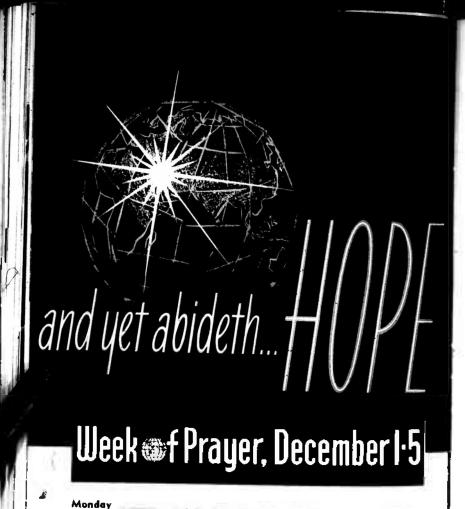
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Join Baptist Women Everywhere—Praying and Giving

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Born. a Saviour and yet abideth

AS NOVEMBER TURNS TO DECEMBER we begin anew to hear with great gladness the angels' song. Transposing ourselves to the hills near Bethlehem we become one with the shepherds who first knew the tidings of great joy: "Born . . . a Saviour!"

Tidings of great joy . . . to all people. Therefore Christian women in Baptist churches meet together during the first week of December to worship, pray, and give that this proclamation may be heard in every land.

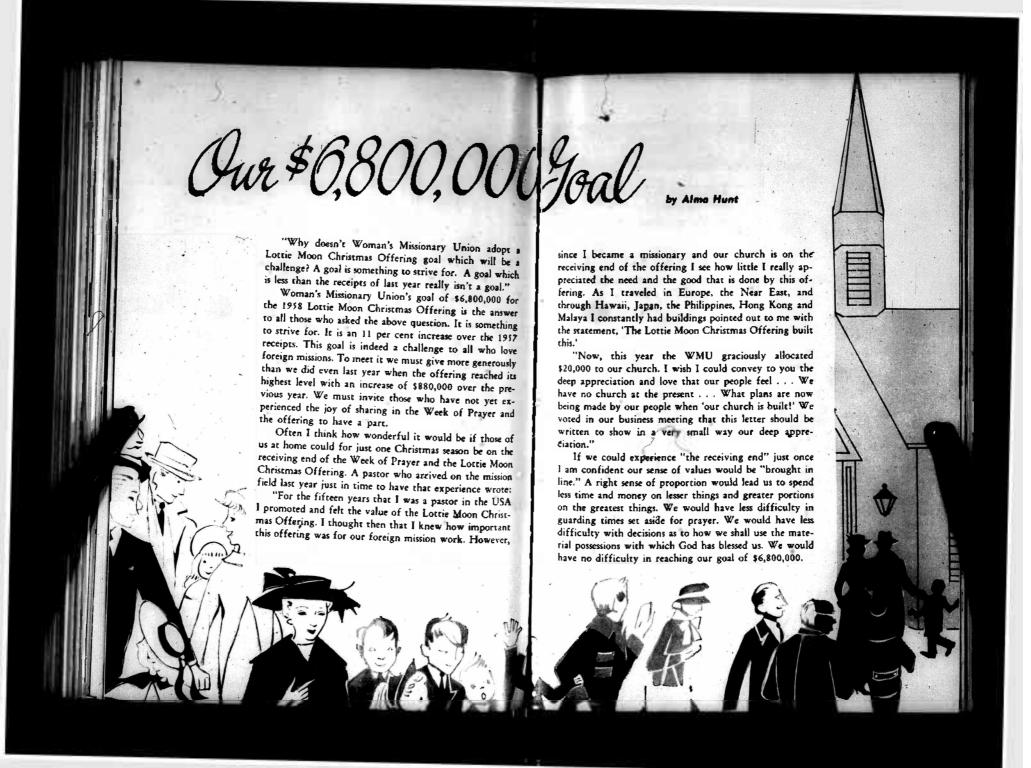
During this Week of Prayer all women of your church are invited, urged, to become a part of this concerted effort for world missions.

"Born . . . 2 Saviour" thrills a heart to respond to God's love. Realizing the love which prompted that birth, the Christian, calm in the assurance which His love makes strong, replies with great thanksgiving "and yet abideth . . . HOPE," for Christ is the hope of the world!

Daily Topics for Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

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"Hering on hope . . . without God in the world" 12:12
"Begetten unto a lively hope" 1 Pater 1:3
WENNESDAY
"Ready to give an entone for the hope" 1 Febru 2:13
THURSDAY
"Rejeleing in the hope" Remain 12:12
FRIDAY
"Christ in you, the hope of glory" Colonians 1:27

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Realizing anew God's sacrifice of his beloved on for wayward man, we are filled with gratitude for the birth of the Saviour. The agony which the Son, grown to manhood, experienced for our sins compels our hearts to resoond with renewed evotion to proclaim to the ends of the earth the assurance of God's

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FORGIVE US, LORD, that as we grow to maturity, our faith is blighted with doubts, withered with worry, tainted with sophistication. We pray that Thou wilt make us like children again in faith-not childish, but childlike in the simplicity of a faith that is willing to trust Thee even though we cannot see what tomorrow will bring.

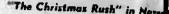
We ask Thee to give to each of us that childlike faith, that simplicity of mind which is willing to lay aside all egotism and conceir, which recognizes vanity for what it is-an empty show, which knows that we are incapable of thinking the thoughts of God, which is willing to be humble again.

Then may we feel once more as do our children who whisper their love to Thee, who trace with chubby little fingers the pictures of Jesus in a picture book-those pictures that portray Thee, Lord Jesus, with a hurt lamb in Thy arms or a child on Thy knee. Help us, even now, to feel again like that, that we may be as loving, as trusting, as innocent, as grateful, as affectionate.

And as we are willing to kneel again as children, then shall we discover for ourselves the glory Thou hast revealed, and find the wonder of it gripping our hearts and preparing them for Thy peace. So shall we, along with our children, enter into the kingdom of God, and know it, and feel it, and rejoice in it. In Thy name, who didst dare to come to earth as a little child, we pray Amen.

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by PETER MARSHALL



"The Christmax Rush" in Nozza el is surprisingly different from ours each year

Students in front of Boptist Primary School, Nazareth

First up come the Sunbeams and the three Girls' Auxiliaries. They listen to and participate in programs centered around the Week of Prayer theme and see the filmstrips.

Sandwiched in between these programs or coming a little afterwards, the four Royal Ambassador chapters have their Week of Prayer activities and also see the

Then in almost regal settings the two YWA organizations present their programs to members and many guests and again the

world as it has blessed ours. Last year our church, school, and the various organizations gave over \$100 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is a worthy affering indeed when you know that the average family in Nazareth earns less than \$100 per month, and the families are large!

It is a stimulating source of encouragement to each one to know that he is having a part in the great program of world mistions. For so many years the little handful of Nazareth Baptists had received and received, and now for the past three years.

which is attracting many to the truth of God.

In both the primary and high schools every student is required to take a course in Bible each year and attend daily chapel services. This provides them with a firm understanding of God's plan for the ages and prepares them to make intelligent decisions for the Lord. White the school is instrumental and valuable in sowing seed, the harvest is reaped in the deeply evangelistic program of the church.

Two outstanding graduates of our high

by Dwight L. Baker, missionary

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH begins early in Arab Nazareth. This statement has noreference to the frantic convulsion of contmercialism which has pirated the true Christmas spirit from the lives of millions.

Our Christmas rush in Nazareth stems from the preparation for the Week of Prayer activities which take place in the church, the school with its \$20 Arab students (one Jewish student this year) and all the various mission organizations.

Beginning months in advance, filmstrips are ordered on the life of Luttie Moon and on Southern Baptist world mission activities made possible by the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Then from the first of December until the twentieth the big rush is on for it is impossible to squeeze all the activities of all organizations into one week.

filmstrips are viewed. Our WMS arranges an appropriate time and a home service is planned for their Week of Prayer,

The church congregation also observes one evening during the "week." (By this time it would amaze you how long a "week" can be stretched.) We see the pictures again and pray for the cause of world-evangelism

Not to be denied their share in the activities, the students in the school have their time of prayer led by our Baptist teachers. They also give an offering in appreciation to God for their school which is made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of Southern Baptists

At each of the Week of Prayer programs an offering is taken. You will be surprised to know it is sent to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond with the prayer that it will be used to bless other fields of the

with a growing sense of sharing they are ying that others may hear and know of love of God which caused Him to give His Son for the salvation of lost humanity. 11 the prayers of many, expressions of sanksgiving are offered for the gift of 15,000 received by the Primary and High hool last year through the Lottie Moon hristmas Offering. This gift has planted light in the heart of Arab Nazareth school this year, the valedictorian and the salutatorian wrote their testimonies in the Student Magazine, Kareem Assal, the top student in his class for four years wrote:

" It was first in the Baptist School when I first experienced the right meaning of Christian principles and morals. It was in the Baptist School when I had a personal experience with Christ and surrendered my life to him completely. From

Week of Prayer in Nazareth

that time I began to meditate on certain matters concerning the life hereafter, and since that thne happiness entered into my life, for I felt reconciled with God.

"Also I had the privilege of joining certain Christian organizations such as the Royal Ambassadors with its interesting programs and enjoying recreations, its fine camps and services. I enjoyed also the Sunday achool, the Training Union, choir and the Young Men's Brotherhood which provide for the youth of the achool, and adequate training and experience for Christ's future task. I really thank God that I joined the Training Union because there I learned to stand before a congregation and speak without fear or embarrassment.

"Really I didn't think seriously in all these years about my future but I began to do so this year at school,"

Kareem's cousin. Nabeeh, the second in his graduating class wrote:

"Taday as we look backward over nearly two thousand years ago of Christian history, we can see clearly how Jesus' plan has been carried out. The first followers told others about Jesus and those who believed carried the good tidings to other people, and so on until our times. Now we can look everywhere and see Christians on every continent. We can see also how Jesus' promise of survival has come true

and how Christianity has triumphed over persecution. Today churches everywhere are continuing to tell the story of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God.

"The same story was told to me by those faithful Christians, and the day of joy came when I met Him face to face in the Raptist Church as a result of the Christian-life of certain men and boys. That was a great day for me because all my life has changed since that day. I lost many friends for the sake of Christ, but I was encouraged more and more to continue to serve him.

"Christ teaches me to love, to forgive others, to help and to be honest. I accept the same Jesus who was rejected in this same city of Nazareth, because his words and his promises are more enduring and everlasting.

"I was told about Christ by men who listened to his voice and command, and went to preach his word to all nations. So



≱ Go to services at Nazareth Baptist Church . . . and meet Nabeeh and his causin Kareem

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my responsibility is to continue serving Him in Nazareth, the villages, and even Galilee for ever."

These young men are the spiritual children of Southern Baptists and they are God's answer to our prayers. May your Week of Prayer be as blessed and meaningful to you as ours is to us here in At. b Nazareth.



William Allen Poe, missionary-principal in Kumasi, Ghana pens this note to Southern Baptist friends . . .

Thank You, Picili

WE of Sadler Baptist College, Kumasi, Ghana have been bountifully "eating from your hands" through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the past three years since this school was founded. What you have given us has not been crumbs from the table but a most generous response to our requests and needs. It is time we penned our "bread and butter" note to you.

"Oh, the compound is looking nice now."
"Baptists have done well."

"This school will be one of the best in Ghana."

"Many boys in my village want to come

These are the casual remarks my students often make to me here at Sadler Baptist College.

Many visitors come to our compound these days and they too are delighted with what they find. In fact, recently an official from the Ministry of Education visited us and described our progress: "the rapid growth and development of this school is unparalleled in any other non-Government school in Ghana."

Through the wonderful generosity of Southern Baptists the school is rapidly becoming a thing of beauty and joy to the Ghana missionaries, national Christians, and the many friends of the college. Located on a lifty-acre compound six miles from downtown Kumasi in a quiet spot of natural beauty and scenery is the boarding secondary school for boys and girls, the Baptist Pastors' School, and the homes of the missionaries. These comprise Sadler Baptist College. Scores of visitors to our compound have commented on the beautiful site. A small river circles our compound at the foot of the hill. Majestic, giant trees fit) the horizon, for Kumasi is in the heart of the forest belt of Ghana. The setting sun casts its evening shadows over the peaceful, green compound. Tropical flowers and shrubs planted several months ago are now in bloom. Added to this local beauty is the remembrance of the beautiful array of love and devotion of thousands of Southern Baptist women.

Happy school boys and girls numbering more than a hundred, young men studying

Contrast these two Baptist churches . . .



. . . in Ghana, West Africa; Missionary William McGinnis talks to member

Thank You, Piiiiiii

for the ministry, a few wives of pastors, the missionaries and national workers constitute our population.

Dr. George W. Sadler visited Ghana in January. 1956. At that time Rev. H. R. Littleton, Dr. Sadler, and I drove out to the proposed site but Dr. Sadler was able to see but little. Thick bush claimed all the fifty acres.

How has this all come about? The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is largely the answer. Splendid buildings adorn the new compound—ten classrooms and offices, two modern two-story dormitories for boys, a dining hall and kitchen to accommodate more than three hundred boarding students, two missionary residences, homes for national teachers, and a dormitory for married pastors. As these lines are being written, somewhere on the ocean a ship from England is bringing an order of needed science equipment to us-the gift of the Lottie Moon offering to Africa. A few miles away a local carpentry shop is fulfilling a three-thousand dollar order for beds, tables, desks, chairs and other equipment for the buildings. Once again your offering working! Several hundred volumes are to be found in our library; a piano, a light plant, and a college lorry (truck) are





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Sadler Baptist Callege, middle school building in Kumasi, Ghana

a few of the amenities which we enjoy and which help to make us a happier college family.

The girls' dormitory, a third and fourth dormitory for boys, the administration block, bookstore, and the capstone of it all—an adequate and worshipful chapel are patts of our dream not yet fulfilled. We shall continue to need the help of Southern Baptist women that Sadler College may in a few years' time be completed.

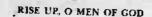
Always we shall strive to make these buildings count for Jesus Christ through Christian education in Chana. Otherwise the meaning of these stones will be something quite apart from your anticipations.

You would have been thrilled in our recent and first school revival. Dr. I. N. Patterson, beloved missionary from Nigeria, litted our souls to a high spiritual pitch as daily he so beautifully and effectively preached the gospel to our students. Thirty students responded to his public invitations, something which only a few of the students had seen before. Half of these indicated that they wanted to receive Christ-Saviour, and the other half came foraird dedicating their lives in Christian tyice as future pastors and teachers in Chana.

The Ashanti word for "much" is "pii." In speaking one may give emphasis to the inuch" by prolonging the i's indefinitely. The entire Sadler Baptist College community wants, therefore to say to all of you, "Thank you pilititit."

Breadseller on streets of Tamale, in Ghana





Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things, Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.

-William Pierson Merrill

PRAYER

Lord, what a change within us one short hour Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make! What heavy burdens from our bosoms take, What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!

We kneef, and all around us seems to lower; We rise, and all, the distant and the near, Stands forth in sunny outline brave and clear; We kneef, how weak! we rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care.
That we should ever weak and heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with
Thee!

-Richard Chenevix Trench

LEAD ON, O KING STERNAL

Land an, O King Stormel
The day of march has come;
Hence-torth in Helds of conquent
Thy tours shall be our borne;
Through days of preparation
Thy grass has media as strong,
And now, O King Stormel,
We lift our bettle song.

YOUR PLACE

Is your place a usual place?
Tend it with care;—
He set you there.
In your place a large place?
Gaged it with care!—
He set you there,
Whate're your place, it is
blot yours alone, but the
Whe set you there.

Whe set you there.

I WILL TRUST

I am glad to think I am not bound to make the world go right, But only to discover and to do With cheerful heart the work that God appoints.

I will trust in him

That he can hold his own; and I will take His will, above the work he sendeth me, To be my chiefest good.

-Jean Ingelow

THE NAMELESS SAINTS

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Where Then, pood God of annels will

Where Thee, pood God of angels, will send me?

inne oak fur me to rend; some sod, Some reck fur me to besek; Some keedfal of this corn to toke And acetter fur affold, Till it, in turn, shall yield Its hundredfold Of grains of gold

To fred the weiting skildren of my God?

Show me the desart, Father, or the sec. It is Thing anterprise? Great God, send

-- Edward Everett Hale

PRAYER

More things are wrought

by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rife like a fountain . . . night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain.
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth 2 Corinthians 10:17-18.

LEND & HAND

I um only one.

But still I am one.

I cannet do averything.

But still I can do nomething;

And because I cannet do averything

I will not refuse to du the semathing

that I can do.

In spite of sorrow, loss, and pain, Our course be anward still; We sow on Burmah's barren plain, We reap on Zian's hill. —Adonitam Judson

THE GREATNESS OF LOVE

At present I am learning bit by bit,
But then I shall understand,
as all along I have myself been understood.

Thus faith and hope and love last on, these three,
but the greatest of all is love.

-1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (Moffatt)



ORPHANS GET WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION
AT AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

A Report by Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, USA

LARGEST of the American Christian groups working among Israel's Arab minority are the Southern Baptists. During my recent visit to Israel, I was eager to become acquainted with the Baptist Center in Petach Tikva for it is heralded throughout the land as one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by a minority group in this Mid-East democracy.

As a rabbi in service with the Anti-Defamation League, a community relations agency that has worked for almost half a century in the United States to further brotherhood among men. I was keenly interested in how minority groups were treated in the Holy Land. I visited every American

Like children everywhen these at our children's home like to sing hymna together

Working in the soil helps the young to grow straight and strong, go well as N grow all vagotables used at the center Unristian official in Israel and the leaders of all other faith groups. Israel has tranted complete religious freedom to her many religious minorities but few, i discovered, have made as significant an impact on the entire community as here Baptists.

The Baptist Center is located not far from the seaport of Tel Aviv and searby one of Israel's oklest Jewish settlements. It is actually a combined sericultural school and orphanage. There under the leadership of the Rev. Robert L. Lindsey, Senior Southern Baptist Pastor of Israel, 27 Arab Christian imphans are taught the art of modern scientific farming. Thus the Baptist Center demonstrates that Christians in Israel are determined to play a constructive role

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Baptists in Israel

goats, horses and calves. They learn by doing, Inside the schoolhouse home, a great H-shaped building with a swimming pool nearby, they are taught the usual elementary school subjects as well as how to speak, read, and write Arabic, Hebrew and English.

Recently the center expanded to include a teacher's seminary where instructors from Baptist schools in Nazareth and Jerusalem can attend post-graduate courses. The Cen-

in the development of the new state. "Certainly," suggests the American-trained Pastor Lindsey, "these Arab Christians will serve as a bridge between the Arab community of Israel and those in other states. Hopefully they may also contribute to a reconciliation between the Jews and their Arab neighbors."

This school has the full support of the Israeli government. The curriculum is approved by the Ministries of Education and Agriculture. An old Jewish farmhand, wise in the ways of the soil, provides expert tutelage to the eager students.

Here the children plow the black soil with tractors and care for the chickens, turkeys,



Girls in Arab families often have no opportunity to go to school but in this Bapt to school they are taught in classes along with the boys.



Picnics and boating on the Yarcon River, with Postor-missionary Robert Lindsey are exciting times on summer evenings

er also serves as a retreat for all Baptist ingregations in Israel and as headquarters I a small seminar for visiting American haptist students.

The Southern Baptists have earned a particularly good name for themselves in his predominantly Jewish state. Pastor Lindsey has become an expert in the Hebrew language and he is able to communicate Ireely with his Jewish neighbors. The agricultural school reflects the determination of this group to take root in the soil and to make their home there. Finally,

the Baptist schools have made a genuine effort to hasten the process of peaceful integration between the Israel Jew and the Christian Arab. Faculties include teachers of all faiths and ethnic background. The children master Hebrew and Israeli culture with enthusiasm. It is hoped that several will advance into Israel's higher schools of technology in Haifa and Jerusalem. So they shall become leaders of Israel's Arab Christian minority, assuredly playing a constructive role in the development of a peaceful Middle East.

"For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure . . . To preach the gospel in the regions beyond" (2 Cor. 10:14, 16).

The Outreach God's Fove in Colombia

Are all true Christians missionary minded?

I believe so, for it is impossible to limit the love of Christ which a Christian receives in his heart when he accepts Jesus as his Saviour. The same miraculous love which reached even me has now reached through me to others in Colombia. In the same manner love reaches through Colombian Christians to others who do not know him as Saviour and Lord. I believe that all true Christians are missionary minded and love the spreading of his word into all the world.

National Christians in Colombia are evangelistic in spirit, consecrated in living and missionary in their hearts. Of course, they think first of their own unsaved paisanus, (countrymen), but that is in order according to the teachings of Jesus, who said to witness "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea." Colombia is still a new mission field with churches in only five cities and eight pueblos (villages). Nevertheless, our Colombian Christians are "lifeling up their eyes" to the needs of the world. A Foreign Mission Board is part of our General Convention and young people have felt the call of God to serve him wherever he leads.

Are there missionary organizations in the Colombian churches?

Yes, we have all the missionary organizations though the numbers are still small. Did you know that Efficiency banners were presented to three missionary societies last year, that the Aims for Advancement was translated and put into the hands of the Sociedades de Senoritas (YWAs) in 1957. that the Girls' Auxiliaries have crowned several queens, and that Sunbeam Bands, called Rayitos de Sol, are functioning?

Colombian Christian women are missionary minded. When we arrived in Colombia in January 1948 there were several missionary societies in the churches. In 1950. the formal organization of the Convention of the Colombian Woman's Missionary Union was held in Barranquilla with represcutatives from some ten churches. Several YWA and GA organizations were reported. This year in the city of Cali the Ninth Annual Convention was held with a good attendance, inspiring reports (one Society modeled uniforms which they wear on special occasions), and a wonderful missionary program including conferences and Youth Night.

Miss Crea Ridemonr has for several years been the general secretary of the WMU convention. She has been able to plan the Week of Prayer programs, the Convention programs, forward mimeographed manuals to all the societies, compile reports and give information at the Convention of all the work which has been done. There are now fourteen missionary societies in Colombia.

Do the missionary Societies use Royal Service?

No, the missionary magazine used most in the Spanish countries by both WMS and YWA is a small magazine called Ln Votona (the window), published in Santiago, Chile. GAs have Ln Estrella (the stockwhich is also used by the leaders of Countries of Countries and Santiago, publications but there is a need for a Spanish Sunbeam Activities and also a set

rate magazine for YWA or following our namesakes, La Ventana could be modified for the senoritas; there is a need for a Servicia Real, (Royal Service) for WMS.

Do Colombian WMU organizations give love offerings?

indeed they do, in fact, it has been recognized as a vital part of our work in Golombia and the entire church joins in the offerings. The WMS plans the prayer pro-

by Barbara Deal, missionary



Above: Sunbeams present stories

Elina Cabarcas (left), National GA leader-presenting charge to Queen with Scepter

Missionary Barbara Deal, National YWA leader, directing presentation of Aims for Advancement

grams, usually using five nights in the week, and receives the gifts. These are added to the church offering given on a Sunday or several Sundays. All of it is sent to the mission boards of the General Convention.

What are these offerings used for? The Home Mission offering, taken during the Christmas season, is used for the preaching stations which receive no help otherwise. Last year the total was \$25,804.09 for home missions.

The Foreign Mission Board is looking forward to the day when a balance of \$20,000 will allow the Colombian Convention to send its



The Outreach of God's Love in Colombia

first missionary to foreign soil. This offering is taken in June and also participated in by the entire church,

Miss Angela de Pinto, who graduated from the Seminary in Mexico, is the newlyappointed leader or secretary for the Sunbeams of Colombia. She is an enthusiastic and talented worker and capable of bringing new interest and appeal to the Sunbeam Bands. There are ten Bands for the Rayitos de Sol in Colombia.

Miss Elina Cabarcas, of the Seminary in Cali, is the re-elected leader of the Auxiliar de Niñas (Girls' Auxiliary). She has had experience in this position and in planning and directing camps. She has close contact with the general secretary. Miss Crea Ridenour. There are nine GA organizations in Colombia.

I was re-elected as national leader of the Sociedad Auxiliar de Senoritas (YWAs) and hope to have the privilege of seeing the Societies put into practice the Aims for Advancement. This translation was made last year from the English with a few adaptations. There are eight societies of YWAs.

What Community Missions do the Societies encourage?

There is no end to Community Missions on the mission field, or anywhere for that matter. Our missionary Societies feature planned visitation with reports on the number of persons witnessed to about cheir soul's salvation, number of tracts given out, number of Bibles given away, number of needy ministered to, number of visits to hospitals and the sick, number of illiterates taught to read. These reports are made monthly, presented to the church, and sent to the national chairman of Community Missions who gives a detailed report at the annual Convention. Last year more than 6,000 efforts were made among the women of the ten Societies to win the lost to Christ. Many times these efforts are successful.

Castula de Madrid, program chairman of our WMS in the Central Baptist Church.

Cartagena, took the gospel with her on a visit to her parents in Monteria, a capital city in the next State where there is no Baptist witness. Her niece, Lamberta, repaid the visit and came to see what our church and the gospel were like. Hearing the preaching of God's Word in our church, she was converted and enrolled in the baptismal classes. When it was necessary for her to return for a year she did not forget her new-found faith. Choosing to live with her aunt in Cartagena so that she could join the church and he baptized, she finished her classes and became a member of our church. His love which reached out in the testimony of one of the women of our Missionary Society has brought Lamberta to the Savienir as well as Adolfo and Cristina, the young brother and sister of Castula who now live here. These contacts have opened the door for the beginning of a Baptist work in Monteria. Several services have been held in the home of Castula's parents. They and several other members of her family have accepted Christ as Saviour. And this, after all, is the purpose of missions-to reach out to the regions beyond taking to the lost the way of sal-

Colombian Sunbeam and GA leaders,





"Fifteen years."

"And you have not moved your church letter?"

"Not yet."

"The Bible describes a Christian as salt. Do you think you have helped to season this community from a religious standpoint?"

"No, I can't say that I have."

"Salt also saves meat from spoiling. Have you helped to save a soul in these lifteen years?"

"No, I guess not."

"How do you figure you are a Christian?"

