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Photos by Wayne Dehoney

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MOVE INTO THE FUTURE

by Winston Crawley, area secretary for the orient

On January 1, 1961, the Baptist churches of Hawaii and the Hawaii Baptist Convention are to assume full responsibility for the planning and projection of Baptist missions in Hawaii

JANUARY 1, 1961 is the date set by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for the formal transfer of responsibility to the Baptist churches of Hawaii and their convention. This change will bring to fulfillment twenty years of Southern Baptist "foreign missions" in Hawaii.

Hawaii is not "foreign territory" at all. Hawaii is a group of sub-tropical islands located two thousand miles off the west coast of

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the United States. Since 1898 it has been a territory of the United States, with a cosmopolitan population. Total population of the Territory is over 539,000, not including the large military and naval forces based there with their families.

The beginning of the Foreign Mission Board's undertaking in Hawaii was through historical accident: a temporary relocation of Japan and China missionaries because of the Pacific war developed into a formal program of mission work. Such a development was reasonable, in view of the large oriental populations in Hawaii. And from a higher point of view, we may be sure that our mission undertaking in Hawaii was of God's guidance.

During the years since 1940, when our Hawaii Mission was begun, God has signally blessed our work on these beautiful islands. Our work has grown to a present total of 21 churches, with 4,553 members. The church membership has more than doubled in the last five years—a good indication of the responsiveness of the field. In addition to the 21 churches, there are seven mission chapels. Also there is a special program of Japanese language services in a number of churches.

The churches co-operate in the Hawaii Baptist Convention. In addition to churches and mission points, we have been working with the Convention in several other mission projects. The Hawaiian Baptist Academy has an enrolment of about 350 students in elementary and high school. A Baptist student Center is located near the campus of the University of Hawaii. Other special types of work include an assembly ground, a convention center, a Baptist Book Store, promotional work in the field of religious education and Woman's Missionary Union, and the witness of radio evangelism.

Our Board has under appointment 43 missionaries for Hawaii. In addition, a number of workers who have come from Hawaii for study in our mainland colleges and seminaries have gone back into the work there. Still others are mainland peo-

ple who have gone to accept calls as pastors and teachers without missionary appointment.

Now Baptist work in Hawaii faces a changed future. For some time it has been apparent that an adjustment must be made. There is every probability that Hawaii will gain statehood within the next few years. The Foreign Mission Board has laid definite plans for a transfer of responsibility for Baptist work in Hawaii to the churches and the Convention.

After 1960 responsibility for Baptist work will rest entirely with the Hawaii churches and the Hawaii Baptist Convention. This transfer of responsibility will necessarily involve changes in the constitution and procedures of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. These changes are being put into effect during 1959 and 1960 in preparation for the major adjustment in 1961.

The Foreign Mission Board hopes to carry out this change in such a way as to strengthen the entire Hawaii work, preserving continuity and resources both of workers and of funds at an adequate level during the period of change-over. The Board has adopted a plan by which some missionaries of this Board can continue in Hawaii for a period of years, designated as "on loan" to the Hawaii work. Of course, some missionaries will likely transfer to other mission areas, at their own request.

Also the Board is planning to continue some financial undergirding to the Hawaii work for a period of years, on an annually diminishing basis.

The change now in prospect for Baptist work in Hawaii is the natural and desirable next step in the progress of that work. It is a step forward. To be sure, it does involve some uncertainty—but a move into the future always involves uncertainty. And there is every evidence that the Baptists of Hawaii are ready to move into their future with firm faith and with renewed commitment to their task and to the Lord and his kingdom.

YOU in Louisville in '59 . . .

Rio in '60

by Mrs. R. L. Martin



Mrs. George R. Martin

The eyes of 23,000,000 Baptists in 100 countries are focusing on Rio de Janeiro where in June 1960 Brazilian Baptists will serve as hosts to fellow Baptists from around the world.

Southern Baptists take justifiable pride in having three of their own leadership in strategic places of the Baptist World Alliance—Dr. Theodore F. Adams, as president, Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the Women's Department, and Dr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary for youth work.

Because Woman's Missionary Union believes in the Baptist World Alliance and because it takes time for you to plan for travel to Rio de Janeiro in 1960, the program for one session of the 1959 WMU Annual Meeting is being devoted to the Alliance.

Mrs. Martin who was president of Woman's Missionary Union, SRC from 1945-1956 will be featured on the Annual Meeting program. As chairman of the Women's Department, she has led in the organization of the European Baptist Women's Union, the North American Baptist Women's Union, the Baptist Women's Union of Africa, the *Union Femenil Bautista de America Latina*, and in November, 1958 the Asian Baptist Women's Union, thus completing the world units. Mrs. Martin will bring greetings from these Unions to our Annual Meeting and tell plans for the meeting of the Women's Department in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Denny was formerly of the BSU Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. It was under his able leadership that the Baptist World Alliance Youth Congress in Toronto was held in the summer of 1958. Dr. Denny will bring to our Annual Meeting greetings from the Youth Department of which he has been secretary since 1955.

Dr. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, since 1936 and elected president of the Baptist World Alliance in its Golden Jubilee Meeting in London, 1955, will bring on Tuesday afternoon, May 19, a major address on "How Big Is Your World?"

It is our hope that many members of Woman's Missionary Union will hear these three in our Annual Meeting in Louisville on May 19 and again in Rio in the month of June in 1960.

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May 1959 Cover Story

Pictured on our cover is the new president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, Pastor Mori Hiratani and Mrs. Hiratani, Ronald and Sally Takekoshi, Girls' choir, Chinese baby, James Sanbei and son Arthur, and Masakichi Kanehara. As Baptists on these islands move toward independence of island direction, add to our interest there must be a continued stewardship of our land and gifts.

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President Mori Hiratani, Secretary Al Chong, Treasurer Missionary E. L. Combes, Vice-president Dan Kong

Hawaii Convention Leadership

by Gertrude Thorpe, missionary wife

By a look at the Hawaii Baptist Convention's leaders, one gets an excellent bird's-eye view of Baptist work in all of Hawaii for we see it in all stages of development.

A visitor to Convention president, Rev. Mori Hiratani's home in Pearl City, Oahu early any Saturday morning would find wife Lillian sweeping, arranging the entire basement for beginner classes, nursery, and the worship services. Upstairs Mr. Hiratani sets up every room of their house for Sunday school departments and classes. The last duty of the morning is to put the tent in the back yard for the overflow classes.

A twenty minute drive from Pearl City to Wahiawa, where our oldest Baptist Church is located, vice-president Rev. Dan Kong is getting ready for the dedication of the new two-story educational building to be named the McDonald Building in

honor of Charlie McDonald, a layman who began the Wahiawa work. The church has six hundred in Sunday school and is self-supporting.

In a residential section of Honolulu on a mountainside, Secretary Al Chong arranges for Sunday school canvas room dividers on the open lanai (lah-nye), or patio, of their new building. Mr. Chong is educational director of the Aina Haina church, one of the youngest island churches.

At Waikiki, treasurer Rev. E. L. Combes, former chaplain, must conduct Sunday school in a rented one-room building in this elegant tourist mecca where his is the only Protestant church in the entire area. After several years in this location, the church anticipates building as soon as land can be secured.

Hawaii has been much in the news in recent months as they seek statehood. For-

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Children at proposed site where building for new Pearl Harbor Baptist Church will be located. Pearl Harbor in distant background

Pastor Hiratani's home at Pearl City is used for Sunday school, worship, all church activities until a building can be erected for Pearl City Baptist Church



Foreign mission operations began here through the "displaced" orient missionaries during World War II. It has been a glorious fruitful nineteen years. Naturally the Foreign Mission Board cannot continue to operate in a state of the United States.

In speaking of the immediate future for Hawaii Baptists, Mr. Hiratani says, "The era through which the Hawaii Baptist Convention is passing could be compared to a freshman who enters a University away from his home town. This is his first

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venture into the world as an independent individual. As he meets and makes adjustments, he is always confident that he can depend on his parents back at home. However, the realization of his attaining maturity makes him surge forth.

"Such is the situation that we face today. The immediate adjustments of the Hawaii Baptist Convention are really adjustments which any Christian community goes through in following the Commission of Jesus.

"First of all, we must get away from the idea that we are being 'cut off.' This is the most challenging period in the history of Baptist missions in Hawaii. This is the period for which our missionaries have been laying the foundations. This is the period when we take our first step knowing that the loving hands of our parents are outstretched.

"We, the local leaders, will be making many of the decisions. We will propose the employment



Missionary families such as the Malcolm Stuarts of the Pearl Harbor church will continue for several years to work alongside Hawaii leaders

Photos by Wayne Bohoney

A Christian home like the Kawano's is a powerful witness for Christ amid ancient pagan religions and strengthens Baptist witness



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Mrs. William McMurry with new Hawaii WMU president Mrs. Arianwen Prokopchuk.

Left: Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu

WMU executive secretary Miss Itsuko Saito (far left) with missionary and Hawaii leaders



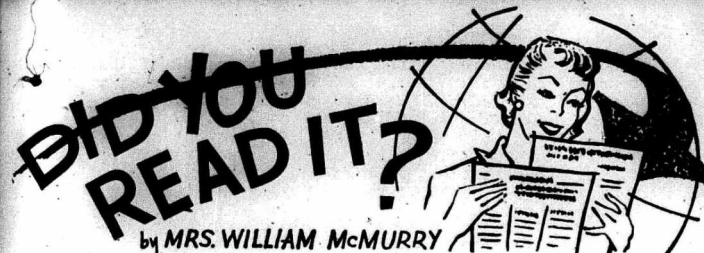
of an executive secretary-treasurer. We will be opening new missions and establishing new churches. We will go into a program of strengthening our churches by challenging them toward financial self-support. This year will see the adoption of such a plan.

"All our churches will need to put on an extensive program of evangelism and stewardship. We will need to develop mature and capable leadership among our adults.

"I am grateful to be a part of this program and to be alive during this challenging era."

We are grateful for the well-trained, aggressive young men who are leading our Convention at this crucial time. The success of the transition period depends not only on the ability of our local leaders but also on the informed, dedicated minds and wills of the five thousand members of Baptist churches. Through God's Holy Spirit the challenge can be met.

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Soviet Students Enroll in UC

Shortly before last Christmas eight Russian students took up residence on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. They are the first students in the history of Soviet and presumably of Tsarist Russia to be formally enrolled at an American university. Twenty-two American graduate students have been studying at Moscow and Leningrad universities since September, 1958 under the exchange program.

Arrangements for a total of 16 Soviet exchange students who are and will be studying in American universities during 1958-59 in the applied sciences are under the direction of the Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants of New York City. This committee was set up in 1956 by a group of faculty members at various American schools offering graduate training and research on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The Russian school men selected the American universities where their students would study on the basis of course catalogues submitted by the institutions. Besides University of California, other American schools participating in the program include Columbia, Harvard, University of Chicago, and the University of Washington.

English speaking Soviet students were given permission to come to the United States after an agreement was reached by this country with Soviet Russia in January 1958.

Could it be that God is leading the majority of these Russian students to the University of California because of one small woman who directs the Baptist International Student Center? Her name is Ruth O'Dell.

The New Pope and the US Government

It is common knowledge that President Eisenhower sent official delegates to the coronation of Pope John XXIII. The State Department gave as a reason for this action that the delegates were sent in recognition of the Pope as head of a church and not as Chief of State of Vatican City. There is no more reason for the U.S. government to send high-ranking officials to the coronation of the Pope than to the inauguration of any other church leader.

The Editor of The Alabama Baptist called attention to a statement issued by the State Department on Vatican City sovereignty: "The State Department will recognize the new Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church as the Sovereign Chief of the State of Vatican City but his role as head of the tiny 128-acre state is separate and distinct from his position as spiritual leader of the church. . . . The Department understands that the Pope is both the head of the Roman Catholic Church, and in a separate capacity, Chief of State of the Vatican City."

The United States has never formally maintained diplomatic relations with the State of Vatican City; however, the State Depart-

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ment's announcement leaves little doubt in the minds of the people of this country that the U.S. recognizes Vatican City as a state and the Pope as its head. Diplomatic recognition and an exchange of ambassadors or ministers is too near for comfort.

Editorial comment sighted a further danger. Not only will such an act be a violation of our Church and State separation principle but representative government is likewise threatened. Decisions made by separate departments of the Federal government can be a serious threat to freedom.

"Project: Brother's Keeper"

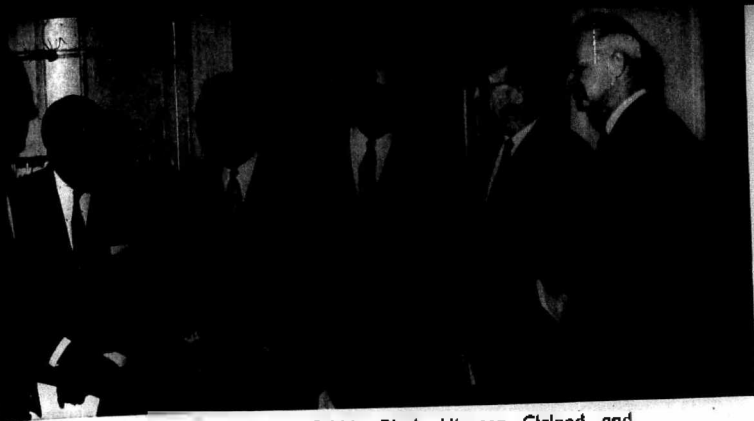
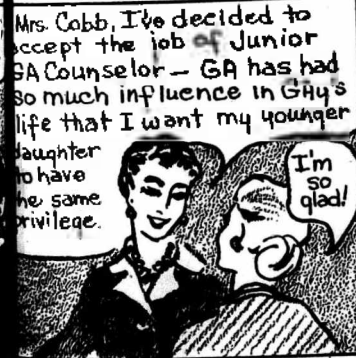
The report of the Baptist World Alliance medical team makes a thrilling reading whether done now or in November 1958 when the story was released through The Baptist World, monthly journal of the BWA. The mission tour, a Christian laymen's project was sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance and financed by the Jarman Foundation of Nashville, Tennessee. The team of fifteen traveled 45,000 miles by plane, ship, train, jeep, land rover, bus, donkey, camel and on foot.

