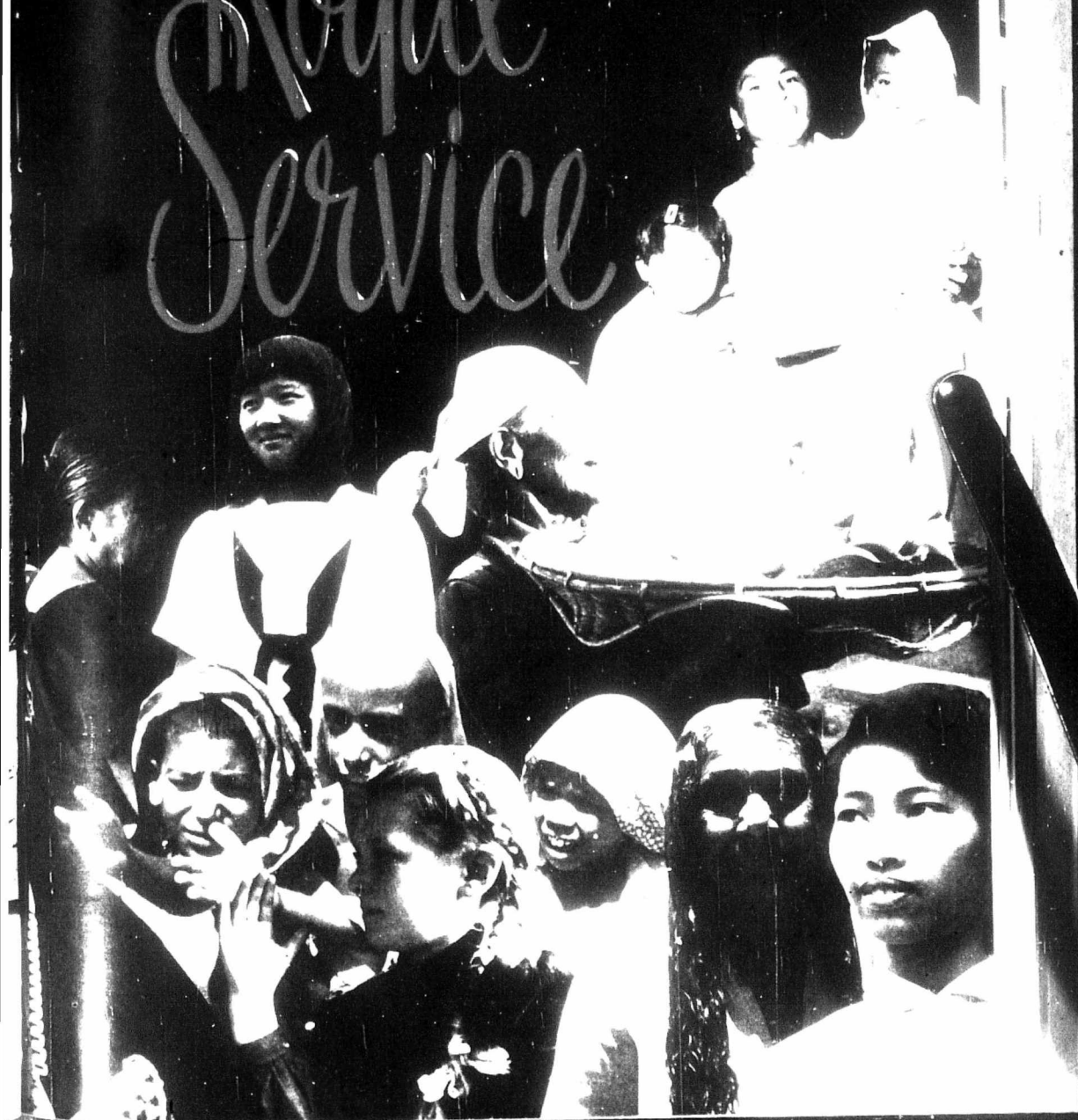


O GOD WE PRAY

December 1959

Royal Service





"O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

... FOR ALL MANKIND

Week of Prayer

NOVEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 4

Goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$7,575,000

AT YOUR CHURCH

Pray Every Day

WE PRAY EVERY DAY

More than two billion people do not know Christ as Saviour. O God we pray for lost mankind!

"Laying aside every weight" thousands of women in countries all around the world are turning their footsteps toward churches for burdened prayer during these momentous days.

Let us pray with renewed faith, believing that God can bring in this our generation salvation in Christ Jesus to every person in all the world.

God has laid upon women the fearful responsibility of intercessory prayer.

Every WMS member in her place at her church praying every day during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions—this will be well-pleasing to God. Through you he will save the world.

MONDAY	"O God, We Pray for Seekers of Knowledge"
TUESDAY	"O God, We Pray for the Sick and Suffering"
WEDNESDAY	"O God, We Pray for Lost Mankind"
THURSDAY	"O God, We Pray for Presses at Work for God"
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ROYAL SERVICE

BY MRS. BOB SPEAR, MISSIONARY

A Glorious Christmas



THE SMELL OF COOKIES BAKING blended with the scent of our Australian pine Christmas tree. Of course our thoughts turned homeward that first Christmas in 1957 when we were new missionaries in Ayudhya, the ancient capital of Thailand.

We were lonesome for cheery Christmas greetings, the hustle-bustle of shopping in gaily decorated stores. We longed to pull on warm mittens, turn up our collars and go caroling through chilly deserted streets. Our hearts were hungry to hear church bells peeling out "Joy to the World." Yet we realized that ours was an opportunity that only a few have and we prayed that God would be glorified. We wondered what we could do to witness the real meaning of Christmas to people who did not believe in Christ. We did not know what God had in store for us!

Midnight Christmas Eve we were awakened by the singing of "Silent Night." At last we thought it was Christian young people from Bangkok. But to our surprise our neighbors had carefully learned the English words to "Silent Night," to sing for us. We would not be lonesome in a foreign land on Christmas! How it warmed our hearts! Of course we invited them in and answered many questions concerning Christmas, being careful to explain the dif-

ference between custom and the real meaning. As they left we gave each an attractive booklet of the Christmas story.

After a few hours sleep we were awakened again by our landlord's daughter and her friend. They brought gifts to our children. They had heard it was a custom to give gifts on Christmas, but they had not heard of the gift that God gave the world on that first Christmas.

We were just finishing breakfast when 40 students and their teachers from one of the private high schools came and announced that they could stay two hours. They were warmly welcomed and seated before the Christmas tree. We read the Christmas story from the Bible and portrayed it by pictures on the flannel board. We also taught them Christmas carols. Before they left we served refreshments. Thank goodness I had baked lots of cookies!

Just before dinner a Christian man from another village came saying he wanted to be with Christians on Christmas day. We joyfully placed another plate on the table.

That afternoon several groups came. Before nightfall more than 100 people had been in our home. How gracious and good God was to provide so many opportunities for witnessing. How lovely and thoughtful our neighbors were! What a glorious Christmas it had been!

DECEMBER 1959

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

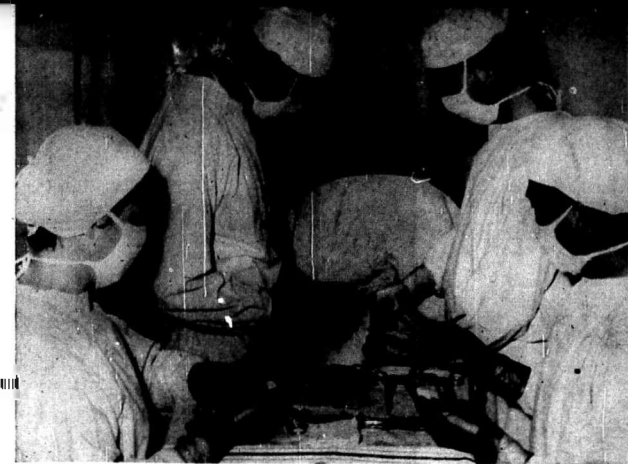
BY MARGARET T. APPLEGARTH

... For Seekers of Knowledge

We welcome this matchless moment for remembering
those now being kindled by knowledge:

All small boys asking questions;
All students fumbling for facts;
All scientists digging up distinguished discoveries;
All scholars thinking God's thoughts after Him;
All Bible readers surprised by new light in old texts;
All converts touched by the kingdom, the power and the glory;
Each knowing about God that He is always . . . "More!"

"All students fumbling for facts" . . . in Mexico



"His gift for curing into doctors" . . . in Kediri, Indonesia

... For the Sick and Suffering

What is health but something of God

Beating in our blood—
Shining in our eyes—
Breathing in our breath—
Making work and play,
Family and friends

A part of His own more abundant life within us.

Then, when sickness strikes,
With pain and weakness and misery in the bones,
How miraculous to find that God has put

His gift for curing into doctors—
His skill for healing into nurses—
His design for comforting into families.

But not all who fall ill are blessed by such attention

Therefore we remember the poor, the friendless, the outcasts—

Unsure about today's care,
Unsure about tomorrow's cure,
Unsure about anyone's concern,
Unsure about anyone's remembrance.

May the Everlasting mercy melt us into a more loving mood

Making us discern that a Christian is someone
Into whose hands God has entrusted all his fellowmen,
That His kingdom may come—beginning with each of us,
right here! right now!



"To talk things over with, To share his care"
... in Southern Rhodesia

... For Lost Mankind

Although the highway to heaven is so straight and narrow, lo!
The robbers silently slide away in secret to steal—
The murderers hide in ambush, in order to kill—
The careless casually stray from the way, for no particular cause—
The discouraged find everyone dead against them—
The poor receive no noticeable lovingkindness—
The crippled stumble, with nobody to support them—
The orphan cries, with nobody to embrace him—
Yet, God has no hands but our hands to do His work today;
No voice but our voice to speak His word of comfort
How dare we keep on being so
Heedless?
Unfriendly?
Reluctant?
Begrudging?
When all any lost soul needs is a companion
To walk beside him,
To talk things over with,
To share his care,
To share his fare.
To point him to Jesus, the lover of his soul.

... For Presses at Work for God

We remember all the books we read as children
About animals, birds and flowers, which made nature seem part of God to us.
Also we recall our many schoolbooks—
Geographies: turning earth into our home,
Physics: making air and sky and waters our element,
Astronomy: bringing sun and stars into our lives,
Arithmetic: counting up our blessings,
History: recording what our ancestors did,
Philosophies: explaining why we do what we do when we do it,
Biographies: sharing the secret stories of those who changed the course
of human events,
Poems: keeping us aware of hidden lovelinesses in sights and sounds;
Bibles: bringing us Jesus Christ—
His presence, His beauty, His power.
But because a billion persons on this planet cannot read,
We remember also all those teaching literacy around the world,
Also all printing presses turning out Christian literature—
That the entrance of God's Word may help more light yet to break forth.

For All Mankind ... Our Dedication

In order never to pick and choose any favorites
We gather all mankind into our affection, known or unknown—
Acknowledging how difficult is forgiveness, we pray for:
Our enemies, people we know who may dislike us personally;
Our enemies, public personages elsewhere who may dislike us—
nationally;
The crosspatch, who may rub us the wrong way;
The jealous: who may begrudge us our just dues;
The selfish: who may grab what we want;
The liar: who may tell untruths about us;
The successful: who may be superior to us in every way, and we find it
hard to applaud properly.
Remembering these who are known to us intimately,
We add, now, those unknown, and yet unsaved—
Each equally near and dear to the Saviour of mankind
To whom we now dedicate our lives, our loves and our length of days,
That His kingdom may come through each of us.



Mrs. Mathis and Miss Hunt receiving gifts of handmade caps and scarves from WMU of Highlands Baptist Church in Southern Rhodesia

Our Visitors in Taiwan

The plane came bringing our anticipated visitors, Mrs. Mathis and Miss Hunt. Their vivacious greetings did not reveal to the island-wide WMU committee of Chinese and missionaries their weariness from two nights of travel.

Plans had been made to give us maximum advantage of their visit. Without mercy, we planned full days. What a wonderful help they were!

We began with a two-day WMU Clinic at our lovely conference grounds with delegates from 31 Women's Missionary Societies. Women arrived 120 strong in time for supper and a most blessed vesper service. That evening there was an inspirational message by a pastor. We knew that God's spirit was with us.

Morning and afternoon we used for study of Aims for Advancement. Each session started with a talk by one of our visitors, then a demonstration and a panel discussion. I did not know we could learn so much in so little time and with so much pleasure. With the "authorities" from the States on the panels it really put teeth into the by-laws!

The second evening we went to one of the large churches in the city for a welcome service, which was open to all WMS members. In spite of heavy rain there were 360 present.

The third afternoon they were put on an over-laid bus to go half way down the island. They arrived ten minutes before time to speak. And so it went through Sunday evening. On the fifth day we showed them our new seminary campus and regrettably bade them adieu.

Truly they were our hard-working, unselfish missionaries! The good results are manifested in the zeal with which we are "rolling up our sleeves" and going to work in this field "white unto harvest." We thank you for sending them to us—MRS. C. L. CULPEPPER, missionary.

BY MRS. R. L. MATHIS AND MISS ALMA HUNT

We Meet Such Interesting People

A Woman of Charm in Taipei, Taiwan

A missionary says of Mrs. Helen Liu, "She has natural beauty, poise and charm, but it is the beauty of the Lord our God upon her which He is using to bring blessing to others and for which I know she would give all the praise and glory to God alone."

Mrs. Helen S. Liu was born in Hopei, China. She now lives in Taipei, Taiwan. She was educated at Taiwan Baptist Seminary and National Nankai University on the China mainland. At present Mrs. Liu is chairman of the WMS committee, Taiwan Baptist Convention, and is a religious worker in Taipei Hui Ning Baptist Church. Her husband, Lawrence Liu is vice-president of the China Cast Iron Pipe Corporation in Taipei. They have three wonderful children: David 17, May 16, and Peter 13.

In a service earlier this year at the Taipei Seminary Mrs. Liu gave her testimony in which she said, "But only five years ago, I was yet an unconverted woman, miserable, dissatisfied, sick in body and soul, though I had my college education, a fair job, a comfortable home, an understanding husband, and three fine children. My heart



Mrs. Liu with family: husband Lawrence Liu, eldest son David, daughter May, youngest son Peter

was lonely and restless, groaning for something which I could not understand—a real thirst to know whether there is truth, beauty, and goodness in this world. Lord pitied me and He guided me to go to a Christian church. I heard the gospel, and I gradually understand Christ is the truth, beauty and goodness. He died on the cross for sinners. I confessed my sins to Him and I accepted Him as my Saviour in Taipei, 1951. "My heart was satisfied and my life has been a blessing henceforth."

A Young Christian of the Philippines

Yes, truly, Mrs. Enriqueta Montoya will be a valuable person in the future Woman's Missionary Union work in Tarlac, our newest evangelistic work in the Philippines. This lovely young woman, mother of two little girls and also teacher of the sixth grade, has only been a Christian for a little more than a year.

