely and well, and for Rev. Epifanio Salazar, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. Francis Rodriguez, Corral, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, Canal Zone, em.; Homer and Judson Yearwood, MF; Rev. Jerry Hobbs, Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. Reiji Hoshizaki, Shizuoka, Japan, ev.; Miss Hattie Gardner, Okuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.

**7 Friday** God ever abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:13.

After his conversion, TOSHIRO SAKAMOTO, Home Board missionary to the Japanese in Los Angeles, learned the secret of true fellowship with God. "Prayer was like breathing," he says, "breathing out, and reading God's Word was breathing too, breathing

in. Soon I learned that you cannot breathe out any more than you have first breathed in. In this way I came to more acquaintance with the Lord. Prayer to me is getting more and more acquainted with the one Person and to love him supremely. Why should I not love him, for he gave me my first breath!"

Pray for Mr. Sakamoto and the Japanese among whom he witnesses and for Mr. T. H. York, Canton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Ted York, Jr., MF; Mrs. Paul Rogosin, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Russian; Irene Rogosin, MF; Rev. Isidoro Garza, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Martha Knox, Tobato, Japan, Miss Mattie Baker, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. Logan C. Atmip, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, lan. st.; Mrs. C. L. Martin, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.

**8 Saturday** And his name shall be called Wonderful Isa. 9:8.

In a Catholic community in Houston, two summer workers were conducting a vacation Bible school among the Mexican children. One of the girls asked the children, "Do you know what a missionary is?" A Junior boy hesitantly answered, "I think it is a new kind of candy bar." The majority of the children could quickly answer the question,



"Who is Jesus?" They all agreed he was the man who had the corner grocery store! Jesus is a common name among Spanish-speaking people, and many Mexican children are named that. But, oh, the tragedy of knowing no other Jesus than one who runs the store down the street!

Pray for these Latin-Americans and for Catholic-taught people around the world that they might know the true Jesus, the living Saviour, and for Rev. M. E. O'Neill, Jr., Artesia, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Katie Murray, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ev.

**9 Sunday** Wherefore, lift up thy prayer 2 Kings 19:4.

"Quite often we receive letters from persons we have never met. They write: 'We

are praying daily for you and your work.' Every time it is our joy and privilege to witness the miracle of a changed life, we are reminded that much of the success of our work is because you have prayed. Not only are those of us here responsible for this spiritual advance . . . but those of you at home who uphold us in your prayers are having a great part. We beg you to continue to pray without ceasing"—ANNIE LEE NEIL, Ocasomoshu.

Also pray for Mrs. Pedro Carranza, Alamogordo, N. M., Rev. Alexander Pasetti, Immokatee, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. R. J. Park, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Chinese; Rev. Samuel Vernon, Panama; Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Honolulu, Hawaii; Rev. G. R. Martin, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, ev.

**10 Monday** Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake Psalm 69:8.

Mrs. M. C. Mojica spoke limited Spanish and knew very little about WMU work when she and her husband went to Fort Worth as Home Board missionaries. However, she did her best to lead the women but felt that she was making very little progress. Then one day, in the middle of a business meeting, just as she had struggled through an explanation of some phase of WMS work, one fine Christian woman with no education at all stood up and said, "I move that we stop our program long enough to thank God for Mrs. Mojica and for those who sent her to us to teach us the things we do not know."

Pray for these missionaries who must work with the frustration of language problems, and for Rev. Daniel Sotelo, El Monte, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. Abraham Wright, Beald, Ill., ev. among Italians; Rev. S. E. Ray, Lagos, Nigeria, pub. ev.; Mrs. D. N. Mayhall, Ife, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. W. D. Frazier, Oyo, Nigeria, ev.

**11 Tuesday** I in them and thou in me; that they may be made perfectly one, so that the world may recognize that thou didst send me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me John 17:23.

In a letter written in the fall after summer visits to Yugoslavia, THE JOHN ALLEN MOORES wrote, "Yes, there is cause for rejoicing in the forward movement of the work (Baptist) in Yugoslavia, but that does not mean that there are no problems; there are some very serious ones. Please pray that the pastors and leaders will be in harmonious unity

that they may better resist the subtle attacks of the devil."

