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We have a general missionary program meeting at night for our night circles, as well as a meeting in the daytime. Our president presides at



needs women. Woman's Missionary Union must provide opportunities whereby all women may be given the advantages of our program if missions is to have full benefit of the woman power in our churches. In most churches in the past few years when women in increasing numbers have become gainfully employed, this has not been true. The full program has been available only to those who attend the general meeting of the society.

Times have changed. Today more than one third of the women in the United States are gainfully employed. Some churches have already faced the need for changes in their WMU pattern of organization. In other places where the majority of women are working during the day, the traditional day meeting of the society has given way to an evening meeting. This has met the greater need in these particular churches, but in the majority of them it has not met the whole need. In most churches there are women who can best be enlisted in day meetings. There are others who can best be and can only be enlisted in night meetings. What is our responsibility to these two groups? Surely we do not have a greater loyalty to or responsibility for one

Our four BWCs will be called night circles in October. As we haven't decided about having a missionary program meeting together at night.



In Step with the Times

officers are studying the plan of expanding WMS work in the church. We want to reach and meet the needs of every woman.



by Alma Hunt,
WMU executive secretary

group than for the other. Yet there is a neglected group in most churches.

We have recognized the wisdom in promoting morning circles, afternoon circles, and night circles, thus making circle meetings available at times convenient for all women. But the general missionary program meeting of the society is unknown to some of them because it has been scheduled at an inconvenient time for some and an impossible time for others.

Our forward step for the coming year is to make the full program of WMS available to all women. A general missionary program meeting each month is the beginning of the full program. Where women meet only once a month that meeting is the general missionary program meeting of the society. The second meeting is the circle meeting. So our pattern is "a general missionary program meeting plus circle meetings." This pattern will make available the full program of WMU to all women in the society. The application of the pattern will call for different adjustments in different situations. In no situation will it "do away with" what is now in existence. Instead what is now in existence will be enlarged upon to offer equal opportunities to all

women enlisted. You will know what the application of it will require in your church.

You will recognize that the officers' responsibility is to the whole WMS membership and not just to a part of it. The president is the elected leader of the whole society and as such presides at general missionary program meetings whether they are held during the day or in the evening or at both times. In other words, the president's relationship to the women enlisted in day meetings and those enlisted in evening meetings is the same. Likewise, the enlistment vice-president is as interested in enlisting women in evening meetings as in day meetings. The time is not the important consideration. The enlistment of women is the thing that matters.

The president and the other officers may not be able to participate in all the circle activities as many of them have done when working with only the day or the night circle members. Their first responsibility is to all members through their leadership in the Executive Committee and in the general missionary program meetings. The officers' pattern can be the same as the society's—"a general missionary program meeting plus circle

meetings." The circle meeting for them during their terms of office is a plus and is undertaken when their obligation for leadership of women in all circles has been fulfilled in the general program meeting, or meetings.

Keep in mind that the relationship of the president to the chairmen of day circles and to the chairmen of night circles is the same. All circle chairmen are members of the Executive Committee and all should have equal opportunity to contribute to and participate in Executive Committee planning. Our forward step does not eliminate any circle meetings; it keeps us in step with the times. Added emphasis is being given to the promotion of morning, afternoon, and evening circles.

Think of the lift which will come to the neglected segment of the Society when those in that segment realize that they are to have a general missionary program meeting; that they are to have the leadership of the president and the other elected officers. To be "just as important" and "just as valuable" as other women is recognition due every woman interested enough in missions to become a member of WMS.

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by **Marcus Bach, Iowa University**

RECENTLY, I stood on a crowded street in Leningrad with a young Russian engineering student. It was the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city, and a parade was in progress. While the red flags were borne past to the sound of marching bands, he said dramatically, "There goes my God!" Then he looked at me as if wondering whether he could possibly be wrong, whether there might be something greater, something more.

I talked with many young students in

the vast and sprawling land of the USSR, talked to them about my field: religion. They often answered my questions with questions of their own: "Why," they wanted to know, "does America have the highest crime rate of any country in the world? If the United States is a religious nation, why does it have problems of racism and juvenile delinquency? How is it that 70 million Americans do not belong to a church?"

I answered them as most Americans

CAN RUSSIA CHALLENGE OUR FAITH?

would, I admitted we had a great many problems and described how we were working to solve them. I explained religion's role in American life, in the home, in industry, in education, in our attitude toward ourselves and others. I told them not to overlook the fact that though 70 million of our people had no church connections, 100 million did.

The longer I stayed in Russia the more amazing these questions seemed to me. Imagine a country, officially dedicated to atheism, putting us on the spot in the field of faith! It's true that in America only six out of every 10 people have their names on a church roll, but in Russia about one in 10 would be a fair estimate. Statistics are hard to find. They are literally sealed in Kremlin vaults along with reports of alcoholism, vandalism, and crime. You can't go to a public library or a government bureau in the USSR and get such information.

But the blunt truth is that young Russians are actually out to challenge us—not only in the field of science, but in the spiritual field as well. To them, everything from agriculture to space supremacy is in contest and they are honestly saying, "Let's make a race of it." Whether we like it or not, Russian young people are daring us to demonstrate a higher morality than theirs.

Ninety per cent of the students I met had never been inside a church. Their belief that religious people cannot be trusted is as deep-seated as our contention that "godless" people cannot be trusted. They have been indoctrinated with atheism. They have been briefed on the Inquisition and the Thirty Year's War, on witch-burning and squabbles among religious faiths. They have not been told about religion's glories, its contributions to the world, its culture, its inspiration, its deeper meaning in the life of man. They have never been introduced to a man like Albert Schweitzer. Communism has been pre-

sented to them as the only valid way of life. It is their religion.

Communism's form is strikingly like that of a religion. It appeals to the same kind of dedication to a selfless cause. For more than 40 years since the 1917 Revolution, Communism has had to provide a satisfactory substitute for what we think of as man's spiritual drive.

Communism's god is the State. Its holy books are the writings of Karl Marx. Its temples are the institutions of learning. Its holy city is the Kremlin. Its most famous shrine is the tomb of Lenin and Stalin.

It has its sacred trinity: Marx, Engels, and Lenin. Its creed is Dialectic Materialism which says, "It is not the consciousness of men that determines their existence, but, on the contrary, their social existence determines their consciousness." Its code is the pronouncement of Lenin: "The new spiritual leader must be the proletariat!" Its gospel insists that the production of life's necessities and the exchange of products is the fundamental law of existence. The major problem with which it is concerned is not sin and salvation, but the conflict between the exploiting class and the "exploited masses."

Communism is totally rationalistic, thinks only of this life, plans only in terms of physical needs. Birth to the Communist is a biological phenomenon, life an inexplicable mystery, man the product of his environment, and death the inevitable extinction. But this does not preclude a high moral and ethical code, and it is on this front that it challenges America's religious faith.

Many young people said to me, "We do not miss the things you Americans think you must have to live happily. We have a goal to work for and this means more to us than physical comforts or an easy life." Others said, "We don't have time to go wrong. There is too much to be done and too much to be learned." Education is a

passion with them. There has not been the disintegration of morals or the collapse of honor and integrity that we often associate with "godless" people.

There is, however, one area which Communism has not been able to satisfy. Anyone who meets the Russian people with sympathy and understanding will realize it. Communism has never been able to sublimate or satisfy the instinctive personal awareness that human life is related to an unseen, eternal force. This yearning, this inquiry is real. Neither Sputniks nor any other electronic wonder has been able to fill the spiritual void.

One evening I dropped in on a choir rehearsal in a Russian Protestant church. My interpreter, a 25-year-old Ukrainian college student, had never been inside a church. For more than an hour we listened to the thrilling songs of the 60-voice choir. When I asked the director about Christmas music, he responded by saying the choir would sing "Silent Night" and invited me to sing along in English. After several other familiar songs, my interpreter commented on the universality of Christian hymns and added, "There must be something satisfying in religion, something that cannot be found in any other way." Her face showed her longing and betrayed her wish to believe.

This was not an isolated case. Here and there among Russian youth, the quest for God is beginning to break through. The growing interest in what religion is and does is a phenomenon noted by many a recent traveler.

Organized attempts to stamp out the spiritual impulse among the people have failed. "Leagues of the Godless" have gotten nowhere. The execution of priests

Choir in the Moscow Baptist Church in Russia

during the turbulent post-Revolution period, the confiscation of church property, the abolition of holy days have not halted a people's search. Russians, like human beings everywhere, are determined to find a unity with Something or Someone higher and greater than themselves.

This search for God is often vivid and intense. A young geophysicist said, "If He exists we will find Him!" She had been taught that God is merely matter and motion, but now she was beginning to wonder about the Master Mind within matter and Prime Mover within motion. Other students, like her, are also searching as they forge across technological frontiers and as they explore the tantalizing new horizons of endless space. The struggle in the youth of Russia today is between a religious heart and an atheistic mind.

Older Russians are seeking to rediscover God in the church. There is a slow but steady return to Russian Orthodoxy, Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Judaism, and Islam. There were 54,000 open churches prior to 1917. Shortly after the Revolution all churches were closed. Today some 10,000 churches are open for worship.

I had a chance to catch the spirit of this worship one Sunday morning when I spoke from the pulpit of the Moscow Baptist Church. It was the 10 o'clock service. Sixteen hundred worshipers filled the audi-

torium and its precarious circular balcony. People were crowded into the aisles and out into the street. They had come, not because I was speaking, but because there is a fervency about religion that has made this the fastest growing church in the world.

The congregation was composed of peasant people for the most part, also many factory workers, and a few young people. With me on the chancel were three young Russians who were studying for the ministry at Spurgeon College in London. The 80-voice choir sang triumphant hymns, prayers were spoken, the Scripture was read, communion was observed.

When I was introduced and looked out over the sea of faces intensely serious and marked with toil; when I saw the hundreds of white-scarved and black-scarved women, and the men who bore the imprint of hard work and suffering; when I sensed their eagerness to hear a few words from their American visitor, I wished that every American could have stood with me in the pulpit. Dealing with the Russian people is better than dealing with Russia. We may condemn the leaders, but we can have only a true affection for the people.

Through the interpreter at my side, I said what I am sure most Americans would have wished to say. I told my audience that we in the United States want only peace, that we desire to understand Rus-

The author, Dr. Bach, with Pastor Yakov I. Zhidkov of the Moscow Baptist Church



sians better and wish we could be better understood by them, that we worship the same God and, as Christians, follow the same Christ.

I spoke of my research among religious people in many parts of the world. I commented on the warmth and understanding and sincere friendliness of this devout congregation which had come here for the same reason that people everywhere come to church: to satisfy a yearning for worship and faith.

There was a great display of emotion when I said I would carry the memory of this service back to America. Several people touched their hands to their hearts. When I closed with the promise to take their greetings to the churches in my country, they responded with excited and enthusiastic waving of hands and murmurs of "God bless you" and "Peace."

The minister announced that the congregation and choir would sing a hymn. He said he hoped it would span the continents and linger with me as I continued my travels. I have heard "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" sung in many places and in many languages, but never with more sincerity and spirit than in this Moscow Baptist Church. Tears filled the eyes of many worshipers. We who stood on the chancel were, for the moment, unaware of any distrust or enmity between our two nations.

Just then I had the impression that religion in Russia is considerably more vital, more militant, and more real than I had believed it could be. The unconquered quest of the Russian soul emerged from this congregation, and I felt the spirit of the millions who have persistently refused to let Communism destroy their faith.

While the Soviet's atheistic experiment continues, and while the churches struggle on, all Russia is studying America for evidences of the impact of our spirituality upon our individual and national life. And that is its present challenge to you and me.

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The Bible in 1127 Tongues

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis
WMU president

On April 1, 1958 the announcement was made by the American Bible Society that new translations had brought to 1127 the total number of languages and dialects in which some part of the Bible is published.

Our Foreign Mission Board has made possible the participation of Woman's Missionary Union in the work of the American Bible Society through a yearly allocation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The 1957 amount was \$20,000.

Martin Luther said, "Would that this one Book were in every language, in every land, before the eyes, and in the ears and hearts of all men!"

More than 55 denominations help send the gospel around the world through the American Bible Society, for the Society is a channel through which the distribution of the Scriptures is made.

The American Bible Society has as its single purpose the encouragement of the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment and without profit; to every man on earth in his own language.

The first of the worldwide Bible Societies was the British and Foreign Bible Society established in 1804. Its average annual circulation for a recent ten-year period was somewhat over 12,000,000 volumes.

The Bible Society works in more than 40 countries. Since 1835 it has been supplying embossed Scriptures for the blind. And, beginning in 1818 Bibles have been distributed to the Armed Forces.

To make Christ known to the more than 20 million people in Thailand is one of the tasks of the Bible Society. A special Christmas portion in the Thai language was published last year, and the churches were encouraged to undertake widespread dis-

Mrs. Mathis with Dr. Shields T. Hardin of American Baptist Convention at Bible Society headquarters in New York City

tribution. Young people were recruited for special distribution campaigns and went out from Bangkok during vacation with glad news for their people: "Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

A recent letter from Nicaragua, Central America relates this interesting story. A blind man living in the town of La Libertad secured a Bible and was curious to know its contents. He went repeatedly to a neighbor, Jose Salceda, with his Bible to hear it read. The blind man's interest never did go beyond mere curiosity, but Jose Salceda was gripped by what he read. Anxious to understand better, Salceda went to another neighbor, Antonio Ordóñez, an evangelical, requesting guidance. On the basis of reading the Scriptures with the explanations given by Ordóñez, Salceda accepted Christ as his Saviour. Not content to hide his light today, Salceda is actively evangelizing others with a Bible of his own.