Truly in the heart of Mrs. Enriqueta Montoya the Word of God has fallen on fertile soil and it is bringing forth fruit. At the close of a Tuesday night service she came forward to take her stand for Christ and to identify herself with the work of Baptists, not an easy thing to do in the



Mrs. Enriqueta Montoya, Philippines, loves to teach the children in her sixth grade

Philippines. Upon completion of the doctrine study she was baptized, and became the first Baptist in all of Bamban. But as a result of her faithful witness, others will soon be added to the Baptist fold. There are now eight others attending doctrinal class, one of these being Mrs. Montoya's husband.

She has a radiant personality and is filled with vitality even when everyone else is drooping. Although she had never seen or participated in a vacation Bible school, she completed a two-week school in Bamban, serving as principal and did an outstanding job.

She is constantly visiting and witnessing to her friends about the Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful to God for her life and her willingness to be used of the Lord in spreading the gospel to her people in these islands, a land of superstition and vain religion.

A Working Mother in Indonesia

Mrs. Njo Tiang Hie (Sharon Njo) is an employed mother—which is rather rare in the Orient. She is also an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Surabaya, Indonesia. Her week-day employment is

... Interesting People

with the Hsin Sheng Pao (New Life newspaper) of Surabaya where she translates press reports and items from English or Indonesian magazines into Chinese.

In Mrs. Njo's (new) family there are three sons—George, age 18, who is a talented pianist; Gerald, an active Junior who has read most of the books in the church library; and tiny Gene, 3 years old. The tall lean father of these fine boys is bookkeeper at the only store in Surabaya which uses the installment plan. He does not yet join his family in going to church but in this matter too, faith and prayer will surely bring changes.

The sister of Mrs. Njo, June Ling, was a student at the Chinese high school where missionaries Darlyne and Stockwell Sears became part-time teachers soon after their arrival in Surabaya in 1953 to begin Baptist work. Her witness to her married sister aroused Sharon's interest and she began to attend regularly. The matter of becoming a Christian and church member was more difficult for her, however, as she knew her husband's family would raise serious objections. For months there was a struggle in her heart but finally she felt that her loyalty to her Lord must be higher than even family ties. Now, not only is she a teacher in the Beginner Department of Immanuel's Chinese Sunday school, but she has also started a mission Sunday school in her father's home.

Besides her writing and her teaching, Sharon's busy fingers serve her family and her church through her sewing. She took a lead in Woman's Missionary Society projects of making robes for the church choir and curtains for the church baptistry.

In spite of her busy working schedule she takes a great interest in the activities of her children and husband. Pictures taken at family outings and get-togethers fill several attractively arranged photo albums. Through her work and her love of Christ she maintains also a worldwide interest

that makes her an interesting conversationalist and one whom it is a pleasure to meet.

A Woman Leader of Southern Rhodesia

We met a most interesting woman in Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, Mrs. Tabitha Ndlovu, wife of one of the ministerial graduates.

In 1956, Mrs. Ndlovu was chosen to represent the African women of Rhodesia in Nigeria at the first meeting of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa. She was elected secretary of the Executive Committee of this group. As secretary of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Ndlovu has written the newsletters for Rhodesia, editing and typing stencils for the quarterly newsletter for several countries on the continent of Africa where Baptists have a following. At the Woman's Missionary Union Convention this year in January, the African women of Rhodesia elected Mrs. Ndlovu to serve with Mrs. J. M. Nyathi on the program committee for planning the weekly missionary programs as well as the Convention program for next year.

As student, teacher, mother, leader and pastor's wife, she takes her place beside her pastor husband to serve among her people.

Mrs. Njo Tiang Hie of Indonesia



Mrs. Nyathi, Missionary Betty Bowlin, and Mrs. Ndlovu

Mrs. J. A. Keku of Northern Nigeria

Mrs. J. A. Keku is a hardworking, dependable Baptist woman in the Northern Region of Nigeria. She sets a good example for women to follow in all phases of life.

Born in Yoruba land she had the advantages of growing up in a Christian home and she attended the Baptist Day School near her home. When she was twelve years old she confessed Christ as her Saviour.

Since 1954 Mrs. Keku and her husband have been teaching in the Hausa Baptist Pastors' School near Kaduna. They live in an attractive house on the school campus. Always neat and clean, their home sets a high standard for all the families in the pastors' school. Their children are perfect specimens of health. Three children other than their own share their home.

Mrs. Keku is acting president of the WMU in the Kawa church, but as soon as the student wives learn a little more of the fundamentals of the work she will step aside and let them hold office. The women have had no previous training in taking part on program. They often turn to the side with downcast eyes when giving a part, or stretch their hands high and rest them on their heads.

In addition to serving as Girls' Auxiliary

All around the world women are becoming trained, enthusiastic, victorious Christian witnesses. From them awakening civilizations expect guidance and enlightened leadership

Remarkable Mrs. Keku speaks English, Hausa, and Yoruba in her work in Northern Nigeria



counselor in the church, she and Mrs. Farrell Runyan have started a Sunbeam Band.

One would think all this enough work for a teacher who is the mother of six children, but Mrs. Keku finds time to serve as superintendent of the six WMU organizations in Hausa West Association.

This remarkable woman speaks English and Hausa well, in addition to her own Yoruba. She is always near and attractive. She does not hesitate to take on new jobs that further the cause of Christ in Northern Nigeria. This wonderful spirit of devotion and dedication leads us to one conclusion: we need more women like Clara Keku.



Dr. Eugene Nida discussing the Scriptures with African Christian

IN A JUNGLE VILLAGE, on the shores of the Rio Negro in Amazonia, a large group of Kuripako Indians watched as a former medicine man began to beat a tomtom, shake gourd rattles, and mutter incantations over a glimmering fire. A small group huddled near him was intent upon following the weird performance in every mysterious detail. The medicine man almost worked himself into a frenzy.

Out of the forest came a strange figure, reading aloud from a little book. He advanced toward the group. The devotees of the medicine man paid no attention, even when he began to walk round and round the enthralled worshippers of the spirits of the woods. At last, however, despite the frantic efforts of the medicine man to hold his audience, attention wandered to the man walking round and round, still reading from the small strange book. He read about a man that most of them had never heard of—a person called Jesus Christ, who

was the Son of God and who sought to be the Lord of all men.

One man got up, left the medicine man and began to follow this reader of the book. Then another joined. And though the medicine man's incantations became louder and louder and more and more demanding, as he called upon the spirit hosts of the jungle, streams, and hills, it was the unique story of that book which was capturing the attention of those assembled there.

The Kuripako Christians—some 5,000 of them now—were depicting in play form the difference made by a small book, translated in tentative form and published by the mission. Soon, more than a dozen people followed the reader, and they broke out into singing a hymn of praise to God. Before long, all the people had left the medicine man, and at last even he deserted his drums, rattles, and fire, to follow those who sang and listened to the story of God's Son.

Bible Translation IN MANY LANGUAGES

BY EUGENE A. NIDA, secretary translations, American Bible Society

The entire group, including the medicine man, closed in on the smoldering embers and threw on the dying fire the heathen paraphernalia. The flames leaped up and they sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"—in their own language.

In times past all of life of the Kuripako people had been oriented around the worship of the spirits as led by the medicine man, but this had all been changed by the mysterious power of a Book. "Written word," had revealed to men the Living Word, who by the power of His Spirit had transformed their lives.

But, how do people receive this message? It is not translated by angels and dropped from heaven. Rather, if the more than 2,000 tribes of people who as yet do not have this Good News are to receive it, missionaries must go to the people, enter into their remote villages, sit down on the dirt floor of their grass-thatched huts, and there without aid of dictionaries or grammars (for such people do not even have an alphabet) begin the laborious task of finding appropriate letters with which to designate the sounds, analyze a highly complex grammar, learn the meanings of thousands of words, and become completely familiar with all the beliefs and practices of the people, for then and only then can the message of life be translated in such a way that it speaks to people about their lives and reveals to them the Way of life which God has made possible through Jesus Christ.

The first difficulty that missionaries encounter is, of course, the strange sounds. In Zulu, for example, there are a dozen different kinds of click sounds and in Hottentot 20 unusual "popping" consonants. In Guambiano, an Indian language of Colombia, there is a consonant that sounds almost like a whistle, and finding a practical way to write it is not easy. In some languages there are strange and deceptively similar vowels. For example, in Marshallese, spoken in the South Pacific, there are four words which sound almost like *what* but each contains a slightly different vowel and each means something quite distinct: flower, rain, only, and puffer-fish. In Chinantec, a language of Mexico, there are more than a score of words that can be pronounced with one's mouth completely closed. They all sound a little like *hm*, but six of these have such distinct meanings as shoe, pill, smoke, blood, water, and ask for. You see it would be easy to make people think that people are saved by Jesus' pills, rather than by His blood.

But missionaries must also face the problems of grammar, for the so-called primitive languages of the world are not mere jumbles of sound without rhyme or reason. In fact many of them have grammatical structures far more complicated than anything we have heard in the Indo-European languages with which we tend to be more familiar. For example, one word in Bolivian Quechua is *phiniquichipush-allawarkanquichejtajchari*, meaning, "I ex-

Bible Translation in Many Languages

pect you caused me to continually jump around for someone." In this language a root begins each verb, but the potential combinations of various sets of suffixes mean that every verb in the language has well over 100,000 different forms.

For the translator of the Bible a mastery of the sounds and the grammar are only the beginning of his work, for he must have a thorough knowledge of the meaning



One can read so all can hear

of the biblical message. If at all possible he should know Greek and Hebrew. Not only, however, must he have a thorough understanding of what the Bible means, but he must become thoroughly familiar with the way in which other languages express the same truths, though in very different ways. In Mark 9:42, for example, the translation of "whosoever shall offend one of these little ones" must be rendered in the Cuna language of the San Blas Islands as "whoever spoils the heart of one of these little ones." In the Totonac language of Mexico,

this same expression is rendered "whoever shows one of these little ones the wrong road."

To tell people about the love of God is not always easy, for not only is the very concept almost unbelievable, but the way in which it may be expressed in a language is often so different from the manner in which we would speak. The Habbes of West Africa, for example, say that "Christ put us in his heart," but the Tzutuls of southern Mexico describe this same truth as "Christ had pain in his heart for us." In some languages, however, one cannot speak of loving with the heart. The Kabba-Lakas of Central Africa insist on loving with the liver, the Chujs of Guatemala with their stomachs, and the Marshallese with the throat, while the Southern Chins of Burma describe God's love for us as "this is what holds us"—and this is true.

This is the message of life which has transformed the lives of millions. The cannibalistic Bataks of Sumatra ate the first two missionaries who came to them about a century ago, but now there are more than a million Batak Christians, with their own Bible, churches, schools, and missionaries.

When the Good News first came to Nigeria, the ceremonial eating of human flesh and the practice of human sacrifice was widespread, but now there are tens of thousands of loyal Christians, taking positions of leadership in one of the new nations of the earth. This same transforming power is being communicated to men and women throughout the world—whether in the well-known languages of Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Korean, and Japanese, or in the more exotic tongues of Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Yoruba, Tagalog, and Chibemba. Nevertheless, this task is far from completed, but there are now more persons dedicating their lives to this essential work than at any other time in the history of Christendom.

DRINKING CAUSES SOUL EROSION

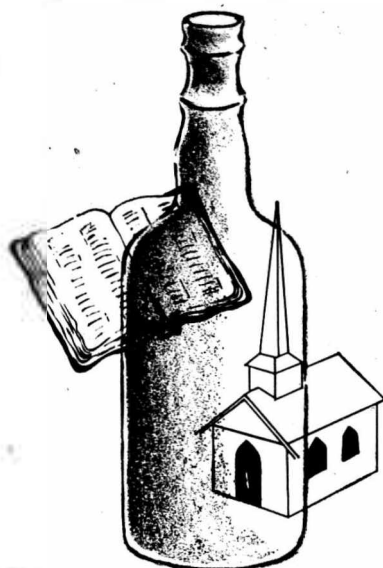
BY AUBREY HEARN

THE EFFECT of drinking upon the human body, though it can be tragically serious, is not nearly so harmful as the damage of drinking upon the spiritual life.

A young doctor and his wife attended meetings of the local medical association. Alcoholic drinks were served regularly at the meetings. The doctor and his wife, both Christians, never drank at the meetings but when their time came to entertain they paid for the drinks for the others. They became disturbed about this and wrote Dr. Howard A. Kelly, the famous Christian doctor, for his opinion. He answered: "I have never served alcoholic drinks at any entertainment, and all who know me take for granted that there will be no drinking in my house. It is one of those points in which Christian faith should prevail and by which Christians grow in their faith or become indifferent."

Dr. Kelly points out that an important criterion in the Christian faith is one's attitude toward drinking. In this regard, many church members become indifferent because drinking has eroded their souls.

A Christian minister testified: "In a ministry now covering more than 50



years I have never met or heard of a single individual who became addicted to the use of alcohol, in however slight degree, who did not suffer immediately and sadly in his spiritual life and interest. No person can use alcohol, even in the mildest form, and retain a keen-edged spiritual purpose and a warmhearted, responsive spiritual interest."

Dr. A. C. Ivy, well-known authority on the alcohol problem, says that half the drinkers in the United States are church members! Whether this figure is accurate or a mere approximation, it is a matter of common knowledge that many church members condone drinking.

The apparent indifference of some evangelical churches to their members' drinking habits, or to their engaging in the liquor business, is puzzling in view of the damage which drinking does to the spiritual lives of those who drink.

Drinking a Badge of Worldliness

Drinking has become a badge of worldliness. It is a symbol of sin, and is sin against self, against others, and against God. Drinking is allied often with other evils, such as gluttony, lasciviousness, gambling, and profanity. Peter Marshall in his book, *Mr. Jones, Meet the Master*,* says that alcohol is today one of the most potent weapons of the devil.

Drinking Destroys Christian Influence

In a southern community an evangelist talked to a liquor store owner about becoming a Christian. The owner realized that he could not become a member of the church and continue to engage in the liquor business. But he defended himself in these words: "When the church members of this community stop buying from me, I will close my store and become a Christian."

Many years ago when wine was the strongest alcoholic beverage, Isaiah declared: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink: . . . but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operations of his hands" (Isa. 5:11-12).

What Isaiah warned against has been observed by Christian leaders for generations. That alcohol dulls the edge of the soul's perception. It brings estrangement from God. It leads to deterioration of religious interests. It separates the drinker from spiritual resources. The Bible, the church, and Christian fellowship lose their appeal when the bottle becomes the center of interest. Drinking destroys Christian influence.

Church members know the dangers of drinking and the importance of total abstinence. They know the wreck and ruin of life which results from it. Our day demands that we have courage to face this terrible evil and individually witness against

*\$2.50 from Baptist Book Stores.



Following the morning worship service,
a wedding in the Moscow Baptist Church
reminded our missionary to Switzerland, of

Woman's Place in Russia

By J. D. HUGHEY, JR., a recent visitor to the Soviet Union

WHEN THE EDITOR of *Royal Service* asked me to write an article on Russia about things women would like to know, I was tempted to reply, "Impossible!" On second thought, however, I realized that during my May visit in the Soviet Union (in the company of Dr. George W. Sadler) I saw a number of things that are of special interest to women.