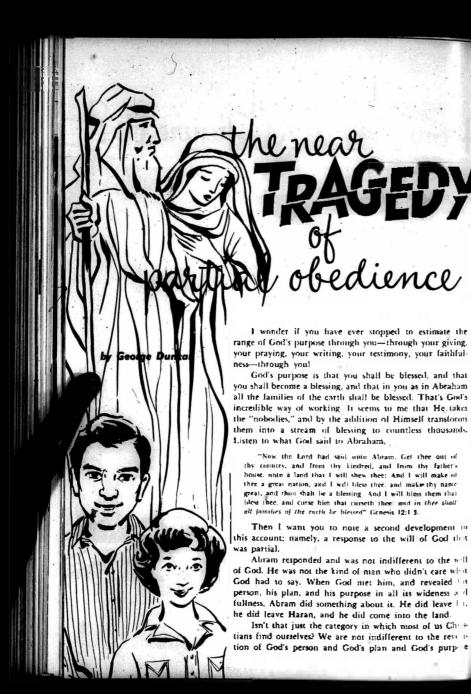
This conversation took place on the front porch of Mr. Smith's home in North Mississippi. His wife had been in bed a few weeks with some strange malady. She had requested that the visiting exangelist come to their home and have a service. It was after this service that the above conversation took place.

Mr. Smith was not a little preved at the evangelist suggesting that he, Smith, was not a Christian. He informed the preacher that John 5:16 said that anyone who believed would not perish but have everlasting life. He said he believed. They talked for an hour and the minister hardly noticed the twenty-five-year-old son who sat quietly on the porch floor and listened to every word.

That night, however, this son came to the service and made a public profession of faith. The next night another son and daughter, about eighteen and twenty, who had been coming to the services, made public professions of faith.

On Saturday morning, at the baptizing, Mr. Smith was there with a change of clothing. When he made a public profession of faith he said: "Many years ago I joined the church and all this time I thought I was a Christian. God used the preacher to help me see the devil had me fooled. I have given my heart to Jesus as Lord and publicly confess him as my Master. I wish to be baptized with my children."

One interesting thing about this incident is that Mrs. Smith's strange malady, that had caused the preacher and her husband to have a private talk, disappeared soon after their conversation. Since Jesus explained a man was born blind that God might be glorified, is it not possible that a loving Father had Mrs. Smith to be a patient, in order that God might be glorified in her home?



in and through our lives. We do something about it, we have done something about it. We're not like the people outide the church who just don't care, who are not interested, who "couldn't care less," and who are not bothering one bit about it. We do bother, we have bothered, we are bothering about it. We have responded.

But have you noticed this: with Abram's response went also a reservation. It all centers in one little phrase, "... and Lot went with him." That's all.

God had said to him, "Go out of your country." He did that, God had said, "Out from your father's house." He did that, God had said, "Out from your kindred." Ah, there is the reservation! "And Lot (his nephew) went with him."

Such is the near tragedy of partial obedience. And I believe that is the crux of God's problem with his followers today.

The point is this, there may be nothing inherently wrong about this reservation of ours, even as there was nothing inherently wrong about Abram's affection for Lot. It is a last of spiritual experience that God's problem with us does not necessarily focus on something that is obviously and clearly wrong. We might argue heatedly for the testivation we have made; and be able to give a hundred and one, perfectly good leasons for holding it. And yet all the white God is saying to us: "Out!"

Notice, thirdly, in this account, the re-

How disappointing this, place was to be made when he got there! We read in was 5 "they went forth to go into the land of lanaan; and into the land of Canaan came." Verse 7: "And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy I will I give this land: and there builded malear unto the Lord, who appeared thim." And again, verse 8: "... and the builded an altar unto the Lord, I called upon the name of the Lord." Are certainly do not want to read somewhat is the Seriousure that isn't there.

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that was terribly disappointing.

You see, God had such a lot to say to Abram when he set him off on the road. And when he got there, the first time he built his altar, the Lord just seemed to say, "I see you've come," and nothing more. And the next time Abram built his altar God sald nothing at all.

God doesn't have much to say to those who are disobedient, and it may be that Abram suddenly discovered that his fellowship with God was becoming a fading, silent thing.

Perhaps your experience has been much the same. Perhaps you've found that a reservation has marked the beginning of a fading fellowship with God in your life.

When God made his will plain to you it was a time of blessed communion. When you turned to your Bible God spoke to you. When you prayed you had fellowship with God. But ever since the day you made that reservation God has had less and less to say to you, until maybe now when you turn to your Bible and go to your room for prayer God says nothing at all.

Abram had conte to the appointed place, and yet how difficult the path! For he was no sooner there than there was a famine in the land and he was afraid he wouldn't be able to survive. And now the man who hadn't been prepared to trust God with one thing linds that he cannot trust Him with another. So he goes down to Egypt.

In other words, he has no sooner got to the place where God meant him to be than he's out of it again! And he no sooner gets down into Egypt than he finds danger threatening his family, and his own life also.

Have you ever come across Christians whose lives were all mixed up? Everything seems to be going wrong, all the threads are tangled, and one really wonders what is the way out, if there is any at all.

How disappointing the place! How difficult the path! And how desperate the prayer! We read at the beginning of chapter 18 that Abram went up out of Egypt—and I think he is a very distorbed and



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desperate man now.

"And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the phace where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord Geoesis 15:14.

And that was the first time that Abram had prayed for a very, very long time. How desperate the prayer!

Now we come to the whole significance of this theme and study: the realization of the will of God that was perfect.

I want to note with you first of all the unexpected chance that was given Abram. The moment he came back, the moment Abram prayed, God began to shape the circumstances in order to give him another opportunity to do what he knew, what he had known for a long time that he should have done. God shaped the circumstances to make it easy for Abram to obey him.

There was a quarrel (v. 7) between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. And when Abram went along to see what was the matter, the truth was obvious. The land was not able to bear them both. It was then, at long last, that Abram realized that God was giving him the opportunity to make things right, to render an obedience he had withheld from Him for years.

For Abram the chance was unexperted and the choice unhesitating. Abram said unto Log. verse 8 of chapter 13:

"Let there be no stric. I pray thee, hetween me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy berdmen; for we be brethren.

I wonder if God ever holds his breath. If ever he does, he must have held it then. For here were some words God had been waiting for a long time to hear from the lips of his servant. And now Abram had come right up to the very point of it. What would he say?

"Is not the whole land before thee? arparate thyself. I pray thee, from me: If thou will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; of if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left." Genesis \$8:9.

My friends, perhaps there are some words that God has been waiting to hear from you, and he has brought you to the place right now where he has shaped your circumstances to give you the unexpected chance. It concerns some reservation, some realm of disobedience, some item in your life about which you've not yielded to God. "Separate thiself."

Maybe it's an apology you're due to make to another Christian, and you've just dug your toes in and said, "I'm not going to apologize." Maybe it's a bill you've got to settle, an account of long standing you have not paid. Maybe it's a sin you've got to forsake. Maybe it's a relationship you've got to end,

You should have spoken these words weeks ago, months ago, years ago. And he is waiting to hear them now: "Separate thyself from me."

Oh, what then? The chance unexpected, the choice unhesitating, and the consequences unlimited. Verse 14 (this is the very opening of the floodgates now): "Vid the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lord was separated from him"

Say, did you notice something? The Lord is speaking again! The silence is ented! Communion is restored! And what has God got to say now? Just a sentence, a phinse, a word or two? Oh, no, no now!

"And the Lord said unto Ahram, after that Lot was separated from him. Lift up now there eyes, and look from the place where thon a troothward, and eastward, and continuand, and eastward, and which thon so to thee will I give it, and to thy seed fores And I will make thy seed as the dust of earth; so that it a man can number the dof the earth, then shall thy seed also be no bered. Arise, with through the land in the earth, with through the land in the seed.

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TODAY

by Cyril E. Bryant Editorial Staff Baptist World Alliance

Health for Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C.—One of the grandest Christmas gifts that a Santa Clausminded Uncle Sam could ever give to the world was proposed by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, in the closing days of the 85th Congress. And though the bill for international health research was lost in the last-minute shuffle for adjournment, it doubtless will rise again full of vigor soon after the new Congress opens in January

Senator Hill's plan would call for an annual appropriation of \$50 million to be used solely for worldwide health tesearch and dedicated to Health for Peace.

That medical research proves its worth was evidenced in figures to, the effect an estimated 1,911,000 American lives were saved in 1955 alone as wresult of scientific advances since 1900.

The bill Senator Hill presented seeks such medical research on an international basis aimed at control of all diseases and doublibries which plague mankind. The idea is, according to some of its applauders, "a new approach in American foreign policy,"

The United States does, of course, coperate with 87 other nations in the World Health Organization (see Royal Service, september, 1958), which aims at the sharing of medical knowledge and co-operation in epidemic control.

Senator Hill's "International Health and Research Act" would go further. It would in fact place basic scientific research for bealth on a basis comparable to the crash programs for rockets to the moon and military advances.

The suggested allocation of \$50 million annually would be placed at the disposal of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare for use through the Public Health Service and specifically the National Institute of Health.

Establishment of a National Institute for International Medical Research, as a part of the NIH, is specifically called for. The cholera that strikes in India and the leprosy that strikes in Africa and the malaria that hits paralyzing blows to populations in still other areas will share the research spotlight with heart disease, cancer and other major health problems.

Advocates believe the White House will look (avorably upon the Hill proposal in that it is in keeping with President Eisenhower's recommendations to Congress last January for an International Science for Peace program for "a good life for all."

(The President incidentally had sought to forward the idea, when he sent word through his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, to the World Health Organization's tenth anniversary assembly at Minneapolis last June, that the United States was making available \$300 thousand to aid WHO in a special study of its role in research.)

Senator Hill pointed out that currently less than one per cent of the US foreign aid program goes for health. He emphasized too that his proposed legislation is for research rather than the technical assistance in health activities rendered in the foreign aid program. He admitted that the requested \$50 million is a big addition to the already heavy federal budget, yet cited it is small indeed compared with \$40 billion voted for military defense last year.

If the research program is approved, chances are that the "Yankee Go Home" signs in many nations will be changed to welcome mats for the white-jacketed soldiers who come armed with microscopes and test tubes.



1958 Proyer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

Woman's Missionary Union has expressed the overwhelming realization that it is through prayer that Baptists will move farward for Christ during the Jubilee Years (1959-1964); therefore this five-year period has been proclaimed as an "Era of Prayer." Will you proy daily with devotion, in penitence and faith?

Prepared by Mrs. Encil Deen

1 Monday That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life Titus 3:7.

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. It offers us the opportunity to link ourselves through prayer with all Baptists who have a lost world as their concern. Dr. Baker James Cauthen believes that one of the next distinctive steps forward in world missions lies along the line of harnessing the prayer potential of Southern Baptists. He points out to us the imperative of prayer when he says: "If we are to have real advance on a world scale we found advance in prayer."

Will you harness the prayer potential of your own home by having definite family prayer for warld mission advance during this week? Will you faithfully observe the Week of Prayer, uniting with other women of your church in praying for world missions?

PRAY today for the abservance of this Week of Prayer all around the world, (December 1-5) and for Mrs. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. M., Rev. L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Carlos Owens, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, RN

2 Tuesday Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer Rom. 12:12.

Mary Neal Morgan, in Japan, rejoices that every month new converts are being added to the little mission where she works. In addition to the mission she has had the opportunity of speaking to three different schools recently.

She accepted the invitations on the condition that she might speak from the Bible. When she spoke on the creation story using a flannel-graph to be sure they understood, she asked how many had never heard the story before. At least three fourths of them raised their hands! Pray for the little mission in Osaka, Japan. Pray for this busy missionary as she witnesses for Christ.

PRAY for Bartolome Burguet, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, Mrs. Mark Alexander, Jr. Parana, Argenting, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Marnetilo, Venezuela, Rev. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Barcelona, Spain, Mrs. W. L. DuVall, Oshogho, Nigeria, ev.

3 Wednesday The Lord is my portion saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him Lam. 3:24.

The Foreign Mission Board received last year from foreign fields requests for \$4 million for which there was no money. Dr. Eugenc Hill, a former missionary, remembers that from January until they heard from the Lotte Moon offering we waited expectantly for needs to be met." There is never enough to meet the needs but with all of us giving sacrificially we can meet many more of them.

Are you willing to give sacrificially the year that more needs may be met? Pray ear stly for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that we shall go beyond the \$6,800,000 goal a king God to reveal what part you should be a meeting the many needs.

PRAY for Rev. Harmon Popham, White icks, Utah, ev. among Indians; Rev. Robert L. isrris,* Peru, ev.

Scripture Theme for the Month

And now obideth foith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Cor. 13:13).

"Now oblideth foith"—Now foith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11;1).

"Hope"—because I pm living in hope of the coming of the Lord Jesus and our gathering together unto Him.

"Love"—because this is the marktestotion of the divine life.
"These three; but the greatest of these"

"These three; but the greatest of these"

—even at the present moment here un

corth, before I enter eternity—"is love."

—First Epistife to the Corinthians, by Ironside

With this Scripture theme for the month, tel us continually pray that hope, faith, and lave may abuse in our hearts so that others may see Jesus in us.

4 Thursday Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Chost Rom 15:13.

"Prayer is the first thing, the most important thing, the one thing that finsures divine aid and it is something that all can do. All can pray, the young and the old, the strong and the weak, the learned and the uninformed, the sick and the well. How shall we pray? For what and for whom? . . . If we know what God has done for us personally, if we know what has done for ns mission field, through this man, through that woman, under these trying conditions and against those fierce odds, we shall find ourselves singing songs in the night! And if our information is inadequate for us to pray thus, let the lack send us to our Bibles, perioneals, and libraries."

J. WINSTON PIZECE, The Commission During this Week of Prayer we become inlemed that we might pray more intelligently and with larger concern.

"RAY for Mrs. Alva K. Bonham, Sacramen-Calif, ev. among Japanese; Mrs. C. W. Apwhite, Kediri, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. W. D. uder, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Lydia E. Greene, daya, ed. ev.

Friday Remembering without ceasing your ick of faith, and labour of love, and patience hope in our Lord Jeaus Christ, in the sight God and our Father 1 Thea. 1:3.

In February, 1958, the largest check ever and by Southern Baptist Convention treas-

urer, Porter Routh, was sent to the Foreign Board Most of the amount had come from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Commenting on the record-size check Dr. Routh said: "The wonderful thing about this achievement is that millions of people had a port in it. They gave because they cared."

Do you care enough to give enough that the amount may be still larger this year? Increased praying means increased giving. Will you pray that another record-size check may result from this year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? Enter into continuous prayer today for this is the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Around the World.

PRAY for Beverly Hammack, New Orleans, La., GWC: Cirilo Aleman, Jovellanos, Cubo, ev.; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Miami, Ariz, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Melvin Bradshaw. Kyoto, Japan, ed. ev.; Rev. Clark Scanlon, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Mrs. E. E. Hastey, Torreon, Mexico, ev.

8 Saturday Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord Psalm 31:24.

"Cosponsor a mission in pagen Utah," is the challenge offered by Rev. Ira I. Marks, area missionary, to churches in our Southern Baptist Convention. The majority of the people (600,000 of the 750,000) are taught from the cradle to the grave to believe in Adam as God. to believe the Bible is in error, and more than a million tourists visit the Mormon temple grounds each year, admiring the beauty but failing to realize the pagan teaching of the religion which centers in Salt Lake City. Mr. Marks urges churches which have no mission "to cosponser one on this 'foreign' field in ou own United States of America." Pray for the 18 Baptist churches and 12 missions in that area, that churches might seriously consider this missionary opportunity.

PRAY for Mrs. R. V. Calcote, Yahata, Japan, Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, Baguto, Philippines, Mrs. F. E. Runyan. Carol Leigh Humphries. Migeria, ev.; Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Mexico, retired

7 Sunday The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling Eph. 1:18.

Just before Sunday school an elderly woman walked into a Baptist church in Buenos Aires and without speaking to anyone kneeled in the

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aisle and began to pray silently. Those observing her thought she had entered the wrong building, but soon she was chatting and shaking hands in a vary "Baptistic" way. It was evident that she was in the right place when she began with much effort and satisfaction to mark another 100 per cent on a lengthy six-point oftendance record. The Dan Sprinkles who had the experience while visiting one of the Beptist churches in the capital city of Argentina commented: "Here is a divided religious heritage but her manner soon revealed that above and beyond form or tradition she knows the Lord as her own." Pray for this momen and others like her that the eyes of their understanding may be enlightened to a full knowledge of truth.

PRAY for Rev. Raiph J. Park, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Chinese; Mr. Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians: Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.

8 Monday Paul, an apostle of Jeaus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope 1 Tim. 1:1.

How little we have done for Cuba which is 90 miles from our shores! Because of this conviction evangelism is being promoted in Cuba by a group of Kentucky pastors who give a week of their time each January to preach in the churches there. They have been challenged by the need and the hunger of the people for the gospel. Pastor O. B. Mylum who initisted the preaching mission after a visit to Cuba, was thrilled last year when 75 people accepted Christ as Seviour during the five nights of ospel messages delivered through an interpreter. At least ten pastors are planning to go to Cube in January to preach for a week in the rural churches. Pray for these men as they tell the good news of salvation by grace to our near neighbors and for the 83 Baptist churches in Cuba.

PRAY for Susana V. Rivera, San Blas, Panama, Rev. Robert H. Culpepper, Fukuoka Gity, Mrs. Frank Gillham, Tokyo, Japon, Mrs. Otis W. Brady, Nassau, Bahamas, Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. C. W. Whitten, Barceloma, Spain, ev.

9 Taceday New our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work 2 Thes. 2:16-17.

The total sum of George Muller's life was giving. He gave himself in prayer that in return God might supply the needs of his large family of orphans.

A crippled women, who through the years was a constant though a small contributor to

the orphanage work, expressed Mr. Muller; philosophy of living and giving. The Lord had blessed her so that she had increased her giving from a penny a week out of her mager emings to a dollar and a half. One gift we wrapped in a piece of paper on which she had written: "Give, give, give. Be ever giving it you are living you will be giving. Those who are not giving are not living."

George Muller, "The Man of Faith," looked upon himself as God's steward. Do you? Examine yourself in the light of this challenge and ask yourself, "Am I really living?" Prop for wonnelf.

PRAY for Rev. Carlos Carreon, Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. Robert Fricks, Mismi, Fta., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Thomas B. Heuriss, Rosario, Argentina, Rev. J. D. McMurray. Uruguay, Rev. James O. Teel, Jr., Guapaquil, Ecuador. Mrs. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, ev., David Muller, MF; Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China, Mrs. Rex Ray, China-Korea, retired

16 Wednesday There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling Eph. 4:4.

"God has brought a young pastor to Nobeokal He is just out of seminary but is 37 years old and has a wife and a two-year-old son. Pastor Yamanaka has been in a Baptist church most of his life and seems to be well-founded in the faith," write the David Watsons of Jopan. They urge that we proy for him and his wife as they begin working with the group of 20 Christians in a city of 100,000 people. Japan is still very much in the darkness of ain and paganism The true and living God is unknown and their minds are blinded by the enticements of a materialistic world and the power of the devil. Pray for the 104 Japanese men in the pastorate or in pioneer evangelism. Pray for victory in winning this nation to a knowledge of Christ.

PRAY for Mrs. Hubert Negly, Memphis, Tenn., Rescue Mission: Mrs. David Trevizo, Rr. Paso, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking. Mrs. W. Z. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thomas W. Hill, San Jase, Costa Rica, ev., Mr. J. A. Harrinoton, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Dr. John Allen More, Ruechlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev.

11 Thursday To whom God would hake known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory Col. 1:27.

"A beautiful campus in a majestic se ng, adequate buildings and equipment, a good faculty and student body, these do not sounce it is a mission field. Surroundings like these it harder to feel like a missionary than a field where we must endure physical reahips and face real dangers for the go el."

Mrs J D. Hughey whose husband is a member of the faculty at the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, requests that we pray for their home, for them in their neighborhood and church life and pray that they may never for a day lose a sense of the tremendors missionary challenge in the seminary which is dedicated to raising up a new Christian leadership in Burope. Pray for the entire faculty of this grategically located seminary.

PRAY for Rev. S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Ark., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. William H. Ichter, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. Jerry Smyth. Rev. M. G. White, Baia, Brazil, Mr. Benjamin R. Lawton. Rivoli, Italy, Rev. Stockwell B. Sears, Sarabaya, Indonesia. Fannie Starns, Bangkok, Thailand, Hugo Parkman, Manila, Philippines, ev. Dr. L. A. Lovegren. Jordan, MD

12 Friday But we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience; and experience, hope Rom 5-3-4

Missioneries lean heavily upon our prayers and are groteful for birthdays which bring added blessing because of concerted prayer for them.

Carolyn Crenshaw was very sick the day before her birthday but because of the pressure
of work, felt that she could not go to bed.
With a fever of 102 degrees she typed a Christmas playlet and cared for two dhildren while
her husband was at another reservation. She
gives testimony to the blessing of prayer saying. "On my birthday by about 3:30 a.M. I felt
good, except for being a little week, and had
no fever. I was able to go on with my work
all during the day. Thank you for all your
prayers. As you pray, missionaries have physical strength for their many tasks."

PRAY for Mrs. Genus Ceenshaw, Ft. Laudrale, Fla., Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Cuba, N. M., among Indians; Vena Aguillard, Eunice, La., Id worker; Rev. James L. Nolette, Richmond, Ilf., ev. among Japanese; Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, n Ysidro, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speakar. Rev. Lloyd Gene Legg, Jjebu-Ife, Niperia, Ellubert Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ev.; & W. J. Williams, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, RN

Saturday And hope maketh not ashamed; cause the love of God is shed abroad in our arts by the Holy Ghoat which is given unto Rom. 5:5.

It is estimated that one fourth of the 263,000 dians living in the territory of the Southern optist Convention have never heard of Jesus id only about 13,000 have membership in a aptist church. White Buffalo, an Indians but is indicapped for lack of gospel portions in Indicapped for lack of gospel portions in In-

dian dislects to give to the different tribes. Pray for this faithful Christian as he witnesses to his own people; pray for the 121 missiongries who serve this needy group of Americans.

PRAY for Mrs. J. B. Bravington, Lima, Peru, Mrs. G. W. Pinkston, Bandung, Indonesia, Rev. William S. Wester, So. Rhodesia, ev., Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, Brazil, retired; Bounie Moore, Kadung, Nigeria, Anna Mae Wollerman, Mato Grosso, Brazil, ed. ev.



14 Sunday So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God Rom. 10:17.

A Brazilian woman was asked by her pastor how she manages to pay for the many Bibles she gives away. "I used to drink lots of beer but now I use the money to buy Bibles." Formerly a dancer, she heard street preaching and left her spartment to inquire where the church was located. She was converted, and knowing the power of the Word, she buys Bibles and gives them to her former companions.

The Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is conducting a campaign to get every Brazilian Christian to give away or sell at least one Bible during this year. Have you given away at least one Bible during the year? Pray for the 13 publication centers of the Foreign Mission Board. Pray that each portion the Word of God which goes out from these centers may find its way to an inquiring mind and a hungry heart.

PRAY for Dr. A. J. Roddy, Atlanta, Ga., ev. among deaf: Mrs. Duesdedith Escobar, Panama City, Panama, ev.; Mrs. Amos Mascarenas, Raton, N. M., Mrs. Daniel Sotelo, El Monte, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. E. Miljord Howell, Warri, Nigeria, Mrs. George Lozuk, San Cristobal, Venezuela, Rev. Gerald A. McNeeley, Barcelona, Spain, ev.; Mrs. Frank W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., Spanish Publishing

15 Monday All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Groce be with you all. Amen Titus 3:15.

Have you included several missionaries on your Christmas card list? Almost every letter from them after Christmas expresses their gratitude to those who remember them. The Mercers of Japan began their February letter, "First of all we want to thank you for all your beautiful cards, letters and remembrances of all kinds sent us at Christmas time. We experienced a daily voyage to your homes and

bearts. Since you had to pay postage anyway, we wished many of you had included even a few lines of news to us."

Remember to include news from home as you greet those you know who shall spend Christians so far from home in order to tell the good news of God's love in sending the Saviour. Pray for Ramona and Devey Mercer—the only Southern Baptist couple on the Japanese island of Shikohu, which has a population of over four million in a land area the size of New Japanese.

PRAY for Mr. Carlos E. Perez. Taguayahon, Mr. Raul Gonzelez, Havana. Cuba, ev., Leon Mitchell. Indoneria, Rev. Gene D. Phillips, Shabani, So. Rhodesia. ev.

18 Tuesday Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ Acts 20:21.

The man had looked for an answer to his soul's problem in various religions and churches. He found a mimeographed announcement concerning the beginning of Baptist services and walked 123 miles to Dar es Salaam ."Can 1 find God in this mission?" asked the man as he entered the office of the Tanganyika, East Africa Baptist mission. Though still a mystery to missionary G Webster Carrol how the announcement got that far, he is sure it must have been of the Lord's doing He witessed to him of the love of Christ and about hrist's death on the cross and the man said, That is the answer to my problem. He died for me." Pray for this new work in Tanganyika which was begun in 1956 and for the few missionary couples serving there

PRAY for Rev. Analey G. Hamrick, Magdalena, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mrs. G. W. Carrol, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Sr., Recife, Brazil, ed. ev.

17 Wednesday By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God Rom. 5:2.

"Pray for the West, for it is so big and we are so small but God is greater than us all," write the Grijalvag of Colorado. In the northern part of the state they are projecting a survey which will enable the Home Mission Board to start mission work at least by January. Two Mexican students are assisting them, working on faith that God will provide for their daily needs. Thank God for the faith of these thoo young men and ask God to bless their work and testimony. Pray that God will raise up laborers for this big West and especially remember this new work to be started next month in Colorado.

PRAY for Mrs. Jose Ramirez, Salinas, Calif.,

Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, Denver, Calo.. ev. among Spanish-speaking: Mrs. H. V. Davis.* Brasit, Rev. Wade Bryant Hicks, Baguto, Philippines, ev.

