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Using Your Hobby

BY C. AUBREY HEARN

WHEN Edward Bok was a boy he paid Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes a visit. The writer-doctor took the boy to see his carpenter shop.

"You know I am a doctor," he explained, "and this shop is my medicine. I believe that every man must have a hobby that is as different from his regular work as it is possible to be. It is not good for a man to work all the time at one thing. So this is my hobby. This is my change. I like to putter away at these things. . . . When you grow up you will understand what I mean by an 'outlet'—a hobby, that is—in your life, and it must be so different from your regular work that it will take your thoughts into an entirely different direction. We doctors call it a safety valve."

There are many values to be derived from a hobby. A good hobby is entertaining, constructive, and rewarding. It makes a person more interesting and thus develops personality. When two people with the same hobby meet, they never run out of something to talk about.

The right hobby will develop a spirit of creativeness. Most people know from experience the pleasure that can come from riding a hobbyhorse. A hobby is pursued for its own sake but it can be used also for other purposes.

A survey of the hobbies of some fifty church leaders revealed that a surprising number of them use their hobbies in their church work or in Christian service. Some examples from this survey are given.

L. B. Echols is a traveling salesman. His hobby is collecting antique lamps. He now has over three hundred in his collection. He has become so interested in lamps that he is writing a book about them. Mr. Echols is called upon to speak often. He takes along some of his lamps and tells about them. Sometimes he speaks on "Lamps of the Bible" and tells of Christ, the Light of the world.

Of fishing, Izaak Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler*, said, "God never did make a more calm, quiet, innocent recreation." This opinion is shared by Buford E. Rimmer, sales director for an appliance firm. He goes fishing on Saturday and



uses his outboard motor. He often invites a friend to go along with him, and usually only one. In this way he has won a number of men to Christ. He has enlisted men to work in his church in the same way.

Cabinet making is the hobby of Robert D. Estes. He writes: "Some of the items I have made for our mission are bookcases, offering plates, furniture for the Beginner department, coat racks, and typewriter tables. I have received many blessings from serving in this way."

E. D. Mullis has been a scoutmaster for more than twenty-five years. He has two hobbies—photography and working with boys—and uses both to lead boys to become Christian men. Ten of his "boys" are now studying for the ministry. Mr. Mullis also takes motion pictures of weddings and receptions and presents the films as a gift to the newly married couples.

Milton J. Brooks is a retired hardware dealer. He is active in the Gideons. He and his wife have traveled in many parts of the world to attend Gideon meetings. They make travel talks in civic and religious meetings. They also are fond of fishing and golf. Mr. Brooks writes: "It is easy to take a lost man fishing and as you sit and wait for the fish to bite so many ways are opened to talk about Christ. The same is true of golf. As you walk the fairway God's hand is evident everywhere and men will be glad to talk about Christ."

Lloyd Morrow has become proficient as an amateur book-binder. He rebinds the Bibles of his friends.

Leon Rabin is an oil company executive and an outstanding golfer. By refusing to play on Sunday, Leon was instrumental in getting his company to set the tournament finals on Saturday. He writes: "It is my firm conviction that if a layman will witness for Christ under any circumstances then he can use his hobby for the glory of the Lord."

Dr. Carlyle Marney, a busy pastor, rides horseback for relaxation. He has won a number of people to Christ through contacts made in the pursuit of his hobby. He writes: "It has seemed strange that the one opportunity I had to escape my telephone and find relief from a heavy schedule for a while has turned into one of the most redemptive fellowships of my ministry."

An attorney, Bill Patterson, used his interest in basketball to win two of the players to Christ. He attended all the local high school games and made friends of the team members.

The testimonies from this survey are very well summarized by Rudy Miner, an airline ticket salesman: "It is impossible for a fully dedicated Christian to say that his job is secular and only his church work is sacred. I work a normal forty-hour week with a day off in the middle of the week. You would be surprised at the channels of service the Lord opens up for me."



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Eva Reyes belongs to the Baptist church in Patzcuaro, Mexico. She is a fine influence among the young people—teaching small children in Sunday school and helping at GA camp with purchasing and meal planning. She is pictured with the pastor's son. See page 6 for other members of her family.

The future of Baptist life in Mexico depends on a trained ministry. Some of the teachers at our Torreon Seminary (top to bottom) are James Crane (seminary president), Ervin Hostey, Abel Pierson, A. C. Muller, and William Clawson. These and many others help prepare youth for greater service among their own people.

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A MISSIONARY, *Like a Country Doctor*

Our mission work in Mexico is divided into eight areas supervised by a missionary.

Like a country doctor, an area missionary must know how to do everything. . . .

Like the country doctor, the missionary in charge of a field in Mexico does different types of work. And like the doctor, he must be prepared to receive his "patients" or to go on calls at all hours. He has no ecclesiastical authority, but he is consulted about all kinds of church and family problems.

A Mexican pastor asked me to help him with problems on the church field. After we had spent the day going from home to home, the pastor said, "The main reason I asked you to come is to tell you that my home is on the rocks. My wife and I have decided to separate."

After talking with each of them, and then together, we prayed. Soon husband and wife were in tears, embracing and asking forgiveness. That was sixteen years ago. They are still together and he continues as a pastor. Two of their sons are graduates of our seminary.

A field missionary is also an administrator. He has general supervision for construction of all churches, chapels, and other buildings on his field. He should be informed about property laws, for such knowledge may save valuable church buildings.

The field missionary promotes camps, institutes, study courses, vacation Bible schools, and religious education in general. The year before our furlough, each church on our field averaged ten one-week vacation Bible schools. There were three times as many children enrolled as there were names on the church rolls.

But the most important work of the field missionary is evangelism. Our field in Mexico includes the states of Colima, Nayarit, and Jalisco, with the exception of the city of Guadalajara. We have about thirty missions and twelve small churches, three of which were organized last year.

For two years we have averaged one baptism for each six church members, although this field is perhaps the most fanatical (Catholic opposition) of all the eight fields which Southern Baptists have in Mexico.

In carrying out plans, the missionary finds that he can do his best work as a member of a local church and the association.

Limitations to progress come in different forms in Mexico. There is the high illiteracy rate. Millions can neither read nor write, and thousands of Indians do not even speak Spanish, but use their own language.

Although there are a few good roads in Mexico, only a small part of the country can be reached by them. Bad roads, long distances, and limited transportation are hindrances.

Among the masses in Mexico, most earn only about eighty cents to a dollar a day to support large families. The entire day's income would buy only one chicken, or two gallons of milk, or two dozen eggs.

Leaving the Catholic Church and becoming a New Testament Christian often means social ostracism, boycott, or persecution. In Ciudad Guzman a mob of two thousand people attacked our mission. There and in four other places on our field, we have had to request federal troops to protect our people from mob violence.

Lack of funds, of course, is a hindrance to the work. In this field of over two and a half million souls, we have only a little over six hundred dollars a month to be



**by Orvil and Alma Reid,
missionaries in Mexico**

used for all the work—less than a third of a cent a year invested by Southern Baptists to try to win each inhabitant to Christ! On some world mission fields the investment is still less!

A lack of understanding of democracy is another limitation. Our people who come from a Catholic background have never had any voice in church affairs. On becoming Baptists they suddenly find that it is not the pastor but the members themselves who are responsible for the affairs of the church. A lack of experience and knowledge makes it hard for them to know how to adjust to their new-found freedom.

Our greatest need is for more and better trained national workers. To help meet this need, we have started the student missionary movement, giving worthy young people an opportunity to go to school and at the same time do mission work.

God is calling many Mexican young men and women. Some of them cannot finish their grade school or secondary education where they live. We require them

A good example to Baptists in the States is the energetic, Spirit-filled membership of the Baptist church in Quila, Mexico. They have only 150 members but maintain twelve missions. Here, church members of all ages are on their way to the dedication of the new mission (left)





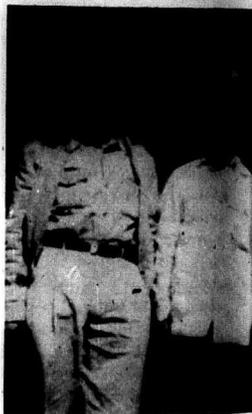
At left, Senor and Senara Reyes with their children, except Eva who is pictured on our cover. Mr. Reyes is a deacon and responsible for church life when the pastor is away. They live right next door to the Baptist church in Potzcuara. Mr. Reyes has a walking 5c and 10c store in surrounding villages

... Like a Country Doctor

to finish secondary school before entering the seminary. Even ten or fifteen dollars a month makes it possible for one to prepare for efficient service, but how sad it is to have to tell an eager young person that there is no money available.

Alfonso Cetina, a Maya Indian, came to us to go to school and do mission work. He proved to be such a brilliant student that he advanced four grades in one year. Talented as a speaker and a musician, he will help meet the need for trained workers when he receives his seminary training.

The members of the church in Colima are proud of the new church building which is being constructed, made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. At the time they called Carlos Torres to serve as pastor and also to construct their church building, he received a tempting offer from the Mexican government. The government offered him the job of constructing public school buildings at a cost of



Senor Carlos Torres (left) is pastor and building engineer of the Colima Baptist Church; Senor Emilio Villa is mission pastor



Senara Lydia Aparicio of Zopoco, Mexico where her husband is pastor. Before her marriage to a Tarascan Indian she worked as a nurse with Dr. Lamar Cole in Guadalajara. Often as she visits the people at mission points around her town she puts her baby on her back, papoose style, and walks many miles. She tries to help the sick as she shares with them the good news of the Great Physician

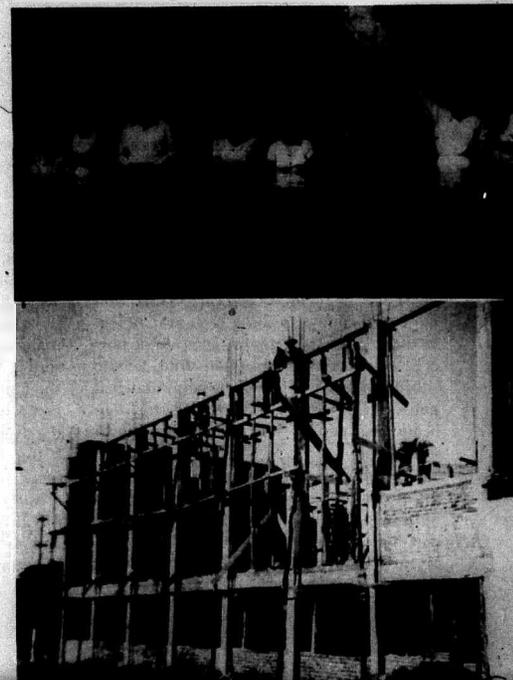
Believers in the Manzanillo Baptist Church; the Colima church building moves toward completion (see pastor at left)

several million pesos. His salary, almost three times as large as the one the church in Colima could pay. Carlos and his wife decided to take the work in the church.

But everything is not going smoothly. Recently Catholic students stoned the workmen on the Colima church building three times in one day. That night criminal hands cut the ropes supporting a beam on which workmen had to stand. The next morning when the workmen climbed up on it, the beam fell and several men were injured.

Later that day the driver of a pickup truck followed Carlos as he rode his bicycle and tried to hit him. Carlos barely managed to throw himself to the curb in time to escape, but his bicycle was destroyed. A woman shouted, "el padre" (the priest). Then she would say no more.

In spite of persecution and other hindrances to our work in Mexico, we face the future with much ground for encouragement. The Mexican





Mexican-American Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico. Dr. Lamar Cole and Dr. Franklin Fowler direct the healing-witnessing ministry

government is stressing compulsory education for children and literacy campaigns for adults. Our churches and individual Christians are co-operating. Millions each year are learning to read and write. That opens the door to evangelize and train the people.

Mexico is rapidly becoming industrialized. There is a rising middle class, and the economic level of life is higher each year. This is slowly being reflected in the economic status of our churches. About one tenth of them are self-supporting, and most of them are pushing each year nearer to the goal of self-support. In spite of poverty, many tithe. We often find people tithing who live in adobe or palm-thatched houses with dirt floors, eating *tostillas*, beans, and pepper, and who cannot afford shoes.

Each year we are winning more members of the middle class. Our student homes have helped in this phase of the work. The new Baptist hospital in Guadalajara has given a new prestige to Baptist work in

Mexico, and will be a great aid to evangelism.