Also pray for Rev. Alfredo M. Lugo, Edinburg, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Ada Young, New Orleans, La., GWC; Miss Clifford Barratt, Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Mrs. Stanley Howard, Shimomoseki, Japan; Dr. Elbert H. Walker, Philippines, ev.; Miss Ruby Wheat, Pusan, Korea, RN; Mrs. C. A. Baker, Brazil, em.

**12 Wednesday** That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah art the most high over all the earth Psalm 83:18.

Senorita Aurora owns and manages a woman's apparel store in Temuco, Chile. All efforts to win her to Christ had met with stony hostility and active opposition. One

evening while holding a meeting in Temuco, Missionary R. Cecil Moore was greatly surprised to see Aurora in the service. And when the invitation was given she was the first person to walk down the aisle. The next day she gave a radiant testimony at the WMU meeting and, among other things, said that she had been listening for two years to the Baptist Radio Hour held by the Chilean Baptists. She had been won to Christ "over the air."

Radio has proved an effective witness to the gospel message on many fields. Pray that it may be used in increasing power to break down opposition to Christ, and for Mr. H. A. Borah, Ketchikan, Alaska, Mrs. H. O. Headrick, Brazil, ev.; Miss Ruth Randall, Brazil, Rev. J. B. Hipps, China, em.

#### Gift of Bound Volumes of Mission Magazines



Pastor Forman R. Wooden of Grace Temple Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, receives with a great deal of pleasure a gift for the church library from Mrs. W. L. Hills, bound volumes of *Royal Service*, 1948-1956 and *The Commission* from its beginning in 1938. With them, at left is Mrs. W. L. Hills, retiring president of Women's Missionary Union.

**13 Thursday** Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name Psalm 86:11.

Pete Valenti, a young Italian, had been going for sometime to the Good Will Center in Birmingham, Alabama. He had heard the gospel message there and, during a revival service, had finally accepted Christ as his Saviour. Because of the lack of sympathy from his Catholic family, Pete often went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Candal, Home Board missionaries in Birmingham. There he would sit for as long as three hours at a time, hungry to know the Word of God, and listen as the missionaries read and talked with him. In time, he felt the Lord call him to be a minister and he plans to go to college and seminary. But first he is serving his stint in the navy.

Pray for Pete's witness to others in the navy and at home. Pray for his Italian family and for his wife and baby who wait for him; pray for Mrs. G. M. Faile, Jr., Tamale, Ghana, med. ev.; Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina, em.

**14 Friday** Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps Psalm 85:13.

An appointee to the migrant work was getting ready to move into the trailer which would serve as his home as he worked among the migrant people. Since he would not need the Jeep he owned, he sold it and cancelled his insurance on it. The young secretary at the insurance company became interested in knowing what the worker planned to do. This gave him the opportunity to talk with her about her spiritual condition. He learned that she was not a Christian, so he explained the way of salvation to her. She joyfully accepted the Lord and was baptized. Now she says, "Just suppose you had not cancelled your insurance. I might not have come to know the Lord." God uses many ways!

Pray for this young woman and for Mrs. Eulogio Garza, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. E. E. Atkinson, Mission, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Gladys Farmer, Columbia, S. C., GWC; Mr. E. R. Evans, Anchorage, Alaska, Rev. Dan Sharpley, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Rev. Alvin Hatton, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. John Cheyne,\* Shabani, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

**15 Saturday** For I know him, that he will command his children and his household

after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord Gen. 18:19.

"The building of Christian homes presents one of the greatest challenges in the entire scope of Christian work in Brazil. The missionaries in this great country are witnesses to the far-reaching influence of those already founded; and, on the other hand, they see manifest difficulties in the Christian living of many who received no Christian training in their homes. . . . Our prayer has become God grant to Brazil great Christian homes"—MAXIE KINK, BRAZIL.

Will you join in that prayer for Brazil, for therein lies the strength of a nation and the answer to the world's problems, and pray for Rev. M. C. Mojica, San Antonio, Tex.; Miss Jovita Galan, Pearsall, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Dale Moore, Jankrama, Nigeria, Miss Olive Lawton, Keelung, Taiwan, Miss Martha Franka, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.; Mrs. D. R. Cobb, Choburi, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, ed. ev.



