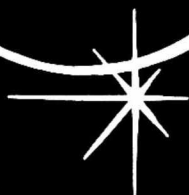


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Royal Service



In the name of Him whom the angels
acclaimed the Son of God,
the Saviour of the world



Who has known HEIGHTS SHALL NOT AGAIN

KNOW PEACE." Foreverafter, a Christian woman who has committed her life to Christ's paths is restless in Him.

Life commitment to Christian service is not for the young alone. . . . Actually, a Christian woman rich in treasures of remembering has sought as a practice, in all her ways to acknowledge Him. So, life is a daily committal to the One who directs her paths.

A woman, Christian in her thoughts, her ways, her witness is radiantly alive for Christ; others are compelled through her to see Jesus who prayed with overpowering persuasion

"Holy Father, keep them in thy name
which thou has given me."

Daily commitment is a conscious thing, an acknowledging that "Christ liveth in you." How frantically and yet unknowingly the distraught world seeks for God. "You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (ASV).

KNOW your Home Missionaries— the Toshio Sakamotos

"First, you rub the rice in running water, until the water runs clear—see, like this."

I leaned over and watched Toshio Sakamoto rub the rice expertly.

"Then while the rice soaks for twenty minutes you prepare the sukiyaki."

"But, Toshio," I protested, "My cook-book plainly says not to soak rice!"

"I am showing you how Japanese cook good rice!"

Show me he did. In fact, during the week Rev. Toshio Sakamoto stayed in our home, we had rice for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. And we enjoyed every grain of it! After the first day I turned my kitchen apron over to our guest and he proved to be an excellent cook.

It seemed to me we laughed through every meal, for with his sparkling wit and lively humor Toshio made the dining room glow with friendly good humor.

During the meals he told us about his youth in Mountain View, California where his father is a professional gardener. There was no sign of bitterness in his quiet voice as he spoke of the years in internment camps for Japanese displaced persons during the last war. He told of his Army tour of duty, of his glorious experience of meeting Christ, and of his surrender to the ministry. And he introduced us to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto's love story sounds like a story-book romance. Soon after the war, Toshio went with the Army to Japan. He served there for one year and on the first day home he reenlisted and returned to Japan for another two years. His reason? Shigeko, a lovely brown-eyed girl whose father had died for his religious convictions. With an infectious grin he adds, "Now you know I loved her if I was willing to stay in the Army!"

They were married and he brought her to the United States. Today there are five little Sakamotos aged nine to three. Four little girls with dancing eyes: Sachiko, Junko, Keiko, Michiko. Timmy is seven.

My husband and I were privileged to spend an evening with the Sakamotos. The children are as friendly as cocker puppies—alert, happy children. As their mother does, they radiate a warm welcome to their home. We gathered in the living room as Toshio flashed on the wall colored slides of Japan and our Home Mission work in California. We inspected Timmy's aquarium and then struggled with chopsticks as we enjoyed Mrs. Sakamoto's eminently good cooking. Toshio claims he taught her to cook but she must have been an apt student.

For nearly six years Toshio has been pastor of the Sawtelle Baptist Church in West Los Angeles. He is a loving pastor and serious Bible scholar. When you take his Bible in your hands and feel its rich, flexible leather you have a knowledge that it is a priceless book in many ways. It contains an intricate original chain reference which he has patiently written in with the skill of a professional artist. Each symbol is so perfectly painted that I first believed they were part of the print.

Mrs. Sakamoto speaks English well but not with ease. When they study their Bibles together, she uses her Japanese and he his English. She conducts a day nursery five days a week in addition to her many duties as a pastor's wife and busy mother. When you visit with her and observe her quiet charm, you think it no wonder that Toshio crossed the Pacific for her.

We stood in the Sawtelle Baptist Church one warm March day. Toshio's four-year-old daughter, Keiko, had completely capti-



by Lila Belle Hopkins

A happy, missionary family living in a community bears effective and strong testimony to the gospel of love.

vated me. She was wearing my pink earrings which sagged heavily on her tiny pixie ears as he led me to the piano.

"You may play in English," she said graciously as she bowed with wonderful Japanese politeness. "I will sing in Japanese. Do you know 'Jesus Love Me'?"

The Sakamotos had led us through their church building which is used in shifts for Sunday school, and for the day nursery during the week. Toshio beamed as he told us how the church had grown from a tiny mission and of its plans for the future.

"And when it is completely self-supporting I shall ask the Home Mission Board to let me begin a new work somewhere else."

I thought of the lost Japanese all over California and suddenly I felt very happy to know our fine missionary, Rev. Toshio Sakamoto.



There is no blessing like that of small, pixie little girls unless it is manly, busy small boys. Mrs. Sakamoto and Junko share a happy time

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A missionary, after studying the lives of the original disciples prior to the day of Pentecost, says: "They had given up a good deal to follow Jesus—fishing nets, boats, parents, home, occupation—everything except themselves. They gave the marginal things but not the center."

Then came the day of their power! Into the vacuum of their self-emptying poured the vitality of God's self-giving—the Holy Spirit. After that, it is not surprising to read: "... neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own. . . ." (Acts 4:32). Naturally! If I am not my own how could anything I have in my hands be mine?

Here is the central meaning of dedication: the giving of ourselves! And here, from this diamond center of all stewardship, flashes the real glory of giving—Paul S. Rees in *Christian: Commit Yourself!*

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June RS Cover—Our cover bears word of its own glorious story. SERVICE, in the name and for the sake of the King of kings is life's greatest adventure. Covers 1, 4, and 2 interpret such kingly, Royal service. "Who has known heights," on page one underlines the meaning and outreach of kingly commitment.

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A DAY OF PRAYER JUNE 1

by Alma Hunt

By our very history Woman's Missionary Union has established its confidence in prayer. The organization resulted from prayers of women concerned for lost people. One of the first great unified undertakings of the newly formed body in its first year was the Week of Prayer in response to Lottie Moon's letter requesting prayer and reinforcement in China.

In the intervening seventy years there have been weeks of prayer, seasons of prayer, days of prayer—all for the purpose of making Christ's name known. We have been strengthened in our praying during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions by the knowledge that not only members of Woman's Missionary Union organizations in Southern Baptist churches were united in prayer but that members of Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band on foreign mission fields were praying with us. On Friday of that week we have been mindful that women in all Baptist bodies in the Baptist World Alliance were engaged in prayer.

Our fellowship of prayer has been strengthened during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions by the assurance that people in language-group churches and missions were praying with us and that our missionaries all over the world were remembering to pray for the home base during that week.

Our seasons of prayer for state missions have forced us to look closer home and have bound together in a peculiar way those who claim "as home" the same state. Now what is this Day of Prayer on June 1? It is a day of prayer for you and

your church. The call to prayer is to men, women, and children in our churches and in other Baptist churches in North America.

Think what our prayers will mean if our 8 and three quarter million Southern Baptists join the 10 and one half million other Baptists in North America in praying for the 1959 Simultaneous Crusade.

Seven Baptist bodies have set June 1 as a Day of Prayer for the evangelistic efforts of all these bodies. On this day your prayer fellowship will be strengthened by the consciousness that your church is one of 75,000 and you are one of more than 19 million members.

This is not to be a day of prayer for generalities. Specific prayer suggestions should be made. The Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board has suggested our praying for forgiveness of personal sins, forgiveness for church's sins of omissions, revival in your church, revival in other churches, continent-wide crusade, pastor and staff, lost people by name, personal dedication to soul-winning. We would want to add for the preparation of the individual's heart, for going out in soul-winning visitation, for careful planning by the community missions committees which will result in enlisting women and young people in pre-revival prayer meetings and in organized soul-winning visitation.

This Day of Prayer is scheduled for Sunday—not the day of meeting for WMU organizations but the day when WMU members are in church for the worship services and for Sunday school and Training. (Please turn to page 21)

A Good Beginning with the Young Folks



From **CHILD** in the
Baptist Baby Place-
ment Center in New
Orleans, Louisiana
to . . .

Bishop



YOUNG LEPER in Southeast Asia
treated by a kindly doctor . . .

to . . .

NATIONALS in technical school in Nigeria West
Africa where they become highly skilled . . .



Many missionaries, both home and foreign, have found that the most fruitful beginning is made with the young folks. Sometimes it's the small child, a boy needing medical attention—or another wanting help with an experiment in a laboratory. Making a group of children laugh is often a splendid opener for later contacts. Once his confidence is gained, a child responds to the wonderful meaning of the love of Jesus.

In some areas contacts with adults already steeped in old religions have resulted only in resistance. Missionaries have had to be patient to see young believers grow into adults before the work takes on stability.

to . . . **BRAZILIAN SISTERS** in Fortaleza . . . **Seminole INDIAN BOYS** in Florida . . . charming **MISSES** in Japan

. . . young people need the vitalizing power of the Christian gospel

International News Photo



What Future for Southern Baptists?

by Joseph M. Dawson

Whatever the future may be for Southern Baptists, assuredly it is not extinction. Within my lifetime Southern Baptists have grown from one and one half million to eight and three quarter million in numbers. Presently they propose to establish 50,000 more churches and missions by 1964, when Baptists of North America plan to celebrate their Third Jubilee since Luther Rice organized the Baptist General Convention of the United States in Philadelphia in 1814. There may be a crack somewhere in the Southern Baptist "cathedral," but it is obvious that their ecclesiastical edifice is rising rather rapidly and securely.

The intent here, however, is not to boast, but to face up to threats as well as to reassurances in the foreseeable future. Perhaps the voice of a veteran may be heard in the land.

Trespass or Mission?

Some anxiety has arisen even in Southern ranks over the so-called "invasion" of territories previously occupied by other Baptist bodies, presumably with exclusive

rights to such domains under comity policies. Does this mean that Southern Baptist ambition may overstep itself? Unquestionably the Southerners are vigorous and aggressive. Former President Casper Warren insists, however, that there is no intention of trespass, only response to urgent needs accompanied by strong appeals from those on the field. Thus they justify entrance to Pacific Coast states, the Middle West, Alaska, and more recently New York. Actually it has always been recognized that local Baptist churches may exercise their self-governing prerogative to join any general body they wish. True, it is admitted that the territorial spread looks rather startling, and some fear and others hope for ultimate continental coverage.

Explanation of this remarkable vitality and progress may be due to what a professor in a seminary of another evangelical faith is reported to have told his class: "I have studied the programs of all the national churches, and I give it as my opinion that Southern Baptists have the most comprehensive and effective setup of any of them." By this he meant that the

Southern Baptist program consists in evangelistic power plus provision for developing stewardship and extensive training agencies such as Sunday schools, women's missionary societies, brotherhoods, children's and young people's organizations.

While not equal to some other denominations in per capita giving, the total offerings of Southern Baptists are notable. . . .

Southern Baptists', having ceased to be a poor rural folk and having become the dominant financial urban group in many communities, tithing has not only greatly enlarged denominational income but assisted no little toward keeping the rich spiritual and discouraging rampant materialism.

Social Applications

A marked change within my lifetime has occurred in the Southern Baptist attitudes toward social applications of the gospel. I am not implying that these Baptists have in any wise lessened their stress on the primacy of the individual and the absolute necessity of individual regeneration. But gradually my brethren have come to see that the gospel must relate to all of life. They have come to realize the enormity of corporate sin. They know now that no man lives to himself nor dies to himself. There are no Robinson Crusoes in human society. . . .

This altered attitude can be attributed to many factors, such as the changing face of society itself. I am convinced it is mainly due to the almost uniform current teach-

ing in Southern Baptist seminaries, which has achieved a satisfactory reconciliation between the individual and social aspects of Christianity. . . .

