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On Losing Your Mind

I HEAR you asking, "Aren't there already enough people who have lost their minds, without your raising your raucous voice cheering others on?" The answer would be Yes, were it not that I am raising the aforesaid voice pleading for a special brand of lost minds, a variety of which I think there is too short a supply.

I have in mind the people whose minds are in such tight control, they never get carried away by anything.

The disapproval of sensible people for raving minds that get lost in great ideas or in the woods of some midsummer night's dream is shown by the tribute which they pay: "He has his head well screwed on." Heads ought not to be screwed on tight; they ought to be able to ramble and get lost in a crowd of ideas. . . . Here is a warning:

If your nose is close to the grindstone rough,
And you hold it down there long enough,
In time you'll say there's no such thing,
As brooks that babble or birds that sing.
These things will all get world compassed:
Just you, the stone, and your old nose.

Here is a lovely picture of a man who completely lost his mind on a very proper occasion. Once, in Geneva, Albert Einstein, while serving on a League of Nations committee, was in a fashionable restaurant while a violinist was playing. Forgetful of himself Einstein approached the musician, and the next minute he was playing the musician's violin.

"Get lost!" is the best advice anybody can get. It is missing a high spot of zest, for instance, never to be able to get lost in a book, for

There is no freight like a book, To take us miles away,
Nor any courtesier like a page, Of prancing poetry.

And there are lots of other exciting mazes in which to get gloriously lost—Simeon Stylites, *Christian Century*.

SO IT IS that books take us faraway to distant people and we come to know them as friends. Or, books strengthen in us our spiritual understanding and growth, making us to become more a part of God's World Plan, which is the name of the book we are using in WMS circle study for April, May, June. You may purchase this book for 50c from your Baptist Book Store.

Missionary Crossroads of Spanish America

EXCITEMENT was in the air as the big airliner climbed above us at El Coco International Airport in Costa Rica. We had waved farewell to another group of missionaries going home after a year of language study, before traveling to their assigned fields of service all over Central and South America. As always at such leave-taking, we felt sadness at goodbye to friends.

Costa Rica has come to be a missionary crossroads for Spanish America. Edith and I are resident missionaries here. One of our greatest joys is knowing all our new missionaries who will serve in South American Spanish-speaking lands, which includes all of them but Brazil where Portuguese is the language. After appointment, these missionaries spend their first year in San Jose, Costa Rica studying the Spanish language.

It is a time of joy and pain. Adjustment to life in a foreign land takes a heavy toll. For the first time in their lives they are foreigners, lost in a maze of new customs and culture and an unknown tongue. Mothers must leave their children in the care of another to attend language classes. Some of the men have been eloquent and successful pastors, professors, and denominational leaders. They experience the frustration of long months without active preaching, teaching, or educational ministry. As little children, all the family must learn anew to speak, to say new words correctly.

We have marveled at their



"Missionary family" in Costa Rica have a get-together in the backyard of the Tom Hills

by William and Edith Dyal



The writer, Bill Dyal is stationed in Costa Rica where he helps missionaries who stop over for a year of language study

good spirit. Ours is a unique family in Costa Rica, a closeness of missionary companionship and loyalty unequalled anywhere. Illness and many problems strike often in this first year on the field. But the missionary family always rallies as one man to the call of the stricken. Not the least of the adjustment is the long tenure away from loved ones in the United States. This year all these appointees know the first taste of what we missionaries think of as our only real sacrifice—separation from home and family.

Since our transfer from Guatemala last year, we have been the only permanent resident missionaries in Costa Rica. We will soon be joined by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hill. Ten national churches, twelve national pastors, a fine group of seminary students, a small bookstore, and all the administrative duties which accompany such a work have been ours. Not the least of our opportunities and challenges, however, has been that of aiding our missionaries who are in language study. At the moment, our family has ten couples and their sixteen children, and two single women. Soon four more couples and their children will be arriving. Living arrangements are made for them beforehand and they are greeted royally when they step off the plane to a

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new world.

This first year of missionary life is an excellent opportunity for them to observe the life and work of the Costa Rican people and their churches. Everyone is impressed with the patience of the people faced with a con-

stant stream of missionaries who at first cannot speak their tongue. A warm feeling exists toward the North American, and when they complete their year, their leaving is often mourned by the local churches. This spirit of acceptance and love is genuine reward for the missionary who opens his heart to the Costa Rican Christians.

This first year is also a good time for orientation in missionary service. Following a pre-arranged schedule, we seek to have orientation conferences and discussions of the "bull session" variety for each group of missionaries. These orientations require the full year and follow such topics as adjustments in a new culture, the problems of language study, inter-missionary relationships, missionary-national relationships, the organization of a Mission in a foreign country, growth toward self-support and self-expression in the national churches and conventions. The sessions have been a highly rewarding and realistic experiment.

We love our family and are grateful for the opportunity to live and work in this missionary crossroads. Imprinted on our memories are the contributions to our national work made by these missionaries. Experienced stateside pastors like James Gilbert and Robert Lloyd serving in line co-operation with their Costa Rican par-

tors. Dr. James Giles laboring over a class in Christian ethics for the small Theological Institute; Nurse Ruth Porter doctoring the ills of all of us at all hours. Wimpy Smith, formerly associate in the state Sunday school department of Texas, working long hours over a speech in Spanish for the National Convention. Edward Nelson, former minister of music at Immanuel Church of

Little Rock, giving himself to the training of a small choir in a national church. Mrs. Cecil Thompson and Miss Betty Hodges working extra hours in the heavy load of office work at the Baptist office.

These and many more we carry in our memories and our prayers. They are your ambassadors to Central and South America. They are beloved family to us.

In the Dyals' living room, missionaries gather for a regular worship service; missionaries are active in local churches too

Sarah Wilson, James Giles, Beverly Wilson and their Costa Rican language teacher learn and listen as Ed Wilson reads Spanish

All photos from the authors

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MAY traditionally is the month when we observe Mother's Day in our churches and homes. Children express their love and appreciation for Mother. Solomon, wise in many things, said of a good woman, "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also." In our Statement of Aims we pledge to "seek to strengthen spiritual life" by Bible study, prayer, family altar. Out of a woman's decision that her family will be spiritually strong grows strong love and living. As a Christian woman resolves with her husband and family to keep a home family and private altar, that home be blessed of God.

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May RS Cover—Strength and Latin enthusiasm are characteristic of Christian women in Spanish American countries. Faithful in Bible study for teaching, the women of Peru and Guatemala represent a group who strengthen the churches' witness. A woman's job may vary from rug weaving (Ecuador) to sorting coffee beans (Costa Rica) to fishing (Venezuela), but to withstand the antagonism and persecution for departure from all traditional religions, a Baptist woman's faith (Honduras) mirrors strength of character and her life is characterized by radiance and reliance upon God.

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I was my toughest case

a true story by a medical doctor

I WAS a physician on the staff of a state mental hospital. Exactly ten years later, I was paroled as a patient from that same institution. I felt deep embarrassment the day I walked out of the asylum. My young nephew came to get me in his topless jalopy. We rode through my home town to my sister's house, where I was to stay. All along people stopped to stare. Once in a while I saw a new face flash by, and I knew my neighbors would explain, "There goes poor Tom."

I was my toughest case

He's been in a lot of trouble. Alcohol."

I settled down once again to try patching up my life in the same small Virginia town where I had lived as a boy. . . .

My family had been influential in the South for generations. Simple chores around the home were almost unknown to me, but an open checkbook at thirteen was quite familiar. Devotion to academic pursuits was to be my forte.

I pretended to be interested in my studies. It was an act. I simply had not the power in me to rebel—directly, that is. I would rebel in many ways indirectly. One of these was drinking.

I remember the tree where I took my first drink. It was an apple tree, all gnarled. I sat down in its shade with my cousin, whom I was visiting during my first summer vacation from college. We sneaked out a pint of wine. My cousin took one swallow and passed me the bottle.

I tasted it, tilted the bottle back and drained it. In that moment a progression started. All through my undergraduate days I drank heavily. Week-end parties began to last from Friday to Monday. At Harvard Medical my name slipped farther and farther down the scholastic list.

From then on, the slide accelerated. I married during internship, had a child, and went into private practice. I flopped at it: alcohol. The war came. I joined the British Army Medical Corps and ended up in Scotland Yard for my escapades: alcohol. I transferred to the American Army and was put in the hospital: alcohol. Only this time there was an additional charge: drug addiction. I'd started taking mild sedatives to ease me off a drunk, and I ended being addicted to narcotics. I returned to civilian life. Whole days would pass that I could not account for. Even my mother had little hope for my recovery.

Poor mother. She so often averted tragedy. I would try to stop drinking; then

take that famous "just one" and be set off on a dream of alcohol and narcotics until she would at last find me, bearded, half starved, often unconscious, in some obscure hotel room. She would bring me home.

After one of these binges I was brought home to find the commitment papers all made out. The doctors decided I needed "hospitalization."

I was put in the violent ward of the State Hospital in my home town. For 45 days, I'm told, I was out of my mind with DTs. They had put me in solitary confinement. There was a straw tick on the floor; that was all. Three times a day the iron door snapped open. A tin pan of gruel was shoved in. The moment I finished eating, the pan and spoon were taken from me. The doctors were afraid—and with reason—that I might try to destroy myself.

I began to come out of it, like a man trying to wake up. For 86 days I lay hallway between awake and asleep. Alive and dead. I tried not to think. Surely this was as low as a man could sink.

Then suddenly. . .

My heart still pounds when I think of it. From deep within myself I heard words spoken, slowly, yet so very clearly:

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

In the Bible there is a story about a man in deepest sin. At what must have been the blackest moment of his life, too, he found God. Something like that happened to me. Nothing has been the same with me since.

For a few days, each time the man came with my pan of gruel, I asked to be released from solitary. I was calm. They opened the door and cautiously allowed me the freedom of the violent ward. I was at peace. Some weeks later they put me in the open ward. I sat on the hospital bed and looked quietly toward the hills, waiting. I felt that something was about to

happen and that soon I would be released—not just from the hospital.

It was then that I met Alcoholics Anonymous. Before, I had not let them come close. Now two men came—Bill and Curt—and we talked. Nothing I said shocked them.

Bill and Curt said they would come to see me outside, and I knew they would. We said good-by at the hospital door, my young nephew came in his jalopy, and I faced the world, with mixed emotions.

I was embarrassed as we rolled through town, but I was also hopeful. While I stayed at my sister's house, I joined AA. My AA brothers helped me find a job. The only position I could hold down was first with a construction gang and later with an

outfit from New York, building a smoke-stack at the city dump.

And it was there, on my hometown dump, that I met Frank. He and I were groundmen; we handled the brick and mortar for the masons working on the smoke-stack. Frank never asked personal questions and, of course, I never volunteered any information. If Frank noticed anything peculiar, he didn't let on.

Once there was an inspection tour by the city fathers. I recognized some of the younger men. We had been schoolmates. They stood up on the bank, looking down on me. I did not think they had seen my face; I was embarrassed to go past them. I slowed down, hoping they would leave. Frank saw me hesitate. Without saying



anything, he did my work for me until at last they left. Frank never mentioned this.

The day before the gang was to move on, Frank called me aside, looked me straight in the eye and said, "Tom, you and I make a good team. Come to New York with us."

Frank will never know what that did for me. It was as if I had been accepted for the very first time—by God then by a man.

I didn't go to New York. I decided to go back to medical school to take a refresher course. My license had not been revoked; there had been no malpractice. The decision felt right, and it was entirely mine—and AAs.

The course over, I deliberately went back to the place where I'd fallen . . . my home town. I hung out my shingle and waited. People were wonderful. Former patients returned and new ones came, at first cautiously, then freely. They were kind, understanding, and charitable. They came to me for help, but I think they knew they

were helping me, too.

My wife came back cautiously, too, with the three children. (The third had been born while I was in the "tight" room.) With no previous experience, she assisted me in the office.