In this changing world men know that God's Word abides. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Because of the great spiritual hunger of people there is a pyramiding call for the Bible. This flings wide the door of opportunity to send His Word to the ends of the earth.



Women of Africa prefer the hand-operated sewing machine because men use treadle machines in Africa. The women fear to infringe upon the man's occupation of sewing by using the same type machine.

Sewing for Souls in Tanganyika

As Betty Carroll and I prepared a room in the small six-room building which had been rented for services, our hearts were anxious. What if no women appeared for our first class in sewing and for WMS meeting? The day was sticky and hot, and only a little breeze was blowing through the palm trees in Dar es Salaam, the capital city of Tanganyika.

We knew that in this part of the world few women attended public gatherings because of the East Africa custom of seclusion of women in this strong Moslem area. Very few women had been coming to our previous services—many men and children, but few women. We were so anxious to meet them, and to reach their needs, and to lead them to respond to the gospel message.

Women in East Africa have been accused of being idle, with little knowledge of how to do tasks beyond the necessities. But we had observed that the women were among the hardest workers. They cared for the *shamba* (farm), doing farm work

by hand with crude implements, cultivating the soil for farming, preparing all the food for the family, spending hours hunting for bits of firewood in the surrounding countryside, and this is a real task in this crowded city on the coast. They do all the family wash by hand, pounding it skillfully on a rock, carrying all the water in an *mtungi* (large clay jar) on the head. In addition they bear and rear many children, seeming to have one on the back at all times. The small thatched-roof house of mud floors must also be cared for. Her work is never done.

Clothing is a real problem to most Africans for they have so few and the general population is in rags most of the time. Even several good-sized youngsters have appeared at Sunday school clothesless, for they had none to wear.

Surely the desire to improve the family supply of clothing would stir these women to come, we thought, and we were correct.

Our hearts leaped for joy as the women came steadily. Fifteen that first day! Only

by Mrs. Carlos Owens

"We are not only sewing clothes, but as we sew and bring into the conversation God's truths, the Holy Spirit will use experiences to bring these lost ones to Jesus"



Most of the pinning, cutting, and sewing is done while sitting on matting with bodies tied securely on the back. East Africa women rarely learn to make garments for their family.



two had any previous contact with our Christian witness. They all were anxious to learn about sewing, making clothing for their children and husbands, and for themselves. Quickly they learned to hand-stitch on small bags in which to keep their sewing. Some stood to sew in order to keep quiet and happy the little ones on their backs.

As Mrs. Betty Carroll, a fellow missionary, and I began the WMS meeting three women got ready to leave, and we were fearful. When we asked them to please stay, they said that their husbands did not allow them to listen to such things. Yes, they were Moslem. But the others responded with enthusiasm to the plans for our WMS. They liked the emblem and cheered our spirits beyond words. We worked slowly and simply because only two claimed Christianity, and our Swahili, their language, was yet rather limited for much discussion. The spark of response encouraged us new missionaries in a new field. We felt that the group not only

would sew clothes, but we could sew and visit and learn and bring into the conversation truths which eventually the Holy Spirit would use for their salvation.

The next meeting showed growing interest. Eleven new women came, and the following week we had enrolled 34, as many as we two missionary wives were able to handle even in two classes! The women had learned the assigned Bible verse, and were willing quickly to put away their sewing for our devotion time and for singing. Only five of them had ever attended the services at the church. Now we were regularly witnessing to 34 women. God was using our small efforts with wondrous results!

How we pray that through this class in sewing we may lead these eager women to know Jesus as Saviour and to know the way of abundant living in Him. We pray that our Woman's Missionary Society at Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika may be one in which our members learn of the grace of Jesus as well as share his love with others.

Each fall and winter, spring and summer

WMU retreats, houseparties, conferences, and camps
are available for your young people—

Do Your YOUNG PEOPLE Go?

by Billy Barber, pastor, First Baptist Church, Archer City, Texas

When we first started planning to take some of our young women to the state Young Woman's Auxiliary houseparty, we thought one car would take all of them and their belongings. But there were fifteen girls in three cars. Much of the response was due to the consecrated leadership of Mrs. J. D. Mullis, who went along with the fifteen girls. At any rate, the girls came back changed individuals. None of them had ever had such an experience. When the visiting minister preached on the following Sunday morning, the Lord moved mightily upon these young women. All of them made decisions. The past president of the YWA volunteered for special service.

I have been pastor of this church for two years. In this time I have pled with our people to pray that the Lord would call some of our people to special service. Now our prayers were finally being answered.

We asked these girls who had been to the houseparty to give their testimonies in the Sunday evening service. They were glad to do so, more so because when they got back home they found that a young man in high school in whom they had prayed had been saved. Their testimonies were different from anything I ever heard from any of them. It was easy to see that they had been with the Lord. They did not just talk about how much they liked their Sunday school teacher or class or preacher, as they had in the past, but they told of what Christ means to them.

It was truly a different group of young women. We could not stop them in the

testimony service. The Lord moved upon the people, and one man for whom the church had been praying for 30 years was saved. One of our young men surrendered to preach. There were numerous rededications—real dedications. The service started at 7:30 and ended at 10:00. Even then the people did not want to leave. We all stood about overwhelmed by what was happening.

The following Sunday morning one of our deacons and his wife came surrendering for special service. He has since sold his business and his home and is going back to school to prepare. In one month we baptized as many as we had all last year. And God is answering our prayers daily.

Fifteen of our youth heard and accepted God's call to full-time Christian service. Two of our young women came last Sunday morning, two of our finest, surrendering for special service. The students are meeting before school each morning for prayer meetings. We have started a youth prayer meeting in our church. We consistently have around forty present. They do not want to play games; they want to pray, sing, and study God's Word. In my ministry I have never seen such a complete transformation as has taken place among our people, especially our youth.

Now I know there are many factors that have played an important part in all of this. But I just wanted you to know that we here always go back to the YWA houseparty when we start talking about our recent spiritual awakening.



Israel and the New Arab Challenge

People who watch with concern events in the Middle East have wondered what change the union between Egypt and Syria followed by the merger of Jordan and Iraq has brought in Israel-Arab relations. Responsible Israelis have taken a generally calm view of the situation, according to reports featured in *Newsweek* and *Commentary*. What Israel has been telling the Arabs in her new Arabic language broadcasts is that she is in favor of any Arab move for unity so long as the Arabs make it of their own free will.

Israel looks on Egyptian-Syrian union as an artificial and forced merger. It is believed that Cairo will not embark on an anti-Israel venture, for not only has Israel proved her ability to strike back effectively but both Cairo and Damascus realize that an attack would most certainly lead to some kind of Western interference. But this is not all. Apart from the fact that there is "lack of rational basis for the union," Iraq has always viewed Syria, Jordan, Palestine, and Lebanon (greater Syria) as her natural sphere of expansion. The original Pan-Arab concept which dates back to the first World War excluded Egypt from any possible Arab union. Now by annexing Syria, Egypt has dealt a blow to the cause of Arab unity. This move was not taken lightly in Baghdad; hence the Iraq-Jordan alliance which followed two weeks later. The goal of Arab unity seemed farther away than ever.

On the whole the Arab Federation seems more plausible to Israel. Iraq is now in a position, if she desires, to use to advantage the man power of the refugees in camps on the Jordan's west bank. This prospect opens the way for the solution of a problem that has long seemed insoluble and a very real cause for the lack of a peaceful settlement between Israel and the Arab governments.

The official Israeli reaction was extremely guarded at the outset. The *Jerusalem Post* quoted in *Commentary* stated that "every time there had been talk of union among Arabs it was inspired only by hostility to another nation—Britain in the past, France now, and Israel always." However, on the whole Israelis have confidence in the future. The fact that all the members of the new unions are declaring that their aim is to destroy Israel naturally creates concern. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion told a group of foreign journalists that Israel's policy would be "to continue with our constructive work in our own state, consolidate our economy, edu-



cate our people, and go on with business as usual." These are brave words for a little country surrounded by 32 million hostile neighbors.

The 10 Year Story

This year Israel is celebrating its tenth anniversary as a state. In biblical times Israel was known as the "land of milk and honey." Centuries of neglect resulted in erosion and the once fertile fields lay barren. Fifty years ago with the beginning of Jewish settlement the northern half of Israel was reclaimed and once again justified the biblical description.

The southern half of the country comprising more than 50 per cent of Israel's present-day area consists of desert land. In the Bible the region is described as "the wilderness where the storms blow with fury." The Old Testament does not mention its hidden wealth but a score of valuable minerals have been discovered including no less than twenty fields of phosphate. The first phosphate mine in the Negev desert went into operation five years ago and has now reached an annual output of 250,000 tons.

Near the anniversary date (May 1958) Ben-Gurion, the 71-year-old leader of the young state, was asked by an American correspondent to name his main goals for the next decade. "To undo the desert," he said. "You have a desert in America but you can afford one because you are big. We cannot. I want to live to see 500,000 people in the Negev. We are moving in factories and starting new industries which extract minerals from the desert land. We are working on the water problem. One expert says we have water in the desert under rocks, not from rainfall, but from chemical fusion in the earth. We are drilling to see. So the Negev is my dream now. But not my last dream."

A Trio of Briefs from the Holy Land

Dr. Chaim Vardi, minister of Christian Affairs for the state of

Israel, says that the admittance or work of Christian missionaries will not be restricted in that country. There are about 400 missionaries in Israel of whom 200 are engaged in evangelism and the others in medical and social work. According to the government official's report Israel has about 45,000 Christians, most of whom are Arabic-speaking. Protestants are numbered at 2,500. Dr. Vardi made a recent tour of the United States and while in the South paid a visit to Woman's Missionary Union headquarters.

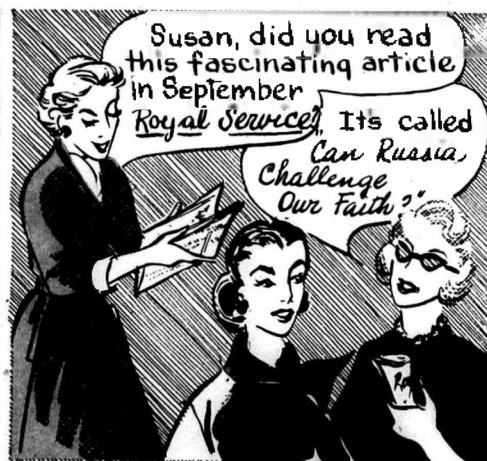
A 24-year-old Arab honor student, senior in the Hebrew University's School of Education, has been awarded the third annual Judah L. Magnes Scholarship instituted in honor of the first president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, an American educator and rabbi who died in 1948. The president of the Judah L. Magnes Foundation announced that the award for this year has gone to Butrus Kajeab Dally, who lives in Israel. Mr. Dally majored in Oriental studies and plans to follow teaching as a career.

Israel Digest carried a partial reproduction of the Mabada Mosaic Map, the oldest known map of Palestine. It was discovered in 1884 in the remains of a Byzantine church in the north of the old city of Mabada in Jordan. In 1902 an authentic copy in full color was prepared by two scientists. The find was widely hailed in the scientific world. The original Mosaic map was prepared in the fifth century from early Roman road maps to serve chiefly the first Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land.

The Bible and Israel

Without the Bible the Jew is an enigma. Neither the establishment of the state of Israel nor the significance of all that is happening today in the Middle East can be understood apart from the Word of God.

In this age of diminishing faith, the belief remains strong in many Bible-reading people that the return of the Jew to Palestine is an event fraught with importance for all mankind.



No Bell in the Tower

by Mrs. Nan Liem, Indonesia

IT WAS SUNDAY, and after an absence of a year, we were in our new church. We knew that USA friends were responsible for our building. We felt happy.

Southern Baptists began work in Indonesia about seven years ago. I still remember how we held our first services here in Surabaya in the English church building, before moving to a small go-down.

With pride we called the poor building our church. The ceiling of bamboo, and the floor, broken in places could boast our love, and tell about the happy moments when the lost opened their hearts to Christ. It still stands there now, but beside it a "real" church building has been erected, the first Baptist church of Surabaya. How proud the members are to worship in a real building, dedicated to the glory of the Lord. There is no bell in the tower, yet, and some of us keep thinking about this incompleteness. However, the Lord surely hears the bells ringing in our hearts, and this delights him and us more.

If only the givers in my country could see what God has planned for us, it would warm their hearts. His love and care reaches to the utmost parts of the world indeed! We do feel proud of our church building and of our hospital, and of other visible signs of God's care for our material needs,

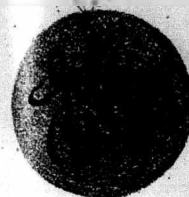
but more than that, we are happy that these tools are a great help for the laborers, giving them strength and encouragement also.

Most important for us, is our spiritual growth, isn't it? There is that constant desire within us. Jesus said "anyone who drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst anymore" (Moffatt). This is a sound as of a beautiful song full of promise. It can be heard also in the whisper of the breeze through the coconut trees in Indonesia, and also through those surrounding the little bamboo church of Kediri, where we now have a wonderful hospital.