18 Thursday Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come shart of the glory of God Rom. 3:22-23.

Medical missionaries serving in Baptist Hospital, Ogbomosho, Nigeria used the tragedy of a smallpox epidemic and the blessing of vaccine to impress the plan of salvation on relatives and friends of one who had died without vaccination. They told those who had gathered to mourn, "God sent Christ with the message and means of salvation to provide in a sense our spiritual vaccinations. However it does no good to know of vaccination if we will not accept it. Just so it does us little good to know of Christ if we reject him and salvation which is ours through Him "They listened thoughtfully to this explanation of God's grace in Christ given by Dr. Karl Myers. Pray for all our missionaries who undertake to reach souls through the ministry of healing. Pray for the 14 Baptist hospitals in foreign countries including the 5 in Nigeria.

PRAY today for Maximo Vazquez. Melena del Sur, Cuba, Catherine Flo Chappell, Brazil, Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, Eugene Kimler, Jr., Venezuela, ev., Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil, retired, Dr. Keith Edwards, Joinkrama, Nigeria, MD

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

The late Gypsy Smith used to tell of his conversion as a youngit and his consequent desire for the salvation of his Uncle Rodney. Among the gypsies a child was forbidden to address elders unless spoken to and especially on so serious a subject as an adult's spiritual condition. So "Gypsy" simply prayed and waited for God to give him the opportunity he longed for

One day the uncle inquired why the kines of the boy's trousers were worn through while the rest of his suit was almost like new "I have worn the knees through praying for you. I want so much to have God make yo II Christian," was the boy's answer.

Many of us have unsaved relatives. Are #e concerned for their salvation? Do they k: w that you pray for them?

PRAY for Mrs. James H. Rose, Anchor c. Alaska, Mr. Heyward L. Adams, Kabba, peria, Mrs. B. E. Cader, Baia, Brazil, E. d.

Richard E. Gerifon, Dagupan City, Philippines, en.; Mrs. Paul C. Porter, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed ev.

18 Saturday We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren 1 John 3:14...

"Any note or card with the wards 'We are praying for you' is a treasured gift. We realize more fully each day that 'without Him we can do nothing.' With manifold opportunities for service and witness on every hand, we stand in real danger of confusing activity with fruit-bearing—of losing the personal touch in soul-winning. Recognizing this danger, will you pray for us that we shall not become its victims?"—The Kirsk or Brazil. We too need to recognize the difference between activity and fruitbearing. Ask yourself if you are just busy or are you bearing fruit for the Master?

PRAY for Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Anthony. N. M., Danald Phlegar, Calestro, Calif., Mrs. Alexander Pasetti, Immokales. Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking: Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Dr. L. Glynn Breeden, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD: Lestie L. Johnson, retired, Mrs. A. I. Hagby.* Brazil, Rev. Stanley P. Howard, Jr., Shimonoseki, Japan, Mrs. G. A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spon. ev.

Call to Prayor

21 Sunday And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil John 3:19.

Those who work in Rescue Homes are often in pressed with the truth of the Scripture verse: sure your sins will find you out."
One night after service a young man walked

in the office of Raymond Jee at the Baptist

If the Mission in New Orleans, and tearfully to the state of the libits story. His wife had taken in children and gone back to her parents to upon finding that he had once "done "He was not a Christian and was bitter and his mother-in-law, blaming her for his ken home. Mr Jee explained God's salvawhich the young man slowly accepted. asked, "What about my wife—she won't wer the phone or read my letters—what can or? The two men prayad again and then of the husband was a "new creature in Christians." Today they have a Christian home. Today for the Saviour who can lift up

the fallen and remake homes. Pray for this family and for rescue mission work.

PRAY for Mr. James J. Horton, Strathmore, Calif., ev. among migrants; Mrs. Raymond Jee. New Orienns, La., Rescue Home; Rev. Chester S. Cadwallader, Jr., Guatemala, Anna Lucille Cowan, Ajloun, Jordan, Rev. Randall D. Sledge, Lima, Peru, Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Chile, Frances Horton, Osaka, Japan, Mrs. Thurmon Bryant, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Robert M. Parham, Jr., Keffi, Nigeria, ed. ev.

22 Manday If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love John 15:10.

One of the most frustrating tasks assigned to our area sceretaries is that of setting forth the 58 most urgent personnel needs in each area. "How does one decide what are the 50 most urgent personnel needs when he is confronted with 275 urgent needs?" asks Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America. "Who can measure the breadth or height or depth of Christian influence? A redeemed personality set down in an isolated part of the world exerts a Christian influence in such a dynamic way that the consequences are eternal."

Pray for those who must make such decisions in directing our progress in foreign missions. Pray for talented, dedicated youth from our churches and schools to be called out in order to meet these urgent personnel needs.

PRAY for Gladys McLanahan, HMB, retired; Mrs. Mallie Swetnam, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home: Mrs. M. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., Spanish Publishing House: Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, Mary Virginia Cabb, Beirut, Lebanon, Rev. William A. Poe. Kumasi, Ghana, Dr. John L. Riffey, Niteroi, Mrs. M. O. Tolbert, Brazil, Mrs. Elmo Scoggin, Israel, Rev. Henry W. Schweinsberg, Bogota, Colambia, eu: Rev. Ben H. Welmaker, Cali, Colombia, Rev. Ralph Lee West, Ogbomasho, Nigeria,

23 Tuesday In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begetten Son into the world, that we might live through him I John 4:9.

The Christmas season offers many attractive ways of telling the story of God's love manifested in Christ. On the church lawn in Taichung, Taiwan, was the nativity scene. A carpenter had made a stable of bamboo and thatch, had an artist had copied the nativity tigures in plywood. They were arranged in a natural setting of banyan trees and rocks and spotlighted at night. Tracts on the true meaning of Christmas were handed out to the thousands who saw the display. According to our missionaries, it was a wonderful oppor-

tunity to counteract the commercialization of Christmas which is on the increase in that non-Christian land.

Pruy that the silent witness of nativity scenes may cause people to pause in the rush of Christmas festivities to think on the real meaning of Christmas. Pray for the lost of the world for whom the Saviour came.

PRAY for Romelio Gonzalez, Candelaria, Cuba, Mrs. Glenn Morris, Bangkak, Thailand, Mrs. M. L. Garrett, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, ev.

24 Westnesday For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosever believeth in him should not perish, but have eyerlasting life John 3:16.

A Mobammedan was asked to cut the words of John 3:16 into soft rubber to make a stamp. It was a slow and tedious process; at the close he remarked to the missionary for whom he was doing the job, "Those words have cut into my heart." Soon afterward he made his profession of faith in Christ, Pray that "the little gospel" may become the power of God unto aclustion to thousands who hear it this Christmas seam.

PRAY for Rev. Hubert K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Kumari, Ghana, ev.

25 Thursday He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love 1 John 4:8

A larger understanding of the vast difference that Christ's coming can make to every individual has come to Juliette Mather in Japan. "To see the throngs of people who do not know that He came, lived, died, and rose again is truly appalling. To realize how small is the concern of Christians for all those others is all but discouraging. . . . How soon will we learn that the 'good news of great joy' because of the Saviour's coming is to be felt by all people?"

Pray that on this day when our hearts are full of the joy of Christmas that we shall think of the throngs who do not know this joy and that we shall dedicate ourselves anew to giving the message to a lost world.

PRAY for Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Elton Johnson, Itabuna, Brazil, Rev. Deniel B. Ray.* Korea, en.; Rev. W. Judson Blair, El Paso, Tex., Spanish Publishing House

28 Friday But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Roly Ghoat, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eterna! life Jude 20-21.

"If Christianity is not wide awake and on

the move, Islam may soon win the race for the heart of Africa."

With a population of approximately 217 mililion, Africa has an Islamic community of at least 85 million. Only 30 million could be named as "Christian," including literally hundreds of different denominations and groups. That means there are two Moslems for every Christian on the African continent. Ben J. Marais, professor of the History of Christianity in the University of Pretoria, South Africa, believes that Africa confronts the Christian church today but that "Christian churches are awakening to a realization of the grave struggle ahead." Pray for strengthening of the Christian witness in Africa. Pray for an awakening and concern in our churches that will stir us to the need for urgent missionary activity.

PRAY for Vaida Long, Eku, Antonio Canzoneri, Nigeria, RN; Mrn. J. W. Shepard, Sr., Brazil, retired; Rev. Jimmie Dale Carter, Campinas, Brazil, ag. ev.; Rev. Zach J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, Rev. Jerry B. Gauliney, Eku, Mrs. J. C. Abell, Jr., Nigeria, ev.

27 Saturday Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them Psalm 119:165.

"In the midst of fear and concern for our people there has been also an inner peace and knowledge that the Lord is with us." Mrs. James K. Ragland, confined to her home in Beirut, Lebanon, because Americans are forbidden by the American Embassy to be on the streets during the present political revolt, finds blessings coming out of the crisis. Different ones call at the home to assure them of their desire to help and 17 women knelt and prayed during the WMU meeting, asking that the missionaries be able to stay in Lebanon. "I have a renewed confidence and appreciation for both my missionary colleagues and my Lebanese friends," says Mrs Ragland, Pray with these women that the missionaries may be able to stay, and pray for the work in Lebanon.

PRAY for Mr. V. T. Yearwood, HMB, retired: Mark M. Alexander, Jr., Parana, Argentina, Mr. D. Curtis Askew, Tokyo, Japan, Retherman L. Petty, Rev. Paul D. Rowden, Jr. Israel, Rev. Farrell E. Runyan, Nigeria, ReGrayson Tennison, Brazil, Mrs. Henry Wolfguela, Mexica, ev.; Ruth Pard, Kediri, Inchesia, RN

Call to Prayer

28 Sunday Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen Eph.

A Baptist Student Union has been organized at Sadler College, Kumesi, Ghana. It is proving to be effective. The president of the BSU told the missionaries of the difference the organization was making in the dormitory where he was living. The prayer meetings each night are drawing non-Christian students, and two boys have been won to Christ.

In one of the meetings a new convert asked how he could go back to his town and start services. One of the experienced members answered him: "You be sure that you know well what you believe when you go. When you know definitely what you believe, people may laugh at you and question you but they cannot hurt you nor your story of Jesus." Pray for this BSU and these zealous Christian students. Pray that their efforts may result in many preaching statioms.

PRAY for Rev. J. B. Silva, HMB, retired; Velia Jane Burch, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzer, land, Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Asuncion, Paraguay, J. D. Hollis, Macao, Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Ria de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Alfred C. Muller, Torréon, Mezico, ed. ev.

29 Monday But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us Rom. 5:2,

Though Domingo was only 8 years old he hed already learned from his older playmates to gamble with almost everything. When he was 15 he came to stay with his friend, Badong, a high school senior and jamitor of the Cotabata Baptist Church in the Philippines. Living in a small house just behind the church, Domingo could hear the missionary pastor, Walter Hunt, as he preached the gospel Soon he was attending the services. Soon he accepted Christ as his Saviour. He is now a college student and group captain in Training Union where he shared this testimony of his salvation. Pray for all the Christian young people of the Philippines.

PRAY for Mrs. E. H. Walker, Baguia, Philippines, Mrs. Davis Thompson Argentina, ev.

38 Tnesday A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another John 13:34.

While in the States Carl Hunker enlisted more than 100,000 Christians to prayer comment for Taiwan's first island-wide evangulistic crusade God answered and 2300 mede decisions for Christ, Now back in Taiwan, his nail carries frequent requests from friends in the States to pray for America, He writes: "I

have been taught a new meaning of prayer for one another. Because Southern Baptists prayed for Taiwan and because Taiwan Baptists welcome this opportunity for prayer, Christians around the world are joined in a bond of fellowship. In such a day as this there is but one hope—a renewed committal to prayer for one another." Pray for Christians around the world today.

PRAY for Mrs. Ruth Tulley, New Orleans, La.. Mrs. Clovis A. Brantley, Tenn., Rescue Mission: Rev. George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., ev. among Indians: Mrs. Jose A. Solano, Los Tabias, Panama, ev. among Spanish-speaking: Mr. Winfred O. Harper, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mary Sue Meuth, Djakarta, Intonesia, Mr. Joe Tom Pae, Concepcion, Chile, Mrs. J. H. Ware, Honolulu, Hauari, ev.; Eva M. Sanders, Ire, Nigeria, RN

31 Wednesday But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him 1 Cor. 2.9.

"Christmas has come and gone. The wonderful Christmas message of 'Peace on earth, good will toward men' has been sung in numerous tongues and dialects around the world. Yes, Christmas has gone, but is it over? Will the spirit of kindness, love, compassion, understanding in your heart live on into the new year, making this world a better place in which to Nue?"—Sarah Gavle Parkers, Korke The Earl Parkers are now retired missionarie having returned to the States last Summer, Pray for them as they take up their years of retirement.

The Jubilee plan for this New Year's Eve is that in every Baptist Church we shall at the Wednesday night prayer service end 1958 and begin 1959 with "every Baptist on his knees in prayer." Let us truly pray!

PRAY for Elton Fred Vickers, San Pablo, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Jose Manuel Millan, Catalina de Guines, Cuba, Walter B. McNealy, Valta Redonda, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Bennie T. Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev., Bennie T. Griffin, Jr., MF





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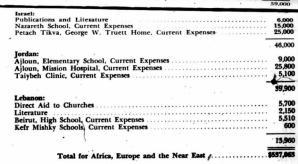


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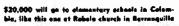


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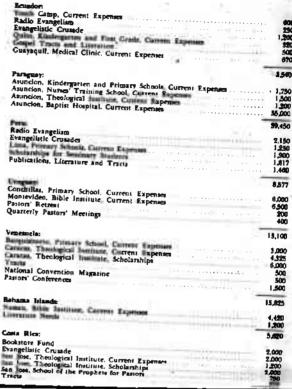


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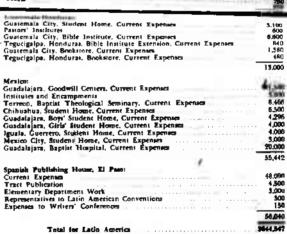
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The Christmas Offering Advancing

by Mrs. Lamor Jackson

Program Preparation: Whenever a member of Woman's Missionary Union thinks of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, she thinks of prayer and love gifts. Perhaps an interesting feature of your program could be a sharing of "the gift that meant the most to mell or "my most unusual gift." This could mean either one given or received. Ask your members in advance to be prepared to share this experience.

The center of interest should focus attention on gifts. There are five packages that would emphasize the advance of the Christmas offering as you unwrap them at the time indicated in the program. The first would be a China vase; second, a framed picture of Lottie Moon or wrapped copies (enough for everyone) of "Big Love Heart," a life of Miss Moon, free from your state WMU office; third, the nativity scene (this could be one with tiny figures or a bulb with the scene painted on); fourth, a mission study book; and fifth, a little world globe, or foreign doils, or a full jewelry box.

Two women may present the devotional part of this program. It will be effective if they wear choir robes and hold their material in books or notebooks. Play records of Christmas carols while responsive readings are given.

Responsive Readings

Phst: "O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

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Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!"

SECOND: "For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Matt. 2:2). "Glory to God in the highest, and on

earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

First: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15),

SECOND: We thank him for our lives.

First: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

SECOND: He gave us his love.

First: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

SECOND: He gave us the light of salvation: First: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

SECOND: We must give gifts to God. We can give him ourselves.

First: "... First gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5).

SECOND: We can give our money.

FIRST: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

SECOND: We can give service.

First: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever 1 have commanded you; and, to, 1 am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19:20).

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
FIRST: "Our Father which art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy name."

Second: Lettle Moon loved evangelistic work among the Chinese. She wrote home about the difficulty which the Chinese experienced in understanding the new religion. "They confess that the idols are false and that there is but one true God and that he alone is the fawful object of worship. They say that they do not know how to pray and the missionary undertakes to teach them. Their spiritual darkness is inconceivable to one who has not seen it. A simple prayer is presented, beginning, "I pray the Heavenly Father to pity me and lorgive my sins."

"'Ah yes,' says one, 'Pray to heaven and father and mother.'

"Another caught by the similarity of sound in the Chinese words 'Father' and 'Happiness' says, 'Yes, pray to Heaven for Happiness.' The missionary patiently explains the glorious truth of the Fatherhood of God until he hopes the hearer has caught a glimpse of its meaning."

FIRST: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Second: Lottie Moon had been in China cleven years without a furlough. There was no one to take her place, and she put the work of the kingdom above her own desires, "I will go back to Pingen for the winter," she wrote. "I have sacrificed more in health and comfort for that region than any other . . I always leave Pingtu with regret and go back to it with joy. Perhaps you will accuse me of having 'Pingtu on the brain!" I certainly have it on my heart!" FIRST: "Give us this day our daily bread." SECOND: There was a terrible famine in China, "Two men, who had received a little grain for their families, were found dead on the road with their bags of grain beside them! They had perished of starvation. Mothers are eager to give their children away, but no one wants them. Children roam the streets with no one to care for them."

First: "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

From Lotter Moon, Una Roberts Lawrence, \$1 from your

SECOND: There was then as there is now great need on the foreign mission field for more workers and more money. In a letter home, Lottie Moon wrote, "Where is the silver and the gold that should be in the Lord's treasury to send out those men and women who are asking to be sent to the heather? Alas, alas, some are adding more fields to their broad lands, some are laying it up in banks, some are spending it in selfish indulgences! So these heather souls go down to death without ever having heard the name of Jesus. In the day of Judgment at whose door will lie the sin?"

FIRST: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:"

SECOND: There is always the temptation on the foreign mission field to become impatient with the customs of a strange people. Women whom Miss Moon visited on evangelistic trips would come to town to visit with her and stay for days at a time, bringing their children with them. She wrote back home. "My guests are to leave tomorrow. She is a bright and pleasant woman whom I like very much, but the children rush in and out at all hours, turn my chairs about as they please, drop crumbs all about the floor, and 'cut-up' generally. When they stand in the chairs or spit on the carpet, I venture to mildly interfere!"

FIRST: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever."

Second: Lottie Moon suggested in the Foreign Mission Journal that an offering be taken for missions the week before Christmas. "Need it be said." she asked, "why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is it not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consectate a portion from both abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

Program Leader: And so began our Lottie

Moon Christman Offering. Just three months after they organized, the women resolved to raise \$2000 so that two helpers could be sent to relieve Miss Moon in China. Letters were written by hand to 1,500 societies. The Foreign Mission Board paid \$72.82 for postage. The leaders prayed that the results would justify expending this amount of money. They were overjoyed to receive \$2,853.49. This was enough to send three young women.

(Unwrap first gift) The Christmas offering became a permanent part of Woman's Missionary Union's witness of love and devotion. During the first two decades, it was called "The Christmas Offering for China, our needlest mission field." in 1892 it was observed in connection with a week of prayer the first of January. The minutes of the next year stated that the offering had become "a permanent institution."

(Uniorap second gift) It was in 1918 that the Christmas offering was named for Louise Moon. This was in recognition of her actificial life and the part she played in suggesting that love gifts he made for foreign missions at Christmas time. The women had received a larger vision of world need for it was recorded that the offering "hegun for China, now encompassed the world."

(Unwrap third gift) Since 1892, the offering and prayer materials had been presented the first week in January. The women felt that much of the significance of a Christmas offering was lost if the gifts were made after the birthday of the Christ child. In 1926, the time was changed to the first/week in December. Mrs. W. J. Cox., president of WMU at the at time, stated, "The lirst Christmas gift in thou-

sands of homes was given to him who is God's great gift to redeem humanity. As a result of this change of policy, the gifts increased beyond the highest expectations."

(Unwrap fourth gift) To pray intelligently for missions, one must know the needs of the world. The tirst books in connection with the weeks of prayer were studied in 1928. These mission study classes together with the program materials have furnished inspiration and information through the years.

(Unwrap fifth gift) Southern Baptist women, like the wise men of old, have "upened their treasures..., and presented unto him gitts." The offering increased slowly at first. By 1900 it had reached \$6,000. In 1938, it exceeded \$300,000. Last year more than six million was given.

"Tis in loving, not in being loved,

The heart is blest,

"Tis in giving, not in seeking gilts, We find our quest."

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Directed Prayer: Let us search our hearts at this moment. Do we find love there for those who are lost? Have we ever taught anyone to pray? (bouse) Do we have the work of the kingdom in our minds and on our hearts? (bause) Are we as concerned as we ought to be about those around the world who are hungry physically and spiritually? (pause) Are we giving sacrificially this Christmas, or are we spending more on gitts for our family and friends than we are giving to the Lord's world (pause) Are we tempted to be impatient or cross and say and do those things which are not worthy of a Christian? (pause) Do we pray each day for those on our Calendar of Prayer? (Mention names for lodoy.)

GIVE WITH DELIBERATE SACRIFICE TO THE

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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International Suptist Sominary, Supros Aires

by Anne Sowell Margrett, Missionary teacher

IN BUENOS AIRES if you walk up one street then around the corner to the east and stroll in this area you will come suddenly upon a beautiful sight, a group of handsome buildings. Full of curiosity you will enter the open door through the splendid white columns of the main building. Just inside, a big marble slab tells that the buildings are dedicated to the glory of God to prepare men and women who are called to divine service.

These buildings are the International Baptist Theological Seminary, the gift of Southern Baptists to the Spanish-speaking people of South America. This institution is a testimony to the greatness of God and to the strength of his followers. Year after year as gifts from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering pour into the ongoing of this Seminary, more and more young people go out with new zeal and knowledge, well equipped to preach and teach, to win the lost and instruct church members. This year \$21,500 is allocated for this fine institution. You are a part of this work

through your gifts. Only eternity will reveal the endless multiplied influence of your gits in the lives of Argentine young people who bring yet others to Christ, who will in turn become witnesses of Him.

Most young people entering the seminary have not traveled an easy road. Many have come from broken homes, most of them from humble homes. For a large number their loved ones and friends have offered no encouragement. On the contrary, many of them have been ridiculed, others have come without the promise of any financial aid, and still others have faced being disowned by their families. Without a Christian background, and without any knowledge of what theological training can mean. parents believe their children have been disloyal to them in pursuing a career which does not promise material gain. But a few of the students come from Christian homes, and as second or third generation Christians, already show the fiber of Christianity's influence. Whether they are from hard or easy circumstances the miracle of God's

\$21,500 Multiplied for the Lord



Students In office of W. L. Cooper, President of International Baptist Seminary, Buenas Aires

grace is being shown as an increasing number of students enter year by year.

In recalling the moderns, mental snapshots of individuals flash through the mind: A young lady walks from her dormitory building across the beautiful campus to the main hall, and on into the lovely chapel. Her hair is auburn, her eyes hazel, her figure tall and stately. She is of Russian descent. Another who joins her has dark eyes and black, curly hair. Probably she is of Arabic parentage. They enter the chapel. Quiet music from the organ bids them to silence as they find places beside a stalwart Italian boy, next to whom sits a blond German fellow. From several countries in South America and of many nationalities, these students worship and study together. In the morning worship services fine national pastors bring messages, or the students present the program. including choir music. Professors leave everlasting impressions also.

There are other snapshots: Two young people leave the seminary on a Saturday afternoon going to one of our thirty or more churches or missions to teach, lead a junior organization, or preach in an open-air meeting. From such week-end activities the students bring reports and tell experiences. Professors give rounsel and encouragement. On campus special meetings afford other service opportunities. The student YWA invites the YWAs of the city to a program planned by the youth leader of the WMU Association of Buenos Aires. She is a seminary graduate. Special classes for counselors are sometimes held also.

When the Youth Congress of Argentina meets in a big tent on seminary property, great preparations are made for the huge gathering. There may be two thousand present each night of the three-day program. The young people of Argentina are great organizers and full of enthusiasm. Seminary professors and a tudents are thrilled as souls are won to Christ and lives dedicated. Fruits of such meetings are seen in the student body, and in fields of service.

Another snapshot: A student enters the nine thousand volume library, and asks for a book in English. He is able to use material which is not Spanish and thus deepen his knowledge and widen his resources, because of the thorough English classes which the seminary offers. All the tables in the library are used for quiet study and concentration among these fine young people who are eager for knowledge.

Many features of the work of the seminary could be mentioned, but it is enough to say that God has provided through Lottie Moon offering gifts the best equipment and staff. Better still, a strong faculty which teaches and inspires. Golden years lie ahead. The vision of a yearly Christmas offering, that does so much for fields abroad, is gaining ground every year in Argentina 100. Plans are already being made to share with you in an entire Week of Prayer. Special prayer programs are being printed and sent to all the churches, to be used in their missionary societies as we pray and give with you who live in North America.



by Curtis Askew, missionary

TOKYO is huge by any standard. Recent population figures show it to be a city of almost seven million people. It continues to grow at a rate of 300,000 annually. For the Japanese it is the center of the universe. Ten per cent of the nation's people live here, with nearly 20 per cent living within the greater metropolitan area.

Everything is crowded. The streets are crowded with buses, taxis, trucks, street cars, hicycles, scooters, and people; especially people. Stores are crowded, theaters are packed, trains, buses, subways are jammed. Even spacious parks are overrun with people. During the first three days of January mearly three million people made a pilgrimage to the Meiji Shrine near our home.

In Tokyo everybody travels by train. There are national government lines, city lines, private lines, subway lines, elevated lines. Every Incation is identified in its relation to its nearest station. At least four stations in Tokyo boast that over a million commuters pass through its wickets every day.

Alas, only the churches are not crowded! Compared to temples and shrines, Christian churches are few and small. Yet even these are not overly filled. On a Sunday morning we pass theaters with long lines waiting to buy tickets, but most churches are not more than "comfortably full." In our Nakano Baptist Church it is encouraging to see every seat taken in a Sunday morning service. But the capacity is only 72, with very little space left for chairs. Only a short time ago this church was a mission.

In 1956 the Evangelism Department of the Japan Baptist Convention prayerfully

Prayer Answered in Japan's Largest City

decided that a new church should be established somewhere along the Central Elevated Rail Line in Tokyo. We had six Baptist churches in Tokyo at that time, but none along this most strategic artery. As evangelistic missionary for this area, I was asked to open this new church. With my teacher-helper, Rev. Susumu Okubo, I began to search for the right station, and the right location near that station. After much prayer and searching we were definitely led to look in the area of Nakano Station. A scant one-fourth acre cost \$28. 000, but that is cheap compared to many much less desirable places. From Lottie Moon offerings, funds were available for the purchase, though it took all that had been set up for both land and building. However, on the land was an old Japanese mansion which was remarkably suited for our small church.

After some renovation of the interior of this building, appropriate signs were put out. We opened the work in October, 1956 with an eight-day evangelistic meeting. About 20 people from Mr. Okubo's former church came and joined with us, and after this meeting six were baptized.