The Shoals of Ecumenism

Prophets of doom are predicting that Southern Baptists will eventually crack up on the rock of ecumenicity.* The notion is based on the failure of Southerners to join up with the National Council of Churches, the World Council, and kindred organizations. One who has endeavored to live fraternally with all men, especially with those of evangelical tenets as I have done, can well understand how I could wish that my people, with proper understanding, might co-operate with these lofty dreamers. Yet I am emboldened to say, I do not concede that Southern Baptists will perish by staying outside these folds.

It might be, as James Madison contended, that religious liberty for all is dependent upon diversity of religious creed and organization. It could be, too, that separation of church and state, the great bulwark of religious liberty, would be imperiled in a world organization composed of so many members that enjoy the privilege of being state churches. Above all, I am compelled to acknowledge the difficulty of formulating sincere statements of faith with so many who hold to sacramental views of eternal salvation.

It is altogether possible that Southern

*Refers to obtaining a general, universal, single Christian church throughout the whole inhabited world.



Among Southern Baptists, Joseph Martin Dawson is an "elder statesman." Born June 21, 1879 in Texas, he has ministered to three Texas congregations: First Baptist, Millsboro, 1908-12; First Baptist, Temple, 1912-14; First Baptist, Waco, 1914-46. Author of several books, he has served also as editor of the Baptist Standard. He holds the A.B. degree from Baylor University (1904), which conferred the D.D. in 1916, and also the LL.D. conferred by Howard Payne College in 1936.

What Future for Southern Baptists?

Baptists, in affirming that they will not fight ecumenical organizations but prefer to work in their own, are not so perverse after all. It also might be that in declining to give up three Sundays in the month to exploiting the glittering generalities of ecumenicity while reserving a lone Sunday to present the claims of their own body, these Southern Baptists have chosen a practical way of promoting the Christian cause. It is probable, too, that in proposing to work for spiritual unity, which

THE RECORD'S IN FOR 1957

It may be you are interested in figuring what per cent of each dollar you gave last year went to world (home and foreign) missions. You will note below total gifts for the calendar year, 1957—and the amount received by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. These figures tell their own story.

Gifts made by Southern Baptists

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| Through the churches | \$397,530,347.00 |
| Per capita total | \$44.34 |
| To Home and Foreign missions | \$17,832,155.57 |

they genuinely seek and cherish, and agreeably practice it with their neighbors, rather than uniting in a formal way, an act which they distrust because of what has happened for a thousand years, they are traveling on a road that will lead to the answer of Jesus' prayer that all his may be one.

Internal Conflicts

The direct potential threat to the future of Southern Baptists' ongoing is internal unity. This danger has continued from the first, and at times has been extremely serious. W. W. Barnes, in his accepted history, *The Southern Baptist Convention 1845-1953*, has depicted the internal conflicts faithfully and accurately. Looking backward they have been: (1) Uncertainty as to authority, (2) Theories of Succession, (3) Landmarkism, (4) Gospel missionism and (5) Statements of faith. I would add to this list: (6) East-West differences, (7) rivalry between boards and (8) disaffected leaders, often utilizing newspapers.

Fortunately, as of the present, not one of these apparently poses an actual menace. The fear of centralization of power, particularly in persons or agencies, has been largely dissipated, as more and more the actions of the Convention, a representative, deliberate body, purely advisory, without any authority over any local church, has come to be recognized generally and voluntarily. The degree to which co-operation has been taught and practiced is phenomenal. While there will always be murmurings that such co-operation is pressured, proof of it is difficult. The unity of so many in such distant sections with such pronounced local interests, and accents seems miraculous—seemingly “a rope of sand” holding the democratic multitudes firmly together. I heard the late Senator Tobey tell a Congressional Foreign Relations Committee that there might be 57 varieties of Baptists, but they were all united in upholding religious liberty. From where I sit it seems there may be an unimaginable number of disputants among Southern Baptists, but on essential beliefs and policies they all unite in sticking together in the final showdown—Used by permission CHRISTIAN TODAY and the writer.



I SAW A YOUNG GERMAN PASTOR

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

How would you like to meet a member of Germany's “lost generation” a dozen years after?

Last year near Zurich, Switzerland, I met one, a former Hitler youth, more recently a member of the famed *Waffen SS*, which developed from Hitler's personal bodyguard.

And I met him at the first European Baptist Pastors' and Laymen's Conference on the campus of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon.

You ought to talk with Barthel,” President Josef Nordenhaug suggested. “He's got a story to tell.” I had no trouble distinguishing this young man from among his fellow ministers. He was rather boyish, yet mature in his manner, and very eager to take in everything that was said at the conference.

Kurt answered all my questions about his work, and then I asked about himself.



Rev. Kurt Borthel and his family

Member of a Baptist family, he joined the Hitler youth movement at the age of ten, for it was compulsory in the 1930's for all German children to belong to the patriotic youth organization.

Then the draft got him. Being of good physique, practically perfect health, and “pure Aryan” complexion, he was assigned to the Fuhrer's elite division, which corresponded roughly with the US Marine Corps. When Germany surrendered, Kurt found himself in an American prison camp.

He soon discovered that some of his fellow prisoners were Baptists. It was those



Some of the "Young" congregation of the Baptist church in Tuttlingen, Germany where Mr. Barthel is pastor

young German Baptists who won Kurt Barthel to Christ in 1945.

Starting life all over again, as soon as he was free, Kurt enrolled at the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg. Upon graduation he continued his studies in theology at Heidelberg University, and he served a small Baptist church there as part-time pastor. When his year of graduate work was completed, a call came from the Baptist church at Tuttlingen in Wurttemberg in Southern Germany, and he went to work immediately.

Tuttlingen's population ten years ago included only one Baptist family—man and wife and four children, long-time residents of that predominantly Roman Catholic part of Germany. Refugees from East Germany, East Prussia, and Danzig, released from internment in Denmark in 1947, began to move into Wurttemberg. A Baptist church was soon formed with the native family as the nucleus, and a house of worship was built in 1949-50. A Hungarian refugee was the first pastor. When he left for the United States, Kurt succeeded him.

The church now has almost 300 members, with 150 living in the city, and 150 scattered throughout the countryside. The members started a mission on the outskirts of town, and called an associate pastor.

Kurt Barthel is building the church with young people. Two groups of them, fif-

teen years of age and above, meet every Sunday, usually about forty-five in all.

The younger children meet on week-days, the boys in one group, the girls in another. Last summer, Kurt secured the use of an old airfield with a hanger, and put on a week's summer camp for each of these two groups. Some fifty or sixty came, and plans for the 1958 camps are complete.

In March, Tuttlingen Baptists' youth choir toured the Russian zone of Germany, visiting Baptist churches behind the Iron Curtain during Easter vacation.

The year that Kurt finished graduate school and went to Tuttlingen, he chose a wife, and he and Frau Barthel now have four children. Maybe that helps to account for his enthusiasm for young people in the church. Maybe they stimulate his imagination to devise new methods of winning boys and girls to Christ.

Said Dr. Hans Arndt, Baptist Youth Secretary of Germany, "I know Kurt Barthel very well. He is one of our good men among the young generation. He has real ability for work among young people."

After hearing this and sharing Kurt's enthusiasm for his church, I inevitably fell to wondering: What if those German Baptist boys in a prison camp had ignored Kurt? He would perhaps still belong to the lost generation—the million or more young adults all over Germany who are disillusioned, hard, and defeated.

CIRCLE PROGRAM

Our Ministry to Other Races and Nationalities

by Hermione Dennesly Jackson

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Plan Two:
Program below

Leader's Comment: The poem I am reading as a "Call to Worship" was written by Daniel Roberts to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. On that July 4th in 1876 he little dreamed that these lines would become universally loved. He wrote

Center of Interest: Use a small American flag in center of a table. If you cannot find one at the local dime store, draw one with crayons on a piece of white cloth. Stand upright in interesting arrangement. In a semi-circle, place dolls (or paper dolls) representing different nationalities.

Memo to Program Leader: This program calls for "experts" on other races and nationalities. Have the information on pieces of paper to hand to the women before the beginning of your meeting. They may read their statements when you call for the Indian "expert," the Negro expert, etc. It would be most effective to have these experts seated around the center of interest table. The program could be presented as a television or radio broadcast.



JUNE Circle Program

them for the centennial celebration in Brandon, Vermont. Listen carefully to the words. May we become aware that the God of our fathers still reigns and is willing to guide and direct our nation today.

Read (then sing): "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," No. 54, Baptist Hymnal.

Prayer: using Calendar of Prayer

Scripture Reading: The devotional reading is taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 7:1-5.

In 1819 there was a French slave boat named *Le Rodeur*. Like others of its kind, there was not space for the human cargo to have more than sitting room. During the two-month period required to cross the ocean, the captured slaves were kept in their cramped quarters to eat and sleep. No provision was made for health and sanitation. Is it any wonder that 80 per cent of those captured slaves perished on the voyage?

One of the most dreaded ailments was ophthalmia, an eye affliction which causes total blindness. Few on board a ship ever escaped this disease once it started. It spread rapidly on *Le Rodeur* until not a single person aboard could see. A boat filled with blind people sailed the high seas with none to guide or direct them.

Le Rodeur survived a terrific storm. In the calm that followed, those aboard could hear the waves breaking against a ship nearby. A great shout went up from the crew, followed by the voices below deck.

"What ship are you?" asked the captain.

"St. Leon, a slave trader of Spain," came the reply. "We need food and supplies."

"We have enough for you and us. We will give you plenty in exchange for several members of your crew. You see, we are all blind."

Hysterical laughter went up aboard the Spanish ship. The captain of *Le Rodeur*

yelled angrily, "What's the matter? Are you crazy?"

The Spanish captain sobered. After a moment of silence, he said quietly, "We're all blind, too."

One of the members of *Le Rodeur* recovered his sight enough to guide the ship into the harbor of Guadeloupe in the West Indies where a record was made of the voyage, but the Spanish ship was never heard from again.

Many people throughout our land are blinded to the needs and interests of others, they are tossed through life in chains of self-devotion. As members of Woman's Missionary Union, we have a heritage of a ministry to other races and nationalities. We have looked on the fields and found them white unto harvest. We have both labored and sent laborers. Let us not allow outside criticism to force us from a position that has been historically ours.

Indians Baptist ministry to the Indians began around 1802 in South Carolina. A group of seventeen persecuted Baptists had left Maine before June 1684 to seek religious liberty in the South. They formed a church which later became the First Baptist Church of Charleston. This group worked among the Indians.

In the early 1880's, in the Carolinas women organized missionary societies. Their purpose was "For the elevation of the Indians."

As our country expanded, the interest in missions grew and with it increased numbers of women's organizations. Some of these were called "Female Mite Societies." Maryland women were urged to save "at least two cents every week, if convenient." That much progress has been made is evidenced by the \$2,000,000 Annie Armstrong goal for 1958.

Our expert will give us some interesting facts from the Annual Report of our Home Mission Board.

Indian Expert There are 115 Southern Baptist missionaries working with the Indians. They reported 1,218 professions

of faith last year. Our Annie Armstrong offering allocates \$185,700 for this work.

Negroes Christian women were concerned about the salvation of Negroes from early colonial days. Many women can remember their mothers and grandmothers telling about the Bible classes on Sunday afternoons and the preaching services on the plantation. Ante-bellum churches had their slave galleries, and the old records show slaves listed as members of the congregation.