More lay members of the churches are doing mission work. One church with only about eighty members has thirteen missions. Our student mission program, student homes, and seminary, as well as our camps are training workers for a greater future.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is making it possible for us to build more new church buildings and chapels each year. Two thirds of the preaching places, however, have no chapels. In fact, the vast majority of Mexicans have never heard the simple plan of salvation. Can you imagine the United States with only one Baptist for every town of 2,500 inhabitants? That is the average in Mexico.

But God is working miracles with the small investment Baptists are making in missions. Mexico and the world can be won to Christ. Our willingness to pray, to give, and to go will decide the destiny of millions in Mexico and in the whole world.

MEXICO

How Would You Say It in Mexico?

I don't speak Spanish. *No hablo español* (noh AH-bloh ehs-pahn-YOHL I don't understand. *No comprendo*. (noh kohm-PREHN-dah).
Very well, thank you. *Muy bien, gracias* (mooose bee-EHN, GRAH-see-ahs).
Where are you going? *¿A donde va usted?* (ah-DOHN-deh VAH oos-TED).
When are you returning? *¿Cuándo volverá usted?* (koo-AHN-doh vah-l-veh-RAH oos-TED).

Many thanks. *Muchas gracias* (MOO-chahs GRAH-see-ahs).
Pardon me. *Perdoneme* (pehr-DOH-neh-meh).
Goodbye. *Adiós* (ah-dee-OHS).

It doesn't matter. *No importa* (noh eem-POHR-tah).
Give me this one. *Deme este* (DEH-meh EHS-teh).
At what time? *¿A que hora?* (ah KEH OH-rah).

What Do You Know About Baptists in Mexico?

Baptist institutions are:
45 SBC Missionaries in Mexico
111 National pastors and workers
363 Baptist churches and missions
7,674 members in our Baptist churches

Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, Torreon
Baptist Hospital, Guadalajara
Bookstore, Mexico City
Bookstore and Print Shop, Torreon
Student Home, Chihuahua
Student Home for Boys, Guadalajara
Miss Davis Home for Girls, Guadalajara
Iguala Student Home, Iguala
University Student Home, Mexico City

Fields and Missionaries Directing Work (see page 4 for what a field missionary in Mexico does)

Guerrero—Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Lee, Guadalajara
Central—Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Duffer, Mexico City
South—Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Sturgeon, Morelia
Southwest Coast—Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Reid, Guadalajara
North Central—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyon, Torreon
Sonora—Siniloa—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walworth, Hermosillo
Chihuahua—Mr. and Mrs. James Short, Jr., Chihuahua
Coahuila—Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Lyon, Torreon

Other Mexico missionaries are:

Mr. and Mrs. Julian C. Bridger
Miss Viola D. Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carter
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clawson
Dr. and Mrs. Lamar Cole
Mr. and Mrs. James O. Crane
Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Fowler
Mr. and Mrs. Van Straten
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Another Milestone at Our Seminary in Europe

ANOTHER milestone has been marked at the International Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland. It is the completion of the Martin Chapel, now in use. The services of dedication for this chapel began at 10:00 A.M. on March 18, 1959. Friends of the seminary gathered outside. After a brief devotional service the Swiss architect, Mr. Hans von Meyenburg handed over the key to the building to Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the seminary. Dr. Nordenhaug accepted the key and passed it to Mrs. George R. Martin, with a statement of gratitude and appreciation for her valuable services to Baptists of Europe and of the world. Mrs. Martin then unlocked the door and became the first person at the official opening to step inside the beautiful chapel built as a memorial honoring Mrs. Martin.

The dedication service continued inside. The sermon was preached by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, who used 1 Kings 8:22-43 as his text. He urged that the chapel be made a place of prayer, a place of confession, and a place of worldwide missionary witness. The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. George W. Sadler, special representative of Southern Baptists to Europe. Dr. J. D. Hughey, Jr., professor of church history at the Seminary, paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Martin. Among those who brought brief words of greeting and con-

gratulations was Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

The chapel is built of concrete and stone in semi-modernistic design. The walls, in the form of an octagon, are surmounted by a sloping slate roof which symbolizes a tent or tabernacle. The pews are so arranged that members of the congregation face not only the pulpit but one another, symbolizing the church as a "gathered community." A skylight at the apex of the roof allows a shaft of light to fall directly into the center of the auditorium, symbolizing the light of God's revelation, coming from heaven to earth.

The auditorium is equipped with translation booths, which make it possible for a service to be interpreted into four different languages simultaneously, by means of headphones to be found in the pews. A projection booth makes possible the use of visual aids.

The chapel is located on one of the highest points on the beautiful seminary campus, with one entrance facing toward the main administration building, and another opening upon the street. The building will be used both as a seminary chapel and as a meeting place for the Ruschlikon Baptist Church, serving the local community.

Members of the Seminary faculty and student body rejoice in the fact that a Baptist church was organized recently and the

Wednesday, March 18, 1959 was a day of historic significance for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. A crowd of some two hundred persons from about twenty different nations gathered at the seminary for the dedication of the recently completed chapel building. The guest for the occasion was Mrs. George R. Martin, former president of the Woman's Missionary Union, IBC. Mrs. Martin was accompanied by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, her successor and present president of Women's Missionary Union. Funds for the Martin Chapel were provided through the Little Mass Christmas Offering, and the chapel has been designated as a memorial to Mrs. Martin.

by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner

new pastor of the congregation assumed his duties on the first Sunday following dedication of the chapel building. Thus a living congregation occupies the church building from the very beginning.

The Ruschlikon Baptist Church was organized on January 11, 1959, with fifty-three members. It was agreed from the outset that the congregation would be bilingual in character both in English and in German. Dr. Hans Arndt was called as pastor. He is a graduate of the Seminary and has been serving in a church in Germany. He preaches equally well in English and in German.

The Seminary chapel will seat 223 persons. It is expected that it will be frequently used for conferences of European Baptist leaders and in connection with the summer assembly programs held at Ruschlikon, as well as for the Seminary chapel and services of the Ruschlikon Baptist Church. It will make possible to an even greater degree the function of the Seminary as a unifying center for Baptists of twenty-two different countries in Europe.





Meet Senora Josefa Viuda de Bernal, widow of Baptist pastor and a devoted "Bible woman." She carried the Bible from door to door in Chihuahua until her influence was felt throughout the city. She was 88 years old when this picture was taken in 1958



Indian student who came to city for an education from an obscure and remote village and lives at Guadalajara Girls Student Home



David Flores, Guadalajara, surrendered to preach during a youth mission congress. He is a high school graduate



Eager children are enlisted in youth program of the fine Baptist church in Irapuato

TURISTA Mexico

"Picture story by a tourist, Rachel Colvin, WMU artist

Part of a typical village market

These Tarahumara Indians, in town for supplies, belong to one of several tribes in Mexico which have not become "Mexican"





One of the most beautiful Baptist churches in Mexico, Templo Bautista, is on a wide boulevard in the city of Chihuahua



Prayer meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morelia is a vital part of Christian growth

GAs with their counselor and the WMU associational leader, leave their church at Irapuato on a community missions project



Catholic cathedrals dominate each city plaza, as does this ornate one in Chihuahua




Today

from Washington

US RELATIONS with Latin America—and the World

by Cyril E. Bryant
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Baptist World Alliance

The "Yankee Go Home" signs that have been painted on board fences and the sides of buildings in Europe and Asia the past several years have not been regarded generally as cause for alarm.

But when the Vice-president of the United States becomes the target of stones in Venezuela and the United States Embassy at La Paz becomes the object of a siege by angry Bolivian nationalists, official Washington—or for that matter, the whole of our nation—does not regard it lightly.

For these attacks have come in our own back yard, in the Latin America that we consider a good neighbor—and whose good neighborliness we have seemed to take for granted.

Such incidents are symptoms that not all is well.

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, a brother of the President sounded a warning note in January of this year in publication of his report of a trip to Latin America as the President's personal representative.

"The people generally, including the most humble of them, now know that low standards of living are neither universal nor inevitable, and they are therefore impatiently insistent that remedial actions be taken. It is perhaps natural of them to look primarily to the United States for assistance."

The United States has conveyed a dream to them through propaganda mediums and via the thousands of American tourists who visit their lands wearing expensive clothes, using expensive transportation and throwing money around in a way that seems reckless to those who barely have enough to keep themselves and their children alive.

A recent book on best-seller lists, *The Ugly American** by Eugene Burdick and William Lederer, also helps put a finger on troubled US relations. Labeled as fiction but based on actual observations of US relations in Southeast Asia, this book pictures overseas Americans, both business and government personnel, remaining too far aloof from the people of their adopted lands. They do not bother to learn the language or to shop in their markets or visit them in their work. Instead, according to the theme of this book, these "ugly Americans" live it "high" in American compounds, while poverty, ill health, and illiteracy continue in the streets outside.

This is of course not true of all Americans. Christian missionaries are notable exceptions and State Department personnel and news correspondents are quick to admit it. These selfless ambassadors for Christ including hundreds of Southern Baptists, have identified themselves with the people to whom they go. They learn their language, train the folk in agriculture or some trade which can raise their standards of living, and preach to them of a Christ who loved them enough to die for them. They paint the Christ-given picture of individual worth and encourage self-development through education, honest work and high moral standards. The people love them for it.

Perhaps, one newsman told me in the lounge of Washington's National Press Club, these missionaries could well instruct all traveling Americans in behavior patterns which would win friends for our country—and make the missionary's task far easier.

*\$2.75 from Baptist Book Stores

DID YOU READ IT?

by MRS WILLIAM McMURRY



If We Must Speak of Mobilization

In an editorial in the March issue of *Saturday Review* Norman Cousins probes deep into the matter of nuclear war. He begins with an incident of unidentified flying objects picked up by the radar screens of our military defenses and what took place when the United States Strategic Air Command discovered that the markings on the screens were migratory birds. The order went out in time to stop the armed planes which had been dispatched earlier in the direction of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Cousins makes the chilling points that available time for detecting error or coping with accident is now negligible; that the intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) can carry an H-bomb across the Atlantic in about ten minutes; and that once it is dispatched there is no way of recalling it. He quotes Defense Secretary Neil McElroy's statement to a Congressional committee that there is no longer any workable military defense and that each side now stands at the absolute mercy of the other.

"What is most needed today," continued Editor Cousins, "is massive assurance of wisdom and restraint rather than nervous proclamations that one side or the other is all set to unleash the nuclear terror. . . . Our security depends on control of force rather than on the pursuit of force. It is not enough for the governments to recognize this. The citizen must recognize it, give it priority over his personal affairs and create the kind of mandate that can give leadership to leaders."

The Business of Big Business on Radio and TV

In a speech to the Radio and Television News Directors Association, carried by *The Reporter*, Edward R. Murrow criticized advertising agencies and sponsors for presenting nothing that is not entertainment or for the purpose of selling goods and services.

Viewers of television programs are in the main agreed that the quality of entertainment has sunk lower and lower, that commercials have become incredible even to the most naive and that discussion of serious issues facing the nation has virtually disappeared.

Mr. Murrow challenged America's big corporations to show some sense of social responsibility and to give a part of their TV time to a presentation of vital issues which confront the world today. "Let us have a little competition, not only in selling soap, cigarettes and automobiles but in informing a troubled, apprehensive but receptive public. Why should not each of the twenty to thirty big corporations which dominate radio and television decide that they

will give up one or two of their regularly scheduled programs, turn the time over to the networks and say in effect: 'This is a tiny tithe, just a little bit of our profits. On this particular night we aren't going to try to sell cigarettes or automobiles; this is merely a gesture to indicate our belief in the importance of ideas.'"

"If we go on as we are going," said Mr. Murrow, "we are protecting the mind of the American public from any real contact with the menacing world that squeezes in upon us."

Survival itself may depend upon our facing up to realities.

From the World of Communism

In Hungary a Communist name-giving rite has been inaugurated for babies whose parents want to have their children baptized by the Communist Party and not by the priest. On such an occasion the audience drank a toast to the health of the baby and sang a song of the working class.

Increased production of atheistic literature by East German publishing houses was noted at the annual Spring Fair in Leipzig where they had large displays. Visitors reported that many of the works were on sale at the time of the Fair at very low prices in Soviet Zone bookstores and newsstands.