Let us not cease praying for laborers to bring in the harvest. I serve in East Java in Surabaya and can only write about this small part of the world. We have fine laborers in the East, all of a different tan. There are our American brothers, intelligent and practical; philosophic Chinese, fighting against idol altars and tradition; sensitive Indonesians, enthusiastic and dreaming; and there are those of mixed origin, understanding and helpful. The cosmopolitan nature of our group makes us feel that "God is love" indeed.

How refreshing it is, to see people of different races gathering together to worship. Fair, brown, yellow, it does not make any difference. A twinkle of love in the eyes, and a warm smile of understanding, is all that is needed to bridge the imaginary distance for in Christ our hearts are one.

Yes, it is true that our church has no bell in the tower. When we pray and praise the Lord, our hearts reach out to him, and the sweet melody rings to bring yet others to him.



THE BIBLE and the American Bible Society

by Hermione Dannelly Jackson

Hymn: (To be sung or read) "O Zion, Haste," No. 451, *Baptist Hymnal*. Mention the fact that our program is vitally concerned with publishing glad tidings. The American Bible Society has published over half a billion Bibles since 1816.

Bible Meditation:

More than five hundred years ago, in 1456 the first book, the Holy Bible was printed with movable type in Germany by John Gutenberg. Over a billion copies of the Bible have been printed since. During the Middle Ages, hand-copied Bibles were chained in the churches so that no one could steal them. As a result, only scholars or priests ever read the Scriptures. The Hebrews of ancient days stressed memorizing the laws and prophecies, as we see in Psalm 119:97 (read it).

The Oxford University Press recently tried to find out the number of Bibles in the average family in the USA. The chances are nine to one that each family owns not one but three. Southerners have more Bibles per family than in other sections, and Baptists are said to read their Bibles more than any other denominational group. The people of small towns own more Bibles than their city cousins. Ninety-four out of one hundred people living in towns of less than five thousand have Bibles, while seventy-four out of a hundred average city dwellers possess one. (Read from Matthew 24:35.)

The American Bible Society has distributed over half a billion Bibles and portions of the Scriptures in 1,127 languages and dialects. The Bible House in New York City, headquarters for this non-denominational organization, has the great-

est collection of printed Bibles in the United States. There are over 16,000 different volumes on their shelves, including translations into Arabic, Zulu, and the American Indian languages. Read Psalm 68:11 and Isaiah 52:7.

Prayer for all to whom the Scriptures have only recently been made available.

(For this program, use a panel of four women. The leader asks them questions.)

Leader: It is easier to understand the purpose and work of an organization if we know something about its origin. How did the Bible Society begin?

Answer: The thirteen original American states were having a Bible famine. Bibles had to come from London and the supply had been cut off by the war. An army chaplain petitioned the Continental Congress in 1777 to order the printing of at least 20,000 Bibles. There was not enough paper or even sufficient type in the new world to print them. The distracted Congress voted by seven to six to import the Bibles from Holland. The representatives of Southern colonies and New York voted against this plan because they thought the shipping space should be used for guns and ammunition! Georgia was the only Southern colony to vote in the affirmative.

After the ratification of our Constitution and the election of Washington as president, Bible societies sprang up in every state. In 1816 the American Bible Society was formed to unify these efforts. Its purpose was to see that every person in the United States had a Bible. Some people thought it was a menace to our government to have such a widespread organiza-

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tion. Others said that the society was "tainted" because money came from all denominations. Still others felt it was short-sighted to give the Bible to people without comment or instruction.

Able leadership helped weather those storms. Elias Boudinot, the first president of the American Bible Society, had also been president of the Continental Congress when the peace treaty was signed with Great Britain. John Jay, the second president, had been the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and an excellent diplomatic representative. These men gave the new society a needed prestige.

The original constitution states that its "sole object" is to "encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment." The business of the Bible Society has always been to make the Scriptures available to every person, wherever he may live, in whatever language he requires, at any price he can afford to pay, or free if he cannot pay. (See "The Bible in 1127 Tongues," page 7.)

Leader: Despite mishaps, the work of the Society has continued under a sense of divine urgency to give the Bible to all mankind. How does the society go about distributing Bibles?

Answer: The American Bible Society's major task is the distribution of Bibles. One method is by supplying the Scriptures to missionaries, ministers, and other Christian workers. It was through this medium that the Bible Society first attracted the attention and support of Southern Baptists. During the last war they sent, without charge, all the Scriptures needed by the chaplains. From July 1, 1940 to September 30, 1946, they supplied 7,344,547 volumes (Bibles, New Testaments, or Scripture portions). Forty million volumes have gone to the armed forces since this service began in 1820. Supplying Russian New Testaments for Russians held as prisoners of war in German prison camps was another war-

time service. More than 500,000 volumes of Russian Scriptures were distributed to war prisoners, civilians in forced labor camps, and Russians in other countries after the end of the war.

Another method of distributing Scriptures is by employing individuals called colporteurs who work in co-operation with the established mission forces to help in spreading the printed Word where the missionaries, ministers, and other Christian workers have not been able to go or where they can rarely visit. In Panama, one of our home missionaries and a Bible Society agent entered a village 160 miles off the Pan American Highway. They observed a group of men on a street corner engaged in heated discussion. The leader had a Bible in his hand and was attempting to explain it to the others. The missionary asked to see the Book. It was one he and the agent had given away on the highway two years before. It had been passed from hand to hand until it had reached this isolated village. In another town they offered to sell the mayor a Bible. He asked that they read it aloud. The missionary opened it to the third chapter of John. After he had read a few verses, the mayor summoned his whole staff. They listened for nearly two hours. The richest priest in Panama lived in this town yet it was the first time that these civic leaders had seen a Bible and heard its words in their own language.

The colporteurs have found that people value a Bible more if they pay for it. This personal investment guarantees that the buyer will read with interest. If the Book is given free, a person may even treat it with contempt and suspicion because he considers it as free propaganda literature. Although the Bibles are distributed at a price less than the actual cost of publishing them, some charge is made unless the purchaser is destitute. Portions of the Scriptures have been sold for fish, fowls, fruit, and even building materials. It costs about \$8 to print a Braille Bible for the blind. These are often sold for twenty-five cents or given outright.

Leader: Before a Bible can be distributed, however, it must be published. How is this done and who finances it?

Answer: One of the big jobs in publication is translating the Bible into the native languages. The Bible has now been translated into at least a thousand currently used languages. The Society has published at least one book of the Bible into 1,127 languages and dialects. The entire Bible has been printed in 210 languages.

The problem of translation is difficult. Mark's Gospel had just been translated into Totonac. The story about the man carrying a vessel of water was being read to the group. The crowd began to laugh. "That is really a funny story," one said. "No one carries water but women." Mark 9:1 speaks of "taunting death." One man asked if this meant that they chewed on the corpse. Care must be taken to be sure that the right word will convey the correct meaning.

Financial support comes from individuals and church groups. This year Southern Baptists gave \$20,000 from the Lottie Moon offering. In nearly all the sixty countries where the Bible Society is at work, however, the demands for the Scriptures far exceed the funds for supplying them. Distribution increases each year, but so does the world population. Last year the increase equalled only one fifth of the world's population increase.

Leader: Of interest at this time of year is the Worldwide Bible Reading program sponsored by the Society from Thanksgiving to Christmas. President Eisenhower is honorary chairman and both living former presidents, Truman and Hoover, are on the sponsoring committees. This idea started during World War II. A lonely marine on Guadalcanal asked his family to read the same Bible passage with him on the same day as a means of maintaining spiritual ties. Last year, fifteen million participated in the United States alone and people from fifty other countries joined with them.

President Eisenhower has said, "The custom of reading the Bible together has brought strength to many families. United in a vital faith, parents and children can accomplish great things for good."

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, during the period when millions of believers in lands around the world join in reading your suggested list of passages from the Bible, a mighty promise is held before our eyes. . . . We are given the strength to continue our work toward that greatest objective of all: peace on earth, good will toward men."

Tell "Why a Bible Society," page 40.

Prayer for this great Bible publishing and distributing organization

Note to Circle program chairman: Bookmarks (see below) listing the daily Bible readings for the Worldwide Bible Reading program, Thanksgiving to Christmas, may be ordered free from American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. Order enough for every circle member to have her own copy.

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WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING
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NOVEMBER

27 Thanksgiving 12:15-16
28 12:15-16
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DECEMBER

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For those who want to continue reading the Bible the last six days of the year, these passages are recommended:

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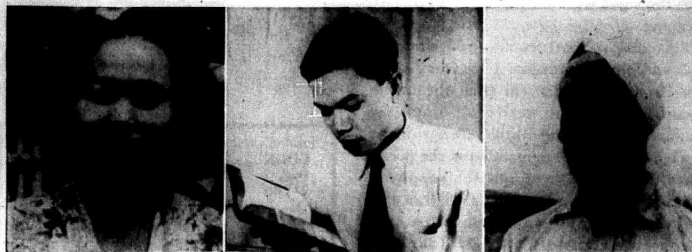
Will you make Bible reading a daily practice? Ask your minister for lists, write your church headquarters or request "Daily Bible Readings 1958" (1-100 from the)

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(Dept. 1)
450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

Get Ready to Study SOUTHEAST ASIA

Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, Philippines

INTO A NEW WORLD by Winston Crawley (85c) is the basic WMS mission study book for the Southeast Asia study this fall. You will want to begin now to read, collect pictures and information so that you can evaluate and know the challenge and possibilities of advance of Christ's kingdom witness in this part of the world. From church and public libraries you may secure books. Listed below are some titles you may wish to buy from your Baptist Book Store:



Indonesian Woman

Filipino Baptist Seminary Student

Malayan Muslim

VIEW TO THE SOUTHEAST, Santhe Baine Rau, price \$3.50. Among other countries, the author tells in her delightful style, about Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand. These three are included in our mission study book for this fall—**INTO A NEW WORLD** (85c). Writing from a freshly personal point of view, she describes the countries as they are today. This is a book to read for pleasure.

SOUTH OF TOKYO, John Caldwell, \$3.50. This book surveys the chaotic political situation in Southeast Asia, where the world's newest independent nations are struggling to remain free. The outcome of the struggle can greatly influence the future of the other nations south of Tokyo.

SOUTHEAST ASIA AMONG THE WORLD POWERS, Vandenbosch and Butwell, \$6.00. This is an excellent reference book on Southeast Asia. It presents a picture of this increasingly important area lying south of Communist China and east of neutralist India. A double-page area map and six small national maps help locate the countries in Southeast Asia.

NORTH FROM MALAYA, William O. Douglas, \$2.95. In this imperative analysis of the Communist advance in Southeast Asia, Douglas presents the challenge that America must meet, and outlines a practicable and urgent plan for the construction of a free Asia.

Today

by Cyril E. Bryant, Editorial Staff
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WHO—Better Health for All

Health is one of those few areas of human endeavor in which all governments can work earnestly toward a common objective.

World Health Organization, popularly known as WHO, is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. With central offices at Geneva, Switzerland, and a branch office in Washington, it counts 88 member countries, including the chief Western and Communist powers. It is a part of the work of the United Nations.

WHO is not interested in the politics of men, but in their health. And health, according to WHO's constitution, is not merely the absence of disease or infirmity but actually "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being." The constitution reads on that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental human right," and it declares that "the health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security."

Unequal health development in different countries, asserts the WHO document, is a common danger to all, and the health achievements of any nation are of value to all.

WHO inherited from previously existing health organizations international duties relating to epidemic control, quarantine measures, and the standardization of drugs and other medical substances. And in these first ten years, it has expanded these activities, by the following among others:

- Operating a warning service which by daily short-wave radio bulletins informs all health administrations, seaports and airports of the occurrence of epidemic disease anywhere in the world.

- Setting up universally-valid regulations governing international travel and trade by land, sea, and air.

- Publishing the first International Pharmacopoeia which recommends international specifications for the strength and purity of drugs and pharmaceutical preparations, and issuing other technical publications on health subjects.

In addition to its work to prevent the spread of epidemics across frontiers, WHO actually is at work pooling all available medical knowledge for the improvement of health standards within nations. It offers direct assistance to governments, on request, to enable them to fight disease and strengthen health services.

WHO officials believe that by helping break the vicious circle of disease-breeding poverty, World Health Organization is helping populations lay the foundations for their own prosperity and thus promotes world peace.

Do you wonder, as I do, why WHO is only ten years old? Why could not it have started ten times ten years ago?

Closely related in its aim is a medical mission project now under sponsorship of the Baptist World Alliance. Five of America's best medical men, all of them dedicated Christians, left San Francisco last June for a round-the-world trip surveying health facilities in 27 different countries.

Two of the men are Southern Baptists—Dr. Charles Black of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Dr. Gabe Payne of Hopkinstown, Kentucky. A third, Dr. Robert Hington of Cleveland, Ohio, grew up in a Baptist church in Alabama. They are offering their services as practicing physicians (Please turn to page 29)

by Kate Chenault Maddy

Keys That Open Doors

Hymn: "Hope of the World," 282, *Baptist Hymnal*, or "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Program Chairman: Let us repeat together our watchword for the year, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door."

This watchword has been a challenge to me during this year; I hope it has been to you.

Our programs have given us opportunity to look through many doors to discover astounding truths concerning our world. We have rejoiced as we have looked through some of these doors because of the reception of the gospel of Christ by many people. Our hearts have been saddened as we have looked toward other doors which have been barred to the gospel, or doors into which we have been unable to enter because of lack of money or personnel, and as we have seen injustices inflicted upon minority groups. Surely at times we have felt the prick of conscience as we have been brought face to face with our own neglect and indifferent attitudes toward the lost world.