With the coming of government emancipation separate churches were established. The white congregations helped whenever possible. A church in Lowndesboro, Alabama, was given to the Negroes when the white congregation moved to another location. It has the dome of Alabama's first state capital as its roof. This had been carried by oxcart from Cahaba, site of the first permanent capital. The old slave gallery is still there. Several years ago the white congregation helped redecorate this historic old building.

Our expert will give us some facts from our Negro work.

Negro Expert The main contribution of Woman's Missionary Union to work among the Negroes has been in helping train leadership. Last year \$5000 was given for scholarships. This aided 69 ministerial and missionary students who could not have stayed in school without help. In the past seven years, 400 Negro ministers have been given assistance. Through the Annie Armstrong offering we help support 60 Negro workers in 18 states. Our total allocation this year was \$115,000.

Foreign Language Groups (Italians, French, Spanish, Russians, Japanese, and Chinese). An English theologian was asked, "What do you consider the greatest mission field in the world?" He replied, "Unquestionably America, for you have all the nationalities of the world centered there."

In 1893, the minutes of the WMU annual meeting mention for the first time

scattered efforts among the Chinese, Mexicans, and Germans. This was the year that the Home Board requested the women to aid a Girls' School in Cuba and help with a small hospital. The plan was to buy as many "bricks" as possible. It is recorded that "the women took up the plan with vigor, and the sale of eggs and butter bought many a brick for the Cuban building."

Woman's Missionary Union has always felt a responsibility toward being "its brother's keeper." Our expert will tell of our work with the foreign language groups.

Foreign Language Group Expert Our Annie Armstrong Offering aids in the support of 12 workers with the Chinese, 24 with the French, 10 with the Italians, 6 with the Japanese, 3 with the Russians, 152 with Cubans and 204 with the Spanish. Good Will Centers, scholarships and institutes are also provided.

International Student Work After the war the United States government had surplus war materials scattered all over Europe, Asia, and the Near East. These materials consisted of everything from bulldozers and locomotives to chewing gum and aspirin. They were sold to governments, corporations, and individuals, but the money could not be brought out of these countries to the United States. The problem was "how to spend the money."

Some of the most successful pages in the diplomatic history of the United States tell about our relationship with China. After the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, our government had not demanded tribute, as had other foreign powers, but had used the money given us under the terms of the peace treaty to bring Chinese students to our colleges and universities. As a result, the United States educated many leaders of that country, and we were "the most favored nation" until recent years when the Communists gained power in China.

Congressmen reasoned that plan to be a

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"Little People of the World"

Pertinent news is not confined to the pages of the big daily papers. A small sheet called *Comments* published in Columbia, South Carolina carried a story about Dr. Frank Laubach's visit to that state.

"The little people of the world want to learn to read. But that is not all," said Dr. Laubach. After the literacy team spent several days teaching a former cannibal tribe to read, the chief said, "We like you and we like your religion; we want to become Christians."

In Dr. Laubach's opinion our missionary program needs to be expanded. The missionary teaches the little people self-respect and to aspire to greater things. After salvation there is a need to undergird their high expectations for a better life here on earth. Christian missionaries who are also technicians, agriculturalists, and literacy experts believe that God is using their professional skill to attack world poverty, diseases, and ignorance. The missionary-statesman's formula for Christians at home is this: (1) Every Christian a tither (2) Every church giving 50 per cent of its income to overseas missions (3) Every mission board to increase technical missionary personnel. In his opinion this is the way that the churches can be relevant to the explosive needs of the little people of the world.

As a result of Dr. Laubach's worldwide efforts to eliminate illiteracy more than 60 million people have learned to read in their own language and dialects.

Vatican in State Role at Fair

For the first time in history, according to *The New York Times*, the Roman Catholic Church will appear as a full-blown Papal State at a world's fair. In Brussels, site of the International Exposition in 1958, the Papacy built a Vatican pavilion on a four- and one-half-acre plot adjacent to the plot of the United States and only two streets from the pavilion of Soviet Russia. The Vatican ranks in the exposition not as a church but as a sovereign state!

This bit of news in an issue of *Church and State*, organ of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), brings to mind an act of Congress in 1957. Bill H. R. 8393 authorized two representatives to accept the Order of St. Gregory the Great, a papal decoration conferred by the pope. By signing the bill, the President recognized Pius XII as the head of a sovereign state. "And so he is," commented *The New World*, an official Catholic paper.

Such acts serve to remind every American who believes in the church-state separation principle that eternal vigilance is the price of religious freedom.

The tenth Anniversary Conference on Church and State was held in Atlanta, Georgia last February. Dr. Louis Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in this city, was elected president by the board of trustees. He was one of the founders of POAU ten years ago.

Monoliths and Color Prints of Ten Commandments

In 1946, a husky 16-year-old youth stood before a juvenile judge in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and awaited his sentence for reckless driving which had caused a serious accident. Speaking in a friendly manner to the lad, the judge inquired of his family, friends, and of his obligation to society. He added that actions not in accord with the Ten Commandments were immoral. The youth asked, "What are the Commandments?" The judge was appalled. He took down his Bible and read them to the boy. He then pronounced sentence: "I sentence you to learn the Ten Commandments by heart and to obey them."

The youth obeyed and became a respected citizen in a large Minnesota town. Impressed by the impact of the Commandments on the youth, the judge conceived the idea of the preparation and distribution of multi-color prints of the Commandments to be placed in courtrooms where local judges might point out to offenders the transgressions they had committed.

Motion picture producer, Cecil B. DeMille, suggested granite monoliths five and six feet tall for key public places, such as capitol grounds, courthouse lawns, and public parks. Some fifty of these huge blocks are to be set up in prominent localities in the United States.

The Promise of Prayer

It is true that men turn to prayer in the hour of fear, anxiety or helplessness. But they also turn to prayer because of the unquenchable yearning they have for God. Man's great longing mingles with bright hope. Can prayer bring us on our way to this fullness of life for which we yearn? Dr. John Casteel asks this question and seeks to answer it in *The Promise of Prayer* (50¢), a condensation of his longer book *Rediscovering Prayer*.

Instead of beginning with the difficulties involved in prayer the author takes the positive approach in an affirmation of faith in God. The traditional forms of prayer—adoration, confession, thanksgiving, petition are looked at as parts of the whole not easily separated and within the reach of everyone whether he prays in silence, with the family, in small groups or at church. He further relates prayer to devotional reading of great literature.

Praying, writes Dr. Casteel, begins in our meeting with God who takes the initiative to bring us into communion with himself. The ultimate spiritual joy is reached when man moves out from self toward God in continual communion. Prayer, then, becomes a daily life pattern and "is not to be regarded as a pleasant spiritual dose before the fire of God's presence and, therefore, most congenial to us at the day's twilight."

This book will help to prepare hearts for the North American Continent-wide Day of Prayer on June 1 when Baptists join together in a mighty crusade of spiritual preparation for simultaneous revivals. (See Miss Hunt's article, page 5.)

Circle Mission Study — April, May, June

GOD'S WORLD PLAN, Aulick

by Mrs. James Butler

At your April and May Circle meetings, you studied the first five chapters in *God's World Plan* by Mrs. A. L. Aulick.

The importance of this study may be emphasized in your announcement poster. (June is a busy month—vacation Bible school, vacations, etc., but the women will not want to miss this session.) Send personal invitations suggesting the reading of chapters 6, 7, and 8 of the textbook and also the book of Acts.

To strengthen your preparation, read "The Testimony of History" by Cornell Goerner, March 1958 *The Commission*; "30,000 Movement," February, 1958.

For your display of the world globe and Bible, add ribbons to the Island of Crete, Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

Make stand-up map using three pieces of poster paper 16"x30" and map "Southern Baptist Missions Around the World," if you ordered it for April. Paste map on cardboard so as to fold and also stand up.

Order from your Baptist Book Store individual color slides in cardboard ready mounts, 60¢ each: Ha 749 "Come to Me" (Matt. 11:28) (Full view of Christ with outstretched arms) or Cc161 Hunt—The Light of the World (Rev. 3:20).

The aim for this study is to show:

1. How God's redemptive plan was carried out by Paul and other witnesses;
2. The individual Christian's part today in carrying out the plan.

Devotional Period: Sing "Send the Light," No. 457, *Baptist Hymnal*.

Scripture Reading: Read without comment Genesis 3:15, John 3:16, Matthew 28:16-20.

Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in this study.

Begin the study with a brief review using flip-chart, flash cards, or an outline 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 Psalm. 4. It is declared in prophecy. 5. It is revealed in the life and work of Jesus. 6. It is made known in the words of Jesus.

You are now ready to present to your class, God's plan as He worked through the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the disciples after Jesus ascended to the Father.

Read Acts 1:1-11. Call attention to the fact that these were the last words Jesus spoke to his disciples while here on earth. Jesus was confident in the obedience of his followers as seen in verse 8.

Have four women give Peter, the Apostle; Stephen, the Martyr; Philip, the Evangelistic Deacon; Paul, the Missionary. This can be very effective if assignments are made in advance and told in firm person. Let person representing Paul use map No. 9, the Roman Empire, showing the journeys of Paul.

The principal methods employed were mission-hearted individuals and mission-hearted churches. *Question for thought:* What is our church doing to encourage its young people to become missionaries?

Give out pamphlets: "Whom Shall I Send?" Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia; "Needed Overseas" Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia. Take time to point out sentences in the pamphlets that show needs for volunteers. Follow with a prayer of concern and willingness to give our own children as missionaries.

In Chapter VII, only those places in which some outstanding event in mission-

ary history took place and the teachings which have influenced missionary thinking through the years should be considered. Write outline on chalk board or use your flip chart. Use map No. 9 and call attention to places visited by Paul and companions. Tell of missionary influence of Jerusalem, Antioch in Syria, and Rome.

Under Practical Lessons, the author has done an excellent job in revealing the history of the early Christians and giving stories to show how the acts of the apostles is a continuing process.

Make Chapter VIII "God's Plan Victorious" a challenging climax. Ask the question—what is our part in God's purpose for the world, in his plan for world redemption? Take time for answers or follow outline in discussion.

Present God's Part in His Victorious

Plan (Revelation) as a reading without comment. Select a good reader and let part be given without announcement.

To close this study—place prepared stand-up map showing Southern Baptist work on stand behind display of world globe and Bible. Using the projector and color slide, throw the picture of Christ upon the map.

Solo or duet "The Light of the World Is Jesus," No. 88 *Baptist Hymnal*.

Prayer of rededication to the great missionary enterprise, Thank God for permitting us to have a part in His Redemptive Plan.

Pray for World Evangelization. Pray for 30,000 Movement. Pray for your church and its missionary education program. Pray that God will call some of your young people into church-related vocations.

JUNE Circle Program . . . (Continued from page 15)

good one to follow at the close of World War II. On August 1, 1946, Congress passed the Fulbright Act which authorized the Secretary of State to use foreign currencies to finance Americans studying abroad and to help bring foreign students to the United States. After the foreign student arrives, he has to be financed by scholarships, denominations, or government grants such as those provided under the Smith-Mundt Act.

More than 35,000 students have come each year, providing Christians with opportunity for personal witnessing.

Expert on International Student Work Since 1950 the Home Board has sponsored an International Center in Berkeley, California. There is now one in Austin, Texas

and in Fresno, California also. Woman's Missionary Union pays the salary of one worker in each of these centers and \$3000 for operational expenses.

Leader: The Chinese have a proverb, "Make of yourself an island." As Christians we cannot agree with this philosophy. We must join ourselves to the mainland of human endeavor.