**16 Sunday** Labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God Col. 4:12.

"With national preachers to assist the missionaries, it is . . . encouraging, yet the need and opportunities are still too great to be adequately met . . . There are (those) whose lives throw out a challenge, and many, many others who need to really accept the challenge of the Christian life. Pray for us that we may be guided and strengthened to meet the issues and opportunities of each day"—S. CLYDE JOWERS, PHILIPPINES.

Also pray for Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux, Washington, La., ev. among French; Miss Ola Lea, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.; Rev. D. L. Mills, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; Dr. John Mein, Brazil, Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Brazil, Rev. E. M. Bostick, China, em.

**17 Monday** Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain James 5:7.

"Perhaps the most encouraging feature of our present world situation is the fact that

behind the Iron Curtain there are hundreds of thousands of Christians who love Christ as devotedly as any people in all the world. They serve under tremendous pressures. They are constantly under suspicion. There is always the danger of compromise, and some find themselves stumbling into pitfalls. Many, however, are just as ready to give their lives as the martyrs who faced wild beasts"—BAKER JAMES CAUTION.

Have you forgotten to pray for these our brethren? Pray for them and for Mrs. Ronald Hill,\* Choburi, Thailand, Mr. Ted Dowell, Taejon, Korea, ev.; Mrs. Christine Chambers, China, Mr. A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, em.

**18 Tuesday** Everything that you ask for in your prayers you shall have, if you believe Matt. 21:22.

When Mr. A. J. Rouvy, Home Board superintendent of work among the deaf, left the First Church of Dallas where he had served a deaf congregation. He asked the church photographer to make some candid shots of the deaf people going about their regular Sunday routine of Sunday school, worship, and Training Union.

The photographer knew no sign language, but he knew how to make interesting action shots; so he snapped pictures of things he fancied Mr. Roddy might like. Developed and printed, the pictures were brought to Mr. Roddy.

Among the pictures was one of a deaf man at prayer. The sign he was making was a right manual "R" on the left hand. Looking at it, Mr. Roddy says, "I felt as strong as a thousand giants. That sign, in the language of the deaf, is my name. When I need a boost, I look at that picture and know that he prays for me. To know that hundreds of others are doing the same gives strength and courage beyond expression."

These missionaries need strength and courage so forget not to pray, and pray for Mrs. C. B. Melancon, Stowell, Tex., ev. among French; Miss Mabel Summers, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. Bryant Hicks, Baguio, Philippines, em.

**19 Wednesday** If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you Matt. 17:20.

A missionary's life is not all glamour. Miss LORENE TILFORD, TAIWAN, presents an extremely troublesome problem as she writes: "We still love the house you gave us two years ago, but we have a prayer item for you to remember daily in regard to this

home. A factory that makes Accent powder bought out the factory next door. Now tons of chemicals and wheat flour are dumped into open pools and allowed to rot. The odors are so foul that it is like living next door to a huge pig pen. We believe that nothing is too hard for the Lord, and that he can move this factory . . . if we pray in faith. The mayor will do nothing; the Foreign Affairs Police Bureau has been ineffective . . . and the Health Department hasn't tried. . . . This is clearly a problem that only the Lord can change. We have faith to believe he can. Please pray with us about this important matter."

Also pray for Miss Elizabeth Newman, Chattanooga, Tenn., GWC; Rev. Robert Sieg, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. L. Isaacs, HMB, em.; Mrs. B. B. Tisdale, Manila, Philippines, Rev. T. J. Kennedy,\* Kaduna, Nigeria, Rev. A. B. Bedford, Santa Fe, Argentina, Mrs. Frank A. Hooper, III, Israel, Rev. Athia Rivera, San Blas, Panama, ev.; Alicia A. Rivera, MF; Miss Jenell Greer, Bangkok, Thailand, ed. ev.