A Sunday school was started from the beginning, including an adult class which I taught in Japanese, and an English Bible class taught by Miss Judy Garrett, consecrated schoolteacher at the US Air Force Dependents School, A WMS organized of wives of IIS service men and other American women in government service created great interest in this new mission. The organization provided a sign which is visible from the platform of the Nakano Station, and has been the means of attracting a number of people passing along the street. One young man whose life has been dedicated to the ministry was led into the church by this sign.

Throughout 1957 the mission grew stead-



Organization meeting, Nakono Baptist Church; front, Curtis Askew, Pastor Yuya; center, Pastor Hikasa

ily, with 18 haptisms, and even a larger number coming into the church by letter. Almost monthly I receive word from a missionary in some other city, telling me of a good member of his church who has moved to Tokyo. By getting that person lined up immediately with our church a life is saved and our work is strengthened.

In October, 1957 we held another week's evangelistic meeting, with Edwin Dozier preaching. Much prayer and preparation went into this meeting. During September prayer meetings were held every morning. Not only did the week result in a number of conversions; the uniting of hearts and hands together for this great effort, through prayer and work, made us a united church as nothing else tould have done.

From the beginning we had the ambitious hope of organizing as a self-supporting church in one year. As the year drew to a close, we made plans prayerfully to organize early in 1958. Our offerings were averaging about 28,000 year monthly, but we needed 40,000 for self-support (56,000) yen is \$100). Mr. Okubo talked to the convention treasurer, who kindly advised him. "You don't need to cut off all subsidies. Go on and organize, and we can continue to subsidize your salary somewhat for another year." When Mr. Okubo told me this I answered, "Since it is your salan that is at stake. I can't say we won't accept any subsidy. But I don't believe we should organize until we can be self-supporting

This pastor is a man of faith and prayer.

He had taken a "leap of faith" in leaving his former denomination to become a Baptist. He bowed his head for a moment of silent prayer, then he lifted his eyes full of faith and grace a nd said resolutely, "Then we'll refuse any more subsidy. We'll organize as planned. Our people will accept this challenge!"

The next Sunday was pledge day. Nearly every member increased his pledge substantially. A Mr. Matsumoto, with his family, asked for membership in the church. He immediately made a pledge of 7000 17n (\$20) monthly to the budget. We marked at how quickly God flad answered our needs in response to a decision of faith! Mr. Matsumoto came to us from another thurch which had no program to challenge him. President of a trading company, and above average in means and education, he was seeking a church through which his gilts and influence rould count for Christ in an aggressive program.

A copy of our WMU magazine, Yo No Hikari (Light of the World) had fallen into the hands of his wife. She twas so deeply anoved by it that she read it to him when he came home from work. They both were thrilled at what Baptists were doing through foreign mission work in Okinawa and in their vision of winning all Japan to Christ. After studying what Baptists be-

Postor of the new Nakana Báptist Church, Takyo, is Rev Susumu Okubo



lieve, they were convinced that it was the church for them, and they were led to our mission.

Nakano Baptist Church was organized with 75 members. Rev. Susumu Okubo was called as pastor, three deacons were elected, other church officers chosen, and a budget of 500,000 yen for the year was adopted. The church has actually been meeting the budget since January 1, 1958!

There are many reasons for this remarkable progress. But above all, this work has been nurtured in prayer. Our fellow missionaries have supported us with prayer. The pastor and the church have believed in and practiced prayer. They pray big prayers, expecting big answers. But we know that faithful Christians in our churches "back home" hold up this work constantly before the throne of grace. We thank God and take courage to attempt more for our Lord!

The Near Tragedy . . .

(Continued from page 24) length of it and in the breath of it; for I will give it unto thee" Genesis 13:14-17.

That word let the floodtide in again, did it not? What was holding it up? A partial obedience.

Let me say to you, what has been hindering the floottide in your life of communion with God? It hasn't been your disobedience. It isn't that you are a Christian who doesn't care about the will of God for your life. It's just a reservation, that's all.

Yours is not a total disobedience, but a partial obedience. And God, right now is giving you another chance. He has shaped the circumstances to make it easy for you to render the obedience you've withheld from him for so long.

Say to him now the words he's been waiting to hear. Say to him now the words concerning that reservation: "Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me." And see what happens when the floodtide open again, and all the fullness of His grace comes pouring in!

—From Moody Monthly



Jose Berres turned from Catholic priest to Buptist proucher. God has richly blossed him as you will see in these . . .

Experiences of a Student from

A chapel talk given in the Baptist Theological Seminary, Switzerland

DURING OUR HOLIDAYS I visited Holland, Denmark, and England. It is impossible to tell you about all of the things I saw and did, but I want to tell enough to show how God led me even in small

1 spent my first days in Holland with our fellow student. Jan van der Veen, and he and his family really made me feel at home. During this time I visited the Baptist church in the center of Rotterdam, speaking to the Baptist young people there, and I gave my testimony before the four Baptist churches which were together in their annual meeting for Easter.

Afterwards I went from city to city and from town to town. At Hilversum, after I had preached, the pastor took a candlestick, with the shield of the city engraved on it, and he lighted the candle. Then shaking my hand, he said, "Keep this present as a souvenir of Hilversum, and never

forget that you must be a light." It was a thrilling experience.

In the historic city of Utrecht, which has bad associations for Spaniards, since in its treaties we lost some important possessions, I had another unforgettable meeting. It took place in a wonderful hall of the Palace of Conferences and was just for officers of the army, who came only by invitation. All were Christians and were much interested in the situation of Christians in Spain.

I finished my stay in Holland very tired, but very happy, because I could give my testimony as a Christian and a Baptist before so many people. Several nights there were more than one thousand and even two thousand people. And a question that almost all the Reformed pastors asked niwas, "Why are you a Baptist?"

From Holland 1 went to Denmark. Or fellow students, Mr. and Mrs. Anderso

met me at the station of Aarhus, the second city of the country, and in the next few days they took me to the churches in that section. Then I went to Copenhagen where Mr. Hagstrom, also a Ruschlikon student, was expecting me. We visited the important schools of Tollose, where many boys and girls are studying under the direction of Baptist pastors and teachers. I thought many times of our situation in Spain, where we must send our children to the Catholic schools. What a difference!

Next we went to Bornholm, the beautiful island in the Baltic Sea, the pearl of Denmark. When we landed we went to the home of Mrs. Hagstrom's brother to take our lunch. This was also very nice. Many

Spain

people were there wishing to ask me questions, music was playing, and there were luts of cakes on the table. But I was tired out, unshaved, and still felt very seasick. After a while, for me very long indeed, they asked me, "And now, what would you like?" I said, "A bed, please, to sleep." Two hours later I felt completely well.

I remained there about sen days, living with a good Baptist family and visiting with Mr. Hagstrom all the groups of that cland which belong to the big church of Rome, although they have separate and nece buildings. I enjoyed my time there so much that if I should ever need to change my nationality I would choose to be Danfi and would go to Bornholm to live.

What particularly impressed me in Denark was the great and wonderful benefit religious liberty. I, who came (rom pain, was assonished to see that the Bapasts have such beautiful churches, impor-

tant schools, and useful orphanages. My dream is for Spain to have such things also. Only one thing seemed wrong to me in Denmark. Everywhere there are strong Sunday schools, but it is a pity that they are only for children. Our Sunday schools in Spain are for all people.

From Denmark I went to England. When I landed, Mr. Lange, another Ruschlikon student, met me, and we went to Elmswell, where I preached for the first time in England. I was afraid because of my English, but they said they understood me well. Mr. Lange had a home ready for me. It was with a Christian family owning a farm at Bacton in the region of Sutfolk. I helped them in the fields and with the animals, and they considered me as their son, I learned many things, but not English. They spoke Sulfolk!

My fiancee came two days later and was in the same situation on another farm, very near, belonging to the brother of the man I stayed with. When we married on July 25, the people who had taken us in were our witnesses. They gave a party and said to their friemds, "Our eldest son, our eldest daughter are married today."

I preached during those two months many times, in little groups of that agricultural region, and also in some bigger churches, such as Stowmarket, Cambridge, Norwich, and Southampton. The last days we were invited to spend with the parents of Mrs. Lange, and we enjoyed those days very much. We will always be grateful to the Langes, for they helped to solve one of the most important problems of our life.

Ever since we became engaged we had been worried about our civil marriage, because we knew it would be impossible in Spain. We found out that the easiest place to arrange the marriage would be England. But where would we get money to make the trip? A friend of mine from Holland who had been present in Albacete when I was haptized came to Switzerland on a visit, and he invited me to go to his country to preach for a month. My railroad fare to Holland and from there to England

Experiences of a Student from Spain

would be paid. I saw clearly that this was a solution to my problem. The Langes arranged places for both of its to stay in England.

But what about my fiancee? How could she get money for the trip? God provided for her also. Our Woman's Missionary Society asked her to translate a book by Dr. Laubach to teach illiterate people how to read, and she was paid just about enough to cover her traveling expenses to England. She expected to work in England and make enough money to go back to Spain. However, the University of Barcelona was closed for a month, and she had to pay board in the city for a month longer than she had expected. That was exactly the amount of money she had, except the tenth she had already given to the Lord. She prayed that God would help her.

Some time before this, one of our missionaries told a group of American Baptist women living in Madrid about the children being belped with their education by the Baptist mission, and she mentioned also that there was a young lady at the university studying philosophy. She said that this young lady would be the first Baptist of her sex in Spain to graduate from a university. There was also talk of our engagement and of the difficulties of our wedding in Spain. Some time later the



At last—they were married!

missionary received a letter from the wonen saying they wanted to help the young university student they had heard about. They gave my fiancee enough money for her travel to and from England and also Int the expenses connected with obtaining her passport. This is truly marvelous, isn't

You see that I had an eventful journey. I saw many new places: I preached to many people; and I got married! And in all of what happened God was present. He is ruling our lives. Therefore, "let-not your heart be troubled" . . . for anything. Neither now, nor later.

Other Baptist schools in Europe are training fine young people. Left, student at Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome. Right, English class at Italian Baptist Theological School in Rivoli, Dr. Ben Lawton teaching

December OIROLE Mission Study

Continue: Into a New World by Elaine Dickson, WMS promotion associate

MALAYA AND THAILAND are the countries on which we focus attention this manth.

Sincere appreciation of these people will come as we have a greater understanding of their religious beliefs and cultural backgrounds. These beliefs are bases for the core of values around which their life is integrated. Real study is required in building understanding and appreciation.

Follow the Delegation Plan in your study approach (outlined in October and November Royal Service). Basic information will come from chapters IV and V in Intoa New World. Additional supplementary materials are suggested in the Teacher's Guide which you purchased for 25c from your Baptist Book Store.

The Circle Mission Study Chairman (or tearher) checks carefully to see that delegation inembers have adequate-information and access to supplementary materials. Stimulate their imagination concerning method of presentation. Define clearly the time allowance for each group. See that puzzlemats and study guides used during previous studies are ready for continuing use Help delegation members plan their reporting to be personal-"we saw," "we visued," etc., to encourage a closer identification with the country.

The Malaya Delegation might well thouse to major on the religious and cultical diversity of this nation. A delegation broler can give general background informotion concerning the visit, then call on three other delegation members to report the dominant cultures—Malay, Chinese. Indian. Each of these members in turn personal survey a particular group-proportion of popution, predominant religious helief, Southon Baptist work among them, etc. The group should discuss informally the future possibilities of work among these groups, pointing up the fact that Christianity can break down the "middle wall of partition" among them.

The Thailand Delegation could use impersonation as the method of presenting their report. Each could assume the name of a missionary serving in this country. In introducing herself to the group, information should be given concerning location of mission work, type of work done, family, etc. After introductions, the missionaries can continue with their roles as they meet to review mission work being done in Thailand now and outline mission opportunities for the future. In order to cover the political, cultural and religious aspects of life in Thailand, the group might begin by discussing interesting things learned about the country and people since arriving there. Maps should be used in locating specific areas in the discussion.

Close the Meeting in a brief but impressive way by using ideas from pages 178-179 of chapter VI, "On Into the Future." Call attention to the area map and unentered areas. Face the question "Why?" The real reasons: not enough missionaries, not enough money. Read Matthew 9:38. Pray for the overwhelming need in Southeast Asia. Will your group draw up a daily prayer list for specific needs you have felt? Will all agree to make these objects a matter of daily prayer for the remaining part of this year?

Face another question: Was your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering worthy? Ask someone to tell "My Mother and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," and "We Missionaries Give Thanks" from November Rayal Service. Include this offering in your prayer list. The goal this year is \$6,800,000.

PROGRAM

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

December 1-5, 1958 LMCO Goal: \$6,800,000

Organized for an Inspiring Week of Prayer

PRAYER CHAIRMAN: You are the key paran for this Week of Preyer for Feesign Missions. First read and study all the Week of Preyer metacled. You study October, Navasaber, and December Fersecutor and the instruction sheet in the Week of Preyer packet your Frankous receives frost year stress WAM office. Look at each piece of metacled in their packet and determine when needs to be done to use it to the mentions.

Call together all chairmen and others who will have specific responsibility for the week. Will you delegate so other women tesponsibilities for each day? Before you begin plans, pray together.

Your sims for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions are:

- 1. To inspire individuals to become involved personally in the work which our appointed missionaries are doing everyous.
- 2. To guide in real, dedicated praying which overflows from concerned and burdened fearts.
- 3. To encourage watten to give with themphiful and prayerful encours for the over-whelming need for the work of the Lord diverses. This year such watten will be inspired to give at least 11 per cost more than lest year if we are to reach the \$6,000,000 good.

Plan with committee chairman so not a stant will go unturned to use every plan with

purpose and eruptivity. Nevember and Descebe Ferenanter are filled with ideas. Den't over-de, her study your altestion and assets, then make the plant and odd year own good ideas to make the Week of Payer for Fernige Missions a time of Mussing for your abanch.

Se cereful to plan wall so that:

... Each day of proper and speaking will not encount the time which has been not color for the Week of Proper. Interest and concern towarders waver if a women steps these hours instead of two if she is especting to leave at a specified time. Sepacially be mindful of the proper meeting achailule. Avoid running over oven 15 minutes!

After the week in ever, gather up all the fine maps and recercis, as well as posture, etc., and life them every for future use. Do not let them get feet. All these metarishs are expensive to produce. So a good strough of motorials. If you have a library, they will be available for all if they are cotalogued and circulated.

ADDITIONAL SUGGETTION: Socore from from your state WAIU office encount proper cards for every women. Give out pencils each day for soch women to add to her proper list, wing the back of the proper card. At the end of the work each will have a list for whom she will pray for the assended of 1958.



MONDAY, December 1, 1958

"Having no Hope . . . without God in the World"

Prepared by Mrs. William McMurry

General Information:

The specific purpose of this program for Monday is to show that other religious systems disregard man's basic spiritual need and that instead of giving to him purpose here and hope for hereafter they degrade him and plunge him into depost despair.

Underlying the specific purpose is the general idea of what people of the world believe about the spiritual and moral nature of man. Some of the most important basic beliefs of five well-known systems of religion practiced in countries where Southern Baptists have mission work are discussed and contrasted with Christian teachings in contrast Christianity offers man his only hope. Jesus Christ

The member who speaks for Christianity should read in preparation one or more of the gespels, also, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12. Acts 4:12. Ephesians 2:8, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 2 Timothy 3:16:17, Ephesians 5:25. She should study these references and the gospel in the light of the truths stated under "Prayer Period,"

page 66 Through the illumination of the Holy Spirit divine truth grips the heart.

Instructions for Prayer Chairmon:

Introduce each costumed representative who comes to the platform. Each wears the dress of the country where live the largest number of adherents to the religion she is to discuss. Ideas for costumes may be found in Travel, Look, Life, National Geographic, and in back copies of Royal Service. The Christian woman should not be in costume, but dresses as she normally does.

If the meeting place is small, reserve five seats in the first row for the women representing the religions. If the platform is large enough, let them sit on one side toward the front so that the Christian woman can see them as she speaks.

The program is arranged to be given without a break. The prayer periods should be a vital, primary part, not incidental or tacked on. Allow adequate time for praying.

"Hope of the World" (Tune: "O Perfect Love")

Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion,

reak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent, we us. Thy people, from consuming

the by our own false hopes and aims are spent

tope of the world, who by Thy cross didst sove us

rom death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,

Ve render back the love Thy mercy gave us. Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou

wilt

-Georgia Harkness

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"Having no HOPE , , , without God in the World"

Silent Meditation

Medley of devotional hymns played quietly as women are seated, opening their Bibles to Ephesians 2:12 and reading sitently. When group has assembled, the leader asks that all read the verse in unison.

Call to Prayer, praying for missionaries listed today (see page 26).

Hymn: (standing) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotional Thoughts: Hope of Eternal Life by Mrs. Shad Medlin

Titus 3:7—"That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the HOPE of exernal life."

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

Martines: Names Ha-ri-U-sha MAR-10-na HE-maa-ra

James Martineau once said, "We do not believe in immortality because we have proved it, but we forever try to prove it because we believe it." It is this belief, this faith, this hope in Jesus Christ and his resurrection from the dad which gives to all of life meaning and purpose.

Fifty years ago a missionery couple went to the northernmost island of Japan and seitled in the frozen town of Nemuro. A few months of hardship took the life of the busband. The widow was left to carry on the work until a small church came into being. For thirty years one of the first converts, Mr. Hariuchi, has held this distant outpost as paster of the church. When the bombs fell on Nemuro, and left it in smoking ruins, all he possessed went with the flames. As he and his wife returned to the site of their home, among the charred cinders they found one scrap of paper that had not burned. It was the last scorched bit of his well-worn Bible. On it they read, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Out of destruction, distress, disease, God's unchanging promises for his children shine forth in truth. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him (1 Cor. 2:9).

Knowing God's encompassing love a Christian must share this knowledge, this hope and assurance with a distraught, bewildered, fearful world.

Prayer\ of Confession and Infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Hyma: "My Hope Is Built" ("The Solid Rock")

Epnesians 2:12 "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

Prayer Chairman: It is impossible to know a person well until you know what he believes. The spiritual concern of Baptist women for the people of the world can be increased and deepened by a knowledge of the basic teachings in the principal (in adherents and influence) mon-Christian religions.

Another reason for looking at these major religions is that some of them are missionary

in practice and have not remained in the place of origin, but have spread over vast territories. Today intense nationalism and the abrinkage of the world through means of capid communication have given new life to many of these religions. Buddhiam and Islam are experiencing an upsurge in the Orient and Middle East, while at the same time are expanding westward. Hinduism in more subtle ways is creeping in through societies and cults dedicated to the study of Oriental thought.

Some have spread as far West as the United States. Not knowing the character of the systems and not having lived in lands dominated by them, many Americans have taken on these strange isms and have been led into absurd beliefs. Women have been particularly vulnerable.

For many years there has been an effort to raise the non-Christian religions to the position of equality with Christianity. Earlier this year a Hindu philosopher who had come to the United States under the sponsorship of a West coast cult stated in an interview that all religions were the same in principles and ideas and that the differences were purely superficial.

Other so-called voices of authority claim that it is presumptuous to send missionaries abroad, for these religions are especially adapted to the cultures where they originated; that Christianity is a Western religion and not suited to the people of the East or Africa.

Today in an interview with women from other lands we shall examine the most important of these religious systems that we may judge for ourselves what they are like, what they teach about man's nature, sin and salvation, and what place they give to women.

Let the Hindu woman tell us what hope she has found in her religion for an abundant life here and hereafter

HINDUISM (Woman in costume of India)

Hope did you say? What hope? Look at the character of my religion. We have literally millions of gods We live in a state of fear of them and our minds are tortured by what may befall us. Both the teachings and imagery of Hinduism are immoral. This religion betrayits inner self in the practice of marrying girlio its gods, which is done in reality for licentious purposes. They live in the temples or nearby houses under the guise of nuns.

My religion believes it is wrong to call man a sinner, for what he does is natural an his acts should not be condemned nor should he be blamed for his conduct any more that a tree for bringing forth its own fruit. His duism atill practices the caste system thous the old mold has been broken. Caste laws a inhuman and make for brutal treatment of the

sick and dying. Hisdus pray to anything and everything. No mather how evil a person is if he worships the gods, offers sacrifices, bathes in the Ganges River, does penance or dies with a row's tail in the hand, he may secure a happy transmigration from a lower to a higher form of life.

You ask me what place my religion gives to a woman? Few religious systems can approach the cruelty shown women under Hinduism. Child marriages still exist in India, An unmarried girl over twelve years of age is a disgrace to herself and parents. The contract for marriage is made by the parents without the children's knowledge. If the boy dies, the girl cannot remarry and remains under the curse of having caused her husband's death by offending the gods. Even after marrying a girl, according to rule the husband may leave her if he finds her sickly or married to him by fraud. It is an easy matter for a man to divorce his wife when he believes she has no soul, nor any rights which he is bound to tespect. According to the law book of the Hindu religion, woman is forbidden to reed the sacred books or to offer up prayers or sacrifices in her own name. She may pray and worship only as her father or husband directs.

It is true that in recent years various reform movements have arisen in India touching the caste system, education for girls and human sacrifices, but the fact remains wherever Hinduism is found women are degraded and immorality flourishes. Modern Hinduism says that all ways to God are valid. There is no Saviour, no hope of peace or of freedom from sin in this life That no one has gone to prepare a place for the millions of followers of this system of reliatous slavery.

Hearken to the plea of a Hindu woman who finds no solace in the worship of the cow.

Prayer Period:

Thank God for the privilege of living in a Christian land where womanhood is held in highest esteem, where children are wanted and cared for by parents who love them.

A forgiveness for the sin of ingratitude tuch marks most American women in regard

C Fess our almost total indifference to the pritual plight of women in Eastern lands hile tourist-like we gaze with delight at the autifully skilled work of their hands in our fee.

Prover Chairman: Now let us consider Buddon. It is a religion that has been received outs savage and civilized peoples, which controlled the destinies of millions of souls ding 2500 years, and is regarded as one of the of the non-Christian religions. Let us give ful attention. What did the Buddha teach?

What hope does his system ofter to people seeking inward peace? Let the woman from the Orient speak.

EUDDHISM (In Japonese or Chinese dress):

How can I hope for inner peace when my religion denies the existence of an eternal God? "I see no one in the heavenly worlds nor among gods or men whom it would be proper for me to honor," said the founder of Buddhism. He left no god to worship, so his followers have worshiped the founder. Sin consists in desire. The only freedom from it is to become lost in meditation and finally to become absorbed into Buddha in Nirvana, the heaven of Buddhism. This is to say that one has reached a state of perfect inward rest. Strive as we may, we have no power within ourselves to achieve this perfect peace. At death the soul passes from one body to another. Sometimes-it is to the body of an animal; sometimes to that of a man. Woman's only hope is that she may be reburn a man. Polygamy exists among Buddhists in same countries; however, the founder taught cetibacy. The wife is much interior to the husband who may divorce her for the most trivial reason. Animal life is exalted above woman, for no man wishes to live again in the form of a woman.

Though many of the original teachings of Buddha are of a high moral order, the religion he founded has become grossly perverted. The priests are often exceedingly corrupt and the Orders of Beggars are a drain on the economy of the country where Buddhism is the prevailing religion. Buddhe was mortal, a human being distressed over the mystery of suffering and death. He left his wife and child to become an ascetic pilgrim in order to discover a solution to the mystery. He never found it. Neither have his followers through all these centuries. The problem for the Buddhist is the same today as yesterday: "What shall I do to be extinguished?" But what is there to hope for if at the end of life there is no more than the blowing out of a candle?

Prayer Perlod (directed by prayer chairman)
Pray

That we shall not dismiss lightly the fact that Buddhism is a missionary religion which has reached our shores.

That someone will be called from your church to go to a Buddhist land;

That God will strengthen the witness of Christians in China and Japan, and in Kores.

Prayer Chairman: A religion that claims one seventh of the world's population and which hegan in opposition to idol worship—is it possible that one can find the hope of alivation in the teachings of Islam? Let the Arab woman speak.

ISLAM (In Arab costume):

It is true that the motive of Mohammed, the founder of Islam, was to destroy idols and to compel their worshipers to believe in one God. This he succeeded in doing often at the sword's point. But the God of Islam is impersonal and cold, unconcerned about man. He sent no son to tell people of his love. Jesus is no more than a prophet. Islam denies that he is the Son of God.

Fatalism that is based on the unbending will of God who foreordains each individual's destiny has made it almost impossible for a Moslem to believe in forgiveness. The breaking of a law in Islam's holy book, the Koran, is the only sin. The practice is very simple. Moslem law says it is wrong to steal; so is it to pray without having washed if water is available. Sin has nothing to do with man's neutre.

In this religion, woman's position is much inferior to that of man. She is considered his servent and if she is married, his property. A woman's hope of heaven is to have a husband and thus get in to be his attendant.

Few religions are more immoral. From the day when Mohammed, age 52, merried little nine-year-old Aisha, until the day he died, leaving eleven widows, Islam has degraded the home life of its people. The system of plural marriages and unlimited divorce, the sole right of man, has filled the life of the Moslem woman with misery and oftentimes despair.

Do you see why we, the followers of the prophet's teachings resist change even to this day? All things are fixed by divine decree, no power on earth can change us. There is nothing to be done about life as it is but to accept it and ask no questions. This is poor comfort to a heavy heart and a distraught mind.

Always we are prostrate before God in blind, helpliess aubmission to Despotic Will. We believe it is foolish to talk of a Moslem changing his religion for it is beyond his power to do sof

Priver Period (directed by prayer chairman)
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That the bitter opposition of Islam to Christianity may be relaxed in Egypt and among Moslems in Jordan, Lebanon and Gaza, Indonesia, and Palestine.

That the political unrest in the Middle East and in the Orient will not interfere with, or cut short Christ's witness by our mis-

Prayer Chairman: Is it true that there is still another to come who wishes to speak for apiritually hungry millions? (Woman in Spanish dress comes in She represents the people of Latin America.) This is our South American neighbor. Why do you come? Are not your countries Christian? Tell us what hope you have

CATHOLICISM (In Spanish dress):

Roman Catholicism is looked upon as a form of Christianity, but in the countries where the Roman church is in power and Catholicism the state religion, there is little evidence of a Christian basis for life. The Roman Catholic Church has not given the people the New Testament conception of Christianity with the result that their devotion has turned to saints and crosses.