The purpose of the tour was "to evaluate what mission hospitals have done and are doing, and to discover ways in which the medical profession might stand behind medical missionaries who have sacrificed much to serve Christ."

During the 100 days of travel members of the team visited 100 hospitals, performed 120 operations, administered more than 90,000 vaccinations for polio, typhoid fever, cholera and tetanus, distributed over \$100,000 worth of medical supplies, drugs and books weighing more than three tons, delivered 128 medical lectures in missionary and national university centers and participated in 47 conferences.

Typical of the news dispatches which were quoted in the BWA journal is this brief item from Honolulu, Hawaii: "Doctors viewed rows of empty beds when they visited a leper colony. Medical science is beginning to conquer the once dread disease. They left in Hawaii a new yet biblical method of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation using a plastic air-way to make oral contact more antiseptic than when Elisha used the method (2 Kings 4:34).

Observe Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week May 10-16



Doctors Payne, Dibble, Black, Hingson, Cleland, and Antes who participated in project: Brother's Keeper

"Dr. Robert A. Hingson, of Western Reserve University and spokesman for the team, said that man's health needs as discovered in this trip around the world can be described in words beginning with 'S.' They are sewers, sanitation, soap, shots, soup, schools, self-respect, screens, sprays and salvation."

Lava Timber

Many years ago a volcanic eruption on the island of Hawaii sent rivers of lava plunging into a grove of ohia trees in the Puna district. Although the trees vanished at once in flashes of flame they contained enough moisture to cool the lava immediately surrounding, causing it to harden. The rest of the lava drained away leaving a grove of gnarled lava trees. These shells stand about 12 to 15 feet high. The visitor looking inside through cracks and holes can see the pattern of the bark and the joints where the limbs grew out from the trunks.

Nearby are the fresh black flows of the 1955 eruption. The cinder cones which rose from the earth nearly four years ago are still warm. Sulphuric steam rises from the ground. Though it will be thousands of years before these raw flows of lava become rich soil, here and there can be seen bright, green ferns among the unique formations. A modern highway runs through giant cuts made in the 15-foot deep flows that sprawled across the land on their way to the sea.

Hawaiian Holiday, magazine supplement to Honolulu's biggest Sunday paper, features periodically island oddities like the lava trees for the benefit of visitors from the mainland.



Missionary McCormick, principal of Baptist Academy welcomes children to camp at Puu Kahea ("Echoing Hills") near Waianae

by Gertrude Thorpe

Main building at the Hawaii Baptist Encampment is located in a beautiful setting



with YOUTH ISLANDS

Taking the long look, Hawaiian Baptists recognize that the future of Kingdom progress depends upon a strong program of training and guidance for Christian youth

Hawaiian weather and the outdoor way of life combine to make a year-round camping program especially effective. Since the purchase of Puu Kahea (Poo-h Kah-hee-ah), our territorial camp site, there has been increasing use made of this way of reaching youth. Almost any long week end or holiday finds some group at Puu Kahea. Of course all summer is camp time, beginning with June Bible conference and ending in August with Training Union week, with a number of Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador camps between.

Though the territorial camp site is on Oahu, the Capital Island, to which youth from all islands come, the other islands also have annual camps at rented sites. A strong camp

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Missionary H. B. Ramsour teaches resident Baptist students each Monday night

program on several islands has been the greatest single aid to building stable Christian youth in the isolated outer-island communities.

It seems that this drawing aside for a week in a quiet place where God's Word is opened up loosens the binding paralysis

of pagan surroundings. There is a wonderful freedom and joy for the youth struggling to find his way to God.

The Baptist Academy under the leadership of Principal H. P. McCormick began its first session in 1949 in reconverted surplus army buildings. This year it has over

Waianae Baptist Church pastor Charles Mullins with school children receiving Bible instruction at time released by the public schools





University of Hawaii Baptist students reside here and receive instruction

350 pupils and 20 teachers, several of whom are themselves products of Baptist missionary endeavor in Hawaii. It is felt that a Christian school is especially needed here,

since many of the youth of the elementary and high school ages do become Christians through our churches, but are hindered in their growth by lack of Christian homes. It has been proved true that the school can compensate for this lack of Christian environment which the church cannot fully meet.

Also, the school reaches families which the churches do not. It is an evangelizing agency. Contacts of the Christian teacher with pupil and parents have opened the doors into non-Christian homes.

In 1946, when Miss Josephine Harris was appointed to organize student work in the islands, there were 1,500 students at the University of Hawaii. Today, there are about 8,000 students, of whom 150 are

Baptists. A Baptist Student Center is strategically located across the street from the center of the campus and offers a three-fold ministry: (1) a Christian home for about 25 outer-island students and foreign students from the orient, (2) Bible classes, required for those who live in and elected by others who desire to take these courses which are on a college level, (3) Baptist Student Union activities which strengthen the work of the churches as the students serve while they are learning. This will be the seventh year that the BSU has reached the First Magnitude efficiency standard. Students who have been won and trained through the Baptist Student Center ministry are serving in churches throughout the islands.

Beautiful University Baptist Church has strong appeal to many University of Hawaii students



KNOW Your Missionary—Josephine Harris, Hawaii



Josephine Harris just returned to Hawaii from furlough receiving an aloha cake and leis from Mrs. Lucie Godbold

by Lila Belle Hopkins

"Miss Josephine Harris, please Long distance is calling."

"Hello!" Josephine said in an enthusiastic voice I remembered and loved. It had been twelve years since our association in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but she bridged the years quickly as she asked about my family and recalled some rich moments we had shared long ago.

Miss Harris is one of the marvelous people who remembers her friends well but always seems delighted and surprised when a student she

befriended years before sends her a card on her birthday. She receives them from all over the world for many of the young people she has taken an interest in have gone into full time Christian service.

She was Baptist Student Union secretary at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque when I knew her best. I was in high school but she took time for me in spite of her tightly stretched schedule. She shared her musical skill with me, and I suspect she gave up several lunch hours to do it. Actually the piano lessons were only a backdrop for an Intermediate girl to tell her longings, hopes, and dreams to a loyal and helpful friend.

It was at a music lesson in 1946 that she led me to her office. "Want to see something thrilling?" she asked. She handed me a big stack of blue forms from the Foreign Mission Board. My excitement was short-lived when I realized that they were the initial step that would take her away from Albuquerque.

Now after many years, she was telling

me over the telephone of her work and of some of the Hawaiian students I had met in the states.

"How is your work affected by the Lotie Moon Christmas Offering?" I asked.

"It is directly supported by it."

Officially Miss Harris is counselor at the Baptist Student Union at the University of Hawaii but she works also with the summer workers, churches, and vacation Bible schools. She does more but she did not need to tell me. I have talked with at least one serviceman who met her in the islands. He was lonely and homesick until she took an interest in him. Soon Jerry was too busy to be unhappy. She had seen something in him worth while for the Lord and she led him, as she has countless others, to use his talents for the Master.

"I am so glad you called," she said as I told her good-by. Two thousand miles away her friendliness warmed my heart. I put the telephone down, realizing how honored and happy I am to know Miss Josephine Harris of Hawaii.



Witnessing for Christ

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

The gospel is "good news." Carry out this idea in your program by using a newspaper theme. Individual invitations or programs can be typed or printed inside a folded piece of paper with newspaper for the cover.

As a setting for your program, place a rocking chair in front of the room with a lamp and small table. Those taking part stand behind the leader who sits in the rocker, with a newspaper in hand.

Read or Sing: "I Love to Tell the Story." Last Christmas season the *New York Journal-American* (hold up a newspaper) carried a feature streamer across the top of its front page: "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. TODAY ON PAGE 15." Do we put the story of Christ on an inside page of our hearts or do we put it first?

Devotional Period: Our program today focuses attention on ways we can tell the story of Christ. Twentieth century believers must somehow recapture the spirit of the first century Christians who spoke of Christ's teachings as "good news." It was so amazing that for joy they could scarcely believe.

It was revolutionary news. Jesus spoke of the reign or kingdom of God as different from the governments of the world. The only way to become a citizen was through the new birth: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," a society in which God's will was done: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Jesus summarized this good news: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." It is a kingdom of eternal

fellowship with God and characterized by love such as Christ demonstrated on earth.

This kingdom survived the downfall of the Roman Empire. When medieval Europe died, the Christian faith lived on. It emerged from the political upheavals at the close of the eighteenth century with renewed strength. Today as we see vigorous Christian minorities in nearly all lands of the world, we are reminded of Proverbs 25:25 (read it).

The gospel proclaims a newer order than any world system advocated in our time (facism, nationalism, communism, capitalism). These systems put promises of food, clothing and shelter—material things in a primary place. Jesus proclaimed that if we put first the kingdom of God, all these material benefits will come. Few of his followers have ever dared such a total life commitment.

Pray earnestly about our part in kingdom service.

That as we go about our daily tasks, we will be aware of the entire world and of our mission to take the "good news" to all mankind.

That we not be content with the indifference of our fellow church members but will renew our efforts to enlist the interest of others in world missions.

That we will be better stewards. We will search our own hearts to see if we are spending more time and money on non-essential amusements and luxuries than on telling the "good news" of salvation.

For those on the Calendar of Prayer

Leader (sits in rocking chair with newspaper on her lap). Now that the house has settled down, maybe I can read today's



paper in peace and quiet. (Comment on several items of current interest. Then mention a new subdevelopment that advertizes homes for sale. Wander where all the people come from and how they get the money to buy the new homes.)

First Speaker: Excuse me if I seem to read over your shoulder. Women in these new subdivisions are showing how effectively they can witness for Christ. The Center Point area in Birmingham is called "the fastest growing subdivision in the United States." A mission church was started and held its Sunday school all up and down one block with different departmental meetings in various homes. Church services were held in the largest basement. The day it became an organized church, 99 per cent of its membership were listed as others.

Near Charlotte, N. C., two middle-aged sisters purchased a new house. They had felt called as young women to go to the mission field, but home responsibilities had blocked the way. One Sunday afternoon, a baseball fell on the porch where Miss Nellie was organizing some material for her class of Junior girls. The boys asked about the pictures. "What do you

do in Sunday school?" one ten-year-old asked. The sisters encouraged their interest. Soon there was a thriving Sunday school in the new area. The State and Home Mission Boards helped purchase a lot for a new church. The thriving organization is a tribute to two home missionaries.

As small children, you probably sang "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." This is good philosophy as long as you remember that there are times to come out of your corner in order to brighten the dark corners of the world. Too many Christians underestimate the importance of individual witness. Sixty thousand people crowded a stadium for a religious service. One man struck a match. It was barely visible. At a given signal 60,000 people simultaneously lighted matches. The result was brilliant light.

Nine million Southern Baptists have been asked to dedicate this year as one of Christian witnessing. We are not alone. Six other major Baptist groups on the North American continent have committed themselves to Baptist Jubilee Advance. The signal has been given for this year of "making disciples." May we pray for God's results. (Prayer)

Leader: Here's an article about Ima Strange—in trouble again. When I think of all the time and money we've wasted on that no-good family, it makes my blood boil. They're not worth saving.

Second Speaker: Pardon me for interrupting, but this is not the attitude of Paul who spoke of God as one "who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Or of Peter who perceived "that God is no respecter of persons . . . he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Or of Jesus who said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

A family of four girls and a mother lived in an old garage on the edge of town. The sign, "Open Day and Night," was still

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above the door and was full of meaning. The oldest girl had illegitimate twin boys, one of whom died because of ignorance and filth. Most of the church folks had despaired of reclaiming a single member of that family. However, the Sunday school teacher of the thirteen-year-old led her to Christ, encouraged her to go to a summer youth assembly, and found her a job in a good home where she received room and board and a small allowance. Today she is an active Christian with a family and home of her own all because someone believed she was worth saving.

A man, now the superintendent of the Sunday school in his church, had been one of the most dissipated members of the younger set. His greatest delight has been visiting barrooms with his two small sons and getting them drunk for the amusement of those present. He too had been considered a hopeless case, but a praying wife had won him to the Lord. She was not like the wife of one non-Christian who stormed out the door on Sunday morning, slamming it behind her, and exclaiming, "He can sit there and rot. I'm going to church." The mother of the small sons believed the Scripture "in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength," and she won her husband through love.

Jesus told the religious bigots of his day "That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

Leader: And here are the announcements about the associational meetings. The PTA meets Tuesday night, and the Girls' Club Banquet is Friday night. It seems to me we meet ourselves coming back!