Not long ago I was asked to give a talk in my Virginia community. I was riding through town again, this time with my wife and children. Along the way people occasionally stopped and stared, the way they did when I first got out of the hospital. Only this time, whenever I saw a new face flash by, I knew the neighbors were explaining, "There goes Doctor Tom. A few years ago he was in the insane asylum." And when it was asked how I came to be straightened out, the simple answer my neighbors must have given:

"He found God."

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Today



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Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto

Stacks and stacks of letters from faraway places arrive every day at the offices of the Baptist World Alliance here in Washington. They are addressed to the BWA Youth Department, and their corner cards bear strange-sounding names.

All together they point to one thing—every nook and cranny of the earth will be represented at the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Canada, this summer.

Robert S. Denny, the Alliance's secretary for youth work, anticipates a crowd of 6,000 young people from 50, maybe 75, countries

when the roll call of nations opens the session on University of Toronto campus Friday evening, June 27.

It will not be the first such meeting. Prior conferences of the sort have met at Prague, 1931; Zurich, 1937; Stockholm 1949; Rio de Janeiro, 1953. But this will be the first in North America, and Alliance officials are advertising it as "the opportunity of a youth-time."

Plans for the program still are being perfected as this is being written. There will be a 1,000-voice international choir, made up of young people from many nations and

Complete information about the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference—may be secured by writing the BWA Youth Department, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

singing the favorite hymns of Baptists around the world.

There will be a daily Bible study hour, led by Dr. W. W. Adams, formerly president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City and now professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. His theme: Baptist Doctrine and Its Biblical Basis.

Dr. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm Sweden, chairman of the BWA youth committee, will make the keynote address. Mr. John Diefenbaker, prime minister of Canada, will talk on world peace. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor in Richmond and BWA president, and Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada, a BWA vice-president, also will speak. Other program headliners read like a Baptist who's who.

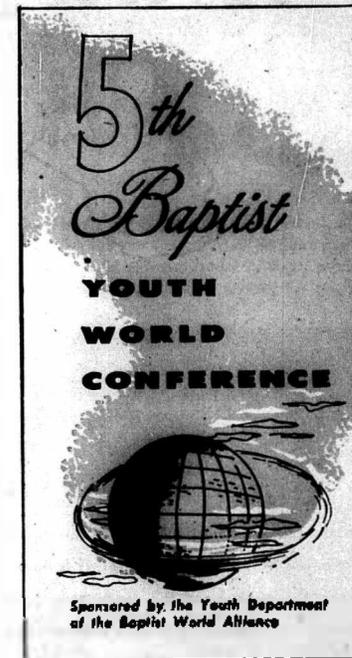
The emphasis of the conference will be world fellowship. Young people will visit and work together in afternoon sessions where they have a choice of many subjects and activities.

The biggest portion of overseas youth will be from the ranks of foreign students enrolled in United States and Canadian colleges and universities. Mr. Denny has the names of more than 600 such Baptist young people. But aside from these, many key leaders in overseas Baptist activities will be coming especially for the conference. They have been named official delegates from their area and national organizations.

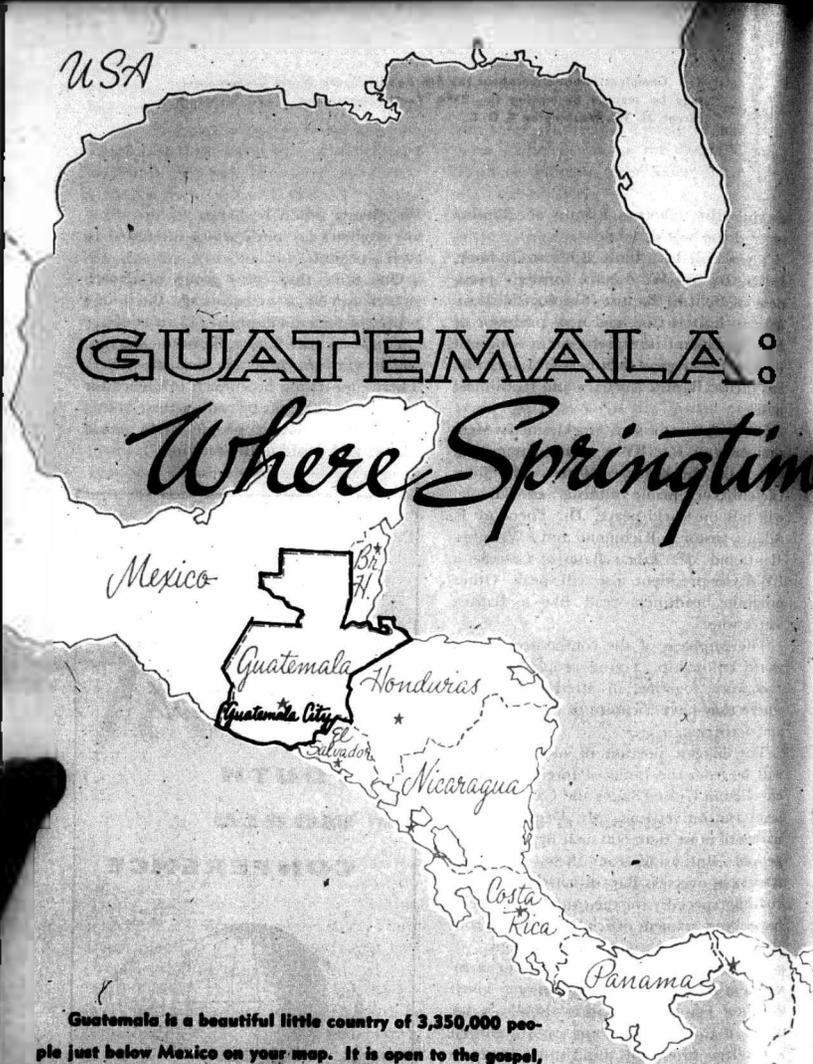
Travel expense is a critical item for many of these key delegates, and the money given by their home organization usually is far short of the cost. In some cases a church or college group in the United States is "adopting" one of these, and helping with their expenses. Canadian Baptists will provide entertainment in Toronto for all overseas guests. Much more help is needed, and

Mr. Denny would be happy to hear from any women's or youth group interested in such a project.

One thing that every group of church women can do is to encourage the young people of their community—15 years of age and up—to attend the Toronto sessions, which will run June 27 through July 2. There's no telling how much influence for good it may have in providing these young people—your young people—with world insight and world understanding.



USA



GUATEMALA:

Where Springtime is Eternal

Mexico

Guatemala
Guatemala City
El Salvador
Honduras
Nicaragua

Costa Rica

Panama

Guatemala is a beautiful little country of 3,350,000 people just below Mexico on your map. It is open to the gospel, and presents a challenge. We are in desperate need of more missionary help. We count on your prayers that God's eternal springtime may dwell in the hearts of those who live in a land where springtime is eternal.



A pastor's grandson



All a part of Guatemala: a church building under construction, a Seminary student using representation of local money in stewardship drama, a faithful church member grinding tortillas



BEFORE ME, is a box of pictures of Guatemala. They range from gracefully curved colonial archways of 300-year-old Antigua, to a pastor's wife in her kitchen making her family's tortillas on a charcoal stove, from a picture of an unfinished church building, or seminary students presenting a stewardship play, to a happy baby playing in a soap box. The pictures present life in Guatemala as I have seen it for three years: life among university students, the professional and upper classes, and among those who have no shoes, wearing clothes with patch upon patch, and for whom gaining an existence is a daily battle.

Behind me on the wall is a map of Guatemala which calls to mind a score of experiences, experiences I could locate on the map and tell of such things as a thrill or a tragedy in mountainous Guatemala City, a coastal town.

But in my heart are the pictures I would have you to see with greatest clarity—pictures which would make Guatemala real

GUATEMALA: Where Springtime Is Eternal

to you. Indelibly etched on my heart are memories of brave Christian souls who have met with unwavering faith—of those who have faced sickness and suffering and blindness with a triumphant spirit—of those near but outside the kingdom of God—of dismal failures—of heartbreak and opposition. All of these enter the picture. Could you but see these heart-pictures your prayers and your hearts would be drawn to Guatemala.

Where to begin—that is the question. Shall I begin with statistics and tell you that there are some 2000 Baptists in 18 churches? Shall I tell of great areas where there are no churches? Shall I tell of cities of multiplied thousands where there is not even one Baptist church? Or of the fact that we now have three missionary couples with the work formerly assigned to six? Shall I tell of this gain or that drop? All of these pictures are valid but they do not tell all the truth.

Perhaps we should go look in on our little Seminary or Bible Institute. Yes, there is a story! A story of courage and struggle—a story of growth of tomorrow's pastors. Here we find a brave mother of six children who has cooked meals, washed clothes, bandaged cut knees, and still manages to graduate from the Seminary. Or we may see sacrifice in a young Seminary student who for three years has traveled thirteen hours on a wooden train bench to minister to a church on the Atlantic Coast, and make the same return trip on Monday. You would surely glory in the plans for a lovely new Seminary building. All of this is of interest, but does it make Guatemala become a reality and a matter of prayer for you?

On the other hand I might show you the work of some faithful Baptist women. You would rejoice in seeing a group that goes to the Women's Prison each Saturday afternoon to do community missions that really count for witnessing to the lost. They have

won between 25 and 30 of the prison inmates! I might tell of individual women who in the sweetness of Christian motherhood are building the highest ideals into their children in a culture which makes this evangelical work extremely difficult. Yes, among these individuals are stories to warm your heart. But there is still more, much more to the story of our work in Guatemala.

Again I might begin with the land and tell of rich blue lakes nestled among lovely misty blue volcanoes. These sights would leave an everlasting memory in your mind. I could speak of the contrasts of fertile coastal plains replete with sugar cane, pineapples, and coconuts, or of the tablelands with cranberry colored coffee beans, or of the majestic gorges, and twisting mountain roads. All of these picture the Guatemalan countryside. You should know about little towns you can reach only by canoes or by motorboats—of buses where pigs and passengers, chickens and suitcases all travel together. You should see the contrast of thatch-roof houses and mansions in lovely modern Guatemala City. All of these varied sights form a part of Guatemalan life.

The tremendous physical need is overwhelming at times. The contrast of Cadillacs and oxcarts, of mansions and stick houses—of poverty and ignorance which break your heart, these too are experiences that a missionary has in his heart.

One picture you would need to see is the worship in the Indian town of Chichicastenango. Here thousands of tourists go each year to see the gaily dressed Indian with doctors make their pagan sacrifices on the steps of the Catholic church. I have not found pleasure in the sight, rather it breaks my heart to realize that here is a man bowing down to and worshipping a rock or a pagan spirit. Your heart bleeds for him to know God who made the rocks and mountains and who loves the individual sinner. If you could see this sight I should not

worry about your praying for the Guatemalan people and for us who work among them.

In Guatemala it takes about eight church members to win one lost person; this ratio compares with about twenty to one in the States. Behind these figures is the heroic effort of laymen and women who constantly witness. They go out on Saturday or Sunday afternoon to places where neither missionary nor national pastor has ever been and, in their own way present simply, but forcefully the story of Jesus. We now have a plan to train these noble ones through regional Bible conferences.

To know our work in a way to pray specifically for us, you must know something of the problems. There is the problem of nationalism. It expresses itself in subtle ways. The present government has been at least fairly pro-American, and that makes the situation easier in some ways. There are times when a missionary may be a brother in Christ, but he is still a foreigner. There is the problem of ignorance. About 70 per cent of the Guatemalan people do not read or write. You can understand how this makes Christian growth difficult, and the entrance of new ideas next to impossible. This year we are hoping to co-operate with Dr. Frank Laubach in bringing in a literacy team. In our churches we will be able to offer help to these unfortunates. There is the problem of sin and vice. This is a universal problem, but it is our problem, too. It expresses itself in lowering Christian standards and witness, and making the lost difficult to reach. There is the problem of lack of workers. We have an urgent need for more missionaries. Many times we feel that we do things half way because there is no one else to do them at all. There is the struggle toward building an indigenous work, that is one that will be strong in Guatemalan leadership so it will care for itself. We are in the birth throes of this work, and it costs more than one can imagine.