The object of Woman's Missionary Union: "The object shall be to promote Christian missions through the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Watchword: "... Behold, I have set before thee an open door..." Rev. 3:3.

Today we come to consider "Keys that Open Doors" to missionary opportunities as we use them with discernment.

SCENE: the living room of Mrs. Pickard, president of the Woman's Missionary Union in her church.

CHARACTERS: Mrs. Pickard, president; Fundamentals Chairmen presently serving: Mrs. Powell, Mission Study; Mrs. Freeman, Prayer; Mrs. Stevens, Community Missions; Mrs. Smith, Stewardship.

Newly-elected chairmen: Mrs. Shelton, Mission Study; Mrs. Ward, Prayer; Mrs. Lowe, Community Missions; Mrs. Hamilton, Stewardship.

As the scene opens Mrs. Pickard hurriedly straightens her living room. She adjusts a large key ring in the background. Then she adds a neat touch to the table, taking from it materials, notebook, and pencil. She seats herself and begins to make some notations when a knock is heard at the door.

Mrs. Pickard: (Opening the door, greets by name Mesdames Powell, Smith, Stevens

and Freeman as they enter, each carrying a large key.) O, I see you didn't forget your keys. That is fine; just place them on the key ring.

I am so glad you came a little early. First, I want to thank you for the fine work you have done this past year. I have been pleased to note among our women a change in attitude toward our program of work, and I attribute part of this to your fine leadership.

Chairmen: (All smile and take seats.)

Mrs. Pickard: Last week the vice-president and I met with the circle chairmen to plan our enlistment program. I hope this meeting will be as helpful to the new fundamentals chairmen. I wanted you to come today to give to the newly-elected fundamentals chairmen words of encouragement and inspiration. (Loud knock at door.) Here they are now. Come right in! (Greets by name Mesdames Shelton, Ward, Lowe, and Hamilton.) I believe we all know each other. (As all are seated, they begin an excited chatter among themselves until the president speaks.)

Mrs. Pickard: I know we are having a good time, but I believe we should get started. Mrs. Smith, our prayer chairman, will lead in our devotional thoughts. Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith: I shall read some verses from The Acts 2:44-47; 4:31-35; 8:4. (reads) What a wonderful treasure we have in the Acts of the Apostles! Without it we would be at a loss to know how the early Christians lived and worked.

Luke, the inspired writer of the Acts, traces the growth of Christianity from the very earliest beginnings. He tells us how the program of missions was financed, how the work was organized, about the devotion of the apostles in their preaching and teaching ministry, how difficulties were overcome, how persecutions were endured, and how the gospel of Jesus gradually spread from Jerusalem throughout the Roman Empire.

After Jesus left his disciples, the small

company of 120 met in Jerusalem to wait until they could know the next step to take. As they tarried they prayed. They prayed not a hurried prayer. While they prayed the Holy Spirit came upon them. It was this Spirit that made their witness so powerful that 5,000 were added to the church. The preaching of the apostles was powerful and the conversion of the people genuine. It was the gospel of Jesus Christ which they preached. This personal knowledge and acceptance of Christ, the Saviour in what changed the people and made them "of one heart and soul."

The spirit of these changed people was undaunted by imprisonments and other persecution. And even as they were forced by persecution to separate one from the other they "went everywhere preaching the word."

I wonder what would happen if our witness today were comparable to that of the early Christians. I think about myself as prayer chairman and the rest of us who are trying to lead. The basic ideas we promote are found in the Bible.

Perhaps the reason our witness is not more effective lies in the fact that we have never spent enough time praying for the Holy Spirit to make us the power we ought to be. Let us pray now that the Holy Spirit will teach us how to lead the members of our society in study, witnessing, praying, and sharing of possessions. **Prayer** (give thought beforehand to the needs of your society in regard to effective witnessing. Pray for definite needs.)

Mrs. Pickard: I want to say in the very beginning that I am looking forward to working with you new fundamentals chairmen, and I thought this meeting would help us to get started on plans before the new year actually begins.

I invited our chairmen who have served so faithfully for the past year. They will be able to share with you some of their experiences.

A New Chairman: I think that is a splendid idea. I know very little about what I

PROGRAM PLANS for Keys That Open Doors

BY KATE CHENAULT MABERRY

Presentation of Play:

The play will be easy to present because the informal account of personal experiences may be retold, not memorized. A woman who studies the entire play can easily take her place in the presentation. Avoid reading.

The occasion for the meeting in the home of Mrs. Pickard is to help the newly elected chairmen of missionary fundamentals to realize the importance of their responsibilities. Care should be taken that the devotional and prayer periods are done naturally, not as "play acting." If possible actually use out-going and in-coming chairmen for these parts. Then the play will become real. Let chairmen add stories from their experiences during the past year. You will of course need to warn that the time limit of your program shall be observed.

Be sure that stories presented in the program are told sincerely, as personal experiences. You and those on program will be prayerful that this glimpse of the basic foundation for our work will be presented with care and enthusiasm. This should be a means of stimulating your society to have a thorough clinic for all your leadership for 1958-59.

Regular Presentation: Or, if you prefer not to present a play, follow the general procedure of first having somebody give devotional thoughts. Then after the introduction by the program chairman, missionary fundamentals may be discussed,

using the material related to each. Those giving the discussions could carry a key and place it on a key ring marked "Keys That Open Doors." Let one person read the quoted portions from the three letters written by Drs. Adams, Cauthen, and Redford to show how necessary they feel our fundamentals are in the cause of missions.

Interest Center: Whichever way you choose to present the program the same interest center can be used. A table with an assortment of books relating to WMU fundamentals, a Bible, a globe, and a small, low arrangement of flowers. Above and behind or to one side place a large key ring on which you hang the keys: "Mission Study," "Community Missions," "Prayer," and "Stewardship" at the proper time.

Key Ring and Keys: Cut from heavy poster board a circle about one foot in diameter and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" wide. Cut keys about 18 inches long from the same board. Make a diagonal opening near the side top so keys can be slipped on it. Use gold poster board or paint gold or cover with gold paper. With Tempera paint letter on each key one of the fundamentals.

Posters: Make a poster using the idea of the keys and the ring.

Or, order the set of the four WMU Fundamentals posters from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price 35c. These could

be mounted on cardboard and placed on four easels in the hall outside the room where your program is presented. Or you can place them at front of room instead of an interest center.

Program Folder: Carry out the idea of a bunch of keys labeled with names of our fundamentals.

Properties to Order and Use: If you have plans to make use of the following in a clinic or study-time in your WMS, then order sufficient quantity for your needs. You can substitute leaflets, etc., to represent the materials if these are to serve only as props for the playlet:

Free materials available from your state WMU office:

Distribution of Bibles and Religious Literature
Questions about Community Missions
Mission Study Achievement Chart
Mission Study in Woman's Missionary Union
Guide for Community Missions
Intercommunity Prayer League
Prayer Plans of WMU
WMU Plan of Goals

Priced materials from WMU, Birmingham 3, Alabama

1958-59 WMU Year Book, price 25c

Soul-winning Tracts Pocket, 25c

Royal Service, \$1.50 yearly

Priced from your Baptist Book Store:
Into a New World, Crawley, 85c

am supposed to do, but I am willing to learn. (Other chairmen nod and show pleasure by their expressions.)

Mrs. Pickard: Here is a letter from Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance. Listen to what he says about our WMU missionary fundamentals. I (opening letter) will read you only one paragraph:

"Certainly, if we are diligent in mission study we shall learn more and more about the needs of other people. As we learn about those needs we will not only want to be good stewards of our possessions, but will feel led to remember them in frequent prayer. One reason for the success of our program of giving and of evangelism is that

it is undergirded by the prayers of our women. Community missions not only give us an opportunity to improve conditions at home, but as we go so people in other lands find it easier to believe in the validity of the gospel we proclaim. We must not tie the hands of our missionaries overseas by unchristian attitudes and conditions here at home."

Another New Chairman: So Dr. Adams thinks what we are doing is necessary to evangelism at home and overseas. Maybe if we could really feel that world missions is dependent upon how well we shoulder our responsibility here in our own church and community we would be more concerned over enlisting all our WMS mem-

bers in community missions.

Mrs. Pickard: That's what I hope you chairmen will help us to realize. (Turning toward mission study chairman) Mrs. Shelton, of course you know it is impossible to think about mission study without mentioning books. T. V. Smith, in *The Wonderful World of Books* says: "Books give us inspiration. Only inspiration can put our energies to full account—only inspired books can inspire." I have here (shuffling through free mission study helps) some materials you will need to study as you plan your program of study for the year and before we have our day of instruction for our WMU next ——— (give date when your WMU will have a day of instruction).

Mrs. Shelton: Program of study for the year! I understood my job was to see that we had two mission study books taught this year, one before the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and another in February before the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Mrs. Pickard: When you study this material you will understand all the duties and responsibilities on your job.

But speaking of books (reaching for the Bible on the table), I am sure I don't have to remind you that the Bible is the mission study book for Woman's Missionary Union. All other mission study books are written because of the missionary message we find right here.

Dr. W. O. Carver wrote concerning the Bible: "In the Bible as the missionary textbook we find the missionary thought in God's heart, the missionary message in Christ's atonement, the missionary duty in our Lord's command, the missionary motive in the nature of the redeemed life, the missionary power in the Holy Spirit." (Emphasize italicized words.)

Mrs. Powell (mission study chairman): I don't believe anybody but Dr. Carver could say so much in one sentence!

Mrs. Pickard: Here (reaching for the "Into a New World") is the book we will be studying this fall about our work in Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, Philippines—in Southeast Asia. It is written by Dr. J. Winston Crawley. We will need to begin plans right away for the study of this book.

Mrs. Shelton (new mission study chairman), leafing through mission study materials with a worried expression, she speaks in doubtful tones.) I think I can do that, but all this other (pause). For example turning to Achievement Chart in WMU Year Book (or use chart you ordered), here's some kind of chart—"Achievement Chart"—it says on it, and it looks rather complicated to me.

Mrs. Powell: I think I know how you feel, Mrs. Shelton, but I assure you the pamph-

let (*free one ordered*) you have there, will explain how to use the chart, or I shall be glad to show you if you need me. You see that really is a plan in outline for our year's program of mission study. Checking will show you what we have done and what we need to do. This is one of the "behind-the-scenes" parts of mission study. It was a challenging experience for me to use the chart. The first year we didn't do so well, but last year we made over 350 points, and I was thrilled to see the interest in missions grow among our women as our points mounted. Of course that's the whole purpose of the chart anyway.

Mrs. Pickard: I'm sure Mrs. Powell will be a help to you. She is keenly interested in mission study.

Mrs. Powell: (*Affirming the statement by her expression and a nod of the head*) Certainly. But the most wonderful wish I could have for you, Mrs. Shelton, is that being mission study chairman will do for you what it has done for me.

Mrs. Shelton: (*Straightening up and showing renewed interest*) You sound happy over what you have done. I should think it must have been a full-time job.

Mrs. Powell: (*Smiling*) I did give a great deal of time to it, but the more I gave, the more my own life was blessed. I no longer hurriedly read a book for credit. I now read to learn and understand and love people who are different from myself. Somehow across the pages of facts and figures I have seen the faces of little children who have never heard the name of Jesus. I have visualized the masses who are beyond the reach of a doctor. I have felt shame for myself and other Christians as I have read of a single Christian in a village pleading with an overloaded missionary nearby to come to his village, but no missionary could go. Some of my books have been dampened by my own tears as the loyalties of Christians brought them to persecution, imprisonment, and sometimes death. I wondered if I could be so loyal. I have

stopped reading to pray for faces peeping through the printed lines—faces of different colored skins—and in the words of Edgar Guest asked God to help me that no one "will ever learn the ancient hates from me."

The concern I used to talk about, I now feel. Mission study has done this for me. I now give you (*going toward the key ring and taking from it the key "Mission Study"*) this key. May it unlock doors to your own heart as you use it to unlock doors to help our women to become aware of world conditions and needs and of what they can do about them.

Mrs. Shelton: Thank you, Mrs. Powell. You have certainly made me want to be a good chairman.

Mrs. Pickard: Mrs. Ward, (*getting together prayer pamphlets, etc.*), here are some materials which will help you to know the duties of the prayer chairman. And of course you will learn a great deal from reading and studying our WMU Year Book (*holds it up*).

You have already observed that Mrs. Freeman and her prayer chairmen have been responsible for planning the observance of the Weeks of Prayer, and I am sure you have been interested in the large poster "Call to Prayer" she brings to our general meeting to which she attaches the names of the missionaries who have birthdays on that day.

You will also gain further understanding of how to go about encouraging our women to pray. For example (*holding up pamphlet, The Intercessory Prayer League*), this league is a part of your work (*read first paragraph in this leaflet*). Then, during 1958-59 we will use the slogan "Day by Day for the World I Pray" in connection with our "Call to Prayer" each day as we pray for the missionaries.

Mrs. Freeman: O, I do want to tell all of you about Mrs. Hill's becoming a part of our Intercessory Prayer League. I went to visit her when there was so much illness in her family. I told her that through the

Intercessory Prayer League many of us were praying for her. But you know, although she greatly appreciated our interest in her family at this time, she asked that I put her name on the list to receive prayer requests, too. Wasn't that a fine spirit? That visit was a blessing to my life.