Third Speaker: Yes, all Christians should be careful to keep uppermost in their minds that their main purpose in living is to witness for their faith. Meetings and organizations should be used for that purpose. A Baptist minister spoke eight times in one week at dinner meetings. Our WMS

should never degenerate into a luncheon or supper club, but should keep its heart sensitive and its witness warm. How often we need to remind ourselves that the primary purpose of community missions is soul-winning.

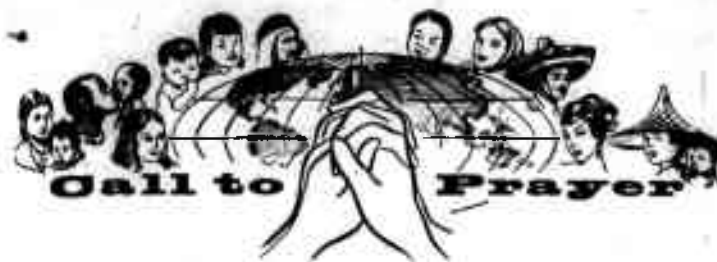
One missionary society helped with vacation Bible schools in the Kentucky mountains. Fourteen were conducted simultaneously over a five-week period. Abandoned stores, garages and county school buildings were used in settlements that had been largely deserted by the more able-bodied stripminers. Many children had never heard the name of Jesus. One night the father of four children was killed in an argument over a fifty cent gambling debt.

The women furnished constructive help. They found an eight-year-old girl who had never been to school. She was the abandoned daughter of a feeble-minded mother. No home would keep her long because of her vile language. At the time of the Bible school, she was sleeping under a front porch and eating slop meant for the pigs. A Christian home was found for this girl.

The father of nine children was an alcoholic. He had twice attempted suicide, once by taking poison in a cheap hotel and once by cutting his wrist in jail. His children interested him in God. He made a profession of faith in Christ as Saviour, attended a Baptist Bible school, and is now preaching in several part time mountain churches.

Many WMS members lead such protected and sheltered lives that they sometimes forget to say with Paul "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15). Or to believe the words of John (1 John 1:10) or of James (James 1:19-22). (Read both passages.)

Conclude by reading "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," using the final Amen.



1959 Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

"The power of prayer is the greatest power in the world"—Dr. Frank Laubach. Prayer power is mightily increased by claiming specific promises of God as requests are presented. This month our Scripture readings are some of these great promises.

by Gwynn McLendon Day

1 Friday Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt 7:7. (Read Psalm 34; 6:9; 10:17.)

When two American Baptist missionaries, who had worked with the Laguna Indians of New Mexico for ten years were forced to leave the locality for reasons of health, many of the Indians wept like babies and begged them to stay. These missionaries promised that someone would come to teach them. That was one hundred years ago. Not until 1944 was work resumed. When Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wall went to the Budville Mission in 1954 they found 31 members who loved the Lord. That number has grown steadily, but there are 6,000 Indians on the two reservations served by this mission. Mrs. Wall writes: "How thankful we are for the progress that has been made! Yet it is heart-breaking as we think of the village and the thousands of people who have never yet heard the gospel story." Pray that these thousands shall be reached, claiming God's promise.

PRAY for Rev. William S. Wall, Farmington, Mrs. Ben Yelvington, Santa Fe, Mrs. Seferino Jajala, Isleta, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Rev. James Eldred Timmons, Cuero, Rev. Charles C. Pierson, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Charles Pierson, MF; Rev. William E. Burke, HMB, Field Worker; Mrs. M. A. Olemdo, Aguadulce, Panama, ev.

2 Saturday For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to

him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matt. 7:8. (Read Psalm 65:1-5.)

Because expected recruits for service in Central Africa did not come in 1958, Southern Baptists were unable to enter the fields of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland as had been planned. The Gerald Harveys and the John Cheynes were forced to return to their stations in Southern Rhodesia or to leave them unmanned. Dr. Cornell Goerner states: "With heavy hearts the missionaries agreed with an equally sad secretary . . . extension into Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland must be postponed. If the heartache of this Mission could be shared by the Southern Baptist Convention there would be scores of volunteers offering themselves for mission service." Pray for new recruits for Southern Rhodesia.

PRAY for Rev. Gerald Harvey, Umtali, So Rhodesia, ev.; Rev. A. T. Cabrera, Belen, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

3 Sunday And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt 21:22. (Read Matt. 21:18-22.)

A small Baptist Book Store was recently opened in a room of the Baptist Temple, Havana, Cuba. In a wide window a large open Bible calls attention to the store and arouses interest in passersby. Some enter out of curiosity, and others seek help or reading matter.

One day a Catholic priest came for a copy of a book by a Spanish ex-priest. The clerk witnessed to him about the Saviour. As they talked, a Baptist preacher came in and the

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6197, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in Home Missions

priest soon heard a powerful sermon on salvation through faith. Remember this priest today! Pray for the ministry of this bookstore.

PRAY for Mrs. Arturo E. Corugedo, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Robert D. Buess, Chama, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Italians; Rev. Daniel M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev.; Rev. W. C. Harrison, Brazil, retired; William and Alice Ann Harrison, MF

4 Monday So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa. 55:11 (Read Psalm 10:7-10.)

Eighteen nationalities live on the New Orleans waterfront. The majority of them have no knowledge of God's Word. Dorothy Ruth Milam tells of a memorable night in May, 1958, at the Toledano Good Will Center when twenty children were graduated from the kindergarten. Before 200 parents, neighbors, and friends they sang song after song about God's love and truth, and quoted Scripture verses. Days before graduation many children had taught John 3:16 to their parents! One Catholic mother phoned the missionary to ask if her child was quoting the verse correctly.

Pray that the seed of the Word sown in the hearts and minds of these children, and of their families and friends, shall bear fruit.

PRAY for Miss Dorothy Ruth Milam, New Orleans, La., GWC. Miss Maye Beil Taylor, Serpipe, Brazil. Mrs. John Allen Moore, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev.; Mrs. Cirilo Aleman, Matanzas, Cuba, Rev. Jack B. Matthews, Tucuman, Argentina, Mrs. A. B. Craighhead, Rivoli, Italy, ev.

5 Tuesday If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? Matt. 7:11. (Read Matt. 7:9-11.)

"I think all Africans love to sing; certainly these GAs did," writes Anita Roper from Lagos, Nigeria. Eighty-four girls attended a Girls' Auxiliary camp at Alari which was conducted as smoothly in the "bush" as one might be in the States.

"Even the village children came in to learn the new songs. We were amused at one little boy with no clothes who sat on a bench by himself and listened to every word, enthusiastically participating in the singing. There must have been twenty-five small children who came to listen and, we hope, to take a song of God's love for them back to their homes"—The Commission. Ask the Lord to make these African children and their parents receptive to the good gifts he has for them; pray for the 84 GAs who attended the Alari camp.

PRAY for Miss Anita Roper, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Fred Barnes, Phoenix, Arizona, ranch ev.; Paul G. Barnes, MF; Mrs. T. G. Small, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, Miss Barbara Wenzel, Chihuahua, Mexico, ev.

6 Wednesday And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32. (Read Rev. 7:9-12.)

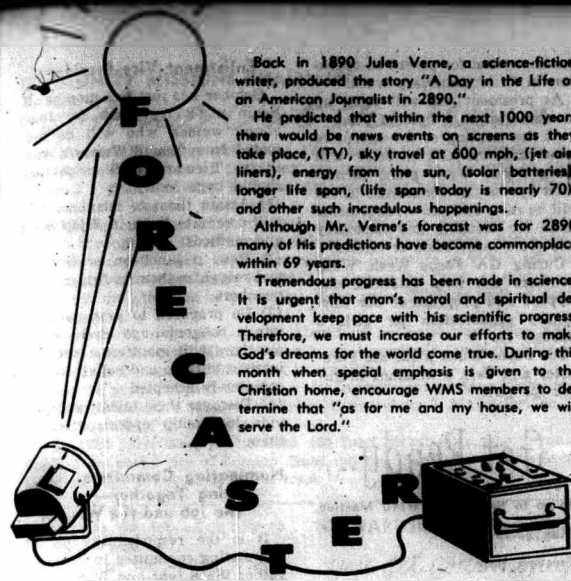
During the Asian crusades, Billy Graham visited six countries in which Southern Baptist missionaries are at work. In Hawaii he preached to nearly 20,000 people representing every major race in the world. More than 1,800 went forward in the Honolulu stadium to receive Christ or to rededicate their lives. Missionary H. B. Ramsour, Jr., states: "The movement of such masses for Christ was something that Honolulu had never seen before. Attitudes toward true evangelical Christianity have changed overnight." Pray that the hundreds who professed Christ in the Honolulu stadium shall remain true.

PRAY for Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Oahu, Hawaii, Mrs. J. D. Hollis, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.; Rev. Robert M. Jackson, Jr., Calif., ev. among deaf; Mrs. J. Ed Taylor, Tex., ev. among migrants, Mr. Jimmie D. Spann, Uruguay, lan. st.; Miss Alma Jackson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, RN

7 Thursday And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28. (Read Rom. 8:28-39.)

When the sixteen-month-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. McDowell was drowned in a small pool behind their home in Asuncion, Paraguay, many hearts were crushed by the tragedy. Four hundred people attended the funeral, many of whom had never been in a Protestant service before.

"Saturday night we did not sleep at all," Dr. McDowell wrote, "but Sunday night we



Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

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President

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, has estimated that 17,000,000 boys and girls in their teens have not as yet been reached for Christ and perhaps never will be. Parents have allowed them to shift for themselves without the influence of a Christian home and the church.

May 3-10 is Christian Home Week and May 10-16 is GA Focus Week.

These two significant weeks offer opportunities for emphases on

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tion in Girls' Auxiliary work.

As president you will point up
the importance of both of these.

At the meeting of the executive
committee the GA director will
bring Focus Week plans formu-
lated by the GA committee. These
will be reviewed and arrangements
made for securing any necessary
help from individuals or circles.

During GA Focus Week WMS
members can help publicize the
purpose and program of our mis-
sionary organization for girls 9
through 15.

For Focus Week plans see Fore-
caster and Tell, a missions maga-
zine for girls.

Get Ready...

to go to the Annual WMU Meeting

May 18-19, 1959

Freedom Hall

Louisville, Kentucky

For your preparation we suggest:

Make hotel reservations

Make travel plans

Pack early

See March Report Service for pro-
gram personnel

Pray for all of those who will be
on the program

Pray for our president, Mrs. R. L.
Mathis, and our executive sec-
retary, Miss Alma Hunt

Pray that your own heart and mind
will be ready for our 1959
meeting

Hope to see you in Louisville!

Enlistment Vice-President

October 1 is just five months off
Begin making plans for those
young women who will be om-
moted from Young Woman's Aux-
iliary. Their WMS orientation
should begin now:

- (1) Assign them to members who
will orientate them in WMS ways
and methods
- (2) Have a luncheon or banquet
and recognize them as future WMS
members
- (3) Be prepared to promote them
into a congenial-age circle where
members will manifest a personal
interest in them and help them feel
completely accepted
- (4) Discover their talents and pro-
vide leadership opportunities for
them

Nominating Committee Bring Together— the Job and the Women

It is the responsibility of the
nominating committee to bring to-
gether WMS jobs and WMS mem-
bers. Doubtless your WMU nomi-
nating committee was elected when
your present officers and chairmen
were elected. They may have been
presenting nominees throughout
the year as vacancies have occurred
but it's time now for them to
"bring together the job and the
woman" for another year.

These should be nominated and
elected so that they may attend
Ridgecrest and Glorieta WMU
Conferences and other leadership
opportunities offered in your state.

The following suggestions may
be helpful to the nominating com-
mittee:

- (1) Pray for guidance of the Holy
Spirit
- (2) See every member—a prospec-
tive leader
- (3) Prepare for interviews with
prospective officers, study duties

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COMMUNITY MISSIONS CHAIRMAN

Hand Out the Word

Jehovah's Witnesses distributed 17½ million pieces of literature in
1957. It isn't any wonder that they are increasing at the rate of 400
per cent a year, and that in Latin America their number is 15 times
as great as it was ten years ago.

We remind community missions chairmen that one way to win
souls is through the distribution of Bibles and other religious literature.

- 1 Place Gospels, tracts, and other religious literature in public places.
Make sturdy attractive racks in which to display the tracts so that they
will catch the attention of passersby. Keep racks filled as well as neat
in appearance.
- 2 Take tracts to hospitals to be placed on patients' trays. The SBC
calendar lists Hospital Ministry as a special emphasis for May. Now is
a good time to hand out the Word in hospitals.
- 3 Use the packet of soul-winning tracts in your soul-winning visitation.
Order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., price 25c.
- 4 Enclose tracts in letters to the lost.

In 1757 John Wesley organized 160 tract distributors who revolu-
tionized the entire city of London. Hand out the Word—many have been
saved through the reading of one tract.

- (4) Explain the job clearly to
prospective leaders
- (5) Challenge the women to give
time, interest, and ability to the
job
- (6) Convince the prospective lead-
er that it is a satisfying experience
you are offering her
- (7) Help women to want a place of
service "for the love of Christ
constraineth us"
- (8) Give materials needed to do
the job
- (9) Use a service activity card to
discover interests and skills of
members

Name _____
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STEWARDSHIP How do you get your money?

It has been suggested (page 73,
WMU Year Book) that the stew-
ardship, emphases for this third
quarter be: (1) Study right ac-
quisition of money, and (2) Study
or read stewardship book.