Russians do not think that woman's place is just in the home. Almost every vocation is open to her, from the heaviest work on roads and buildings to the best professional positions. I have a vivid mem-

ory of a heavy-set, red-faced woman traffic police who was bawling out a truck driver, and of a woman doctor in a clinic which Dr. Sadler and I visited. The doctor could easily have been mistaken for a scrub woman, but she knew her business. She told us that in the Soviet Union there are more women than men who are doctors. "Since our revolution," she said, "every Soviet citizen is free to choose any vocation for which he is fitted, and many women choose to be doctors." Incidentally, since medicine is thoroughly socialized, there was no charge for our two visits to the clinic. If there had been need of an operation, that, too, would have been free.

Homemaking must be difficult in Rus-

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Woman's Place in Russia

sis, for there is a great housing shortage, which Krushchev promises will end in ten or twelve years. Fifteen million apartments are to be constructed during the Seven Year Plan which has just begun. Dr. Sadler and I were entertained by Russian Baptists at lunch and tea in a Leningrad restaurant and at lunch in the Moscow Baptist church building; but we were not invited into any homes, probably because of inadequate facilities. One indication of the crowded living conditions is given by the number of television antennae, for television has become very popular in Russia. Some of the small old-fashioned houses seem to have at least one antenna—and therefore one family—for each room. These old houses are being torn down to make way for enormous apartment houses; one which we saw has 22 stories and 452 apartments. Our guide in Moscow said that she lived in a three-room apartment with her father and mother; my taxi driver to the Moscow airport pointed out the house in which he, his wife, mother, and two children have a similar apartment. They are among the fortunate whose names have been on waiting lists. Rent is cheap, only about four dollars a month for a three-room apartment, with slight additions for the conveniences of new buildings.

Prices of food and clothing are high, considering the salaries. A primary school-teacher makes from \$75 to \$100 a month, a university professor three or four times as much. A suit of clothes costs about one hundred dollars, and as I learned when I went shopping, the box of tea Moscow Baptists gave me cost more than four dollars. (They also gave me a lovely tea glass and spoon.) People on the streets are not very stylishly dressed, and the clothing offered in stores is not particularly attractive. I saw no men's shirts which had wrinkle proof collars or were "drip-dry." Our guide told us that her country until now has concentrated on more important things than consumer goods but that in time these also

will be provided in abundance and of good quality.

Children seem well cared for and are given good educational advantages. Illiteracy has been almost completely eliminated. We were impressed with the seriousness of purpose and good behavior of the children in the public school we visited. The principal explained that there are no problems of discipline, for everybody is kept busy, and that the children bear well their responsibility of keeping the building clean. Foreign language study begins in the fifth grade and continues through the tenth—and longer for those who pursue certain studies. It was amazing to find a first-year English class conducted entirely in English.

Education takes place in a materialistic, atheistic environment. The teaching of history, science, and many other subjects naturally reflects the basic Communist philosophy. Most younger school children are members of the Communist-sponsored Pioneers, and many older ones join the Young Communist League (Komsomol). We were told that the greatest punishment that can be inflicted upon a child is taking from him the red scarf which is a badge of Pioneer membership.

When one looks over a crowded Russian Baptist church—about half of the congregation standing for the two hour service—he is tempted to say, "But most of the people are women, and many of them are old!" Indeed, they are, but instead of lamenting the fact perhaps we should give thanks that so many women are faithful to God and the church. They are not permitted to have special organizations or even meetings, and of course there are no Sunday schools, but they are present in the services of worship, and some take part in the marvelous church choirs. They are the hope of Russia. Mothers everywhere, also in Russia or perhaps especially there, wield a great influence. A man who worked among Russian prisoners of war says that tears often came into the eyes of even the coarsest ones

when "mother" was mentioned. Some nationalities speak of their fatherland, but Russians speak of "Mother Russia," showing the place which mother has in their thinking.

We asked a young man who met us on the street several times and talked with us to practice English whether he ever went to church. "No," he said, "but I think my mother is a believer." A Russian refugee who studied several years ago in Ruschlikon says that when he was a child his mother used to say to him, "In school you will hear many things, but always remember that there is a God." He did, and many other children in Russia—and also in America—believe in God because of the influence of their mothers.

There will always be Russians to whom the words of Paul might be addressed: "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother . . . and thy mother . . . and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 1:5).



Hughey



Dr. George Sadler and Russian guide in Leningrad last May

A group of Pioneers parading through the streets of Moscow. Borne by the children is a picture of Lenin





Miss Mary Brooner registers a delegate at the WMU Convention in Southern Rhodesia

LESS THAN A DECADE AGO, in 1950, Southern Baptists first began mission work in Rhodesia with the appointment of one couple. Another couple joined them the following year. That year, 1951, the first Woman's Missionary Society, Girls' Auxiliary, and Royal Ambassador Chapter were organized.

Most of these early WMS meetings consisted of the missionary giving all the program, usually teaching or using a flannel-graph story. In some places there were literacy classes to teach the women how to read the Bible.

Reports in 1959 show that now there are 42 local WMU organizations with a membership of 874. It is significant that 431 of these are active members who have been baptized into local Baptist churches. Many more are Christians who have never been baptized because of polygamous marriages.

Early in the beginning of WMU work here, a distinct need for a unified system of literature was realized. There was no one in the mission trained for this sort of work, but because the need was tremendous, the missionary women on the field undertook

GROWTH OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

in Central Africa

by Dr. Wana Ann Fort

to do it. At first the programs they wrote were mimeographed, but the work has grown so that now they are printed by

the quarter for the WMS groups. Programs are also written for the GAs and RAs for each week and these are mimeographed. For the first time in 1960 Sunbeams will have weekly programs. Up until this time we have been supplying only one program a month. The program literature has made a considerable contribution to our growth.

Early in the work a need for manuals

was also realized. Again there was no one with training that might qualify her for this sort of work. The men took the RA manual to do. There were six missionary women and three manuals to write. So, two women wrote each manual! Now, five years since these were first printed, we realize the need for revisions and these should be ready for printing in 1960.

Paralleling Woman's Missionary Society has been the growth of our young people's work. At present the men are working with RAs with some continued help from us. Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador members enjoy the Forward Step and Ranking assignments, and they memorize their work quite well. The first GA queens

were crowned at their yearly convention in 1956. Both GAs and RAs have annual conventions—usually lasting about one week end.

Each year three weeks of prayer are observed: for Africa, for Rhodesia, and for world missions. As our work has grown, the offerings have increased, and the women seem to get a deep joy from giving of their means, even though it is meager, to share the gospel with others.

The story of Woman's Missionary Union in Rhodesia is a story of growth. There has been an impressive statistical growth—but above and beyond that there has been the spiritual growth and maturity of the women who are members and leaders.

Mrs. J. M. Nyathi and Dr. Wana Ann Fort work together in a GA Study Course at San-yati Baptist Church; 50 GAs and 3 African counselors attended

Mary Brooner, Virginia Cannata, Wana Ann Fort, and Virginia Atnip serve on budget committee to plan budget requests for 1960 for the Rhodesian WMU



DID YOU READ IT?

MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY



Three Kings of Orient Are

A Spanish child wanted a camera and film very much. On the occasion of the Orthodox celebration of Christmas, January 6, the boy addressed a letter to: "The Honored Kings of the East, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, Jerusalem." Spanish postal authorities added, "Israel." The letter was delivered to the Prime Minister's office. It read: "Dear Kings, Honored Sirs, I am a child from San Sebastian. I am very diligent at school. I do all my work well and would like you to send me on the 'Day of Kings' a camera worth 500 pesetas and 10 rolls of film, very fine ones. That is all I ask." His signature completed the letter.

The Prime Minister's office sent the lad an album of photographs of Israel and a Tenth Anniversary memorial coin. One wonders what would have happened if the postal authorities had added "Jordan" instead of Israel to the address. The Jerusalem Post reporter did not care to speculate.

"I'd Sworn to Kill"

Governments make peace by the stroke of a pen on paper; the men who do the fighting take longer. "I had sworn I would kill them all if I ever met them again," said Ellis Gordon of the Japanese guards who drove him through four years of slave labor at a steel mill near Yokohama. Returning in 1958 to work in Japan for a trucking firm, he made his way back to the steel mill on Christmas eve. Near the entrance he recognized one of the ex-guards on a bicycle and spoke to him. The Japanese gasped and turned to run, then stopped when Gordon said, "I just want to be your friend." In amazement the man bowed low and called another ex-guard. Soon four others joined the reunion and the six men Gordon had once sworn to kill accepted his invitation to share his Christmas dinner.

In Osaka the naval flier who led the air raid on Pearl Harbor made his own peace. Ex-Captain Mitsuo Fuchida became a Christian nine years ago and has dedicated his life to preaching against the military use of the airplane. One is again reminded that only at the foot of the cross can man find the kind of peace that makes it possible for him to love his enemies. And the shadow of that Cross was cast at Bethlehem.

Refugees

"Refugees are people who vote with their feet," once said Lenin. Today there are 16½ million of them of all races and creeds scattered over almost every continent—remnants of 40 million who were uprooted in the fourteen years since the end of World War II. These 16½ million are the world's forgotten people, lost in crowded camps and settlements from Jordan to Hong Kong. They are the men, women and children torn from their native soil by war in Korea and Hungary, Tibet and Palestine, the revolution in China and the

partition of India. The camps provide the breeding place for new conflicts and the perpetuation of old hatreds. Not only because of these dangers but because of man's humanity to man irrespective of complexion or creed, the UN General Assembly voted last December (opposed by the Soviet bloc) to make 1959-60 a World Refugee Year. The United States officially launched its own World Refugee Year, July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960, by presidential proclamation. Nobody who has studied the international refugee problem believes that within a year homes can be provided for even the most urgent cases, but by presenting to all the world their problems, these millions can at least be given hope.

"Money" Letter from the Pope

Roman Catholics are accustomed to general letters, called encyclicals, from the Pope. Since the election of John XXIII there has been much speculation as to what his first letter would be like. In July the world found out. His predecessor covered a wide range of problems written in scholarly prose, but John's encyclical was couched in the language usually associated with family letters. His admonitions covered a number of subjects—two of them of especial interest to Baptists. One truth he wrote, "The source and root of all evils . . . is ignorance of truth. A sincere love of truth is essential for all . . . who hold the destinies of nations in their hands." Yet the Bible, the source of truth, is forbidden reading in countries predominately Catholic. Concerning Christian unity the Pope made it clear that the Roman Catholic faith can be the only basis for true unity.

This statement may well cause uneasiness among all Protestants, as church unity is to be one of the principal topics for discussion during the worldwide council of the Roman Catholic Church, called by the Pope for sometime in 1961.

Buy Biographies for Gifts

Marchette Chute, author of several biographies, has written a bewitching story on the subject. "A good biography takes away the sense of costume, that often blocks our imagination when we think about the past. Because Napoleon wore a cocked hat and Queen Elizabeth a starched ruff and Richard the Lion-Hearted armor instead of khaki, we forget that these were just their ordinary clothes. It is time that turns clothes into costume and a good biography can destroy time, bring the past near and make it real. . . . The people who are worth knowing are the people who never gave up. From the outside, to their own friends, many of them seemed ordinary enough people but each of them held a kind of special light inside himself, and a good biography shows why."

"Another advantage of reading biography is that it widens your sense of enjoyment over things that have nothing to do with books. The pasteurizing of milk is more interesting if you know something about that stubborn man, Louis Pasteur. Traveling in the far West becomes a special adventure to anyone who has read about Lewis and Clark. Radium becomes an even more awe-inspiring discovery if you know how a small woman in black named Madame Curie struggled with fierce patience to find it."

To the Golden Shore by Courtney Anderson (\$6.50 from Baptist Book Stores) takes Adoniram Judson out of costume and puts him into ordinary clothes, shows why that special light inside would not let him give up, and with the turn of every page widens your comprehension of missions until you are convinced that it is the greatest adventure in which man can become engaged.

DECEMBER: Prayer and Missions

Send invitations on Christmas cards:

Each day you're getting Christmas cards
From loved ones tried and true.
Bring one to send a missionary
Who'd like to hear from you!

Circle meets _____
time _____ place _____

Run a thread or ribbon through the wire fastener of Christmas tree ornaments and attach the name of a missionary from the Calendar of Prayer. Give one to each member. Have special prayer for each missionary.

Send a Christmas card to missionaries. Their addresses are in *Home Missions*, (see a back issue in which the directory appears) and in *Directory of Missionary Personnel*, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia.

Share this testimony from Mrs. Robert Elder, retired missionary from Argentina: "Thank you who still pray for me on my birthday. I have received many beautiful cards with lovely messages. Your prayer has been answered. Thank you, and keep on praying!"

Devotional Period: Make an interest center. Candles are one of the symbols of the Christmas season. Use a large candle and three smaller ones. Group them around a Bible opened to Matthew 6 at the model prayer.

Candle of Praise There is a legend about two angels who came to visit the earth. Each brought an empty basket in which to place all the prayer of mankind. In the evening they returned to heaven. The Angel of Petition had a basket filled to the brim. There was not room for all the "asking." The Angel of Thanksgiving had an

almost empty basket.

May our hearts remember prayer of praise, adoration, and thanks as well as that of petition and intercession.

As the candle of praise is lighted (*light large candle*) let each of us pray for peace which comes through personal knowledge of the Prince of peace in the hearts of men. We must be willing to be used of God to help spread this knowledge around the world.

May the flame of this candle glow in our hearts as we pledge ourselves to faithful praying—God's kingdom advances through prayer.

Family Altar (*light small candle*): The light of this candle which we call family altar shone forth from the earliest homes of Israel where Jehovah God was worshiped, where children were taught to pray. We recognize the importance of this candle as we recall that the greatest need of missions today is more faithful prayer.

Intercessory Prayer (*light candle*): As the candle of intercessory prayer flames into life may it represent that portion of our days we are willing to give to God as we talk with him in behalf of others. Let us remember that at the Christmas season when we think of giving, the gift of intercessory prayer is precious and priceless.

Mid-week Prayer Service (*light third candle*): This candle represents the prayer service of my church. Its light shows how the shadows of darkness, fear and superstition can be dispelled as my church is faithful to its task, and the united prayer of its members rise heavenward. This is my pledge of loyalty to the time of prayer each week in my church.

by Mrs. H. C. Hunt

And so the candles burn. They typify the power released for God when we as His children pray faithfully, believing that all things are possible with God.

Pray that we shall grow in our fellowship with God through prayer for missionaries.

Program Chairman: Do you remember the first public prayer you ever prayed? Scared, weren't you? Most of us are. We have to grow used to the sound of our voices as we talk to God unless we are like the woman who, when asked why she sang so loudly, said she always liked the sound of her own altar.

We know there is need in the human heart to pray. Today we are thinking together of some of these needs and how they are expressed.

Teach Me to Pray, Lord This is the name of a favorite hymn which we love. The hymn is a prayer. (*Read verses 1 and 2 or ask a soloist to sing it or another prayer hymn.*)

The disciples felt this need, and one of them asked Jesus to teach them to pray. They knew the answer lay with Him because they had heard him pray and had watched his life.