**20 Thursday** I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me John 17:9.

For a long time, the Negro custodian of one of the state Baptist headquarters buildings, had been going into the basement of the building daily and praying for the state leaders who had offices there. Down on his knees, he called the leaders each by name and asked God's blessings upon them. One day one of the state leaders happened to overhear this prayer and was stunned. So far as he knew, he and his fellow workers had neglected to pray for the custodian in their own prayer times. How wonderful, he thought, that the custodian remembered all of them in prayer! Now, when the state leaders have their prayer meetings, they always pray for the Negro custodian, and, when one visits this state building, there is a sense of the spirit of prayer and fellowship throughout.

How inclusive is your praying? Much of the tension of these times can be relieved if we pray sincerely for ourselves and for the Negro people; also pray for Mrs. J. L. Moye, Mrs. Pascual Arpaio, HMB, em.; Rev. I. V. Larson, Chiayi, Taiwan, ev.; Rev. James P. Gilbert, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mr. W. A. Cowley, Yaba, Nigeria, ed. ev.

**21 Friday** Lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left Isa. 37:4.

"I have knowledge too of things that have not been destroyed, things that cannot be destroyed, things that will not be destroyed. In the apparent darkness on the China mainland there burn many lights—lights of faith, of courage, of freedom that will not be extinguished. And among the millions of Chinese overseas, in Chinese communities in Formosa, and in many places around the world, the light is shining and will help some day to rekindle the lamps of true democracy, liberty, and justice for the great population of China"—JOHN LEIGHTON STUART

Pray for the Chinese behind the "Bamboo Curtain" and for their friends and loved ones in the Chinese communities around the world; also pray for Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Sealey, Panama, ev.; Miss Doris Christensen, Fairview, N. M., ev. among Indians; Rev. R. G. Van Royen, Balboa, Canal Zone, field worker; Mrs. E. H. Watworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. H. W. Fite, Corrente, Brazil, agricultural ev.; Miss Margaret Marchman, Shaki, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. J. E. Musgrave, Jr., Goiania, Brazil, Miss Lucy Wagner, Seoul, Korea, ev.

**22 Saturday** Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life. Gen. 19:19.

Joe had just been released from the state pen. It was hard for an ex-convict to get on his feet again. He had no friends, no job, and no money. No one seemed to want to listen when he mentioned where he had last been employed. He wanted to forget those years of nightmare. Many miles and several days away, he found himself tired and hungry in a rescue mission. Here he found acceptance and love. A desire to help was manifested in a new experience for him. Joe was saved. Later he found a job and since then, has had two promotions. God gives men a second chance.

Pray for the men and women who, having found Christ in prison, seek to build a new life in him outside the prison walls; also pray for Mrs. Sam Hider, Jay, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Isaac Perez, Balboa, Canal Zone, Mrs. E. L. Oliver, Kagoshima City, Japan, ev.



**23 Sunday** So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work Neh. 4:6.

"In order to build a monument to the explorers who gave their lives opening up the colder regions of South Argentina, an unusual type of monument has been started. Tourists are requested to add a stone to a growing pile of stones of every size and color.

"The gigantic undertaking of world evangelization is to be compared to that type monument. Every Christian has a sacred obligation to add his stone to the efforts of those who are seeking to obey the Great Commission"—NELLA DEAN WHITTEN, SPAIN.

Each prayer offered for a need of a missionary, a national Christian, a phase of the work is a "stone" added to the missionary endeavor. Will you pray? Also pray for Mrs. Tilman Keith Edwards, Nigeria, ev.; Miss Flora Dodson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Miss Alma Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev.; Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, China, em.

**24 Monday** I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Psalm 18:3.

The mother of three children on an Indian reservation in Oregon, is an alcoholic. She realizes the seriousness of her condition and welcomes help from the Baptist missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Branch. When someone persuades her to take a drink of liquor at home and the terrible craving begins, she often goes to the missionaries "to visit and to pray awhile" to keep from going to the tavern and drinking herself into oblivion. Sometimes, on Sunday mornings, she has even tried to take refuge in the church. Though she wants to accept Christ completely and let him master her life, she has been unable to do so yet.