Stewardship chairman, lead the
members of your WMS to:

1. Study the following Scripture
passages—Deut. 8:11, 17, 18; 1 Cor.
4:7.
2. Discuss these five questions

- Why do we want money?
- What are some wrong ways of
accumulating wealth?
- How may the money-making tal-
ent be devoted to the highest
use?
- What practical application of
stewardship principles are you
willing to make in your own
money making?
- If necessary, are you willing to

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"rearrange your life's activities in the light of the Great Com-mission?"

3. Browse through the stewardship books in your church library and find books that have something to say about the right acquisition of money. You will profit from reading these three which are now out of print: Give Ye, Frank K. Means, Stewardship and Missions, and Money Power. Charles A. Cook.

4. Read or study the following stewardship books: God's Wealth and Ours, W. A. Bowen, 50c, Sac-rifice and Song, Foy J. Farmer, pupils' 35c, teachers' 50c, Steward-ship Enriches Life, C. W. Hatch, \$1.00, The Larger Stewardship, C. A. Cook, 50c, Stewardship in the Life of Women, Helen K. Wallace, 75c, from Baptist Book Stores.

PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer League

A prayer chairman in Carbon-date, Illinois used the following to inform and encourage those participating in the Intercessory Prayer League to pray.

1. In the July, 1958 Royal Service Call to Prayer, Dr. Baker James Cauthen said that we should be-gin early to pray for the Evange-listic Crusade to be held in Tokyo early in 1959. The prayer chair-man took that request as a basis for a poster to get the petition before the Intercessory Prayer League (and the entire church membership). She took a map of Japan from her "used" files, cut it out in rough outline and placed it on a posterboard, 22x15. The following message was printed: Attention! Dr. Cauthen requests prayer for the Evangelistic Cru-

sade in Tokyo! Services will be held early in 1959. Prayer is needed now!" The city of Tokyo was emphasized by placing a star on the map.

2. In August, 1958, a small para-graph appeared on the second page of a local newspaper announcing that President Eisenhower had de-clared October 1, 1958 as a Day of Prayer for the Nation. Notice was being given in advance so that pas-tors could fit the day into their church schedules. This afforded an excellent "request" for Intercessory Prayer. On a posterboard these words were prominent—"Did You Read . . . ?" The article was clipped and pasted onto the poster with the following comment printed be-neath it—"University Baptists can do this! Watch for further an-nouncements." Plans were made with the pastor to promote this special day of prayer with an-nouncements of the church being open for prayer. A prayer room was utilized.

3. On the Call to Prayer Tuesday, November 18, there was the state-ment, "Intercession is the secret of missionary advance." It is being used on bookmarks to be given to each circle member. A copy of the Call to Prayer symbol (the world with the praying hands) is being drawn at the top of a 2x6 inch card with the following prayer re-quests: (1) Foreign-Mission Board needs (2) Wisdom for Foreign Mis-sion Board in choosing recruits (3) Our church as we fit into the Advance Program (4) Needs to be met by Lottie Moon Christmas Of-fering listed in RS, December, 1958, pages 34-47

A mother writes: "It was of great comfort to know that those par-ticipating in the Intercessory Prayer League were holding our

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ANSWER to "What Is It?" in April Forecolor

An invitation to Glorietta WMSU Conference, July 18-22,

And to Ridgecrest WMSU Con-ference, August 6-12.

These weeks are for your enjoy-ment, your enrichment, and your enlightenment.

family before the Lord when mo-ments of anxiety developed be-cause of a serious football injury of our son. Realizing what it meant to us to have this assurance I know how much it could mean to one who is unfamiliar with daily fel-lowship with God. Because of the assurance of these praying friends our entire family matured spirit-ually during this experience."

Keep those of your Intercessory Prayer League informed of: (1) causes, and individuals in the church family needing prayer (2) lost souls (3) urgent needs in the state and community (4) national and international affairs having direct bearing on world missions.

MISSION STUDY

Dust Your Bookshelves

Have your bookshelves become dust collectors, "catch-alls?" If so, or if not, take one of those books you have been planning to read for a long time and sit down and read it now.

Mission study chairman, get the women in your WMS to take a mission book and read it. What progress have you made toward

getting all members to read one or more books listed in The World in Books? Have two thirds of WMS members read a mission book?

Encourage every woman to read The Holy Spirit in Missions, 75c from Baptist Book Stores, this quarter, and to look forward to reading Christian Witnessing (the first in our Alma series) during July, August, and September. Christian Witnessing is not off the press yet. Watch for its release date.

Let's Have More WMS Round Tables

We thought you would enjoy reading this enthusiastic letter about WMS Round Tables:

"I went out to Mrs. Moore's yester-day morning for the WMS Round Table. Ten young women came, and each one had one or two books in her arms.

"They follow the plan of having two women each time give some discussion of a book, and then pass their books around. They say that after several of them have read the books, they have heated discus-sions.

"They said that they enjoy this more than any phase of their social life. These are all young mothers. Most of them have small children, and the church nursery is open on the day they have this meeting. Mrs. Moore had planned a lovely luncheon and you never heard such chattering around the table. Of course it all didn't relate to books, but much of it did.

"You would have been amused by some of the comments and re-al-ly delighted. Some of them said, 'I heard names mentioned on the TV the other night that I had never heard of until I read some of these books in the Round Table, and I immediately felt real bright

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his name mentioned.' Another said,
'I listened to Lowell Thomas as he
talked about Africa last Saturday
night, and that was one of the
books all over again.' Another said,
'I have read more books in these

past three years than I have read
all the rest of my life, and it really
has been wonderful.'

"When I asked, 'Do your hus-
bands read these books?' they said,
'Oh yes, we can hardly keep them
ourselves for our husbands read-
ing them.'

"It was an occasion that made
me realize anew that we ought to
work harder to get more WMS
Round Tables."

YOUTH

Directives for YWA Director and YWA Committee

FORECAST: You are in "tune for summer" if you "note" possibilities

(Do) plan for a YWA Committee meeting. Set date and place well in
advance. Only five months of the year remain. Aids for committee
are:

(Re) call directives in April Forecaster. Take time for progress report
on attendance at YWA Conferences, 1959. Who will go?

(M) ighty helpful to recheck The Window for definite program plans
and personnel of conferences. Visit parents in interest of daughters'
attending. Contact fostering WMS for assistance with expenses, cre-
ating interest, etc. Urge counselors (and directors) to attend.

(E) ce the opportunity of enlisting college girls "home for summer" in
a YWA; contact WMS nominating committee for a counselor for
them.

(S) d on summer service? See page 94, YWA Manual for "My Promise
to Share." Plan wisely for enlisting college students in summer
service.

(L) acking a YWA Book Club? Summertime is a good time to begin
it. Refer to April Idea Notebook for guidance and plans.

(T) ime for GA Focus Week, May 10-16. See The Window, April issue,
for definite helps and ideas for fostering. Plan with GA director and
committee.

(Do) you dare to plan, pray and promote YWA with renewed interest
and zeal during the summer months?

—Doris DeVault, YWA director

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GIRLS' AUXILIARY Focus Week May 10-16

Features for Focus Week are
discussed in April and May
Teil. In your GA committee meet-
ing take these, plus all ideas you
have and fit them into a week of
inspiration, recreation, and infor-
mation. Clear dates, order mate-
rials. When the days of 10-16 come
your Auxiliaries will be ready to
go!

Open doors—informing church
members as to the purpose and
program of Girls' Auxiliary. Pub-
licize the times your Auxiliaries
meet and the different ages of
each. Visit in homes of all mem-
bers.

Capitalize upon every feature—
follow through, publicize. Good
planning, follow through, publicize
—these go hand in hand.

Urge every counselor to encour-
age each girl to read at least
one mission book during the week,
to use the prayer calendar every
day, and so on.

Search for emphases that are
needed in your church and in
your Auxiliaries: leadership, train-
ing, mission study, renewed com-
munity missions emphasis, For-
ward Steps, Reviewing Council
clinic, a push on missionary read-
ing. See RS, page 10.

Do you need new Auxiliaries?
Then focus on these for your girls.
Have a Focus Week worthy of the
time set aside for it on your church
calendar.

—Betty Brewer, GA director

SUNBEAM SLANTS 8-Year-Old Day Camps

Directors and Sunbeam Band
Committees, give attention this
month to our new feature of day
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—Elsie Rives, Sunbeam Band
director

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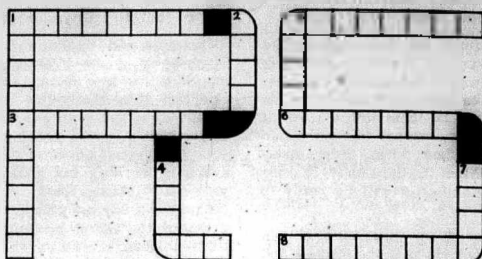
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felt protected and comforted by a multitude of prayers and we both slept well. Heaven seems closer and more real now that she has gone there. Pray that our lives and the lives of others may be blessed by this loss."

PRAY for Mrs. D. E. McDowell,* Paraguay, Rev. Eusebio Morales, San Blas, Panama, ev.; Rev. Garland K. Offutt, Louisville, Ky., ev. among Negroes; Rev. James G. Phelps, Cloutierville, La., ev. among French; Rev. Armando G. Virgen, Cameron, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

8 Friday And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear Isa. 65:24. (Read Psalm 34 2-10.)

When the first Baptist bookstore in Mexico was opened at Torreon in 1955, an achievement for which the Mexican Mission had been hoping and praying for years, the first sale was a Bible. A second-generation Christian national was asked to become manager. When Mr. Gilberto Arias was approached by the committee, he replied: "I have felt for some time that God wanted me to serve him with all my time, but I did not know what he wanted me to do. This is the answer to my prayer." Pray for Mr. Arias and this ministry.

PRAY for Mr. William Clawson, Morelia, Mexico, ed. ev.; Rev. Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. Mex.; Rev. Sven Moring, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Juan Arayabula, Berkeley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Elizabeth Arambula, MF; Mrs. Noble Y. Beall, HMB, Field Worker; Rev. Sam Morris, Tulsa, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. L. Lambright, Bandung, Indonesia, Mrs. B. P. Emanuel, Hokkaido, Miss Virginia Highfill, Osaka, Japan, ev.

9 Saturday Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness Isa. 41:10. (Read Psalm 27 1-14.)

Every year many new missionaries are sent to foreign fields. In 1958 a total of 137 new recruits were appointed. They face many problems and difficulties as they begin work in strange lands. Some suffer from homesickness; others from discouragement. They plead for and depend upon our praying for them. One new appointee said: "We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. Our lives are in His hands." Pray for these 137 new missionaries.

PRAY for Mrs. Wyatt Parker, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. Juan Naranjo, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. I. E. Gonzales, Corpus Christi, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. John E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians



10 Sunday Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you John 15:16. (Read Matt. 5:14-16.)

During the Israeli occupation of Gaza a great deal of blood was needed in the Baptist hospital. An appeal for blood donors was made from the pulpit. The first to respond was a blind woman evangelist. The man who received her blood asked to see the one who had given it, and she was brought to his bedside. "Why did you give me your blood?" he asked. "You did not know me and have never seen me." What an opportunity to tell the good news of the blood of Jesus Christ "which taketh away the sin of the world!" Pray for this man, for the staff at our Baptist hospital at Gaza.

PRAY for Mrs. J. M. Young, Jr.,* Gaza, Rev. W. E. Arnold, Kumasi, Ghana, Rev. Wallace L. DuVall, Oshogbo, Nigeria, Rev. Antonio Santana, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. J. M. Haulbrook, Nashville, Tenn., Res. Mission; Miss Cora Ney Hardy,* Nigeria, ed. ev.; Dr. James P. Satterwhite, Kyoto, Japan, med. ev.

11 Monday The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth Psalm 145:18. (Read Psalm 145:17-21.)

Phil goes to a Good Will Center in Atlanta while his parents are at work. He has memorized a great deal of Scripture, learned how to pray, and become a professing Christian. He and his mother attend the Center prayer meetings regularly and have begun a prayer time in their home.

One night Phil tried to get his father to lead in prayer. "I don't know how," his father replied. "Well, it's just saying thank you to God," the boy explained. Later, when Phil insisted that his father take his turn in the family prayers, the response was more encouraging: "Not tonight. I will sometime."

Pray for this father and many other fathers in Good Will Center communities.

PRAY for Miss Amy Lively, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Rev. Julian Reyna, Dexter, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Reiji Hoshizaki, Shizuoka, Japan, ev.

12 Tuesday And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son John 14:13. (Read 1 Tim. 2:1-8.)

Missionary John E. Mills said to more than 42,000 Baptists in Nigeria: "The beginning of our foreign mission work depends on you. You can pray for the board as it makes plans, for money to be given, and for volunteers to offer themselves. If you pray as you ought, these things will be available and we can proceed to do the work God expects us to do."

Nigerian Baptists prayed and God answered. In May, 1957, they launched a foreign mission program of their own!

Ethel Guest, teacher at our Baptist College at Iwo, states: "Our people are growing in concern for the needs not only in Nigeria but for all of Africa and the world. Several of this year's seniors have dedicated their lives as missionary teachers." Pray for the foreign mission movement among Nigerian Baptists, for mission volunteers and the money to send them out.