The necessity for man to petition a higher, more powerful being is evident throughout the world. In the depth of the jungles this urge in heathen breasts results in worship of gods of stone or wood, a river god, or one whose might is fearful in the thunder and lightning, in the sun and the moon.

The witch doctor who dances and chants strange words to persuade his fetish is no different from the monks in the Lama temple intoning "O Dalai Lama, O, Dalai Lama" for long periods of time.

In the Far East pieces of paper with written prayers tied to prayer wheels have their counterpart in white prayer rags in Moslem worship in Lebanon. Listen as

William O. Douglas describes one of these scenes:

"It was a strange mixture of Phoenician heathenism mixed with Moslem practices. Fig trees, sacred to the Phoenicians, grew here, and Moslem women came to this shrine to pray. They tied white pieces of cloth to the branches of the fig trees—votive offerings for a sick child or some other sorrow. There were dozens of bits of cloth on the trees, representing a heartache, a hope, a supplication. Every flutter of the cloth renewed the prayer." The Christian observing such searchings after God is filled with an urgency to hasten in telling of Jesus who alone can save from sin and bring peace to the restless heart.

Jesus, recognizing the need of the human heart, answered the plea of the disciple, and this answer we commonly call the Lord's Prayer or the Model Prayer. (*It is recorded in Luke 11:14 and Matthew 6:9-13; read from Matthew.*)

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus prayed often and for long periods of time. He prayed for his friends (*read Luke 22:32*) and for his enemies (*read Luke 23:34*); for Himself that he might glorify God (*John 17:1*) and for the world.

Pray together with thoughtfulness the Lord's Prayer.

Missionaries Pray Not so long ago in a Foreign Mission Board communication, it was stated that the missionaries almost invariably asked us to join with them in prayer for their work, their people; they asked that we pray for them by name, that we share their heartaches and joys.

Go to your files and re-read letters from missionaries, you will see that it is so!

Frank B. Owen wrote from Indonesia (*have typed or written on paper as woman stands to read*): "Pray for our new Christians as they grow in the Lord's service and for the missionaries who must give them guidance and training as they grow. As you pray for us here in Indonesia, will you look deep into your own life and ask God to

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show you how it can count the most that others might know his power?"

From Dr. and Mrs. Edward Dasher in Nigeria (*have read*): "Remember, we pray for you and thank God for your interest in our work. We have found the greatest need here is the same as the greatest need at home, that people know Christ. You tell them about him there, and we will do the same out here."

From John W. Turner in Lebanon: "I prayed that my language difficulty would not be a problem during our Stewardship Week. God blessed me with a freshness and a fluency I do not ordinarily have. I am not capable of speaking Arabic as I spoke it that week. When I joyfully told Mrs. Turner of the number who indicated a desire to accept Christ, she said: 'Only ten? I was praying for twelve.'"

"We won fourteen."

Our missionaries pray! Their heart cry (and ours) is sometimes like that of Job: "Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!"

Isn't it fine that God doesn't always answer our prayer the way or the day we ask?

Paula Wright of Korea tells that when she viewed conditions in that land, and the weight seemed to be on her shoulders, she prayed, "Lord, why can't I go home where it is clean, where the streets are paved, where there are not so many people who have never heard of you?"

And God's voice came, "What are these things to thee? Follow thou me."

Yours for the Asking This is the season of "dear Santa" letters. Much of our praying seems to fall into the asking-for-things complex.

We like the promise: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Do we ask in accordance with God's will? Some-

times we pray as if we thought prayer was like a grab bag at a fair or a wishing well at a child's birthday party. When Jesus said, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it," he was not signing a blank check. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass," is the formula. To ask in his name means we will seek to remove from our lives the things which do not bring honor to his name.

Such sin which hinders our praying as pride, prejudice, unforgiving spirit, selfish motives, worldliness, unbelief, and disobedience.

There are other sins, but these are some we recognize as being ever with us that make our praying lame and halting. James reminds us that the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," and what Christian heart does not long for power in prayer?

Have you ever just stopped during the day to say thank you to God for your family and friends? Do you ask often that your everyday living be a testimony for God? As we make our beds or wash the dishes, we ought to be willing to pray: "Lord, I want to see Mary (or Bill or Uncle Joe) saved; send me." Then he uses us, and our lives grow stronger in gratitude of service.

Anne Dwyer, missionary in Gaza, came to Christmas time in that land of the beginning of Christmas. She wrote: "The low bleat of a lost lamb, a shepherd flute in the distance, donkeys braying, an occasional camel grumbling, and the swish of the muddy Jordan—all this I heard. And I prayed anew: 'Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of service.'"

Prayer of gratitude for Jesus, the Light of the world, the great Intercessor, the Lover of lost men's souls.

Prayer of intercession for missions, your part in the kingdom program; missionaries.

Prayer of contrition for small service and beseeching for the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The Autograph Hound

John Nichols, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Jessie Green - Malaya
Jim Young, Baza
June Young
A. Hickman Jr., Lebanon, Lebanon
Lewis W. Gibson, pastor, Lehigh Baptist Church, Lehigh, Pa.
Cora Fidenow, Cali, Colombia
Thailand

Auty is a stuffed toy made of blue cloth which can be written on with ink.

We were at Ridgecrest for Foreign Missions Week. All the family attended different conferences. Our 11-year-old daughter, Rita, went at it hands, head, and feet. Running here and there to catch some missionary she would talk a moment and then ask for an autograph on her dog.

As we look at it now and read the names and places, our hearts thrill to thoughts of them.

There is the name of a new appointee to South America. She could have given Miss America strong competition. Of greater beauty is her consecration to Christ.

A medical doctor's signature swells the soul with admiration. She could have had a lucrative practice in America but would rather give herself to God in Africa.

Looking at another name jerks the heart up with sympathy. A courageous young mother had signed it. She had just returned from Brazil with her children, including an infant, after her husband's fatal plane accident.

When Nigeria becomes a free nation in the fall of 1960, a familiar signature will go on many official papers. An African native, trained in our mission schools there, and then obtaining a doctorate in education in America, will be a leading figure in the government's educational program.

Names of places all over the world, and of God's servants working there—Japan, Indonesia, Brazil, Southern Rhodesia, Switzerland—bring to us a sense of the oneness and greatness of the task of all Christians.

The autograph hound has meant much to us in the past year. He makes us more conscious of world missions.



Rita's autograph hound has been the means of spurring her family to a keener interest in missionaries, the places and people among whom they serve





Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

Prepared by Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman

1 Tuesday He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love 1 John 4:8.

Early this year new preaching points were started in two villages near Mbeya, Tanganyika. Five months later nearly 80 people were awaiting baptism. In each village the chief requested that the gospel be brought to his people. A missionary nurse, Mrs. Carlos Owens, has wonderful opportunities to witness to these pagan worshipers. She says that new Christians are eager to build churches of mud brick and straw. As you pray this week For All Mankind, remember these missionaries who minister to spiritual needs in East Africa, for the new Christians there.

PRAY for Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, Mbeya, Tanganyika, RN; Mrs. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. Mex.; Rev. L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Ariz., ev. among Indians.

2 Wednesday For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost Luke 19:10.

In 1958 three Baptist churches in Spain were closed in less than two months by order of the police. But the congregations divided into smaller groups to worship in private homes. No new outright persecution has come recently in Spain. In October of 1958 two Baptist couples in Madrid were refused by the supreme court the right to be married. Many prayed. Now several Baptist couples have been granted this permission. But no closed churches have opened. Pray for the Spanish Baptists and our ten missionaries there.

PRAY for Rev. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Spain; Mrs. Wallace Larkin DuVall, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. Charles B. Clark, Venezuela; Mrs. Mark M. Alexander, Jr., Parana, Argentina; Mr. Bartolome Burguet, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, ev.

3 Thursday For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding Col. 1:9.

The Peruvian Baptist Theological Institute opened in Lima last April. This was in answer to prayer by many who have desired to prepare for Christian work and by missionaries who know of Peru's critical need for trained national leadership. Two trained nationals recently began serving among nine million people. Pray for this institute, that God may call many young people to train for service among the Peruvians.

PRAY for Rev. Robert L. Harris, Arequipa, Peru; Mr. LeRoy Albright, Blantyre, Nyasaland, ev.; Rev. Harmon Popham, Whiterocks, Utah, ev. among Indians.

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

Last year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totaled an increase of \$640,883.49 above that of 1957, making 1958 offerings \$8,762,489.59. How was such giving possible? Through the concern of millions of people. How did the concern come about? Through Bible study, prayer, literature, and personal testimonies of missionaries in Baptist churches. On this Day of Prayer around the World will you envision the multiplied uses for which your offering will be used? Will you determine to be more faithful in prayer as day by day for the world you pray this year?

PRAY for Mrs. Alva K. Bonham, Sacramento, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, Kediri, Rev. W. Eugene Grubbs,

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Address: Directory of Missionary Personnel, from the Mission Board, Box 4597, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in Home Missions.

Bandung, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. William D. Bender, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Mr. Weldon E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahama Islands, ed. ev.; Miss Lydia E. Greene, China-Hawaii-Singapore, retired.

5 Saturday Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people Psalm 98:3.

Just south of Mexico is beautiful Guatemala with three and a half million people of whom 70 per cent are illiterate and thousands are lost. Missionary Clark Scanlon appreciates the work of faithful Baptist women and laymen as they go out to witness to the lost. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons many Guatemalan Christians go to places where neither missionary nor national pastor have yet been, and in their own way they present the story of Jesus. Pray for Guatemalans who are unlearned in the ways of the Lord; pray for these witnessing Christians that this Saturday and tomorrow God will give them souls for their hire.

PRAY for Rev. A. Clark Scanlon, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Mr. Cirilo Aleman, Caibarien, Cuba, Mrs. Melvin J. Bradshaw, Kyoto, Japan, Mrs. E. E. Hasty, Torreon, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Miami, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Kathryn White, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed. ev.



6 Sunday Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me John 14:6.

From Yahata, Japan, the Calcotes write, "A young man, with whom we were dealing concerning soul salvation, rang our door bell one night about 10:30. We shall never forget the ear to ear smile which came to his face as he expressed the joy of his salvation which is so visible that two of his friends accepted Christ a few days later. His brother and another friend seem on the verge of professing faith in Christ. Pray for this young man, his friends, and for the two who are near to salvation.

PRAY for Mrs. Ralph V. Calcote, Yahata, Japan, Miss Carol Leigh Humphries, Eds, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. David H. LeSueur, Mexico, retired; Mrs. Robert F. Ricketson, Baguio, Philippines; Mrs. Farrell E. Runyan, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed. ev.

7 Monday What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them Mark 11:24.

"We have felt your prayer for us in time of spiritual need for knowledge, strength, patience, and endurance," testifies Mrs. LaVera Sprinkle in Buenos Aires, Argentina. "We have remembered you as we have had a share in putting your Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings into action in many church buildings and in the purchase of an adequate encampment for our Buenos Aires Association. Also through your generosity last year in Cooperative Program giving a pastor in our district will soon have a new home, and another church will begin a first unit of a new building." Pray for these money investments.

PRAY for Mrs. Tony Jajola, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Rev. Paul Rogovin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Rev. W. P. Clemmons, Italy, ev.

8 Tuesday Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you 2 Thess. 3:1.

One of our missionaries in Spain, Mrs. C. W. Whitten, writes of a meeting of a Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. "Last year in planning for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions the vice president said, 'Where will we meet? We want to include the whole church. There will be some visitors. By law we can gather no more than 20 in a home.' Their church building has been closed by government orders since September 15, 1958. Pray for members of Woman's Missionary Union in Spain's 42 churches.

PRAY for Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, Madrid, Spain, Mrs. M. Frank Gillham, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Rev. Robert H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Otis Brady, Nassau, Bahama Islands, ed. ev.; Miss Susana V. Rivera, San Blas, Panama, ev.

9 Wednesday Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved Acts 4:12.

It is estimated that in the states there are close to four million Spanish-speaking people, among whom Southern Baptists have 218 missionaries. The majority of these people are nominal Catholics and believe it is a sin to listen to a non-Catholic preach or read the Bible. Pray for these lost Spanish-speaking people and for our 218 missionaries working among them.

PRAY for Rev. Robert Fricke, Miami, Fla.; Rev. Carlos Carrson, Los Angeles, Calif., ev.

among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Thomas B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, Rev. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, Mrs. Alfred C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, David Muller, MF, Rev. James O. Teel, Jr., Argentina, ev.; Mrs. Robert Earl Beidoe, China, Mrs. Rex Ray, China-Korea, retired

16 Thursday But we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience . . . because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us Rom. 5:3,5.

For several years Dr. John Allen Moore, teacher at Baptist Seminary in Switzerland, has spent the Christmas holidays in Yugoslavia where he and Mrs. Moore formerly were missionaries. He writes, "After many years a printer has been found who is not afraid to undertake printing a religious paper in that Communist country. The Baptist Union of Yugoslavia expects to begin a paper which will be published every two months, the first such paper since May, 1941."

There are 50 Baptist churches in Yugoslavia with a total membership of 3,676. There are also 65 preaching stations sponsored by Yugoslavian Baptists. Pray for Yugoslav Baptists, for these churches and preaching points.

PRAY for Dr. John Allen Moore, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, Mrs. W. E. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mr. Thomas W. Hill, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mr. Joseph A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Cordenas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Hubert Neely, Memphis, Tenn., res. mission; Mrs. David Treviso, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

11 Friday For God so loved John 3:16.

The missionary's son was very ill. As the Argentine doctor waited for the sedative to take effect, Mrs. Carroll served him coffee. The Roman Catholic doctor asked the difference between the beliefs of his church and that of Baptists. The missionary spoke of the God of love but the doctor admitted he lived in constant fear of God.

"He gladly accepted the Bible and Sunday school quarterly which we gave him," concluded Mrs. Carroll. Pray for this doctor, for Mr. and Mrs. Carroll as they witness to him.

PRAY for Mrs. Daniel M. Carroll, Jr., Argentina, Rev. William H. Icher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. B. R. Lawton, Italy, ed. ev.; Rev. Stockwell B. Sears, Surabaya, Indonesia, Mrs. Jerry P. Smyth, Basia, Brazil, ev.; Miss Fannie Starns, Bangkok, Thailand, pub. ev.; Mr. W. Hugo Parkman, Manila, Philippines, B.A.; Dr. L. August Lovegren, Gaza, Egypt, med. ev.; Rev. S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Ark., ev. among Negroes; Rev. Maxcy G. White, Brazil, retired

12 Saturday That ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work 1 Cor. 9:8.

Mrs. William J. Williams of Ogbomoso, Nigeria writes, "Our hospital evangelism program progresses. During 1958 there were 112 professions of faith. We have an effective follow-up program. During vacations high school students help us in visiting in the nearby villages. Each weekday morning we have services in the chapel, also in six other areas of the hospital, and in the Maternity Center. These services are conducted by the missionary and Nigerian staff. In the Maternity Center the services are conducted by members of the Woman's Missionary Societies from Ogbomoso churches." Pray for the evangelistic ministry of this hospital.