*No man is an island, entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent, a
part of the main;
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less; . . .
Any man's death diminishes me, because
I am involved in mankind."*

Prayer

Today

by Cyril E. Bryant, Editorial Staff
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Death Control: Population Explosion

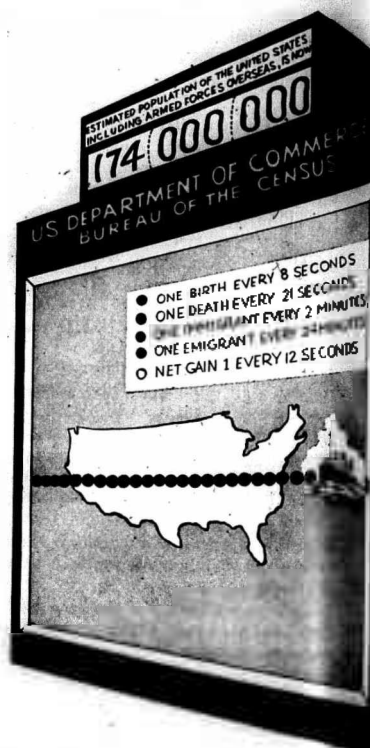
The rapid multiplication of humans is one of man's gravest problems. It is especially acute in underdeveloped lands

Lights flash fifteen times a minute on a giant "speedometer" in the Commerce Department building on Washington's Constitution Avenue. It is an exhibit by the Bureau of the Census, and every flash indicates a change in the population of these United States.

A blue light flicks every seven and a half seconds to indicate the cry of a new born infant. A purple light every twenty seconds denotes a death. There's a green light every ninety seconds to signal arrival of an immigrant, and a red one every twenty-four minutes to note departure of an emigrant.

And every eleven seconds, the meter at the exhibit's top rolls to another number—meaning that the US population has a net gain of one citizen. We add 327 to our population every hour, 7,848 every day. The giant clock showed a total of 173,060,721 when this piece was written—but it will click to almost 174,000,000 as you read this page. The United States will register its 175,000,000th citizen sometime this fall.

Robert W. Burgess, director of the census bureau, points out that our numbers are increasing faster this decade than ever before in our history, but when we asked him what caused the increased birth rate he said it wasn't that at all. In fact the average family of today has less than half as many children as our forefathers in 1790 (when the census showed 3,929,214). The secret comes in a lower death rate—every child



born today can expect to live two and a half times as long as the infant born when George Washington was president.

Outside our own shores, the world's population has skyrocketed in such proportions that Dr. Kingsley Davis, a member of the United Nations Population Commission, calls it a "population explosion." And the reason he gives parallels that cited by Mr. Burgess, a health factor the UN calls "death control." The rate of death dropped a phenomenal 34 per cent in a single year in Ceylon, and has been pretty much matched by a decrease of 82 per cent in Puerto Rico the past decade and 43 per cent in Mexico for the same period.

While we have marveled in the United States at new scientific and medical discoveries that removed the label "killer" from such diseases as pneumonia, tuberculosis, and typhoid fever, poliomyelitis and we even now lessening the fatal effects of heart disease and malignancy, the progress in less developed lands has been both simpler and more spectacular. The secret in Ceylon for example was the spraying of our common household insecticide, DDT. By eradicating malaria-carrying mosquitoes, it wiped out not only malaria but many other related illnesses.

Unlike the United States and other advanced countries, however, the birth rate has boomed in less developed countries at the same time the death rate has dropped. The old attitudes that encouraged prolific childbearing—necessary when death took most children before adulthood—continue to persist. The rate increases still further, Dr. Davis explains, because mothers are healthier, are more capable of childbearing, and are less frequently widowed.

Because of these factors, Dr. Davis predicts that many nations—among them Ceylon, Taiwan, Malaya, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Turkey, and Syria—will double their present population within twenty-three years. Our neighbor Mexico, for instance, now has 31,500,000 people but is expected to have 65,000,000 by 1980!

The fastest increase is coming in the less developed, or poorer, countries. There will be more people than ever before, and poverty will become a major world problem.

Greatest gains in death control have been made with infants and children under ten years of age which makes ours the youngest population ever known. Youth under 20 years of age now constitute 37 per cent of the US population. In Algeria, where the population explosion is greater, youth under 20 make up 52 per cent of the population. Traditionally these teeming millions of Algerian youth are Moslems. Politically they are strong nationalists, capable of fomenting revolutions and international wars if their social and economic needs are ignored. Their case is typical of young people throughout Asia, Africa, and part of Latin America.

We look at the population explosion as an unparalleled challenge for Christians to get busier than ever to win these multiplying millions to Christ. The population of the world is increasing much faster than the population of the Kingdom. Appallingly, in fact, the increase in population since 1900 (about 1,000,000,000) has been greater than the total number of Christians in the world which is 820,399,455, including all Protestants, Catholics, and members of the Orthodox faiths.

June 1—Day of Prayer

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ing Union. Every member of a WMU organization is urged to set aside June 1 as a day of prayer and to participate in every aspect of it. By so doing we shall take advantage of another opportunity to make 1958 a "Year of Prayer for World Evangelization." We shall take another step in reaching the goal of 4 and one half million Southern Baptists committed to soul-winning during 1958. And we shall take an important step in preparation for our 1958-59 community missions emphasis on soul-winning.

JUNE

by Kate Chenault Maddy

PROGRAM OUTLINE for Your Program Folders

ON THE THRESHOLD OF LIFE

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:40-52

Hymn: "Fairrest Lord Jesus"

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Organized Youth
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Oodles Maristany
A Dream Come True
Dr. Silas Munguba—A View to Keep

Representative Youth
Unhushed of the Gospel
Bearing Heavy Burdens
When the Young Witness
When God Needs a Life

Meditation

On the Threshold of Life

Hymn: "Fairrest Lord Jesus," 159 Baptist Hymnal

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:40-52

Devotional Period: In the Temple

The story of the boy Jesus in the Temple with the rabbis is the story of a youth just beginning to be conscious of his divine destiny and of his duty to do his Heavenly Father's will. According to Jewish custom he was now old enough to be a "son of the law," one old enough to assume personal responsibilities as a conscious soul before God.

Already in his home and village environment he had a fine knowledge of God, and doubtless his mother had already talked over with him her experiences about him, and no doubt he knew already that he was destined for something special for God.

He had learned of the law of Moses, of the Psalms, of the glorious history of the Hebrew people. He had learned of their trials and tribulations in witnessing to the truth that there is one God who is Spirit

and who created all mankind.

He knew of the importance of the Nazareth synagogue and of the Temple at Jerusalem and their places in the religious life of his family and people. He had anticipated his visit to the Temple at the age of twelve. And now that it had become a reality, he was impressed with the learned doctors of the Law—so much so that he tarried with them while his family worried about his whereabouts.

In light of all this, there really was nothing unusual about Jesus saying to Mary and Joseph when they found him, "I must be about my Father's business."

Young people today who are saying, "I must be about my Father's business," have become strong in Christian convictions which have resulted from influences at home, in churches, from pastors, families, teachers, and interested friends. But what about the young people who have not known the environment that produces Christian conviction?

Dr. T. F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke to the second

PROGRAM PLANS for "On the Threshold of Life"

Interest Center: Place a large globe on a table. Dress dolls to represent different nations and place around the globe. Connect the dolls with a ribbon looped from hand to hand, forming an unbroken circle.

Or, encircle a globe with a chain made from different colors of construction paper. Print the names of the young people in today's program on the links. On colored construction paper mount the pictures available in this program. Place name of person and his country under his picture.

Or Use a Map: Paste small doors on a large world map. Paste pictures of young nationals behind the little doors so that they may be seen when the doors are opened. This idea may be carried a little farther by instructing those giving the discussions on program to open a door in the area in which the young person lives. To make the doors, use a piece of plain white or colored paper so that picture will fit behind door which each person opens as she gives her discussion.

Make a Poster: Draw a door slightly ajar, shading the open section. Draw a big question mark on the shaded area. Draw or paste a young person in front of the door. Across the top write: "On the Threshold of Life."

Vary the Program: You may pretend that some of the personalities, perhaps Miss Maristany and Dr. Munguba are visiting in our country. Introduce them and let them tell their own story.

Or, pretend that missionaries from certain fields including those especially under "Representative Youth," are home on furlough and let them tell the stories of these young people.

Or, pretend that these young people have come to attend the Baptist Youth World Conference in Canada (see May Royal Service) this month and you have arranged an interview with them. The information in each discussion will come out in the interview.

continental assembly of the North American Women's Union in Toronto in November, 1957. In stressing the importance of teaching the Bible and Christian virtues in the home, he said, "Christianity is always within one generation of extinction."

Does this fact change our feeling of responsibility toward any young people we know?

How far does it make Christian women majoring in missions willing to go to help young people now whose parents are not Christians and who have failed to point them to Christ and his churches?

Pray for our young people who have already made decisions to serve Christ, that they may remain faithful. Pray also for those who are seeking to find God's will for their lives. Call by name those whom you know that have surrendered to do special work for Christ.

Program Chairman: In our own country, according to the 1956 Bureau of Census reports, there are over twenty million young people between the ages of fifteen

and twenty-four. These, with millions in other lands, stand "on the threshold of life." (Purposes for today's study may be written on chalk board or poster.) And we view them today in order that we may

Realize the bigness of youth movements around the world

Know some definite ways in which our young people measure up to responsibilities

Understand some of the problems youth faces as it seeks to be actively Christian

Appreciate the loyalty and fearlessness of many who are bearing burdens and facing difficulties

Become more conscious of the importance of educating and training youth

Feel a responsibility for encouraging, helping, and praying for our youth as they seek to find God's will for their lives.

Pray that our attitudes and actions may never cause the young people whom we know and influence to stumble. Pray also for the missionaries on the "Call to Prayer" for today, thanking God for their faithfulness to the decisions they have made.

ORGANIZED YOUTH

Our Youth, Our Hope

*"Now, God be thanked, who has matched us with his hour,
And caught our youth, and wakened us
from sleeping..."*

These words are from one of Rupert Brooke's "trench poems" written during World War I when youth fearlessly fought for what they thought would be a lasting peace.

In light of what our Baptist youth are doing around the world, these words take on new significance. They are fighting ardently for peace—not with firearms but with the "whole armour of God." Continental youth meetings are announcing to the world that young people are serious about being Christians and want to help others become Christians.

When over 1,200 Brazilian Baptist young people from fourteen states met last July under the theme, "In Search of God's Will," it was not just another meeting. Nor did those who attended wait until they returned to their homes to practice what they had learned. They did door-to-door visitation and participated in evangelistic services. They also presented the governor of the state (Espírito Santo) in which they met with a Bible, reading Scripture selections during the presentation. This was a courageous thing to do!

To get an idea of what the Baptist youth in Europe are thinking, let us go back to 1956, when the conference met in Norway. The bases for discussion and study were "Evangelism" and "Family Bible Study." One of the results of this meeting was a resolution: "The Christian family should come to a higher estimation of the Bible. Parents should exercise their priestly office more and be a living example to their children. Family devotions should be strongly encouraged through parent-groups in local churches and in Baptist papers."

Another result of the meeting was that

they did not feel they had learned all they needed to know about the two subjects they had chosen and a proposal was made to continue the study. In keeping with the decision, the theme for the meeting in Ruschlikon in May, 1957, was "Re-thinking Evangelism." After this meeting those present felt they had a fresher approach to the task of evangelizing European youth (Tell "I Saw a Young German Pastor," page 11).