PRAY for Miss Ethel Guest, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Miss Auris Pender, Malaya, Rev. Tom G. Small, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, Rev. Russell R. Morris, Beirut, Lebanon, Miss Helen Meredith, Colombia, Mrs. Burton de Wolfe Davis, Fortaleza, Brazil, ev.

13 Wednesday Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it Prov. 22:6 (Read Mark 10:13-16.)

For two days before Thanksgiving the Mexican children at Wagon Wheel, N. Mex., brought canned food and fruit to the mission kindergarten. Wednesday morning they crowded into a station wagon and took a basket to an old blind man. Then they sang for him, "Jesus Loves Me."

When the group returned to the mission a little boy shouted: "I'm so-o-o happy!" Asked what he was so happy about, he replied, "Cause we could take something to the old blind man, and sing for him!"

Mrs. W. B. Minor, who works with these children, says: "We trust that these seed sown in little hearts will bear fruit some day for God's honor and glory."

PRAY for Mrs. Aurelia Baez, HMB, re-

tired; Rev. William M. Dyal, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. Carl Halvarson, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Spain, ev.

14 Thursday Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them Mark 11:24. (Read Mark 11:24.)

Robert Ryan, teacher in the kindergarten of the Baptist College of Temuco, Chile, and editor of the children's missionary magazine writes encouragingly of our work in Chile.

"A week after the new building for the First Baptist Church of Santiago was dedicated, the tenth Baptist church of that city was organized. That makes sixty-three churches now in Chile! Not long ago three promising young men were ordained into the gospel ministry, and just recently eighteen persons were baptized in the First Baptist Church of Temuco and fourteen in Santiago. So you see, the Lord is moving in Chile. Continue to pray that he will send a real spiritual awakening in this land." Pray for the sixty-three Baptist churches in Chile.

PRAY for Miss Roberta Ryan, Santiago, Chile, Miss Mary Lee Ernest, Hilo, Hawaii, ed. ev.; Miss Amelia Diaz, Las Cruces, N. Mex.; Mrs. Robert R. Harvey, Placitas, Calif.; Mrs. Armulfo Lopez, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

15 Friday But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint Isa. 40:31. (Read Isa. 40:23-31.)

As mission work in the Philippines grew by leaps and bounds, as churches, missions, Sunday schools, and vacation Bible schools multiplied, the need for graded literature adapted to the needs of Filipinos became more and more urgent. Virginia Mathis and Mary Lucile Saunders were chosen to pioneer in preparing, producing, and distributing these materials. The work is exceedingly heavy; work days are twelve to fifteen hours long; nights are often spent in meeting deadlines, and weeks go by without a break. They are happy about it, though, for the printed page is a means of reaching many for Christ. Miss Mathis writes: "We're busy but we don't say we have too much to do—only that we deeply need your prayers."

PRAY for Miss Virginia Mathis, Manila, Philippines, pub. ev.; Miss Jewel Smith Havana, Mrs. Francisco Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. Joe Tom Poe, Concepcion, Chile, Mr. Marion D. Oates, Peru, ev.

16 Saturday I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye Psalm 32:8. (Read Psalm 32:8-11.)

Catherine Walker teaches in our Baptist Seminary at Semarang, Java. Her early decision to become a missionary to China was confirmed in college days. Two weeks after she reached China the American consul advised all Americans to leave. After prayer, her first decision was reversed by the conviction that the Lord wanted her to stay. Later she went to Shanghai and spent eighteen months in valuable missionary service. "How much better was God's will and wisdom than my own," she writes, "and how wonderful that his Word could make me trust him even when I did not know the outcome of following the road he chose." Pray for the Baptist Seminary in Java, for the faculty and students.

PRAY for Miss Catherine B. Walker, Semarang, Indonesia, Mrs. J. E. Posey, Jr., Manila, Philippines, Rev. James O. Watson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. Pat Carter, Mexico, Mrs. Louis O'Connor, Jr., Korea, Rev. Jose M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. F. H. Walters, Panama, Canal Zone, ev.; Violet Walters, MF; Rev. Juan Arambula, Berkeley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Roe Beard, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Lawrence Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Chinese



17 Sunday He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the Isles shall wait for his law Isa. 42:4. (Read Isa. 42:1-7.)

Along the northern and eastern shore of Panama there are 456 islands known as the Comarca de San Blas. About 28,000 San Blas Indians live on 54 of these. The Home Mission Board opened work on one of the islands on January 1, 1955. There are now three churches, three schools, 11 missions, 31 workers, and an average Sunday school attendance of more than 1,700.

Many requests come for missionaries to begin work on other islands. An Indian chief traveled 150 miles to our mission office in Balboa to beg teachers for his people, claiming that they all wanted the Baptists to come. Only one part time worker has been sent. Pray that more native young people in

Panama may be won and trained.

PRAY for Mr. Peter Miller, San Blas, Panama, Rev. Roy Z. Chamlee, Jr., Trujillo, Peru, ev.; Manuel Miller, MF; Rev. T. W. Talkington, HMB, retired; Mrs. W. W. Boggan, Durant, Okla., ev. among Indians

18 Monday And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him 1 John 5:14,15. (Read John 11:41-44.)

There are more than twice as many Moslems in Africa as Christians of all denominations. One Christian leader declared that Islam is moving ten times as fast on that continent as is Christianity. In Tanganyika 85 per cent of the people are Moslem. Southern Baptists are meeting the challenge with churches, schools, good will centers, and hospitals. In that country many believe that an evil spirit escapes from a dying person, and by holding a hand over the mouth and nose the spirit is prevented from escaping. One of our nurses saved a child from suffocation when she found a pagan grandmother's hand held tightly over his face. Pray for the rapid advance of the gospel in Tanganyika.

PRAY for Rev. James E. Hampton, Mombasa, Kenya, Rev. Felix Torna, Havana, Cuba, Rev. Charles W. Campbell, Bahia Blanca, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. Rebecca Callaway, Richmond, Va., ev. among Negroes; Mr. A. L. Gillespie, Japan, Miss Mary Jane Whorton, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Dr. Alfred L. Davis, Jr., Hong Kong, med. ev.

19 Tuesday If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it John 14:14. (Read Num. 6:22-27.)

"God bless you, Daddy, God bless you, Mama." The words of a little girl and the same words repeated many times by the four Alvarez children, prepared the hearts of a pleasure-loving Mexican couple for the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour. The children had heard the benediction at the Baptist vacation Bible school at Redlands, California, and never tired of repeating it. The Lord did bless, and after many visits by the missionary the couple made public professions of faith. Today they are dedicated, active members of the Baptist church. "God bless you" continues to be a benediction in their home. Pray for vacation Bible schools this summer.

PRAY for Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, Gilroy,

Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Peter Chen, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Chinese; Miss Mary Alexander, Hong Kong, retired; Rev. William D. Bender,* Nigeria, Mrs. H. H. Snuggs,* China, ev.

20 Wednesday The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple Psalm 119:130. (Read Psalm 119:33-40.)

The fact that the Catholic church withholds the Bible from the people of Brazil works to the advantage of our missionaries, for it is not a question of choosing between churches which interpret the Bible differently, but between a "Bible" church and a "non-Bible" church. When a young Brazilian housewife received a large amount of money on a radio quiz program in Rio de Janeiro recently, she became the most talked-about and written-about person in the city and district. The mayor said that her knowledge of the Bible and testimony so impressed him that he had bought a Bible for the first time in his life. Pray for this young Baptist woman, for the mayor of Rio, and for Bible distribution.

PRAY for Mrs. Gene Wise, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. Lester C. Bell, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. H. F. Duffer, Jr., Mexico, Mexico, Mr. John S. McGee, Igodo, Nigeria, Rev. Rudolph Russell, Thailand, Miss Lorene Tilford, Taichung, Taiwan, ev.

21 Thursday No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly Psalm 84:11. (Read Psalm 37:3-6.)

Properly educating their children has always been a serious problem for our missionaries. Until time to send them to the States, fathers and mothers are torn between the duty of teaching them at home and the many demands of missionary service.

The problem was solved for Nigeria when the Newton Memorial School was opened in January, 1957, with an enrolment of seventeen children. Though understaffed, the school is a dream come true for missionary parents. W. McKinley Gilliland writes: "These students love Africa and its people. Some of them are already thinking and speaking of one day returning to Africa as missionary doctors, nurses, teachers, and preachers." Pray for this school, for older "MKs" who are in the States.

PRAY for Rev. W. McKinley Gilliland, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mr. B. A. Clendinning, Jr.,* Switzerland, ed. ev.; Miss Mary Hester Powell, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Jr., Pernambuco, Brazil, ev.

22 Friday But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus Phil. 4:19. (Read Psalm 142:3.)

Indian women often pull off their shoes and wade across a stream to get to the New Hope Cherokee Baptist Church near Muskogee, Oklahoma. One cold Sunday afternoon when a bridge across the stream was six or eight inches below water, Mr. and Mrs. Roe R. Beard found an Indian woman, seventy years old, waiting at the water's edge. She explained, "I am going to church and someone will come by and put me across." The Beards drove her across and she went to church two hours before time for the service. Later that night a truck driver "put her across" again and she walked home, a flashlight in one hand and a walking stick in the other. This woman is one of 4,000 Indian Baptists of the 40,000 Cherokee Indians who are waiting for someone to "put them across" into the Kingdom of God. Pray for Indian Christians.

PRAY for Rev. Roe Beard, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Adiel H. Urbina, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Orvil W. Reid,* Mexico, Rev. Vance O. Vernon,* Brazil, Miss Maurine Perryman, Ajloun, Jordan, ev.

GOD'S REVEALING
And what doth the Lord
Require of thee,
But to do justly, and to love mercy,
And to walk humbly
With thy God?
—Micah 6:8

23 Saturday And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not Gal. 6:9. (Read Gal 6:6-10.)

A visitor in a Sunday school class in Spain was approached by the teacher about accepting the Saviour. She retorted: "Don't talk to me about changing religions! I was brought up on religion. I have tried all my life to be religious. What do I get as a result? Nothing but an empty heart!"

Her words are indicative of the spiritual poverty in Spain. Though 99 per cent are nominally Catholic (less than 3,000 are Baptists), in practice the percentage is much less. In spite of state-imposed restrictions,

Baptist work is growing and there is faith in the future. Pray for a lifting of severe restrictions against evangelists in Spain.

PRAY for Mrs. Everett R. Lanham, Esplanada, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Harold T. Gruber, Panama, Panama, Mrs. W. N. Claxton, Ibadan, Mr. Buford E. Cockrum, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, Mrs. Hugh McKinley, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. Ralph Harrell,* E. Africa, Rev. Guy Henderson,* Korea, ev.



24 Sunday Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings Isa. 3:10. (Read Matt. 25:34-39.)

"Perhaps some young person will prepare to go to Brazil to take my place," said Mrs. A. J. Terry, veteran missionary to Brazil, following her retirement in 1957 after more than forty-five years under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. "I don't like to even think about not going back."

When Mr. and Mrs. Terry began work in Brazil in 1913, he was the only evangelical preacher in the entire state of Piaui. For many years they traveled by muleback throughout the state, preaching, teaching, and establishing churches and schools. When Mr. Terry died while on furlough in 1944, Mrs. Terry went back alone to help direct the North Brazil Training School. Pray that a young person will prepare to take Mrs. Terry's place.

PRAY for Mrs. A. J. Terry, Brazil, Mr. D. Bejarano, HMB, Mrs. Earl Parker, Korea, retired, John A. Parker, MF, Mrs. Jose Manuel Millan, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Charles Campbell, Bahia Blanca, Argentina, Rev. Louis O'Connor, Jr.,* Korea, Rev. Clem D. Hardy,* Brazil, ev.

25 Monday If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you John 15:7. (Read John 14:21-26.)

Missionary Alex Gardner, Argentina, writes that in obedience to Christ's command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," he was constantly asking the Lord to send more young people to the foreign field. He prayed especially for one young couple whom he knew in the home-

land, and then wrote and told them of his prayer. They replied: "You can start praying for someone else now. We are writing our life histories in preparation for appointment." This young couple is now serving in Kenya.

PRAY for Rev. Alex Garner,* Argentina, Rev. Donald R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, Rev. Gene A. Clark, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Thurmon Bryant,* Brazil, ev.

26 Tuesday Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession Psalm 2:8. (Read 2 Peter 3:9; Hab. 2:14.)

The language barrier is a great handicap to mission work. In evangelistic meetings held in the church at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, services were held in two languages: a missionary preached three times in English, and a Chinese preached three times in Cantonese. There were seventeen professions of faith, including an English girl who was won to Christ by a Chinese Christian girl. Pray for the lifting of the darkness in the minds and hearts of the people in Malaya. Pray for the missionaries laboring in this field.

PRAY for Rev. Charles Morris, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, Mrs. Walter Moore, Jomkrama, Nigeria, ev.; Mr. Carter E. Bearden, Decatur, Ga., ev. among deaf.

27 Wednesday If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself John 7:17 ASV. (Read 1 Cor. 2:10-14.)

"We are grateful," says Frederick M. Horton of Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, Japan, "and we want to thank all Southern Baptists who prayed. God answers prayers." He was referring to the special prayer request for a Spirit-inspired revival in the University. That revival came. Seventy-three students accepted Christ and fifty others indicated they wanted to learn more about Christianity. Christian students witnessed to non-Christians and a genuine atmosphere of revival permeated the campus. Seinan Gakuin is one of our greatest evangelistic opportunities in Japan, touching the lives of 4,500 students for Christ every day. Pray for these students.