Impertial authorities have stated that the Roman Catholic's secret for winning populations for the faith has been the clever method of using the same temples, statues, and objects used by the pagans. In South and Central America and Mexico the priests told the Indians they were not losing their images nor their way of worshiping them so they would continue coming to the old places of worship. No scruples were shown in "converting" the natives to Christianity and multitudes were baptized who were entirely ignorant of the doctrine they professed to embrace.

Most of the 33 million Indians of the Western Hemisphere are Christian only in name. Pre-tending to worship saints and a dead Christ on a cross, the modern Inces, Mayas, and Aztecs are still pagan During festival days, as soon as the priest disappears, they return to the worship of the sun, the moon, the start, the rivers, and the mountains with the same blind devotion that their forefathers did. Even high-ranking Catholics agree as to the pagan origin of Rome's present usages and ceremonies.

In Catholicism everywhere, Christ is presented in his helpless infancy, his dying agony, or in lifeless form Mery and the saints are the objects of idolatrous worship. The mother of Jesus has taken the place given by the New Testament to Christ himself, though this is denied by many Catholics today. Mary as medator and intercessor with God has been santioned by the highest authority of the church Catholics pray to her as the "Mother of God"

Is it any wonder that millions who live in Catholic-dominated lands are in spiritual darkness without hope when the way of salvation is hidden in ritual, Mary worship, and a dead Christ on the cross? Is tany wonder that the lot of woman has been made unhappy and her life degraded by a double standard of morals sanctioned by the church? Muttered prayers bring no relief to sin-burdened hearts.

Strange as it may sound, communism is the product of a religion that proposes to be Chibian in theory, but fells far short in pract e. That religion can be the Roman Catholic Chu ib

or the Orthodox Church. Because of her theory of apostolic succession, the Roman Church is largely responsible for what has happened in Rusia in regard to communism's opposition to religion. The cruei repressions and terrible structives that prevailed under the crars and priests led to the revolution. Today in Russis, the kind of communism which Lenin preached, has been replaced by statism as powerful.

Ironically the Communist Party is strongest where Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion It is the Protestant countries that have remained outside the Iron Curtain. Throughout the centuries, the church has shown little interest in the masses. No wonder they have fallen easy prey to the doctrine of "equal division of unequal earnings" It has come as a sbock to Christians when they have faced the fact that the two powers seeking control today are in the Vatican and the Kremlin. This fight for power has nothing to do with religion. It is a political struggle. The Pope in Rome has called upon the Protestants of the world to join the Roman church in a crusade against communism. Let us remember that both are enemies of individual freedom and democracy. Neither offers hope to a world lost and afraid.

The great majority of the people of Catholic taith—many sincere and devoted—are ignorant of the Vatican's political maneuverings. It is time for them as well as for us to be aware of this tug-of-war for power. It Protestant Christians joined Rome in her fight against Russia, our fate would be the same no matter who the winner The battle we wage is spiritual: God is able to break the strangle hold of any error if his people will proclaim and practice the pure gaspel of Christ without compromise.

Prover Period (directed by proyer chairman)

For a willingness to see the truth about Catholicism and for courage not to compromise: for our missionaries and the Christians in Letin American countries, in Spain and Italy

For Christians in our country, that we may witness positively; that we may not become discouraged in proclaiming the Risen Christ who alone can save.

wer Chairman: All men have similar qualiwhich have come from their Creator,
ther they live in a primitive society or a
high-developed civilization. Because man has
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in as the physical, he must believe in a
creme Being, in gods, or in something outhimself which he endows with power either
d or evil. It is an inborn conception apart
or revelation, from reason, cause and effect,

or from anything else.

Around the warld live people whose lives are governed by beliefs that are reflected in primitive forms of worship, yet those, too, are the expression of the common conscious need of God

Let the woman from Africa speak for these millions whose lives are bound by animism.

ANIMISM (In African dress):

The early religion in many parts of the world was animism.—a belief in the existence of a vast number of spirits both good and bad. The belief still prevails among backward nations and under a veneer of the major non-Christian religions in more advanced countries. We live in intense dread of these spirits, for they are everywhere. The night is filled with hideous forms, the light is poisoned with their presence, they fill the forests, live in trees, on the mountains, in caves and vaileys. The air is full of them. Fire is not free from their presence; human beings are possessed by them.

To the people who believe in spirits, they are responsible for man's sorrows, misfortunes, sufferings, and in most cases, his death.

In trying to gain protection from the unseen forces of evil, fetish worship developed. It is the lowest of all such systems, for man is seeking salvation not for the soul, but for the body, especially in its relation to danger.

The basic idea of fetishism is found in the charm which through the witch doctor's sorcery is believed to be the dwelling place of a guardian spirit who is to watch over its possessor's life. In some parts of the world, it is called demon worship

In my own country, leopard or lion's claws, teeth, or whiskers are hung about the neck as protection from the attack of these beasts. The spine bones of a serpent are a cure for backache. Tortoise bones on the ankles give endurance. Love charms are used by both men and women with the hope of securing a wife or husband. These charms watch over our sleep, ward off disease, reveal secrets, and give power over enemies. There is not a bodily need that the fetiah does not promise to supply. Even a whim or wish can be gratified as the priest has only to mumble what seems to be magic words, to make the worthless trinket we carry capable of bringing about our desire.

A fetish witch doctor acts as physician, detective, partner in crime, a giver of wealth and success—anything that may be wanted. Many times his methods of healing the sick or ferreting out a crime are exhibitions of the lowest form of human degradation.

Surely people with minds so dark have no hope. God's image is marred by a religion of fear which fills the hearts of millions with terrible forebodings. We do not have enough light to know how great is our need,

Prayer Period (directed by Prayer chairman) Pray

That God will use the truth about degrading fetiah worship to shock every passive, indifferent woman into spiritual awareness.

That the resolutions you have made to do something about the pagan world will not be forgotten in "busyness" for the society and church.

That if you are wearing your good works as a charm or fetish to keep you from being troubled about those whose religion it is, that God will help you to recognize the truth.

Prayer Chairman: The first worship in the Garden of Eden was of one God. As we have tooked at these religions, we have been made conscious that somewhere and at some time man began to multiply his gods and idols. The change took place gradually. It was the result of the natural deprayity of the human heart after the fall of Adam

All of the non-Christian religions are man's efforts to satisfy the soul's restlessness for God who created him. Because they are man-made -the founder frequently holding up a personal code of living-they have been unable to provide their followers with the power to change the heart and make possible a reconciliation with God. The founders of Hinduism tried and feiled; Buddha tried and failed; Mohammed tried and failed. There is only one founder who did not fail; only one religion that quiets the restless heart, makes it possible for man to conquer his deprayed nature, gives hope to life here and hope for immortality after death. The groping millions lost in sin and darkness wait to hear of Jesus, the lover of sinning, deprayed man, the Saviour of his life from waste and ruin; and for eternity.

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN:

What is man's only hope? It is Christ, meant by God to be the universal Saviour. What, then, do we say again is the great difference between these religions and Christianity? It is Jesus Christ. Through him, God made himself known to the world. Why did he? John 3:18 is the answer (all quote together). No other religion has as its motive love. No other religion speaks of man being spiritually lost. No other religion tells how he can be found and restored. No other religion exalts woman and defines her

rightful place and blesses little children. No other religion is propagated by a simple tastimony, leaving the hearer entirely free to act as he chooses.

The hope of the world lies in Christ for he being God and knowing the nature of man, designed salvation to meet man's needs. No other founder came to earth from God, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for the sins of men, rose again in victory over death and the grave, holds all authority in heaven and on earth without fear of contradiction, ascended to the Father, sends the Holy Spirit to illumine the minds of his followers, and continually abides with them. It is He who said on the Mount of Ascension, "Go ye, therefore." The human race has gone on living and dving. The cycle of life and death will continue until Recomes again as he promised. Whether in this generation they live and die in despair or in hope is dependent upon the obedience of his followers. Who dares disobey his command when two billion people have not yet been persuaded that he is indeed the Saviour of the world

Prayer Period

Pray

That each woman will let the Haly Spirit take hold of her mind and heart, and do her very best to carry out the four great truths our Lord stated and confirmed as he was about to leave his followers:

The truth concerning himself that He is the Christ—the very Son of God.

The truth concerning his death—he became Sin, my sin, on the cross.

The truth concerning his resurrection—he arose from the grave. So will I

The truth concerning remission of sins in his name—my only hope of salvation.

Pray that you shall not fail Jesus, the Hope of the world.

Solo: (unannounced) "Hope of the World" (No. 282 Baptist Hymnal, verses 1 and 3, or see words on page 61) or play record, "Hope of the World."

Offering received as music for "Hope of the World" is continued.

Benediction by WMU president:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all loy and peace in believing, that ye has abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13).

All standing, with heads bowed. Play re ord "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Give Generously to the LMCO

TUESDAY, December 2, 1958 Begotten Unto a Lively Hope . . .

Prepared by Nella Dean Whitten

General Instructions:

The purpose of this program is to make our fereign mission work more vivid and real by presenting the life stories of six national Christians who know Christ as Saviour, have hope in Him, and are living for Him in their countries.

These stories are to be told in the third person, but each one taking part should be so well acquainted with the person, that she tells the true story with deep love and understanding.

Select the people you will use this day, at least two weeks in advance, asking that each begin at once to prepare herself for participation by:

Praying for the person whose story each will tell and for the needs of the area, both in private and family devotions each day.

Sharing before time for the program, the life story of this "new friend," with at least three persons who will not attend the December 2 meeting, thus becoming better acquainted with her.

Thank God for her own hope in Christ.

B-fore each woman relates her story, she plants the proper picture of the national in a frame Pictures are in your packet sent to each pre-dent from your state WMU office.

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Sil t Meditation:

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n (standing): "O God, Our Help in Ages

Pr er of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotional Thoughts: Hope of Salvation by Mrs. Medlin

Romans 8:24 For we are saved by HOPE: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Hope is to the human spirit what oxygen is to the lungs—without hope all of life is purposeless, meaningless, dead. But Christians have been justified by His grace and have secured hope of eternal life.

In our passage of Scripture for today, Paul writes to the Romans, "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"

We hope for eternal life in Christ at the end of our earthly lives. We hope also to find salvation from ourselves. Christ is our Saviour here and now-from despair, meaninglessness, purposelessness, sin, the tyranny of ourselves and our selfish desires and passions, and He makes us free. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23). This is the great decision that decides all decisions. When you make up your mind freely to follow Christ the basis of your life is fundamentally changed from yourself to God. You are no longer a self-centered person but a Godcentered person. You will not listen to yourself in the ordering of your life but will seek God's guidance.

But all about us and to the far ends of the earth there are those who have never heard the name of Jesus. They cannot seek his guidance. They do not know him. They do not know that God is lave, that he yearns for men lost without hope, that he wants to bear their burdens and give to their lives direction and meaning. In fulfilling God's purpose for our lives Christians are begutten of him to bear witness that Jesus is the way so that still others and yet others may also be "begotten unto a lively hope" through Jesus Christ the Saviour. Christians around the world bear this burden of responsibility for the souls of lost men.

Prayer of Confession and Infilling of the Holy

Hymn: "My Hope Is Built" ("The Solid Rock")

1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Pather of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively HOPE by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Introduction: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast" but as we come to our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, we must face the fact that most of the hopes of mankind are false and will not stand the tests of time or eternity.

In the words of the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, we say, "Blessed is the man that trustell in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is (Jer. 17:7). May today's program be full of the spirit of "rejoicing in hope" (Rom. 12:12).

Let us rejoice: (boss heads)

in our own hope in Christ (pause for each to pray silently).

That in other lands some people now have hope in Christ Jesus where sin and darkness once reigned (pause).

That we are called to be heralds of hope in a world of pessimism and despair (pause).

Today we shall rejoice with six Christians in different parts of our world as we share their personal experiences. These friends in Christ came in contact with our Baptist mission program, and in Christ have been "begotten unto a lively bope." We thank God for their lives; but we must never become complacent, for there are millions yet unreached. Our rejoicing in the Saviour and His power to save must find the realistic, compassionate expression if a more complete personal dedication to winning the lost to Him.

We clasp hands for a few brief moments with Chaistian friends from across the sea. We walk beside them and unite our hearts with theirs in thanksgiving for the hope which Christ has brought in their lives. But even as we rejoice we realize that God makes us aware that there are yet millions without God, without Christ, without HOPE (Eph. 2:12).

Hope and a Pair of Worn Shoes

Hope is not usually associated with a pair of worn shoes, but such is the case of Senora Fermina Segura of Barcelona, Spain. For years, Senora Segura's life was full of doubts and fears; and she found no satisfaction in the state religion, Roman Catholicism. She felt a great amptiness in her heart and no matter how much she went to church. (Place picture in frame.)



Senora Fermina Segura

One summer night after her husband and children were in bed, she went out in the back patio of her house and looked up at the bright stars which God created. She felt a strange sense of peace in her heart, and she felt to her knees and began to talk to God as she had never done before "Lord God," she prayed earnestly, "I have never found satisfaction in my life. My heart is empty. If there is something better than what I know about, please show me the way."

A few days later Senora Segura went to carry a pair of her husband's shoes to be mended. She did not go to the usual shop, but for some unknown reason went along the streets looking for a cobbler with a kind face. Finally she found a man pleasing in appearance, and she left the shoes to be mended.

Three days later when she went back for the shoes, the cobbler and his wife talked with her about Christ and his love. They gave her tre to and later invited her to go to church with them.

One Sunday morning in the First Ba; ist Church of Barcelona, Senora Fermina Se; me heard for the first time the beautiful w do of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth, and life: no man cometh unto the Father, bu by me (John 14:6). She knew that God had h and her prayer and that He was showing her the way of salvation. With joy she took Chri as her personal Saviour.

Senora Segura says she became the hat set

weman in the world, but since that glorious day she has had to suffer for her faith. At first her huband and two children made fun of her when she howed her head at the table to thank God for the food. Her husband threataned to leave her saying that their Catholic marriage was no longer valid when she changed religions. Senora Segura's friends and neighbors dwood speaking to her. Many times the priest

Benora Segura's friends and neighbors stopped speaking to her. Many times the priest spake harsh words of condemnation when he mat her on the street. Twice he jerked her lible from her hands and told her in a loud vaice that it was the book of heretics and nothing less than blasphemy against God.

All these difficulties have not kept Senora Segura from doing personal work. For many weeks she accompanied ten or twelve children from her neighborhood to Sunday school. Some of the parents were won to Christ. But opposition became so great she was forced to stop the Sunday school group. However, she finds sapy other ways to tell others about Christ.

Her two children and her mother have become Christians. Her husband who was an etheist, is convinced that Baptists teach the ruth, and he will not allow anyone to criticize Protestants.

Senora 'Segura says she has faith in the promise, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and Thy house." Her heart sings with the pselmist, "In thee, O Lord, do I hope (Psalm 38:15).

"LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD" (PM), 456)

Let us pray for the conversion of Senor Segura, husband of this radiant Christian woman.

Ask God to atrengthen people in all lands who pay a dear price for their faith, especially in Spain and countries of South America.

Present before God the spiritual needs of other Europeans of France, Italy, Spain, Gernany, and in Russian satellite countries. Tray for Russia, especially Russian Chris-

Love Can Hope

is a love story. It began in Italy and has not ended. Slender, dainty Wanda is appearance is that of the traditional Latin beauty. She is in charge of the cy of the G. B. Taylor Baptist Orphanage me, Italy, where her husband Giuseppe has responsibilities with the older boys. It has the many children in the city of Civitative with the subset of Product of the control of the contr

By the time she was nineteen years old, her ability and zeal were such that she taught Catholic doctrine to fifty children each week and was secretary of the Catholic Action group in her town. At this time, her favorite brother was a prisoner in Russia. She made a vow to walk in chains in the Good Friday procession as a sacrifice worthy of the sufferings of Christ. The combined weight of the chains which she dragged along the more than two-mile tour of the town was thirty-five pounds. Today her ankles still bear the marks of that experience. But she rejoiced in it, for she felt that her vow was blessed when her brother returned from retion.

Afterward, through the influence of a friend, the brother began reading the New Testament and soon he was a Baptist. Wanda prayed earnestly for him to abandon these heretical ideas. She began to read the New Testament in order to refute his arguments and to bring him hack to the path of her church. She finally decided that she must learn for herself what Baptists believe and do in their meetings. So she entered the little church after the service had begun and sat near the back hoping not to be noticed. But when the pastor began to preach, using as his text John 2:16, Wanda was so moved she went openly.

Without delay she accepted Christ as her Saviour and asked to be baptized. But her glorious decision was the beginning of conflict. Her friends tried every possible way to show

The Pavonis with children at orphanage



their scorn for Wanda's decision. Perhaps the hardest to bear was the attitude of the young man to whom she was engaged. Though declaring his love for her, he absolutely refused to be married in other than a Catholic ceremony. Sorrowfully, the broke the engagement.

But strangely she was happy in her new faith in Christ as her Saviour, and several members of her family came to share her devotion to Christ. Her paster found Wenda an invaluable help in the church, and the same entitusiesm that had made her a good catechism teacher made her a fine help to children in Sunday school.

But Wands realized her lack of adequate preparation, so she applied for entrance into Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome at the opening of its first school year in 1950. Hearing of her application, Giuseppe Pavoni, a young man from her home town who was studying at the Italian Baptist Seminary in Rivoli, praised her so highly to the directress of the Training School that Miss. Wingo asked, "Are you in love with her?" He hesitated a moment, then grinned and enswered, "Yes, but I don't think she is in love with me. Not yet, that is," But he did not give up, and soon afterward, he and Wands became formally engaged

In her three years at Armstrong Memorial, Wanda was noted for her willing spirit, her perseverance, and her love of Christ. She spent one summer vacation in a little town where there was no evangelical church, beginning by going into homes to witness of her faith, a testimony she continued even when the priest tried to frighten her with threats of calling the solice.

A member of the first graduating class of Armstrong Memorial Training School, Wanda was also the first graduate to marry. She and Gluseppe now live in Rome, where they have ample opportunity to use the training received at these Baptist schools as they serve in the G. B. Taylor Baptist Orphanage. Their love story has only begun as they show forth God's love together in Italy.

ET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD":

(Ask five women to be ready to pray in one or two sentences for these objects:)

Let us pray for this couple, the training schools, this orphanage and the Baptist schools in Italy.

Ask God to give the directors and teachers of our mission schools the physical, mental, and spiritual strength to carry on their work in a way well-pleasing to him.

Pray for our European Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, for our two interna-



Dona Orlandina Lucas

tional Baptist seminaries in South America and for all the Christian institutions where young people are preparing for Christian service.

Ask God to strengthen and encourage our missionaries in lands where the gospet is received with indifference and skepticism, and oftentimes by persecution.

A Love Gift That Others May Hope

Ever since that late afternoon when our Lord blessed five loaves and two fishes, and with them fed a multitude of 5,000 men, beside women and children, He has blessed the seemingly small gift offered in love and gratitude. It is through the gifts of many that Christ's kingdom here on earth is largely supported.

Done Orlandine Lucas is a member of the First Baptist Church in Vitoria, Brazil. She is a well-educated woman, whose husband is a prominent dentist, and active in the state political picture. She thus has social prestige and financial security, but her husband is not a Christian. Through the years of their merrad life he has opposed her participation in chui h activities. But in spite of his opposition, Dona Orlandina has been faithful to her church is dis today an earnest Bible scholar, a caps le Sunday school teacher, a constant witness or Jesus Christ, an example of faith and an asspiration to all who know her.

As is the case in most Brazilian homes, D ::

Orlandine's husband holds the pocketbook: He is a good provider for his family, but he all was her weekly what he considers to be the r ict amount necessary to buy groceries and rut Me

house. By nature commontal, she hunts far and near for bargains, takes advantage of sales and in-season produce, and as she is able to give the tithe of this money without the family lacking in anything.

As the days for special offerings come around, she says that she sake the Lord to show her how she can give. The month before the Home Mission Day offering last year, she took the white lines suits her husband usually sent to the laundry, and washed, starched, and pressed them. The money she ordinarily used to pay the laundry was her offering for Home Missions Day!

As time for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions rolled around, she began to think and pray for a way to make some money. When it seemed that she would have to wash and starch linen suits again, a man from Rio arrived at their home and asked her to sell him three dozen orchids. (Cultivation of orchids is a family hobby, and this collection includes over 2,000 plants.) She said she was sorry that the rarer varieties were not in bloom; but she sold him three dozen beautiful orchids for five hundred cruzeiros, or about ten dollars.

She also had a birthday the latter part of November and her husband gave her the money to buy a good pair of shoes. She wanted to give it all to the Foreign Missions offering, but knew that he would be displeased if she did not buy shoes. Upon hearing of a store that was selling their finer stock at a considerable discount, she went there and bought his gift, and had tive hundred cruzeiros left over. So her offering dor the Week of Prayer came to one thousand cruzeiros.

Her testimony was, "Would that I could give all that I have for Him and his cause. But I bank God that he has given me some small way whereby I can show my love for him."

"LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOO":

1.4 us pray that God will teach us to "give not from the top of our purses but from the bottom of our hearts" (pause).

Fray that the national Christians around the world may recognize their stewardship responsibility and that their churchs may move toward self-support (pause).

member the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the Spanish Publishing House in El Paso as they supply literature to the countries of Central and South America (pause).

sk God that we Southern Baptists may send out more missionaries to enter the open doors of Central and South America (patter). Let us make our prayer in the spirit of the Argentine missionary who wrote at the end of a year's labor: "For thy leadership and strength in days past, Lord we thank Thee; and for Thy leading footsteps in the future, Lord, we beceech Thee" Amen.

Through the Door of Hope in the Orient

This is the story of a boy named Jesus (pronounced hay-soos). His full name is Jesus Garcia, and he was born and lives in the Philippine Islands. As most Filiplnos, Jesus was raised in a Catholic home. As a little boy he heard mass on Sunday, studied the catechism, and sometimes sang in the children's choir, for he was the son of devout parents. After his graduation from grade school, the priest in his town who was a close friend of Jesus' parents asked permission to have him serve as a helper in the convent. There he assisted in mass, baptisms, funerals, and marriage services or wherever he was needed.

In a short while Jesus had decided to study for the priesthood. The parish priest was very pleased and arranged a day for a visit to the Seminary in Binmaley. On the pre-arranged day, Jesus and another friend of his who had also decided to enter the priesthood were presented to the rector of the seminary. At first sight the rector was very fond of Jesus.

Later on Jesus told the rector that although he had fully decided to be a priest, his parents could not take care of the expense since the Seminary's fees were high. The priest assured him of financial support. The following Sunday the priest announced to the congregation that Jesus was a candidate for the seminary and that his parents were fortunate to have a son dedicated to the service of the Lord.

But Jesus was only 13 years old, and he had to get the consent of his parents. When he returned home that morning, Jesus saw tears rolling down his mother's cheeks for she could not bear the idea of separation at such an early age. When the priest asked the parents' permission, they first gave lack of money as the reason for not agreeing, but the priest assured them he would assume their son's expenses. Then they felt it necessary to give the real reason—that he was too young.

So Jesus continued his studies in high school. When he graduated from high school, he decided to take up the study of law. Having moved that year to the city of Dagupan, on the island of Luzon in the Philippines, he entered college. In his second year of college, partly because of financial problems, he quit school and decided to look for a job, so he went to Manila. Soon he was back home. While he

was waiting to re-enter college, a Southern Baplist missionary, Rev. Edward Gordon, visited his home to invite Jesus' brother for a service. The missionary also invited Jesus and he promised that he would go. But when the time came, Jesus was pleying checkers with some friends at a barbershop and missed the service. But the following week he went, and after many such services, he walked down the aisle accepting Christ as his personal Saviour. From the very beginning, Jesus was interested in Bible study and in service. He helped faithfully in the activities of the church and taught in Bible school for the children.

After much defiate on his part as to whether God really wanted him to preach, at a Youth Conference held in May, 1955 in Baguio, Jesus dedicated his life to the Lord for Christian service. In the fell of that year he entered the Philippine Beptist Seminary in Baguio, where he studied two years. Proving to be an excellent student, and a fine worker, everyone wanted him to finish his college work and then return to the Seminary to graduate.

In February of 1957, missionaries saw Jesus give that wonderful smile so typical of him, and heard him say, "When you return next year from furlough, I will also be coming back to finish my work at the Seminary."

"LET YOUR REQUESTS SE MADE KNOWN UNTO SOO":

Let us thank God for such dedicated young people as Jesus who will be preaching the good news to their own people in the Philippine Islands, in places where perhaps the missionaries could never go.

Pray for all the youth of the Orient that materialism, nationalism, communism will not attract them away from Christ.

Ask God to core for Christian people in Chine, Russia, and other countries where Communists are in power.

Thank God that as a result of closed doors in China, Southern Baptists were led to enter many new fields in Southeast Asia.

Pray for the medical work in the Orient and for our overworked doctors and nurses.

Ask God's help in making us realize the full meaning of the tragic statement: "Lift up your eyes to the Orient and know that 2/3 of the world's population lives in 1/3 of the world's territorial expanse."

Mark Tjiong Finds Hope

"Please God, heel my sister," Mark Tjiong prayed without knowing just which of the numerous gods he was addressing. Mark's fam-



Jesus Garcia

ily was like many others of the three million Chinese in Indonesia who once a year offer food and burn incense in worship of their ancestors. On occasions they worship the full moon as it rises and they feel themselves filled with great ecstasy and peace. But also on the following morning all joy has vanished.

In desperation Mark uttered a prayer for his dying sister, but the god did not answer and his sister died. Attempts to communicate with her spirit in the Chinese temple were unsuccessful. "Who is the true God? How can I know?" was Mark's distressed query.

Mark, a high school graduate of seventeen was working in a photography shop in Bandung when Miss Fay Taylor invited him to her English language Sunday school class at the Baptist church. He was invited three times before he finally came.