Baptist Youth World Conference

This very month, beginning on June 27 and going through July 2, the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference will meet in Toronto, Canada. This is the first meeting of this kind on the North American continent. The first meeting of the Youth World Congress met in Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1931. Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky attended this first meeting and although he was only a high school student, he states that this conference had a great deal to do with shaping his career.

Six thousand young people from fifty countries meeting in the name of Jesus Christ is not an insignificant event. A thousand-voice choir, singing praises to God will live in the hearts of many long after the meeting has closed. It is certain that many lives will be changed. And although there is no way to measure the influence of such a meeting, it is certain to reach out into the years ahead and into nations beyond our own shores. For six thousand young people cannot come together and for five days see before them, and hear over and over "Christ for the World—Now" without large numbers dedicating themselves to the fulfillment of such a challenging theme!

See "Today" May Royal Service.

BSU in Alaska

The Baptist Student Union of the University of Alaska conducted revival services at the Calvary Baptist Church in Fairbanks last spring. Four young men did

the preaching, and a fifth led the singing.

The visible results were: one profession of faith, three additions by letter, and one re-dedication. Measured on the surface and by our standard, this may seem small. But Alaskan churches present a far more difficult situation than most of the churches we know about.

Elwyn Gunn was sent by the BSU of Texas to get this work started. The BSU is growing in influence on the campus. This organization, though small last year, won the respect of the administration and of other students. Like BSUs everywhere, it serves as the connecting link between the college and the local Baptist churches. It also provides a program of worship, Bible study, Christian recreation and service, and aids the spiritual growth of its members, which is of significance in the spiritual development of the students.

There is need for a Baptist church near the university, and eventually for a student center.

Missionary Organizations in Nigeria

Young people's organizations in Nigeria have advanced under the leadership of Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, youth director. She is responsible for the GA magazine, the *Messenger*, in which the girls learn about world missions. They enjoy the programs from the magazine and are interested in studying for the Forward Steps. Some have completed all the steps.

GAs in Nigeria enjoy camp also. Junior GA camps are held in each association, but the Intermediates go to the camp in Ede which is the result of the dream of Miss Neale Young.

In order to continue to have active GA organizations, a great deal of attention is given to the Sunbeams. Those who are promoted to the GA organizations come with a great many Scripture verses already memorized, and they do not find it hard to learn the necessary verses to advance in the Forward Steps.

The YWAs in Nigeria are young mar-

ried women. Many of them are well educated and are already taking responsible places of leadership. They are organized, have weekly programs, and go to camp. They take their babies with them where a nursery is provided.

The Lydias are the unmarried business women, some of them young. They are teachers, nurses, or work in the shops. This is the best educated group of the WMU. They also have weekly programs and enjoy an annual camp or house party.

An interesting feature about all these organizations is that they all observe three weeks of prayer and do it together. While different groups are responsible for the programs on different days, every group attends every day!

A large percentage of the young people are titheers and contribute regularly to the churches and to the organizations.

EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH— IN HIGH AND LOW PLACES

Ondina Maristany

When Señorita Ondina Maristany joined a Baptist church in Southern California, where she was attending the University of Southern California, the pastor gave her a card with a Bible verse written on it. The verse, "He must increase, but I must decrease," both startled and challenged Ondina. For, as she confesses, she did feel that she was pretty smart and adequate in many ways. Ondina marks this experience as the beginning of her real Christian growth.

The story of this dedicated youth begins earlier, in Cuba, where she was born. She was reared as a faithful Catholic, though her father disliked the Catholic church and prevented her mother from going regularly. She, her two older sisters, and her brother all attended the Catholic school for a short period.

When Ondina was about nine years old a new Baptist preacher came to the church in her home town of Palma Soriano. The sister of this pastor's wife taught in the



school where Ondina's oldest sister attended. Her Christian witness drew the girls of the school to her, but they could not bring themselves to accept her invitation to go to Sunday school. However, Ondina's sister did finally go, reported that she saw nothing wrong with what the Baptists did, but did not go again.

Then the second sister started attending the school where the pastor and his wife taught. That gave them an opportunity to visit in the Maristany home. The very first Sunday after making their acquaintance, this pastor and his wife came by and invited the family to go to Sunday school. The family gave some excuse and the pastor and his wife said pleasantly, "Sorry, we'll be back next Sunday."

The next Sunday the children hid in the closets and listened to their mother give excuses, but they heard the same pleasant voice say, "Sorry, we'll be back next Sunday." This was disgusting to the entire family, but the love and patience of this pastor and his wife won after two years!

The first to become a Christian was the sister who saw the pastor and his wife every day at school. The entire family felt disgraced at having a "Protestant" in the family. But it wasn't long before the oldest sister began to desire whatever it was that

was enabling her sister to be so radiant. Both sisters were baptized together.

When Ondina was thirteen years old, she, too, accepted Christ, but she did not wish to be baptized. Her Catholic background made her feel that she should be a perfect Christian before she was baptized. But as the years passed, she learned through the Holy Spirit that she could not be good by herself. At the age of seventeen she was baptized and her brother with her. During these intervening years Ondina was attending a Baptist high school.

When she entered the University of Havana she found it very hard to live the Christian life. However, through the efforts of Dr. Gonzalez Molina, the Cuba secretary of the American Bible Society, an ex-priest, and the Herrera family, a small group of Christian students began to learn of each other and meet together. (Dr. Herrera is the director and surgeon at the Baptist Hospital.)

After graduation Ondina began work with the Cuban government in the Superior Board of Social Defense, and was soon put in charge of the Juvenile Department. To become more competent in this field, she registered in the school of social work in the University of Havana and later attended the University of Southern California to do graduate work in the field of juvenile delinquency.

Ambitious, well-prepared, and ready to demand a handsome salary, Ondina renewed her services with the Cuban government.

In the meantime, she offered to help Mr. A. C. Queen, who had been sent to Cuba to start BSU work on the University of Havana campus. She helped in a student retreat in Camp Yumuri when the theme was "Prayer." She and her prayermate prayed that the Lord's will would be made known in their lives. And the next year when she went back to camp, she found the answer in her prayer.

With complete peace and assurance and overflowing joy she announced to her fam-

ily her intention to give her life in full-time Christian work. Her father could not conceal his feelings as he told her she had been the greatest disappointment of his life. The months which elapsed before she was to go to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas were hard for Ondina, but just before the time came for her to leave, she had the joy of seeing her father reconciled to her decision.

After completing her Seminary training Ondina was appointed by our Home Mission Board to work with Baptist students on the University of Havana campus. She worked under handicaps, but found joy in the enthusiastic Baptist students and their aim to "win one." Finally her dream for a Baptist Student Center was realized, and as quickly, for political reasons, the university was closed.

In the meantime, Ondina has gone from the big city of Havana and conveniences to a rural area in the Province of Matanzas. Her special work now is with Juniors. She has them in Sunday school, Training Union, and Girls' Auxiliary. Ninety-nine per cent of these boys and girls come from non-Christian homes. When she remembers the influence of a Christian school upon her own family, Ondina dares to hope that some day a Baptist school may be started in this area.

Added to this responsibility, Ondina travels by bus every week to teach in the Baptist seminary in Havana where she is so much needed.

Ondina needs our help. She has asked for it: "Please, pray for me and ask the women to pray. I rest on your prayers for I know I am nothing when I face the tremendous task before me."

Pray for Miss Maristany and for other fine Christian Cuban youth.

A Dream Come True

Cuban Christians, as well as missionaries, have dreamed through the years that one day Cuba would have a Baptist hospital in Havana.

As early as 1890, Dr. Alberto Diaz, physician and preacher, and at that time acting superintendent of Baptist work in Western Cuba, went so far as to purchase a piece of property in Havana with the idea of some day building a hospital on the site.

Then several years ago, Dr. Sidney Orrett opened an office in the Baptist Temple in Havana, but this was discontinued.

In the early part of 1952, Dr. Pascual Herrera took up the matter of a Baptist hospital again. He talked seriously with other Baptist doctors, pastors, and church workers. As a result, a hospital was opened in a rented building in Havana. The six Baptist doctors put \$600 each into the institution. With this capital and some of their own equipment they opened an eighteen-bed hospital.

The work has grown and prospered. And with the growth came the feeling that this should be a project of the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba, rather than a private institution. Even the doctors wanted to be assured, that this hospital would remain Baptist. Therefore, in August, 1957, the ownership title was transferred from the six doctors to that of the convention. Dr. Pascual Herrera is the director of the hospital. A board of trustees determines policies of administration. An administrative council is studying the problems that may arise and counseling with the director and manager of the hospital.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention has made an appropriation of \$46,000 to buy land on which to build, but to date a suitable site has not been found for that amount. The Cuban Baptists of Western Cuba are trying to raise \$50,000 for improving the hospital.

The hospital has a very unique plan for operation—the membership plan. Each member makes a monthly payment and that entitles him to certain treatment and hospitalization. There are about 2,300 members at present. This does not mean, however, that the services of the staff and the hospital are limited to this membership.

This is not just another hospital. It is definitely evangelistic, thus enabling many to find Jesus as well as to receive healing from their diseases.

Dr. Silas Munguba —A Vow to Keep

Missionary Burton de Wolfe Davis, Brazil, who has watched Dr. Silas Munguba put the kingdom of God first in his daily living, describes him as "stocky, well-built, thirty-five years old. A massive head, crowned by curly hair, is constantly in motion as it turns to every side in his rapid conversation. A thoroughgoing extrovert, it is impossible to resist the laughter that always shines in the eyes looking out from the shaggy brows. His handclasp, once felt, is not easily forgotten. It is not a mere formality, but a grip of interest and real friendship."

This young doctor had the good fortune to be born the son of a Baptist seminary professor. Christian living was practiced in the home. When he grew up and left Brazil to engage in active warfare in Italy, it was this early training that kept his faith strong in the face of what seemed certain death.

Later, when Dr. Munguba finished medical school, several attractive offers from hospitals awaited him. About the same time, however, he was invited to help found with Mr. Davis a Baptist clinic in Fortaleza. He was offered only fifty dollars a month for this service because it was all the money there was to offer. The young doctor considered the fact that in three hundred years no Christian doctor had practiced in this city of 300,000 people. Thus he turned his back on attractive offers and openly declared that all he had and was he owed to God and that he was ready to give him back his life.

His salary was not enough even to pay for a room, so Mr. Davis took him into his home. Many attempts were made to find an opening in the local, Catholic-controlled hospitals so that he might practice his profession outside clinic hours. But local



Dr. Silas Munguba in clinic

doctors vied for the few places. Besides, he was unknown in this part of Brazil and had no influential friends. Moreover, he was one of the often hated "Protestants."

But God opened these doors which seemed so tightly closed. Within a year he was working in several hospitals, and within two years he became one of the best known surgeons in the city. He later was elected head surgeon in the emergency hospital, and became permanent surgeon in two other hospitals. He has held the position of chief of the city blood bank, and has served as physician to two government organizations. He serves as doctor of the Baptist high school as well as director of the Everett Gill Memorial Clinic.

Dr. Munguba's Christian behavior and his kind manner have won even the nuns in the Catholic hospitals. They jokingly call him "the pastor." His strong faith which permeates his daily activity has caused him to be respected and loved by Christian and non-Christian.

Dr. Munguba vowed that he would never let his profession keep him from being loyal to his church, and he has kept that vow. Although he has been called from services many times, he always comes back if possible, and only emergency operations are ever scheduled on Sundays. He has been a tither since childhood, though he gives about 20 per cent of his income now to the Lord's work. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday school in the First Baptist Church of Fortaleza, RA counselor, and has taken an active part in Training Union.