PRAY for Mr. Frederick M. Horton, Fukuoka, Japan, ev.

28 Thursday I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people Heb. 8:10. (Read Psalm 119:57-64.)

A large group of women and children attended a mission in Uto, Japan, but for a long time no men came. One day the husband in the home where the services were held listened from the kitchen. What he heard caused him to listen again—and again. He finally ventured into the room of the meeting. One day this man and his wife invited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Medling to their home for an anniversary service of their ancestors. These missionaries wanted no part in Buddhist-ancestor worship, but felt they should accept the invitation. After the meal the woman turned to them and said, "On this day we generally have a service to placate the spirits of the dead. Today we have called you because, from this day, we want to be known as a Christian family. We want you to lead us in prayer and dedicate our home to God." Pray for this Christian family.

PRAY for Mr. W. R. Medling,* Japan, Mrs. R. L. Fielden, Baia, Mrs. T. N. Clinkscules, Parana, Brazil, ev.; Mr. J. B. Parker, HMB, retired

28 Friday Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isa. 59:1. (Read Matt. 14:14-21.)

Hong Kong is filled with refugees from communism—men, women, children, old, sick, destitute, hungry—without money, shelter, food, jobs—without Christ. The influx of refugees has been so great that the government has been unable to handle the situation. Local Christians do what they can; Baptist churches take up two offerings each Sunday morning—one for the support of the church, the other for refugees.

Some refugees are Christians, but many have never heard the gospel. In their adversity their hearts are open to receive it. The task facing our missionaries is overwhelming. Pray for these hungry, suffering multitudes, for missionaries in Hong Kong.

PRAY for Mrs. J. A. Foster, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. R. K. Evensen,* Paraguay, Mrs. J. D. Belote, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.; James D. and Theodore C. Belote, MF; Miss Ruth Porter, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN; Rev. Taylor C. Bagby, Brazil, retired; Miss Johnnie L. Hobbs, New Orleans, La., GWC

29 Saturday If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally. James 1:5. (Read 1 Kings 3:5-14.)

Often it is difficult for our Board and our missionaries to decide which needs are the greatest and which should be answered first. When the Glendon D. Grobers completed

their language study preparatory to entering evangelistic work in North Brazil, Mr. Grober visited several fields where he had been asked to serve. One pastor said, "You just don't know how we've hoped and prayed that God will send someone to help us." At another place the people pled, "Oh, come and help us! You are an answer to our prayers." In other places voices begged, "Oh, come and help us!" How these missionaries wished that they were dozens of people! Pray earnestly that God will send someone to all of these people and places.

PRAY for Mrs. Glendon Grober,* Brazil, RN; Mrs. Alfred L. Davis, Jr.,* Hong Kong, Dr. I. N. Patterson,* Nigeria, Mr. Horace V. Davis,* Brazil, Rev. Hubert O. Hurt, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Rafael Guillen, Aguadulce, Panama, ev.; Mrs. Carlos Carreon, Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. Don Contreras, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking



31 Sunday My words . . . are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Prov. 4:20,22. (Read Psalm 119:81-83.)

Disease and ignorance are appalling in the poverty-stricken republic of Paraguay. Our Baptist Hospital at Asuncion is a haven of hope and comfort, and the skill of our doctors has become known throughout the nation and in neighboring countries. The ministry is both physical and spiritual.

The wife of the Hungarian architect of the hospital buildings came for a checkup. She was suffering physically, mentally, and spiritually. Her fourteen-year-old son had died, and friends told her she had sent him to hell because the priest did not administer the last rites. Missionaries guided her, read the fourteenth chapter of John and other Bible portions, and pointed her to the Saviour. Pray for this Hungarian woman.

PRAY for Mrs. William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, Miss June Cooper, Tokyo, Japan, ev.

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The Holy Spirit in Missions

Theme: "Make Thy Salvation Known"

Announcement Poster: In center outline a large open Bible; sketch globe representing THE WORLD; at left, A SOVEREIGN PROMISE; right, AN EMPOWERED CHURCH; beneath, THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MISSIONS. State place, date, time.

Send note to each circle member urging that Chapters III and IV be read in addition to the first two chapters studied last month. Enrich preparation for leadership of the study by reading from your library or Baptist Book Store such book as *The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*, W. T. Conner, \$2.25.

From Moody Press, 820 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois the booklet: *Secret Power*, D. L. Moody, 35c.

See file copies of *The Commission*, October, 1956, "The Holy Spirit and World Missions"; December, 1957, "God With Us."

Prepare posters by cutting out the letters at right so that light shines through.

YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER

Turn a light on from behind the poster at the beginning of the study. As the light now shines through the letters that before were dim, so the Holy Spirit illuminates our lives and gives power to our witness.

Review briefly the first two chapters: I. The Holy Spirit gave power to the witness of the first disciples, making possible the miracle of Pentecost and the beginning of missions. II. The Holy Spirit, the "Heavenly Helper," is a Person, equal with God the Father and God the Son, present to guide us and empower our witness.

The key verse for the three chapters of this study is Acts 1:8. Turn over the first illuminated poster, YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, to the next, on which will be the outline:

The Promised Power Needed
The Promised Power Given
The Promised Power Available

As these three main points are unfolded from the book, let the circle members read appropriate Scripture verses as indicated by Dr. Lawrence on pages 45, 48, and 49. Turn back to illuminated poster, then to poster three, outline of Chapter IV:

Power to Witness to a Lost World
Power to Convict a Lost World
Power to Evangelize a Lost World

Seek participation by asking: Since Christ came to save all people, why are not all saved? Why does the Holy Spirit need our witness? How does the Holy Spirit convict of sin? What is meant by convicting the world of righteousness? of judgment? What is the Holy Spirit's part in world evangelization? What is our part? Call for reading of Scripture passages under each main point.

Turn again to the illuminated poster, then to poster four, with the outline:

The Holy Spirit Upon the Church
The Holy Spirit in the Church
The Holy Spirit Directing the Church

As these main ideas are developed, evoke responses from circle members by asking: What foreshadowing of the church's anointing by the Holy Spirit is found in the Old Testament? What is the missionary significance of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the church at Pentecost? What conditions must a church meet if the Holy Spirit is to abide in it? What difference in the life of the church will this make? How does the Holy Spirit enable a church to carry out its missionary commission? Read appropriate Scripture verses.

Close with singing or reading of "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayer" and prayer that the power of the Holy Spirit may be received for effectual witness "in Jerusalem . . . and unto the uttermost part."



Mrs. Belle Westover, whose telephone call was the means by which interest in a church was born at Pearl Harbor

by Malcolm Stuart,
missionary pastor

A Church Is Born AT PEARL HARBOR

It was not a typical Hawaiian day. The usual blue skies and warm lazy atmosphere now appeared overcast and heavy. A young mother stood at her window looking out upon the surrounding beauty of the hills and the nearer area of cheaply built homes crowded about her. Her heart was greatly concerned about the hundreds of families stationed here in service for our country who were not establishing a church home. All about her were children and parents content to enjoy the pleasures of the islands but neglecting to attend church on the Lord's Day—many of them Southern Baptist church members. What could she do alone toward bringing a church closer to this Pearl Harbor area?

As she half turned from the window, trying to shut out the dreariness and the discontent in her heart, a soft voice seemed to call to her. "Why don't you do some-

thing about this field that is white unto harvest?" She knew the Lord was speaking to her about His church. She quietly turned back to the window almost breathing the prayer, "How could I, Lord, do this alone?" The assurance came at once that nothing was too hard for the Lord if she would undertake for Him and was really in earnest about this matter.

Belle Westover left the window with the question, "But how?" She began by searching in the telephone directory for Southern Baptist Headquarters. Mr. Koon might have the answer but she was told that he knew of no work in the offing for the Pearl Harbor district. He directed her to call the pastor of her church, Rev. Chester Young, and talk with him. His field of service was closer by. Mr. Young could not tell her of a proposed church thereabouts but he advised her to contact Rev. Malcolm Stuart,

at that time president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, who was vitally interested in helping with the establishment of new work throughout the islands. He had served as pastor of the largest church in Honolulu for eight years and now their new educational building was completed and dedicated. Now he was turning his dreams again toward a Pearl Harbor church and work among the service personnel.

By this time a doubt began to rise in the heart of Belle Westover as to whether she should go on with this dream, try to talk it over with a third party, or just put it off for awhile. But without delay

groundwork. A church was born. At the organizational meeting there were 45 charter members.

A year and seven months have gone by. The membership is more than 200. The first yearly budget was set at \$18,000. When only two months old, the new Pearl Harbor Southern Baptist church gave \$511 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and on Easter Sunday the attendance for church services was 210.

At the present time, services are held in the Pearl Harbor school auditorium, an old corrugated Quonset hut, hastily transformed each Lord's Day into a sanctuary by the arrangement of palms and flowers



Quonset hut school auditorium serves as meeting place for Pearl Harbor Baptist Church

she called Mr. Stuart and poured forth her hopes and dreams for the new church. He was greatly encouraged and asked how many people she thought would be interested in the project immediately. Her reply was that at least twelve young families were without a church home and she would contact them.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform" and after much prayer and many consultations between Mrs. Westover and Mr. Stuart, the longed-for day arrived. On October 13, 1957, just two months from the day the Lord spoke to this young mother as she stood at her window, a group of dedicated young people met in her home high on a beautiful hill and planned the "harvest"

and above all by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Five Quonset huts have been lent for Sunday school classes and mid-week prayer services. The hopes and prayers of the members are that a beautiful site upon which a church building might be erected will be a reality before year's end. Help us pray that God's continued blessings will fall on us.



Werner Story photo

Suggested Program Plans by Sara Young Mullins, missionary wife

Hawaiian hospitality is a way of life in the islands. Every important occasion, birth, birthday, betrothal, wedding, anniversary, or a welcome or good-by, is an excuse for a luau (loo-ah-oo).

Why not have a luau on the occasion of your study of Hawaii? Perhaps your feast will not provide loulous (lah-oo-lah-oo), poi (poi-ee), and Kalua (kah-laa-ah) pig cooked in an underground oven, but you can improvise and have a truly festive program. See page 36 for suggestions.

If you do not want a luau for your program meeting, perhaps you would like to enlarge a flower from the cover to use as a program folder. You could plan for a backyard or playroom meeting and sit about informally. Serve a fruit punch from a flower-hidden bowl as members arrive. Have ready a flower for everyone's hair (with bobby pins). Play Hawaiian music on records.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Devotional Period
Sing: "O Happy Day"
The Aloha Spirit
The Missionary Challenge of the Islands
Sing: "When He Cometh"
Hawaii—the 50th State
Sing: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Dedicated Island Leaders
First Southern Baptist Church at Pearl Harbor
Sing: **The Doxology**
WMU Week in Hawaii
Sing: "O Far a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
A Look into the Future
Sing: "Lead On, O King Eternal"
Closing Prayer

PRAISE FROM THE ISLES

Devotional Period

Sing "Praise Him! Praise Him!" No. 137, Baptist Hymnal.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:10-12

Hawaii is musical. Tourists arriving in Honolulu on the ocean liners are greeted by the hula dancers and the Royal Hawaiian Band. Waikiki (Wye-ky-ky) Beach hotels offer musical entertainment every night, Polynesian style. The drivers of the scenic tour limousines strum Hawaiian love songs on ukuleles and tourists stop for fresh pineapple in roadside parks. Driving along the treacherous coastal roads, one hears the breaking waves crashing below while a waterfall pours over huge boulders in the mountainside above. On summer evenings the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra plays in a bandstand in Kapiolani Park.

Gongs of pagan temples can be heard in Hawaii, too. During the Bon (Japanese festival; ancestral spirits are supposed to visit household altars) season, the weird music of Buddhist worship drones for hours while the Bon dancers in their oriental dress entertain the spirits of dead ancestors.

There are church bells too. The most glorious music in the world are those sounds which praise the Lord! The Psalmist calls upon the inhabitants of the islands of the earth to praise the Lord, yea, to shout from the mountaintops the glory of the Lord. It is a thrilling experience to worship with Christians in the islands and behold Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hawaiian, Filipino and Caucasian joining voices in hymns of prayer and praise. Year by year congregations of our Baptist churches are growing larger and happy hearts are joining in the new song of salvation.

During the first service of worship after a missionary pastor arrived at his new field in Waianae (Wye-ah-nigh), on the island of Oahu, Paulette Quimino requested

baptism. Visiting the family during the following week, the pastor's wife met the Filipino father, the Japanese mother, and four beautiful daughters, Paulette being the youngest. After friendly conversation, Mr. Quimino said, "You know, Paulette is the third of my daughters baptized into the Baptist church. I think it's time I went up there and found out what they are teaching my girls. Maybe they have found the truth." Benjamin Quimino, born in the Philippines, had grown up as a nominal Catholic but for years had been studying the Bible privately. After only a few Sundays at Waianae Baptist Church he affirmed, "This is the truth. This is what I believe." He then requested baptism and church membership.