I told her we join in prayer for world leaders in crises, for needs in our state, and community, for causes and individuals in our church family, and for the lost by name, as well as for many other things. As I assured her I would contact her about special prayer requests, I could see her face brighten.

Mrs. Pickard: Yes, she told me about your visit, and expressed her appreciation. I think she has experienced the truth of the statement that "the great gift of God in prayer is Himself."

Mrs. Ward: I know if I make an effective chairman I will have to look to my own prayer life. When I read *A Practical Primer on Prayer* (by Haskin, 35c), it made me realize that just as we can throw off colds and infection better when we are physically fit, so when we are spiritually fit, our outlook is such that we can fight temptation and receive wisdom and inspiration from God for the tasks which are before us.

Mrs. Freeman: Since I have been prayer chairman I have become more interested in witnessing to others about evidences of God's power in prayer. I am glad to share my own experiences, and it means a great deal to me when others tell me of prayer victories.

I have a friend who has had unusual answers to prayer. She has been seriously ill for more than a year now, having to go periodically to the hospital to have fluid drawn from her body. Not too long ago she went for this purpose. The doctor inserted the needle in her back as usual, but no fluid came. He made four trials, but still he could extract no fluid, though he was sure it had shown up in the X-ray a

few days prior. Sympathizing with his patient he said, "I am sorry. I shall try one more time and if I am not successful I will not try again."

The patient replied calmly, "Perhaps there is none. You see, I prayed last night that there wouldn't be."

"Then there is none," the doctor replied with calmness and confidence, handing the needle to his nurse. This was not the first time he had seen her prayer answered.

Mrs. Pickard: That is a wonderful testimony and witness to God's power in prayer.

Mrs. Freeman: Before I hand over my key to you (*rises and goes to the key ring to get key marked "Prayer"*), I would like to give you my own testimony.

I was in a church group in which we were so anxious to choose the right person for a responsible place of leadership. We were all asked to pray earnestly that God would direct us to the right person and then to write on a ballot the name of the person whom we felt God would have for this place. All of a sudden, as I prayed, I felt that I was the person. I just knew that couldn't be so I prayed again. Again I had the same feeling. I tried to think about all the others who were present with the hope that I could decide upon one of them, but one by one they were eliminated. I didn't know what to do! I did not want the office. Furthermore I could never have brought myself to write my own name on the ballot! I put the name of a friend on the slip of paper and turned it in. When the report was given, I had been chosen—almost unanimously."

I learned from that experience that God can guide the thinking of a group in the same direction if they pray earnestly. I learned, too, that it is dangerous to pray for a job to be done without being willing to do it yourself!

I gladly (*hands over key*) give you this key. May it unlock doors that will help you and the rest of us to understand what it means to "pray without ceasing."

Mrs. Pickard: Thank you, Mrs. Freeman. Now (turning toward Mrs. Lowe), Mrs. Lowe, (holding up community missions material), of course you know that *Royal Service*, the WMU Year Book and the *Guide for Community Missions* are a part of your "must" equipment. Here is also your Soul-Winning Tracts Packet, which contains sample tracts on evangelism which you will want to order from time to time (hands over packet and other materials).

Mrs. Lowe: Uh (looking hurriedly through material), somehow I thought Community Missions was just doing things to help in the community and visiting shut-ins. I just haven't had much experience in evangelism, soul-winning, that is.

Mrs. Pickard: I am sure that none of us has done as well as she could have done in soul-winning, but surely all of us want to bring lost persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus. After you have a little more time to study you will, I am sure, feel even more surely the urgent necessity for every member of our WMS engaging in soul-winning. Soul-winning is, of course, the heart of community missions. I know you will find ways to enlist all of us to participate more actively.

Mrs. Stevens: That's right, Mrs. Lowe. Although I recognized last year a growing awareness of lost souls among many of our members, I know that God is not pleased with our indifference. I fear we do not depend upon the Holy Spirit's guidance oftentimes, and so God cannot bless our efforts. We so need to get down to business in soul-winning. Several months ago I read in *The Commission* about the 6,000 efforts to win people to Christ made by the 246 WMS members in Colombia, South America. That means that each member averaged a little more than twenty soul-winning efforts—and that kind of wonderful witness in a country which does not allow religious liberty as we know it!

Mrs. Pickard: But, Mrs. Stevens, I think you have done a great deal to make our

women aware of their neglect in this field and I believe they are ready to do better. I remember John so vividly.

Mrs. Stevens: Yes, many of our women became concerned over John's not being a Christian, especially when they realized that he was going to marry Angela, one of our finest young girls. Several women spoke to John personally and others prayed for him. I remember that several years ago I had John on my prayer list and prayed earnestly for him for a long time. Nothing happened and other people and needs claimed my attention, and there was a period in which I did not pray much for John! But I remember how thrilled I was to see him walk down the aisle and give his hand to our pastor. I looked around to see some of the women who had been concerned for him wiping tears of joy from their eyes.

Mrs. Freeman: I want you to know that the members of my circle have appreciated your giving to us names of the unsaved in our community, especially before our revival. I believe this "togetherness" in soul-winning effort brings wonderful results.

Mrs. Stevens: I should like also to tell you about a personal experience after I became community missions chairman.

It was an unusually busy day for me, but I took time to read about my duties and responsibilities in the Year Book. I remember so well that just as I came to the special emphases for the year—one of which was ministry to minority, racial, and national groups—the telephone rang.

On the other end of the line a slight accent in a happy voice told me that it was my little friend from India, whose acquaintance I had made only a few months before while on a visit to Washington, D. C. She had come to contact two important educators who had been sent to America by the government of India to visit colleges and universities in this country. They were visiting the university in my city but would be leaving right after lunch.

I looked at my watch. It was 11:45 A.M. Frantically I tried to think what I could do. My first impulse was to say I was sorry I had not known about their visit earlier. But fortunately I remembered this friend had told me in Washington that these educators would be coming and that she so much wished they could visit in some Christian home while they were here to see for themselves that all Americans were not like some they had known or heard about.

Besides, I wanted to see Meera again. This was an opportunity to practice some of the things I had just been reading about, anyway!

"Meera," I said, "I have no idea what I'll have, but come to lunch and bring your friends."

I literally ran downstairs and scurried about in the kitchen, deciding on a menu. Already I had a chicken in the refrigerator for dinner that evening, so I put it on to fry. Then, thankful for a deep-freeze, I selected vegetables, rolls, strawberries, and half of the last cake I had baked. While the vegetables cooked I set up the dining room table with the best of everything I possessed in china, crystal, and silver. And before one o'clock when my Indian friends arrived with a friend from the university, lunch was ready.

After we were seated at the table I extended my hands to Dr. Kahn and Mrs. Hulan. "We hold hands and give thanks for our food," I said. I knew they were Moslems, and as I bowed my head I saw them extend their hands to the ones sitting on the other side, and the six of us (my daughter was with us) held hands around the table as I gave thanks for the food and for the visitors from India.

I think they enjoyed the lunch, and we had a delightful time of conversation. They were gracious in their words of appreciation. But I remember especially that one of them said, "I hope we meet some more nice people in America like you."

I knew they would meet many "nice" people, but I was fearful that circumstances

would be such they would not receive much personal attention. I was afraid, too, that they would meet many others who might give them the wrong impression about American ideals and Christianity in action.

This key (getting it from key ring) has unlocked doors for me. I know it will do so for you, too.

Mrs. Pickard: That is most inspiring, Mrs. Stevens. I'm glad you told us about it.

We come now (gathering together stewardship materials) to you, Mrs. Hamilton, our stewardship chairman. I am sure you will find these materials helpful. Stewardship means different things to different people, but there are certain biblical teachings which should be plain to everybody. I know that you tithe, and I hope we will be able to help more of our members experience this blessing.

I read of a church which was organized in Brazil with thirteen charter members, all lepers. During the organizational meeting the members were asked how many were tithers. Thirteen hands went up. Six months later the church had doubled in membership. And no wonder!

Mrs. Smith: I do think Mrs. Hamilton will have to work hard on enlisting tithers. And I was surprised to find how many of our women still do not realize the importance of tithing regularly through the Cooperative Program. They do not seem to know that the Cooperative Program supports all the causes fostered by our denomination.

Mrs. Hamilton: I believe if they did they would give more and more joyfully. I want to thank you in the presence of these other chairmen, Mrs. Smith, for what you did to help me understand the Bible plan of giving.

Mrs. Smith: Naturally I am grateful if I have helped. In encouraging more liberal sharing of possessions my own life was blessed.

I shall never forget one truly worshipful

experience. You know our pastor has often told us that we should worship through our giving just as through our singing, listening, and praying. I must admit I often drop my offering in the plate and think of other things. However, on this particular morning as I gave my offering, I closed my eyes and asked God to bless the use of it in extending his kingdom.

Suddenly I saw boys and girls of all races in Good Will Centers and Vacation Bible schools. They were smiling, working, playing, listening to Bible stories. I felt grateful that I had given to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Then I began to see in faraway places some of the results of our gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I saw a little new church in Taiwan, our new hospital in Mexico, and "almost new" ones in Japan and Indonesia, and our seminaries in Nigeria and the Philippines. Almost in a mood of ecstasy I felt that a part of me was in all these places. But only momentarily, for suddenly I realized that my gift was so small when divided among so many needs. I was overcome with sorrow. Then I was seized with the thought that if ever-bodily present that morning had brought the tithes, our church would have a large part in mission in our state and homeland and around the world. I began to pray that God would help our church members to be concerned about responsibility to reach all nations. *(Goes over to get key.)*

I believe you will find that this is a very important key *(hands over key)*.

Mrs. Pickard: As we have shared experiences today I know we realize that as we study mission needs, pray and give, we become more sensitized, loving Christians in our witness to the lost around us. Surely we have resolved to send others to the far ends of the earth that every person will have a chance to know Jesus the Saviour.

New Chairmen: *(All indicate by expression, nodding heads or natural comment that this is true.)*

Mrs. Pickard: I believe those of us here are convinced that these keys—Mission Study, Prayer, Community Missions, and Stewardship—open doors to unparalleled missionary opportunity. That is, if we can depend upon the hinges on the doors to work. If a locked door is to be opened, it must not only have a key but the hinges which sometimes are rather inconspicuous, must allow the door to open. The hinges to the doors we are thinking about are our WMS members. Every one is important and every one needs to be lubricated with the spirit of missions.

I have two other letters to share with you. One is from Dr. Courta Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, and the other from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. They tell us in these letters just how important they feel the missionary fundamentals are to mission advance.

I read first from Dr. Redford's letter *(leaf through a three-page letter)*. It is rather long, but very interesting. I wish I had time to read all of it to you, but here are some pertinent statements:

"Without a knowledge of mission needs and opportunities in the various home mission fields, it is impossible to generate concern and enthusiasm and to use wisely the resources which one may dedicate in Christian service.

"Prayer is the key by which he (man) unlocks the resources of God and makes them available to those who seek salvation and in those who need power and wisdom for kingdom service.

"One will not generate and maintain a sacrificial interest in missions afar unless he exemplifies compassion and concern for the lost and the needy in his own community.

"The key, Stewardship of Possessions, opens wide the door onto the veranda of world missions, and with the aid of extended vision the giver translates his material possessions into spiritual values" *(folds letter and inserts in envelope)*.

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Chairmen: *(All appear interested; make low comments to each other; then one speaks)* Well, it seems that Dr. Redford thinks we are working in the right direction in our society. Our Annie Armstrong Offering certainly helps in the homeland.

Mrs. Pickard: I believe *(taking letter from envelope)* Dr. Cauthen's letter also will help us to realize the seriousness of our responsibilities. Reads:

"Advance in world missions is not simply a matter of more missionaries in more places with more equipment.

"It is basically a matter of more power for every missionary in his field of labor.

"This is where every individual at the home base can find a real share in world missions. Behind every missionary of the Foreign Mission Board there stands 75,000 Southern Baptists. Each missionary should be able to work with the reinforcement of 75,000 helpers through intercessory prayer.

"This calls for studying missions so that we can know what the needs really are and can pray effectively. This calls for united prayer and witnessing to others of the convictions that grow up in our hearts.

"If each member of every church would pray for foreign missions as a matter of constant intercession, we would experience a great new power in worldwide witness. As we pray, God will call many to go and our hearts will be moved to give the funds wherewith they can be reinforced.

"Advance in world missions awaits your prayers."

Mrs. Shelton: *(As Mrs. Pickard folds let-*

ter) I wish every one of our members could hear these letters.

Mrs. Lowe: I can certainly see that our women must have concern for the lost in our community before we will care about those far away.

Mrs. Hamilton: I realize more than ever how dependent the growth and advance of Christ's kingdom are upon a proper stewardship of money.

Mrs. Ward: Well, it seems to me we are going to have to do more praying for ourselves and our WMS members—these hinges as Mrs. Pickard calls us.

Mrs. Pickard: I think before we separate we will all want to pray again. *(All bow heads and join in prayer as requests are made.)*

Let us pray first for ourselves, that God will give us the wisdom and understanding we need to promote more interest in our program of work *(pause)*.

Let us pray for the members of our society and of our church, that we may be more diligent to follow the example set by the early Christians *(pause)*.

Let us pray that our members may want to practice tithing *(pause)*.

Let us pray for a greater concern for those in our own Sunday school and community who have not accepted Christ as Saviour *(pause)*.

Solo: *(While heads are still bowed)* "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart," 332, Baptist Hymnal.