Lutheran Film Associates has announced plans for a movie which will show the plight of Christians in Communist East Germany. The screenplay will be based upon documented incidents involving pastors and laymen behind the Iron Curtain.

Moscow has reported that her drive for scientific supremacy received much of its impetus from nearly half a million women engineers and technicians. There are 1,164,000 women teachers in the Soviet Union and 53 per cent of the specialists trained in institutions of higher learning are women.

Two seasons ago crops were very good throughout Eastern Europe despite a lack of normal sunshine. As a sneer at the religious festivals held in connection with the harvest, East German Reds put up huge signs reading, "We raise crops without God and without the sun." The signs were displayed at many farm centers throughout the Soviet zone of occupation. The day after the signs went up a crushing hailstorm battered the crops before they could be harvested.

The Public School

Arthur Schlesinger, distinguished professor and author, reminded readers of *The Atlantic* that America has made ten great contributions to civilization. One of these is the public school. "The principle of government by consent made it imperative that the people be literate and well informed if they were to vote intelligently. To ensure this essential condition statesmen agreed that society must at its own expense supply the means of schooling."

Free public education inaugurated in New England in colonial days soon was adopted throughout the North and later in the South. The Old World concept of education privately financed for the privileged class was broken and the idea of free schooling for everybody spread around the world.

"Probably America has conferred no greater boon on mankind, for popular education is the seedbed of virtually all other human aspirations."

Observe Sunbeam Week August 9-15 in Your Church

MISSIONS and My Children

BY LEE MERCER



LEAFING one day through *Royal Service*, my attention was captured by the title of an article. Without reading the first word of the article, I stopped to contemplate my answer to the question in the title.

The words which had so quickly reached my heart were, "Is Your Child Learning Missions?" My answer was, and is, a loud and clear, "Yes, my children are learning missions in Sunbeam Band."

It was one day in January of 1956 that God sent a new Christian to our church. She has a love for children and a love for missions. Mrs. Boone Brock has combined faith and hard work and God has blessed her and our children. Putting the two together, she organized and led Sunbeam activities until our group is now the largest in the state, although the church is a small one. We have almost one hundred enrolled. Under her leadership, our boys and girls have been engaged in doing, as well as hearing missions.

I recall now the first year of attendance at Sunbeam Band for my girls, Mickie and Kathy. They studied the American Indians that fall in mission study. When Christmas in August time came they were still

praying that God would remember the Indian boys and girls, and were thrilled at the opportunity to take part in providing for their needs. The next year they learned about mission work in Japan. Now, they did not forget the Indians in their preoccupation with the Japanese. In the wonderful way of children, they simply added the "Japan children" in their pleas for others. By the time their leader was ready for Christmas in August again (see cover 3), Kathy and Mickie had been ready for months.

Africa was studied another year and the children were thrilled with it too, loving the Africans and being faithful to pray for them. At least once each week, all year long, I was asked how long until Christmas in August. Soon they began the book called *Carlos and the Green Car*. Their knowledge and concern for the people over the world who know not Jesus was enlarged to take in one more country, the Philippines.

Last winter Alaska was the subject of their book, *Seven Little Karmans, Plus One*. The differences in eating habits and other customs were noticed with wonder, but the ways children are alike were astonishing to them, too.

Igloos made of sugar cubes were constructed to be used as banks for receiving the child's share in the Annie Armstrong Offering. An Alaskan studying at California Baptist College in preparation for doing God's work in his own state, showed colored slides of his area and work. These activities presented clearly and forcefully the Eskimo, his neighbors and surroundings.

Practical, effective experiences in living peaceably with others are gained by my children through regular participation in Sunbeam Band. The ravages of pain and disease are met in mission activities at nearby Casa Colina Crippled Children's Hospital. Race relations are faced calmly.

The girls discovered with some surprise that sharing is a two-way proposition. Older people and boys and girls who are ill are visited. The real meaning of just how much such visits can mean to the shut-in came home to them when Mickie was recuperating from a tonsillectomy, but did not miss the meeting that week because her Sunbeam Band met in our living room.

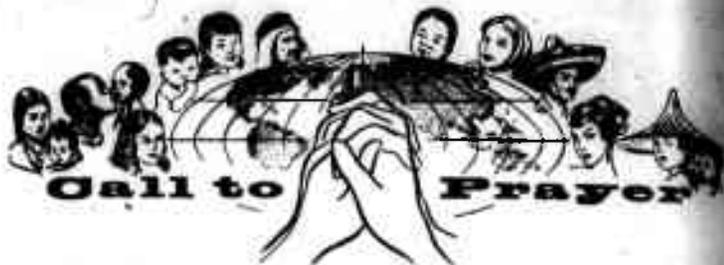
One of the finest ways in which the Sunbeam Band has aided our children is in their growing awareness of missionary needs. At Sunbeam Band meetings through learning of missionaries they came to desire a family worship period in which their father would take part, as missionary fathers do.

It was a comment of Kathy's to that effect that caused her Daddy to be willing to engage in Bible reading and prayer. Now family worship is a family affair, looked forward to eagerly each day by every member.

Surely, with such experiences and response in their hearts, as they continue to grow our children will develop into soul-winning Christians, willing to go, even unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

This, then, was what I remembered that day as I looked at the article in *Royal Service*. An equally fruitful experience will come when our son, Dean, is of Sunbeam age. I'm looking forward to it—and so is he.





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

Many of the prayers recorded in the Bible were mighty in power. Our Scripture verses this month consist of some of these prayers, by which we may well be guided in our own praying.

Prepared by Gwynn McLendon Day

1 Saturday Lord, teach us to pray Luke 11:1. (Read Luke 11:1-4.)

In the republic of Honduras, Central America, our five Baptist churches and 23 mission points report encouraging progress. Evangelistic campaigns have touched every part of the nation and resulted in 100 professions of faith. Churches are growing in strength and stability, nationals are assuming greater responsibility, and religious freedom allows unhindered proclamation of the gospel.

Rev. Harold F. Hurst reports that the great need is for more national workers to go into country places where there is no witness. "Please pray with us," he requests, "that we will have the means and personnel to enter before we find doors closed."

PRAY for our eight missionaries in Honduras, particularly Rev. Harold F. Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Mrs. W. H. Icher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. J. B. Durham, Nigeria, ev.; Mr. Leon S. Craig, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Negroes, Miss Irene Chambers, Pochontas, Ark., FW; Mrs. E. C. Branch, Warm Springs, Ore., ev. among Indians

2 Sunday Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth 1 Sam. 3:9. (Read Luke 8:47-49.)

One third of the deaf population of the United States is in California. Nineteen years of praying on the part of many deaf in Los Angeles resulted in dedication of the Deaf Temple, a unique mission provided by the Home Mission Board for the 17,000 deaf in

that city. Missionary C. F. Landon who was director of this work before his transfer to New Mexico, reports that thirty-five persons responded to the invitation at the first service.

Churches throughout the Convention are providing special classes and interpreters for deaf in their communities. Missionary Landon asks that we "hold up his hands in prayer" as he serves in this vital field of pioneer missions.

PRAY for Rev. C. F. Landon, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mrs. Charles W. Horion, Fort Worth, Tex., ev. among deaf; Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Sandlin, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Francisco Biviera, Paterilla, Cuba, Mrs. W. A. Cowley, Nigeria, Rev. Malcolm Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Mrs. Eugene Grubbs, Indonesia, RN; Mr. Charles Allen, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan, st.; Mrs. Wilson Fielder, China, Rev. S. L. Watson, Brazil, retired

3 Monday Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts 9:6. (Read John 2:1-5.)

Rosalee Duncan is a choice Christian of the Sac-Fox Indians in Oklahoma. Because there were no professions of faith during a revival meeting with Aaron and Hilda Hancock, an all night prayer meeting was held in her church. At four o'clock in the morning they rededicated themselves to personal soul-winning. While driving through the country later that day the Hancocks saw Rosalee walking through the fields, miles from home, her shoes in her hand. Smiling,

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FORECASTER

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

An interesting discovery has been made. A substance called IF is the "intrinsic factor" in stomach juices and is essential to the body's absorption of the important Vitamin B-12. A deficiency of IF may cause serious heart disease and some forms of mental illness.

There is another essential IF mentioned in the fifteenth chapter of John, verse seven. "IF ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Has the August heat caused your members to be troubled with lazy minds and irregular heart beats? Ridgecrest WMU Conference August 6-12 will help WMS members absorb Vitamins A (abiding, asking, accepting) and supply any deficiency of this essential "IF."

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PRESIDENT

Out of Focus?

No—Sunbeam Bands will be in Focus, August 9-15. Help parents to want their children to get the maximum from Sunbeam Band. They can:

- Encourage regular attendance
- Help children participate in all Sunbeam Band activities
- Carry over into the home Sunbeam Band teaching units
- Co-operate in Sunbeam Band plans for parent instruction

All Committee Chairmen

90° in the Shade

With ice cold cokes and cheese biscuits August's 90° in the shade won't bother enthusiastic WMU leaders. They will be gathered in back yards, patios, living rooms, and churches for regular committee meetings.

August meetings should really be august, for committee chairmen will lead committee members to:

Make plans for last two months of the year

Check up on basic objectives and electives for which committee is responsible

- Evaluate year's work
- (1) quantity of work
 - (2) quality of work
 - (3) co-operativeness
 - (4) dependability
 - (5) initiative
 - (6) enthusiasm

Look toward 1959-60—suggest ways for making the work of the new committee more effective. The experience of present committees can be most helpful to new chairmen and their committees. Be sure to pass on your know-how to the new leadership. You can take them "out of the shade" and give new light on WMS work.

ENLISTMENT

Know Your Prospects

Just two more months until the new WMU year begins. Have you decided how many new circles you need to enlist all prospects?

The enlistment committee should know the prospects and recommend to the Executive Committee the number of new circles needed to provide for every woman.

Check through these suggested possibilities for circles and decide upon the division of your circles.

Junior circles (for women thirty years of age and younger)

- Business women
- Young mothers
- Grandmothers
- Community circles (division by geographic areas)

Whatever plan or plans of division you choose arrange for the interest and convenience of the women. Members should decide whether their circle will meet in the morning, afternoon or evening.

If your Society divides its membership into circles by drawing names be sure that the following groups are evenly divided so that the strength of circles may be well balanced—experienced, inexperienced, young, old, active, inactive,

interested, indifferent, those with transportation, and those without transportation.

Community Missions

Talking Books

For the blind, the illiterate, the convalescent, the child, and many others there are "talking book" records. The recordings are made on 12 inch, non-breakable, pure fidelity, super-LP (16 2/3 rpm) phonograph discs. They educate and entertain the handicapped in a wonderful way.

Such recordings as *A Man Called Peter*, *Around the World in Eighty Days*, *Selected Readings From the Bible* are available, as well as a series for children.

The average cost per book is about \$10.00 and arrangements can be made for renting the books. An adapter (priced at \$6.25) is available which will fit on old 3-speed machines. Also special earphones and pillow speakers can be purchased.

Community mission chairmen may want more information on this plan of providing "talking books" for the sick, the shut-ins, for extension circle members, and others. If so, write Libraphone, Inc., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y.

Did You See It?

In January, 1959 *Home Missions* Clyde Merrill Maguire has an article, "I'm Glad I Was Enlisted." She tells how she was enlisted in Woman's Missionary Union. I hope you still have the magazine and will read it again. It will help you:

- To enlist brides
- To enlist those of every age
- To be persistent
- To see the importance of good leadership
- To love Woman's Missionary Union
- To be enthusiastic about WMU
- To be devoted to missions
- To give responsibilities to new members
- To give more to missions
- To study missions faithfully
- To "set a worthy goal for increasing membership."
- In your WMS strive for "devoted leadership, loving interest, persistent effort, and complete enlistment!"

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

1. Pray for guidance in preparation
2. Read the entire program and supporting articles in *Royal Service*
3. Determine your purpose
4. Collect supplementary materials
5. Meet with program committee, select those who will participate on program, and be specific in assigning responsibilities
6. Include worship, information, fellowship, follow through
7. Vary methods of presentation
8. Plan to create right atmosphere in meeting place
9. Give correct information concerning program to publicity chairman
10. Begin and close on time
11. Evaluate results
12. Be enthusiastic and enjoy the job of planning good missionary programs

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Chairmen - Community Missions, Prayer and Mission Study

Christian Witnessing



"Most of our homes have both a Bible and a radio—but allow the wrong one to be silent."