Mark had always felt confused as to the meaning and purpose of life. He often went to the movies, the zoo or to the swimming pool but found no real happiness. When he begin to read the Bible Miss Taylor had given him he realized immediately that it was talling about the true God. He knew positively the all he and his family had believed was fall he and his family had believed was fall he became a regular attendant at all the church activities, he told his family what was hearing. In class John 3.16 made a great impression upon him. His brother began to a with him, and on May 16, 1954 Mark Tjic g was bestized, a new creature in Christ.

The Baptist Seminary was opened in Samaring in 1954 and Mark heard of it. In December he felt God's call to Christian service. In his segerness for training he suddenly resigned his position only to find he must wait nine months before entering school. In the Baptist Youth Organization he had learned, "But my God shall supply all your need according to riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Now in need of work, he saw this promise of God come true. Baptist publication work was just beginning in Bandung. He was asked to work with Miss Grace Wells in typing and mimeographing Sunday school lessons.

Finally, Mark entered the seminary and at present is in his fourth and last year. His brother, father, mother and sister, and even his grandfather have found Christ, and his father is a Sunday school department superintendent and was one of the first five descons ordained in Bandung in 1988.

While in the Seminary Mark traveled each week end by the six-hour train trip from Semarang in central Java to Surabaya in east Java to help in the young people and children's work. His vacation time has been spent in vacation Bible school teaching. These church activities are affering the gospel not just to the Chinese but also to some of the 93 per cent Moslem population in Indonesia. Even Hindus from Bali have been saved by Christ in the Surabaya churches.

The Baptist hospital in Kediri expects to train nurses, and it is hoped that the graduates of the seminary and the hospital may some day form medical-evangelistic teams which will go to many of the 3,000 islands of Indonesia to nunister to the bodies and souts of the 85 million inhabitants of this republic.

Mark Tilong .*



HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

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"LET YOUR REQUESTS SE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOO":

Pray that many others like Mark and his family will learn with certainty the one true God and will give themselves to telling His way of salvation through Jesus to their people (pause).

Ask God to send more missionaries to the new mission fields of the Orient (pause).

Pray for the proposed evangelistic compaigns in the countries of Asia (pause).

Bring before God the people of the islands of the Pacific where we have work (pause).

Pray that God will give us divine wisdom coupled with deep concern that we shall channel the wealth, the prayers, and the youth in homes of Southern Baptists into needy places of the Orient.

Hope for the Hopeless

One of the most hopeless situations that the human mind can conceive is to be horn a pagan or Moslem woman in Africa. But the life off Mrs. Dorcas Lafinhan is a happy contrast to the circumstances surrounding her during her early life. She is a powerful testimony to the gospel of Hope in Jesus Christ.

On April ?, 1825 the daughter of a Moslem priest gave birth to a baby girl, who eight days later according to a native custom was named Dorcas. Her birth was unlike that of her father's in that he was born into a pagen family. When a child is born into a pagen home, the diviner comes to determine whether the infant comes from the father or the mother's side, and to determine which god the child is to worship.

But Dorcas' father was not a pagam. Through the influence of Christians, he had been led to Christ. When this tiny beby came into the home, he was a Christian, but he had not yet been able to lead her mother to Christ.

Dorcas was born in Ibadan, the largest city in tropical Africa. In many nooks and corners of Ibadan, some hidden from sight, there are



Dorcas Latinhan

approximately fifty pagan shrines. The predominant tribal group is the Yoruba tribe, said
to worship 401 gods. One of the most popular
gods, the thunder god, is Shango. The day
sacred to Shango occurs every fifth day. On
these days there are often special offerings at
the temple, as well as public dancing. The central figure is the man who dresses up as
Shango. At times he rushes out into the street
carrying a flaming torch, the god's fire. His
hair is braided like a woman's. He puts on from
twenty to thirty skirts of many different colors
and a breastplate of cowrie shells (formerly
used in Migerie for money).

In this city there are also many Mostems, and many mosques. Friday is the day of public prayer at the mosques throughout the Moslem world, Dorcas' mother faithfully carried out the practice of the Moslems in offering preyer five times a day with her face toward Mecca, but women were not allowed to enter the mosque on Friday.

Dorcas spent most of her childhood among pagans and Mostems. As she was growing up hale looked forward to holidays from school, for she often went to visit her grandfather, a Moslem priest. Frequently she accompanied him to important festivals of his faith, and on some occasions she followed him to the Moslem praying ground. She liked the Moslem name "Sidikat" that her grandfather celled her, and enjoyed being with her Moslem relativas. When she returned home, she continued to go

to Sunday school and GA meeting at the Baptist church. But there was a conflict in her heart. She became very unhappy,

A revival was held in her church and as Dorcas listened, she realized she was trying to serve two masters. One day during the service the Lord spoke to her, and she opened her heart to receive Christ. The following holiday at her grandfather's was difficult because she tried to show her relatives what it meant to be a Christian. Her grandfather was hurt when she refused to be called Sidikat, her Moslem name.

With the arrival of Dorcas' baby sister, a new day dawned in the life of her mother. Christian neighbors came in to care for the mother and the new baby. They were so kind and attentive that her mother wanted to know what prompted it. The women replied, "We do it for Jesus' sake." This was the turning point in the life of this Moslem woman, and she soon accepted Christ as her Saviour.

Doreas received her training at the St. James School in Ibadan, and later at the Methodist Girls' School in Shagamu. After her training she became a teacher in the Domestic Science Center, Oyo, where she served from 1942 to 1947.

In 1947 she married John Latinhan, and in 1949 her husband went to England on a scholar-ship from the Nigerian Baptist Convention and the Baptist Boys' School in Oyo, Nigeria. During his last year Mrs Laftnhan joined him and while there took a course in dressmaking.

Mrs. Lafinhan is the mother of three fine children. Today she and her family live in Lagos and are faithful members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Lagos Association made a wise choice when she was elected to serve as associational Young People's leader. In April, 1958, this capable WMU leader and fine Christian mother was elected to serve as recording secretary of the Nigerian Baptist WMU.

Christ has made a great difference in the life of Dorcas Lafinhan. She knows what it means to turn from darkness to light, and today she seeks to give her best to the Master that others may be "begotten unto a lively hope."

"LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD":

(Read the prayer requests and all pray is silence.)

Pray for the millions of pagans and Moslen in Africa that they may receive the ligi of Christ.

Intercede for Northern Rhodesia which cann be entered this year by Southern Baptifor lack of missionary personnel.

Ask God to bless the work and the missic orles in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tangi

yika, and Southern Rhodesia where we do have work.

Ask God to rid us of attitudes and prejudices which hamper the work of our missionaries among the Africans.

Prayer Chairman: Hear the call of the multitudes expressed by a missionary in Africa, "There is an open door for every kind of Christian service. We need evangelists, educators, doctors, and nurses..."

Prayer: Ask God to call out those who should fill these places and thank him for the hope in Jesus Christ for all the "hopeless" of the world. Sele: (unannounced): "Hope of the World" (No. 282, Baptist Hymnal, verses 1 and 3, or see words on page 61) or play record, "Hope of the World."

Offering received as music for "Hope of the World" is continued.

Benediction by WMU president: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13).

All standing, with heads bowed. Play record "The Hallelujah Chorus."

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1958

Ready to Give an Answer for the Hope

Prepared by Mrs. James Stertz

Suggestions for Proyer Chairman:

The aim today is to present a comprehensive picture of Southern Baptist missions around the world so that we shall see more clearly the great challenge of vast unreached areas where yet millians have never heard the name of Jesus spaken.

As the program is presented you will show that although mission work has progressed in 38 countries, there is still overwhelming need neach country which challenges us to give more and send more missionaries.

The Foreign Mission Board has prepared a map to help in presenting this program. You sill find it in the packet of Week of Prayer material sent one to each Society from your late WMU office. It is in color and designed to be cut apart and used as three maps. Each rea map (Africs. Europe and the Near East; Latin America; the Orient) may be mounted in cardboard and each placed on the wall or an easel near the speaker who uses it. Your bree speakers will stand behind three small

tables or lecterns with maps close by. See diagram at left for position of speakers and maps.

In a large society there may be advantage in using more than three speakers. If you prefer, divide the material and use more women. Perhaps six would be sufficient, with two at each table or lectern. The ones nearest the maps can point to the various places.

The speakers may wish to use some of the information printed on the maps, it would be wise to mimeograph that information and put it in the hands of everyone present, especially if you are presenting this to all the church at the Wednesday prayer service.

Caution: Do not read this program. You are asking the speakers to help in presenting the Lord's work which we are undertaking on foreign fields. Request each to be thoroughly familiar with the maps and all the information for which she is responsible. Ask each to tell it in interesting fashion so that all who hear will participate in praying and giving.

You will of course respect the time-schedule for your own prayer meeting hour if you present this challenge to the entire church. Avoid running overtime by working closely with the pastor as to the time alloted to you. Pray with concern with all who present this program to the church. Some may be present who do not know anything at all about our mission work.



Wednesday

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Silent Meditation:

Medley of devotional hymns played quietly as women are seated, open their Bibles to I Peter J:15 and read stlently. When the group has assembled, the leader asks that all read the verse in unison.

Call to Prayer, praying for missionaries listed today (see page 26).

Hymn (standing): "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotional Thoughts: Hope of Safficiency by Mrs. Medlin

Lamentations 3:24 "The Lord is my partion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him."

Many times today you hear the popular expression "have faith." There seems to be a popular belief that if you "have faith" everything will turn out all right. In other words, "Don't be a pessimist, have faith. Look on the bright side." This modern secular version of faith which is commended to us is something quite different from faith in God through Jesus Christ. One characteristic of this secular faith that hope is found wholly within man and his capacity for progress and improvement.

The prophet in Lamentations says, "The Lord is my portion saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him." The object of Jewish faith was God alone. The Israelites were a slave people and God freed them, wandered with them in the wilderness, and He led them into the Prom-

ised Land. They fell into idolatry and He condemned them. The basis of Israel's faith was the conviction that God had chosen them for his people and by a covenant promised to be their God. Their hope was in his steadfast love which he affirmed over and over in spite of their failures

But even the hope of the Jews became a felse hope because they failed to remember that they were God's people for his purpose. They tried over and over again without auccess to preserve their relationship to God, at the same time following after sin and false gods.

Secular faith is self-secking and self-centered. Its modern prophets commend it to us as a means of getting what we want and achieving selfish goals and prayer takes on magical power to achieve self-willed goals. This is not the kind of hope of which the psalmist speaks when he says (Psalm 42:11) "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

Nor is it the tiving hope of which Peter speaks (1 Peter 1:3 RSV) "By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This has to do with the transformation of the one who hopes; he is born anew.

Christian hope is not based upon a bright promise of relief from present evils and trouble. It is based upon the fact that in and through Jesus Christ, God has already begun his final victory and given us the sure promise that all the rest will follow.

Christian hope then is neither wishful thinking nor a flight from reality. God through his Holy Spirit is our sufficiency for life, for facing every problem. So we say with confidence born of knowledge and experience," This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 Jahn 5-4)

Prayer of Confession and Infilling of the Holy Spirit

Bytan: "My Hope Is Built" ("The Solid Rock)

1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God a
your hearts: and be ready always to go a
an answer to every man that asketh you a
reason of the hope that is in you we's
meekness and fear."

Seesker A:

In 1849, Thomas Bowen sailed for two mon a on a slow freighter to Africa. His 1958 count part can make the trip by plane in less 11 none day! Generations apart, yet these men treled for the same compeliting reason, an awavering conviction that men without Ch stare men without hope, both in this world in the next.

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

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From the beginning Southern Baptists have shared this impelling conviction. Some missionance have sacrificed their lives, othern how served under overwhelming hindrances. Others have shared material possessions and many have prayed with devotion and faith that all men might have opportunity to know the reason for hope in a hopeless world.

At this time we are looking at some of the results of missionary efforts through the years, from Bowen to modern-day missionary evangels. We are eager to become aware of the challenge facing us in areas of the world to which we have not yet sent a witness. We look today at the small yellow dots on our map which represent places where our missionaries are stationed. Even in countries like Nigeria fpoint to it) where Southern Baptist work is more than 100 years old, we have missionary work in only twenty-nine places, and vast areas are still unreached by the gospel. This situation can be multiplied all around the world.

Even to maintain present gains and advance in our mission efforts is expensive. It costs dedicated lives, earnest, constant prayer, and sacrificial giving.

Speaker C:

In 1957 the Foreign Mission Board expended almost \$14,000,000 to maintain and advance its mission program. Where does the Board get this kind of money? You know the answer to that suestion. It is by your tithe through the Co-perative Program, designated gifts, and brough your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christnas Offering. Sometimes you may wonder how extensive is the use of your gifts and whether he Foreign Mission Board depends upon them. 1957 37 per cent of the Board's income came rom the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

As is true of all funds received at the loard, this special offering is carefully administered. The entire offering goes to the mission relds, usually to meet special or emergency ends.

Such needs and emergencies are growing and xpanding year by year. The urgent needs ange from a new church in Chile to the budget or the Seminary in Spain

Through the years, in Korea alone, seven hurches, a portion of the new hospital, the new seminary administration building, and

eight missionary residences have been built with funds from this offering to which you give each year. Such widespread use of your money makes you truly a partner with God and our appointed missionaries in carrying the gospel to the ends of the world.

Seesker B:

We look today at Southern Beptist Missions Around the World, God has righly blessed our missionary efforts as a convention. As 1958 closes we have more than 1200 overseas missignaries in 38 countries and individual areas. The gospel is preached in approximately 3,000 organized churches. Thousands of young people are training as Christian teachers, nurses, doctors, preachers, wives and mothers. Our 46 seminaries. Bible schools, colleges, and numerous primary schools are overflowing with eager students. In 19 medical centers, capable missionary and national doctors and nurses minister to physical and spiritual needs of men. women and children. Publication centers, student homes. Good Will Centers, camps and other forms of missionary service all have the same aims-to bring the lost to Christ as Savjour and to train for abundant life through Jesus Christ

Pray that God will enlarge the vision of Southern Baptists to a realization that God is ready to bless our foreign mission work with his mighty power if we will fulfil our responsibilities of prayer, life, and money.

Speaker C:

Southern Baptist missionary work is divided into three geographical areas: Africa, Europe, and the Near East (point to the map); Latin America (point to it); and the Orient (indicate this map—then turn back to the Africa map.)

The area of Africa, Europe and the Near East includes two continents, and the western portion of a third. In this vast area there live three fourths of a billion people, most of them are lost and without any knowledge of Christ.

Southern Baptist's have \$53 missionaties working in 12 countries of this ares: Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanganyika, Switzerland, Spain, Italy. Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Gaza. The yellow data you see on this map indicate the places where our missionaries work.

Hecause of the political situation we have temporarily withdrawn missionaries from 3 countries in Europe They are Yugoslavia, Romania, and Hungary. But in this area of Arrica, Europe and the Near East there are 503 Baptist churches with 54,109 members, national Christians, ready to give an answer for the hope within them.

The countries where our missionaries serve

are represented on the maps by dark green. The lighter shade of green shows the countries from which we have temporarily withdrawn our missionaries. In addition to those in Europe, in the Orient there are China and Manchuris (Speaker B indicates these on map). Notice the large white areas on all three maps. In these countries there is no Southern Baptist work.

Speaker A

The Near East offers to Southern Beptists perhaps the most difficult challenge in the world (point out Near East: Israel, Egypt, Gaza, Jordan, Lebonon).

This area, which includes the Holy Land, was once nominally Christian. Now it is dominated by the powerful and zealous religion of Islam. Adult converts from this religion are discouragingly few. The political turmoil adds to the difficulty of carrying on a mission program One of the most visible tragedies created by the political unrest is the camp of some 500,000 Arab refugees in Gaze. The march of communistic influence in this area adds to the grave danger of another war which has threatened mankind for so many years.

In the midst of the confusion, poverty, tensions, and bitterness in the Near East our mission centers send out rays of hope.

Speaker C:

The ruses and poinsettias in full bloom at the orphanage in Petach Tikva in Israel (indicate this country) last year were not nearly so bright as the children's faces when they prepared for Christmas (see page 43).

Excitement reigned as children practiced music and parts for the pageant to be presented at the Baptist church in Nazareth, for the people there and from nearby colonies.

A giant tree, ablaze with lights shone from the roof and a loud speaker played Christmas rarols. Open house followed the play on Christmassive with a guided tour of gaily-decorated rooms and refreshments for all!

At last the children gathered around their own bright tree in the play room, each small face glowing with the happiness and hope of Christmas.

This year the second Christmax will be celebrated in this home for abandoned children which was built from the 1955 Lottle Moon Christmax Offering (see "Baptists in Israel," page 14).

Speaker B:

Let us now look at Southern Baptist missions in Europe. A large percentage of the population of Europe has at least a nominal connection with some type church. Most churches are state controlled, lacking in warmth and evangelistic spirit. Europe stands in need of a revival of church life possible only when men and women who have had a personal encounter with Christ worship and work in independent churches.

The Baptist international center of Europa is the Seminary at Ruschlikon in Switzerland (Speaker C points to Zurich on map). It serves both as a theological institution and a conference center for various Baptist groups on the continent.

Southern Baptists also have missionaries in two cities in Italy (Speaker C points to Italy). Rome and Rivoli, and three cities in Spain: Madrid, Barcelons, and Valencis. In other parts of the continent we serve through a program of relief, rehabilitation, and building assistance. We have helped to build more than sixty churches. This year \$40,000 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is allocated for church buildings in Europe.

Speaker A:

Much of the story of evangelism in Europe today is the story of sacrificial effort on the part of Christian nationals.

In a port city in the farthest corner of nurth-west Spain is a tiny, isolated Baptist church. The burden of the work of this church is borne by a young man eighteen years old. He serves here and then goes twice a month to work at a mission station where a family of Christians has been faithful to God for two generations. He must take a two-hour bus ride and walk five and a half miles to get to the mission and then make the same trip home again. His willingness to work in the face of many difficulties testifies to the hope within him. In turn he and others like him are the hope of Europe for God's blessing rests upon those who suffer for righteousness sake.

Pray for national Christians and leaders, for our small missionary staff in Europe, for schools, for church members that God may encourage them in their witness.

Speaker R

Today Africa is truly a "Continent in Conmotion." One hundred million people, long optive to ignorance and fear are striving objectately to catch up to a modern world. I ey will no longer be delayed in their determ action for political freedom. Her youth are at "ation for political freedom. Her youth are at "ation for monwhedge and are ready to embrace aning from pagen gods and looking for someting from pagen gods and looking for someting to fill the vacancy in their souls. Islam of the march to make converts by the thous duty the control of the control o

doors are swinging wide open now. Thus may not be the case a few years hence. If we delay longer, millions of Africans will have no opportunity to know the Hope of the world.

Speaker A:

Our work in Africa is centered in Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Kenya, in Nigeria and Ghana (point out each country and see may for additional information you may nant). In Southern Rhodesia 34 missionaries serve along with 8 national pastors and 840 church mem-

In Kenya and Tanganyika there are 22 missionsries doing evangelistic work in a tuberculosis hospital and in a Good Will Center.

On Africa's west coast our work is in Nigeria and Chana where we have 225 mission aries. In these countries as in self-others, national Christians are trained to take over places of responsibility and churches are, encouraged toward independent financial support and in mission projects using their leadership and initiative. This policy is bearing results for there are 357 national pastors in these two countries and 348 self-supporting churches.

Speaker B:

Each one of these missionaries, each national Christian, each indigenous church is a genuine cause for rejoicing, for they represent the gospel preached, in some of these dountries for more than 100 years. They testify to our helping hands extended, and God's results of men and women saved and secured in Christ Jesus the Hope of the world.

Yet in Africa, as in every land, we must realize how small our work is compared to the work yet to be done. You will note again how few yellow dots there are in these countries. These dots indicate where our missionaries are working. Note vast areas still unreached. In these 5 African countries where we have Southern Baptist churches there are only 45,000 Baptist church members, out of a population of the against the still and the southern many.

When a missionary in Ghana told a group of villagers he hoped someone could come con to show them how to build a church from mud blocks, he wondered why they seemed omewhat skeptical and indifferent. But an interpreter explained. Twice before, following natruction from missionaries, these villagers had made mud blocks for a church. Each time the missionaries had not returned to show them how to build the church, and tropical rains washed away the blocks. There was no intentional neglect by the missionaries. It was the same old story repeated so often on a mission field: too few workers and too much work.

Don't grow deaf to the cry from our missionaries in Africa. It is urgent. "We need more missionary help, desperately, and soon," they tell the Foreign Mission Board over and over again.

Look again at Africa. Imagine that the dark green on this map turns to black, then envision the possibility that we hasten to send more missionaries as we enlarge our giving, see the victories possible as we pray with greater devotion. Can you imagine that the map of the whole continent, this "continent in commotion" would then turn from black to yellow as Christian witnesses were within the reach of every man, woman, boy and girl? All, things are possible with God.

Pray, believing for Africa and her pressing need for Christ's way.

Speaker A:

We turn from Africa to Latin America. This area includes 20 countries with a population of 170,000,000 people Public life in Latin America is largely dominated by the Roman Catholic Church, but today thousands of men and women of the middle and upper classes have left this church and claim to be agnostics. Millions of Indians within the Catholic church have simply substituted Catholic saints for their old pagan gods.

Southern Baptists have 467 missionaries in 14 countries in Latin America. This sounds like a large number. But look at Latin America. Our work has extended to all these countries except Bolivia and the Guianas, as indicated by white. But look again at the few yellow dots in this great expanse. Brazil alone is larger than the USA. We have just one male missionary to every 1,000,000 people in this huge-area. There are 1,080 Baptist churches with 161,337 members and 879 of these churches are self-supporting. Serving in their own lands to bring a gospel of hope are 906 national pastors.

Speaker 11:

Someone has painted a graphic word picture of need in Latin America. "Many people in thinking of mission fields of Latin America, picture the nationals as a cheerful, colorful, carefree people. They visualize bright clothing on graceful girls, music, flowers, and gaiety. Such is not the complete picture. Intermingled with radiant reds and vivid yellows the lives of many of the people we seek to help could best be characterized by grim, ghastly gray. Many people here pass their lives in aqualid slums, suffering malnutrition of body and spirit. Women are old at thirty and men labor with lackluster eyes. They are without hope." In Latin American countries there is no large middle class as we know it in our country.

Most people are either very rich or hopelessly poverty stricken.

A bright spot of glowing vividness is the Baptist work in this area.

Speaker C:

Although poverty and ignorance are prevalent emong a large group in many parts of Letin America, there is a growing class of educated and well-to-do. Many people from this group have left the church of their rearing, or are members in name only. Though physically better off than some of their countrymen, they too stand m need of the Saviour.

There is the non-Christian doctor who serves in one of our clinics in spite of severe opposition from the Catholic church and better offers from a financial standpoint.

There is the beautiful Jewess who saked a whole day's time in which to learn about the Bantist faith.

A prominent professional woman begged help in a marital crisis. The missionary told her she could not help because the best source of help she knew came from God whom the troubled woman denied. "Then tell me of Him," the woman cried. "Begin at the beginning and tell me; give me the Book."

Last year one of our missionaries went to the courthouse in a Latin American city as a witness to a wedding. The judge asked about the Baptist faith. An attorney joined him, then the clerk, and before long the entire courtroom surrounded him, listening for over an hour to the aimple story of a living Saviour. Some of the listeners asked for Bibles. All were invited to attend the Baptist services. The attorney remarked to the group, "There was a time when only the uneducated attended this church, but now the most learned of our city are taking part."

Speaker A:

Our nearer neighbors are in Central America. On the mission fields of Mexico, Central America and the Bahama Islands (indicate all 3) we have 82 missionaries, and 200 national pastors. Out of a population of 7,180,000 we can count 28,805 members of our Baptist churches.

In Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (indicate) the total population is 32,500,000. Out of this huge number we can count only 3148 members of Baptist churches and 34 national pastors. This is an area of fierce opposition and outright persecution by the Catholic church. Our 87 missionaries work in spite of difficult circumstances, and God honors the efforts of all who are serving him faithfully in these rountries.

Speaker C:

In Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay

(point them out) there are approximately 30,800,000 people. Of these 20,410 belong to Baptist churches. There are 131 missionaries and 179 national pastors serving in these strategic lands.

Here is Brazil (indicate). This vast country covers almost half the continent of South America and is larger than all the United State. It has a population of nearly 82,000,000 people. There are 835 Brazilian Baptist pasters serving among 28,942 church members. Southern Baptists have 195 missionaries in Brazil. By the yellow dots you can see where our missionaries are working.

As national Christians grow spiritually they increase in their understanding of stewardship. The Baptist home for girls in Vitoria receives a generous gift from the State convention each year as well as monthly gifts from Brazilian churches and individual national Christians.

One of the children received in the home last year was a three-month-old infant girl whose mother had died when she was born. The father had tried to keep her, believing that even his limited care was better than neglect in a state orphanage. Learning of the Baptist home he brought the haby to the missionaries. The formula in her bottle consisted of water, ground mandioc root, brown sugar, and a little milk. He apologized for the baby being dirty, and held up his large finger. "How can such a big finger get into her tiny little ear to clean it well?"

At the children's home little Eugenia now has a loving mother and daddy, and 22 sisters to care for her. Christians in Brazil have given her this, and best of all, a chance to know the Saviour.

Pray for missionary work as undertaken by Latin American conventions, for the national leadership, Baptist schools, publishing houses, for our Latin American missionaries.

Speaker B:

Let us now turn our attention to the Or of Here the first Baptist foreign mission vork began in China when J. Lewis Shuck as sent out in 1836. The countries of south, so the last, and east Asia embrace only about 20 per cent of the land area of the world, but 50 per cent of the world's people or approximation of the world's people or approximation and a half souls live in the Orien's

Four hundred and ten Southern Baptist dissionaries work in Korea, Japan, East Pak an, Taiwan, Hawaii, Indonesia, Hong Kong, 31 ashlanda, Singapore, the Philippines, and tashland. But there are only 314 churches of 40,999 members in all 12 countries. See 157

two churches are self-supporting and the Orient reports 223 national pastors.

When the doors to China were closed to our missionaries we were dismayed at the thought of property, lives and years of service Jeopardized in that country where so much loss, life, concern and money had been expended. Today we glory to hear that there are an estimated 392 churches still functioning in Manchuris and China.