Today . . . WHO

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wherever their skills are needed. They consult with local doctors in applying latest medical knowledge to ills of the area they visit, and they are making careful note of the needs and opportunities that abound. These recommendations, when they return October 1, will be valuable in enlarging and strengthening Christian missions everywhere.



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 Rawn Corver

1 Monday And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works Heb. 10:24.

Labor Day should be more than a holiday with frightening statistics. For Christians it should be a day of meditation and resolution. In participating in work, Jesus blessed and honored it.

"Brother Bob" Carpenter, who is a missionary among the French at Morgan City, Louisiana, had a dream of a workshop for the boys of his community. Helped by the men of the church, he and the RAs, Juniors and Intermediates, built that workshop. The boys were enthusiastic builders as they learned to mix and pour cement, and helped to raise the walls.

The women of Morgan City are praying earnestly for a revival. They ask us to join them in prayer, in taking God's blessing on the work of the hands of the young people, and pray for Rev. Roy Muncy, Ignacio, Colo., Rev. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Reinaldo Machado, Artemisa, Cuba; Mrs. James Kirk, Espirito Santo, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Charles L. Neal, Mexico, retired.

2 Tuesday Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another Rom. 14:19.

The thirteen years since VJ Day (Sept. 2, 1945) have seen a resurgence of Christianity in Japan. With true evangelical zeal, their missionary work has extended beyond to Okinawa, the first foreign field of Japanese Baptists. Mr. and Mrs. Masaji Shirabe were their first missionaries to Okinawa in 1955. At Shuri they have organized a church and are now building a pastor's house and a school. There are social and political prob-

lems on Okinawa. It is an American base, with a sharp impact occasioned by western standards of living. And since the election of Kamejiro Senaga, a Communist, as mayor of Naha, the capital, there are increased uncertainties.

Pray with our Japanese Christians for this work as it goes ahead in faith and hope, and pray for Rev. Robert D. Buess, Chama, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. J. Bryan Braxington, Lima, Mrs. R. L. Harris, Peru, Mrs. T. H. Dowell, Korea, Mrs. R. C. Moore, Chile, Mrs. W. R. Norman, Jr., Nigeria, ev.; Dr. A. Ben Oliver, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev.; Joyce Oliver, MF; Mrs. Roger Duck, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

3 Wednesday For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him Rom. 10:11-12. Read through verse 18.

As our thoughts turn to Malays for our mission study on Southeast Asia this fall, we are reminded that the problems are interracial and multiracial. Of the 4,058,317 people in the Federation of Malaya, 38 per cent are Chinese. The status of refugees and of others not born in Malaya is precarious indeed. The success of the Federation as an independent state within the British Commonwealth depends on how successfully these tensions can be resolved.

Malay is now the national language and must play a large part in any Christian literature program. There are immediate needs for the gospels printed in Malay, and for a bilingual New Testament in Malay-Chinese.

Pray for our Christian work, as it faces more government scrutiny and control, especially in its relation to younger people,

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and pray for Rev. Napoleon Guarnero, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. G. Harold Clark, Ipoh, Malaya, Rev. B. Paul Emanuel, Anikigawa, Japan, Mr. Albert W. Gammege, Jr., Korea, Mrs. W. O. Hern, Ajloun, Jordan, ev.

4 Thursday And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him Col. 3:17.

A more needy place can hardly be named than the San Blas Islands, Republic of Panama. In primitive fashion Indians still live there. When an infant is born, it is received into a canoe filled with water. Many die. In all the 400 islands there is no doctor, nurse, or adequate place to care for the sick. When missionaries first attempted to establish a school they, encountered fierce and sly opposition from the priests and older Indians who saw no need to read or write.

Pray for the Home Mission Board's present witness there, for the Sunday schools, which thus far are our most successful venture. Pray that other channels of service will open and be received, also pray for Rev. Gilbert Ramos, Case Grande, Rev. L. E. Saunders, Miami, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Dr. A. L. Iglesias, Mulatuppu, San Blas, ev. among Indians; Mr. Walter T. Hunt, Cotabato, Philippines, Rev. Charles Whittem, Spain, ev.; Mrs. J. M. Howell, Warri, Nigeria, RN; Mr. William R. Davis, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. W. B. Glass, China, retired.

5 Friday But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren Luke 22:32.

A young mother from the Gokwa area, in Southern Rhodesia, has a mighty task. Her baby was born prematurely and she stayed in the Baptist hospital for several weeks. Before then, she had been going to preaching services which Dr. Shelby Vance held across the river. She wanted to repent and trust Jesus, and while she was a patient she did so.

Dr. Vance is now at home on furlough. No one is preaching at that station across the river. But the young mother is returning, with God's love in her heart, and with dedication to win others to Christ. It is not easy to tell and explain the message of salvation when one is a new Christian and cannot read (Mary Brooner).

Pray that this young mother may be a true witness, and pray for Carolyn Evans, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mr. Bruce R. Con-

rad, Newkirk, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. Ralph T. Boutin, Guelo, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. Eben Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, Pauline White, Bahia, Brazil, ev.; Rev. W. B. Sherwood, Brazil, retired.

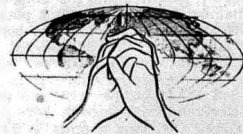
6 Saturday My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth 1 John 3:18. Read verses 17-19.

Jane Addams, born 102 years ago today, spent her adult life on Chicago's west side. At Hull House she worked in selfless devotion to the poor, the needy, the sick. Workers in the Baptist Center in downtown Memphis, Tennessee also seek to show men and women who have run into material, physical, or spiritual difficulty that somebody does care for them.

"You can find a friend here" is the motto. In fact two friends can be found, a worker in the mission and the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

Many wonderful things have been done for the Center since its opening three years ago. A city bakery furnishes bread. Someone gave a stove. Another sent a deep freezer. Most wonderful of all, more than two thousand people have made a public profession of faith in the Lord—Home Missions.

Pray for those who work at this Center, for the new Christians, and for Mrs. Napoleon Guarnero, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Dr. Tucker N. Callaway, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. C. E. Compton, Jr., Mato Grosso, Rev. James L. Garrett, Bahia, Edith O. West, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, Taejon, Korea, ev.; Rev. Homer A. Brown, Jr., Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Virginia Miles, Kediri, Indonesia, Mrs. Eugene Verner, Ghana, RN.



7 Sunday But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee Psalm 8:11.

In Brazil new patterns are emerging. Missionaries call this the "land of the future." Encouragingly, one meets a hunger for truth

on every hand, and a favorable attitude to the gospel message. Honest patriotic citizens are urgently needed in public life. Baptists rejoice that a fine layman, Judge Boas from Minas Gerais, has been chosen as a member of the Supreme Court.

Pray for this judge in this significant position of service and testimony, and pray for Rev. William Russell, Redlands, Calif., Rev. Eddie Sanchez, Eagle Pass, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. P. A. Clime, Jr., Samudbrigen, Rev. Paul C. Mosteller, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. T. B. Stover, Brazil, Rev. Harold Matthews, Cotabato, Philippines, ev.

3 Monday All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait on thee Psalm 25:10, 21.

The whole of this psalm of David's must be a constant prayer of the believing Christians in the People's Republic of China.

Non-American individuals and delegations who have recently toured the Chinese mainland come out with certain outstanding facts:

1. Chinese Christian leaders appear to have insisted on the rightness of the churches' maintaining their life and work within.

2. Four union seminaries are permitted. They are full. In spite of obvious hardships, many of the students do proceed to ordination—INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS.

We praise God for this encouragement, and ask his tender blessings on all Chinese who call upon his name, and pray for Rev. C. F. Frazier, HMB, retired; Mrs. L. B. Akina, Chiang, Taiwan, Rev. William P. Andrews, Temuco, Chile, Mrs. Paul Cullen, Nigeria, Mrs. M. G. Fray, Jr., Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.

9 Tuesday God be merciful unto us and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; selah Psalm 67:1.

California, admitted into the United States on September 9, 1850, now has a population of 13,800,000, one third of whom belong to foreign language groups. The majority of the 300,000 Russians in the US have settled there. We find Slavic Baptist churches in Hollywood, San Francisco, Kerman, and Bryte.

The Reverend Paul Rogosin, born in Russia of Greek Orthodox parents, is the commuting pastor between Hollywood and San Francisco, where he works with the Russian-speaking. Besides this double charge, he edits, in Russian, an excellent and influential magazine called *The Christian*. He desperately needs qualified help.

Pray for Mr. Rogosin, and for Mrs. Emilia T. Barry, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Joe E. and Sam Barry, MF, Mildred Womack, Betty Hart, New Or-

leans, La., GWC; Mrs. C. A. Leonard, Hawthall, retired

10 Wednesday So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God Rom. 14:12.

Excerpts from a message by the Reverend S. A. Lawoyin, president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention:

"Our people must be trained in order to give rewarding service. We are confident that Baptists of Nigeria have much to contribute to the continent of Africa.

"To be effective in our witnessing to lost pagans we must intensify the training program of our convention. If we do not, we may fail as we face evil machination in our national life through unchristian teachings.

"The order to advance must be the concern of all of us—clerks, teachers, traders, artisans, everybody!"—NIGERIAN BAPTIST.

Pray with Brother Lawoyin that the more intensive training program for advance which he envisions may be achieved in Nigeria, and for Rev. Leland Warren, Las Vegas, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Neville Claxton, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. W. L. Smith, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

11 Thursday That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ Eph. 4:14, 15.

Congressman Dr. Walter H. Judd defines the big problem of free-world statesmanship today as "how principled people can deal with unprincipled people and still keep their principles." He declares today's challenge to be the same as the apostolic one—to be witnesses to all the world.

"Man's physical needs are important," he states, "but he is too sick to be patched up with artificial plaster. His need is nothing less than the Cross and the Saviour"—CHRISTIANITY TODAY.

If, as many believe, Americans carry a "burden of truth" which we can and must share, ask God that we may know how to do it, as individuals and as a nation. Pray today for Enrique Larraide, Guanajay, Cuba, ev.; Rev. Carl Conrad, Alexandria, La., ev. among French; Rev. Irvin C. Dawson, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Harvey O. Headrick, Parana, Brazil, ev.

12 Friday Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, let God be magnified Psalm 70:4.

Japanese pastors in Kobe challenged the action of a school principal in teaching sixth grade pupils how to bow to Shinto. The

protest, made formally by the Christian Ministers Association to the Department of Education in Tokyo and to the Kobe Educational Committee, charged that the practice violated the Japanese Constitution. According to the protest, the ceremony was actually performed at the shrine by all except three Christian pupils who refused to bow.

Pray for courageous ministers who lodged the protest, and for the children who dared to be different because of principle and belief, and pray for Mrs. Lester Jennings, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Ruben Machado, Artemisa, Cuba, Mrs. E. E. Evans, Alaska, Rev. Ralph V. Colgate, Yahats, Mrs. Dewey Mercer, Takamatsu, Rev. Carl M. Halvarson, Japan, Mrs. Buford Cockrum, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, Dr. P. T. N. Woodward, Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. H. H. Snuggs, China, ev.; Mrs. L. R. Brock, Jr., Brazil, Helen Arlene Rogers, Barranquilla, Colombia, Amanda Tinkle, Nigeria, RN

13 Saturday Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation Isa. 12:2. Read the entire chapter.

Beautiful, fertile Indonesia, with its great potential for growing into a strong nation, is still beset with political complexities and uncertainties.

Miriam Misner writes "Last night there was an eclipse of the moon, and people all gathered in their villages and beat drums and sang and danced to keep the moon from being eaten by evil spirits." Yet modern cars roam the streets, and often a jet screams overhead.

In such a setting, and in the face of much superstition, Baptist work has grown during the past six years. Many people, spiritually asleep, are waiting for someone to awaken them with new hope and a new life in Jesus Christ.

Pray for new converts in Indonesia, and for our 46 missionaries in Djakarta, Bandung, Kediri, Semarang, and Surabaya, and pray for Rev. Eddie Savoie, Jennings, La., ev. among French; David Dorr, Gaza, MD; Milton Cunningham, Jr., Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Rev. G. W. Scheer, Indonesia, ev.



14 Sunday I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles Isa. 42:6.

In eight years of existence our Rio Training School has sent out 100 young women into denominational activities. Twenty-eight of these are missionaries, seven presently serving in Bolivia and Portugal as foreign missionaries from Brazil.

Mrs. W. E. Allen asks special prayer for Miss Dinalva Quetiroz, a graduate of this year of the Rio Training School. She goes now to work in her native Tocantins valley under the Brazil Home Mission Board. Her life will be hard, and the decision was not spontaneous or easy. She is a gifted and dedicated, excellently prepared young worker who will shoulder part of the load that some of our older missionaries will be laying down before long.