The Guatemalan woman may not have a modern electric range but she can cook! Strong family ties are typical—big sister loves little sister. Senor Santiago Coronado graduates soon and will become a pastor





The Freedom to Read

What people read is important. There are pressures in our country that would limit the range and variety of what a person should read. This pressure toward conformity is natural in a time of change and fear, yet suppression is never more dangerous than in an era of social tension.

People should have the freedom to read and consider a broader range of ideas than those that may be held by any single individual or groups of individuals within a government or denomination.

Some time ago the American Library Association in conjunction with the American Book Publishers Council drafted a declaration of principle on freedom to read which contained this pertinent paragraph: "What is needed is not only the absence of restraint but the positive provision of opportunity for the people to read the best that has been thought and said. We realize that the application may mean the dissemination of ideas and manners of expression that are repugnant to many persons. Ideas can be dangerous; but the suppression of ideas is fatal to a democratic society. Freedom itself is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours."

The Bundle of Sticks

On the flyleaf of an old copy of Lee's *Third Reader* is written in precise form between ruled lines Mildred Dodson, Greenbrier, Tennessee, 1906. The passage of fifty-two years has not dimmed the luster of the literary gems in this little book with the frayed edges nor erased the moral quality from its fables.

Do you remember the story of the man who had seven sons? They were always quarreling. He often urged them to live at peace with one another but they gave little heed to his words.

One day he called them and showed them seven sticks tied together. He handed the bundle to his oldest son, saying, "Break this, my son." But with all his strength the boy was unable to even bend the bundle. Each in turn tried but tried all in vain. Not one could break it.

"Let us try another way," said the father. He untied the bundle and they took the sticks one by one. Thus they broke them with ease.

"My sons," said the father. "like the sticks bound together, you are strong when you are united. But if you differ and separate you are as weak as one of the sticks is by itself."



Our Moon

This caption on the cover of *Newsweek*, February 10 issue, and the story of the launching of Explorer's rocket brought to mind Dr. Arthur Compton's book *Atomic Quest* published in 1956. This Nobel Prize winner was one of the scientists who initiated and carried through the wartime atomic project. Though the main events of the story are now well known including several intriguing sidelights the answer that Dr. Compton gave to those who argued that science committed a crime in releasing the atom's energy is worth repeating now: "Developments such as this represent, as I see it, part of the life of human society that follows from the endowment that man has been given by his Creator. We are destined . . . to try out new things, new ideas, new ways of living. If our civilization is to survive it will do so by developing to the utmost the possibilities that the search for new knowledge can bring." To Dr. Von Braun, chief man responsible for putting the satellite Explorer into orbit, the launching was the beginning of the fulfilment of a dream—space travel. The "new knowledge" may well bring about not weapons for war but further unfolding of the mysteries of the universe.

Yes, What?

This tiny but provocative incident was printed in the January 1958 issue of *Bible Society Record*, publication of the American Bible Society:



Last year in Angola, Africa a young boy came to the mission school asking for a New Testament. "I am sorry," said the missionary, "but the new supply has not arrived; we expect it in the day after tomorrow." The boy showed keen disappointment and sadly replied, "What then shall I read tomorrow?"

The question hangs suspended in the mind of every discerning Christian.

A Challenge to Congress

The 85th Congress faces more than the challenge of Sputnik and the determination of legislators to improve the scientific-military position of the United States. Though not so dramatic, reminds Dr. Caradine Hooton, secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, there are other issues of vital concern to the nation. "Many people still want to know what Congress is going to do about major liquor control measures." The bill most likely to be passed during this session is S.B. 582 introduced by Senator William Langer. It is leveled at liquor advertising and would help eliminate beer, wine, and ale commercials over radio and TV stations.

The brewing industry is planning an intensive campaign beamed at 1940 "war babies" who will reach the legal (in some states) drinking age in 1958. In a long-range outlook the industry has its eye on the post-World War II babies when they attain 20 years of age.

The slogan "Let's not Wait for 1960" is part of the brewers' propaganda to lure new customers into taverns and super markets while the potential drinkers are growing up.

Let the temperance forces adopt the brewers' slogan "Let's not Wait for 1960!" Now is the time to promote personal abstinence and vote for local option in every community.



by Betty Brewer,
Girls' Auxiliary Director



Photos by Calvin

ON TRIAL Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week

An exciting news item from Averagetown, USA was just enough to entice our reporter to the scene. It read, "Tomorrow at 10:00 Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week will be on trial."

At 10 o'clock sharp the Judge's gavel called the courtroom to order. The jury seated to his left were members of Averagetown community and Averagetown Baptist Church.

Spectators were excitedly conversing on the matter, others were mildly interested, some indifferent, wondering about the whole thing.

The first witness was on the stand: "Focus Week should go! I'm a mother of three, two girls twelve and fifteen, and a boy nine. I say there are just too many activities pulling our young people today. Why, they're never home. Something must go."

After a few more comments from this well-meaning mother, the attorney for the defense introduced a witness, a woman similar in appearance and age to the preceding witness. "I, also am a mother. I have four

children, two girls sixteen and thirteen and two boys eighteen and seven. My mother instilled in us as children a very important life principle. I have tried to pass it on to my children. Her philosophy was "Good many times is enemy of the best." Our young people do have many, many things bidding for their time. They want to join everything. They just don't want to be left out! They want to be a part of every event. And, most of the groups my young people have wanted to join are classed as good activity. But I say we parents need to help them in their choosing. That's one reason they have parents—to guide them, to help them choose."

As a spectator I agreed and my mind wandered back to the years when I had been pulled in many directions—at school, in social activity, in my church.

But in the courtroom, another witness was saying "... and as far as I am concerned, all I've seen take place during one of these GA Focus Weeks is a parade of dress and show-offishness in a service they

call a Coronation. All it does is let the girls spell off facts and things—just showing off, no lasting value."

"Next witness!" the judge hammered for attention.

"Sir, I have an entirely different testimony. I was a member of Girls' Auxiliary and did all my Forward Steps work from Maiden through Queen Regent. I participated in many of these services mentioned. We did dress up, and we thrilled to the beauty and inspiration of a Coronation. We appreciated all the WMS members did to make our memories exciting as well as worth while. As I was working on my steps and participating in the study of world missions, I was impressed with the needs, the challenge of missions. I remember many influences, and especially a climactic one which came on the opening Sunday of GA Focus Week when I was fourteen. Our pastor always preached a missions sermon on Focus Week Sunday. At the close of the service that Sunday I dedicated my life publicly to medical missions. I already knew

I wanted to be a nurse, but I wanted to be God's nurse in God's world wherever he needed me. Today I am home on my first furlough as a medical missionary under our Foreign Mission Board. I would say Forward Steps work, Coronation Services, Focus Weeks are lasting and vital!"

I had heard of this medical mission work done by this winsome young lady. She is a challenging personality, a real testimony, I said to myself, to the value of Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week.

"Next," came the judge's voice. The prosecuting attorney was mopping his brow as a well-dressed woman came to the witness stand.

"I'd like to offer my opinion. These weeks are too difficult to plan. I've never had an original thought! The girls expect so much. Making plans for a week is just too much to ask of a busy person!"

"You are so right!" was the first statement made by the next defense witness. Well, thought the prosecuting attorney, at last we have convinced them!

ON TRIAL: GA . . .

"You must be the GA director of Averagetown Baptist Church. I, too, am a GA director. I attend the Do-Your-Best Church in the next county. I'm not highly trained either, but I have my thoughts sparked by the complete, detailed plans for Focus Week in April and May issues of *Tell*, the missions magazine for our Baptist girls. You really don't need an original thought if one just won't come! And you could still have a Focus Week long to be remembered by your girls, church, and community. I know, I tried just that. I used the plans in *Tell*, used the WMS members, especially those who are in our fostering circles. We assigned women to committees to carry out the activities. I really don't know whether GA Focus Week did more for our women—or for the GA! In fact, we had an auxiliary without leadership one year at the beginning of Focus Week. During the week with the women serving, the girls participating, the church focusing upon the real values of such a week, a counselor was enlisted and is still serving."

The courtroom became silent as a man moved toward the witness stand. Seating himself he began slowly to speak, "You know that as a pastor, I have many responsibilities. I often wonder if Focus Week has real value for our church. I suppose you might say I have weighed it in the balance to see its value."

The judge, almost ready to turn the case over to the jury, paused to recognize the next witness.

"I've been a pastor for several years. We have many activities and groups in our church and community. I want to say quite positively that I feel Girls' Auxiliary has a very large part in the development of a girl's character. The elevating GA Ideals help her to become an informed, serving church member. She is a missionary Christian, alert to the needs in her church, com-



Every GA wants her own magazine

munity, and around the world. May I call one of my members to the stand? Today we have been weighing GA Focus Week in the balance. Our jury is to bring back a verdict. But before we continue let's hear from one of the GA members."

"Girls' Auxiliary is really grand! Many times my parents insist that I go and participate, but I am glad they do it. Through Girls' Auxiliary I learn about our Baptist world missions programs, about missionaries, their work, and about girls in other countries. Girls' Auxiliary has helped me put the Lord's work first, to make better use of my time, and has also encouraged me to study and learn about our denomination. I know that God has a place of service for me even though I'm not sure where it is. I'm trying to learn as much as possible about his work so when the doors are opened, I'll be able to do what he wants me to do. I enjoy GA and all of our members really feel Focus Week is a sort of 'finishing-up' feature of our program. We wouldn't miss one! Oh, I could go on and on!"

The judge charged the jury and sent them out to arrive at a verdict. The courtroom buzzed but soon the door opened, the jury returned. The decision had been reached: "GA Focus Week has been weighed and found—not wanting—but necessary to Girls' Auxiliary and to the church whose members would encourage and nurture its youth in finding and fulfilling God's will."



The Christian and the Alcohol Problem

by Hermione Dannelly Jackson

The idea of solving problems takes us back to our school days when we studied the effects of alcohol on bodily functions. Certainly many Christians today are in a daze about the alcohol problem. It would be wonderful if we could solve this blight on personal and national life as simply and as logically as fourth-grade arithmetic.

Use the school idea in stimulating interest. Call the meeting to order by ringing an old hand bell like those used in the "Little Red Schoolhouse." Make invitations or programs like slates: black construction paper with a brown rim, whipped together with red yarn. Serve a "school lunch" in paper bags.

Bible Study

Did you ever have a True-False test in school where all the statements were true? Have 5 Bibles so that different ones can look up the references after these true statements are read:

1. Drinking misleads the young and weak (Matt. 18:6).
2. Drinking destroys one's influence and mission as a Christian (Isa. 5:12).
3. Drinking destroys happiness (Prov. 23:29-35).
4. Drinking prevents good government (Prov. 31:4-5).
5. Drinking crowds out God (Isa. 5:11-14).

Leader's Introduction

From the beginning of our national history there have been those strong Christian people in the United States who have sought to abolish the liquor traffic and less its evil effects upon our neighbors

and citizens. The problem is more complicated today than ever before. Ours has been labeled an "alcoholic society." One third of our people wholly rejects its use while two thirds drink intoxicating beverages in small, regular, or large amounts. There are approximately five million alcoholics in the United States and three million more approaching alcoholism. These eight million people constitute a tremendous problem in public ill health.

Many thoughtful people who are greatly concerned about the million TB and cancerous patients seem indifferent to the overwhelming liquor problem. Our times call for intellectual honesty and spiritual awakening. If some foreign nation should kill in one year more than 10,000 American citizens and injure 250,000 more, would we not be ready to declare war? Suppose they should cause millions to break up their homes in divorce, send millions more to the jails and others to mental hospitals, would we not marshal all our resources to repel such a vicious and deadly enemy?