PRAY for Mrs. William J. Williams, Nigeria, RN; Rev. L. Gene Legg, Nigeria; Mrs. Hubert K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ev.; Mr. Thomas L. Watson, San Jose, Costa Rica, la. st.; Miss Vena Aguillard, Eunice, La., FW; Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Cuba, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Rev. James L. Nolette, Richmond, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, San Ysidro, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking



13 Sunday But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us Rom. 5:8.

When the First Baptist Church building in Jaciara, Brazil, was dedicated this year, there was great rejoicing. Hundreds came to the dedication service. Many decisions were made for Christ. Sacrifices were made by these Baptist people for this house of worship. Missionary Anna Wollerman writes of one who "harvested 30 sacks of rice this year. He gave three as his tithe and six for the building. He hardly has enough clothes to cover his body." Give thanks to God for these sacrificing Christians.

PRAY for Miss Anna Mae Wollerman, Cubaba, Brazil, Rev. William S. Wester, Blantyre, Nyasaland, Mrs. Gerald W. Pinkston, Semarang, Indonesia, Mrs. J. Bryan Brasington, Lima, Peru, ev.; Miss Bonnie Mae Moore, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Robert Edward Pettigrew, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Sven Massinger, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking

14 Monday How can I, except some man should guide me? Acts 8:31.

Dr. A. Roddy, home missionary to the deaf, says that winning "silent people" to Christ depends largely upon local churches.

In the First Baptist Church, New Orleans there is a Sunday school class, morning and evening worship, and Training Union for the deaf. Many deaf and their relatives have been reached for Christ through this ministry. Pray for this work, for Baptist churches that more of the 100,000 deaf may have provided a spiritual ministry.

PRAY for Rev. E. Milford Howell, Nigeria, Mrs. George S. Lozuk, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. Duesdith Escobar, Panama City, Panama, ev.; Rev. Gerald A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain, ed. ev.; Mrs. Frank W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mrs. Amos Mascarenas, Raton, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

15 Tuesday But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God Phil. 4:6.

New missionaries find the language barrier most discouraging. The Leon Mitchells are new in Indonesia where in seven Baptist churches there are 800 members and great need for trained nationals. Pray for the Leon Mitchells as they adjust to a new language and culture.

PRAY for Mr. D. Leon Mitchell, Bandung, Indonesia, B.A.; Dr. Lewis R. Smith, Hong Kong, med. ev.; Rev. Gene D. Phillips, Shabani, So. Rhodesia, Mr. Raul Gonzalez, Havana, Mr. Carlos E. Perez, Taguayabon, Cuba, ev.

16 Wednesday But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 2 Peter 3:18.

In a Girls' Auxiliary meeting on one of our mission fields, the Indian girls were talking about the problems of alcohol in their own homes where most of their parents were frequently drunk on week ends. The girls pray earnestly for themselves, and for their parents, that they will accept Christ as Saviour and live soberly. Pray for these Indian girls, for the 125 missionaries among the Indians in our country.

PRAY for Rev. Audley G. Hamrick, Gallup, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Miss Elizabeth Chapa, Beeville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. G. Webster Carroll, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Mrs. John A. Tumlin, Sr., Brazil, retired

17 Thursday Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins 1 John 4:10.

In California foreign language churches and missions find rich harvests in their missionary societies. One mission reports seven new fam-

ilies in contact with the mission because of the witness of these consecrated women. "Though the work is slow and at times discouraging," writes the missionary, "these women merit the tribute paid another woman, 'She has done what she could.'" Pray for these Spanish-speaking women in California as they work among their people.

PRAY for Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, Denver, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. H. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mr. W. Bryant Hicks, Philippines, ed. ev.

18 Friday Go quickly, and tell Matt. 28:7.

Nigeria looks toward political independence in October, 1960. Of 340 organized churches in the Nigerian Baptist Convention, 310 are entirely self-supporting. Our missionaries know they "must move fast and tell quickly." Pray earnestly for teachers in Baptist schools and seminaries, for African students.

PRAY for Mrs. J. Edward Humphrey, Nigeria, Mr. Eugene B. Kimler, Jr., Venezuela, Mr. Maximo Vazquez, Melena del Sur, Cuba, ev.; Miss Catherine Chappell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, soc.; Dr. T. Keith Edwards, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, med. ev.; Mr. F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil, retired

19 Saturday Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer Rom. 12:12.

In 1952 Missionary James Rose began work in a Baptist mission in Valdez, Alaska. One year later the mission was organized as a Baptist church with 30 charter members. By December, 1954, the church moved into a pretty, new, log church building. Our missionaries found opportunities in Alaska unlimited for witnessing for Jesus Christ. One missionary says, "The most challenging thing facing our Baptist women is providing proper spiritual training and recreation for our youth through the churches and missionary organizations." Pray for the work in Alaska. Pray for missionaries and Baptists that they may plan and work for the future.

PRAY for Mrs. James H. Rose, Anchorage, Alaska, Mr. Heyward L. Adams, Kabba, Nigeria, Mrs. Burley E. Cader, Bala, Brazil, Rev. R. Edward Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, Mrs. Paul C. Porter, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; Mr. Charles W. Shirley, San Jose, Costa Rica, la. st.



20 Sunday He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself 1 John 5:10.

Through the Japanese Baptist Mission in Los Angeles a lovely young lady came to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord and she brought her mother to Jesus as Saviour. Two years later her Buddhist father came. She met a friend and brought him to church. After he was converted the two young people were married by Missionary Sakamoto. Pray for this young couple, these parents.

PRAY for Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Dr. L. Glynn Breeden, Barranquilla, Colombia, med. ev.; Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. Stanley P. Howard, Jr., Shimomoto, Japan, Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain, Mr. Clarence Thurman, Jr., Singapore, Malaya, ev.; Mr. Leslie L. Johnson, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Anthony, N. Mex.; Mr. Donald Phlegar, El Centro, Calif.; Mrs. Alexander Pasetti, Immokalee, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking

21 Monday For we walk by faith, not by sight 2 Cor. 5:7.

Recently Missionary Parham of Nigeria baptized 11 men, women, boys and girls. Before baptism the meaning of salvation, baptism, church membership, and of tithing were taught the new converts. God is blessing this work in Nigeria where there are 44,000 Baptists. Pray for Nigerian pastors and leaders.

PRAY for Rev. Robert M. Parham, Jr., Kaduna, Nigeria, Ag.; Miss Anna Lucille Cowan,* Jordan, Rev. Randall D. Sledge,* Peru, Rev. Chester S. Cadwallader, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, ed. ev.; Miss Lois Hart,* Chile, Miss Frances Horton, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Thurman E. Bryant, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. James L. Gebhart, Grand Junction, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. James J. Horton, Strathmore, Calif., ev. among migrants; Mrs. Raymond Jee, New Orleans, La., Res. Home

22 Tuesday Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need Heb. 4:16.

"We urge you to pray now for the confused, bewildered, embittered people of Africa" pleads Missionary Ralph L. West of Africa. "Christianity is more and more identified with the white man and western civilization. Pray, pray, pray for national Christians and for missionaries in these terrible, trying days. We beg you to pray now for the New Nigeria that comes into existence on October 1, 1960." Pray for Nigeria that she may set up her country along

Christian principles.

PRAY for Rev. Ralph L. West, Odoomaha, Nigeria, Rev. Ben H. Wetmaker,* Colombia, Rev. William A. Poe, Kumasi, Ghana, Mr. Robert L. Carlisle, Jr.,* Uruguay, ed. ev.; Mrs. M. O. Tolbert, Belem, Brazil, Dr. John L. Riffe, Niteroi, Brazil, Rev. Henry W. Schuchman, Bogota, Colombia, ev.; Miss Mary Virginia Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. Nathan Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mrs. Mollie Sweetnam, New Orleans, La., Res. Home; Miss Gladys McLanahan, HMB, retired

23 Wednesday In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him 1 John 4:9.

Because the Christian group in Thailand is small, simplicity marks the occasion of Christmas observance. Each church and chapel has a special program. Some Chinese young people carol all night Christmas eve.

A missionary asked a 16-year-old Christian girl how she would keep Christmas day. She said, "I will help you at the chapel in whatever you do to spread the news of Christ." Pray for Thailand's Christians and missionaries as they complete final plans today for Christmas eve tomorrow.

PRAY for Mrs. J. Glens Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. Marvin L. Garrett, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, Mr. Romelio Gonzalez, Candelaria, Cuba, ev.

24 Thursday Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins Matt 1:21.

Missionary Bob Stewart writes of the joys of Christmas in Thailand. "One of our most enjoyable Christmas activities has been handing out Christmas tracts along the sidewalks and in the crowded market areas. We gave out 1,000 tracts in less than a week and 550 of these on Christmas eve. Please pray for those who have thus received the gospel, many for the first time. Pray that many will be won to Christ."

PRAY for Rev. Hubert K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev.; Mrs. Homer R. Littleton, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.

25 Friday And she brought forth her first-born son . . . and laid him in a manger Luke 2:7.

"As you think of our Lord and His advent into the world," a missionary couple writes, "please pray that he may make his advent into the hearts of men in Africa. Here we are reminded of the millions who have not yet

come to know Jesus." These missionaries had just traveled miles into the hush country where men had never heard the gospel story. Pray for this missionary couple, the unreached of Nigeria, for our missionaries there this Christmas Day. Give thanks to God for his unspeakable Gift of his beloved Son.

PRAY for Mrs. Robert R. Stewart, Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. Daniel B. Ray, Korea, ev.; Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, Itabuna, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. W. Judson Blair, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Okla., ev. among Indians

26 Saturday Even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it Eph. 5:25.

"The spirit of Spanish evangelicals in the face of persecution is simply amazing. They go right on worshipping and serving. They continue planning for the future," write our missionaries, the McNeelys. Pray for Christians throughout the world who must suffer persecution. Pray for more laborers for all our mission fields.

PRAY for Rev. J. Dale Carter, Baia, Brazil, Ag.; Mrs. John W. Shepard, Sr., Brazil, retired; Rev. Zach J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, Mr. John C. Abell, Jr., Eku, Nigeria, ev.; Rev. Jerry B. Gaultney, Eku, Nigeria, med. ev.; Miss Antonina Catzomeri, Miss Valda Long, Eku, Nigeria, RN



27 Sunday For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world 1 John 5:4.

Nurse Ruth Ford writes of her last Christmas in Indonesia. "We helped to tell the story of Christmas by parties and programs. It is a joy to see some as they hear the story for the first time and others who are celebrating their first Christmas with Christ. It is wonderful to live and work with these eager new Christians."

She closes with, "We depend on your letters and prayers." Pray for Indonesia on this Lord's Day.

PRAY for Miss Ruth Ford, Kediri, Indonesia, RN. Mr. Mark M. Alexander, Jr., Parana, Argentina, Mr. D. Curtis Askeo,* Japan, Rev. Paul D. Rowden, Jr.,* Israel, Rev. Grayson C. Temson,* Brazil, Mrs. R. Henry Wolf, Iguala, Mexico, ev.; Rev. Herman L. Petty, Nazareth, Israel, Rev. Farrell E. Runyan, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mr. V. T. Yearwood, HMB retired

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

Missionary Ervin Haxey of Mexico tells of a program called "My Brother's Keeper." Each new convert is assigned to a consecrated Christian companion who helps him understand church doctrines and government, who visits and counsels with the new convert for three to six months. After the new believer is baptized he is given definite responsibility in the church in order to develop "an active, useful, mature, and Spirit-filled individual." Pray for consecrated Christians and missionaries in Mexico.

PRAY for Rev. Alfred C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, Mrs. Sidney L. Goldfinch, Sr., Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. Charles F. Stapp, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev.; Miss Vella Jane Burch, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, ed. (lib.); Mrs. Carol F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Rev. James D. Holte, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, Mrs. Kenneth R. Thompson,* Korea, ev.; Rev. J. B. Silva, HMB, retired

29 Tuesday Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else Isa. 45:22.

The Applewhites, medical missionaries to Indonesia, write, "One of our nurses had an accident. A girl on a bicycle ran into her car. Two Sundays later the girl came to church and has been back every Sunday. She also reads the Bible now. She is showing definite interest in Christ. The Lord can use any incident for His glory." Pray for this girl that she may know Christ as Saviour.

PRAY for Mrs. Elbert Henry Walker, Baguio, Philippines, ed. ev.; Mrs. Davis H. Thompson,* Argentina, ev.

30 Wednesday Lord, increase our faith Luke 17:5.

The Good Samaritan Home in New Orleans was opened in 1953 by Missionary Ruth Tutley. This rescue mission, like others of this type of Southern Baptist mission, seeks to lift the fallen and set them on their way as new creatures in Christ. There is preaching each night, free food and lodging. Pray for home missionaries who do this work of love.

PRAY for Mrs. Ruth Tutley, New Orleans, La., Res. Home; Miss Mary Sue Meuth,* Indonesia, B.A.; Miss Eva M. Sanders,* Nigeria, (continued on page 96)

ev. evangelism	Ag. agricultural evangelism
ed. ev. educational evangelism	ac. social worker
lan. st. language study	FW field worker
med. ev. medical evangelism	HMB Home Mission Board
B.A. business administration	RN nurse
pub. ev. publication evangelism	Res. Res. Home
lib. libraries	MF Margaret Food student



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CENTRAL AFRICA:

Sanyati, Central School, Current Expenses	9,884
Gwelo and Gokwe Schools, Current Expenses	4,695
Gatooma Schools, Current Expenses	4,125
Bulawayo Schools, Current Expenses	7,026
Gwelo, Seminary, Current Expenses	6,441
Scholarships	1,685

EAST AFRICA:

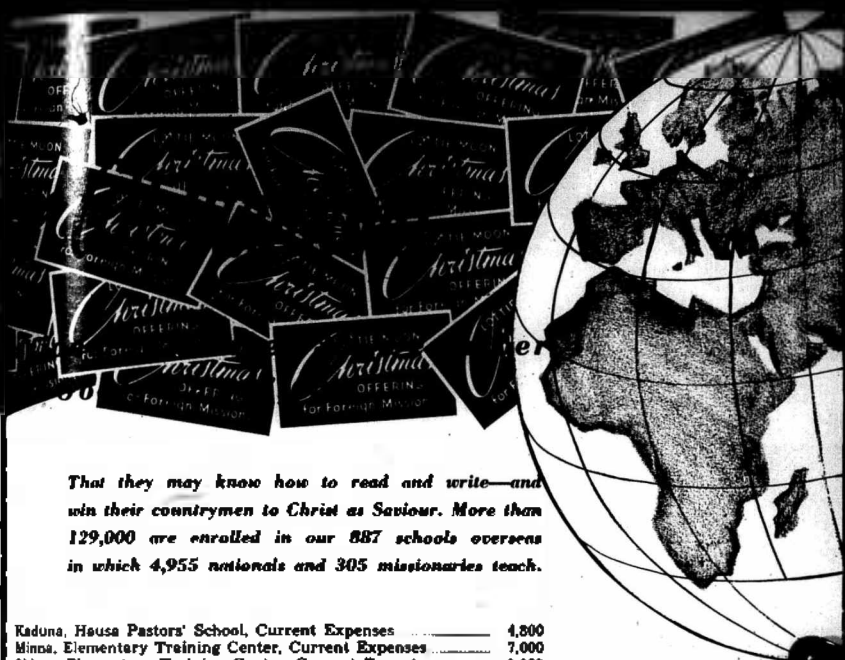
Dar es Salaam, Nairobi, Baptist Centers, Current Expenses	5,437
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GHANA:

Kumasi, Sadler Baptist College, Current Expenses	3,000
Kumasi, Ghana Baptist Pastors' School, Current Expenses	2,400
Scholarship Fund, Current Expenses	1,800

NIGERIA:

Abeokuta, Baptist Woman's Training College, Current Expenses	12,000
Abeokuta, Baptist Girls' High School, Current Expenses	4,000
Abeokuta, Baptist Girls' Secondary-Modern School, Current Expenses	4,000
Agbor, Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	5,500
Benin, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	14,000
Iwo, Baptist College, Current Expenses	18,000
Lagos, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	1,000
Lagos, Reagan Memorial Girls' School, Current Expenses	1,800
Ogbomoso, Seminary, Current Expenses	2,750
Oyo, Baptist Boys' High School, Current Expenses	1,800
Shaki, Elam Memorial School, Current Expenses	2,750
Scholarships for Students studying in Africa, England, and America	10,000
Ede, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	21,000
Ile-Ife, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	7,500



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Kaduna, Hausa Pastors' School, Current Expenses	4,800
Minna, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	7,000
Obinze, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	9,000
Aid for Unassisted Primary Schools	2,750
Ogbomoso, Kersey Children's Home, Current Expenses	4,000
Eku, Baptist Nurses' School, Current Expenses	4,000
Ire, Welfare Center, Current Expenses	4,000
Ire, Midwifery School, Current Expenses	1,200

GENERAL AFRICA:

African Baptist Women's Union	1,500
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ITALY:

Young People's Work, Current Expenses	4,500
Rome, Armstrong Memorial Training School, Current Expenses	1,050
Rivoli, Philadelphia Institute, Current Expenses	4,600

SPAIN:

Scholarships	2,000
Barcelona, Bible School, Current Expenses	10,000

GENERAL EUROPE:

Ruschlikon, Seminary, Student Subsidies	17,500
Student and Faculty Missionary Work	1,500
European Baptist Women's Union	1,500

ISRAEL:

Nazareth, School, Current Expenses	15,000
Petach Tikva, George W. Truett Home, Current Expenses	25,000

JORDAN:

Ajloun Elementary School, Current Expenses	9,000
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LEBANON:

Beirut High School, Current Expenses	10,510
Kah-Mahky, Schools, Current Expenses	800

These pages show
a partial list of
allocations for the
1959 Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering.
These requests come
direct from mission-
aries in conference
in their mission
meetings on each field.
Their needs, in order
of agreed importance,
are forwarded to the
Foreign Mission Board.



Seeker of Knowledge

Every January in Birmingham there is a thrilling business session of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, when in Executive Board meeting Foreign Mission Board secretaries present the requests of our missionaries. Each allocation is discussed and questions are asked from the floor. Your state WMU president votes approval of this list. Needs and work are pictured on the following pages. Study them and share with others your understanding.



Latin America

ARGENTINA:	
Promotional Work	2,680
Buenos Aires, International Seminary, Current Expenses	21,500
Parana, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	1,378
Rosario, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	2,919
Mendoza, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	718
Encampment, Current Expenses	2,000
EQUATORIAL BRAZIL:	
Ceara, WMU Encampment, Current Expenses	200
Teresina, Piaui, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	2,400
Student Aid	3,850
Schools, Current Expenses	33,000
Belem, Theo. Institute	5,000
Manaos, Amazonas	4,000
Santarem, Para.	3,500
Sao Luiz, Maranhao	3,800
Teresina, Piaui	4,000
Parnaiba, Piaui	2,300
Fortaleza, Ceara	4,700
Annex Schools	6,000
NORTH BRAZIL:	
Schools, Current Expenses	54,590
Maceio, Alagoas	3,800
Salvador, Bahia	
Domestic	1,950
Jaguapara, Bahia	5,700
Joao Pessoa, Paraiba	3,000
Recife, Pernambuco	
Academy	10,040
SOUTH BRAZIL:	
Rio de Janeiro, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	4,000
Schools, Current Expenses	57,780
Rio Boys' School	6,000
Girls' School, Rio	6,100
Rio, South Brazil Seminary	24,900
Goiias, Agricultural School	2,040
Mato Grosso, Annex Schools	3,000
Belo Horizonte, Minas	5,575
Feira de Santana, Bahia	4,700
Natal, Rio Grande do Norte	1,300
Corrente, Piaui	6,000
Aracaju, Sergipe	1,700
Recife, Pernambuco Seminary	18,500
Minas Gerais, Annex Schools	500
Minas Gerais, Institute	250
Curtiba, Parana, Institute	2,000
Porto Alegre, Rio Grande	5,000
Campot, State of Rio	1,800
Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo	500

CHILE:	
Temuco, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	31,000
Santiago, Baptist Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	16,500
Antofagasta, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	3,400
Encampments, Current Expenses	300
Local and Regional Institutes	1,050

COLOMBIA:	
Elementary Schools, Current Expenses	20,000
Secondary Schools, Scholarships	6,612
Cali, International Baptist Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	18,758

ECUADOR:	
Youth Camps, Current Expenses	600
Quito, Kindergarten and First Grade School, Current Expenses	320

PARAGUAY:	
Asuncion, Kindergarten and Primary Schools, Current Expenses	1,750
Asuncion, Nurses' Training School, Current Expenses	1,500
Asuncion, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	1,200

PERU:	
Scholarships for International Seminary Students	1,810

URUGUAY:	
Conchillas, Primary School, Current Expenses	5,000
Montevideo, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	6,500

BAHAMA ISLANDS:	
Nassau, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	4,420

COSTA RICA:	
San Jose, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	900
San Jose, Theological Institute, Scholarships	2,000
San Jose, School of the Prophets for Pastors	750

GUATEMALA-HONDURAS:	
Guatemala City, Student Home, Current Expenses	3,100
Pastors' Institutes	600
Guatemala City, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	6,600
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Theological Institute Extension, Current Expenses	840

MEXICO:	
Guadalajara, Goodwill Centers, Current Expenses	1,580
Institutes and Encampments	3,600
Torreón, Baptist Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	8,466
Chihuahua, Student Homes, Current Expenses	6,500
Guadalajara, Boys' Student Home, Current Expenses	4,296
Guadalajara, Girls' Student Home, Current Expenses	4,000
Iguala, Guerrero, Student Home, Current Expenses	4,000
Mexico City, Student Home, Current Expenses	3,000

GENERAL LATIN AMERICA:	
Latin American Baptist Women's Union	1,500



Missionary Robert Ricketson teaching at the Baptist Seminary in Baguio, Philippines



Eva Sanders teaching midwifery class in Ire, Nigeria

"Here it tells of Jesus" ... at Seminary, Santiago, Chile





Pool To Girls' Middle School, Hong Kong



Abeokuta—Baptist Boys' High School. Missionary-teacher William Bender, and below sewing class



The Orient

HAWAII:	
Vacation Bible School Work	1,800
Honolulu, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	10,000
Summer Camps	2,000
HONG KONG:	
Hong Kong Baptist College	15,000
Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
INDONESIA:	
Samarang, Seminary, Current Expenses	12,000
Youth Work	2,000
JAPAN:	
Department of Service and Education	10,000
Tokyo, Goodwill Center	2,000
Kokura, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Current Expenses	15,000
Fukuoka, Japan Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Fukuoka, Training School for Kindergarten Workers,	
Current Expenses	5,000
Scholarships	1,000
Fukuoka, Seinan Gakuin, Current Expenses	20,000
KOREA:	
Taejon, Seminary, Current Expenses	20,000
Summer Camps	500
MALAYA:	
Singapore, Kindergarten	1,000
Summer Camps	500
Penang, Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
PHILIPPINES:	
Summer Camps	1,000
Davao, Bible School, Current Expenses	5,000
Baguio, Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
TAIWAN:	
Seminary, Current Expenses	25,000
Summer Camps	1,000
THAILAND:	
Bangkok, Seminary, Current Expenses	7,000
Summer Camps	1,000
Student Center	2,000
GENERAL ORIENT:	
Asian Baptist Women's Union	2,000

Seminary in Argentina, Missionary S. H. Cockburn



Nurse Pauline Jackson in children's ward Baptist Hospital, Sanyati, Southern Rhodesia

We give because we care for the Sick and Suffering

That their bodies may be healed through the work of 723 nationals, 46 doctors, and 55 nurses in our 17 hospitals and 58 clinics; through loving care many, many patients turn to the Great Physician.



Dr. Resurrection, Mati, Philippines



Sick and Suffering



Because you give many babies and others live after hospital care

Dr. Donald McDowell (center),
Asunción, Paraguay



Africa, Europe and the Near East

CENTRAL AFRICA:	
Sanysti, Hospital, Current Expenses	7,400
EAST AFRICA:	
Mbeya, Hospital, Current Expenses	17,000
GHANA:	
Nalerigu, Medical Work, Current Expenses	10,000
Nalerigu, Leprosy Service, Current Expenses	7,500
NIGERIA:	
Eku, Hospital, Current Expenses	12,000
Ibadan, Dental Clinic, Current Expenses	1,400
Ogbomosho, Hospital, Current Expenses	12,000
Ogbomosho, Leprosy Service, Current Expenses	7,500
Ogbomosho, Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home, Current Expenses	2,000
Igede, Dispensary, Current Expenses	500
Okuta, Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,300
Iwo, Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,600
Kontagora, Hospital, Current Expenses	4,000
Joinkrama, Hospital, Current Expenses	10,200
Shaki, Hospital, Current Expenses	6,350

ITALY:	
Rome, Goid Samaritan Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,850
JORDAN:	
Ajloun, Mission Hospital, Current Expenses	25,800
Taiybeh Clinic, Current Expenses	6,370

Latin America

EQUATORIAL BRAZIL:	
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	6,800
Manaos, Amazonas 200	Teresina, Piaui 2,400
Santarem, Para 400	Fortaleza, Ceara 2,000
Sao Luiz, Maranhao 1,800	

NORTH BRAZIL:	
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	5,300
Maceio, Alagoas 500	Rio Grande do Norte 900
Feira de Santana, Bahia 240	Aracaju, Sergipe 1,000
Joao Pessoa, Paraiba 1,050	Corrente, Piaui 1,500
Triunfo, Pernambuco 200	Salvador, Bahia 500

SOUTH BRAZIL:	
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	2,600
Rio de Janeiro, Tomas Coelho Church 600	
Campo Grande, Mato Grosso 1,000	
Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais 1,000	

COLOMBIA:	
Barranquilla, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	000

ECUADOR:	
Guayaquil, Medical Clinic, Current Expenses	670

PARAGUAY:	
Asuncion, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	000

MEXICO:	
Guadalajara, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	000



At Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital, Pusan, Korea, refugees come to see the doctor during clinic hours

Dr. James Satterwhite, Baptist Hospital, Tokyo

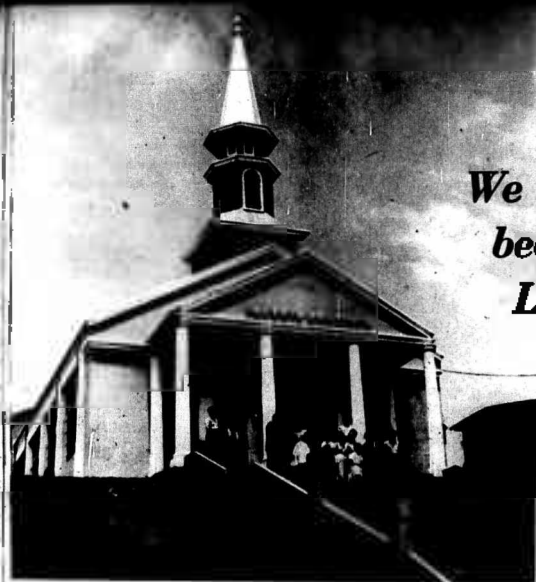
The Orient

INDONESIA:	
Kediri, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	20,000
JAPAN:	
Kyoto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	10,000
KOREA:	
Pusan, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000
PHILIPPINES:	
Mati, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000



Patients given gospel tracts at Baptist Hospital, Kediri, Indonesia





Cloco Equinos Baptist Church, San Jose, Costa Rica, built with Lettie Meen Christmas Offering funds

*We Pray and Give
because we love
Lost Mankind*



Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Samuel L. Jones and local pastors



Missionary at a WMS meeting in Sanyati, teaching WNU methods

That national and missionary pastors, and Bible women, and every Christian may hasten in this generation to tell every person in all the world about Christ the Saviour—so that no man can say, "I never even heard the Name of Jesus."

Africa, Europe and Near East

CENTRAL AFRICA:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	8,000
EAST AFRICA:	
Station Evangelism	4,000
NIGERIA:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	9,991
ITALY:	
Evangelism	5,000
Pastoral Transfers, Current Expenses	1,800
SPAIN:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	7,000
Evangelism in New Areas, Current Expenses	1,000
LEBANON:	
Direct Aid to Churches	5,700
GENERAL EUROPE:	
Chapels and Other Buildings	40,000

Latin America

ARGENTINA:	
Convention Mission Board	1,260
Mission Committee on Evangelism and Stewardship	1,000
Audio-Visual Aids	2,000
NORTH BRAZIL:	
Student Evangelism	900
SOUTH BRAZIL:	
Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention	4,000
Student Expenses, Field Evangelism	5,475
COLOMBIA:	
Student Evangelism	1,000
ECUADOR:	
Radio Evangelism	250
Evangelistic Crusade	1,200
PERU:	
Radio Evangelism	2,150
Evangelistic Crusades	1,250
URUGUAY:	
Pastors' Retreat	200
Quarterly Pastors' Meetings	400
COSTA RICA:	
Evangelistic Crusades	2,000



Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Missionary LeRoy Albright leads evening service

Ted G. Badger, missionary in Cavite, Philippines, at Baptist Center





Baptist church, Bandung, Indonesia

Lost Mankind

Children respond with enthusiasm to gospel songs and Bible stories in Indonesia



ROYAL SERV E

The Orient

HAWAII:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 20,000

HONG KONG:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 20,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 5,000

INDONESIA:

Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 4,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 8,000

JAPAN:

Department of Evangelism 10,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 30,000

KOREA:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 30,000

MALAYA:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 20,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 5,000

PAKISTAN:

Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 4,000
Evangelistic Work 1,000

PHILIPPINES:

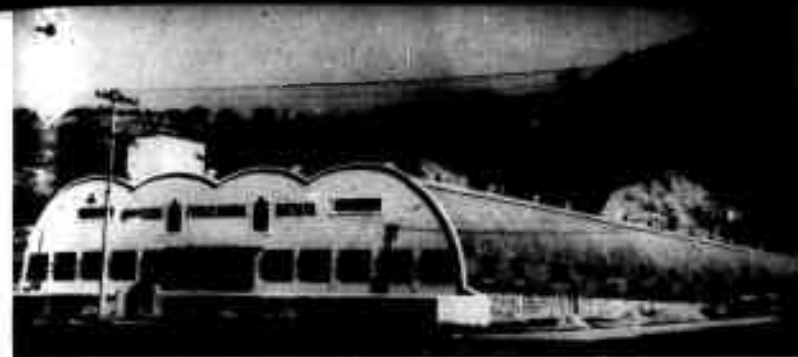
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 20,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 15,000

TAIWAN:

Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 15,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 12,000

THAILAND:

Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements 12,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers 5,000
Evangelistic Centers 8,000



Baptist Publishing House, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

We give that others may know through Presses at Work for God

Mighty presses turn in publishing centers in 14 countries. One publishing house prepares literature, books, Bibles used in 47 countries; 387 nationals and 45 missionaries write, translate, run presses, ship, and do many other tasks in our publishing houses.