As you promote the reading and study of *Christian Witnessing*, 85c, from Baptist Book Stores (Teaching Helps, 28c), this month you have an opportunity to change this statement as it applies to your community; for chapter 3 of the book encourages a woman to consider her witness in the home.

One result of the study of *Christian Witnessing* should be the establishment of family worship in many more homes. Prayer chairmen make an effort to establish and maintain family worship in the homes of WMS members during August and September.

Another result of your study should be an increase in soul-winners and greater participation in soul-winning visitation. The leaflet, "You Can Tell," free from your state WMU office, will help those making efforts to win the lost.

Urge the members of your WMS to listen to God's Word for—

"In times of deep sorrow it says 'For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' To discouraged people it says, 'Let not your heart be troubled . . . To those seeking forgiveness it says, 'Be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee.' To the weary it says, 'Come unto

me, all ye that are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' To those with responsibility it says, 'Do justly, and . . . love mercy, and . . . walk humbly with God.' To the lonely it says, 'Lo, I am with you always.'"

—April Bible Society Record

PRAYER CHAIRMAN

How
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Most of us do not like this question and often try to hide our weight.

The late Helen Barrett Montgomery was the first woman to be president of the American Baptist Convention. In her message to that convention in 1923 she said, "We must weigh our church members as well as count them."

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How much do the members of your WMS weigh in Christian influence? Have the spiritual lives of WMS members been strength-

ened this year?

Remember the goal set by your prayer committee last fall?

We will seek to strengthen the spiritual life of members through the encouragement of daily personal Bible study and use of the calendar of prayer.

1. Have you encouraged WMS members to read the Bible daily?
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STEWARDSHIP "You" Are in 39 Countries

Through the Cooperative Program, the Little Missions Christmas Offering and designated gifts you maintain:

1908 missionaries

3229 churches

6116 chapels

113 districts and dispensaries

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Stewardship chairman, you may want to make posters with this information and use them in circles or place them on bulletin boards in the church.

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and to use the calendar of prayer?
2. Have you encouraged participation in the Intercessory Prayer League?

We will seek to strengthen the spiritual life of members through efforts toward establishment and maintenance of family worship.

1. Do you have family worship in your home?
2. Have you encouraged others to establish and maintain family worship in their homes?

We will seek to strengthen the spiritual life of members through the observance of the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Home Missions and the Season of Prayer for State Missions.

1. Did you have a five-day observance of the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions and for Home Missions?
2. Are you preparing for your State Mission Season of Prayer in September, or have you already had it?

If you can answer each of these questions in the affirmative WMS members have been strengthened and have not been found wanting when weighed in the balance.

Three 3's on Giving

(Devotional thoughts on stewardship)

I. Reasons

1. God commands it Mal. 3:10
2. We are accountable to God Luke 18:2
3. Love constrains us 2 Cor. 8:8

II. Requirements—we are to give:

1. Proportionately 1 Cor. 16:2

2. Regularly 1 Cor. 16:3
3. Willingly 1 Cor. 8:3

III. Rewards

1. Treasures in heaven Matt. 6:20
2. Increased usefulness in His Kingdom Matt. 23:31
3. Partnership with God 1 Cor. 3:9

—Mrs. Carter Wright, from Stewardship and Christian Service

Publications Chairman

Magazine of Your Choice

Recently an envelope was received here at "600" addressed to "Magazine of Your Choice." One woman took literally the ad in February Royal Service which listed all WMU magazines and stated "Check your choice . . . and send to the magazine of your choice, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala." The difficulty occurred when the sender failed to check which magazine she wanted.

The staff here had quite a good time debating which magazine the woman wanted. A card written to her confirmed our opinion. Royal Service is "the magazine of your choice" and it's only \$1.50. It comes to you every month of the year.

Tell your friends about Royal Service. Bring together your favorite magazine and your favorite friends. You'll be anxious to be the one who "makes the introduction."

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Girls' Auxiliary

Directives for YWA Director and Committee

Before the time comes to evaluate the work of the year from the standpoint of numerical growth, think in terms of more intangible (but more meaningful) aspects of Young Woman's Auxiliary. As a result of the year of study and missionary activity, are young women in your organizations more closely related to world missions? Has YWA motivated more meaningful prayer for others, a zeal for winning the unsaved to Christ, a love for people without discrimination? Has the young woman contributed to special offerings cheerfully and with a real sense of participation in missionary activity? Would it be possible to achieve "honor" on Aims for Advancement and fail to develop these spiritual qualities in members? Perhaps a frank discussion of these questions will determine immediate and future emphases in committee meetings.

Continue your plan for enlisting every prospect in Young Woman's Auxiliary by October 1. By now, the WMU nominating committee should have your leadership needs clearly in mind. (Don't forget your new organizations.) Make definite plans for the training of new leaders prior to October 1.

—Billie Fata, YWA promotion associate

Select adequate leadership for Girls' Auxiliary for 1959-60. WMU nominating committee, WMU president, GA director, see how many girls ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 are available from your church and Sunday school rolls after promotion. Set up auxiliaries to match your possibilities, starting with smaller auxiliaries in October so the auxiliaries can work together all year on the Aims without becoming too large. A counselor and assistant should be selected for every six to eight girls enrolled. An auxiliary for each age group is best when possible.

Order supplies—both priced and free. Tell (\$1.50 a year) and the current WMU Year Book (\$5c each) will help you to know what to order and how. Be sure subscriptions to Tell do not expire!

Same old stuff! We trust your girls do not feel this way about Girls' Auxiliary. August is a wonderful month for GAs. Some will be on vacations—but some won't! Make it a wonderful month!

Fostering circles, "volunteer" some "surprise" feature for the auxiliary you foster: a short trip, a picnic, a one-day camp, an outing, a feature peculiar to your locality.

Counselor, director, fostering circles, auxiliary officers, GAs all working together with information, initiative and enthusiasm can make the difference!

—Betty Brewer, GA director

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Sunbeam Slants

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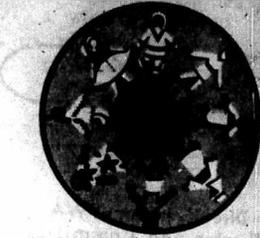
1. Church rooms

Schedule rooms for meetings of Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Sunbeam Band so that church space can be used to greatest advantage by all organizations. Work with Sunday school, Training Union, choir, and kindergarten leadership to obtain and care for equipment in the rooms designed for boys and girls. Read articles in Sunbeam Activities (July-September, 1959), the August 1959 issues (Beginner section) of The Baptist Training Union Magazine, The Sunday School Builder, and The Church Musician.

2. Visitation

Visit homes of all children enrolled in Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Sunbeam Bands to encourage attendance.

Check addresses, phone numbers, and other information. Pre-



pare correct lists of names of the boys and girls to be promoted for the leaders who will receive them the last meeting in September.

3. Plan for eight-year-olds

Divide groups of promotion so that the eight-year-olds meet in a separate Sunbeam Band. Beginning this Fall, they will have a special name, "World Friends." An emblem, a booklet, and new material in Sunbeam Activities are being designed for this age. Make it possible for these boys and girls to get the most from this new plan.

—Erlie Riven, Sunbeam Band Director

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"Nothing is quite so important as harnessing the prayer potential of Southern Baptists"—Baker James Cauthen.

she explained: "I've had nine prayer meetings in homes, with two conversions. My feet got a little tired from walking over freshly plowed ground and my heels are bleeding." Pray that God will raise up many more Indian Christians like Rosalee Duncan, and seek his blessings upon the 138 in Oklahoma who surrendered last year for special service.

PRAY for Mrs. Guillermo Gudinez, Clovis, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ed. ev. Rev. Deaver M. Lawton, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Carol and Eleanor Gwen Lawton, MF.

4 Tuesday Lord, Increase our faith Luke 17:5 (Read Luke 17:1-6.)

Rev. John N. Thomas was told not to bother with a habitual drinker in Barranquilla, Colombia, a carpenter who reckoned he had spent enough on drink to build two or three houses. Mr. Thomas did bother, and today this man is a vibrant Christian, a soul-winner and builder of benches for the new temple at Barranquilla. "Of one thing we are sure," the Thomases write, "you have been very faithful in prayer, for how else could we account for the blessings that have been our portion during the last months?" Pray for this carpenter.

PRAY for Rev. John N. Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, Rev. Malcolm O. Tolbert, Belem, Brazil, Miss Grace Wells, Bandung, Indonesia, ev.; Rev. D. M. Repalado, Socorro, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Carl Conrad, Alexandria, Rev. Wiley J. LaFleur, Washington, La., ev. among French; Mrs. Karl J. Myers (MD), Nigeria, med. ev., Miss Mary Ruth Womack, Nigeria, ev.

5 Wednesday Here am I; send me Isa. 6:8. (Read Isaiah 6:1-8.)

Seven missionary couples serving in Peru take full advantage of the unprecedented religious freedom in that South American country. They spread the gospel and build for the future in many ways: churches, Woman's Missionary Union, mission Sunday schools, schools, student work, a bookstore, radio evangelism, and market-place evangelism. But these missionaries stress urgent need for at least 21 additional recruits to

accomplish the task of developing national pastors and strong churches. They sound a solemn warning: "We can bring missionaries into Peru now—the doors may be closed tomorrow." Thank God for religious freedom in Peru; pray that Southern Baptists will send the 21 missionaries so greatly needed.

PRAY for Mrs. Randall Sledge, Lima, Peru, Rev. James McKinley, Jr., Dacca, E. Pakistan, Rev. Rodney B. Wolfard, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Chile, retired; Rev. Gilbert Oakeley, Trinidad, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking

6 Thursday Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense Psalm 141:2. (Read Romans 10:1-4; 11:1-5.)

Petach Tikva, Israel is the site of our George W. Truett Home for children. Missionary Milton Murphey, director, set up camp on the Baptist Farm to oversee building of the new home as children waited impatiently in their inadequate quarters. Even before electricity was turned on and cement had dried, they moved in! Work in Israel is difficult, but encouraging. Our 15 missionaries feel that great progress has been made in that the popular feeling now is, "Baptists belong in Israel." Pray for a great spiritual awakening among Jews and for missionaries to the Holy Land.

PRAY for Mr. Milton Murphey, Petach Tikva, Israel, Dr. Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, Rev. Jesse Earl Posey, Jr., Manila, Philippines, Miss Miriam L. Misner, Kediri, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. T. H. York, Canton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Miss Delia Ruth Smith, Louisville, Ky., GWC; Mrs. Leland Harper, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN

7 Friday Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me Psalm 25:4,5. (Read Psalm 25:1-5.)

Elizabeth Lundy tells of a teen-age boy in the Stewart Good Will Center in Atlanta. Jimmy accepted Christ at a summer camp and was challenged to win his parents, proving by his life what Christ had done for him. In a few weeks, both his father, a victim of alcohol, and his mother, made professions of faith. They now have a happy home. Pray for Jimmy, his parents, other young people. PRAY for Miss Elizabeth Lundy, Atlanta,

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in Home Missions

Ga., GWC; Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, Mrs. Garreth Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, Rev. Terry Thorpe, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Rev. W. W. Lawton, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Inabelle Lawton, MF, Dr. William C. Gerventa, Eku, Nigeria, med. ev.

8 Saturday Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit Psalm 51:12. (Read Psalm 16:5-11.)

Missionaries Troy and Marjorie Bennett were guests of honor at a Hindu wedding supper in East Pakistan where men and women were entertained in separate quarters. The bride, beautifully dressed in a red sari, gold embroidery, and an abundance of ornaments, sat silently among her guests and wedding gifts. She appeared very solemn—almost sad. Mrs. Bennett inquired of the magistrate's wife, a Moslem, sitting beside her, "Is this a happy occasion?" Surprised at the question, the woman answered, "Happy? What's there to be happy about?" True to custom, the marriage had been arranged by families of the couple who are university graduates. Pray today for Pakistan in which the Moslem religion is dominant, for our three missionary couples there.