Let us examine with deep concern some of the facts about alcohol consumption. We are told that the cocktail hour has been accepted in some social and governmental circles, that beer belongs. These assump-

Plan One: Follow the program as presented on pages 18-21

Plan Two: Continue with mission study of God's *World Plan*; see page 32

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tions are the result of subtle advertising by the brewery interest, but we know that it is imperative that we investigate the popularity of a drug so generally used by those who think erroneously that an alcoholic drink brings pleasure and release from tensions and stress.

Readin'

(Collect newspaper clippings pertaining to this subject for at least two weeks prior to your meeting. Display and quote from them. Be sure to include the society pages as well as the front ones.)

A familiar sight on the American highway is Burma Shave advertising. In Alabama, it has received competition from neat blue placards. These read, "Drinking drivers don't think." They continue, "Thinking drivers don't drink." They are not sponsored by the WCTU. They are put along the highways by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

Certainly this is one of the paradoxes of our times. On the one hand is the highway patrol and on the other the state liquor store. The patrol spends much of its time and energy dealing with the end results of a product sold under state sponsorship.

As a rule, industries consider the most prolific users of their products as being their best advertisement. The liquor industry never mentions the four million alcoholic sick who are its best customers. Instead they stress social drinking, the cocktail hour, the "beer belongs" idea. It is through this social drinking, oftentimes beginning in the home, that both moderate and excessive drinkers are initiated. The pressure is put upon them "not to be different" or "to do as is expected." Some Christian people who have no desire to drink and in their hearts do not approve of its excesses, have begun to serve it in their homes because of social custom.

Influential social leaders, those who are active in public education and reform movements, our civic and governmental of-

ficials must become aware of their responsibility in this great human problem. A life that does not count on any drug for pleasure must be upheld as ideal. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" James 4:17.

Ritin'

(Display liquor ads. A good source is LOOK, LIFE, TIME and ESQUIRE.)

The liquor industry spends \$250,000,000 in advertising each year. The advertising itself is a mighty commercial traffic dealing in misrepresentations and half-truths. One issue of *Time* magazine uses these words in its advertising appeal: "honesty of flavor," "patient, loving care," "the best in the house," "after coffee, enjoy," "that's the spirit."

The advertising says nothing about the consequences resulting from its use. It is popular today to speak of alcoholism as a disease or sickness, but it is the only disease encouraged by governmental protection to spread its ruin, heartbreak, loss of life, blight on the lives of children across our land. We have eliminated the sources of infection of other diseases. The fly, mosquito, impure water, tainted milk and meat have all been identified and isolated as enemies of man. But alcoholic drinks which bring on alcoholism are advertised and promoted on a larger scale than ever before.

The World Health Organization and three national health groups agree that alcoholism is one of the world's great health problems. It is 5.5 times more prevalent than cancer, 3.2 times more prevalent than TB, and 102 times than polio.

It is popular also for liquor people to point to the "old countries" of Europe saying that they know how "to hold their liquor" and are not guilty of excesses as are many in the United States. This is another misrepresentation of fact. In 1955, a lobby of doctors appeared before the French Parliament urging that wine no longer be served with public school lunches. They



Leaflets may be ordered from 161 Eighth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tennessee. "At Ease in Zion" is free; others are \$1.00 per 100

pointed out the low health standards of their country and the increasing number of alcoholics among school-age children. The deplorable state of French morals is well-known, and even the Catholic church has declared France a mission field.

Serious? Yes, but France is the only country in the world where more alcohol is consumed than in our country! In France today 200,000 teen-agers are being treated for alcoholism in government hospitals!

Richmetic

(Study TV schedules in your community. Find out how much time is devoted to advertising alcoholic drinks. Jot down statements made that are misleading.)

It's as obvious as $2 + 2 = 4$. Drinking + its end results = cost to taxpayers. The liquor industry would have the public believe the tax on liquor is a great source of revenue. This is just another misrepresentation of fact.

Massachusetts decided to investigate this claim. A special commission reported its findings. Revenue from liquor in one year equalled nearly \$18,140,000. It cost the state \$61,000,000 to take care of arrests, prosecution of criminals, the care of the alcoholic sick in mental hospitals and of those made dependent through liquor.

Massachusetts Judge Joseph Zottoli said, "For every dollar collected in taxes from liquor, the state expends at least five times as much to salvage the breakage caused to the social fabric."

A committee in Fresno, California, made a similar study. The city received \$168,000

from liquor license fees. Alcohol induced expenditures amounted to \$448,000. Thus the city found it was spending four times what was received from liquor sources.

Other communities have been aroused. Indianapolis found that 90 per cent of the police calls came from places selling alcoholic beverages. It was also found that a 54-year-old drunk had cost the city in police and court costs, in jail and hospital care, \$45,373. His fines amounted to \$510!

Someone has said, "The revenue argument is the most foolish of all the arguments advanced for the sale of liquor, yet it impresses people to whom money is more important than character, children, and spirituality."

Tell "I Was My Toughest Case," page 5.

Leader's Conclusion

(Order free from your state WMU office the Community Missions pamphlet, "What You Can Do About the Alcohol Problem.")

In case you have not ordered the pamphlet, these are a few things suggested for your discussion and action:

1. Promote alcohol education through church organizations (library, displays, packets of information leaflets for Sunday school teachers, films, tours of clinics, courts and jails).
2. Use of ballot.
3. Support the school program. In every state there is a law requiring that the facts about alcohol and narcotics be taught in the public schools.
4. Discourage advertising of alcoholic beverages.
5. Help the alcoholics.
6. Provide Christian recreation and fellowship.
7. Have patience but persistence.

Sentence prayers regarding this evil.

What will each member do as her part? Every woman has an obligation to stand for Christian living in her home and community. Help your every member to determine that she will not be fooled by the advertising of the brewery industry, but will use her influence with conviction.

"Hey Mom, Can I Go Texas?"

by Mrs. James K. Pace, Memphis, Tennessee

IN the dream world of an eleven-year-old boy, Texas is the land of cowboys, ranches, Texas Rangers, wild horses and longhorns—a wide open country where high adventure awaits him at every turn. Texas, this same enchanting Texas, is to be the place of the Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress, August 12-14.

I knew the second Rusty came hurtling in from the RA meeting that something was up! "Hey Mom, can I go to Texas? There's going to be a rodeo and real live missionaries and RAs from all over the world. Brother Kagy says there will be big name athletes and top Baptist leaders and special buses to take us. Mitch and Pat think they can go. Mom, can I go, too?"

Naturally, my first reaction was one of caution. Would it be safe for an eleven-year-old to go way out to Fort Worth with a bunch of boys? "Well, we'll have to think

about it, Son. We'll talk to your Daddy when he comes home," I stalled.

Hardly was Jim in the door that evening before Rusty confronted him with, "Hey Pop, can I go?" Then arose the question, which was pretty embarrassing to Rusty—"Well now, this is a meeting for Royal Ambassadors. How are you getting along passing your ranks?" Interest in Texas waned for a few weeks. But an announcement folder about the RA Congress with a drawing of a cow's skull and a lasso on it came through the mail and immediately Rusty's interest soared to new heights. My interest grew keener, too, when I noticed that the theme of the meeting was "Christ in Me . . . the Hope of the World," and that the two-fold purpose of the congress was to magnify Christ in the life of the boys and to magnify the program of our denomination as it reaches throughout the

world. I realized that this would be a rich spiritual experience for my son, and I resolved to do all I could to help him prepare for it. I was especially anxious for him to attend when I realized that actually this was a once-or twice-in-a-lifetime experience for a boy as these Convention-wide congresses are held only every four years.

Rusty had been having so much trouble settling down to learning the material necessary to pass his first rank. Perhaps, I thought, we could use the Scripture passages he was to learn in family worship each morning until he had mastered them.

Of course, we looked into the question of supervision. We were assured that each group of boys will be accompanied by a counselor and that once they arrive in Fort Worth, a full and interesting schedule is planned. Surely there would be enough going on to keep him and other boys too busy to get into mischief or get lost.

But then we had to face the problem of "How much will it cost?" and "Can we afford it?" We learned that on the special buses or trains he could travel round-trip for a great reduction in fare. And, by sharing a room with other boys, the cost would be moderate. After estimating the cost of his meals and a little "souvenir money," we had a fair guess as to the total cost. It was less than we first thought. However, it was a lot of money—money that we needed for other things. But, then, wasn't this a thing bigger than money?

About this time I read an article by Duke K. McCall about his trip to the Baptist Youth World Conference when he was a young boy and the far-reaching effect that experience had on his life. I remembered,



Rusty Pace

once again, the promise Jim and I had made to our Lord when he blessed our childless home with that tiny red-haired baby boy eleven years ago. We had covenanted with Him that we would provide a Christian home for our son and do all within our power to help him find God's purpose in his life. It has been a constant, though joyous task, trying to direct his adventurous spirit, alert mind, and boundless energy into the right channels. Would not this be an important step in the right direction?

Rusty, himself, in his enthusiasm came up with a partial answer to our financial problem. "I'll work to make some money, and I'll sell the pelt of that fox I killed, and I'll save my allowance!" So Rusty embarked on a tight money schedule, and he is really hustling. He shovels snow, nearly washes the paint off the station wagon, and mows lawns. He even mans the shovel and wheelbarrow and undertakes the distasteful task of keeping the horse pen clean.

Yes, Rusty has his eyes on Texas, and I would not have him miss that RA Congress for the world.

"Mom, it seems like August never will come. It's as slow as Christmas!"

Winter snow as well as the family horse, a part of getting ready to go for Rusty



MAY



by Kate Chensault Moddy

PROGRAM OUTLINE

for Your Program Folders

Devotional Period: As Jesus Commanded

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28: 18-20

Hymn: "O God, We Pray For All Mankind"

Prepar:

The Doors South

The First Door South

Mexico
Guatemala
Honduras
Costa Rica

From Doors in South America

Venezuela
Ecuador
Peru

Silent Prayer

Hymn

The Doors South

Devotional Period: As Jesus Commanded
Read Matthew 28:18-20.

We call these words from Matthew "The Great Commission," and indeed they are. They are the last will and testament of Jesus to his disciples. These are the commanding orders which Christ's disciples must follow in order to bring in his kingdom.

In one sense, they were not necessary. All that Jesus had done and said implied the Great Commission. Even if there were no Great Commission the obligation to extend the kingdom of God to every creature would still be the duty, responsibility, privilege, of every true Christian.

But Jesus did speak the words. We can be in no doubt about his plan for telling the world about Jesus the Saviour. In Acts 1:8 he also was definite, for he said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." What he had to say was brief but direct.

In verse 18 he began by proclaiming to his hearers his authority. He had the authority of God to command men. And it

was by virtue of that authority that he spoke.

He said exactly where the disciples were to go—to all nations. He said exactly what they were to do—make disciples, teach, and baptize in the name of the triune God. He said exactly what was to be done with those so taught and baptized—taught to observe all the things he had commanded in God's Word. New disciples were to be taught how they also were to enter into making disciples, teaching, baptizing—witnessing.

And just as Jesus began his commission by proclaiming his authority, so he concluded his commission by making the promise that God's own presence would go along with those who obeyed. World evangelism continues today because Christians can claim this same promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of men that the lost of the world can be redeemed. A life of prayer and consecration are neces-

sary for the one who would bear God's witness of salvation to lost sinners.

Sing "O God, We Pray for All Mankind," 456, Baptist Hymnal (stanzas 1, 2, and 5).

Prayer That we shall realize anew the claims of Christ upon us to be his witnesses.

Program Chairman: Today we look into "Doors South" which have been opened to Southern Baptists. Our purpose in doing this is to help us to

Appreciate what has been accomplished during the years. Southern Baptist missionaries have made disciples for Jesus Christ in some Latin American countries

Know something of the different types of ministry in which our missionaries are engaged

Understand that there are many unmet needs which retard the progress of the gospel which we can help meet

Have concern for the small, struggling churches without adequate facilities and leadership

questions and discussion. She will need a large map of "Southern Baptist Missions in Latin America, (free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.). She will also want curries, fruit, or something typical of the different countries.