Speaker C:

In other countries of the Orient where we have missionaries the physical need also is indescribable. Thousands of widows and orphans, thousands more crippled by disease, millions with not even a glimmer of knowledge of God! Walk into a heather temple and see hopeless people worshiping false gods. Listen to them pray for help to gods made of "silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they savel not they have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat" (Psalms 115:4-7).

We do not have enough missionaries to meet when in those countries where we now have work. We must have more volunteers for these areas and for those other countries still awaiting a saving word. Someone must answer the question asked by the young man of India where there is no Southern Baptist work. His question. "The Hindu religion, has so many gods. Tell me, tell me, to whom shall I pray?"

Speaker A:

In East Pakistan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malays and Singapore (indicate each one) there live 213,000,000 people. Of these millions only 2,062 are members of Southern Baptist churches, and there are but 19 national pastors and 147 missionaries. Look at the scatered yellow dots.

The difficulty with giving statistics is that after awhile they begin to sound like just rows and rows of numbers. How much more appealing if we could meet the people who make up he statistics Can you visualize individual faces of each person in this overwhelming number of lost people? Can you see beautiful dark yes and golden brown skin? Do you grieve for the millions who will be lost unless they some to know Jesus as Saviour?

Meet sixteen-year-old Thomas Heng of Maaya. Thomas does not think of himself as a statistic and neither would we if we could know him. Thomas wants to be a preacher. When our Malayan Seminary held open house. Thomas' parents who are Buddhist would not let him go. They said first he should stay and humor his father's birthday, and when the hirthday dinner was over they hid the boy's clothes. But Thomas wanted desperately to do God's will. Our missionaries fitted Thomas with clothes and his church bought his ticket and gave him expense money. Thomas went on his way rejoicing. He knows he has a reason for hope in Christ and some day he wants to preach the gospel of hope to his people.

Speaker B:

In Japan, Kores, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (indicate each one) there are 125,200,000 people. Only 30,663 of these have found hope in the gospel preached by Southern Baptist missionaries and national Christians. At present there are 207 missionaries and 133 national pastors in these countries.

In the territory of Hawaii (indicate it) there are 43 missioneries and 10 national pastors. Of the population of nearly 600,000 there are a little over 4,000 members of our mission-spongored churches.

Speaker C:

Korea is a long way from Hawaii and far to the north of much of our missionary work in the Orient. One of our missionaries in Korea tells us that one of the most vivid first impressions received by a newcomer to that country would be the calls and sounds of the streets.

These sounds continue far into the night, so that after bedtime and before arising the venders can be heard advertising their wares. Each one has his own characteristic call, bell, or gong to let the listener know who is passing, and what he has to offer. The man who sells candy clacks a scissors-like object as he pushes his cart. The stove cleaner strikes a heavy metal gong with a regular drum beat. The garbage collector rings a bell from his truck. The medicine man blows over and over again three shell notes on a whistle.

If lost souls made a sound as they walked the streets of the Orient, how tragic and terrible a clamour would rise from the billion souls still lost and without hope!

Pray that God's Holy Spirit will place before each person present the pleading bewildered eyes of untold millions of the lost and dying in the Orient; that He will impress every Southern Baptist to want to give with sacrifice to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering so that more and more work may be done there.

Speakers quickly move all three maps close together in front of center table or at center of wall, then go to stand in front of Speaker B's table.

Spooker A:

Let us now look at the whole world, the dark green indicates the countries where we have work, the white areas where there is no Southern Baptist witness; the light green colors the countries from which we have withdrawn missionaries. Yellow dots light up the stations where our more than 1908 missionaries serve, but what are they among so many who have never heard? Let us all resolve to give at least 11 per cent more this year than we gave last year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that all our work may be strengthened. Let us pray for our missionaries and for the personnel of the Foreign Mission Board.

Speaker B

The car in which a missionary family rode crept along in the congestion of bicycles, cycle taxis, and motorcycles on their way to the Chinese temple One night a month hundreds of people go by any conveyance available to make special offerings and sleep overnight on the temple ground in hope of special blessings.

The small son of the missionary asked, "Why do all these people go to San Poo Kong, Daddy?"

'They go to worship," the missionary said rather impatiently, thinking of the many times

he had explained the heathen practices at the temple.

"Now, who do they think their God is?"
"They worship ancestors—people who have

"But people isn't Jesus."

"No, but they don't understand. They don't know Jesus"

"Daddy, have we told any of them about Jesus so they don't go any more?"

"Yes, 8 few, son. We have tried to tell some of them"

"Daddy, when are we going to tell all of tem?"

Belo: (unannounced): "Hope of the World" (No. 282, Baptist Hymnol, verses 1 and 3, or see words on page 61) or play record, "Hope of the World."

Offering received as music for "Hope of the World" is continued.

Benediction by WMU president: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15-13).

All standing with heads bowed. Play record "The Hallelujah Chorus."

THURSDAY, December 4, 1958

Rejoicing in the Hope

Prepared by Miriam McCullough Bissett

Suggestions to the Prayer Chairman:

Six women, including the prayer chairman are seated in a living room. Make no attempt et an elaborate setting; use chairs, a small table or two, and a lamp or vase. Each woman will se her own words in relating incidents except when quoting from a missionary Each should have what looks like a letter from the missionary whom she quotes. Additional information on each area may be found in issues of The Commission, in "Epistles from Today's Apostles." Envelopes from which the "missionary letters" are taken may actually have on them foreign stamps, which may be purchased from the dime store. Display the mounted maps used for the Wednesday program. You may wish to make small red flags from bits of construction paper which you will pin onto the

country where each missionary works who is mentioned: Kenya, Lebanon, Japan, Colombia.

Rejoicing in the HOPE

Silent Meditation

Medley of devotional hymns played quivily as women are seated, open their Bibles to Romans 12:12 and read silently. We en group has assembled, the leader asks did all read the verse in union

Call to Prayer, praying for missions its listed today (see page 27)

Hymn: (standing) "O God, Our Help in / get

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotional Thoughts: "Hope of Jey" by Mrs. Medlin

Hebrews 3.5 " hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

We have been thinking of the Christian's hope, knowing that without hope we are like flowers without sunshine, plants without rain. Thanks be to God we do have more than hope. Through the resurrection of Christ we have the proof that Christ lives. Therefore we also shall live—forever, with him in glory!

We have every reason to rejoice and be glad in the Lord. Paul reminds us that we are to "Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope" in the Old Testament we are instructed to be glad and sing praises unto the Lord. It is when Paul writes to the Galatina about the fruits of the spirit that he places on the list joy as only second in importance to love: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy. peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith"

It would be wonderful if there were more joyous Christians in the world. Joy is so contagious. The writer was so right when he said, "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone." Joyousness and happiness attract. Gloom depresses and repels

Do you know some joyous Christian who is a blessing of rare beauty? She radiates joy in living and at the slightest provocation her face breaks into a smile. Every beautiful flower, every sunset, every life to her is an expression of God's goodness because her life is so completely dedicated to Him. She is jubilant over every answered prayer and when you are with her she makes you know and feet that every good gift and every perfect gifd comes down from the Father. Such joy in Christian living attracts countless others to Christ, the Hope of the world.

Out of every Christian's life there can radiate such joy, for the assurance of God's blessings now and hereafter bring to life a ong of great rejoicing!

Prayer of Confession and Infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Hvmn: "My Hope Is Built" ("The Solid Rock") Romans 12:12 "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer."

Rejoicing in the Hope

"rayer Chairman: I know all of us have a treat i store today as we share with one another ome recent letters from missionaries. We know nat they do not have time to correspond with all who write to them, but how they do appreciate letters from us as we tell them about

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

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what we are doing in our church and Woman's Missionary Society. They want to be reassured that we are feithful in prayer and that we share with them a heart-burden for lost people all around them I recall that the Roy Wyatts in Spain once wrote, "Pray that we may be of more service to him. We know the value of your prayers. We have experienced them! Also continue to write to us We appreciate your letters." Today we are going to hear first about our work in Kenya one of our newest foreign missions fields which is located in East Africa.

First Woman: Mrs. Earl Martin with her husband has been at work in Kenya since 1957. They arrived just a few months after Mr. and Mrs. Davis Saunders went as our first missignaries. Mrs. Martin tells of their life at Nairobi in the Shauri Moyo African community They work in a center providing for Sunday services and a full weekday program. This ministry is similar to that of a Good Will Center, with a full scale weekday program of religious education and evangelism. There are classes for women where they learn sewing and basic cooking; also there are courses in literacy, handlerafts, recreation for youth, and a library for all ages. All of these activities provide opportunities to present Christ Of course there are Bible classes for all groups. On Sunday there is a graded Sunday school and two preaching services. The Sunday school points up the chief need now Mrs. Martin says that need is for African Christians to help them! She says, (read from letter) "We can only teach one class at a time, and because there is tremendous response to our Sunday school, a corps of effective African teachers who know Christ in a living experience and have compassion for their own people would be invalu-

"Recently we had an experience that showed us again that we missionaries are but substitutes for those who should be actively seeking the lost among their own people. David a young African, worked with us in vacation Bible school and he was late arriving one day. But I knew when he approached, for I heard the children loudly crying 'Daudi, Daudi' (David). As I listened to the delight in their voices, I was impressed by the thought of how fortunate we are to have him. Children like us missionaries well enough, but their strongest elachment is to this twenty-five-year-old man who plays games with them, loves them, and wants to teach them about God.

"We need more missionaries also who will join us in East Africa to train and teach the young people who are eager to learn.

"The funds for operating this Center, and two others like it where we have vacation Bible schools, come directly from the Lottie Moon Christmes Offering which will meet our current expenses, and we are grateful for that. Pray with us that others will come to help us; that many more Davids will share in this work, and that we shall train them adequately to bring their own countrymen to Christ."

Prayer Chairman: You know, the information which you have given us has helped me to realize more than ever that the progress of our mission work depends to a large extent on the nationals who are strong in their Christian witness and are properly trained. I had thought that mission advance depended solely on the missionaries. But many times I hear missionaries are the time is limited for American missionaries in some countries. The national Christians will be strong in the Lord if we train them now. Let us pause now to pray for Kenya (put flag on Kenya).

Directed Prover

Pray for the work being done in Bible classes, in vacation Bible schools, in Sunday schools (pause).

Thank God for the Baptist centers where people are coming with great curiosity (pause).

Pray that our missionaries and nationals may use every opportunity for telling the lost about Christ (pause).

First Foman: Mrs. Martin's experiences in Kenya have also made me realize that not only the future, but the present advance of Baptist work actually depends upon nationals. So many times we hear, missionaries say that the time is short for missionary witness and they stress the necessity for training nationals to be soul-winners. Christian teachers, preachers, nurses to carry on the work. Knowing the actual condition in one country helps us see the true situation in most of the areas where Southern Baptist missionaries serve.

Second Woman: Perhaps nowhere in the world

can we see this situation more clearly than in the Near East. Lebanon and other countries in this area are in political turmoil. Nationallsm is extreme. Many people feel that all Americans are there for political or economic reasons. In the disputed area of Gaza where we have a fine hospital ministry there are some 300,000 Arab refugees made homeless by the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. Effective propaganda against the USA has laid much of the blame for the plight of these homeless wanderers at the door of our country. It is difficult in many cases for the people of the Near East, most of whom are Moslem, to accept the American missionary as one who comes in love to bring the glorious message of the true Messiah and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our missionaries today know that after being appointed missionaries, their ultimate aim is to work themselves out of a job. Missionary aspirations are to win nationals to Christ, to instruct and train them, and to establish schools, hospitals, organize churches, and leave them to develop the work. To do this our missionaries seek to establish more and more preaching stations and centers for the spreading of the gospel message.

Though Lebanon is regarded as the only Christian country among Moslem lands, there are only about 10,000 Protestant-evangelical, Christians among a population of 1,500,000, but Christians of all faiths, including Catholic, make up 54 per cent of the population.

Miss Mabel Summers says, (read from letter) "We in Lebanon are thinking of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering these days and looking to it for funds for permanent buildings. The only permanent buildings Baptists now own in Lebanon are the new school in Beirut and a very few church buildings. All the rest of our work is done in rented, shabby, inadequate quarters. How desperately we need decent roomy and attractive places, where we can appeal to more Arabs. Our new school is a thing of beauty, but we still need Christian teachers."

In this area of the world, no better witness can be found than a strong Christian school. The influence of the school is wide, for it reaches the child, his family, friends, and the community. Some have come to us asking or schools. Other Lebanese have requested a boarding school, so that children from other parts of the country may attend. There are many children in Lebanon, but schools are if w.

Let Miss Summers tell about Noor, a Cl stien teacher. Her name means light and > 35 Summers says she is a light to many Leba #6. (Read from letter.) "Noor has been teac ng for the past three years in the elementary to the Baptist School in Beirut, Leba 58. Being conscientious about her work, she in the state of the

sels with the students and tries to help the backward ones. Often she gives many extra bours of instruction.

"Noor was a member of a fanatical religious group which does not marry outsiders. She was converted several years ago, but had to wait to be baptized. When she was beptized, we had to dry her hair with an electric hair dryer, and allow her to leave her wet clothes at the school, so that her father would not know of her baptism. Noor and two Christian sisters who also teach, try very hard to live as Christians before their father. Often he refuses for the slightest reason to let them leave the house However, whenever possible Noor is active in YWA and makes many visits with the counselor encouraging other girls. She teaches a Sunday school class, and in the summer helps in many vacation Bible schools.

"Her father sees the difference in Noor and her sisters and he respects them, has contidence in them, and has given them a great amount of freedom for girls in this part of the world. Noor witnesses to her students as they attend chapel together each day, as they study Bible in their classes, and as she visits in the home of each child. Noor is surely a light for this dark part of the world. We need many more like Noor in Lebanon." (Put flag on Lebanon.)

Prayer Chairman: Yes, I can understand why Near would have entrance into many homes in her country when a missionary would not.

Directed Prayer:

Pray for the nationals of Lebanon, where the people are anxious to express themselves in their own way (pause).

Pray for our missionaries that they may wisely guide these newly-won Christians in the way of effective witnessing (pause).

Pray for the teachers of the schools in Lebanon, for young women like Noor, that they may have greater freedom to win others to Christ (pause).

Pray that we at home may be burdened with the need of the world that we may give more generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (pause).

Third Woman: Miss Lenora Hudson wrote from J nan about a girl who is a student at Seinan J Gakuin, our Baptist high school and junior lege for girls. This school in Kokura, Japan an excellent reputation throughout Japan, present 1,500 students are enrolled. Funds the operating budget come from the Lottie 1 on Christmas Offering, an item which is 5 000 this year.

We cannot help but rejoice," says mission-Lenora Hudson (read from letter), "when we think of these faithful ones such as Fumiko Tansbe, a recent graduate of our junior college. Fumiko is written in Japanese with three characters meaning child of beauty, and health. Actually her name should be Joy for that is just what she is to me.

"She came to Seinan two years ago." Miss Hudson recalls, "entered my seekers class almost immediately. Very soon she trusted Christ as her Saviour. Now she literally radiates her joy in Christ. When someone speaks of her he is likely to say, 'Oh, you know her, the smiling one.'

"From the time of her conversion Furniko witnessed to her friends in the dormitory and on Sunday mornings she was up at 5:30 to get a train to a small village church where she taught a class of children and helped with morning worship services. An hour and a half's train ride brought her back to Kokura in time to work with a group of blind YWAs. On Sunday nights she was in Training Union.

"Upon graduation from college she became a nurse's aid in the Baptist Hospital in Kyoto and plans to enter ourse's training next year to prepare to serve God as a nurse in our hospital. She has patients who speak no Japanese. I am sure her sentence structure in English is sometimes backward and her verbs may be in the wrong tense, but whatever tanguage Fumiko uses she will seek to win souls to Christ, and her patients will feel the joy of her radiant spirit." (Place flag on Japan.)

Prayer Chairman: I have read about some of these graduates of other years who are now serving in places of leadership in the Japan Baptist Convention. Let us pray for them and for the students at Seinan Jo Gakuin who are training for more effective witnessing.

Directed Prayer:

Pray for the 1500 students of Seinan Jo Gakuin, particularly those in the "seekers" class (pause).

Pray for Miss Hudson and her co-workers who teach at Seinan Jo Gakuin, that they may have patience in teaching others and guidance of the Holy Spirit to fill their needs (pause).

Fearth Woman: Miss Arlene Rogers, missionary in Colombia, South America gives us a glimpse into her work as a missionary nurse. She says, (read from letter) "You might be interested to know just what a typical day is far me in our Baptist Hospital in Barranquille. I usually am at the clinic at 7:30 A.M. My title reads. Director of Nurses, and that includes trying to see that the patients have good care, repairing oxygen equipment or a fountain pen, instructing a nurse in a procedure, settling

differences of opinion between hospital personnel, and a host of other duties. When I first came to Barranquilla there were eight national nurses, but only one was a Christian. Since that time, another of our nurses Aida Ospiro, was converted in the Central Baptist Church in Barranquilla."

When Senorita Ospiro Is working, Miss Rogers feels less burdened because she has the joy of knowing that she will care for the patients both physically and spiritually. Senorita Ospiro says she would consider her career as a nurse a failure, if when she administers a pill, or some other treatment, she did not also give spiritual help. The motto for her life is Paslm [104:33-34: "I will sing unto the Lord as long as 1 live; I will sing praise to my God white I have my being. My meditation of him shell be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord."

Miss Rogers and the two Christian nurses could not possibly begin to witness to every person who enters the hospital. And yet the primary purpose of missions is to tell the story. This cannot be done unless nurses and staff members are Christian.

The Christian testimony of the hospital is the primary interest of Senor Manuel, a capable national worker, who was won through the ministry of our missioneries, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, in Cali, Colombia, Recently Senor Manuel wrote the story of his life. In telling of his dedication to God, he wrote, "I received my degree in theology from the Baptist Seminary, in Cali, Columbia. I thank God that in spite of my past life He has been able to use me in His service I have been editor of our denominational magazine of the Colombian Convention for three years and Convention treasurer for seven years. I have been Sunday school teacher, a deacon, director of the Primary school in the First Baptist Church of Cali, and promoter of evangelism for our Baptist Convention. In February of this year I became administrator of the Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, and in March I was called as pastor of the Central Baptist Church in the same city."

Missionary Thomas says of Senor Manuel, "It rejoices my soul to see Manuel in our hospital, Accouse his primary interest is in the Christian testimony of the hospital. He has taken over the chapel time and is gifted with wonderful messages. We can also call on him when a patient needs to talk with someone. Because he was once bound up in the fetters of another religion, he now understands the problems of our patients much better than those of us who have not experienced this religion. I feel privileged to have such a fine person, so well-educated, and so dedicated to God, to share in the work. Many Colombians have been reached through this fine man of

God."

The allocation in the Lottie Moon Christman Offering is \$25,000 for our Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla. This is where Senorita Copin, Senor Manuel, and our missionaries tell the story of the Great Physician to patients in call, they are counting on \$18,757 to be used as current expenses for operating the International Seminary, where Senor Manuel studied (put flag on Colombia).

Prayer Chairman: I am sure we are all coming to realize more clearly that as more nationals are trained, wider and wider will grow the witness for Christ.

Directed Prayer:

Pray for young nationals like Senorita Ospiro and Senor Manuel (pause).

Pray that the witness of the hospital in Barranquilla may be strengthened through the conversion of national nurses (pause).

Pray for Miss Arlene Ragers and the entire ataff at the hospital that they may find strength, joy and comfort for their service (pause).

Solo: (unannounced): "Hope of the World" (No. 282, Baptist Hymnal, verses 1 and 3, or see words on page 61) or play record, "Hope of the World."

Offering received as music for "Hope of the World" is continued.

Benediction by WMU president: Same as on previous days.

All standing with heads bowed. Play record "The Hallefujah Chorus."

Friday . . . Day of Prayer

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God grant that we may be obedient to the divine command to take the gospel to those who have never heard of the Saviour of mankind, the Hope of the World.

Season of Prayer:

 Directed prayer—thank God for your own salvation.

Pray for a Christlike compassion for the last everywhere.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in your heart so powerfully that you will make an offering of sacrifice to foreign mission.

Offering, as music "Hope of the World is

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction by WMU president: Same at on previous days.

All standing, with heads bowed. Play re ord "The Hallelujah Chorus."

DAY OF PRAYER, December 5, 1958

Christ in You, the HOPE of Glory

Prepared by Mary Essie Stephens

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY

9:45 a.m. Silent Meditation

10:00 a.m. Hymn—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer of Proise and Thanksgiving

Devotional Thoughts—"Hape of Purification" Prayer of Confession and Infilling of Holy Spirit

Hymn—"My Hope Is Built" ("The Solid Rock")

10:20 a.m. Prayer Chairman in Charge

LUNCH

1:00 p.m. Proyer Chairman in Charge

Suggestions for the Frayer Chairman:

Plan for a full day's observance. Ask every woman to use this week the Calendar of Prayer in Royal Service for her family altar at the beginning of the day or encourage women to begin a family altar. For November 30, request space in the church bulletin for the announcement.

Baptist Woman's Day of Prayer Around the World Friday, Decamins 3. Every famility is asked to use the Catendar of Prayer in Royal Service for famility after this week.

Mimeograph attractive reminders for each family in the church and mail on Tuesday. This can be an excellent opportunity for leading families to establish a family after.

Individual Bible study and prayer will prepare the women for the Day of Prayer at the church. Ask each one to make definite plans for observing, in her home, office, or wherever she may be, a time of prayer at nine o'clock freisy morning. Circle prayer chairmen telephase on Thursday evening to remind member of the Day of Prayer.

l'iblicize the fact that the church will be op i until six o'clock Friday afternoon for anyone who wishes to come for prayer. Leave the ro- in order. Display names of missionaries alendar of Prayer in a prominent place; dis sy the three maps and any other visual an issed during the week which can be attractive arranged as an interest center.

Silent Meditation:

Medley of devotional hymns played quietly as women are seated, open their Bibles to Colossians 1:27 and read silently When group has assembled, the leader asks that all rend the verse in unison.

Call to Prayer, praying for missionaries listed today (see page 27).

Hymn: "O God, Offr Help in Ages Past"

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotional Thoughts: "Hope of Purification" by Mrs. Medlin

Let us pray that our hearts will be purified as we hear the reading of 1 John 3:1-7 (read it). The Williams translation says "And everyone who has this hope (that we are his children) tries to make himself as pure as He (Christ) is."

This quest for purity or perfection seems a high goal. Often we are inclined to compare our lives with the lives of others around us and come to conclusions that we are not so bad after all. But the closer we draw to Him, the more we see our impurity within.

One morning a housewife cleaned her living room for guests who were to arrive in the afternoon. She thought everything looked tidy, but as she sat talking with guests, the afternoon sun began to shed rays through a west window across a table top and there, very clear in the sunlight was an ugly streak of dust which in the morning shade she had overlooked.

When the light of God's Son shines across

our lives streaks of impurity are evident. John admonishes us to make ourselves as pure as Christ is pure. Jesus himself, in his Sermon on the Mount said, "Be 'ye therefore perfect. even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect " By purity here John means unmixed, unadulterated. Our Pure Food and Drug Act specifies that foods and drugs must not be adulterated, or mixed with harmful ingredients. So our fives must not be mixed with sin. This call to purification leads on to a clarification of what sin really is. The persistent unregenerate sinner is not of God. John shows us our kinship and fellowship with God and also the incompatibility of sin. His thought here is close to that of Jesus. "Every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit" (Matt. 7:17-18 RSV).

The pure in heart are those who know Jesus as Saviour and Lord, who are clean in thought and word and action, who give their whole personality, unadulterated to God. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." This is not physical sight but spiritual, and ability to see God's way, his will, his truth. Only the blood of Jesus can cleance a sinner and make him perfect even as the Father is perfect.

Examining ourselves daily in the sunlight of Christ's perfect example and love, we know that on the unadulterated purity of the motives and witness of his followers dipends the progress of his kingdom. Christ in us is our hope and glory

Prayer of Confession and Infilling of the Holy Spirit

Hymn: "My Hope Is Built" ("The Solid Rock")

Colossians 1:27 "To whom God would make
known what is the riches of the glory of
this mystery among the Gentiles; which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory"

Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

Prayer Chairman: Members of Woman's Missionary Union in Italy have asked the pertinent question, "Why do we call this a Day of Prayer when we meet for only a few hours? Why not make it an entire Day of Prayer?" And so, they did. Around the clock they scheduled times for women to come for prayer. Is it any wonds that during the last ten years Baptist churches in Italy have doubled their membership? Let us with like faith and devotion come to this closing day in the Week of Prayer and dedicate the entire day to prayer.

We began this day in a family circle of prayer. We have called our missionaries by name. We asked God to bless all people everywhere and our family circle was drawn by His Spirit into a keener awareness and closer tellowship with family circles around the world. Before our Father's throne we poured our ardent prayers, and felt the nearness of fellow Christians praying here in America.

Christ made His request known to God:
"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them
also which shall believe on me through their
word: That they all may be one; as thou,
Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also
may be one in us: that the world may believe
that thou hast sent me." Our faith in Christ,
our hope in God brings us, Christian people
from every clime, every walk of life into a
unity of fellowship through the Holy Spirit.

At the nine o'clock hour this morning, women paused for individual prayer. On another morning, at the "third hour of the day" Peter stood and preached one of his great sermons. It was the Day of Pentecost. And Luke tells us. "They that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Peter's fine opportunity for witnessing and preaching was possible through prayer, prayer which brought personal dedication and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God working to bring to realization in human experience the blessings promised in the gospel. Pentecost was the releasing among men of the redemptive power of Christ. It was this realization in the experience of man which was made possible in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Without Pentecost there would be no gospel so far as our apprehension and experience are concerned," wrote Dr. W. T. Conner. This nine o'clock hour, we trust, has been the same type preparation for us in this twentieth century, for our imperative remains the same as that delivered to the disciples, "Tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power. " "Go . . . Tell."

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

As the earth has moved around the sun, thousands of women in hundreds of churches have already been praying. This is the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. When the last pracer group on the farthermost island in the Pactic closes its meeting, God will have heard pussistantly-hearted women in more than 100 countries around our globe. Momentous is our time together here, for we become a link in this great human chain of prayer

Writing of this Day of Prayer, Mrs. Ec. at Bates, a vice-president in the Baptist W. Id. Alliance said, 'The Women's Committee of he Baptist World Alliance engaged in an un attaking to link our Baptist women around he Baptist women of Europe who led in this neterprise. Shortly after the end of World Var II, they felt the need of earnest, united prover

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

Edo Ghana Oghomoshi Santiugo Santiugo Santiugo Ruschiihaa Ayoriuda Camonosii Ojakarta Ranadan

Vaflet.