Pray for this woman, that she and her unbelieving husband, may be able to surrender themselves completely to God and through the power of Christ conquer the evil of alcoholism. Pray for those who work with them and others, patiently trying to lead alcoholics in the Way, also pray for Rev. M. C. Garcia, HMB, em.; Mrs. R. L. Bausum, Keelung, Taiwan, ed. ev.; George R. and Dorothy Bausum, MF; Rev. Lonnie Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, Rev. R. B. Robertson, Mendoza, Argentina, Miss Lora Clement, Singapore, Malaya, ev.; Mrs. Ruth Rumphol, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, RN; Miss

Viola Campbell, Coahuila, Mexico, ed. ev.; Mrs. R. T. Bryan, China, em.

**25 Tuesday** My little children, you are of God and have conquered them: because he that is within you is greater than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4.

One night the summer students at the Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome gathered in Missionary Virginia Wingo's living room for Bible reading, prayer, and singing before bedtime. Annemarie Oesterle, from Germany, helping teach in the school during the summer, read the Scripture passage Natalia first led in prayer, followed by others. It was a triumphant picture of Christ's eternal promise of peace and good will among those who are linked by his love. Thirteen years ago Annemarie's older brother was killed fighting in Italy. At the same time, Natalia, a Bulgarian, was in the German concentration camp where she spent two years of desolation and drudgery. The others, except Miss Wingo, were Italians. All were gathered here from different nations, in a Christian school that American love and money maintains in Italy, and all were truly one in Christ, enjoying wonderful fellowship through him.

Pray that every Christian, in every circumstance, shall show the reality of the power of Christ in human affairs, and for Rev. Ralph Longoria, Fort Worth, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Tom Gullatt, Mito City, Japan, ev.; Miss Jane Lide, China, Miss Alice Huey, Hawaii, em.

**26 Wednesday** And ye shall compass the city. Joshua 6:3.

"Oh, that a mighty volume of prayer could rise in Jesus' name that he might pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Pray for new missionaries—especially evangelistic missionaries opening new stations in unreached places. Pray for scores of young nationals to be called to the task of evangelizing their own land. Pray for those who hear the gospel through our Baptist witness, that they may be saved. Pray for your missionaries that their lives may be victorious and a real testimony for Christ. Let us join together and pray the walls down!—RONALD C. HILL, THAILAND, in The Commission.

Also pray for Rev. J. W. Ross, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mrs. L. C. Guillott, Redell, La., ev. among French; Rev. N. T. Tull, HMB, em.; Mrs. R. F. Goldie, Ogbomosh, Nigeria,

RN; Mrs. W. B. McNealy, Estado do Rio, Brazil, ev.; Walter B. McNealy, Jr., MF; Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, pub. ev.

**27 Thursday** He will appoint him captains over thousands . . . and will set them . . . to reap his harvest. 1 Sam. 8:12.

The people in a small town in the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, waited many, many years for a Baptist missionary to come and help them. At last, several months ago, the closest Baptist pastor to them did manage to go to them for a meeting. "Surely you will stay with us now," begged the people of the town. When the pastor explained that he must go back to his own work—a growing church, a school with 145 students, and 12 mission stations to supervise—the people of Pinar del Rio looked at him with sorrow and asked, "Must we wait 20 more years before someone comes back to us?" The inability to meet situations such as this can break a missionary's heart.

Pray for those whom God calls out, that they may yield and go; also pray for Mr. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Okla., Mrs. Lee Aufill, Farmington, N. M., ev. among Indians; Kenneth Aufill, MF; Rev. S. P. Jackson, Manhuassa, Brazil, Mrs. W. D. Frazier, Oyo, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. E. L. Cole, Jalisco, Mexico, med. ev.; Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, China, em.; Paul G. Gillespie, MF.

**28 Friday** The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy. Zeph. 3:17.

"Just as sound does not pass through a vacuum, God's blessings do not come apart from his people's prayers. May God help us to kindle the prayer altars and see what he will do as we call upon his name!"—BAKEN JAMES CAUTION.

Pray for yourself, your pastor, your church members and for Rev. L. W. Crews, Lawrence, Kan., ev. among Indians; Mrs. F. H. Linton, HMB, em.; Dr. R. F. Goldie, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, med. ev.; Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Mrs. W. E. Sallee, China, Dr. J. V. Dawes, China, em.; Miss Ruby Hines, Brazil, ed. ev.