Use the Map: On the map let each woman representing a country place a colored construction paper cutout of the country in the correct place on the map. This will call attention to these countries when all are in place.

Or, take a map trip. Use the map, "Southern Baptist Missions in Latin America." Move a boat about in the Caribbean Sea, visiting the Central American countries. Then beginning with Venezuela, move an airplane from country to country on the continent and then back home.

Or use modern fold doors. If the society meets in a department where these doors are used to form classrooms, arrange them as for teaching except for an opening for a door. Label the doors to represent different countries. Then, one by one, as the program progresses, the program chairman or the one directing the program, pushes back doors to reveal objects of art, dress, etc., suggestive of the country. Someone in each room will tell about the work in the country she represents.

Appreciate the consecration and loyalty of nationals who serve Christ when conditions are not favorable, and pray for them

Learn some of our missionaries in this area and pray for them.

Prayer that the information received today may increase our concern and participation in carrying out Jesus' command to the countries south of us. Pray also for missionaries on the "Call to Prayer" today.

THE FIRST DOOR SOUTH

When John O. Westrup went to Mexico in 1880 as a Southern Baptist missionary, he was our first missionary to Latin America.

Although Westrup was brutally slain by bandits within that first year, he began a movement which has penetrated to areas of spiritual destitution all over Latin America.

Since 1880 Southern Baptists have established work in most of the Latin American countries, although in some, the missionaries are few for the enormous task.



Brand new Baptist hospital (completed and dedicated February 1958) in Guadalajara, Mexico



Dr. Lamar Cole and Dr. Baker James Cauthen cut the ribbon to officially open the hospital; Mrs. R. L. Mathis and Dr. Frank Meons participated in the ceremony. Several hundred Mexican friends attended this Sunday afternoon service

Briefly we want to look at a part of our work in Mexico, this country where Mr. Westrup secured the first foothold.

Mexico—the Neighbor Next Door

Today in Mexico, the home of the ancient, advanced Aztec civilization we have 39 missionaries, more than 80 churches, 19 of which are self-supporting, and with more than 6,000 members. There are 109 national pastors. We are maintaining churches, student centers and homes, the Mexican Baptist Seminary in Torreon, a new Baptist hospital in Guadalajara, and a strong program of field evangelism.

From the six cities in which we maintain some work men go out on evangelistic trips, winning the lost, instructing a group here, strengthening a church in another village. With missionaries and nationals working there together, it is possible for a small group to enlarge their areas of service.

We have had a slowly growing work in that country, but it was not until this year that we built our first hospital.

"Sanatorio Mexico-Americano," is the name this beautiful new hospital has. The name itself attracts peculiar interest of those who pass by, for the name of two nations joined together must indicate a common purpose.

Our missionary, Dr. Lamar Cole, moved from the Baptist Clinic into his new house and the hospital last November, though the dedication did not take place until February 16 of this year. Our own president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, gave the dedicatory address.

Dr. Cole would remind us that this hospital did not come into being overnight. It took many years to prepare the soil for the growing hospital organization. Dr. Cole says, "Our hearts are full of gratitude for your prayers and gifts that have helped us. We trust that you will continue to pray for us as we try to solve the innumerable problems connected with the installation of the equipment we have been able to purchase and the organization of the personnel.

"All things are looking good to us. Where there was no tree, now stately palms that were practically given to us by the city surround three sides of the hospital. Forty poinsettia cuttings are planted in our backyard, and there is a stretch of green grass, as well as trees and plants given to us by friends, from the poor lady that sells flowers by the cemetery to the American who is giving free time to the landscaping of the hospital grounds. It took many years to prepare the soil for the growing of a hospital organization."

Missionary Orvil Reid writes, "The hospital will be a real monument to the mission spirit of Southern Baptists and to their interest in the neighbor next door."

Perhaps no one is more appreciative of this hospital than a small group of young, progressive doctors who live in Guadalajara. Most of them have had advanced residencies in hospitals in the United States, and are thrilled to have an opportunity to practice in a hospital with high standards. These doctors are organized to take their special places on the medical staff.

The hospital is able to minister to the needs of many more people than did the clinic which was Dr. Cole's place of work before Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds built the new hospital building.

Through an increased medical ministry we shall be able to reach many more for Christ, like the young man who came to Dr. Cole before the new building was erected. This young man had complained of a sensation of extreme heat several times during the day. He thought he had damaged his body by overexposure to the sun. After a thorough examination and history, the doctor made his diagnosis. He helped the young man to realize that he must turn to the Lord, and the smile on his face showed that he understood what the doctor meant. He had been reading his Bible and longed for an explanation of many things from God's Word. For the answers to his many questions the missionary turned to the Bible. Within a week the young man was back again to talk seriously about accepting Christ.

How many more in Mexico are waiting for someone to explain the way of salvation? It is estimated that only one out of every 100 Mexicans knows Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Through the enlarged medical ministry, its organization of new churches, training of young Christians, by evangelism and with renewed dedication missionaries and nationals look for a greater harvest.

Guatemala

In the five countries which make up Central America—Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and El Salvador, Southern Baptists have work in the first three and American Baptists in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Guatemala, on which the ancient and advanced Maya Empire left its strong imprint, is the most populous of these countries, with almost 4 million people. It is the size of Louisiana. Sixty per cent of the population is Indian, 35 mixed, with only 5 per cent white. Our work which began less than a decade ago, in 1949, is developing along practical lines, with six missionaries and twelve national pastors. In the 18 churches there are almost 2000 Baptists learning how to carry on effective wit-

nensing.

Regional Bible institutes are proving of inestimable value in giving direction and training to pastors and laymen.

The basic plan involves, first, selecting a central church in an area where churches and missions can send their lay leaders for the week's study; the selecting of a faculty made up of missionaries and national pastors; and the planning of a course of study that will be simple and practical.

The first of these institutes was held last year about 30 miles from Guatemala City. Two missionaries and three national pastors as faculty ate together at mealtime to discuss progress. Rev. A. Clark Scanlon says, "There was evidence of one of the sweetest spirits of sharing and working together that we have known on the mission field."

At this institute, each day began with a study of the book of 1 John following the theme that a person can be sure he is saved and rejoice in that assurance. Then there were lessons on soul-winning after which everyone went out in twos to do personal witnessing in the afternoons.

Of course, there was a course in preaching—and a time of practice-preaching. Missionary Chester S. Cadwallader, Jr. demonstrated missionary education techniques. One day he began by holding up a big knife saying that one must have sharp tools to cut well. He also demonstrated—amid laughter as some recognized themselves—how not to teach a Sunday school lesson, followed by a demonstration on how to do it properly.

Panel discussions gave opportunity for a sharing of experiences and problems.

There was great rejoicing over the results of the week. A total of nine accepted Christ as Saviour. Mr. Scanlon says "These short courses do not take the place of a theological seminary, but they do give help to the man who is in charge of a mission, to those who want to know how to win others to Christ, to each person who wants to be a better church member they give a chance to prepare. We intend to make these

regional Bible institutes a permanent part of our work."

See "Guatemala: Where Springtime Is Eternal," page 10.

Honduras

It was Christopher Columbus who gave to Honduras her name which means "depths," referring to the deep waters off the northern coast. The population is largely Spanish and Indian, and in Honduras, like Guatemala, the great cultural sites of the old Empire of the Mayas are in evidence. There is a firmly established tradition of racial equality in Honduras which emphasizes the importance of talent, ability, education. This tradition should aid Baptists in that freedom of worship and the democracy of a New Testament church are so much a part of Baptist practice.

Southern Baptist beginning interest in Honduras dates back to 1916 when Paul C. Bell, visited this small country. At that time he was our superintendent in Panama for the Home Mission Board. Following his visit a group of believers were baptized and they formed the first Baptist church in Honduras.

But the Baptist Foreign Mission Board did not begin work there until 1954.

The year following, political turmoil prevailed in Central America reaching a climax in Honduras in 1956. Civil rights were suspended, freedom of the press denied; economic depression followed. Later in the year the government was overthrown. In spite of these repressive measures by the government, our missionaries report that during the three years Southern Baptists have been in the country, there has been complete religious freedom. "Even when gatherings of more than five people were prohibited, religious meetings were not bothered," writes missionary Wynona Ratliff. "Our services in the capital were checked by the police once or twice, but we were not molested."

But there have been difficulties. Psychological they are, says our missionary. When people do not have enough to eat

under ordinary conditions and their meager incomes are further reduced, listlessness and despair follow. "Combine the psychological with ignorance, superstition, and nameless fears and you have forces to combat that only a powerful gospel can overcome. It is such a gospel that we proclaim," writes Mrs. Ratliff.

Progress is being made as the organization of two churches last year indicates. The first was organized in a very poor rural area in the southern part of the country. Twenty-four charter members came from widely separated communities linked together by mountain trails and by common needs, both physical and spiritual. A national is the pastor. The second church with seventeen charter members is in the capital city. With Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, a piece of property has been bought and the church has constructed a temporary building through a mission loan. The church expects to pay back this money in about three years. In spite of hardships, the little congregation has been able to meet most of the expenses since its beginning.

It is heartening to learn of the consecration of the 277 Baptists in the 5 churches. There are 4 missionaries serving with 5 national pastors.

Congregations observing a week of prayer for world missions in December of last year offered earnest prayer as a result of needs presented in the programs for the week, prayers of thanksgiving for what God had done for them and for personal blessings which strengthened the churches.

Also, during the latter part of 1957 two evangelistic campaigns were planned and executed resulting in more than eighty people making professions of faith in Christ.

Costa Rica

Costa Rica's peaceful and democratic way of life is exemplified in its literature. A leading type of writing is the realistic "costumbrismo," which focuses upon the everyday life and customs of the peasantry.

A strong colonial Spanish influence is evident in the majority of churches and public buildings in this beautiful country where about 48 per cent of her people are of pure Spanish descent and 47 per cent have some Indian blood.

Costa Rica is mainly a farming country. The farmer, a respected member of Costa Rica's thriving middle class, adds a dash of vivid color to the provincial scene by his unique habit of decorating the wheels, body and yoke of his oxcart with gay intricate designs. Each province has its own characteristic color. One would be impressed by the freedom of discussion among Costa Ricans and note their self-sufficiency, industry, and conservativeness.

Costa Rica ranks highest in literacy among Central American countries. Eighty-five per cent of her one million people can read and write. Dr. Frank Means, secretary to Latin America, reported to the Foreign Mission Board last year after a visit to Costa Rica that "Costa Rica now reputedly spends three times more for education than for defense."

Our Home Mission Board began work in Costa Rica in 1949. Two years later the Foreign Mission took over the work. Since that time ten churches have been built, a convention has been organized, with a small group of national pastors serving faithfully.

Costa Rica, and especially San Jose, is significant to Southern Baptists because in its language school study all missionary appointees who serve Spanish-speaking areas.

This language school was conceived in the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. Otho La Porte, Presbyterian missionaries, during their Japanese internment in the Philippines during World War II. After years of privation, they returned to the States to regain their health. Later they became directors of the language school sponsored by the Presbyterian church in the USA.

The new missionaries tell many amusing incidents in their struggle with the language. Two errors which are common to most of them is the mistake of using the

word *pagar* meaning pay with *pegar* which means hit. One missionary told the woman who brought eggs to her that she was going to "hit" her for them! Another frequent mistake is confusing *beso* which means kiss with *vaso*, the word for glass. More than one helper has been asked for a *beso*, when all her employer wanted was a glass for water!

In this country we have 10 churches with about 500 members, four missionaries, and eight national pastors.

The Baptist Bible Institute for theological study is also in San Jose.

Slowly but surely Baptist influence is gaining headway, even in the city of Heredia, where Roman Catholic priests have boasted that no evangelical church can survive.