Pray for Miss Luerioz and Minnie D. McIlroy, Argentina, ed. ev.; Rev. Elton Moore, Kediri, Indonesia, Virginia Terry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

15 Monday Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? 1 Kings 3:9.

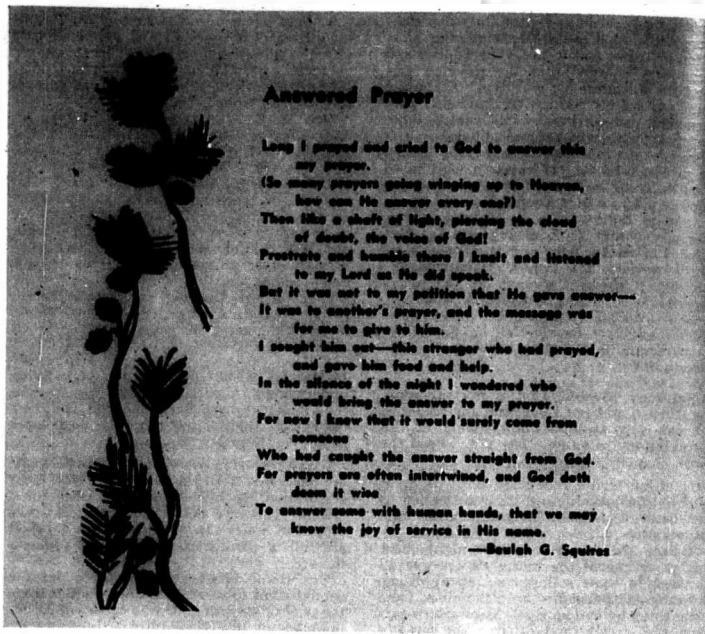
Today Orthodox Jews throughout the world are observing Rosh Hashana, their New Year celebration. In homes, special wishes for a "sweet year" are being said over an apple dipped in honey. In synagogues, the services are full of penitential prayers and requests for life.

Our Home Mission Board has a definite commitment to work with Jews, to tell them the way of salvation. One local effort is being made by Rev. Howard M. Smith, director of Jewish work for the Miami Baptist Association. With the WMU as sponsor, he is beginning a series of radio broadcasts of Bible study. He hopes that Jewish people in the community will be stimulated by this means so they will accept invitations from the 77 Baptist churches and chapels in the Association to attend Sunday school.

Pray for this effort and for the Jewish work of the Home Mission Board; also pray for Mrs. J. B. Parker, HMB, retired; Mrs. Russell Botren, Gallup, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Heriberto Rodriguez, Ranchuelo, Cuba, ev.; Sadie, Eunice Rodriguez, MF, Sintoroso Barrera, Gonzalez, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Troy Cunningham, Tampa, Fla., GWC; Rev. William W. Graess, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. R. M. Parham, Jr., Keffi, Nigeria, Mr. Robert Sherer, Kobe, Japan, Rev. William P. Carter, Jr., Santiago, Chile, ev.

16 Tuesday But what saith it? The word is high thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart; that is, the word of faith, which we preach Rom. 10:8.

With the repudiation of missionary relationships on the Chinese mainland, it has



Answered Prayer

Long I prayed and cried to God to answer this
my prayer.
(So many prayers going winging up to Heaven,
how can He answer every one?)
Then like a shaft of light, piercing the cloud
of doubt, the voice of God!
Prostrate and humble there I knelt and listened
to my Lord as He did speak.
But it was not to my petition that He gave answer—
It was to another's prayer, and the message was
for me to give to him.
I sought him out—this stranger who had prayed,
and gave him food and help.
In the silence of the night I wondered who
would bring the answer to my prayer.
For now I knew that it would surely come from
someone
Who had caught the answer straight from God.
For prayers are often intertwined, and God doth
doom it wise
To answer some with human hands, that we may
know the joy of service in His name.

—Basil G. Squires

fallen to Hong Kong to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival in China of Robert Morrison, who compiled the first Anglo-Chinese dictionary, and translated the Bible into Chinese.

We pray now for the ongoing work of the China Bible Society, that it may continue to be permitted to function. Of much practical concern to the CBS is the current simplification of the Chinese characters, and the imminent Romanization of the printed language. How far will the Bible Society be able to adapt its equipment, facilities, and procedures to these new necessities, should they become politically urgent? Means must be found and planned that the Word of God may continue to reach the people—INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS.

Pray for Chinese Christians, and for Mrs. Humberto Dominguez, Guayaquil, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Audley Hamrick, Magdalena, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mr. Pedro Hernandez, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. Eugene M. Cross, Paray City, Philippines. Wilma Weeks, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. T. J. League, China, retired.

17 Wednesday The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee Jer. 31:3

Tuberculosis is one of the most deadly diseases among Nigerians. Through ignorance and lack of newly developed powerful drugs many, many lose their chance to get well each year. For this reason the treatment of tuberculosis has become a primary medical emphasis of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

A fearful patient, two of his brothers already dead of the disease, went to our hospital in Ogbomoso. Someone had told him that witches causing the sickness lived in the trees of his compound. He cut them down. Still he coughed.

At the chest clinic he was taught how to recognize his illness, and showed ways to care for himself. Now he is happy and knows that by the care of Christian doctors and nurses he will also be well of this dreaded disease.

Pray for this young man, for our hospital at Ogbomoso, and for Mrs. Robert C. Sieu

Oklahoma City, Okla., Rev. Fred A. Bloomer, Grants, N. M., ev. among Indians; Dr. J. Edwin Lugo, Nigeria, MD; Mrs. J. D. Carter, San Paulo, Brazil, Rev. James K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.

18 Thursday I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase 1 Cor. 3:6.

"Protestantism has some of its strongest leadership in Latin America. It is virile and dynamic," said Billy Graham after his Latin-American campaign tour which took in seventeen countries. He attributes ground-work laid by missionaries for many of the more than 15,000 decisions. Also, he foresees a shift to Protestantism within the next twenty years in Guatemala, Brazil, Chile, and Puerto Rico.

Pray for those who have been and are in Latin America with the evangelical message and for Mrs. Rafael Miranda, San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. Camara Guerra, San Benito, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Wiley Henton, Globe, Ariz., field worker; Mr. Cecil L. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Mrs. Justice Anderson, Argentina, Mrs. Lorne Brown, Tanganyika, Mr. W. E. Craighead, Paraguay, Rev. J. B. Durham, Enugu, Nigeria, ev.; Mr. Edward W. Nelson, Rev. H. E. Sturgeon, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. J. W. Ross, El Paso, Texas, pub. ev.; Dr. James Morse, Colombia, MD; Mrs. C. K. Dazier, Japan, retired.

19 Friday Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me John 15:4.

We do not have a Spanish-speaking missionary to the migrants of the Eastern Seaboard states, so the printed Word is the only medium of contact for those who visit and seek to help. Even then, as the English-speaking missionary gives out Gospels, heads shake in bewilderment.

One day Missionary Bertis and Mrs. Fair had tracts and Gospels only in English. Seeing a boy get an old magazine out of a trash can, Mr. Fair asked him if he could read English. "Yep, when I have anything," was the response. A Gospel of John was placed in his hands. The boy read from it aloud in English, then translated into Spanish. A heart-hungry crowd gathered to hear him.

Pray for all wandering migrants that they may have even a small chance to know of Christ's saving power, and pray for Rev. Jorge Martinez, Las Cruces, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking.

20 Saturday For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus 1 Tim. 3:15. Read 1 Tim. 3:1-15.

Seven deacons, the first of Oke Eas Baptist Church, Ire, Nigeria were recently ordained. Elected by secret ballot, they represented four vocations. Preceding ordination, these men as candidates attended classes, studying Rev. J. C. Powell's 112 Questions and Answers on Deaconship, and P. E. Burroughs' Honoring the Deaconship.

Rev. J. E. Humphrey, missionary adviser, gave the charge, and Miss Eva Sanders presented a Bible to each one after his ordination. Over a thousand Nigerian Baptists attended the impressive ceremony.

Pray that these men may be true to the responsibility which they have accepted, and pray for Leonard L. Gallegos, Portales, N. M., Mr. Wendall C. Parker, Gatun, Canal Zone, Nadean Watkins, Raymondville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. Charles B. Lewis, Natchez, Miss., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Frank Owen, Kediri, Indonesia, Mrs. Stanley Ray, Lagos, Nigeria, ev.; Mr. Orville W. Taylor, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev.



21 Sunday We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves Rom. 15:1.

A wounded Egyptian soldier at the Baptist hospital on the Gaza Strip had lost so much blood that a transfusion was necessary. To an appeal for blood by Dr. J. M. Young there were only two responses, his own and that of a blind woman evangelist. The blind woman became the donor. When the Egyptian learned of her concern for him he could not restrain his tears. In such compassion and its recognition are the tokens of the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for Rev. George Wilson, Albuquerque, N. M., ev. among Indians; Carolyn Cate, Gaza, RN; Rev. Frank Gillham, Tokyo, Japan, Irene Jeffers, Hsinchu, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. J. L. Hart, Chile, retired.

22 Monday And I will delight myself in thy commandments which I have loved Psalm 119:47

In the Cuicatec and Tzeltal languages of Mexico there is no way of distinguishing between "to believe" and "to obey." Indians speaking these languages, regarded by many as backward, are surprised when their white teachers try to explain a difference in the ideas "If you believe," they ask, "do you not obey? And if you obey, does that not show that you believe?"—God's Word in

Man's Language—Nma

Pray for all those who are today using a language not their own to interpret God's words and his meaning to the lost, and pray for **Reinaldo Medina**, San Juan y Martinez, Cuba, ev.; **Mrs. Daniel Cantu**, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; **Mrs. James Crane**, Coahuila, Mexico, Mrs. Shelby "Vance," So. Rhodesia, ev.; **John Shelby**, Richard Vance, MF; **Eva Mae Eldridge**, Shaki, Nigeria, RN; **Dr. Karl J. Myers**, Jr., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, MD

23 Tuesday Incline your ear and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Isa. 55:3.

The concept of "vital partnership" which the Italian Baptist Mission is stressing as its theme, is beautifully evidenced by the students enrolled at Instituto Betania (Armstrong Memorial Training School) in Rome. One of the students at this school is Bulgarian by birth, four are Spanish, and the other fifteen are Italian.

Pray for each girl, her home and family, her special needs, her wholehearted dedication, and pray for **Mrs. Leslie Borey**, New Orleans, La., rescue mission; **Ruth Kube**, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN; **Glen L. Hix**, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.

24 Wednesday Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. Eph. 2:19.

"Have you a Chinese Bible? My daughter works in an aircraft plant with a woman who wants one for her husband." This request, happily fulfilled, was made of **Miss Nina Gillespie**, who works among the Chinese of Tucson, Arizona. Her efforts are aimed at trying to reach and win them, not in a separate mission, but through our eighteen churches in that area.

Miss Gillespie is seeing answers to prayer, as our Baptist people become personally aware of their responsibility to their Chinese neighbors and business associates. "I just had not thought of it," said one young deacon. "Why, I go into half the Chinese grocery stores in Tucson every week. I know those Chinese men well. Certainly I will do all I can to win them to Christ!"

Pray for this work, for the foreign groups in your town or city, or state that members of your church will see personal responsibility to win them to Christ, and pray for **Mrs. Lloyd Nosh**, Ariz., **Rev. James Huse**, Albuquerque, N. M., ev. among Indians; **Merced Becerra**, Rondo, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; **Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Cowherd**, Hong Kong, **Lucy Smith**, Japan, **Edith Vaughn**, Brazil, ev.; **Howard Smith**, Ibadan, Nigeria, pub. ev.

25 Thursday The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him. Nahum 1:7.

Following through, working with and praying for, over a period of years constitute a large part of the mission task, especially for those who plant seeds of the gospel in the life of a child. Such was the case with **Tokie**, in the Hawaiian Islands. She accepted Jesus early, and wanted to become a Christian nurse. But her mother opposed her dreams, and was openly jealous of her church activities. When **Tokie** finished high school, she had to go to work. Then one night in prayer meeting she prayed earnestly about her call to serve. The missionary, who had watched and guided her through the years, wrote to a friend in Virginia. Plane fare came, and a plan was worked out for **Tokie** to enter a nursing school. Now she is a graduate nurse, ready to return to the Islands where her life and testimony are so greatly needed.

"So often I was tempted to give up," said **Missionary Gertrude Tharpe**. "Pray for us in the long pull," she says "that is where we need it most," and pray for **Cleofas Castano**, Havana, Cuba, ev.; **Sarah Castano**, MF; **Mrs. Julian Reyna**, Dexter, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; **Lillie Mae Hundley**, Oahu, Hawaii, ed. ev.

26 Friday For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man. Eph. 3:14-16.

Miss Hanyi Kim of Korea lost an arm in a bombing, when members of her family were killed. While she was a student in Carver School, Baptist friends came to love her. Led by a **WMU** president, they contributed to and arranged to have an artificial limb fitted. This experience made them searchingly aware of the understanding needed in ministry with a handicapped person. Rightly adjusted, with a chance to be on his own, "his only dependence will be upon the grace of God, in our Lord Jesus Christ," says **Harold Wilke**.

Pray for our workers, especially those in war-torn lands and pray for **Mrs. Milton Leach**, Jr., Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; **Hazel Moon**, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN; **Daniel H. Burr**, Jr., Sao Paulo, Rev. **Paul E. Sanderson**, Brazil, **Martha Tanner**, Nigeria, ev.

27 Saturday For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8:14.

From the time of Columbus until now the Isthmus of Panama has been the crossroads of the world. Nearly one million people live

there. Since 1905 the Home Mission Board has sent missionaries into Panama and the Canal Zone. Of the nineteen established Baptist churches, three are North American, nine are West Indian, and five are Panamanian. There are also thirty-one missions. Other needs are apparent. The first is for more missionaries. Scores of interior towns and villages would welcome the beginning of a Baptist work. Three major Indian tribes merit our attention. The second great need is for buildings and equipment. Many churches already in operation have reached as many people as they can accommodate with existing facilities.