A-day
GAH-na
OG-bew-MG-show
SAN-op-AH-pa
Sah-MA-cung
Yas-MAY-na-a
ROGSH-Jan-con
Ay-pa-IN-da
Luh-KAR-tuh
Eay-ma-DEE-as
Vatf-LOR

to hea! the wounds on that continent. The European Baptist Women's Union which came into being in 1948 was the first such organized Baptist women's body in the world. And, they were the first to envision the strength and power that united prayer effort on the part of their women would provide."

The first call was issued for a Baptist Women's Day of Prayer to be held on the first Friday of December each year. The first such effort was undertaken in December, 1951 and only a few groups met that first year, but what a wonderful story they told! Finland set the example. Baptist women there divided the day into twenty-four hourly periods and appointed certain women to pray each hour of the twenty-four. They explained that, in this way, they would be sure of praying with their sisters of other lands at all times.

Let us at this time blend our prayers that the Power of Christ's love and witness may indeed circle the world.

Season of Frayer:

Express gratitude to God for Christian women of great vision such as those of Europe who believe in the power of united prayer.

Pray that the women of our country will lay eside every weight and the sins that so easily beset us and will become a more vibrant force through availing ourselves of the gift of intercessory prayer.

The Day of Prayer in Europe

At the Second Continental Assembly of North American Women in Toronto, Canada, Novemier, 1957, representatives from the other five ontinents were there with women of this coninent. With soul-stirring enthusiasm the women poke of the Day of Prayer and its blessings.

At that Assembly, Mrs. F F. Pepper of Engand declared, 'The European Baptist Women's Join brings together Baptist women from practically all the countries of the Continent.
This Union has now grown tremendously in
numbers and interest. It is true that the greatest link binding us together is that of prayer.

"In Great Britain there are thousands of Baptist women who make up the Baptist World League. This League was formed just fifty years ago, and in 1958 we celebrated the Jubilec. The great Albert Hall in London was crowded with women who gathered from all over the country. It was a wonderful day, a time of thanksgiving and rededication.

"Our uniting in proper and service has been the means of promoting better understanding, and the former bitterness of war is now being forgotten. For many countries, the Day of Prayer is now observed as a continuous chain of prayer around the clock starting at dawn and continuing until midnight.

"At times several of our European Baptist women have been able to come for a week's conference in Ruschlikon. There we have Bible study and times of great inspiration and education. Perhaps the most memorable experience comes when each woman joins in the Lord's Prayer, saying those familiar words in her own tongue

We are full of hope for the future. Great things have happened in the past, and today we are seeing a new Continent arise. The ruins of war are being replaced by beautiful towns and cities. Churches are rising up again, and in many lands there is renewed interest. I know that the prayers of Baptist women have been heard of God.

"We realize that we are only a small part of a great and wondrous world, and it is our joy and privilege to join with all Baptist women from around the world in this Day of Prayer."

Season of Frayer: Ask all women to pray silently as the prayer chairman directs.

Pray for the people of Europe, for those who are still refugees and have no comforts of home life.

Those in Europe who have countries but are not free to live and worship.

Those who have homes and freedom but live in lands where materialism and indifference are real obstacles to Christianity

Pray for the courageous Christians in the countries of Europe.

Rejoice that God is greater than all the difficulties and He will not fail nor forsake those who love him.

The Day in South America

Mrs. R. Cecil Moore of Santiago, Chile, writes that the Latin American continental organization, bringing together leaders from so many nations, has stimulated a feeling of unity and an interest in the work of Baptist women of other nations. The World Day of Prayer strengthens that unity each year as women realize they are joining hands and hearts with others in prayer and praise around our Father's throne.

Mrs. Moore states that another tie which binds together the Spanish-speaking Baptist women is "our common WMU literature, program magazines, and mission study books. Since the formation of the organization, the circulation of the magazines has been doubled, and the number of missionary organizations has multiplied in fourteen countries."

"We now feel that we belong to a great family scattered throughout the world," says Mrs. Esther Silva Dias, Latin American Continental Chairman and WMU president of Brazii.

"Along with the Day of Prayer, there were evangeliatic revivals. As you know, many of the people of Brazil are Catholic. Some are strict adherents. Some are Catholic by tradition. Many times when we invite a person to attend services in the church building, he is afraid and newer comes. Some of our women have the meetings of the Day of Prayer in their homes and invite friends and neighbors to attend. It is much easier to share the Word in this way. It thus happened during the Week of Prayer and the Day of Prayer in 1957. Because of it many women and men accepted Christ as Saviour and became followers of Him.

"In some places they had a meeting from six in the morning until ten o'clock at night The Day of Prayer in one of the 120 churches in the city of Rio de Janeiro had as its program title "A Trip Around the World." A globe was placed on a center table and an open Bible laid at its base. Flags from eighteen countries flanked the globe. While men, women, and children told of the work in various countries a Junior GA stood near a world map and placed small red flags on countries discussed Prayer was made for the people in each country. In closing the service, the congregation held hands, forming a great circle around the globe and sang. Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!15

What asked for a prayer request, Mrs. Dias responded, "Please pray earnestly for us. Even though the believers really enjoy being Christians, they still are greatly influenced by their Roman Catholic beckground. I am grateful to my dear Lord, because 1 belong to the fourth generation of Baptists in Brazil."

Season of Prayer

Pray for these believers as they witness to unsaved friends in their homes and elsewhere, Pray for the missionaries who are there to give them the truth.

Pray for the witness of Baptist women in Latin America.

The Day in Australia

"When I came back from London in 1951, charged with the organization of a Day of Prayer for Baptist women. I wondered just what the reaction of our women would be," reported Mrs A. C. Church, continental chairman for Australia "Australia is a country ovest distances, isolated states and towns. Taymania, an island of the mainland which is a part of the Commonwealth, and New Zealand two large islands about 1,200 miles away.

"I wrote to each state secretary, outlining the plan. At first there was doubt as to suitability of the date December in Australia is extremely hot: moreover, our long school and university vacations begin in that month and last for len weeks. Most mothers of families are busy with planning for Christmas holidays. As questions arose, I pointed out to our women that on the other side of the world, the wealher is very cold and the hindrances were as many as any which we faced. I called attention to the fact that since we were such a smell part of the world organization, we should co-operate

"Now I am thrilled to report rapid growth and an eagerness to know more about women in other parts of the world In 1957 in New South Wales, there were 55 groups observing the Day of Prayer. Victoria and Queensland had splendid sessions, both in the cities and in the country areas Western Australia, our most isolated state, for the first time had a splendidly organized meeting, and South Australia had their best services to date In Tasmania and New Zealand reports were encouraging

This year I have had another group to ask for the material for the Day of Prayer The request came from a lonely women's group hundreds of miles from anywhere. They live near the Transcontinental Railway line which runs from South to Western Australia, right recross the great Nullarbor Plain, where me may travel all day and night without seing any human habitation I was extremely thrilled to receive their request. Our circle of pracer is indeed growing ever wider."

Season of Prayer:

Pray for the Baptist women of Austral as they grow in interest and participate in Christ's kingdom through this Da of Prayer.

Pray for their leaders

Pray that Southern Baptist women w: be

aware of the responsibilities arising from this unity and fellowship in prayer.

The Day in Africa

Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, continental chairman in Africa, has visited the scattered groups of Baptist women in every section of the oncestyled "Dark Continent." She bore to them greetings from their sisters living on other continents, and planned for a central meetling of leaders. After four years of earnest prayer and intensive work, her dream was realized when on July 11, 1956, in the lovely city of Ede, Nigeria in West Africa, the Baptist Women's Union of Africa was constituted.

Mrs Avorinde was in Toronto, Canada in November, 1957, to share with the women in the Second Continental Assembly of North American Women some of the strength and encouragement which women of Africa feel in the close ties of this day of worship in prayer. Mrs Ayorinde said that Africa had been called the "dark continent" because of ignorance and superstition. It is not so any more. "The peaple who walked in darkness have seen a great light." The light of Jesus Christ has taken the darkness away She has visited many places where women are still in subjection. Only Christianity can free them. There is unrest everywhere in Africa, the people went independence, but without Christ, where will it

Kneeling in prayer today are the women of Nigeria, Chana, Central, and East Africa. These mission-hearted women are dedicating their tives, their homes, their children as they pray "Our Father, bring the lost of our continent and the world to Jesus the Saviour."

One of our own missionaries, Lolete Datson in Nigeria, has written "On my first Sunday in Ogbomosho, I went with Miss Canzoneri to a village some twenty-five miles from here. It is ampletely Moslem. Though missionaries have been going to this village every Sunday for three years, there is still not one Christian here. If we could only have the opportunity to teach them every day as the Moslem teachers do!

"We had only walked a few yards from the nad when we saw an elderly man sitting on 1 mat, a group of children seated in a semiricle in front of him. Each child had a board ontaining Arabic figures; in sing-song fashion hey were repeating verses from the Koran Ne went a little farther, gathered a group of scople and started teaching them. Not far from 1s, sdults and children were washing out their mouths, washing their hands, faces and feet—
ill of this they did in preparation for going not the mosque (just a mud building with halch roof, in this case) to pray. And as we

prayed with our little group in the name of Christ, we could hear the town crier in a weird, monotonous voice, celling the people to pray in the name of Allah."

"Is there hope for such a group of people?" you might ask. Yes, there is hope—as long as there are Christians who will go to tell of the Hope of the World, Jesus Christ, the Saviour. For evan as some of the men came from their ritualistic Moslem praying, they stopped to listen to the gospel message. "Yes, there is hope—if you will keep praying." wrote Lolete Dotson.

The dynamic power of God's Holy Spirit is available and will move mountains of despair and fear if those of us who pray have faith and love, and determine to express spiritual realities in deeds of true service. Let us pray for the women of Africa and for ourselves.

Season of Prayer:

Pray for Christian African women.

Pray for Africans who hear the gospel for the first time.

Pray for missionaries as they witness in the midst of the strongholds of Islam

The Day in Southeast Asia

Mrs. Remedias D. Vaflor, chairman of the Southeast Asia Baptist Women's Union, sends the following message: "We here in the Philippines, face a-multitude of difficulties inherent to a new independent nation, but we take courage when we know that Christian women all over the world are lifting us to the throne of grace. We feel that God has been moving in the affeirs of bur country during recent elections, and we thank him for his boundless mercy. We thank God for you as a people for sharing with us many of your Christian experiences. It is not easy, but we know God is working to make our country truly a Christian country."

The organization in Southeast Asia was begun after the war, at a time when distrust, harred, and animosity lingered in hearts and minds. Many women who came for the organizational meeting had been on opposing sides during the war, had suffered the loss of loved ones, home, and material comforts. In preyer and fellowship they were able to forget whatever uncasiness existed among them, and together they forged the chain of Christian devotion which has not only united them but has become a part of the great chain of Christian witness encircling our world.

Today the women of Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, the islands of the Pscific have begun this Day of Prayer. Already they have made their requests known to God. They have prayed for us here in America, for the women in our

churches as we approached this Day of Prayer. We follow in the path of prayer, beseeching God's strength, His leadership in these nations, beseeching Him with burdened hearts for the millions who still have never heard his name.

Describing the Orient, Dr. Winston Crawley: area secretary, has written, "The Orient presents a critical challenge to Christian missions. More than half the people of the world live in the Orient

"Just now the people and nations of the Orient are passing through a period of revolution, a time when the old patterns of life are being broken and cast aside as multitudes of Asia's people seek a new way of life.

"We confront in Asia the greatest concentrations of human need to be found anywhere on earth. But over and beyond the staggering physical needs, the supreme tragedy of Asia today is that so few people know the power of the Christian gospel."

Let us pray with burdened hearts for Asia.

Season of Prayer:

Prey for the Asian nations now seeking freedom.

Pray that yet many other people may know the freedom described by Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Pray for the Christian women of Asia in their witness

The Day in North America

Through the Baptist World Alliance, every woman in every Baptist church is a part of this world fellowship. With profound gratitude to God, with sincere appreciation for all people, we share in this Day of Prayer Realizing the power of prayer we know anew the truth of Tennyson's lines " . . . so the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God" The golden chain of prayer binds Christian women around the world and unites them in one great purpose. This purpose must be that each shall recognize her grave responsibility in making Christ known to the last person on the last continent.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has said many times, 'The greatest unharnessed potential of Southern Baptists is prayer. If the Southern Baptist Convention can give itself to intercessory prayer, we will find power in our churches to lead toward heroic dedication of life and possessions. Missionaries and their fellow Christian workers throughout the world will feel fresh power in leading people to Christ and developing churches."

B. D. Gordon has written, "Prayer opens a whole planet to a man's activities. I can as

really be touching hearts for God in faraway India or China through prayer, as though I were there. Not in as many ways, but as truly ... A men may go aside today, and shut his door, and as really spend a half hour in India for God as though he were there in person. Without any doubt he may turn his key and be for a hit of time as potentially in China by the power of prayer, as though there in actual bodily form. The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take time and pray."

Our missionaries testify of direct blessing from our weeks of prayer, Mrs. W. Buren Johnson, missionary to Indonesia, has shared one incident "Miss Josephine Jones, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Florida. asked me for a list of the needs of the Indonesian mission to be used during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in 1854. Now four years later, the Lord has wonderfully answered those prayers. Our Djakarta church has five students in the Baptist theological seminary at Semarang, two studying in other places, and seven more young people who plan to enter the seminary when they complete their general

"No pressure has been brought to bear on them to make these decisions. We feel this has been the work of the Holy Spirit and we thank God for it."

Recently another missionary wrote, "Only a week ago a fellow missionary, a doctor, spoke kindly as he told my husband and me that the new life that was to have entered our home could not be. An hour later as I lay on the operating table in the Frances Jones Nursing Home, in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, I felt God's presence very real as I watched fellow missioneries prepare for surgery. As they gathered around the table for prayer before the operation was to begin, I knew there was another Physician present who would guide the hands of his servants

"During days of recuperation I have known God was present and I have thanked him many times for you at home who are concerned enough to pray. Maybe as you go about our work in the home or at your business-you sy, Lord, be near to some missionary who has a special need for thy presence today. And a missionary knows the answer to that prayer!"

Let Us Pray:

God of all nations, we pray for all the puple

We pray thee for all, who today preach and teach in thy name, for all who heat and

minister for Christ's sake.

We pray thee for these, who today will hear and seek, for those who will say, "Lord, I believel"

Pray for members of Woman's Missionary Union everywhere that we shall be faithful in daily living, remembering the blessings of our world fellowship in Christ.

Fray for unenlisted women in churches, that through our joy in service they shall join us in bringing in Christ's kingdom with haste

AFTERNOON PRAYER TIME

Prayer Chairman

The redemption of our world waits upon those of us who are willing to forget ourselves in doing more than is expected of us. As we forget ourselves and give more than duty, our lives become expressions of God's leve. From such love of others is born compassion, and this suffering with another, leaves us uneasy, and burdened as we face a world where more than half the people are hungry, homeless, diseased, afraid. Dr Frank Laubach has said that hunger is the world's chief problem-not alone hunger of the stomach, but hunger for relief from poverty of body, mind, and soul.

The call today is for women who far the love of Christ will forget themselves, who are practically, enthusiastically, whole-heartedly Christian. We can so miraculously live ordy as we turn our hearts continually over to God in penitence, seeking his forgiveness and claiming his power for our witnessing.

Come, See a Man

"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" This invitation came from a woman, a woman for whom life, after she was found by Christ, had meaning. Christ placed meaning into an empty existence which had been marked by trial and error. Where there had been a character marred by instability and feelings of insecurity, there was now a surging confidence which made her a missionary in the streets of her home village as she proclaimed, "Come, see a man . . . is not this the Christ?"

Jesus had seen the woman of Samaria approaching the well. It was as she came up to the well where he was sitting, that he spoke, Give me to drink."

She countered with her question, "How is it that you ask drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?" But Christ was not there to discuss social custom, ideas on worship, or any other matter of minor importance. Within the framework of eternity lay his concern, and he

with incomparable skil), guided her thoughts to follow His thoughts. He revealed his knowledge of her entire life, amazing her with the revelation of all that she had ever done, and then he taught her from the Scriptures-great, undreamed-of truths which stirred her heart to quick response.

How could she but listen? In excitement she left the empty water pot, and hastening back she retraced her sleps to herald the news to all passers by. She had found a prophet at the well who had the power to save, one who knew each detail of life from the day of birth to the hour of death. Come see one who has, in his touch, healing for the body and glorious eternal salvation for the soul.

Come see God's son. Jesus Christ-the substance of every true witness. This is the truth which makes men free. This is that of which we bear witness that we also are saved in God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

We see his scarred feet-feet that go on errands of mercy for erring mankind. We see his body that was broken for us-his whole attitude pleading for us to "come unto me."

Should we not put aside our pots and pans and on hurrying feet encounter all about us and to the ends of the earth with the eternal truth, "Come see a man, this indeed is the Christ whom we know and love."

Season of Prayer:

Ask God to open our eyes so that we may behold Him in all His glory.

Pray that we may truly worship, worship in awe and in ugderstanding, worship until we are endued with His power.

Pray that our witness, our gifts, our love shall match our praying.

Pray that Christian women in all countries shall realize anew the tremendous responsibility we hold from God for faithful service to him.

Christ in You, the HOPE . . .

Christ in you refers to the fact of the presence of Christ in the heart of the believer. Dwelling within the Christian is the living Christ Into our hearts, as we release them to Christ's control, come attitudes, motivations, the dedication to God's purposes which only he can give. His attitude of compassion for every creature must become our attitude. Christ went much further than doing justly and loving mercy and walking humbly. Every day He was available for people who needed him, helping them wherever he found them or they found him. This was the way he lived, and that is the way He depends upon his followers to live.

Motivating every act of His brief life was

divine love, a love which reached out to every person. He was concerned with deep compassion for those in misery, the hungry, the sick.

When Jesus met blind men, this happened: two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" He healed their blindness

When He met lepers, this happened: a leper came to him beseeching-him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus healed him.

The expression of his daily living revealed God's great love for man, regardless of his need. Christ dwells in us today. The extent to which God can express his compassion and love today depends upon our making God's will, his plan, and his command the pattern of our living, as we show forth Christ, the Hope of the World

Bole: (unannounced) "Hope of the World" No. 262, Baptist Hymnal, verses 1 and 3 (see words on page 81) or play record "Hope of the World."

Prayer:

Pray for yourself: Confess to Christ the things which have shortened your fellowship with God the Father

Ask the Father's forgiveness

Express your gratitude and love to God for his blessings, for the wondrous gift of His Son as your Saviour.

Give of Thy Sons

A missionary-hearted mother wrote, "My second son is a missionary doctor. Let us draw back the curtain and take a peep into the life of my son, God's servant, ambassador for Christ, and a medical missionary to Korea.

That there into his life revealed a little boy taking on the job of building furniture for an older sister, "Never did a little table have stronger legs; they were made from two-by-fours and the kitchen cabinet had blue silk curtains he had made from the lining of an old cost." She revealed a boy learning the rules of the game, baseball and football, a boy delivering papers, a soldier/in uniform telegraphing the family, "Arrived safely see you soon Love Robert." She told of a veteran in medical school, a mission volunteer becoming engaged to a young woman, also a medical student and a mission volunteer, and later a missionary couple on the field.

Between the lines, tucked here and there, was the picture of daily living of a dedicated mather, a father and mother who not only dedicated thamselves to the Lord and His service, but who cherished for their children the highest of all archievements—that of following God's will for their lives. She wrote, "My husband and I were brought up in happy Christian homes where there was love, peace and security. It was our greatest desire to surround our children with a morally clean and Christian atmosphere and with love and understanding. We wanted them to be good citizens and useful in the kingdom of God. We played, studied prayed, and worked together toward this end, and tried to help them acquire a sense of real values in life.

"Only an all-enduring love for God and mankind could compel a missionary couple to leave the comforts of home to travel to a far country for the purpose of preaching, teaching, and healing. My prayer is that they will be able physically, mentally and spiritually to do the task they feel in their hearts they must do, and that God will supply all their needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Could you today in all sincerity say, "Lord, into thy hands I commit this child of mine. Use her according to Thy will. If you need her on a foreign field, then I shall gladly hear from her the decision to obey."

Stanon of Prayer:

Pray for the youth of your church, that each one shall be concerned to follow God's leadership.

Pray for mothers and fathers as the time of testing comes.

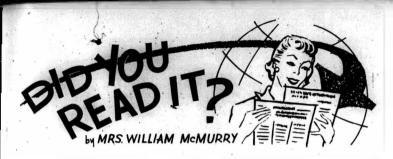
Pray for parents and children that each day's decisions and activities shall keep them sensitive to God's call

"Herein is My Father glarified . . . "

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Christ spake earnestly of this necessity in our Christian development. "Ye are my witnesses "Go ve"

As we come to the close of this week of prayer, and in particular this Day of Prayer, we should be prepared as never before to be the witnesses God would have us to be. The quality of obedience depends upon the quality of the one being obeyed," someone has said The divine commends from God require from us. His children, our obedience The highest level of obedience is rooted in love. Paul nevel did say how much he loved the Lord; he was so overwhelmed with God's love for him the he talk about that all the time. Not only d. I he talk about it, he so lived and witnessed hat he could say without fear of contradictie. "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly visuan."

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Warldwide Bible Reading

"The Book That Lives" is the theme the American Bible Society has chosen for the fifteenth annual Worldwide Bible Reading program from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Hermione Jackson writing for "In Your Circle." September Royal Service calls attention to the origin of Worldwide Bible Reading. A lonely marine on Guadalcanal requested his parents back in the States to read the same verses of Scripture with him on the same days. From this simple but heartwarming beginning Worldwide Bible Reading has grown steadily for the past fifteen years.

According to the annual report of the Society which has been released under the title of the 1958 theme, last year 36 thousand posters and a million bookmarks were shipped from the United States to all the foreign agencies and sister societies. In Thailand, for example, the city government of Hangkok permitted the display of the Bible posters in public places. Two leading newspapers, one in Thai and the other in English, carried the Bible reading lists.

Bible day in Brazil has become a significant event. In Sac Paulo last December in a Bible Day mass meeting thirty thousand people blocked part of an eight-lane thoroughfare which crosses the city. Two planes of the Brazilian Air Force scattered two million leaflets advertising the meeting. The occasion was brought to a thrilling climax when the great audience held high thousands of copies of the Bible while a two-hundred piece band and a quartette led them in the closing hymn. Around the world in Japan, Kores, India, the Congo, Liberia, Egypt, Greace and many other countries Bible reading is emphasized. The little bookmark has become the symbol of the Living Word and continues to be "a circulating testimony that the Bible lives in the lives of people everywhere."

"One Great Quarter Hour"

In 1957, the area Bible Society secretary for the District of Columbia successfully encouraged the churches of Washington to distribute 100,000 copies of the Christmas edition of Matthew in homes throughout the city prior to the first Sunday in December. Families were asked to read together around the breakfast table the Sermon on the Mount. The Washington Post and Herald co-operated by printing these chapters in the Sunday edition. President Eisenhower endorsed the idea and encouraged participation in what he called "one great quarter hour of reading the greatest sermon in the world."

A World to Win

On the same day in October 1957 that President Eisenhower received a delegation from the American Bible Society at which time he was given the symbolic 500,000,001st volume of Scriptures lesued by

the Society since its inception, he conferred with another important delegation. These men were the President's scientific and military advisers. Their importance had been highly dramatized on October 4 by the launching of the first earth satellite. Previously the President had expressed a hope that the Society's goal of a half billion Bibles distributed in the next twenty-five years could be realized. Multiplied thousands join the President in the hope that our scientific discoveries will be controlled by the precepts of moral law as set forth in "The Book That Lives."

"Hunger in France"

In America where Bibles are allowed to gather dust on the book shelves of Christians an advertisement offering free copies would not attract too much attention. But this was France. The advertisement appearing in the French Reader's Digest offered a free Bible to the first hundred people who applied, a free New Testament to the next two hundred and to all others one of the gospels. Within five days after publication 1,500 replies had been received, and after three weeks about 6,000. The sponsors were amazed, for Protestants who represent scarcely 2 per cent of the population are best by worldliness, indifference and liberalism. Only about six million Catbolics practice their faith regularly. Of the total population of forty-four million, 50 per cent have been characterized as atheistic.

People from all walks of life responded—mayors of French cities, members of the police, doctors, engineers, lawyers, soldiers. Some sixty-seven were public schoolteachers who have a reputation for being irreligious. Wrote one of them: "Even if I am not in the first one hundred, would you make an exception for someone who wents to believe?"

One of the mayors expressed his desire for others as well as for himself: "I would like to make the Bible known to the people of this town, isolated in a mountain pass. Would I be abusing your generosity to ask for free New Testaments?"

Perhaps the most astonishing letters came from Catholics. Six nuns including the Mother Superior of a convent asked for Scriptures. Seventeen priests responded. One elderly Carmelite nun said: "During my twelve years of sickness I have hoped to find a Bible. I want to read it before leaving this cheerless place."

The Moody Monthly of June 1958 carried the full story.

Death Takes No Holiday

The National Safety Council study of 224 fatal holiday accidents which occurred during the Christmas season last year again proved that alcohol and speed are the chief causes in the nation's death tole. The period for which the holiday deaths were counted began at 6 P.M. December 24 and ended at midnight. Wednesday, December 25. Fifty-five per cent of the drivers involved had been drinking. This figure was twice as high as the annual average. The traffic toll of 224 immediate deaths for the Wednesday Christmas holiday was more than twice as great as the toll for a non-holiday Wednesday in

Clipsheet, publication of the Methodist Board of Temperance, gave the Council's analysis which revealed these additional facts: Motorists were killed more than twice as fast Christmas Eve as on Christmas Day—an average of twelve deaths an hour from 6 P.M. to midnight December 24 against an average of less than five deaths a hour during the succeeding twenty-four hours. Speed was the factor in seven out of ten deaths.

The degree of intoxication was not indicated on the report.



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