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FROM DOORS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Venezuela

Although Venezuela is equal in size to Texas and Utah combined, with a population of more than five and a half million, there are only about 500 Baptists in the entire country. However, Missionary Uman Moss says that Don Pedro Vegas is a fine example of the fervor of Baptists.

It was a miracle that Don Pedro Vegas, brown-skinned, white-haired, with a life of eighty-two years behind him, was recently baptized into the membership of the Central Baptist Church of Caracas, capital city of Venezuela. Dona Francisca de Arvelo, doing soul-winning visitation was responsible for his decision.

As she sat in the humble home of Don Vegas, which is typical of most poor people in the city, she began to talk to him about the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, as told in the Bible. "Wait," he said, "I have one of those books, but I can't understand it," and he pointed to a wrapped package hanging from the ceiling of the room. In it Dona Francisca found prac-

tically a new Bible. As she read to him from it she explained about its message to a lost sinner. "I never knew the Book was like that," he marveled.

Dona Francisca invited him to family prayer services in her own home. She told her pastor about Don Vegas. The pastor talked to him and invited him to a special study of the Bible. He became a believer declaring, "Yes, I accept this Jesus as my Saviour," and later he was baptized into the membership of the church.

Ecuador

Ten missionaries at work among three and a half million people could be a discouraging endeavor—discouraging to the missionaries who see the multitude of lost people, and discouraging to the Baptists they are trying to train and undergird.

But it was only seven years ago that Baptists entered the doors of Ecuador. There are now two organized churches with buildings and eight outstations or missions. One of the churches is entirely self-supporting, and that is the desire of the other churches as well as those yet to organize. They all seem to be eager to learn how to be good church members and many adults are faithful in the Training Union which is a great means by which young Christians are trained to be better church members.

The second Baptist church, completely staffed by nationals, was organized in Quito last year. Nationals are taking on more responsibility in every phase of the church work.

Missionary Garreth Joiner says, "We are constantly impressed by the consecration of many young people who have been in contact with our church since early in the Baptist work. We continue to emphasize work with children, especially through the kindergarten, Royal Ambassador organization for boys, and the Girls' Auxiliary. Preparations are underway for the first GA Coronation service in Ecuador, with two girls having met requirements for Queen."

In Guayaquil a good beginning has been made for Baptist work, but thousands of it-

tractive, well-dressed people of that city and others who live in bamboo tenements have never been touched by the gospel witness.

Dense banana plantations, heat, and thatched houses built on poles high off the ground form the coastal country picture. Farther inland this tropical aspect disappears. Replacing it are beautiful mountain scenery, llamas, sheep, and Indians wrapped in bright-colored *panchos* huddled around windowless mud and straw huts. The primitive surroundings give one the feeling he is looking back into another century, another world.

Mrs. Joiner feels that, "Ever haunting to one's memory is the Indian standing on the desolate mountainside while modern civilization speeds past—and while years fly by without the gospel touching his life."

In Ecuador, as in other countries where Roman Catholicism is dominant, young people who become Christians often pay a high price for their decision for Christ. In Quito, the capital city where we have some work, a young man went home and told his father he had become a Christian. His father packed the son's clothes and threw them outside. "I no longer have a son," he said. "You no longer have a father." But persecution brings with it a strengthening of faith and progress to God's mission program.

Persecution by the Catholic majority is a familiar pattern to many of our Latin American missionaries. Let us pray for them and for the new Christians who often find life hard economically and within family circles.

Peru

"O Tatai Inti (O my father sun), I worship thee as the author of all life and light and being, and if thou are not the author of all life and light and being, then I worship the one who created thee."

This is a prayer of the Incas, the ancient and powerful Indian people whose empire was dominant in Peru centuries before they were conquered by the Spanish. This is

the prayer of a people, among whom the Spaniards could not find a thief, a liar, or a sluggard! This indeed must have been the prayer of hearts reaching out for God!

Hundreds of years after the Inca civilization flourished and was destroyed by the Spaniards, Southern Baptists entered the doors of Peru to tell about the One who is "the author of all life and light and being," the One altogether worthy of worship and love.

We now have ten missionaries in the city of Lima, the capital city. These ten missionaries are among a population of a million people in a city which was established long before the Jamestown settlement in 1607, and which boasts of the University of San Marcos which was founded in 1551.

There are five Baptist churches and three national pastors in Peru. And four Baptist high school graduates from Peru are attending the International Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. These students will be a great boost to Baptist growth when they return to Peru.

Although the state religion is Catholic, Peru is liberal enough not to insist on Catholic sanction of marriages. This one condition is encouraging for the young people as they begin to establish homes of their own, for in many countries Baptist young people find that a marriage outside the Catholic church is not recognized.

With the many limitations to the advance of Baptist work, our missionary, M. D. Oates says that he has not seen in the States such willingness among Christians to work for the Lord which he finds among the people in his own church in the city of Arequipa, center of Peru's literature and art.

Missionary Charles W. Bryan writes, "There are contending forces in Peru today struggling for mastery: culture and ignorance, wealth and poverty, democracy and totalitarianism, moral decay and ethical responsibility, superstition and enlightenment, a traditional church-centered religion and a transforming Christ-centered religion. All these forces yoked together

constitute our responsibility and opportunity. The message of Christ fits the need and answers the problems of every person caught by these contending forces. Our plan of procedure must be inclusive enough to reach every person regardless of his circumstances."

Let us pray for this country where it is estimated that 80 per cent of the people have not heard the message of Christ.

Meditation

Let us find hymn 358, *Baptist Hymnal*, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Now let us bow our heads and recall the countries and people we have looked at today—Mexico, the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica,

and then the countries of Venezuela, Peru, and Ecuador in northern South America. As you have listened no doubt you have felt concern because of the small number of missionaries for so large a territory. Thousands of cities, towns, and villages have no witness at all. We have heard from missionaries, nationals, about institutions. We have been happy over progress, appreciated fine Christian witness, and been touched by appalling needs. Let us pray silently for three minutes, talking to God about what we have heard and felt.

Silent Prayer (allow three minutes.)

And let us remain seated and sing together with renewed dedication, "A Charge to Keep I Have" (or another song you may wish to substitute).

CIRCLE MISSION STUDY April, May, June

God's World Plan, Aulick

BY MRS. JAMES BUTLER

At your April Circle meeting, you began the study of *God's World Plan* by Mrs. A. L. Aulick.

Follow up your announcement poster for last month. Send attractive personal invitations suggesting the reading of Chapters 4 and 5 of the text book and all or at least one of the four Gospels.

To enrich your preparation for this study, read "The Biblical Basis of Missions" by Cornell Goerner; February 1958 *The Commission*; December 1957 *The National Geographic Magazine*, "Bringing Old Testament Times to Life" by G. Ernest Wright. There are eighteen illustrations and ten beautiful paintings in color.

Review the first three chapters. If using world globe, Bible, and ribbons, call attention to the following places to which ribbons have been attached. Have someone

read the Scripture verses:

Ur of the Chaldees (near Persian Gulf in Iraq), birthplace of Abraham Genesis 11:27-32.

Haran (Syria), God spoke to Abraham Genesis 12:1-2.

Canaan (Palestine), Abraham obeyed Genesis 12:4-5.

Egypt, mention Joseph, Moses, the Israelites. Or you may want to follow this simple outline which could be written on a chalk board: 1. What is God's world plan? 2. It is revealed in Old Testament history. 3. It is stated in the missionary Psalms. 4. It is declared in prophecy. You have now brought your class to the point of the revelation of God's plan as you go into chapter IV.

Have someone sing or read "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"—sheet music may be ordered from G. Schirmer, Inc.,

New York, price 60c or from local music stores. Map No. 6 New Testament Palestine gives the route probably taken by Jesus in going from place to place. The cities and towns underlined in red are those known to have been visited by him. Refer only to the places you will be considering in the lesson presentation.

The heart of the missionary work of Jesus may be portrayed by incidents in his life which show that he came to bring salvation to all races and all classes. Summarize chapter IV by emphasizing Jesus' three-fold ministry: healing the sick (Mark 1:29-33), feeding the hungry (Mark 6:30-44), forgiving sin (Matt. 9:9-13). Ask three members to tell these stories. Other references may be assigned for home reading.

Discussion questions: What is the ultimate purpose of all Christian social service work? Tie in with the community missions emphasis on soul-winning. 2. What are the tasks of missionaries today?

Pull out of chapter V the six missionary doctrines spoken by Jesus. Write them on the chalk board or with colored crayon on separate sheets of brown paper stapled together like a flip chart. In the development of the words of Jesus about God include the material under II, beginning on page 63 which is primarily a discussion of John 3:16. Follow with at least two parables of your choosing from those related in the chapter: one showing Jesus' concern for the lost; the other the growth of the kingdom. Conclude with the commissions and the missionary aspects of the two prayers.

Close the session with prayer. As a benediction repeat in unison John 3:16.

In preparing "God's World Plan Revealed in the Life and Work of Jesus," you will find *Canaan—The Land of Promise*, in chapter III, *Biblical Backgrounds*, by J. McKee Adams, price \$3.75, helpful.

During 1955 a number of Southern Baptists had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land. If your pastor or someone else has

slides, select several to show during the session if there is time. Point out the "old" as well as the "new." Many changes have taken place within the past few years: the reclaiming of the land, the return of the Jews, the forming of Israel and Jordan. There will be the temptation to discuss current problems in the Middle East, but make everything secondary to the revelation of God's plan for the redemption of mankind as seen in the work and words of Jesus.

Call to Prayer

(Continued from page 40)

Pray that the God of love will bless the missionary wives in the simple tasks of everyday living before those who know not the Heavenly Father, and for Mrs. Carlos Carreon, Calif., Rev. Hubert O. Hurt, Cuba, Mrs. Rafael Guillen, Panama, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. G. D. Graber, Brazil, RN; Mr. H. V. Davis, Brazil, Dr. I. N. Patterson, Nigeria, ev.

31 Saturday Go ye therefore, and teach all nations Matt. 28:19.

The Bagulo Chinese Church gave one half its budget to support work at Tarlac and San Fernando in the Philippine Islands.

The Japan Baptist Mission has sent its own missionaries to Okinawa.

Young campers at Hilo Baptist Camp in Hawaii sent their special offering to the Home Mission Board for work among the Navajo Indians.

These examples of concern for the "others" of God's world are repeated daily among Christian groups in every land as they become in turn anxious about the spread of the gospel, expressing their love in tangible ways.

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

—WILLIAM C. DIX

Pray for national Christians, for their home and foreign mission work, for pastors of mission churches, and pray for Mrs. William Skinner, Paraguay, med. ev.; Miss June Cooper, Japan, ev.



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayer, 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.

Prepared by Saxon Rowe Carver

1 Thursday The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 1 John 2:8

Late in his life, William Carey wrote what had been his missionary creed. "Remember three things: First, that it is your duty to preach the gospel to every creature; second, remember that God has declared that his word shall accomplish that for which it is sent; third, that He can as easily remove the present seemingly formidable obstacles as we can move small particles of dust."

His inspiration continues, as does the truth of his creed. The newest Baptist church in Havana is named for William Carey.

Pray that this young church may follow Carey's timeless challenge to "expect great things from God; attempt great things for God," and pray for Rev. Charles C. Pierson, Okla., Rev. James E. Timmons, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. William E. Burke, Ga., field worker; Rev. William S. Wall, Mrs. Ben Yelvington, Mrs. Seferino Jojola, N. M., ev. among Indians

2 Friday Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

"In the faces of men and women I see God. I find letters from God dropped in the street, and every one is signed by God's name"—Walt Whitman.

Karoi, a village in Southern Rhodesia has no church or school for its African people. Not even the government provides for any

education of its children. A few Christian parents have watched our missionaries at work in nearby Salisbury. They have seen the "letters from God dropped in the street" in the faces and deeds of those who serve him.

"We want the Baptists to come help us here in Karoi," they plead.