The Dr. Everett Gill Memorial Clinic is now an outstanding institution. Two doctors and a nurse work to treat hundreds of patients. They operate, deliver babies and make house calls. The value of this clinic to the poor Christians in this area is inestimable. It is the dream of Dr. Munguba to some day retire from all other work and found the first Baptist hospital in Brazil.

Dr. Munguba studied this past year at the Baptist Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, on a special scholarship.

REPRESENTATIVE YOUTH

Unashamed of the Gospel

Sangsun is about twenty-three years old though he looks much younger. He has been a Christian almost three years. But when he had been a Christian less than six months, it was announced that he was one of the five top Thailand Boy Scouts. This honor entitled him to a trip to America. Sangsun was as excited as the rest of the boys over the prospect of coming to America. After all, it was not a dream every boy in Thailand could realize.

The boys were called before the Scout Master and naturally congratulated. Then he gave them instructions concerning the trip and something of what they might expect when they arrived in the United States.

Then, just before they left, the Scout Master casually added, "And, I presume, of course, that you are all good Buddhists."

Sangsun's heart must have missed a beat. Had he come so close to something so wonderful only to lose it? Would he miss his trip after all? Of course he knew that he could keep silent and that would insure the trip. Aware of what it might cost him, he stepped forward and said, "Sir, I am a Christian."

Only faith in God could have generated such courage in Sangsun's heart. He did make the trip in 1956 and spoke in several Baptist churches while he was in this country.

Bearing Heavy Burdens

Dshii-San is a beautiful Japanese girl in her early twenties. She was educated at Kyoto Woman's College in Japan. And it was while she was here that she met a friend who invited her to an English Bible class and to worship services in the church in Kyoto. She later accepted Christ and was baptized.

Dshii-San has felt for some time that she wants to serve God in a special way. She talked to her pastor about it. She wanted to go to the Training School or Seminary and prepare herself for this service, but her parents are opposed to this. However, through the influence of one of our missionaries, she has a position teaching the Japanese language to missionaries who are serving in Japan. So Dshii-San does render a valuable service.

But this young Christian girl carries a heavy burden. Not only are her parents unsympathetic to her faith, but they run a hotel, and she has to live in the midst of unfavorable conditions and try to witness to her parents whom she loves and hopes some day to win to Christ.

Cecelia Mayo



Cecelia Mayo, an Indian girl in Alaska, also must bear burdens entirely too heavy for a sixteen-year-old.

Cecelia's mother and father are separated. And although Cecelia has accepted Christ and finds joy in serving him, her mother refuses to allow her to be baptized.

Cecelia has one sister who is a Christian, but she has a blind teen-age brother and a younger brother who show little interest in the Native Mission where Cecelia and her sister go regularly. They not only attend but help in many ways. She is sincere in her dedication and nobly witnesses for Christ.

Let us pray for Dshii-San and for Cecelia. Their burdens are heavy.

When the Young Witness

Yclea is beautiful to look at, but her real beauty is seen in her joyful service, especially as she serves little children at Recife's Friendship House in Brazil.

Yclea was blessed by having a Christian mother to encourage her. She came to know Jesus as Saviour at an early age, and has carried heavy responsibilities in her

church. She has served as superintendent of the children's department and led a Sunbeam Band.

She was recognized as one of Brazil's firm queens-with-a-scepter, and came to love missions as she studied on her Forward Steps.

When she finished normal school she was offered several teaching positions, but Yclea felt that God wanted her to be a missionary, so she made plans to go to the Training School in Recife.

She offered her services as a volunteer to work with the children in the Training School's Good Will Center. And Miss Edith Vaughn, director of Friendship House, appraises her worth:

"Just her presence in our English Club was an inspiration to the members, a well-educated group of professional men, their wives and college students. Some of them had never had the privilege of knowing such an attractive Christian and it made them more interested in the little English New Testaments that we were studying. It worked out naturally that she should be the one to help us interest their children in the center's activities and to visit in their homes. She taught a class of these

Yclea, careful in her winning radiant witness for Christ in Brazil



Don Watkins of Alabama

children each Thursday afternoon, and they loved her and clung to her hand as she walked home with them. One little boy's mother sent word to the Center saying that her child had learned to pray in Yclea's class and that she felt ashamed that she didn't know how and would like to join the mother's club so she could learn how to pray.

Yclea's chief love has been a little Good Will Center clinic. Many times, those who come need more love than first-aid treatment, and Yclea is just the one to administer this!

Handsome Don Watkins, a student at Auburn, Alabama on a four-year competitive Naval ROTC Scholarship, is a product of the Steward Good Will Center of Atlanta, Georgia. He is one of many fine boys Elizabeth Lundy and Myrtle Salters have watched and loved and helped.

Don first came to the Good Will Center Boys' Club when he was a Junior. He was immediately invited to become a member of the Royal Ambassador Chapter, and although he had never heard of such an organization, he joined. He attained the rank of Ambassador, was elected Ambassador-in-Chief of his chapter, attended associational RA rallies, state and southwide congresses, and went with the RAs to Cuba where he was greatly impressed by the need for the gospel.

He speaks and lives a fine testimony of what it means to be a Christian. He is an inspiration to the younger boys. He was invited to serve as associational RA counselor after his first year in college.

He is a good student, athletic, loves music, and likes girls, but has always found time for religious activities.

Aside from helping and inspiring younger boys, perhaps Don's greatest contribution has been the fact that his own Christian life helped to change that of his parents from nominal to active Christians.

When God Needs a Life

Oni's father was in debt, and there was no way to get the money except to sell his little daughter.

But one day a missionary in Nigeria discovered the little slave girl, and recognizing her potentialities, paid the amount of money which Oni's father owed the man and took Oni in exchange. She then placed the little girl in a Baptist school for girls where she came to know Jesus, and later won her mother.

Oni did well in school. She studied to be a teacher. Later she married a Baptist preacher and continued to teach. Together they have served in an excellent way. Through the years Oni has received a good salary from her teaching.

But the WMU of Nigeria needed Oni, and she was approached concerning the need. She was told that the salary would be far less than what she was receiving and

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

Prepared by Saxon Rows Carver

1 Sunday Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 2 Peter 3:18.

In the gardener's calendar, cultivate is the watchword for June. Cultivation does more than check weed growth; it prevents insect troubles, increases soil fertility, and helps the rain and sun carry food and warmth to the roots of every plant.

In countries of the world where we as Baptists have churches, plans are being completed for Vacation Bible schools. Cultivating and feeding the minds, hearts, and souls of our children are important, too. More than 450 college students will be serving as summer missionaries, many in Bible schools.

Pray for all workers in Bible schools, in whatever language they teach, and through whatever problems they face. Pray for the lost young people who attend these schools that many may be won to Christ. This is Baptist Day of Prayer for evangelistic crusades. Pray with all Baptists on this continent. Pray for Theresa Anderson,* Philippines, ed. ev.; Olive Riddell, China, em.

2 Monday Brethren, be not children in understanding; howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men 1 Cor. 14:20.

There was a man who was unsympathetic, even antagonistic, to the WMC work his wife was elected to do. In no small way he opposed her every service to her Lord.

He was a Southern Rhodesian. Missionaries visited his home. They prayed

about him. One Sunday after the message he came forward, repentant and mindful of the sorrow he had wrought. This personal experience showed his wife and her Christian friends that God does hear prayer and reward faithfulness.

We think of the many homes in Africa where there is but one Christian to witness for the Lord. Pray that other members of these families may be reached; pray for the 39 missionaries in Southern Rhodesia, and for Mrs. Andrew H. Foster, La., ev among migrants; Cornelia Leapell, Hawaii, Mrs. J. B. Gaultney, Nigeria, ev.; Pauline Jackson, So. Rhodesia, RN

3 Tuesday Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth Mark 9:23.

Thailand lives under the shadow of Buddha. Twenty million Thai have not heard the gospel story at all.

Yet when Polly and Glenn Morris returned to Bangkok after furlough, they noted many positive accomplishments. The first seminary textbook in the Thai language is off the press. The English language Baptist church is growing, and two young American men who worshiped there have answered God's call to be missionaries. Six new missionaries have arrived to strengthen the small forces. Blueprints are drawn for a new Immanuel Baptist Church.

Pray with our workers in Thailand, give thanks with them for each encouraging advance; also pray for Robert Mackett, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Bibiano Molina, Cuba,

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Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 3148, Richmond 20, Virginia, and in Home Missions

Mrs. F. T. N. Woodward, Hawaii, Mrs. P. C. Mosteller, Thailand, Rev. Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Indonesia, ev.

4 Wednesday All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee Psalm 22:27.

"Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning," chime the church bells in Seoul, Korea at 8 A.M. Thus the mission message is proclaimed to that whole lost city so recently devastated by war.

Baptists are active. The WMS meets every Friday night, with a significant program of mission study. Prayer, in Korean and Chinese, are offered for Indonesia, Africa, Malaysia. Vacation Bible schools are being conducted this month. Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliaries have been organized by volunteer workers.

Pray for the very young Yung Sen Baptist Church, for the Korean Baptist Convention, for Dr. David Ahn, the president of the Convention, and for Mrs. Charles C. Pierson, Okla., Mrs. Louis H. Soliz, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. A. Jarrett, Tenn., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. D. Bejarano, HMB, em.; Mrs. David Mein, Rev. Claud R. Bumpas, Brazil, Rev. L. Parkes Marler, Korea, Mrs. C. W. McCullough,* Jamaica, ev.; Myra Joy McCullough, MF

5 Thursday For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world Eph. 6:12.

Rev. Theophilus Adejumbi, of Nigeria, was speaking to a group of mission volunteers at Carver School. "My country," he said, "was once stark dark. But now, thanks be to God, there is no part of it at which the gospel is not beaming."

Today 60 per cent of the population of Nigeria is Moslem, 10 per cent Christians, which includes Roman Catholics, and 30 per cent "uncommitted." Our 188 missionaries there still face a great task.

Pray that the gospel of light may be lengthened and strengthened in Nigeria, and pray for Virginia C. Ogletree, Mo., GWC; Stella A. Austin, Nigeria, Mrs. W. H. Mat-

thews, Philippines, ed. ev.; Mrs. C. Ray Crowder, Nigeria, Mrs. A. J. Glaze, Jr., Argentina, Mrs. W. Dewey Moore,* Italy, ev.; Marylin, Charlotte Ann, William, MF

6 Friday And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day Isa. 58:10.

A pick-up truck, house trailer, and ranch wagon full of Navajo boys and girls, plus equipment, dog and horse, drove across bumpy reservation roads to have Bible School in Red Lake, Arizona. With some of the painted desert in their hair, and a great love for the children in their hearts, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sandlin, with two student summer helpers, conducted the school. The building was a borrowed government quonset hut.

Nine children asked for baptism. When the time came, at Tuba City reservoir, some of the girls who had never seen so much water were afraid to go in. Mrs. Sandlin took each one by the hand and went with her into the pool.

Pray that the Saviour may lead these recent converts through the perplexing things of life, surely and joyfully, and pray for Rev. Norberto Rodriguez, Cuba, S. Clyde Jowers,* Philippines, Dr. Thomas E. Halsell,* Brazil, Rev. J. W. H. Richardson, Jr., Nigeria, Rev. Carlos R. Owens, Tanganyika, ev.

7 Saturday And he said, My presence shall go with thee Ex. 33:14.

Through service in World War II, many Indian GAs became aware of a world outside the reservation, a world of more opportunity and challenge. A voluntary relocation program got under way. The Bureau of Indian Affairs currently has twelve relocation offices set up across the country. Whole families move, and establish homes in cities where employment is available. Their records are good. They save their money, go to church, and maintain good conduct generally.