PRAY for Mrs. Troy Bennett, Dacca, E. Pakistan, Rev. Ralph Harrell, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Rev. Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, Miss Sara Frances Taylor, Rosario, Argentina, Rev. Paul C. Bell, Jr., Guatemala, Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Belo Horizonte, ev.; Miss Betty Jean Siak, New Orleans, La., GWC; Miss Marian Sanders, Guadalupe, Mexico, ed. ev.



Call to Prayer

9 Sunday The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen 2 Cor. 13:14. (Read Matt. 5:10-12.)

The almost 4,000 Baptists in Yugoslavia have stood fast through great trouble and continue to make progress under pressures of a Communist government. Forbidden to

publish a paper, they omit the title and call it a circular letter. Unable to secure building permits, they build without permits and pay the inevitable fines. A Belgrade pastor, arrested seven times miraculously escaping death, goes courageously on. Thirteen students in the Seminary at Novi Sad give promise of strong future leadership.

In a recent visit to Yugoslavia, Rev. John D. W. Watts was impressed by the great crowds of people in all the cities. "While our churches are only tiny little groups in meeting places away from the centers," he writes, "the crowds press along the thoroughfares unreached. By the grace of God, surely it must not always be so." Pray today for Christians in Yugoslavia.

PRAY for Rev. John D. W. Watts, Ruzhlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, Mrs. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Rev. William Joel Ferguson, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, Okmulgee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Miss Edelmira Robinson, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mr. E. J. Louie, China, retired; Mrs. R. L. Dorough (MD), Korea, med. ev.; Mrs. Wayne Emanuel, Japan, RN

10 Monday Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done Luke 22:42. (Read Luke 22:39-46.)

More than one hundred years ago the great pioneer missionary to Africa, David Livingstone, wrote in his journal: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping of it I shall promote the glory of him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity."

Such is the spirit of our missionaries in Africa today, and around the world. Should it not be shared by us at home as well? Pray that Southern Baptists, yourself included, will grow in this spirit and determination.

PRAY for Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, Kenya, Mrs. C. D. Hardy, Brazil, RN; Mrs. Walter C. Blair, Bernallillo, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Miss Florence Sutherland, Covington, Ky., GWC; Mrs. Mary K. Crawford, China-Hawaii, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, retired; Rev. William O. Herr, Ajloun, Jordan, Rev. Charles L. Whaley, Jr., Yokohama, Rev. C. S. Boatwright, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Dr. Robert L. Dorough, Korea, med. ev.

11 Tuesday O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me

unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles Psalm 43:3. (Read Psalm 119:105-112.)

Mrs. A. R. Crabtree formerly of Brazil reminds us of a significant bit of Baptist history there. Before our Board opened work a few Bibles had been distributed by colporters. When these were discovered by priests, they were destroyed. The pioneer missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Terry, on a muleback trip into the interior, found a group of Bible-believing Christians. One of them explained that he had found a Bible ten years before in some driftwood. It had floated down the river for 100 miles after having been thrown away by a priest. A church was organized at this place.

PRAY for Dr. A. R. Crabtree, Lisbon, Portugal, ev.; Rev. I. B. Williams, Williams, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Brazil, retired

12 Wednesday Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me John 11:41. (Read Luke 10:21-24.)

Many answers to prayer are reported by the James Hamptons in Kenya, East Africa. A beautiful plot of land has been acquired for a church at Kisauni, a full-time national worker, employed. Projector, screen, and generating plant from the States increase popular interest in the mission, and hundreds of people, Moslem, Arab, pagan, and Christian witness pictures of the life of Christ. A sewing class has enabled Mrs. Hampton to build a women's Sunday school class. Referring to the new plot of land, Mrs. Hampton asks, "Will you join us in prayer that soon a little Baptist church will stand there?"

PRAY for Mrs. James Hampton, Mombasa, Kenya, Rev. Rafael Fraguera, Artemisa, Cuba, Rev. Albert B. Craighead, Rivoli, Italy, Mrs. Robert H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. David Jester, Iwo, Nigeria, Rev. Trueman Moore, Faidpur, E. Pakistan, Mrs. H. E. Spurgeon, Taipei, Taiwan, Rev. Ernest W. Glass, Singapore, Malaya, Mrs. O. K. Bozeman, Jr., Korea, ev.; Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, retired; Miss May Perry, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.

13 Thursday Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written Exod. 32:31, 32. (Read Romans 9:1-5.)

After visiting the shrines and large statue of Buddha at Kamakura, Japan, Mrs. Donald

R. Heiss wrote: "How terrible you feel as you look at this huge idol over 400 years old and know that to some people it is God. Before the idol is a large altar on which beautiful fresh fruit is kept for the 'sacred, holy' Buddha."

The Japanese pastor in Asahigwa gave up a promising dental practice to become a minister of the gospel. He would literally give up his life, he says, to see Japan won to Christ. Pray for the Japanese, that many more soon will know the true and living God.

PRAY for Mrs. Donald Heiss, Tokyo, Mrs. Gerald Fielder, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Malcolm Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. Eleuterio Figueredo, Vueltas, Rev. David Torres, Luyano, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Andres Viera, Bakerville, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Brazil, Dr. A. W. Yocum, China-Korea, retired

14 Friday For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth John 17:19. (Read John 17.)

"We need to bombard Mexico with prayer from millions of Baptists," says Missionary Orvil W. Reid. What a change might thus be wrought in this neighbor country where evangelicals are a small minority and there is much opposition, though a degree of religious freedom. Pray about Catholic opposition to the gospel in Mexico.

PRAY for Rev. James A. Foster, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taipei, Rev. Harry L. Raley, Tainan, Taiwan, Mrs. Gene Phillips, Shubani, So. Rhodesia, Miss Jaxie Short, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.

15 Saturday Lord, help me Matt. 15:25. (Read Psalm 33:18-22.)

"You may kill me if you like, but I will never give up my Christ!" cried a Filipino woman to her husband who many times had beaten her for attending the Baptist church in Dagupan. She prayed with the missionaries for his conversion, and a week later, after a visit by Rev. R. E. Gordon, he was gloriously saved. He is now one of the earnest members of the Dagupan church. From this church and the chapels it has established have come eight fine seminary students who are contributing much to Christianity in the Islands today. Pray today for the nine Filipino graduates and the 39 students in our Seminary at Baguio.

PRAY for Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, Mrs. Donald Smith, Valen-

cia, Venezuela, Mrs. Ray Milligan, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Rev. J. E. Jackson,* Philippines, ed. ev.; Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, China, retired



17 Sunday Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David Matt. 20:30. (Read Psalm 130.)

"The harvest in this land may be very great indeed," writes Robert L. Lindsey from Israel. The Baptist Center, near Petach Tikva, where camps, conferences, and meetings are held during the year; and our strategically located churches, preaching stations, and schools, will have a great part in the harvest. There is a spiritual vacuum in Israel. Many are not Jews in the religious sense. As a 35-year-old Israeli was baptized last year, he testified: "I came to Israel and here I went through searchings of my soul before I found peace in Christ. It has taken me a long time, but I rejoice that I can take this open stand for him." Pray for this young man and the spiritual salvation of Israel.

PRAY for Rev. Robert L. Lindsey, Petach Tikva, Israel, Rev. Lloyd H. Neil, Ogbomoso, Rev. Carroll F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan, ev.; Rev. Edgar L. Morgan, China, retired; Mrs. C. F. Landon, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among deaf

17 Monday I pray thee, send me good speed this day Gen. 24:12. (Read Gen. 24:10-20.)

"Lord, what do you want me to do today?" have you asked this of Him recently? We are well past the halfway point in the first year of our Jubilee Advance. The emphasis for 1959 is upon witnessing. Have you witnessed to a lost person this year? This month? Are you seeking to win someone? Ask the Lord to point out to you the person he wants you to win, and then seek his help in doing it. Pray that all our Baptist people will lend themselves to His redemptive purposes.

PRAY for Rev. Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. W. C. Newton, China, retired

18 Tuesday My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour Luke 1:46,47. (Read Luke 1:46-55.)

The day after a Tennessee student missionary arrived in Ghana for summer service, funeral services were held for a member of the Baptist church at Kumasi. It is customary for Africans in Ghana to weep, wail, and employ paid mourners at such a time, but there was no weeping at this funeral. It was a testimonial meeting, and happy, triumphant songs were sung. Such is the difference Jesus Christ makes in African hearts.

It is of utmost importance that Christian witnesses in Ghana shall be strong for this new, free nation may well set the pace for all Africa. Pray for the leaders of Ghana, for our 25 missionaries there and the students helping this summer.

PRAY for Miss Alice Miller, Shaki, Nigeria, Miss Irene Branum, Korea, RN; Rev. Thomas O. High,* Nigeria, Miss Martha Hairston, Recife, Brazil, Mrs. Worth Grant, Sendai, Japan, ev.; Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Mrs. P. H. Anderson, China, retired; Mrs. Carl A. Talley, E. St. Louis, Ill., Res. Mis.; Miss Edna Ruth Woolfer, Washington, D. C., GWC

19 Wednesday I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Thess. 5:23. (Read 1 Thess. 4:4-21.)

It is not easy in a Catholic country to make a profession of faith in Christ. A young man accepted Christ in the Central Baptist Church of Quito, Ecuador. When his father learned what he had done, he went to the son's room without a word, rolled up his clothes, threw them into the street, and pushed his son into the darkness after them. "I no longer have a son," he declared bitterly. "You no longer have a father."

In spite of such persecution our nine-year-old work in Ecuador has progressed remarkably. The great need is for more missionaries. Pray for this young man and for his father, for more missionaries.

PRAY for Rev. Garreth Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, Mrs. Gerald Harvey, Umtali, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. Morris Wright, Jr., Urawashi, Japan, Mrs. Emiliano Miranda, La Chorrera, Panama, ev.; Mr. S. P. Mireles, HMB, Miss Pearl Caldwell, Miss Sophie Lanneau, China, retired

20 Thursday Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it Psalm 90:17. (Read Luke 4:16-21.)

Our work in Gaza is limited to the Baptist

Hospital and chapel on the hospital compound. Bible classes and preaching services in Arabic and English are held each week. A vacation Bible school was conducted in 1958 under the direction of Mrs. Roy E. Nicholas who had to use teachers who knew nothing of this work. A young woman, university trained, who had taught school for several years, said: "We do not know the Bible ourselves. How can we teach the children?" The only male teacher in the school confessed: "My church (Greek Orthodox) does not have Sunday school or teach the Bible in any way. All I know about it is what I have learned here in your Sunday school." Pray for the greatly overworked staff of our hospital in Gaza.

PRAY for Mrs. Roy Nicholas, Gaza, Mrs. Eric Clark,* E. Africa, Mrs. J. J. Cowsert, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. Raymond Kolb,* Brazil, Rev. Dewey E. Mercer, Takamatsu, Japan, ev.; Mrs. John Watts, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev.; Rev. J. R. Allen, Brazil, retired

21 Friday I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted Job 42:2 RSV (Read Eph. 3:20, 21.)

"More than 99 per cent of the people of this ancient country are consumed with a living death," writes Mrs. Bobby L. Spear from Thailand. "In many places there is no one to tell of Jesus, the divine Healer. There are provinces of 250,000 people with no Christian witness whatsoever."

This Buddhist country is one of the most needy fields in the world. A growing nationalism makes it difficult for Thais to break with Buddhism, yet Baptist progress is encouraging. The majority of Buddhist prophets have said that in 1958 (2500 Buddhist Era) their religion would reach its climax in power, then decline and be replaced by another faith. Pray God that these prophets are right.

PRAY for Mrs. Bobby L. Spear, Ayuthya, Mrs. Louis McCall,* Thailand, Mr. Juan F. Naranjo, Colon, Cuba, Mrs. James Bartley, Jr., Uruguay, Mr. George B. Cowsert, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Rev. Howard Hamrick, Bandung, Indonesia, Miss Minnie Lundrum,* Brazil, Mr. Kenneth R. Thompson,* Korea, ev.

22 Saturday Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep . . . Make you perfect in every good work to do his

will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight Heb. 13:20,21. (Read Luke 10:30-37.)

Mothers of children in a Negro vacation Bible school in Arkansas brought the white missionary a beautiful bouquet of flowers to show appreciation. At another school Negro workers prepared a carefully worded speech to express appreciation for what had been done for their children.