Pray that the spiritual needs of Karoi may be met quickly so that another generation will not die without a chance to hear of Jesus and his love, and pray for Rev. A. T. Cabrera, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Gerald Harvey, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

3 Saturday Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit. John 15:16.

John and Stella Chase are Navajos, living on a reservation. They accepted Jesus as their Saviour and were baptized by missionary George D. Hook. Now, when visitors come, John and Stella read the Bible to them, and sing hymns in their Navajo tongue. On Thanksgiving, they held a camp meeting at their hogan. Nearly two hundred attended.

Pray with gratitude for the transforming power of God, and that He will keep every one of his heralds conscious of his care, and pray for Mrs. Robert D. Buess, N. M., Mrs. Arturo E. Corruedo, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, Fla., ev. among Italians; Rev. D. M. Carroll, Argentina, ev.; Rev. W. C. Harrison, Brazil, ev.

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4 Sunday For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matt. 26:28.

Europe has half a billion people, with a present generation in urgent need of the gospel. In countries where there is a state church, such as Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, church membership is but nominal. Multitudes come in contact with the Catholic church only at birth, marriage, and death. Others make no profession of religious faith at all. In Communist countries millions of people are irreligious or anti-religious.

There are about a million European Baptists. "Southern Baptists have entered into a partnership in the gospel with their European brethren," says Dr. J. D. Hughey, Jr. "It must continue."

Pray for close knitting and mutual helpfulness in Europe of this partnership in spreading the true gospel of Christ and for the missionaries there; and pray for Mrs. Cirilo Aleman, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Dorathy Ruth Milam, La., GWC; Rev. J. B. Matthews, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. A. B. Craighhead, Italy, RN; Miss Mays Bell Taylor, Brazil, Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland, ed. ev.

5 Monday In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

There are over 500,000 Baptists in Russia, half the number in all Europe. Dr. Henlee Barnette of Southern Seminary spent a month in Russia last summer. He visited crowded Baptist churches, where the Spirit of God was evident among worshipers.

"What shall I tell the Baptists of America?" he asked. "What special needs have you for prayer?"

"Just ask them to pray that we remain steadfast," replied the pastor.

Pray that the Heavenly Father will give to Russian Christians courage to remain steadfast; pray for Rev. Fred R. Barnes, Ariz. ranch ev.; Paul G. Barnes, MF; Miss Barbara Wenzel, Mexico, Miss Anita Roper, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. T. G. Small, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

6 Tuesday Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away. Mark 13:31.

Since its beginning the Brazilian Bible Press has printed 487,542 Bibles, and 176,456 New Testaments. Dr. W. E. Allen, senior editor, prophesies that by 1980 the Bible house will be turning out half a million Bibles and 100,000 New Testaments a year.

Pray for Dr. Allen and all who work with him in this vital ministry of the printed word in Brazil and for Mr. J. B. Henderson, Va., ed. ev. among Negroes; Mrs. J. Ed Taylor, Ga., ev. among migrants; Miss Alma Jackson, Brazil, RN; Mrs. J. D. Hollis, Macao, Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Hawaii, Mr. Melvin Eugene Torstrick, Chile, ev.; Mr. Jimmie Durr Spann, Costa Rica, laa. st.; Rev. Eusebio Morales, San Blas, ev. among Spanish-speaking

7 Wednesday Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20.

The master had no prejudice, nor countenanced any.

A saddening letter came recently from our Nigerian mission. Little children of our missionaries had been stoned by some Nigerian non-Christian children. "This is the way you do us in your country," they shouted.

Prejudice is a boomerang. It harms the one who is struck, and returns to harm those who harbor it. Even the innocent, like these children, often suffer.

Pray for Christlike grace in all personal relationships, beginning with yourself, and pray for Rev. Garland K. Offutt, Ky., ev. among Negroes; Rev. Armando G. Virgen, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. D. E. McDowell, Paraguay, ev.

8 Thursday I am not alone, because the Father is with me. John 16:32.

"A strange thing happened. I forgot my sermon," recalls Missionary Ernest Hill of New Mexico. "My notes, spread out before me seemed a huge puzzle, so I introduced the plan of salvation in the few minutes left.

Three persons accepted Christ, six rededicated their lives. What I had prepared was not necessary. God used me as an instrument in his hands" (*Home Missions*).

Pray for increasing ability for all who preach and witness to adapt the message to the hearers' need, and for Rev. Miguel Lopez, N. M., Mrs. Juan Arambula, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Elizabeth Arambula, MF; Rev. Donald Levy, Cuba, Mr. William M. Clawson, Mexico, Mrs. Robert L. Lambright, Indonesia, Mrs. B. P. Emanuel, Miss Virginia Highfill, Japan, ev.

Friday It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish Matt. 18:14.

The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare reports that during the last six years the number of juvenile delinquents has increased 28 per cent. Only 4 per cent of the children in trouble had any record of regular church attendance.

Our Home Mission Board juvenile delinquent program calls for volunteer sponsors provided by the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union. These sponsors are selected by the local church and trained for service. The purpose is reclamation of the child from a life of crime. The plan has unlimited potential.

Pray for this work of the Home Mission Board, for all who participate in our churches that they may have God's guidance in understanding every child who has lost his way, and pray for Mrs. I. E. Gonzales, Tex., Mrs. Juan Narunjo, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. John E. Hubbard, Okla., ev. among Indians, Mrs. H. R. Moseley, HMB, em.

10 Saturday Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me Matt. 18:5.

Motherless babies are tenderly cared for in Jersey Children's Home, Ogbornosho, Nigeria. More than half of them are brought to the Home after the child is so ill and wasted that the father, usually Muslim, wants no more to do with it.

Little Odere, granddaughter of a chief of a wholly Muslim village, became well enough to be sent home. The grandfather was astonished and impressed, and invited our missionaries to visit his village to tell of a God who loves little children. God uses many means to give his gospel to the lost!

Pray with thanksgiving for the living witness of this healed child to the mercy of God that because of Odere many in her village will know God's Son; pray for Rev. Antonio Santana, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Sara Santana, MF; Mrs. J. M. Haulbrook, Tenn., Rescue Home; Dr. J. P. Satterwhite, Japan, MD; Miss Cara Hardy, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. W. E. Arnold, Ghana, Rev. W. L. DuVal, Nigeria, Mrs. James Young, Jr., Gaza, ev.



11 Sunday If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me Matt. 16:24.

"When you pray for missionary mothers," said one in Africa, "pray specially for those with children in their teens. There is no school for them on the field, but they are too young to be left behind in the USA. Things don't matter. The sacrifice of the mission field is being separated from one's children while they go to school in our country."

Pray for each member of all separated missionary families, for the Margaret Fund students who are in our schools with father and mother far away, and for Julian Reyna, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Amy Lively, Ga., GWC; Mrs. Reiji Hoshiaki, Japan, ev., GA Focus Week May 11-17

12 Monday My Father worketh hitherto, and I work John 5:17.

Furloughs come, and the missionaries are among us, in our churches and at conferences. A sample week for Jane Hill, read like this: "Five four-hour mission study classes in Kentucky, plus a flight from Louisville to Baltimore for a speech." Oh yes, she is taking classes in music and art, to help her when she goes back, and she has three children to care for.

"But I want people to know Africa, and feel its needs," she says. "Besides, when I look, over and over, at the slides we brought from Nigeria I feel so at home!"

Jane's experiences are multiplied by those of most missionaries on furlough. They are so eager to tell us more about the needs

Pray for strength equal to the day's demands for missionaries on furlough. They give and give and give. Do you? Pray for Miss Helen Meredith, Colombia, Miss Auria Pender, Malaya, Rev. T. G. Small, Southern Rhodesia, Rev. R. R. Morris, Lebanon, ev.; Mrs. B. D. Davis, Brazil, Miss Ethel Guest, Nigeria, ed. ev.

13 Tuesday He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God Luke 6:12.

Read also verse 13 of the sixth chapter of Luke. You will note that it was the next day that Jesus chose his disciples—after spending all night in prayer. Today, in the Volunteer Division of the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board there are some 2500 names of young people from many, many churches throughout our Convention. These young people are committed to God's leadership in world missionary service. They have so indicated in YWA, GA camps, in conferences, in churches, on college and high school campuses. Elmer West states that the Foreign Mission Board goal for appointment in 1958 is 130. Who shall be sent? Are there young people in your church whose names are in this file at the Foreign Mission Board? Are there those who need your encouragement?

Pray for all these young people, for workers in the Department of Missionary Personnel upon whom rest the decisions which direct these lives, and pray for Mrs. W. B. Minor, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Ben Canoe, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. A. E. Blankenship, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. W. M. Dyal, Jr., Costa Rica, Mrs. R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Spain, Mrs. C. M. Halvarson, Japan, ev.; Mrs. Aurelia Baez, HMB, em.

14 Wednesday Go thou and preach the kingdom of God Luke 9:60.

On a marshy island off the Louisiana coast live a group of Indians who have never had a religious service. Home Missionary A. V. Pickern, Jr., considers their souls as precious as the souls of any who live on any of our Main streets. Traveling by small boat, he visited these Indians, and was invited into one home to play his accordion and sing. He was not asked to read the Bible or pray, but he believes sincerely that he will be. "The Lord willing, these people will soon have a chance to hear His word," declares Mr. Pickern.

Pray for these Indian friends, for Mr. Pickern, for all neglected groups of our land

who have never heard of Jesus and his saving Power. Pray for Mrs. Robert R. Harvey, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Amelia Diaz, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Roberta Ryan, Chile, ed. ev.; Miss Mary Lee Ernest, Hawaii, ev.

15 Thursday Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest Matt. 11:28.

Have you ever met a missionary who was delayed by ill health from returning to his field? Are the waiting months unnaturally long, or do they just seem so to the missionary? One missionary wrote, "I understand anew the words of the Twenty-third Psalm—'He maketh me to lie down.'"

These uneasy, trying times come to every member of the human family. But finally one who seeks can come to say, "He restoreth my soul!"

Pray for those missionaries who are delayed by illness, that the waiting time may be a time for renewal and blessing, and pray for Jewell Smith, Cuba, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Francisco Rodriguez, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. T. Poe, Chile, Mr. M. D. Oates, Peru, ev.; Miss Virginia Mathis, Philippines, ed. ev.

16 Friday Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness Matt. 5:6.

Pecos Higgins, a dissipated, tough, aged cowboy, was taken to a Cowboy Camp Meeting one August evening in 1954. God touched his heart. Soon Pecos Higgins followed Jesus in baptism, and testified, "I made the devil a real hand for seventy years. Now I want to make the Lord a real hand for as long as I live." He is true to that desire, Home Missionary Fred R. Barnes observes as he works among the cowboys in the Southwest.

Pray for those in spiritual need in our western states, and for those who have found a re-direction in their lives; pray for our missionaries among the cowboys, and for Rev. Jose M. Sanchez, Cuba, Rev. Juan Arambula, Tex., Mrs. F. H. Walters, Canal Zone, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Violet L. Walters, MF; Mrs. Roe Beard, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Lawrence Stanley, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Miss Catherine Walker, Indonesia, ed. ev., Mrs. Louis O'Connor, Jr., Korea, Mrs. J. E. Posey, Jr., Philippines, Rev. J. O. Watson, Argentina, ev.; James O. Watson, Jr., MF

17 Saturday I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall

go in and out, and find pasture John 10:9.

"I'm going to the Good Will Center," declared a small boy in a rough neighborhood. "They love a fellow there."

There are 54 Good Will Centers in the Southern Baptist Convention. We are working toward a goal of 300 by 1964.

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O Son of man!

—FRANK MASON NORTH

Pray for the 41 home missionaries who serve so wonderfully in our Good Will Centers, and for Rev. Peter Miller, San Blas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Peter Miller, Jr., Manuel E. Miller, MF; Rev. T. W. Talkington, Miss., ed. ev. among Negroes; Mrs. W. W. Boggan, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. R. Z. Chamlee, Jr., Peru, ev.