Ministers are alerted by the government office when an Indian family of their affiliation is coming to a city. Are we as church members ready to welcome them into our community, into our churches?

May we pray for all these "first Americans" who seek a better way of life among us, and for Eunice Parker, Tex., Student Worker; Mrs. W. H. Congdon, Nigeria, ed. ev.; William H. Ferrell, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. H. P. McCormick, Hawaii, RN



8 Sunday Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight Psalm 19:14.

In his study of normal children between the ages of ten and sixteen Dr. Arnold Gesell distinguishes periods of relative chaos which alternate with stages of quiet and equilibrium. During these alternating periods of storm and calm, the child requires steady relationships with persons whom he can admire and respect. These relationships are as necessary as food and drink.

In thousands of cases, the Sunday school teacher fulfils this basic need. Let us thank God now for the teachers who guided us in our teens, and pray His divine guidance for all those who today teach young people to incline their ears unto Him. Pray also for Mrs. Rudolph Rangeli, Calif., Mrs. Reynaldo Gurule, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Callie Brown, La., GWC; Martha Bell, Indonesia, RN; Nadyne Brewer, Brazil, Mrs. T. W. Hill, Venezuela, Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, Mexico, ev.

9 Monday For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise Heb. 10:36.

"Don't ever come to visit at my house," Mrs. Antonio begged the home missionary. This was strange, for she and her teen-age daughter were earnest Christians.

One day word reached the missionary that Mrs. Antonio was very ill. In concern, the earlier request was disregarded. The secret was out. The husband practiced witchcraft, and had made many angry threats against his wife because of her religion. This did not happen in Africa, but in Texas, this very year.

The visit, however, was peaceable. After a quiet talk, prayer was offered and an invitation was given to Mr. Antonio to accompany

his wife to church. Perhaps, some day, he will.

Pray for Mr. Antonio, for those who still follow after strange gods in our own land, and for Mary Frances Gould,* Thailand, ed. ev.

10 Tuesday Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity? Micah 7:18.

Johnny Begay, a Navajo boy, was interested in becoming a Christian. While missionary George Hook talked with him, Johnny's long-haired grandfather sat by, listening intently. The boy gave his heart to Christ that day. The old man said "shi doo, shi doo" (me too).

It was necessary for the grandson to interpret everything into Navajo for old Wolla Begay, and Mr. Hook was afraid that the message was not getting through. However, passing months have shown that the grandfather meant business about trusting the Lord. Now he affirms his faith vigorously.

Pray for the Begay family, as they watch two members following Jesus every day, and pray for Mrs. G. O. Foulton, HMB, em.; Annie Hagstrom, Jordan, RN; Mrs. John Dickerson, Alaska, Rev. L. E. Blackman,* Mrs. R. C. Davis, Jr., Rev. J. H. Ware, Hawaii, ev.; James H., Mary Carolyn, MF

11 Wednesday Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? James 2:5.

Taiwan is small, one third the size of Kentucky, but with ten million souls. Since our entry in 1949 we now have 5000 Baptists among the Chinese there. The seminary has more than fifty students, and fifty-three graduates who are already working in churches and chapels.

Our 40 missionaries ask us to pray for spiritually and educationally qualified students for our seminary, and for earnest lay-witnessing by the people, and pray for Mrs. Oscar Hill, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Samuel, MF; Rev. C. H. Brown, S. C., ed. ev. among Negroes; Mrs. H. L. Railey, Formosa, ev.

12 Thursday Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace Acts 18:9.

A public invitation to accept Christ in a Sunday worship service is a new approach in Japan. But with the recent emphasis on

evangelism throughout the Japan Baptist Convention, missionary John Shepard decided to try it, and did. Five came forward.

Since then the pastor gives the invitation every Sunday morning, and the number of baptized church members increases.

Pray specifically for a young professor in Japan who almost believes, but who hesitates to enter the church, that his indecision may turn into a glorious step forward. YWA conference at Ridgecrest opens tonight. Pray for the YWAs, the leaders, the missionaries at the conference, and pray for Mrs. Francisco Diaz, Panama, ev.; Rev. C. S. McCall, Va., ed. ev. among Negroes; Mrs. W. L. Walker, Japan, Mildred Crabtree, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. M. G. White, Brazil, ev.

13 Friday In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also Psalm 95:4.

Many visitors to Ridgecrest this summer will stop by North Carolina's 68,000-acre Qualla Reservation where the Cherokee Indians live.

About two thirds of this group lean to the Baptist belief. Two other Protestant denominations work among them also. Since the end of the last century our Home Mission Board has continued an active ministry in the area. Today there are seventeen Baptist churches, served by nine pastors, in the Cherokee Association.

Ask God's blessing on each of these churches, the missionaries, and pastors, and pray for George B. Mixim, HMB, em.; Isabelle Coleman,* Formosa, ev.

14 Saturday Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity 1 Tim. 4:12.

Luis Gallardo is twenty-four, and a student in our seminary in Costa Rica. He rises at four a.m. to study, and works far into the night at a cobbler's bench. He must cobble shoes to get the rice and beans for his orphaned little brothers and sister.

It would seem that his program is full. Every afternoon, however, he devotes from 4:30 to 6 to personal soul-winning. During his first year at the seminary he won twelve adults to the Lord, and held private Bible classes for them.

We thank God for the tireless consecration of this young man, and pray that his life may continue to bear rich fruit in the kingdom. Pray for John W. Beam, III, GWC; Mrs. Raul Gonzales, Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Cuba, Charles W. Davis, Venezuela, ev.



15 Sunday Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee Luke 7:27.

On the third Sunday of each month Mr. and Mrs. David Richardson go to Mobile, Alabama to conduct services for the deaf. They have twenty regular members there, and prospects of seventy more. The work is new, and needs encouragement. To cover a wider area, they spend each week end in a different city. We have fourteen missionaries to the deaf to take care of more than 70,000.

"I wish you could watch as David preaches and someone sings or prays in sign language. It is fascinating," writes Mrs. Richardson.

Ask for God's tenderest blessing today on the group meeting in Mobile, that the words of salvation may be made clear to them; pray for this work carried on by the Home Mission Board and for Rev. Frank Browder, III, Ariz., Mrs. Albino G. Ortiz, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. F. C. Rowland, Mrs. George Wilson, N. M., ev. among Indians; Richard, MF; Mrs. I. V. Larson, Formosa, Rev. Ancil B. Scull, Indonesia, ev.; Mary E. Lind,* Paraguay, RN

16 Monday Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you Matt. 7:7.

Our Baptist Hospital at Sanyati, Southern Rhodesia, began with tragedy which pointed the way to need. As Mr. Ralph Bowlin was trying to reach medical help, twenty miles distance, for an expectant mother, the truck in which they traveled bogged down hopelessly in mud. Two mornings later Mr. Clyde Dotson reached him, but mother and child were dead. The missionaries dug the grave by the roadside.

Here they knelt and prayed that God would send a doctor, and make possible a hospital. Their prayer was abundantly answered. Today a 50-bed hospital serves Sanyati. Dr. Fort and his doctor-wife, Dr. and Mrs. Shelby Vance are there, and an African staff with missionary nurses Pauline Jackson and Wanda Marlar.

Thank God for this answer to urgent prayer, and ask his continued blessings on every phase of the hospital ministry, and pray for

Rev. W. C. Trotter, III., *ev. among Negroes*; Mrs. Michael Naranjo, N. M., *ev. among Indians*; Edna, Tito, Rina, MF; Mrs. Logan C. Atwip, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. J. Q. Watson, Argentina, *ev.*

17 Tuesday For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof fall-eth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever 1 Peter 1:24-25.

In countries where Islam is a force, a little white cap is a sign that the wearer has made a Pilgrimage to Mecca. Since the journey is supposed to assure the pilgrim of salvation, he wears his cap constantly except when he is bathing or getting a haircut.

A Moro boy, a cap-wearer, attends Fay Tunmire's English class in Mindanao, Philippines. He was interested enough in Christianity to go to the recent Mindanao Island Youth Conference. His presence in the group was a daily challenge.

Pray for this boy's growing interest in things of the spirit, and pray for Fred A. McCaskey, Ga., field worker; Mrs. Isabel A. Estrada, Tex., Celso Villarreal, N. M., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Ambiro, MF; Mrs. Antonio Santana, Cuba, Mrs. H. L. Adams, Bettye Jane Ewen, Nigeria, Mrs. Paul Bell, Jr., Guatemala, Rev. Robert H. Lloyd, Argentina, Minnie Lou Lanier, Brazil, Mrs. Frank Lide, Philippines, Leslie Watson, Japan, *ev.*; Rev. John L. Bice, Brazil, *em.*

18 Wednesday For who is God, save the Lord? 2 Sam. 22:32.

There are many accidents along the Chilean highway which runs north to south between the Andes and the coast. Wherever an accident involving death occurs, a shrine is built. Candles are placed inside a little house there to burn for the souls who so suddenly left this earth. Over and over the traveling missionary sees these shrines, monuments to futility, and longs to reach the needy people of Chile with the true gospel of God's redemptive love.

Let us pray for the lost who grasp at false hopes that they may hear and be saved. YWA Conference at Ridgecrest closes today. Pray that XWAs may leave the mountaintop to serve Jesus the Saviour in their living, and pray for Rev. Jose A. Solano, Panama, *ev. among Indians*; Benjamin Valdez, Cuba, *ev.*; Rafael Miranda, Calif., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; F. Catharine Bryan, China, *em.*; Carlos Perez, Panama, Mrs. W. A. Hat-

ton, Brazil, Mrs. E. L. Holloway, Jr., Japan, Anna Frances Todd, Colombia, *ev.*

19 Thursday I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities Psalm 31:7.

Hong Kong is a city of four million, most of whom have known adversity. About 100,000 are English-speaking. To reach some of them, a Baptist chapel was opened in November. British, Dutch, American and Chinese attend. Soon they will be ready to organize a church, finding in their faith a oneness with each other and in God.

Pray for this new group in that teeming, over-crowded, intrigue-ridden city, for our 29 missionaries there, and for Rev. Richard Sanchez, Ariz., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Mrs. George Wilson, N. M., *ev. among Indians*; Mrs. Charles Whaley, Japan, Mrs. J. W. Mefford, Jr., Spain, Mrs. H. L. Petty, Israel, *ev.*

20 Friday Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart Psalm 119:2.

Chizuko Sen who is in fourth grade has loved Jesus since she was in the Baptist kindergarten. But in Japan, preachers often feel that a child should be at least junior-high age before she has a saving knowledge of Jesus as Saviour and is ready for church membership. The day came when Chizuko Sen's father and mother were to be baptized, and she wanted to do so when they did, but was asked to wait.

Then she heard that Jack Garrott, a missionary's child, who is younger than she, had been accepted by the church for baptism. Hopefully she spoke to her mother, who spoke to the pastor. A personal conference was held, and the desire of her heart was granted.

Our prayers join those of friends who love her that she may never lose her earnestness to do God's will fully, and pray for Mrs. Francisco Morales, Tex., Mrs. I. B. Williams, Ariz., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Mrs. Ruby McGehee, HMB, *em.*; Dr. C. F. Clark, Jr., Japan, MD; Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott, Japan, *ed. ev.*; Elizabeth Ann, MF; Mrs. Walter Hunt, Philippines, Harriette L. King, Malaya, Mrs. Gerald Riddell, Colombia, *ev.*

21 Saturday The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them

that walk uprightly Psalm 84:11.