Immediately Mr. Quimino began witnessing, first to his wife and daughter Ellen. Each found the Lord, making the Christian family complete. The Quimino's next door neighbors are Chinese. Mr. Quimino, now Training Union director, enlisted Mr. Tam in Training Union and Sunday evening worship. After a while Mr. Tam gave his first part on a program and said, "I saw how my neighbor's life changed when he became a Christian, and I came to church. I saw, and I believed, too."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullins, Laura, David, and Leanne—missionary family in Hawaii



Mr. Quimino is a civil service employee at Hickam Air Base. Two of his riders, Isabello Giron and Juan Ataki, have accepted Christ, testifying, "Benjamin preached to us all the way to work and all the way back until we gave in." Mr. Giron is now president of the Baptist Brotherhood and his charming wife, a life-long Catholic, has found Christ and been baptized. Abigail Mazuta who lives in the Giron's home has recently made a public profession of faith in Christ.

Mr. Giron's backdoor neighbor, Mr. Buck, although reared by devout Baptist parents, had been antagonistic toward the church for thirty-five years. Upon Mr. Giron's persuasion, Mr. Buck started to church, accepted Christ, and is now superintendent of the adult Sunday school department. Now Mr. Buck's lovely Japanese wife is regular in attendance and they bring their daughter and six grandchildren to the church services.

Mr. Quimino, Mr. Tam, Mr. Giron, and Mr. Buck are members of the church choir. Because of Christian witnessing within fifteen months, there are now twenty-four members of their families. Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Haole (*how-lee*) white racial background, in the congregation, all singing the songs of praise. No sweeter music rises to Heaven!

Sing "O Happy Day," one verse.

The Aloha Spirit

May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii. And Lei Day (*lei rhymes with may*) is one of the loveliest holidays in all the world. Flowers appear in gorgeous profusion. Nearly all the women and little girls wear muumuis (*moon-oo-moon-ooes*), the straight, full floor-length garment which was adopted by the islanders after the coming of early missionaries. The men and boys wear aloha (*a-low-ha*) shirts made of brilliant flowered prints. leis of orchids, coconut leaf hats, shiny black hair studded with hibiscus, monuments and statues draped with car-

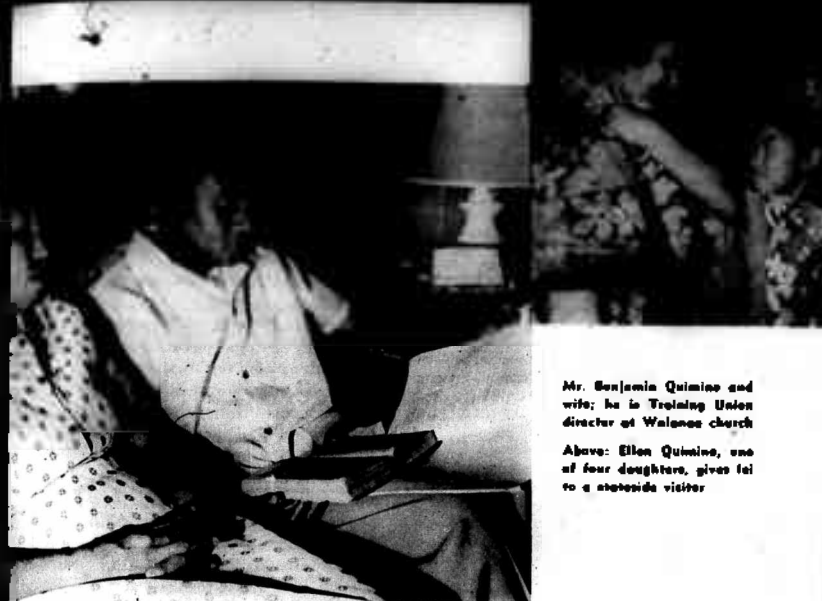
nation leis, even animals with garlands of flowers wound around their necks are everywhere on Lei Day. Thousands of people in Honolulu watch beautiful outdoor pageants depicting the story of Hawaii.

Most people, in towns and villages all over the islands, find their way to a school to watch the children in celebration. Every child participates in the joyous festivities, and even casual onlookers soon catch the aloha (*a-low-ha*) spirit of friendly neighborliness and the warmheartedness of Hawaiian life. After all the parades and pageants are over the people put aside ukuleles, ti leaf skirts and beautiful decorations, but the aloha spirit lingers on in schoolroom, store and office. For aloha is a way of life on the eight small islands where 539,000 people, representing practically every racial background, live together in respect and comradeship.

It cannot be truly said that all racial and social barriers are broken down or that Hawaii is the utopia where there is no prejudice or discrimination. There are groups that scorn other groups, but it is true that an amazing tolerance exists. In one high school where the largest percentage of the student body is Japanese, the recent elections produced a Filipino student body president, a Japanese vice-president, and other officers of Portuguese, Chinese, Hawaiian, and Haole (*How-lee*) or white racial background.

The Missionary Challenge of the Islands

Hawaii's people have come from many countries of the world and have brought their religions with them. In Honolulu within the radius of less than six miles one can visit many different places of worship: an Hawaiian *heiau*, a Confucianist or a Taoist temple, a Shinto shrine, a Buddhist *kyokai*, a Jewish synagogue, a Mormon tabernacle, a Catholic cathedral, an Episcopal church, a Korean Christian church and other Protestant churches of over 30 denominations. Religious variety has been



Mr. Benjamin Quimino and wife; he is Training Union director of Waiānae church

Above: Ellen Quimino, one of four daughters, gives lei to a stateside visitor

intensified in recent years as Protestant denominations, shut off from missionary activity in some of their foreign fields, have turned to Hawaii with special concern.

As a result of all the conglomeration of religions, Hawaii is a difficult mission field. The older people cling tenaciously to old religions. Second generation orientals are torn between loyalty to traditions of parents and desire to be completely American, in religion as well as culture. The children and young people compose a promising field of labor for Christian missions. Recognizing the threat of losing their youth to the Christian churches, the oriental groups have experienced a resurgence of missionary effort. Buddhist sects have modified their practices to become "Christian-like" in the eyes of the public. They sing Buddhist words to our Christian hymns, call their priests reverend, offer baptism (a waving of the razor to cut away evil spirits), robe their choirs, announce regular hours for Sunday school

and worship, all contrary to Buddhism in the orient. Their "church" activities appear right alongside the Christian church announcements in daily newspapers.

Catholicism claims 45 per cent of the people, and there are 140 priests and more than 450 sisters. Four hundred lay teachers are engaged in Catholic instruction of children in public schools. They are released for one hour each week to go to the church of their choice. Parochial schools have large enrolments. Much of the civic and cultural life of Hawaii is influenced by Catholicism.

There has been no comprehensive religious census in Hawaii for many years, but those who estimate say that evangelical Christians compose only 6 or 7 per cent of the total population. Many of these belong to churches which adhere to modernistic teachings believed by Baptists to be incompatible with scriptural teachings. The largest and oldest Protestant denomination, after 138 years of work in the Islands, has only 15,000 members, or 3 per cent of the

Southern Baptist Program in Hawaii

Since the first Southern Baptist missionaries began work in the Hawaiian Islands in 1940 there has been maintained an average of 30 missionaries working as pastors, educational directors, student workers, kindergarten directors, and teachers in the Baptist Academy. At the present there are 43. Mr. Victor Koon has served as field secretary of the Hawaii Mission since 1949.

At the close of 1958 there were 21 churches and seven missions reporting 4,553 members. There were ten missionary pastors, eight oriental pastors, and four pastors who are from the mainland but not appointed missionaries. In addition, two pastors minister to the Japanese-speaking congregations in several of the churches.

The churches vary in size from Olives with 1,121 members to Kaunakakai, on the island of Molokai, with 39 members. Most of the churches on Oahu have felt work strengthened by service people in their membership. The outer-island churches are almost entirely oriental in membership. In all churches the report was 403 baptisms for the year, 7,977 Sunday school members, 2,348 enrolled in Training Union, 1,714 in Women's Missionary Union.

total population. The truth is that thousands of persons are spiritually adrift, their lives dominated by the secularism so prevalent in the prosperity and natural beauty of the islands.

Sing "When He Cometh."

Hawaii—the 50th State

A recent edition of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* carried the following headline: "Odds for Statehood in '59 are 10-1, O'Brien Declares." Representative O'Brien was one of a group of congressmen who was in the islands investigating charges of communism. In spite of strong opposition waged against statehood because of alleged Communist control of labor unions and other factors, it seems inevitable that Hawaii will become the 50th state of the Union, either in 1959 or some succeeding year.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has foreseen the fact that it will be impossible to oper-

ate a foreign mission program in a state of the Union. Therefore, action was recommended and adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention 1958 session that control of the mission work in Hawaii be turned over to the Hawaiian Baptist Convention as rapidly as possible.

The ultimate aim on all our mission fields is the development of indigenous New Testament churches which can assume the task of propagation of the gospel. Because of similarity of living conditions in Hawaii to that of mainland United States, it has been felt by the Foreign Mission Board and Hawaii Baptists alike that this aim could be realized much more rapidly in Hawaii than on any other mission field. The missionary force has been kept at a minimum and the last three couples appointed to Hawaii were given special appointment because of the uncertainty of length of service.

Progressive steps have been slowly taken through the years to transfer responsibility from the Hawaii Mission to the Hawaiian Baptist Convention. A Cooperative Program is assuming an increasingly large percentage of financial support for various phases of work. Underway is a ten-year program which will ultimately result in full support of pastors and workers by the churches. Missionaries have encouraged permanent island residents to prepare themselves by training and experience to take the leadership in every department of church and convention life.

This period of final transition will surely be a testing time for young churches and young Christians, requiring courageous vision and dedication. (See page 1 for additional information.)

Sing one verse "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Dedicated Island Leaders

The oft-made statement that the hope of the future is in the young people is peculiarly true regarding Baptist work in Hawaii. In less than twenty years of mission-

ary effort churches have come into being which have produced outstanding Christian leaders. Thus far, 49 young people have received training in Baptist colleges and seminaries and are serving, seven as pastors, others as assistant pastors, educational directors, music directors, and teachers in the Baptist Academy. Some work in churches and schools on the mainland. Hawaii Baptists praise the Lord for the dedication and unusual talents of these young leaders whom God has called out and placed in his service.

Wonderful stories could be told of how God has used missionaries and other Baptist workers to bring these chosen ones as children and young people into the church activities where they have had life-changing experiences of salvation and consecration to church related vocations. Only a few can be mentioned, but their story will suffice to show the high caliber of those who are rapidly finding their places of leadership in Baptist life (see page 5).

Rev. Dan Kong: During the World War II years of gas rationing a fine Christian family found it impossible to drive from Wahiawa to Honolulu to worship in the Episcopal church where they were members. Anxious for their children to receive Christian training, the Kongs sent them to the nearby Wahiawa Baptist Church. Their sons, Harry and Dan, have become leaders in our Baptist work. After serving as educational and music director of Olivet Baptist Church, Harry is now a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. Dan Kong is the first island young person to be pastor of one of our churches. After his education at Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dan returned to Hawaii in 1953 and became pastor of Wahiawa Baptist Church which he attended in his youth and where he had found the Lord.

Dan Kong's service as pastor of the Wahiawa church has been outstanding. The church has shown remarkable growth, ranking second in size with 582 members,

and first of the Hawaii Baptist churches to become financially independent. Because of the intelligent leadership and Christ-like spirit, Pastor Kong has earned the respect and love of missionaries, local workers and Baptist people in general. Now, as vice-president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, he will play a vital role in the development of Baptist work in the future.

Rev. Mori Hiratani: For the first time in its fifteen-year history, the Hawaii Baptist Convention, in its 1958 session, elected one of its oriental pastors as president of the convention. Rev. Mori Hiratani, (see cover and page 5) pastor of Pearl City Baptist Church, was given the confidence of the Baptist people and elected to the heavy responsibility of leading the convention in this transition year.

Mori Hiratani (*Mau-ree He-rah-tah-nee*), a member of a Buddhist family, was converted in the Wahiawa Baptist Church. The Lord used Miss Grace Wells, at that time a missionary worker in the church, as an instrument in calling him into the ministry. After his education at Hardin-Simmons University, Wayland Baptist College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mr. Hiratani returned to Honolulu in 1955 upon the invitation of the Nuuanu (*Noo-noo-ah-noo*) Baptist Church as assistant to Missionary Pastor James H. Ware.

During four years of work in the islands Mr. Hiratani has used his fine business abilities in helping to develop the convention-owned Baptist Book Store, and Puu Kahea (*Poo-h Kah-hee-ah*) Baptist Camp, serving various periods as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of these institutions. During 1957 Mr. Hiratani began devoting his time to the Pearl City Baptist Mission, moving with his wife into a house on the mission property. In August, 1958, the mission was organized into a church and was received into the Hawaii Baptist Convention in the same session in which its pastor was elected president. Pastor Hiratani is endowed with keen intelligence and has grown steadily in his usefulness and esteem among Hawaii Baptists.

Miss Ethel Chong: More than a dozen young people from the Wahiawa (*Wah-heh-wah*) church have become local workers in our Baptist churches. (*Local worker is the term used to describe vocational church workers other than appointed missionaries.*) Many of these splendid pastors and educational directors testify that they first attended the Wahiawa church upon the invitation of Miss Ethel Chong. After a period of missionary service in Shanghai, Miss Chong became one of the first Baptist workers in the islands and helped to organize the Wayside Baptist Chapel which later grew into the Wahiawa church. Unassuming and shy, Miss Chong is seldom heard in public gatherings. Her matchless contribution has been in the intensive, persevering visitation program in which she has personally engaged and in which

she led the Wahiawa church. Her pastor said, "Miss Chong supplied the lifeline for the growth of our Sunday school and has assured the future leadership of the church by pulling in local children." The Wahiawa church, near Schofield Army Base, has had a large percentage of military personnel in its membership, but some of its finest leaders have been oriental residents.