Remember to pray for these needs, and for **Nelson Rodriguez**, Rio Blanco, Cuba, ev.; **Moises Rodriguez**, MF; **Mr. Jose Perez**, San Blas, Panama, ev. among Indians; **Mrs. Paul C. Bell**, Sr., HMB, retired; **Hugh T. McKinley**, Spain, ev.; **Dorine Haukins**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev.; **Mrs. D. F. Stamps**, Hawaii, **Mrs. J. C. Powell**, Nigeria, retired.



28 Sunday Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. Joel 3:14.

FACE YOUR WORLD

Its people are hungry; who will feed them?
Its people are sick; who will heal them?
Its people are naked; who will clothe them?
Its people are illiterate; who will teach them?
Its people are confused; who will guide them?
Its people are sorrowful; who will comfort them?

Its people are pagan; who will redeem them?
Only the gospel of Christ is adequate.

The above selection is taken from a booklet "Get Ready for a Real Job" which the Foreign Mission Board sends out to potential applicants. And it asks—are you physically sound? emotionally stable? intellectually alert? socially sensitive? religiously literate? spiritually compelled?

Pray for our Sunday schools as they meet today, that our children, as they grow in grace and wisdom, may be able to make positive answers to these searching questions, and pray for **Mrs. Fausto Morales**, Palmira, Cuba, ev.; **Mrs. David Warren**, Lawton, Okla., ev. among Indians; **Mildred Matthews**, HMB, retired; **Rev. Daniel R. Cobb**, Choburi, Thailand, **Ona Belle Cox**, Amazonas, Brazil, **Rev. Marion G. Pray**, Jr., Tanganyika, **Fern Harrington**, Philippines, ev.; **Mrs. Wyatt Lee**, Guadalajara, Mexico, **Mrs. C. F. Clark**, Jr., Kyoto, Japan, RN

29 Monday O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3.

We have always been convinced that God raises up people and agencies to fulfill his purposes. The Christian bookstore today is such an agency with men and women called of God to do a special piece of work for his kingdom. Because books can often go where no missionary is able to go, and may be the sole means by which someone is to hear of the Saviour, enterprises which produce and sell them should be regarded as institutions raised up of God for a vital ministry. This ministry needs prayer that those who are now engaged in it may be blessed and be a blessing.

Remember the personnel of our 45 Baptist Book Stores with year round operation; the summer branches at **Gladiator** and **Ridgecrest** which give so much help and pleasure and inspiration; the smaller ones overseas, and pray for **Ondina Maristany**, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; **Mrs. D. M. Regalado**, Socorro, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; **Dr. Jean Dickman**, Gaza, MD; **Mrs. W. R. Davis**, Nigeria, ed. ev.; **Mrs. H. E. Sturgeon**, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

30 Tuesday Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for unto thee will I pray. Psalm 5:2.

Dr. Robert Goldie, superintendent of the Baptist Leprosy Service, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, returned from furlough during a critical Asian flu epidemic. Personnel was short. Responding to the challenge of emergency, the Nigerian staff members proved their ability to carry through new and heavier responsibilities. Without them the Leprosy Service would have taken a serious step backward. Now **Dr. Goldie** and his associates are thinking more and more of developing the work solely on the basis of a Nigerian staff.

Modern treatment has brought excellent results in leprosy control. Two of our settlements have been closed for lack of sufficient infectious cases! Outpatient clinics now cover the same areas.

Dr. Goldie asks prayer that the right staff members may be found and trained, and pray for **Rev. S. A. Candal**, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Italians; **Mrs. Juan Perez**, Los Palacios, Cuba, **Lillie O. Rogers**, Malaya, **Mrs. Gene Clark**, Tokyo, Japan, **Mrs. James Short**, Jr., Chihuahua, Mexico, **Mrs. Howard Hamrick**, Indonesia, ev.; **Mrs. J. B. Hill**, Igede, Nigeria, RN; **Rev. W. C. Taylor**, Brazil, retired.

ev. emeritus
" on furlough
ev. evangelist
ed. educational
RN nurse
lan. language study
GWC Good Will Center

t. awaiting retirement
MF Margaret Fund Student
HMB Home Mission Board
ev. medical evangelist
pub. ev. publication evangelism
ac. ev. successful evangelism
SBN Sellers Baptist Name
med. tech. medical technician



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Prayer

Review briefly the first three chapters, using your posters to guide you. Is your community survey complete? If there was no formal survey, have you determined the names of lost friends and neighbors to whom your circle should witness and for whom you should pray with definiteness?

Your circle study of this book will not be a spiritual blessing unless women are overwhelmed with their responsibility.

Make two posters. On one write "Have you won a lost soul to Christ this year?" On the other write "Have you tried?"

Read Luke 10:1-2, Matthew 28:16-20 and point out that as Jesus sent out the seventy and the eleven disciples after his resurrection, he also gave them instructions. We also bear responsibility to God for carrying them out.

Discuss briefly why a soul-winner must be burdened in prayer because (1) prayer makes it possible for God to increase our desire to witness for him (2) it is the Holy Spirit who wins a soul to Christ, using our testimony.

"Be led of the Spirit." In advance ask someone to tell this section beginning on page 44.

Now ask everyone to open her Bible and proceed to lead the group to know how Elizabeth Sharp could have used her Bible to win this young woman to Christ.

The references each should have marked

are Romans 8:23, 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; Luke 18:13; John 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:38-39; Rom. 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 6:2; Acts 8:35-39. (Mark them now if not already marked in your Bibles.)

Tell the story on page 48 about General Booth.

Tell the group you want to leave with them two questions. Show the first poster: Have you won a lost soul to Christ this year? Pause, then show the second poster: Have you tried?

Close with silent prayer. With heads bowed will you pray that God will make you a winner of souls, then read:

"I prayed, O Lord bless all the world
And help me do my part.

And straightway He commanded me
To find a broken heart.

I prayed, Oh, bless each hungry child,
May they be amply fed.

He said, Go find a straying soul

And share with him your bread.

Oh, stir the hearts of men, I prayed

And make them good and true

He answered, There is but one way—

They must be stirred through you.

Dear friend, unless you really mean

Exactly what you say,

Until you mean to work with God,

It's dangerous to pray."

—Author Unknown

Make definite plans for soul-winning visitation. If there are those who can visit on the day of your meeting, dismiss early for visiting, after definite prayer for the lost ones and for God's Holy Spirit to guide those who will visit.

KNOW your Home Missionaries— THE PETER CHENS

by Lily Belle Hopkins

Carol and Peter Chen

"PETER!" It was not the first time I had interrupted. "I am interested in the Chinese Baptist Church and the people with whom you work, but this time, let's talk about you."

Peter Chen is a small man—and much too thin, his wife believes. He has a quiet, friendly voice. He loves children and they are quick to return his love.

"O. K. You want to talk about me." He smiled and threw up his hands in mock surrender. "You might begin, then, by saying that I am a product of foreign missions."

This home missionary to the Chinese in San Francisco was born in Baptist Hospital, Shanghai. He was converted in the Grace Baptist Church and attended schools maintained by the Foreign Mission Board.

When he graduated from high school his father found him a job in a railroad station paying \$350 a month. The same day his pastor offered him \$80 a month as church secretary. Peter's mother said to his father, "You remember when Peter was five months old? He was very ill and I promised God that if He would heal him, we would give Peter to him." Peter followed the call of his heart with his father's blessings.

IN 1948 the young man came to the United States on a student scholarship to Wayland College in Plainview, Texas. Later he studied music at Furman University in Greenville, S. C. He is now studying at Gordon Theological Seminary.

Carol Chen is a native of California. Peter met her soon after he began his work in San Francisco. She has been a blessing to the church, but her biggest asset has been in giving him a home.

It is a long way to Shanghai. Peter has little freedom in writing home for he must be constantly on the alert to say nothing that could possibly get his parents in trouble with the Communist authorities.

"I write mostly about the baby and tell them how cute she is," he grinned.

Across the street from the Chen's apartment is the Chinese Baptist Church where he has been pastor for five years. It is a beautiful yellow brick building. The church is the pride of Peter's life.

"We are sponsored by the Home Mission Board, but we are on the giving end also. Last year we gave \$1500 to missions!" Peter will tell you.

"The grandfather of some of our children came to church not long ago. His voice was excited, his face enthusiastic. I waited for him to continue."

"Mr. Moon Yee had been a successful banker in China, a third generation Christian. He listened very attentively to the sermon. When I gave the invitation he came down the aisle with tears on his cheeks."

Peter's eyes were bright as he concluded. "He was eager to be trained and is now active in the Training Union and is a junior teacher!"

Suddenly I realized that I had again lost the thread of the story of Peter's life. Or had I? His life is missions in action!

Why a Bible Society?

Suppose you were an African living in a little clearing in a jungle, and all your life long you had been afraid—afraid of the spirits and the devils and the jujus and the witch doctor. And someone from a far country had come and told you that you didn't need to be afraid, for there was a God of all the world who sent His own Son to tell men not to fear, for God—the God of all the world—was love, and His Son proved it by his life. And you had hung on the words of the man from the far country—wonderful words, but you couldn't remember them all; and how could you ever get it straight?

And then you had been told of a Book—a marvelous thing that could talk to you and tell it over and over. And you tried to learn, and little by little you learned to read words. And then, one day the teacher put into your hands, for your very own, a book—and it was in your own Nyore language and it told you the story of God's Son and all that he did. And you read and read, and you found a Friend, loving and never failing! That's why there is a Bible Society!

Suppose you were a Mexican herder on a sheep range and were lonely, far from your folks, and one evening a man in an old Ford car stopped by your campfire for the night and told you some of the most beautiful stories you ever heard. And when he went away in the morning, he left with you a little book in your own Spanish tongue. And when the sheep were resting, you read in the book and found these stories, and more. And after a while you realized that you weren't alone but that a great Comrade was with you! That is why there is a Bible Society!

Suppose you were a missionary and you went to preach in an Indian village because there were just three new Christians there who had asked so many times that you felt compelled to go. And as you preached you saw hope appear on a dull face in the crowd, and thoughtfulness displace a scornful look. And when you were through, your heart sank, for you couldn't stay and bring that gleam of hope up to

Bible colporteur in Thailand



Rev. James Z. Nettinga,
American Bible Society

the glow of faith, nor turn that thoughtfulness to conviction. And the three Christians were so very new! But then you took Gospels in their dialect, and you put these into their hands. And you knew they would read and discuss them, until you could come again! That is why there is a Bible Society!

You are a Christian, deeply aware of the power of God's redeeming love in Christ in your own life, and find in the Bible constant inspiration and guidance and companionship. You yearn that God's redeeming love may be made known to your fellowmen. You know that you cannot do this alone but believe that others who feel as you do may join with you. You say in your heart, "I must do this for God." That is why there is a Bible Society!

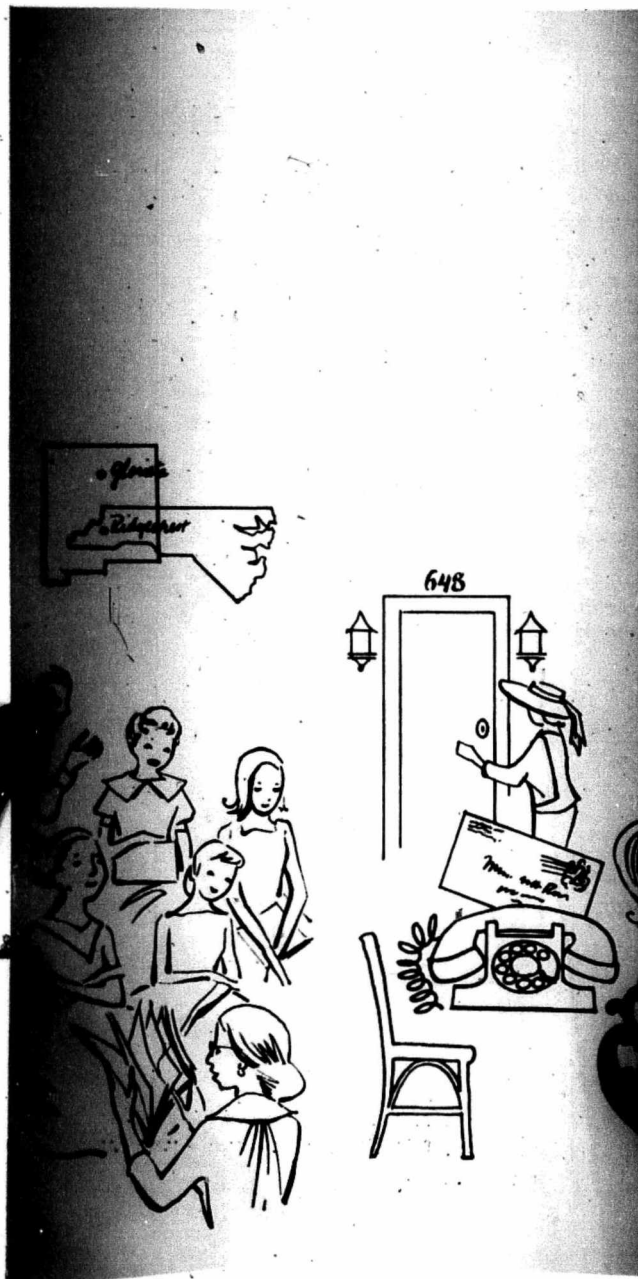
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Above, Portions of the Bible in the Thai language, in Spanish and in Chinese

Left, African Christian reviews the proportion of funds spent by the American Bible Society

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