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

cm. emeritus  
on furlough  
ev. evangelism  
ed. educational  
RN. nurse  
lso. st. language study  
CWC. Good Will Center

ME. Margaret Fund student  
HMB. Home Mission Board  
med. ev. medical evangelism  
pub. ev. publication evangelism  
acc. ev. accretional evangelism  
SMB. Sellers Baptist Home  
med. tech. medical technician



## OUR CIRCLE MEETING

### Christian Worship in the Family

by Hermione Dannelly Jackson

**PLAN ONE:** Mission Study—continue study which you began in January in your WMS circles. See page 20 for teaching suggestions.

**PLAN TWO:** This is February. Use a heart theme for decorations, invitations, and program folders. Point out that worship is the heart of a Christian home. Use program below.

**Hymn:** Sing or recite chorus "Into My Heart!"

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:4-12

**Devotional Thoughts:** Throughout the Bible, the importance of religious instruction in the home is repeatedly emphasized. Paul wrote the Colossians concerning "the church that is in their house." He was writing at a time when there were no special buildings called churches. The only place where worship could be held under cover was in a house. Certainly worship could not have been conducted in a wrangling unhappy home. The phrase has meaning for us today. How is the church in your house?

**Pray** for Christian homes, for mothers and fathers who pray with their children.

**Program:** Write these statements on the back of red hearts. Notice that they are the first sentence in each paragraph on page 12. Ask the women in to read the statements.

1. Parents are the first and most influential teachers of Christian ways.
2. There are no substitutes for parents.
3. Lives are the world's greatest sermons.

#### DON'T BADGER THE POSTMAN

As is true with many magazine subscriptions, it requires from 4 to 6 weeks for us to process your subscriptions to *Royal Service*. So—don't badger the postman—get your subscription in fast!

4. Each home can be a Christian institution.

5. No single danger faces our nation greater than the decay of family life.

6. Family worship is a rewarding experience.

**Tell** "Write It on Their Hearts," page 12. Read the above six statements again.

**Tell** "Except the Lord . . ." page 9.

**Close** with sentence prayers that our homes and those of our children will be so Christ-like that many of our young people will hear God's call as missionaries, doctors, teachers, housewives, nurses.

#### Continue Mission Study in Circles

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**Pray** for Home Mission Board, city and associational mission superintendents.

From page 3 of Teaching Helps (15c, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.) present author.

**Ask** members to bring Bibles and use Teaching Helps on Chapters 1 and 13. Omit some suggestions to stay within time limit.



## YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

### Indispensable

by Margaret Bruce  
WMS Director

A new pastor had come to my church and with him was his young bride. The girls in our church were pleased when she got us together and organized a YWA.

In this way my experience in Young Woman's Auxiliary began! It was enlarged as the years went by to include college where I became president of the Ann Hasseltine YWA. Next were the YWA experiences at the WMU Training School. Working as a BSU secretary on a college campus I was an assistant YWA counselor. As a WMU young people's secretary in a state and while a convention-wide youth secretary, I continued as an assistant YWA counselor.

Because of these rich experiences I can say with assurance Young Woman's Auxiliary is an indispensable for the sixteen to twenty-five-year-old young woman.

Here are some reasons for making such a positive statement.

Young Woman's Auxiliary is an organization designed to develop a young woman's Christian ideals and to stretch her interest and understanding of the people of the world. It enables her to grow up among other mission-minded young women who have the same high standards. It provides adult leadership in spiritual matters and with life commitment decisions.

Young Woman's Auxiliary has distinctive features which have proved benefits for girls. There are YWA camps and house parties—in associations, in states, and at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. These afford days of togetherness when world friendships are formed which outlast time and distance. The hours of worship, study, conference, recreation, and missionary appeal have a tremendous influence on young lives.

The YWA Book Club encourages girls to read—biography, travel, meaningful novels, and other books with background information necessary for members of a missionary organization.

Today many young women wear on a chain around their necks a beautifully designed key which indicates that they have been awarded a YWA Citation. Efforts in soul-winning, missionary reading and teaching, drama presentation, and organizing other YWAs are among the activities engaged in by those receiving the YWA Citation.

The Associational YWA Council increases a girl's outreach and helps her feel responsible for other young women, extending the work into other churches, encouraging and organizing more and more young women who are not already enlisted. Associational work provides op-

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