Southern Baptists and National (Negro) Baptists are working together so that Negroes can have better churches, better leaders, and a better future. Through vacation Bible schools, kindergartens, extension centers, and other means, kingdom work is advanced. Some Negro young people will become missionaries; others will be full-time Christians at home. Pray for all who are working with Negroes in our country, for their pastors, teachers, and young people.

PRAY for Rev. Bert D. Lewis, Charleston, S. C., ev. among Negroes; Miss Julia B. Burdett, Savannah, Ga., GWC; Rev. Ted Trent, Farmington, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Miss Winnifred Wheeler, New Orleans, La., Res. Mis.; Mr. Archie G. Dunaway, Jr.,* Nigeria, Miss Lenora C. Hudson, Kokura, Japan, ev.; Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired; Dr. M. Giles Fort, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, med. ev.



23 Sunday So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom Psalm 90:12. (Read Psalm 90:1-10.)

Doors are wide open to the gospel in Southern Rhodesia. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Cannata, who entered the field in 1958, already see rich harvest. Mrs. Cannata (Ginny) writes: "We have had some wonderful services in our short time here and have seen many people accept the Lord as Saviour." In the great modern city of Salisbury they preached to 150 men working in a brick plant. Many indicated concern for their lost condition, and seven of them walked two miles to the church and made decisions for Christ. Others came the following week. Although we have 40 missionaries in Southern Rhodesia, there is need for many more. Pray that these may be sent.

PRAY for Mrs. Samuel Cannata, Jr., Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. Richard Morris, Tat-

pen, Rev. Oswald J. Quick, Taichung, Taiwan, Rev. James E. Lingerfelt, Salvador, Brazil, Mrs. Ernest King, Jr., Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, retired; Dr. C. Winfield Applewhite, Kediri, Indonesia, med. ev.; Rev. Robert Falls, Stroud, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. W. L. Crumpler, Borstow, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

24 Monday Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:24. (Read Psalm 119:165-176.)

The people of Tanganyika distrust the white man, but gradually our missionaries have won their confidence. The first person to become a Christian was a boy who came to Webster Carroll seeking work. Asked if he were a Christian, he replied brightly, "No, sir, I'm a pagan." Now this young man is a Christian; he has answered God's call to the ministry.

PRAY for Mrs. W. O. Harper,* Rev. Ray Milligan, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Miss Vera L. Campbell, Fukuoka, Japan, ev.; Miss Bertha Hunt, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Magnus Gonnens, Dulce, N. Mex.; Mrs. Billy D. Allen, Anadarko, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Opal D. Walker, Westaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Ann Warder, Louisville, Ky., Mr. Allen Seward, Virginia, GWC

25 Tuesday God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18:33. (Read John 8:2-11.)

A critically injured young woman was brought to the Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan. "Let her die," the mother said. "She's too mean to live." Others agreed. But the missionary doctor prayed as he entered the operating room and God worked a miracle. The woman lived. Another miracle followed. The Christian love and witness around her changed her wicked life. She remained at the hospital and worked as a maid. The day came when she said, "I want to be saved." She has passed from death into life!

Chapel services, ward preaching, and bed-to-bed witnessing are carried on regularly in the hospital. There are many conversions, both of patients and staff. Thank God that evangelistic fires are burning brightly in Jordan.

PRAY for Dr. John A. Roper, Jr., Ajloun, Jordan, med. ev.; Mrs. Oren Robison, Jr., Benin City, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. Sam Morris, Tulsa, Okla., ev. among Indians

26 Wednesday O my God, I am ashamed

and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Ezra 9:6. (Read Psalm 33:12-22.)

Since June 1957 Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Griffin have been our missionaries to the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina. Mr. Griffin writes: "Our first and greatest need is a revival that will start in the Cherokee Baptist Church and reach every church and home on this reservation. Will you remember us and our work here among the Cherokee Indians when you pray?" Pray for the other 115 missionaries working among Indians.

PRAY for Rev. J. D. Griffin, Cherokee, N. C., ev. among Indians; Rev. Gene H. Wias, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. R. Elton Johnson, Itabuna, Brazil, ev.; Ernest J. and Virginia Ruth Johnson, MF

27 Thursday Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10. (Read Psalm 51.)

"This summer we felt the answer to the earnest prayer of Christians all over our country," said Rev. Roy Remont, missionary to the French in Louisiana. He tells of a revival meeting in which prayer services outgrew the homes and were held under the stars. Most of those present were Catholics. At one time the crowd included nearly every family in the community, though many were forbidden to attend under threat of severe penalty. Five young people came for baptism during the meeting. Pray for our 26 missionaries to the French in Louisiana.

PRAY for Rev. Everett R. Lanham, Espanola, N. Mex.; Rev. Louis H. Soliz, Pomona, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. G. O. Foulon, HMB, retired; Mrs. Ruben Franks, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mrs. Herman Hayes, Viet Nam, Mrs. Colon Godwin, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.

28 Friday Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23,24. (Read Psalm 139:1-10.)

Entrance of Alaska into the Union brings many challenges. The name Alaska means "Great Country." Let us pray that it shall become great in spiritual strength.

Southern Baptists entered Alaska in 1943, but missionary work was begun by Presbyterians many years before. Other denominations followed, and the American Bible So-

ciety provided Bibles. Quantities of the Scriptures in several dialects have been supplied by the Society, but further translation is needed. In Fairbanks an Eskimo recently said to the Society's secretary: "Tell the Christians down in the States that we are grateful for the Gospel of Mark and the Book of Romans in our own dialect, but when are they going to give us the life of Christ by Matthew, Luke, and John?" Pray for every Christian's witness in our forty-ninth state.

PRAY for Miss Patricia Barnes, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexico, Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, retired

29 Saturday Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. Luke 5:12. (Read Luke 23:39,43.)

The chaplaincy has grown to include a ministry far beyond military services. Evangelism, pastoral care and counseling are carried into many institutions and industries.

The chaplain in a state penitentiary reports gratifying response. Prisoners once bitter and antagonistic have been led to Christ. A murderer and criminal of the vilest sort, condemned to death, he resisted every effort to reach him. Then one day he called for the chaplain. "Do you mean to tell me that God can save a man like me?" he asked. The answer was affirmative, and he went to his death as a new creature in Christ. Pray for chaplains in all areas of service.

PRAY for Rev. Boyd A. O'Neal,* Mr. Jerry S. Key, Brazil, ev.



30 Sunday As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. Psalm 42:1. (Read Psalm 42.)

A migrant in the Southwest was given a Bible by a missionary. When he returned to Mexico his family begged to keep it, saying that he could get another in the States.

There are more than 10,000,000 migrants in the United States. The greater number are Mexicans who come for seasonal work. Others are Indians, many of whom return to their reservations. When these are won they become missionaries to their own people.

We have four missionary couples working throughout the country with these moving multitudes. Living in trailers, they follow the people who follow the crops. Churches

ANY NOTE or card with the words, "We are praying for you," is a treasured gift. We realize more fully each day that without Him we can do nothing—James P. Kirk, missionary to South Brazil.

must assume responsibility for these people in their area, or most of them will never be reached. Pray for these wandering multitudes in our country today, for the churches and associations which should minister to them, and for the missionary couples.

PRAY for Mrs. James J. Horton, Strathmore, Calif., ev. among migrants; Mr. Silvio A. Perez, San Luis, Cuba, Mrs. Frank H. Ossa, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. C. E. Kratz,* Nigeria, ev.; Rev. A. P. Pierson,* Mexico, ed. ev.; Mrs. Harold Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, RN

31 Monday Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. 1 Chron. 29:11. (Read Eph 1:15-23.)

Last year was the best year in foreign mission work which Southern Baptists have had; 137 missionaries were appointed, exceeding the goal. There was a 13.02 per cent increase in financial support. Progress was reported upon all fields. Let us praise God and press on! Pray for the 137 new appointees.

PRAY for Dr. Charles G. Tabar, Korea, med. ev.; Mrs. Samuel Jones, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Mrs. George Bradley, Fremo, Calif., inter. ev.; Rev. Walter C. Blair, Bernafillo, N. Mex., ev. among Indians

Key to Abbreviations

ev. evangelism
ed. ev. educational evangelism
FW field worker
GWC Good Will Center
HMB Home Mission Board
inter. ev. international evangelism
lan. st. language study
MF Margaret Fund student
MD doctor
med. ev. medical evangelism
RN nurse
* on furlough
pub. ev. publication evangelism
Res. Mis. rescue mission

Your CIRCLE Program

Combining Our Mission Gifts

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

Carry out a cooking idea on your invitation or programs.

What's cooking at WMS circle?
Do you boil it slow or swift?
Come August — and you will hear
"Combining Our Mission Gifts."

Interest could be aroused in this meeting by having a "pot luck" meal where each member brings a culinary masterpiece with copies of the recipe to exchange with other circle members.

The program deals with ingredients. The devotional thoughts include an actual recipe which you might call "A WMS Cookie" and mix at the meeting as you talk. Pop these in the icebox while the rest of the program is given and serve at the conclusion. Wear an apron and have all the ingredients on a tray ready to combine. You'll need to borrow a hot plate unless you meet in the kitchen! Have Bible and cookbook on the table.

A WMS Cookie

1 cup sugar
½ cup honey
¼ cup canned milk
¼ cup water
¼ teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons peanut butter
3 cups bread crumbs (left-over biscuit, toast, and ends of bread can be used. Remember how economical we all are!)
Boil together the sugar, salt, honey and milk for five minutes. Add peanut butter. Remove from heat and stir three minutes. Add bread crumbs. Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper. Cool.

If it is impossible to do this at the meeting, make the day before but demonstrate the ingredients as you talk.

Devotional Thoughts:

An interviewer asked a man for the name of his favorite books. He immediately replied, "My mother's cookbook and my father's pocketbook." As you will see, this program is concerned with both.

All of us look back with happy memories to the good kitchen odors of Thanksgiving and Christmas, of summer preserves and ice cream freezers, of birthday cakes and icing bowls. One child told her next door neighbor, "I love to come to your house because your kitchen smells so good."

In thinking about the recipe of a Christian life, we turn to the Bible for our ingredients. First of all we measure a cup of sugar. We read Peter's advice to women where he recommends the sweetness of the home relationships (*read 1 Peter 3:1-4*).

Then we take half a cup of honey. We know that this was an ingredient widely used in Bible days. We are reminded of the beautiful passage from Psalm 119:71 (*read* 119:71).

Water (¼ cup) was a precious commodity in Jesus' day just as it is today in the Middle East. It is even more precious to us as Christians because of the comparison Jesus made at Jacob's well (*read John 4:1-14*).

Next we take ¼ cup of milk. We recall Peter's advice on Christian growth (*read 1 Peter 3:1-2*).

(Stir well and put on to boil.)

To this mixture add ¼ teaspoon of salt. Matthew speaks of the flavor and preservative quality of salt in the Sermon on the Mount (*read Matthew 5:13, Mark 9:50*).



Add five tablespoons peanut butter. This is an ingredient without social position. Yet it was from the lowly peanut that George Washington Carver developed hundreds of products. Sometimes even WMS members need a pinch of humility. (*Read Matthew 23:12 and stir three minutes.*)

Then add bread crumbs (*read John 6:32-35*).

As God provides for our physical and spiritual needs, we must never forget that we are commissioned to feed others (*read John 21:15*).

Pray, using Calendar of Prayer

Leader's Introduction

Today our program deals with a recipe that Southern Baptists have tested and found satisfying for the financial needs of our worldwide enterprises. We call it the Cooperative Program. We will not attempt to cover in detail the extent of activities supported through this effort. Our program deals with stories from the mission fields which show the worthwhileness of investments in mission causes. These testimonies make us glad that we combine our mission gifts in the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Offering so that all phases of our work will receive support.

A Dash of Love

Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, has nearly half a million inhabitants. Situated on a fertile plain, it was an agricultural and commercial center before the Spanish conquest. In the early nineteenth century, the bishop of this city was the richest man in Mexico.

One of the city's most attractive monuments is a large statue commemorating the

death of six boys killed by American troops in the Mexican War. It happened in the battle for Chapultepec Palace. The national military academy was located here. The Mexican army withdrew, but a handful of cadets remained to fight the northern invaders. Our troops had no idea they were fighting thirteen- to sixteen-year-old boys. Every Independence Day there is much anti-American feeling as this incident is recalled.