During the summer weeks, when the Intermountain Indian School is not in session, missionary Delbert Fenn works among the migrants who pour into the Brigham City, Utah, area to harvest the farm crops. Many of these migrant workers are Navajos. Hundreds of others are Spanish-speaking. Mr. Fenn also finds many of his former students from Intermountain School laboring at railroad work camps, and holds welcome services for them. These men and women who live lives of such transient nature have nevertheless a permanent need of Christ as Saviour.

Pray for them, for Mr. Fenn and for Mrs. M. Giles Fort, Jr., So. Rhodesia, MD



22 Sunday And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of Hosts I will go also Zech. 8:21.

Seven out of every ten Argentines live in or near cities. Many live in fine homes, and are quite cosmopolitan. They take pride in Buenos Aires which is the third largest city in the western hemisphere. Because Roman Catholicism is the national religion, obstacles appear and reappear whenever Baptists try to secure property. Just now our missionaries are trying to locate property for an urgently needed church, to serve an area where almost 600,000 people live! Pray that property in Buenos Aires may be purchased and the church's active ministry begun, and pray for Rev. Robert R. Harvey, Calif., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Mrs. E. P. Doshier, Nigeria, Rev. S. Dan Sprinkle, Jr., Argentina, *ev.*

23 Monday Behold, we count them happy which endure James 5:11.

Santiago is the capital and largest city of Chile. It lies in a colorful valley between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific coastal range. Its parks, with their wide plazas, are a favorite noon-time gathering place. Groups from the Baptist church often take a little organ and hold a service out-of-doors during lunch hour.

One day a young man, a bystander, was saved and gave his testimony. Word of this was straightway carried to his Catholic father, who became very angry. The young man was cast out from home and from his father's lucrative business. But the new believer stood firm for his Lord. Now he is a student in our seminary in Santiago, preparing to tell others of his new-found faith.

Pray for him, for his fellow students there in these days of preparation, and pray for Mrs. J. J. Johnson, HMB, *em.*; Rev. Samuel L. Jones, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. J. C. Goodwin, Jr., Korea, Rev. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Argentina, Rev. Bobby Lee Spear, Thailand, *ev.*

24 Tuesday And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me John 12:32.

The Good Will Center in Recife, Brazil, "Friendship House," is surrounded on two sides by mud and matchstick houses whose occupants live in poverty and sin, on another side by a housing development, and on the fourth by a group of dwellings where more substantial families are found. The Center director, Miss Edith Vaughn, reports with joy that the story of Jesus has found its way into these diverse neighborhoods. Four-year-olds, teen-agers, mothers and fathers take their turns at using the Center's facilities and attending its classes and services. Since this is our first Good Will Center in all Brazil, we are grateful to God for its many ministries.

Pray for Miss Vaughn, for the Christians nearby, and for Fausto Morales, Rev. Juan Perez, Rev. Edelmira Becerra, Cuba, *ev.*; Mrs. Don M. Kim, Calif., *ev. among Koreans*; Mrs. James Huse, N. M., *ev. among Indians*; Mrs. W. H. Sears, China, *em.*

25 Wednesday Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God Rom. 15:5,6.

After seven years in the United States, Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Dehunsel are back at home in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, where they are teaching in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary.

"How can we thank you for your expressions of love? For opening your homes to us at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas? For the many ways beyond our comprehension in which you have supported us? May you continue to be a channel through which His purpose is realized on earth. May the love ex-

tended to us flow to others, as we serve in this part of the world," he writes. And he assures us that they remember us in prayer, continuing to cherish our fellowship in Christ. Shall we, in turn, remember this brilliant, consecrated couple who lived among us for a time and have gone home to Nigeria to greater service?

Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Dahmsi and for Miguel Angel Calleiro, Jr., Cuba, ev.; Pearl Gifford, Md., GWC

26 Thursday And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger John 8:35.

Thousands of pickers and harvesters go to the Planada, California community every summer—Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Panamanians, and Spanish-speaking US citizens. They show a real hunger for the love of God. "The first fruits are truly trophies of the grace of God," says Missionary-pastor Robert Harvey.

Two Mexican workers walked and hitchhiked twenty miles to attend a revival, and there made their public professions of faith.

Pray for them and others in these groups who find the Bread of life, and pray for Rev. Nathan M. Carter, Ala., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Pedro Hernandez, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. T. C. Hollingsworth, Argentina, ev.; Rev. Charles A. Leonard, Hawaii, em.; Dr. W. W. Logan, Nigeria, DDS

27 Friday Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine Psalm 80:3.

A missionary's day is not always full of joy, with encouraging results. Often the heart is heavy, with burdens unexplained and problems unresolved.

Such a day came to the young language school student at Campinas, Brazil. Some months before, she had started a Sunday school on the street and had later found a home which welcomed her. Still lacking the skill to speak Portuguese to tell of God's love, she sought to make Christ known through slides and flannelgraph stories. Interest grew, and over a hundred children flocked to these weekly meetings. Then, one Sunday, there were only five. A priest had visited each family, and forbidden the children to attend. It was time now for the missionary to go on to her permanent assignment elsewhere, with no opportunity to try to rebuild the Sunday school. She still prays for those children. Will you?

Pray for these children in Campinas, Brazil that someone may tell them of Jesus and for

Mrs. L. W. Crews, Kan., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Charles Ford, Nigeria, Mrs. H. H. Pike, Brazil, ev.

28 Saturday I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation Psalm 111:1.

The Arizona All-Indian Assembly is held each summer at the Paradise Valley Baptist Ranch, near Prescott. To this assembly come people from our mission work within the state. Last summer, the venerable Navajo leader Manson Yazzie, accepted Christ as his Saviour during this Assembly. He was followed by his wife, and soon by other members of his family. Mr. Yazzie has long served on the Navajo tribal council, and helped Southern Baptists secure permission to open Copper Mine Mission.

Pray for God's blessings on Mr. Manson Yazzie and on the planning and program for this year's Assembly; also for the fourth annual Pinon Cowboy Camp, in New Mexico, and pray for Rev. W. L. Crumpler, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. L. H. Gunn, Okla., ev. among deaf; Margaret, MF; Violet Popp, Jordan, RN; Ruth Walden, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. Charles Bryan, Peru, Rev. Luther B. Akins, Formosa, Mrs. W. P. Carter, Jr., Chile, ev.



29 Sunday Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray . . . and he shall hear my voice Psalm 55:17.

The quiet sabbath morn is here, and we are in prayer for a Jamaican pastor, the Reverend S. S. James, of Duncan Post Office, Jamaica. He has a regular circuit of four Baptist churches, and is acting pastor for two others. Each of these churches conducts its own school.

Dr. Fred McCauley, who served with him on the Southern Baptist Evangelistic Tour of Jamaica declares he is "an unusual combination of teacher, preacher, pastor, song leader, student, statesman, executive, manager, officer, builder, and good citizen; beloved by all his people whether they walk or ride burros, bicycles, trucks or cars."

Pray that God will give to Mr. James spe-

cial strength and grace this day and pray for Evelyn Epps, Md., GWC; Mrs. W. M. Gilliland, Nigeria, MD.; Rev. Robert C. Davis, Jr., Hawaii, ev.

30 Monday All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies Psalm 25:10.

Schools and colleges are out, and many of our daughters are beginning new careers away from home. Every mother is willing for this to be so, but yearns in her heart and prays that God's mercy and protective love will follow and encompass her child.

Within the City Missions program of Richmond, Virginia is Baptist Hall, a boarding home for out-of-town young women, most of

them in their late teens and in Richmond for their first jobs, or for business school. It can care for thirty-two residents.

Pray for these girls, and for all our daughters who are separated from us, in new surroundings, and ask that they too find a Christian dwelling-place, and pray for Mrs. James L. Nolte, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Rev. Delbert Fann, Utah, ev. among Indians; Katherine Cozzena, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, China, em.; Harlan E. Spurgeon, Formosa, ev.

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| ev. evangelist | med. ev. medical evangelism |
| ed. educational | pub. ev. publication evangelism |
| RN nurse | sec. ev. secretarial evangelism |
| lan. st. language study | SBH Sellers Baptist Home |
| GWC Good Will Center | med. tech. medical technician |

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advised to talk and pray with her husband in reaching a decision.

Oni stood erect and spoke emphatically to the one who had approached her. "Please, Ma, all I am and all I have belong to God. If I am needed to do that work for him, I accept it now."

That was several years ago, but Oni is still working with the WMU, going in and out among her people, helping and encouraging them. Hardships and discomforts do not seem to bother her. She apparently ignores the perils of travel and long periods of absence away from the comforts of her own home.

Says Miss Neale Young, who has given us this story, "She is not laying up for herself treasures upon this earth, but is seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Meditation: We have come to a period now when we can pray with better understanding and greater appreciation for our youth.

Let us pray for the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto (pause).

Let us remember that Ondina Maristany has asked us to pray for her (pause).

Let us remember these young Christians

who are burdened over their families and for those who are witnessing under difficulties (pause).

Let us pray for Dr. Munguba as he prepares to go back to Brazil, this summer (pause).

Let us pray for the approximately 4,000 young people in correspondence with our Foreign Mission Board, seeking to find God's will for their lives (pause).

Let us pray that the more than 35,000 overseas students on campuses in our own country may learn to love Jesus while they are here (pause).

Pray that God will help each of us to feel a greater responsibility for leading, helping, and training our youth (pause).

Solo: (With the attitude of prayer continuing) "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling," 440, Baptist Hymnal.

An Organized Family

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them.

There are six children in this family. Their home is a long way from the church. All the children are in school, and all belong to the Sunday school and Training Union. Two of them sing in the church choir. They are very happy because all of them have accepted Christ as personal Saviour.



by Monolita Ballógar de Torres

wife of pastor of First Baptist Church, Valencia, Spain

Many times it has been said that, from the point of view of our Woman's Missionary Union, a model WMU is one that has the five organizations, that is to say: Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band. But have you ever thought of the families that reach this ideal?

This is the case of the Monge family of the First Baptist Church of Valencia to whom I have the pleasure of introducing you.

The father of this family plays an important part. He loves his church, his children and his wife love and respect him, and he is proud to have a family given completely to the service of the Lord.

Dona Lola Esteban de Monge, wife and mother of the Monge home, is a member of the Woman's Missionary Society and director of the young people's organizations in her church. She is a teacher in the Sunday school. Her six children do not hinder her activities nor attendance at the regular worship services or meeting of her Society. Her home is not neglected because of her work for the Lord, nor do her children lack a mother.

Mari-Lola: She is seventeen years old. Until the beginning of this year she was a member and president of the Girls' Auxili-

ary. Now she is a member of the Young Woman's Auxiliary where her presence and her artistic talent are appreciated.

Carlos: Fifteen years old. He is Ambassador in Chief of his RA chapter. Along with his brothers and sisters he knows how to manage his studies so as to have time for Royal Ambassadors.

Jesus is fourteen years old. He is also a member of Royal Ambassadors and co-operates with his brother in the meetings.

Merche is twelve years old. She is vice president of the Girls' Auxiliary, and is preparing for baptism.

Salvador is eleven years old, and also a member of the Royal Ambassadors. In spite of being very young we must praise his great sense of responsibility and seriousness in the business of his King.

Miguelin: The Benjamin of the home, he is nine years old, and president of the Sunbeam Band. The Sunbeams lament that soon, because of his age, he will be going to another department. It seems that he has learned very well what it means to be a Sunbeam.

Here you have the Monge family of Valencia, Spain. Perhaps they may serve as an example to mothers and children who do not find sufficient time to dedicate to the tasks that the church has for (Turn back to page 39, please)

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