Africa, Europe and Near East

CENTRAL AFRICA:	
WMU Literature, Current Expenses	1,200
EAST AFRICA:	
Literature, Current Expenses	1,250
NIGERIA:	
Ibadan, Printing Press, Current Expenses	2,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	2,000
Literature for General Evangelism, Current Expenses	350
Hausa Publication and Literature, Current Expenses	650
ITALY	
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	16,500
SPAIN:	
Publications, Current Expenses	3,500
ISRAEL:	
Publications and Literature	6,000
LEBANON:	
Literature	2,150

Help your Society to plan an increase of 12 per cent over your gift of last year, and join others whose church gives more this year because of growth in Christian compassion and love.

Latin America

ARGENTINA:	
Buenos Aires, Publication Board, Current Expenses	14,390
ECUATORIAL BRAZIL:	
Publications and Literature	1,200



Italian Baptist Publishing House—Dr. Roy Starmer with printer

Presses at Work for God

Attractive Christian literature attracts youth at Manila Baptist Center

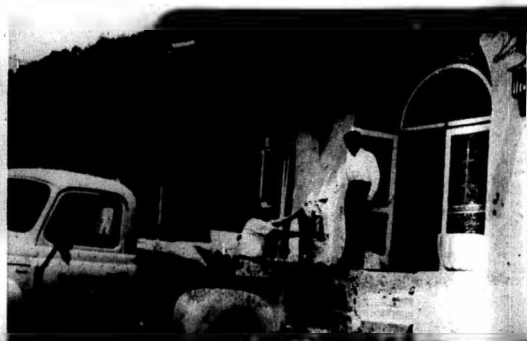


NORTH BRAZIL: Publications and Literature	1,200
SOUTH BRAZIL: Publications and Literature	11,300
CHILE: Publications and Literature	1,200
ECUADOR: Gospel Tracts and Literature	500
PERU: Publications, Literature and Tracts	1,400
BAHAMA ISLANDS: Literature Needs	1,200
COSTA RICA: Bookstore Fund	5,000
Tracts	125
GUATEMALA-HONDURAS: Guatemala City, Bookstore, Current Expenses	1,320
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Bookstore, Current Expenses	480
Spanish Publishing House, EL PASO: Current Expenses	13,750
Tract Publication	4,500
Elementary Department Work	2,000
Representatives to Latin American Conventions	300
Expenses to Writers' Conferences	150

The Orient

HONG KONG: Publication Work, Current Expenses	20,000
INDONESIA: Publication Work	6,450
JAPAN: Japan Publication Work, Current Expenses	10,000
PHILIPPINES: Manila, Publication Work	7,200
THAILAND: Bangkok, Publication Work	6,000

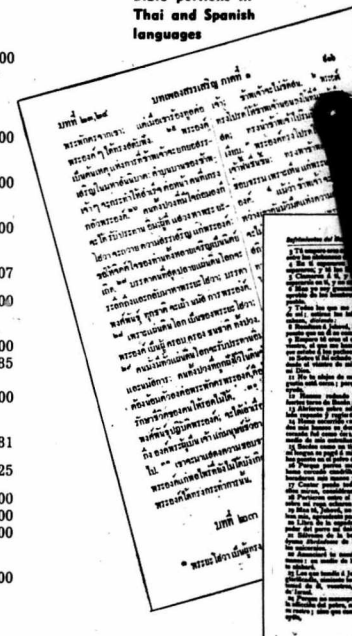
Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso—where 41 work, including 10 missionaries—loading books which may go to any of 41 countries



To the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, you give through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to current expenses for schools such as Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome, Italy (above), and the WMU Training School in Recife, Brazil (right)



Bible portions in Thai and Spanish languages



General Allocations

Salaries of 125 Missionaries	\$125,000
Supplement to Salaries, Children's Allowances, Rent, Medical Allowance and Other Personal Grants to 125 Missionaries Supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	125,000
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund)	34,000
Toward the Support and Maintenance of New Missionaries	300,000
Advanced Training in the United States of Experienced Baptist Workers from the Foreign Field	8,707
American Bible Society	20,000
Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, Current Expenses: Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, Italy	13,700
WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	17,885
WMU Training School, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil	15,200
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields	62,981
WMU Publications and Literature	32,325
Nigeria Workers Aid (Aged and Retired)	1,500
Baptist Department of Architecture	2,500
Lagos, Baptist Hostel, Current Expenses	3,500
Italy: Widows and Orphans of Pastors, Current Expenses	10,000

DECEMBER 1959



Site of two missionary residences which are being constructed, thanks to Southern Baptists and their

Lottie Moon Christmas

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS who come to Rio next June for the Baptist World Alliance will see their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in action. Lottie Moon cars take missionaries over cobblestone streets, Lottie Moon presses print Bibles and Sunday school literature, and Lottie Moon buildings promote the cause of Christ in Brazil.

Newest of the Lottie Moon buildings in Rio (although we hope it will not be the newest in June of 1960) is the dormitory for married students of the South Brazil Seminary. So happy were the first families to occupy the new apartment building that they got together immediately and wrote a letter to Dr. A. Ben Oliver, director of the Seminary, expressing gratitude for the privilege of living in these small but comfort-

able apartments during their years of study.

This is only one of the buildings that Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings have provided for the Rio seminary. The classroom building, which was named in honor of missionary Asa Crabtree and which is on a hill overlooking a beautiful section of Rio, was also built with Lottie Moon funds. In this building the 90 students now enrolled attend classes taught by missionaries and Brazilian professors.

The Seminary hopes to have completed by the date of the Baptist World Alliance a new chapel and library, which visitors will be able to see as concrete evidence that Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds come straight to mission fields and are put to work immediately to meet urgent and worthwhile needs.

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Youth

FORECASTER

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

THE STAR STILL SHINES

The star still shines today and you can journey in its light if you will. It will enable you to overcome selfishness, ill will, bitterness and all of those things which keep the Christmas season from being holy days instead of holidays.

And as you see the star going before you, may it cause you to:

Worship—"We have seen his star . . . and are come to worship him"

Rejoice—"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy"

Give—"They presented unto him gifts"

Believe—"For unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour"

Witness—"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people . . . and when they had seen . . . they made known abroad."

and a Gospel to a man named Crispin who lives in a little town in the interior of the state of Minas Gerais. He had written to request a Gospel in response

MISSIONARY

PRESIDENT

The Greatest Gift

It is said that the greatest gift is the power to estimate correctly the value of things.

This month you will help members of your WMS estimate the value of:

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 30-December 4. Remember the emphasis is on prayer not program. Plan with your prayer chairman and committee for a five-day observance. The prayer chairman will preside during the week and she and her committee will be responsible for the daily observance of the Week of Prayer.

Use the invitation to the Week of Prayer on page one of December RS. It could be duplicated in your church bulletin to invite men as well as women to the prayer

meetings.

Read the letter written to your WMS by our WMU President, Mrs. R. L. Mathis.

You will lead WMS members to estimate the value of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Urge the members of your WMS to read the letter written by Dr. Baker James Cauthen and printed in your state paper. It gives information as to the value of the offering in meeting needs on mission fields.

Use the leaflet, "Biographical Sketch of Lottie Moon."

The inside back cover of RS will also help in the promotion of your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Lead your WMS to adopt a 12 per cent increase over the amount given last year.

PRAYER CHAIRMAN

Five-Day Observance

The purpose of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 30-December 4, is to lead WMU members in a week of purposeful, specific prayer for foreign missions and generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The prayer chairman will preside during the week and with her committee will feel the responsibility for leading WMS members in a week of prayer for foreign missions.

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind" is the theme of the Week of Prayer and the five-day observance will lead WMS members to pray for the educational, medical, evangelistic, and publication work which our missionaries are doing. Friday we shall be praying for Baptists around the world as we participate in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

The daily procedure for Monday through Thursday will include the

...come straight to mission fields and are put to work immediately to meet urgent and worthwhile needs.

reading of John 17; the singing of "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"; Scripture meditation and prayer for missionaries in "Call to Prayer"; testimonies from missionaries of answers to prayer; prayer of praise; statement of missionary needs; presentation of goal and prayer that the goal may be reached. Following this period of united prayer the group will divide into small groups for a closing period of prayer.

Friday we shall remember women around the world who join us in prayer. There will be a presentation of the needs of Baptist women's organizations around the world and prayer for these needs. On this last day of the Week of Prayer there will be a summary of the needs presented during the week with an emphasis on the dedication of self and home, prayer and possessions.

Prayer chairmen and prayer committees will begin their preparation for the week far in advance. Preparation for the Week of Prayer will include:

1. Selecting the right place to meet. Your Week of Prayer will be more effective if you choose a room that is not too large and can be arranged attractively.

2. Ordering the Foreign Mission Board world map (if you do not already have one) from your state WMU office. Place it on a tack-board and spotlight it.

3. Ordering program folders carrying the Week of Prayer theme on the front and the hymn on the back. These are 2c each and may be used to present each day's plan.

4. Ordering from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. offering boxes (4c each) for collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

5. Working with the publicity committee to inform the whole church about plans for the Week of Prayer. (See suggestions to publicity chairman.)

6. Working with the stewardship committee in promoting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Your goal should be a 12 per cent increase over the amount your WMS gave last year.

7. Planning carefully for the meetings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Mission Study Chairman

A Small Package

You know that "A person wrapped up in herself becomes a mighty small package." We hope that as you complete the study of *By All Means* (85¢ from Baptist Book Stores) this month the members of your WMS will have developed an appreciation for all people and a deep concern for those lost without Christ. Remember that "Nothing has been taught until somebody learns."

Surely no WMS member can be wrapped up in herself after the study of this book. We hope that the response of your group has been: "By all means the gospel must be preached and we Baptists must use all available means for sharing it!"

The book, *By All Means*, is the work of our Foreign Mission Board packaged in 148 short pages. You will urge every WMS member to read it.

Reaching Rural Churches is the home mission book we shall study next quarter. Order enough from

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...lunger who lives in a little town in the
...terior of the state of Minas Gerais. He
...had written to request a Gospel in response

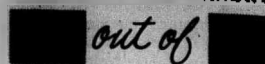
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the Baptist Book Store nearest you, price 75c; also secure the Teacher's Guide for it for 25c.

If a mission study institute is being held in your association or region arrange for your teacher or teachers to attend. Directions will be given at the institute for collecting and using background and activity materials and on methods of teaching.

Magnoprojectors are now available from Baptist Book Stores for \$7.95 each. These will enable mission study teachers to duplicate book covers, maps and information for publicity and teaching purposes. It comes in a small, neat, carrying package and will be a delight to mission study chairmen and teachers.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



Encouraging attendance at the five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is one of the majors for you and your committee during December. Five out of seven days of the first week in December are designated for prayer for foreign missions, November 30-December 4. Plan with the prayer chairman and her committee in publicizing this important week. See suggestions for prayer chairman.

Use the church bulletin to alert WMS members of plans for the (Continued on page 7)

COMMUNITY MISSIONS CHAIRMAN

About Alcohol Education

At Christmas time some women are tempted to serve alcoholic beverages. The following ideas from an article in September, 1959 Baptist Leader, by C. Aubrey Hearn, will be of help in promoting alcohol education:

- ★ Present the facts about the use of beverage alcohol in the city, county, state, and country
- ★ Show the enormous waste involved in making, advertising, and drinking alcoholic beverages
- ★ Lead WMS members to see the many advantages of abstinence from all alcoholic beverages
- ★ Show how the liquor business retards the kingdom of God
- ★ Show Christians how to help alcoholic victims
- ★ Display books, tracts, pamphlets, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, etc., on alcohol
- ★ Select and display newspaper clippings showing tragedies caused by drinking. (Last year a drinking driver was involved in 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents. These accidents took the lives of 11,550 men, women and children.)

- ★ Study and review the following (available from Baptist Book Stores):
The Cup of Fury, Upton Sinclair, \$3.00
Shadow Over America, John D. Freeman, 75c
Alcohol and Christian Influence, C. Aubrey Hearn, 75c
It's Smarter Not to Drink, Robert V. Seliger, 25c

- ★ Investigate the extent of drinking in your community—what laws regarding alcohol are violated, money spent on alcohol, etc.
- ★ Have a testimony from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous
- ★ Point out the dangers of social drinking (keeps liquor business thriving, obstructs clear-headed thinking about drinking, sets a bad example, some social drinkers will become alcoholics)
- ★ Use charts, chalkboard, films and other visual aids
- ★ Emphasize the detriment of drinking to the home—approximately 25 per cent of marriages end in divorce today, drinking injures the home economically, physically, morally
- ★ Support the work of your state temperance group
- ★ Major on helping alcoholics. See the book, How to Help an Alcoholic, by Clifford Earle, \$2.00 from Baptist Book Stores
- ★ Supply the church and city libraries with good books on the evils of alcohol
- ★ Place posters on alcohol in the schools and other public places
- ★ Foster an essay contest among high school students on "Why I Do Not Drink Alcoholic Beverages"
- ★ Plan a program on alcohol education
- ★ Invite a Christian doctor, lawyer, judge, or highway patrolman to talk on the problems created by drinking
- ★ Practice total abstinence at this Christmas season
Alcohol education should be a church concern. In co-operation with other church leaders the above projects may be undertaken in Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Societies.

Publications Chairman

A GIFT SUGGESTION for only \$1.50

Royal Service will remind a friend—twelve times a year—once each month—of your thoughtfulness.

Send your gift subscriptions to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., marked "Christmas gift." A Christmas greeting will be sent to announce your gift.

longer who lives in a little town in the interior of the state of Minas Gerais. He had written to request a Gospel in response

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STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

How Do You Spend Your Money?

Nearly half of our nation's families have an income between \$4,000 and \$10,000 and here is how they spend their money. (These figures exclude federal income tax payments.)

Item	Net Income Spent
Food	30-40 per cent
Shelter	15-25 per cent
Household operation	5-10 per cent
Home improvement	3-4 per cent
Clothing	10-15 per cent
Medical care	5-10 per cent
Personal care	3-5 per cent
Transportation	6-15 per cent
Education and recreation	5-10 per cent
Gifts and contributions	2-5 per cent

(A little over 1 per cent is given for religious causes)

The above figures indicate that the people of the USA do not recognize that (1) God is owner of the world and everything in it, (2) that the Christian is a steward, and (3) that some day he must give an account of his stewardship.