It was the dream of Dr. Lamar Cole to build across the street from this statue, a monument of America's Christian concern in the form of a hospital. Today that dream is a reality. In addition, there are student homes for boys and girls, a printing establishment, kindergartens, churches and missions throughout the city of Guadalajara (see page 6).

These efforts receive support from our combined gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Just as a dash of salt makes all the difference in a recipe, so these evidences of Christian love will make all the difference in our witness south of the border.

Teaspoons of Witness

With only one Chinese helper, Missionary Bertha Smith hung a "Baptist Mission" sign on a rented store. This announced to all who walked the busy streets of Taipei that Southern Baptists were about their Father's business in Taiwan (Formosa). We have found here a more eager response to the gospel than anywhere else in the Orient.

From this small beginning in 1948, we have expanded to 40 missionaries, 16 churches, 33 mission chapels, and nearly

6,000 members. Most of our work has been with the Chinese nationals, but interest has been aroused in the tribesmen inhabiting the eastern mountains. These natives retreated when the Japanese occupied the islands. Sheltered by the mountains, they have retained their own customs.

The outstanding characteristic of new converts is their desire to take the gospel to those who have never heard of the love of God. In addition to interest in the head-hunters, Formosans gave a thousand dollars for work on Green Island just off the east coast. This work has been carried on by seminary students. They have reported twenty inhabitants now ready for church membership.

By combining our mission gifts, we have made possible this decade of witness in Taiwan. Just as measuring spoons fit one within the other, from small to large, so our small witness through our gifts of money fit with other gifts to make possible an ever larger witness around the world.

Cupfuls of Understanding

The American Indian has received a great deal of misunderstanding at the hands of the white man. Once a barker at a Wild West show told the crowd about many Indian customs. He mentioned the habit of putting food at the graves of their dead. As he concluded his remarks, he introduced a full-blooded Indian, saying he would be glad to answer any questions. One man asked when the Indians expected the dead to eat the food. Immediately the Indian replied, "At the same time the white man comes up to smell the flowers." Southern Baptists need to emphasize their responsibility toward these first Americans.

Through our combined gifts in the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering, we help maintain 117 missionaries to the Indians. They reported 1,448 professions of faith last year. We need heaping cupfuls of understanding and love for these native Americans. They are a challenge for our Christian witness in the homeland.

Bowls of Knowledge

The night was dark. Mrs. Carie Lumbley was sleeping soundly. Suddenly she realized that the mosquito net over her bed was aflame. One of her students, the daughter of the ruler of Abeokuta, had set it on fire because she hoped to burn up her "jailer." This was back in the early 1900s when our first school for African girls was established. Most of them looked upon school life as imprisonment and had to be bribed to come.

Today our African schools are overflowing with students. The school that Mrs. Lumbley started in 1908 is known as the Baptist Girls' School and is really three schools in one: an elementary school, elementary teacher training center, and a higher elementary training college. Each Thursday afternoon, the entire student body is organized into groups of four to preach and teach in different sections of Ido.

Have you ever had a dream come true? Baptists have: an eight-acre estate with a beautiful view of the Alps and the Lake of Zurich. At the 1920 meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee, it was recommended that a seminary be established. Twenty-nine years later, Southern Baptists opened a seminary in Zurich, Switzerland. This country was chosen because of its record of neutrality and its central location. In the spring semester of 1957 there were forty students from sixteen countries. (see page 10).

By combining our mission gifts, in 1957 we made possible 886 schools on foreign soil, enrolling 131,824 pupils in 33 countries of the world.

Conclusion

Remind those present of how much your church gives to the Cooperative Program. What part is this of your budget? In addition, what was given this church year to the last Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Offering? In other words, re-examine how much you are spending on yourself and how much on others.



Into My Heart

Into my heart, Into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today,
Come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

A Mi Corazon

A mi corazon, a mi corazon,
A mi corazon ven, Cristo;
Ven sin tardar,
Ven a morar,
A mi corazon ven, Cristo.

Presenting the Program

In this program we find a reporter interviewing five missionary wives from Mexico. The reporter may sit behind a small table with the five at a large table, or you may prefer that all sit together in an informal semicircle.

The reporter may be dressed in skirt and blouse while all the missionaries are in Mexican traditional low-neck blouse with drawstring and in full flowered skirts. You may wish to have them seated in a patio with flag, flowers and fruits in evidence. Also use grillwork and large colored urns.

The reporter can mention the informal setting. A map "Southern Baptist Mission Fields in Mexico" and the pamphlet "Mexico: Land of Contrast and Opportunity" are available upon request from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia. Pictures of the student homes and

the Mexican-American Hospital are in April and May 1958, *The Commission*, and March 1958, *The Window*. Make a poster of Mexico and her people, with these and other pictures. Display with map. Place a Mexican flag alongside fruits plentiful in Mexico: bananas, oranges, mangoes, pineapples, grapefruits, etc.

Other Visuals: If men from your Brotherhood toured Mexico recently they may have slides or other things which would add to interest in your program.

Before you begin the discussion let two women try speaking in Spanish using the expressions on page 9; or write on a blackboard the Spanish sentences and the phonetic pronunciation. Teach sentences to the women. And sing after the prayer "Into My Heart" in Spanish, then, in English.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Interview by Reporter
Mrs. Orvil Reid
Mrs. Ervin Hastey
Mrs. James Short
Mrs. Wyatt Lee
Mrs. William Clawson

Prayer

Sing "We've a Story to Tell"

AT YOUR MEETING

Songs in the Night

Interview: (Reporter and missionaries being interviewed went themselves.)

Reporter: We are very happy to present our experts on Mexico. In interviewing these women, who are missionaries in Mexico, we hope to bring you valuable information and inspiration for renewed interest and strengthened effort to preach Christ in this nation to the south of us.

I would like to introduce our participants, Mrs. O. W. Reid stationed in Guadalajara (*gwa-dah-lah-HAH-rah*), Mrs. James Short in Chihuahua (*cho-WAH-wah*), Mrs. Ervin E. Hastey from Torreon, (*tor-reh-ON*), Mrs. William Clawson of Torreon, and Mrs. Wyatt Lee working out of Guadalajara.

We began our missionary effort in this predominantly Catholic country in 1880. Some of you may question the wisdom of sending missionaries into any country where Catholicism is the religion of the majority. Would our panel like to consider this question as it relates to Mexico? Why do we send missionaries there?

Mrs. Orvil Reid: (raises hand) Miss Reporter, I would like to try to answer that. It is true that Mexico has a strong religion in Catholicism, but we sincerely believe that this religion, as practiced in Mexico, fails to give the people a true picture of the

loving God and the living Saviour. It not only emphasizes meaningless ritual, but gives Mary, the mother of Jesus, such a place of prominence as to encourage idolatry. The people know little of the Scriptures. Missionaries feel that the people of Mexico have a right to know the gospel truths and we work in Mexico to present these truths to them.

Our efforts along this line are hampered in many areas by the religious authorities. Mexican people who try to break away from the Catholic church often face persecution. The established church in this way acts as an oppressor of the people.

I am thinking of a passage in Job. Here, I have it marked. Let me read it. (She opens Bible and reads Job 35:9-11.)

These verses remind me of the people in Mexico. They cry out in their oppression but they do not cry to God because their religion has not taught them to do so nor has it taught truth about God our maker and Jesus the Saviour.

Reporter: You've made a strong point. Simply having a religion is not enough, not if the religion does not lead man into the knowledge of God and a saving relationship with him through Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Mrs. Reid: I believe you and your husband are field workers in Mexico. Just what does that involve?

Mrs. Reid: Just a little bit of everything you might say, or perhaps a lot of everything would be more accurate. Missionaries in field work preach, do personal witnessing, organize new churches and preaching points, organize and work in vacation Bible schools, Training Unions, summer encampments, W M U conferences, buy property for pastor's homes or new churches. Well, I could go on but you get the general idea (see page 4 for other information).

Reporter: We certainly do, Mrs. Reid. One further question for you, and then we'll let you rest, for a little, anyway. You obviously

feel from earlier remarks that there is oppression of the people by the Catholic church. Can you give us specific examples of what you are talking about?

Mrs. Reid: Unfortunately I can. In one town in our field we organized a mission with sympathizers from three families. The home in which we held services was attacked by a mob rounded up by the local priest. The mob led by the priest in his jeep destroyed the roof and doors of the home. The family fled to another town for safety. We finally got through to the governor to protest and he ordered protection for our people. Such cases must be called to the attention of civil authorities and when necessary fought through, for when fanatics are successful in one instance they are encouraged to strike at our work or our people elsewhere.

Reporter: Mrs. Ervin Hastey, you and your husband also are field workers I believe, and your husband also teaches at the Baptist Seminary in Torreon, doesn't he?

Mrs. Hastey: That's correct.

Reporter: It has been said that the most important work of Southern Baptists in Mexico is the training of national leaders. Do you agree with this statement?

Mrs. Hastey: Yes, I do. In Mexico as in other countries of the world the Foreign Mission Board seeks to establish strong national churches. These churches need trained pastors and lay workers who will in turn train new converts to take on the responsibility of winning their own people. Nationals can go places missionaries can never go and have a voice in situations that may never be opened to us. If anything happened to force missionary personnel to withdraw, the national workers would and could carry on Christ's work in Mexico.

We cannot place too much stress on the willingness of many nationals to work and the hardships many of them face in order to serve the Lord. I am thinking of a re-

port Missionary Henty Wolf made in which he told of the zeal of national workers.

He said, "The Christians are willing to do what they know to do but need someone to lead them. We have a distressing shortage of trained preachers. Some of the most willing workers are men who have never been to school but have learned to read in one way or the other and now do a fair job of preaching. They are eager to learn. Their lives were a challenge to me as I toured the mountain missions with them on a three-week muleback tour.

"One of them is pastor, doctor, teacher, and farmer in a little mountain village of about twenty-five houses. His salary is eight dollars a month. Every morning he gets up early to sing with neighbors some of the eighty hymns he knows by heart. This devotion time is a blessing to them and a witness to unsaved neighbors."

Reporter: Mrs. Hastey, how many nationals are training for the gospel ministry at the Seminary?

Mrs. Hastey: We had a total of thirty-one students last year. You will be interested to know that these young people are not waiting to graduate before doing missionary work. They work in ten churches and fourteen missions, distribute Christian literature and witness to thousands of their fellow Mexicans. Under their influence we believe some seven hundred people have confessed faith in Jesus Christ.

Reporter: Now, in speaking of the Seminary, Mrs. James Short, I am reminded that we have five student homes in Mexico. Are these schools or what are they?

Mrs. Short: No, student homes are not schools. The Constitution of Mexico forbids the establishing of evangelical schools or the teaching of religion in schools other than in seminaries. Of course, in spite of this law, the Catholic church offers religious instruction as nuns and priests teach in the schools.



Mrs. Ervin Mastey prepares refreshments for pastor's meeting in home, Torreon



Mrs. Wyatt Lee has three children and assists her husband in Boys Student Home, Guadaluajara



Mrs. William Clewson, homemaker and missionary, is often left with Billy and Kathy while her husband is on field trip



Mrs. James Short, faithful in visiting church members and counseling YWAs, Chihuahua

Baptist student homes are Christian centers where young people live while they attend state and federal schools and universities. Baptists have five of these homes in four cities.

Reporter: What are you able to give the students in the way of religious instruction?

Mrs. Short: Of course this varies a little from home to home, but I can tell you what we do in Chihuahua (*che-WAH-wah*). Each evening we have a devotional period during the school days in the *saln* (*SAH-lah*) or parlor of the dormitory. Each morning at the breakfast table a Bible passage is read by one of the students. They are required to attend Sunday school, Training Union, and both worship services on Sunday. There are many opportunities during the year for personal counseling and personal witnessing. It takes time to win the confidence of new students, but once done much good can be accomplished. The young people are looking for understanding and welcome heart-to-heart talks. This makes it possible for the missionary to witness about Christ as Saviour and Lord.

These young people will count in the future of Mexico and above all in the fu-

ture of the cause of Christ among Mexican people.

Reporter: Mrs. Short, does the problem of persecution by the Catholic church exist in the area where you work?

Mrs. Short: Yes, I think I can tell you of an incident that will illustrate both the persecution problem and the courage with which our people face it. A Bible school was planned for a small community on the edge of town. One of the members of the church offered her patio for worship and for use by the Juniors, and her bedroom for the smaller children. A ladder propped against the house served as extra seats when chairs gave out. Everything went well and then suddenly attendance took a sudden drop.