The Central Mission was begun by Miss Chong in 1951 as she began to visit the Chinese living over and behind the Chinese shops in downtown Honolulu. Since 1953 she has devoted all her time to this needy work. As director of the Central Mission, Miss Chong has visited unceasingly, witnessing and teaching the Bible to those who would listen. On Sunday mornings 134 enrolled from 60 families meet in the Central Intermediate School for Sun-

day school and a gospel message, followed by Training Union.

Youthful Membership: A visitor in one of the churches quickly notices the youthfulness of the congregations. A majority of the members are Intermediates and Young People who, because of the scarcity of adults, find themselves serving in unusual capacities as church officers, teachers and leaders. This is especially true in the small outer-island churches.

Alfred Gima (*Jee-mah*), a member of the Kahului (*Kah-hu-lu-ee*) church on the island of Maui (*Mou-ee*), served in an acceptable manner as primary superintendent of the Sunday school when he was 16 years old. Before finishing high school he had taught a class of Intermediate boys, filled an unexpired term as Sunday school

superintendent, and served as interim choir director. At the close of his Junior year in high school this outstanding Christian boy was elected president of the student body of Maui High School, where the large majority of the students are Buddhist. His church loyalty was demonstrated on the Friday evening of the inaugural ball when Alfred came running into the church for choir practice apologizing for being late. He had gone to the school for his inauguration, but left the festivities of the evening and wore his gorgeous red carnation lei to choir practice. No wonder that under Alfred's picture in his school annual one reads, "Respected by all."

Consecrated, talented young people, who follow Christ in spite of the displeasure of parents and scorn of friends, are becoming mature church members, growing strong

How to Have Hawaiian LUAU for Your WMS Meeting

A Hawaiian luau (*loo-ah-on*) not only is great fun, but it is quite typical of the happy atmosphere found on these charming islands. A luau could be that "something different" you are looking for in your WMS program meeting this month when we are studying our work and opportunities in Hawaii. A luau provides a gay and joyous occasion where good fellowship reigns supreme. Invite prospects and laggard members for this May meeting—and greet them warmly.

A good mumukuu is hard to find, but easy to make



Luau Music: Choose Hawaiian records and hide the player behind greenery.

What to Wear? Why mumukuu, of course. See diagram at right for making; use yardage twice the length from your shoulder to floor, plus hem allowance.

And wear leis too. To make a carnation lei, cut off stems just below flowers. Remove green bases; string through heart of the flowers onto about 2 yards of strong thread. Or use pinks, asters, dahlias, cornflowers, etc. Substitute paper leis can be made from crepe paper. Cut the entire bolt into one inch strips, before it is unfolded. Using a sturdy needle and stout thread, make uniform stitches in the middle of the strip, pushing toward the end of the knotted thread. When the lei is three or four feet long secure one end and twist the paper with the hands until it forms a round rope. Tie the ends together and the lei is complete. To give a lei; place around the neck and follow with a kiss. Results: gayety. Throughout the luau the atmosphere is one of congenial mixing and talking.

If you can manage it without losing dignity, the program could follow in this informal setting. However, there may be value in asking that everyone remove her mumukuu (not lei) and move to another room before the program begins. Or you may wish to have your luau after the program. In either

case, be sure the room where the program is presented is unusually attractive with use of every flower blooming in the month of May.

The setting: Lush greenery, many flowers, beautiful music, and tantalizing food. Place woven mats on table (better on floor!) or use wallpaper featuring lush greenery as tablecloths. Ferns, flowers, and fruit make colorful centerpieces. Leaf dishes are in style—and no silver, just fingers!

Menu: Want to have a whole roasted pig? Choose from this adapted luau menu:

Green Onions	Fruit Punch	Radishes
Tossed Green Salad		Salted Nuts
	Fruit Salad	

and one or more of the following:

Small whole Roast Suckling Pig	
Barbecued Sweet-Sour Spare Ribs	
Curried Chicken	Steamed Fish
Coconut Bars or Haupia (coconut pudding)	
Pineapple Sherbet or Fruit Compote	Coffee

NOTE: If you want a "Hawaiian Party Book," order it for \$1.00 from South Sea Sales, P. O. Box 3076, Honolulu, Hawaii.

A piece of colorful cloth, a bit of imagination, a willing hand—and a muumukuu is ready to wear



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with the responsibilities that they assume. Some of the young Adult leaders in the church and the convention began attending Sunday schools during the war years when Buddhist temples were closed and Japanese parents were anxious to prove themselves American. They found the Lord and have remained in our churches as lay leaders and witnesses to the power of the living God.

A brother and sister, Pat and Irene, were leaders among the young people of their church. Irene married Richard Kane-shiro (*Kah-ne-she-row*) whom she won to Christ. Now Richard is a deacon of the Nuuanu (*Noo-oo-ah-noo*) church and both have served as department superintendents and teachers of the Sunday school. The brother, Pat, is a deacon at Olivet church, also Sunday school teacher and Junior Training Union leader.

Another brother and sister, Arthur and Carmen Wong, found the Lord as young people. Carmen, now Mrs. Tom, the busy mother of four children, for two years has been WMU president at Nuuanu, and is the Intermediate Sunday school superintendent. Arthur has proved his Christian character in vocational life. Having finished his mainland training as a commercial artist, he was offered a very lucrative position which he declined because he would have to work on Sundays. He turned down another promising job as a window designer because of his objection to liquor advertisements which he would have to arrange. The Lord has led him into work compatible with his Christian convictions and his influence is a blessing to all.

First Southern Baptist Church at Pearl Harbor

One of the thrilling chapters in mission history is the story of our Baptist work at Pearl Harbor, which developed within one year's time from a dream in the heart of a missionary and a young mother.

Malcolm and Edyth Stuart left China to join the missionary force in Hawaii during

the early beginning of Baptist work. The attack on Pearl Harbor found them at work in Wahiawa (*Wah-hee-ah-wah*). During the war years Missionary Stuart became pastor of Nuuanu (*Noo-oo-ah-noo*) church which met under a very ragged tent on a beautiful lot covered with palm trees. The lovely church building built under those trees is only one among many which has gone up to the glory of God under his guidance. For practically the entire eighteen years of his service in Hawaii Mr. Stuart has served as chairman of the property committee of the mission and has had oversight of the purchase and building of all mission property for churches and missionary residences. Not only has he given invaluable counsel, but he has spent countless days working with other missionaries and church members in building, remodeling, repairing and painting, thereby stretching mission dollars far past their value in "hired help." (Now turn to page 28 "A Church Is Born at Pearl Harbor" and tell the story as Missionary Stuart relates it. See picture on page 7.)

The church at Pearl Harbor is not a typical island church, for its membership will always be composed of transient military personnel and their families. But it will meet a peculiar need as it offers a church home to Baptists during their tour of service, and witnesses to thousands of unsaved among the naval and air force personnel.

Sing the Doxology.

WMU Work in Hawaii

Woman's Missionary Union's work in Hawaii has been accomplished through the loving efforts of women from many backgrounds. From the beginning missionaries have taken the initiative in leadership. Miss Hannah Plowden having served as president of the first society at Wahiawa, and Mrs. C. K. Dozier, now a retired missionary, as first president of the Territorial WMU. Practically every woman missionary has shared in some way in the leader-

ship and development. But mention of a few others will illustrate how women from many avenues of life have "laboured together."

Military Personnel — Books could be written on the contributions of the families connected with the strategic military installations in Hawaii. Baptist churches could not have developed at their rapid pace without the experienced leadership and financial support of military members.

Mrs. W. R. Crisp of Texas, wife of a master sergeant stationed at Schofield Army Base, was one among many who has strengthened WMU work. Among many church responsibilities, Mrs. Crisp served two years as WMU president in her church and held associational and territorial WMU offices as well. On one occasion a plea came from a small church for a pianist to assist in a revival meeting. With no one else seemingly available, Mrs. Crisp prepared meals for a week, left them in the freezer for her family and went to give her help and witness for the Lord among oriental people. This willingness to do whatever is needed has endeared its military members to the churches of Hawaii.

Civil Service Personnel — Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson, wife of a civil service employee at Hickam Air Force Base, has given intelligent, consecrated leadership in many capacities at the Olivet church, including that of WMU president. Mrs. Wilkinson has been a friend, confidante, and soul-winner among the young women. Her husband has served as Sunday school superintendent, Territorial Brotherhood president and Convention treasurer. This Christian couple have meant much to the spread of the gospel in Hawaii.

Retired Mainlander — The Rudolph Peterson family has been in the Hawaiian Islands for 27 years. Real missionaries at heart, and vitally concerned with the development of Baptist work, upon Mr. Peterson's retirement this couple elected to remain on Oahu (*Oh-ah-who*) for the

purpose of assisting with the work of their church and the convention. Viola Peterson is Girls' Auxiliary director in the Waianae church. In the three Junior and two Intermediate organizations there are girls of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, German, Negro, Haole, and mixed ancestry. Mrs. Peterson spends much of her time planning with the GA committee, chauffeuring the girls in the church bus, directing GA activities, and witnessing to non-Christian parents.

Schoolteacher — Miss Laura Cornwell, elementary supervisor of the Baptist Academy in Honolulu, has not confined her services to school activities. As a member of the Academy Baptist Church which meets in the school buildings, Miss Cornwell has been an unofficial missionary as she has witnessed in her gracious and Christlike spirit to families of students and neighbors in the community. She has been a very active WMU worker through the years, serving both in her church society and in the association. After several years of teaching primary Sunday school children, this year Miss Cornwell is enlisting and teaching a class of unsaved adults.

There have been many teachers who, like Miss Cornwell, have used their stay in the islands as an opportunity to be unappointed missionaries.

Island People — In every church WMU the local residents are the ones who give continuity to the work. Women could be named from every church who, finding Christ sufficient for their needs, have entered wholeheartedly into the soul-winning opportunities offered through WMU community missions. Mission study of the lands of the orient has special meaning to women whose relatives are still Buddhist. Even though they are new Christians themselves, some of the women have taken up the tasks of leading the young people's organizations and are doing remarkably well. Fine leaders are being trained, assuring a strong missionary emphasis in the churches for the years ahead.

Miss Itsuko Saito (*It-su-coe Sigh-e-toe*), called Sue by her friends, became executive secretary of Hawaii WMU in 1954. WMU is the first department of the work to have a full-time director and under Miss Saito's capable direction all the organizations have shown growth and development in quality of work. It was Miss Saito's privilege to attend the 1955 Baptist World Alliance Congress and travel through Europe and the Holy Land. In 1956 she spent several weeks in Japan, and in 1958 attended the organizational meeting of the Asian Baptist Women's Union, visiting our mission fields in six countries on her return from Calcutta to Honolulu. These experiences are invaluable to her as she seeks to lift the eyes of women on isolated islands to nations beyond the seas.

Sing one verse "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

A Look Into the Future

Hawaii Baptists are grateful to Southern Baptists, for without their help through the Foreign Mission Board the rapid development of the work would hardly have been possible. Most of the church members have been won from Buddhism or Catholicism and have practically no background of Bible knowledge and Christian experience. The missionaries have nurtured young Christians in applying Christian principles to everyday living and to organizational problems of a spiritual democracy, a Baptist church.

Grants for capital needs made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Advance Program funds have been of inestimable value as they have provided church buildings, missionary residences, and other needs. It is true that Hawaii has a high standard of living. However, most of the churches have small membership, twelve of the 21 with fewer than 150 members, and the majority of the members are school-age young people. The wage-earning adults of some of the churches can be counted on two hands. Although the

churches are practically self-supporting except for salaries and building needs, some of them must of necessity be dependent in these respects for some time to come.

Progress has been made in entering strategic areas, but there are still many thickly settled residential areas without a true evangelical witness. Honolulu, a city of 250,000, has only eight Southern Baptist churches. The islands of Kauai (*Kou-i*), Maui (*Mon-e*), and Hawaii (*Hah-wy-ee*) have only two churches each, while Molokai (*Mo-lo-ha-ke*) has one church and Lanai (*Lah-no-ee*) one mission. Advance will be impossible without additional workers. Promising potential leaders are studying in the University of Hawaii and in mainland schools. Their return to the work is eagerly anticipated but slow and uncertain. Meanwhile, missions and Bible classes are being established on faith that the work begun will be continuous.

God's work everywhere has been fraught with problems from the beginning. Certainly a legislative act making Hawaii a state, and the transfer of responsibility from the Foreign Mission Board to the Hawaii Baptist Convention will not erase the problems of a difficult mission field. But the very attributes of the land and its people—prosperity, intelligence, ambition—which assure its recognition as a state, also assure strong churches for the future as Hawaii Baptists build upon the foundations that have been laid in two decades of mission fostering. How rewarding has been the investment made by Southern Baptists in the wonderful people of Hawaii! The time must never come when mainland Baptists fail to support Hawaii Baptists with loving concern and fervent prayer.

Sing "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Prayer for Hawaiian leadership during these years just ahead; for the Convention president, Rev. Mori Hiratani; for the Foreign Mission Board as it works with Hawaiian leadership; and for missionaries and church members.

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