18 Sunday For we walk by faith, not by sight 2 Cor. 5:7.

Thus our Scripture verse for today reassures our missionaries newly appointed in Tanganyika and Kenya. They are working, Davis L. Saunders says, "by faith and not by sight."

Islam is making an all-out bid for East Africa. Catholics are pouring men and money into the same territory. Nationalism is demanding removal of outside controls. Baptists, with their doctrine of the autonomy of the local church and the sufficiency of the individual before God, have a definite contribution to make, but no time can be wasted. Souls are dying without Christ, and we must hasten to tell them he loves them.

Pray that the Saviour will lead our young missionary couples in Tanganyika and Kenya in planning and in doing in this new field for Southern Baptists, and for Felice Torna, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Wanda L. Moore, S. C., GWC; Miss Rebecca Callaway, Va., ed. ev. among Negroes; Rev. Fernandez Santana, HMB, em.; Rev. C. W. Campbell, Argentina, Rev. J. E. Hampton, Tanganyika, ev.; Mr. A. L. Gillespie, Japan, Miss Mary Jane Whorton, Nigeria, ed. ev. WNU Annual Meeting, Houston, May 18-20

19 Monday This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you John 15:12.

Since World War II many younger Chinese have come to the United States. They grew up in China during the war. They have not known the old culture. Many have been taught by Communists. They are here without families, and so do not have the restraint of their elders. They need Christian friends. No follower of Christ can leave this job wholly to the employed home missionary. There are many Chinese in our communities, in our Baptist colleges. Have you sought them out for Christ's sake?

Pray that we may become aware of this fleeting opportunity at our door, and pray for Rev. Peter Chen, Calif., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. H. H. Saugga,* Taiwan, Rev. W. D. Bender, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Miss Mary Alexander, Hong Kong, em.

20 Tuesday For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I Matt. 18:20.

Three Chinese students were graduated in 1956, and the first two Thai last year, from our Baptist Seminary in Bangkok. Two Thai were recently ordained as deacons in Immanuel Baptist Church, the first in Thailand since our mission work began in 1950. Witnessing in Thailand requires patience.

Thailand, predominantly Buddhist, is one of the most difficult mission fields. Our workers are too few.

Pray that the promise of Jesus to be there among these missionaries may be richly fulfilled, and that more will go quickly to this door which is swinging wide open, and pray for Rev. Rudolph Russell,* Thailand, Mrs. G. H. Wise, Rev. L. C. Bell, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Hiram Duffer,* Mexico, Miss Lorene Tilford, Taiwan, Mr. J. S. McGee,* Nigeria, ed. ev.

21 Wednesday There came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will Matt. 8:2-3.

Each Christmas there is the annual discharge service of cured patients at the leprosy settlement near Oghomosho, Nigeria. It is a glad some time. Last year, however, one little girl, ten, cried hopelessly when her name was called as one who was cured and ready to leave. She had nowhere to go. Her

mother was still ill. Two years before her father had driven them both from home, lepers—unwanted, unloved.

A young Nigerian pastor was at the service, an onlooker. He could not remain unmoved by the child's sorrow. Tenderly, he invited the girl to become a member of his family, and took her home.

Pray for all lepers, especially for those who are being cured and returned to their homes, and for all who minister to them in our settlements in Africa, and for Rev. McKinley Gilliland,* Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Jr., Brazil, ev.; Miss Mary Hester Powell, Nigeria, RN

22 Thursday Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end John 13:1.

Israel presents complexities as a mission field. The young Israeli tends to judge religious movements by the fanatic orthodoxy that he dislikes, or by distorted Catholicism of which he has heard. Baptists have, through difficult years, maintained work in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Nazareth. "We realize that last year held more sowing than reaping," reports Dr. R. L. Lindsey. "We beg the prayers of each one."

At a time of personal trial, David Brainerd once wrote, "What are the storms of this lower world . . . if Jesus comes walking upon the seas?"

Pray for Dr. Lindsey, and the 14 other missionaries working in this Jewish state that they may be comforted and encouraged by the endless love of God, and pray for Mr. Roe Beard, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. O. W. Reid, Mexico, ed. ev.; Roderick Reid, MF; Rev. Vance Vernon, Brazil, ed. ev.

23 Friday Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not 1 John 3:1.

Like Jesus, our missionaries often meet rejection. Mrs. Eddie Sanchez went out last year to invite the children of Eagle Pass, a Texas border town, to Vacation Bible school. Doors were fast closed against her.

But God had his way. Ten children came the first day, fifty-nine the next. This past summer eighty-nine enrolled.

Pray that the message of Jesus may be told freely this summer in Eagle Pass, and in many towns of the West where similar conditions prevail, and for Mrs. Everett R.

Lanham, N. M., Mrs. Silverio Linares, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Harold T. Grauer, Panama, ev. among Panamanians; Mrs. Neville Claxon, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mr. Buford Cockrum, Jr., Nigeria, builder; Mrs. H. T. McKinley, Spain, ev.

24 Saturday I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth Acts 13:47.

J. D. Luper, whose base is San Luiz, the "Athens of Brazil," is one of our flying missionaries. His plane is one of three provided by the Lottie Moon offering, and gives exceptional service in the advancing of the Light in the state of Maranao where there is not easy transportation available.

Pray that those who travel by air, witnessing for Christ, may be safe in his care, and pray for Mrs. Jose Manuel Millan, Cuba, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. C. D. Hardy,* Brazil, translating; Rev. L. O. O'Connor, Jr., Korea, Mrs. C. W. Campbell, Argentina, Mrs. Earl Parker, Korea, ec.; John A. Parker, MF; Mrs. A. J. Terry, Brazil, em.



25 Sunday Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me Matt. 11:29.

Mr. Inoue is a professor at Kyushu University, Japan. His child attended the Baptist kindergarten. Then his wife became a Christian. For the pleasant fellowship, he accompanied Mrs. Inoue to a "retreat" in the meaning of church membership, and there he made his own decision for Christ. Not long after, he attended a Training Union program on church finance. "There I discovered," he says, "that a Christian has to rethink all his own finances, and the whole pattern of his life. I didn't realize how much was involved when I became a Christian"—DOROTHY GARROTT, Fukuoka.

Pray that we may bow in gratitude for nationals who accept the responsibilities of a Christian commitment, that they may be strong, and for the burdened missionaries who work in our schools; also pray for Rev. D. R. Smith,* Costa Rica, laa. at.; Rev. Alex Garner, Argentina, Rev. G. A. Clark, Japan, ev.

26 Monday Be not afraid, only believe Mark 5:36.

The troubled, the frightened, the different were all objects of the Master's concern. He understood the special needs of the deaf who live in a silent world.

Southern Baptists have undertaken an increasing ministry to this group. Since January, 1955, New Orleans Theological Seminary has offered a class in dactylogy. Some city churches have Vacation Bible schools for the deaf. The Home Mission Board is encouraging churches to provide Sunday school classes, Training Union programs, etc., in sign language with interpreters to tell them what is said in worship services. Special Sunday school quartermen are now available for this ministry.

Pray that our churches may explore all means of helping the handicapped among us, and for the 10 missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bearden, Mr. A. Jackson Roddy, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Gunn, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Prock, Calif., David Richardson, La., among the deaf. Pray also for Rev. W. D. Morgan, Panama, Rev. Charles Herbert Morris, Malaya, Mrs. W. M. Moore, Nigeria, et.

27 Tuesday Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father Matt. 13:43.

One of Fred Horton's first assignments as dramatics teacher at Seimen Gakulin, was to direct a pageant for Founders' Day. To the surprise of most of the students who were from Japanese non-Christian homes, he began each rehearsal with prayer. But the students were also moved. A number of them went to Mr. Horton, privately, to say how that one thing had changed their attitude toward Christianity—Dorothy Gansorn, Fukuoka.

Pray that we never fail to acclaim God, wherever we are, or before whom we are, for the Christian students and teachers at this boys' school in Japan, and for Mr. Fred Horton, Japan, et.

28 Wednesday And Jesus . . . saith unto them, Have faith in God Mark 11:22.

Dr. Frank Laubach says "The world is sick of hatred and crime, and yet it is afraid to trust love. Countries engage in what they call 'total war,' yet total Christianity as a world experiment has not yet been tried."

It cannot be tried until every living person has the opportunity to hear of Jesus, the

Prince of peace, at least once. Is it worth the effort? Dare we fail to do our best at this critical time?

Pray that God, the Father, will give us faith that the evangelization of the world can become complete. Then show us how to implement that faith at greater speed, and for Rev. J. B. Parker, HMB, em.; Mrs. T. N. Clinkscales, Mrs. R. L. Fielden, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mr. W. R. Medling, Japan, ev.

29 Thursday To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth John 18:37.

The Chilean Baptist Hour gives an effective, continuing testimony by radio throughout the year. Seven stations, from Arica in the extreme north, to Osorno in the south, of Chile, carry the gospel message. Because of these programs, R. Cecil Moore has enrolled 1700 students in Bible Correspondence Courses.

Listeners, about 25,000 each week, can be estimated, but the outreach of such a testimony can never be measured.

Pray for Mr. Moore and this wonderful work, that all mission-manned radio programs may speak God's truth, and pray for Rev. T. C. Bagby, Brazil, em.; Miss Ruth Porter, Paraguay, RN; Mrs. James Foster, Philippines, Mrs. R. K. Evenson, Uruguay, Mrs. J. D. Belote, Hong Kong, ev.; James D. Belote, Jr., MF

30 Friday For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in Matt. 25:35.

"Home Makers"—this is a highly honored branch of missionary service, taking its place in importance and recognition with medical personnel, ordained preachers, teachers, religious education workers, editors. Skill, grace, and consecration are basic requirements. The home where Christ is supreme, on the mission field, speaks its own language, preaches its own sermon, and shares its own Good News. (Continued on page 33)

am. amerika
* an. anfang
ev. evangelium
ed. educational
RN nurse
lan. at. language study
GWC Good Will Center
MF Margaret Fund student

HMB Home Mission Board
med. ev. medical evangelium
pub. ev. publication
evangelium
sec. ev. secretarial evangelium
SBH Sellers Baptist Home
med. tech. medical technician

MR. AND MRS. GLEN PROCK

by Lila Belle Hopkins

"When may I get some high heels?"

"My dear, just as soon as you grow up!"

There is a squeal of laughter but not a word has been spoken aloud. Glenelle asked for high heels by skillful manipulation of her fingers and her father answered in sign language.

Glenelle points to her tiny 1½ size shoe and sighs. Her parents believe that their sixteen-year-old daughter should have a pair of high heels but they have been unable to find a size small enough to fit her dainty foot. (She lacks several inches reaching five feet in height and weighs seventy-eight pounds.)

Glenelle has been deaf since birth. Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Glen Prock have been serving under our Home Mission Board as missionaries to the deaf since 1954. Mr. Prock is director of the work for the deaf in California, and is pastor of a mission in Berkeley, where Glenelle is a boarding student at the school for the deaf.

Glenelle is home for week ends. Family hobbies include photography and sight-seeing. Glenelle is an excellent dark room assistant and does developing herself. The family "sport" is talking silently.

"When you are unable to talk with your only child until she is past ten, you never grow tired of talking!" Ruth Prock explains.

For fifteen years Mr. Prock was a pharmacist. It was not until he tried to explain the plan of salvation to Glenelle that he became desperate to learn sign language. (Glenelle does not read lips.)

The Procks were praying that God would lead others into the work with the deaf when Glen felt the call to the ministry—the silent ministry:

"I'm the only Baptist preacher in California who can preach for thirty minutes and not say a word!" he grins.

Mr. Prock has an overflowing enthusiasm for his work. His wife is quieter, more shy but an effective partner in the work.

It was not until Ruth and Glen learned to talk with their daughter in sign language that Glenelle developed into the radiant, happy girl she is today.

"Now I know you love me," she said, "because I can tell you of my experiences at school!"

And the family forgets anyone else is around as they chatter away in delightful silent communication.



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