We learned that some of the Catholic women had gone to the mothers of children in attendance and told them they were sending their own little ones to hell by letting them attend the Bible school. Miss Barbara Wensel who is the missionary working in the girl's dormitory of the student home at Chihuahua went visiting with the WMU president. One of the mothers told them that her son had started to the school and a Catholic woman had

made him go back home. Another mother listened tearfully to the gospel story and wept. "It's so beautiful, but it's not for me. My husband is working over there in Texas, and if he heard that I had accepted your gospel he wouldn't come back to me." Later as the missionary and the Mexican Christian woman passed a group of women they were insulted and threatened.

The family in whose home the school was meeting faced hostility. A petition was circulated calling for eviction from their home. Miss Wensel offered comfort to this Christian mother who showed great courage.

Reporter: Such Christians need prayer on their behalf from fellow believers, especially those of us who worship freely and in such comfortable physical circumstances as many of us in the United States enjoy. Mrs. Short, you and your husband are fairly new missionaries to Mexico. I understand, having completed your first year there in 1958. Tell us something of what your life was like through those first months as a missionary wife.

Mrs. Short: We had a rather dramatic entrance into our adopted country in the middle of a snow storm. While my husband

stayed at the border to get our furniture through customs, the children and I went on to Chihuahua with Mrs. Abel Pierson, a missionary co-worker, who had met us at the border to help with "red tape" of entering another country to take up residence.

Immediately I learned that I was scheduled to teach a mission study book for the local WMS—only two days later. This proved to be a very humbling experience in that it helped me to realize my Spanish wasn't as good as I had hoped after the year in language study in Costa Rica. However, there was no time to think about this, for the other jobs to which I had previously been elected—counselor for Young Woman's Auxiliary, Bible Study chairman for the Woman's Missionary Society, associational director of Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Sunday school teacher for a group of young women. These I have enjoyed very much as they have given me an opportunity to have personal contact with many of the families in our church and with those interested in finding salvation in Christ. Visitation with the women of our WMS, and the work with them in various mission points here in the city: taking YWAs on community missions trips and visitation—these have all become a vital part of my work, and I have come to love Mexican people with real devotion.

I have taken several trips with my husband to other churches and missions in the state. As assistant director of the Student Home my responsibilities are heaviest when my husband is out of town. Some of our boys are as young as fourteen and require considerable supervision. They have not learned to study and discipline themselves.

Other than these, there are my everyday responsibilities of keeping our home, teaching our children the Calvert (correspondence) System of schoolwork. There is no English-speaking school for our children to attend. Also I have a few music pupils, take the students on trips, study Spanish and entertain guests from the States. You see my days are full and I am very glad the Lord has sent us here.



Girls studying at Student Home in Chihuahua, Mexico

Reporter: After listening to your schedule, Mrs. Short, some of our women might say, "The one thing you don't have is PTAI!"

Mrs. Wyatt Lee, you and your husband direct the Boys home at Guadalajara. How many "sons" do you have?

Mrs. Lee: Last year we had twenty-four "sons" from eight states. They attended six different schools.

Reporter: Tell us something of the religious background of these boys.

Mrs. Lee: Four of the twenty-four were not members of a Baptist church. One who was from a Catholic-Methodist home and another from a Baptist home have been baptized since that time. Another whose parents still have not accepted Christ as Saviour, a boy from a Catholic home, has

made a profession of faith and hopes to be baptized before going home for his next vacation. He takes part in all our church activities. Every time he goes home he takes Gospels and tracts to give to his family and friends.

Almost all the boys are active in church work, one serving as associational Royal Ambassador secretary, some singing in the choir, others teaching Sunday school or leading in Training Union. One of the boys has this year planted the Word with an alcoholic, a Catholic priest, a Mormon family, a spiritualist, and with many others. He visits in their homes many times talking with them. So far he has not seen one of them converted, but he doesn't give up. He says he has never felt the call of the Lord to dedicate himself to full-time ser-

vice, but plans to enter the field of engineering.

We hope to see two of our boys enter the Seminary this fall. One has served the Talpita church as pastor. He is eager to gain further training at our Torreon Seminary.

You know, of course, that the Mae Davis Student Home for girls is in Guadalajara (*gee-dah-lah-HAH-rah*) also and that Miss Marian Sanders directs it. They have had a full house this year with twenty-two girls.

Although the principal function of the hospital is to give the best possible medical care to those who need it, the ultimate purpose of this Christian institution is to present Christ as the answer to man's spiritual needs.

Local pastors, missionaries, and church members have contributed to the evangelistic program and visit the patients daily. In the new building a much larger opportunity for personal testimony comes with the increase of inpatients.

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Reporter: Speaking of Guadalajara, that's the location for the Mexican-American Hospital isn't it?

Mrs. Lee: Yes it is, and all of us in Mexico are proud of the beautiful hospital and prayerful that it will be used to bless many and bring them to Christ. Dr. E. Lamar Cole, medical missionary to Mexico for twelve years is largely responsible for this hospital. You might be interested to know just what Dr. Cole had to do to become a recognized physician in Mexico. Because laws of the country prohibit foreign doctors from practicing there, Dr. Cole had to live in Mexico five years to obtain a residence permit, write a medical thesis and



Dr. Lamar Cole

pass all medical examinations in Spanish. While waiting to begin his own practice, he worked in a small clinic which was operated in the name of a Mexican doctor. In recent years he served through two small clinics in Guadalajara. The people who came to the dedication services for the hospital in February of 1958, applauded when Dr. Baker James Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board said, "If one could lay open the heart of Dr. Cole he would find 'Mexico' imprinted thereon." Dr. Franklin Fowler and family were transferred from Paraguay to Mexico to help in this hospital, making only two doctors on the active staff.

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Baptist grandmother at Patzcuaro, near Morelia, Mexico

Mrs. Clawson: It was indeed a thrilling experience. Pastors from many sections of Mexico, several missionaries, the student body and faculty of the George H. Lacy Bible School at Guadalajara co-operated in conducting the revival. Twenty churches and six missions participated and we all rejoiced in the 246 professions of faith resulting from the campaign.

Interestingly enough, the most obvious results were in the fanatical Catholic centers. In one of the cities, where at one time the priests led mob action against Baptists, there were thirty-eight professions of faith; more than one half of the present church membership.

In another city, the first night of the service, several people threw stones into the auditorium. The next day the pastor and the deacons presented the matter to the mayor, who bears the responsibility of regulating matters of religion. Immediately

he stated that, although a Catholic, he believed in upholding the right of each individual to worship as he saw fit. He placed police on each side of the church during the rest of the week. The church had been very cold spiritually, with from twenty to twenty-five attending regularly. During the week, the average attendance was one hundred, with twenty-one professions of faith among seventy-five people who had never attended an evangelistic service.

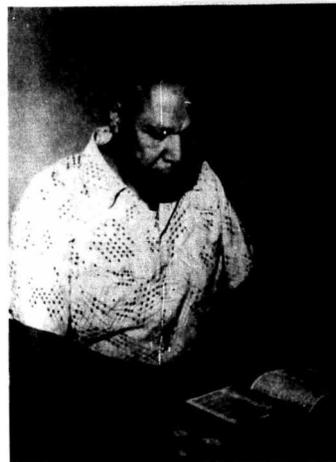
Two formerly devout Catholics from another community found a new conception of the Lord in the revival services. One said, "For me, the gospel is the truth: I feel very happy because my eyes have been opened and the black bandage of superstition has been lifted." The other said, "I am very happy and wish to learn more of this religion and of the Bible." Each of these men is studying the Bible with the pastor.

A mission located near a strong Catholic Seminary reported sixteen professions of faith, and a growing interest in Baptist work. Recently, there has been a turmoil among the Catholics of that city about the Virgin of Fatima. One priest denounced the power of this Virgin telling the people they must turn to God and rest upon the saving power of Christ. Another priest said the people must continue to trust Fatima and denounced his fellow priest for a lack of faith. This confusion troubled the Catholics and many are inquiring about the Baptist faith. The mayor has requested a Bible.

As a result of the campaign one established church started two new missions. The very next month one of these missions, meeting in a home, had more than thirty-five people in attendance.

Reporter: Thank you Mrs. Clawson. Our time draws to a close. We appreciate each of you and the things you have told us today. How we wish every one of our missionaries serving in Mexico could share

National pastor on South Field at Irapuato, Mexico



with us his work, burdens, and challenges.

I have been thinking during this discussion of what Mrs. Reid said in the beginning—that the people of Mexico are oppressed by many burdens, the worst being spiritual darkness from which they see no escape. Remember the woman who wept because she wanted to accept the gospel for herself but feared her husband would desert her if she left their church?

What a contrast we saw in the life of the mountain pastor, working as hard as three men, at a small salary, yet apparently a genuinely happy individual, getting up before day to sing hymns with his neighbors! Why does one weep and one sing? The singer has found Christ.

Let us look at a familiar passage in the New Testament.

Paul and Silas healed a mentally ill girl, much to the anger of the men who had used her to make money.

(Read Acts 16:22-25,34 stopping with the words "and the prisoners heard them.")

You know the rest of the story. An earthquake released the prisoners and the jailer and his family were saved and baptized. Verse thirty-four continues, "And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."

This is why we send missionaries to Mexico and to all the world. We believe that faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and love for God give man cause for rejoicing and a song to sing. Others hearing the Christian in the night of superstition and fear will know a small glimmer of hope. God's Holy Spirit, using all means, turns man from darkness to light as he comes to know the Light of the world.

Pray for Mexico's lost, who grope in darkness, for our field missionaries, all missionaries there, national leaders, the witness of our student homes and hospital, the churches, all who labor for Christ in Mexico.

Sing "We've a Story to Tell" verses 1,4. Close with Amen.

CIRCLE MISSION STUDY

Christian Witnessing

by Elaine Dickson, WMS promotion associate

AIM: To develop an awareness of the community in which WMS members live and to cause them to see that witnessing begins at home.

Preparation: Study these chapters of *Christian Witnessing* by Dr. Floy Barnard:

Chapter II—"Community Awareness"
Chapter III—"Witnessing in the Home"

Lesson Plans: Discuss "Understanding the Word Awareness," pages 21-22. Point out how important this word is as we relate it to the community in which we live.

Take a look at your community. Display a map and pictures of well-known landmarks in the community. Newspaper clippings and Chamber of Commerce information are good sources. As these are shown point out that we are generally aware of the community but that we have not developed an adequate awareness of our neighbors and their needs.

Ask the Question: How do we develop the kind of community awareness we need to make community missions meaningful and vital? Ask one woman to list suggestions on a blackboard or poster board. Comment on these, filling in the information from Chapter II. Quote the poem on page 29.

Move into Chapter III by reminding class members that awareness and witnessing begin at home and that herein lies a woman's greatest opportunity.

Collect ads and pictures which bid for a woman's attention in building a lovely home. Distribute them and have some read. Use this quote: "It is not so difficult to develop lovely homes as it is to grow beautiful people to live in them; it is much

easier to fashion houses than to fashion human hearts."

Discuss "A Woman's Task," pages 37-39.

Present the opportunities for witnessing in the home:

(1) To the family. Ask several to share experiences.

(2) To guests in the home. Ask members to recall and list all those who have visited in their homes the past week—everyone: neighborhood children to play; neighbor to visit; maintenance people; people who rendered services; dinner guests. Use this to illustrate the many opportunities for bearing a witness by the very atmosphere of the home. Ask the group silently to consider this question: What witness, spoken or unspoken, did I bear for Christ to these in my home?

Use information from the book, pages 46-49, to present the opportunity to witness to international students by inviting them to be guests in the home.

(3) To those invited to the home for services. Tell the stories, pages 49-51, about establishing missions in homes.

Follow-up: Share witnessing experiences which grew out of last month's study. Consider possibility of conducting or participating in a community survey as outlined in Chapter II. (Make plans with the WMS community missions chairman.)

Devotional Period: Have someone tell the story of the Indian chief, pages 106-107, Chapter VI. Close with the prayer that each woman will witness by giving herself fully to God. Pray for a new awareness of people in need of a Saviour, particularly for those with whom each woman has contact in her home.



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