2% Increase

Stewardship chairman lead your WMS to adopt a goal for the 1959 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which is an increase of 12 per cent over the amount given last year. Keep this goal before the entire church and encourage every church member to have a part in it. See suggestion to publicity chairman for showing progress made in attaining the goal.

Make 12 per cent tags for WMS members. Ask them to hang them

on their bedroom door as a reminder of how they can support mission work around the world. See illustration for making tags.

Use the following information to show the cost of supporting our mission work by the minute, hour, day, etc.

The average cost in 1958 of supporting a missionary was:

Period	Average Cost
Per year	\$4,233.91
Per month	352.83
Per week	81.42
Per day	11.60
Per hour	.483
Per minute	.008

How many days will you keep a missionary on the field?

How many weeks will your WMS support a missionary?

How many missionaries will your church support?

How many minutes will you keep the Foreign Mission Board at work around the world?

How many hours will your church support the work of the Foreign Mission Board?

The cost of the whole Foreign Mission Program (except amount paid during 1958 on the construction of the headquarters building since this is not a part of normal operations):

Period	Cost
Per year	\$15,822,855.52
Per month	1,318,571.29
Per week	304,285.68
Per day	43,350.24
Per hour	1,806.26
Per minute	30.10

come straight to mission fields and are to work immediately to meet urgent worthwhile needs.

Twice

Her Monthly Income—

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The following story may be used in presenting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal at circle or general meetings; or in Sunday school and Training Union assembly where the entire church participates in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In Rivoli, Italy last Christmas eve a widow presented her clay "piggy bank" at the manger scene. Its contents amounted to over \$50, an amount that was just over twice her monthly income. She had been putting aside small amounts the entire year so that this gift might be her heartfelt "Thank you" to the Lord Jesus for that which he had done for her.

How much would your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering be if you gave over twice your monthly income?

What corners can you cut to have more for your offering?

Spend less on Christmas decorations.

Send less expensive Christmas cards.

Do less entertaining during the Christmas season.

Do without a new dress for the holidays.

Some women have the plan of giving to Christ on his birthday, through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, an amount equal to that spent on all other Christmas gifts. Others give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than the amount spent on any other Christmas gift. How much will you give?

Order WMS Teacher's Helps for class study, 25c or WMS Assignment and Answer booklet for individual study, 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

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week. Arrange chain telephone calls—have each member of your committee to telephone certain individuals and they in turn be asked to call others.

The following poster idea may be duplicated and placed throughout the church:

O God, We Pray for All Mankind November 30-December 4

Monday—for Seekers of Knowledge
Tuesday—for the Sick and Suffering
Wednesday—for Lost Mankind

Thursday—for Presses at Work for God
Friday—for All Mankind—Our Dedication

Time _____
Place _____

Stress the importance of attending all five of the days of prayer!

The publicity chairman and her committee will also publicize the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Work with the stewardship chairman (see suggestions given to stewardship chairman) in promoting the goal adopted by your church. A large Christmas wreath around a map of the world may be placed in the vestibule of your church. Have red Christmas tree lights attached to the wreath. Let each represent a certain amount given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and as these amounts are given turn on a light. Print Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on a large red satin bow and place it at the base of the wreath.

MISSIONARY

YOUTH

A FAMILY AFFAIR

More and more the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is becoming a church-family affair.

Youth directors, counselors and leaders will encourage young people to talk about the significance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Help them see how they can direct the family conversation around the table to the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$7,575,000.

Be sure that the youth organizations use the material in their magazines and observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Lead them to give a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; to increase by 12 per cent the amount their organizations gave last year.

The October-December Sunbeam Activities tells how Sunbeam Bands may have a part in this Week of Prayer and offering. Use the suggestion of a missionary mobile given on page 70. It is an excellent way to show what the 1959 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will do.

Sunbeam Band directors will lead fostering Woman's Missionary Societies to provide World Friends groups for eight-year-olds. Emblems for World Friends are available from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., for 35¢ each. They are made of felt, three inches in diameter, and are designed with children of the world in dark blue on light blue. There are also World Friends booklets to be given to the boys and girls, 25¢ each from Woman's Missionary

Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. These are to be used at home with the help of parents.

Girls' Auxiliary directors will encourage wise use of the supplementary materials (listed in Tell) to add to the effectiveness of the GA observance of the Week of Prayer.

Help mothers see the importance of their daughters' reading Tell, a missions magazine for girls. A subscription to Tell will make a delightful Christmas gift for a GA member; it's only \$1.50 from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.

Young Woman's Auxiliaries have the same theme for their observance of the Week of Prayer that Woman's Missionary Societies have—"O God, We Pray for All Mankind." Program folders may be secured for their use too from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., for 2¢ each.

YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band leadership will want to participate in the five-day observance of the WMS Week of Prayer. On Friday there will be a dedication period and special prayer for an increased number of missionary organizations for youth in the church, that all youth may be given opportunity of missionary training.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is not only a church-family affair but a WMU family affair and YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band directors will see that the youth organizations are included in praying for and giving to foreign missions.

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Newest of Rio (altho newest in J for married Seminary. \$ to occupy if they got together letter to Dr. A. Ben Oliver, director of the Seminary, expressing gratitude for the privilege of living in these small but comfort-

come straight to mission fields and are put to work immediately to meet urgent and worthwhile needs



By far the biggest Lottie Moon building in Rio is the Quonset-type printing shop of the Baptist Publishing House. Just last year a new unit was added, making it one and one half times as long as a football field. Why is all this space needed? In the first place, the demand for Sunday school literature has grown very rapidly. In addition Baptists publish the national Brazilian Baptist paper, a Christian home magazine, Bibles, hymnbooks, tracts and Gospels, as well as books and other literature for the training and missionary organizations of the churches.

I recently sent a package containing tracts and a Gospel to a man named Obel Furger who lives in a little town in the interior of the state of Minas Gerais. He had written to request a Gospel in response



Crabtree Hall, South Brazil Seminary; Missionary William Ichter, who teaches music at seminary, building and car from Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

BY GENE H. WISE, MISSIONARY

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Rio

to an ad placed in a Sunday magazine. A few days later came a letter from Mr. Junger in which he said, "I will be grateful to you during all the rest of my life for the benefits I have received from reading the material which you sent me. I do not have words to express what this has meant to my life. I am very much interested in reading the entire Bible and will appreciate it very much if you will ask the Publishing House to send me one C.O.D."

This is one of the countless inspiring letters that have been received and show how the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds invested in the Baptist Publishing House of Rio are earning eternal dividends and reaching people in all parts of this great country.

A building that will interest women coming to the Baptist World Alliance is

the WMU Training School in Rio. Just a little over ten years old, this institution has already sent out 177 young women to serve as missionaries, teachers, itinerant workers or to work in Baptist institutions or in churches. There are now 63 young women enrolled in the *Instituto de Treinamento Cristao*, as it is known in Brazil.

None of these institutions could operate for a day without the undergirding of the Cooperative Program, but the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has a special place in the hearts of missionaries because it is used to provide the buildings and equipment which are so necessary on the mission field. Without doubt the Lottie Moon offering will also have a special place in the hearts of all who come to Rio next year, for they will be able to see their love offerings in action.

One unit of Baptist Publishing House Print Shop, Rio, Brazil. Many presses and other pieces of equipment were bought with Lottie Moon offering funds.



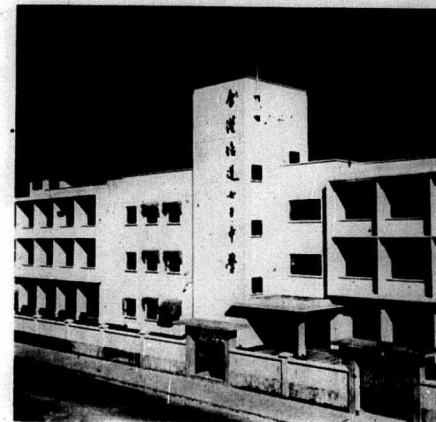
Program folder for ceremony

THREE SCORE AND TEN YEARS AGO Woman's Missionary Union, SBC came into being. In the same year Pooi To School in China was born. Through the years the two have walked together as friends. Periodically the Chinese friends with characteristic generosity have called attention to our common birth year with gifts and greetings. In our sixty-fifth year we received a pair of beautiful panels which now hang in my office in Birmingham, Alabama. A few months ago another handsome large panel was received in recognition of our seventieth anniversary.

Woman's Missionary Union leaders in our beginning years, more interested in China perhaps than in any other mission field, must have received with rejoicing the news of the founding of this girls' school. But they could not see three score years and ten into the future when the president of Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, would break the ground for the seventieth anniversary building. Neither old girls who were students in the school's beginning days dream that 70 years later

Three Score Years and Ten

by Alma Hunt



Pooi To School in Hong Kong

they would occupy honor seats at a groundbreaking ceremony in Hong Kong. These alumnae had moved out of their beloved China as had Pooi To herself to escape Communist domination.

The ceremony was a thrilling experience for me and one which made me acutely aware that history is made on such days.

Three Score Years and Ten

Five o'clock was the hour. Today's student body in blue and white uniforms stood out-of-rows in perfect rows, spaced to leave a broad aisle for the procession. In front were the trustees, the faculty, the choir, representatives of other Baptist schools, missionaries and the living members of the first two graduating classes.

The procession was led by Mrs. Mathis and the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Tam Hei Tin, an exceedingly tall gentleman in long white traditional dress of a Chinese scholar. I walked next in line with the distinguished Dr. C. F. Lam, president of Hong Kong Baptist College and adviser to the president of Pooi To. Behind us came the president, Dr. Helen Huen, and Dr. James D. Belote, a missionary member of the Board of Trustees. There were others in the procession but I shall proceed since I have the two visitors "down the aisle" and into the small bandstand type temporary structure which had been erected to

elevate and protect from the afternoon sun those who were to participate in the ceremony.

Dr. Huen presided. Would that our founders who prayed and gave to strengthen the work in China could have seen through the years to this day and this president. She comes from a noble Christian family, is a third generation Christian and seven members of her family are doctors. She presided with dignity and poise.

Dr. Tam and Dr. Lam brought greetings and words of welcome. I had the privilege of making the address. After the benediction came the moment for which all had been waiting. Mrs. Mathis, escorted by Dr. Tam led us back down to ground level. She was given the spade and with all of us standing around she broke the ground.

Though we thought this to be the end, we were led back to the platform. Dr. Huen presented Mrs. Mathis with an impressive Chinese red velvet box tied with matching satin ribbon. I was given a slender package. Knowing it is not polite among the Chinese to open gifts we stood holding them with both hands (which is polite). Probably because this occasion was different, or something unusual, we were told to open the gifts. Mine was a beautiful carved ivory fan. Mrs. Mathis' red box proved to be lined with white satin and it held a most beautiful gold shovel with a beautiful engraved inscription.

Immediately Mrs. Mathis said she would give her shovel to Woman's Missionary Union. With matching generosity and quickness Dr. Huen replied that the school then would give her a fan like mine.

The ceremony was deeply significant to me. Just as the women 50 years ago walked side by side, though living almost half a world apart, so we walk today. This new building being erected in recognition of the school's seventieth anniversary is being made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



Mrs. R. L. Mathis in Hong Kong



Pakistan, Land of Contrasts

BY DAVID R. EDWARDS

PAKISTAN, as you know, is in two sections. The better known is West Pakistan and includes the famous Frontier Province. Much of this area is desert. Among the 55 million people there are large Christian communities where there are schools, and colleges. The Forman Christian College and the Kinnaird College for Girls are regarded by many Moslem officials as among the best in the whole country. Christian prestige is high in West Pakistan. There are however 1200 miles between East and West Pakistan.

In East Pakistan everything is in reverse. Whereas the West is dry, East Pakistan is a land of many rivers including the great Ganges and Brahmaputra and the annual monsoon inundates the country. The Western people live on flour and speak Urdu while East Pakistanis eat rice, and Bengali is their language. Their culture and outlook are different, and the only uniting

factor is a common allegiance to Islam. Whereas Christianity in West Pakistan is reasonably strong it has been said that in East Pakistan "It is the weakest in all of Asia." This situation has come about because of many factors, but before we consider its present condition allow me to describe something of the history of the Protestant witness in this area, for although it is new to Southern Baptists its history is long and sacrificial.

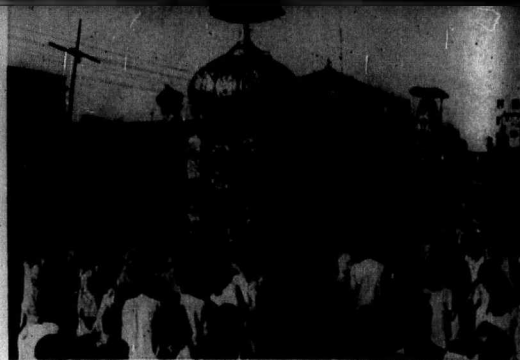
The beginning of missions in East Pakistan was in actual fact the beginning of modern missions. Dr. John Thomas and William Carey, pioneers of the Baptist Missionary Society, established in 1794 their first station at Dinajpur which now lies in the northwest corner of East Pakistan. Ever since there has been in this area an unbroken record of Baptist activity.

In 1815 the new station was established at Dacca the present capital of East Pakistan. Here considerable education system was introduced and by 1840 some 1400-1600 pupils were attending Baptist day schools in Dacca city. These were later taken over by the government and are really the

Rev. David Edwards from New Zealand served China with the English Baptists and after two years under the Communists was transferred to East Pakistan where he served at Dinajpur, and Dacca.

Moharram
procession
at Karachi

Pakistan



foundation of the educational system for that area.

From Dacca other Baptist mission stations came into being, for the Dacca missionaries worked a very large area, greater indeed than East Pakistan itself. Tribal work among Garos was begun and this was to prove one of the great churches of the province. It is now worked by Australian Baptists.

But in comparison to other fields the work in East Pakistan is slow and even though the history of Baptist missions in the area goes back over 160 years, the sacrifices have seen little fruitage. Why should this be? Why should the oldest work in Asia be so weak?

I think one of the reasons for this weakness is, these people come from a converted stock. I mean the forebears of these people were Hindus until about 400 years ago when the Mogul Empire was established and many were converted to Islam. Dacca became their Eastern capital and has maintained its Islamic influence ever since. There are some 700 mosques in Dacca city alone!

Another reason is that Christians apart from those from tribal animism have all come from Hindu background, and were the lower castes or outcasts. They have brought into the churches many Hindu thought patterns and do not make strong leaders.

Then, too, the very antiquity of the Christian witness here has led to a weaken-

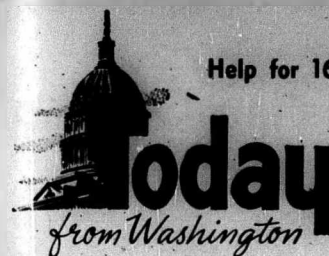
ing of its spiritual strength. Many are only nominal in their allegiance and so the churches themselves need new life. In other words what is required is revival.

There are of course many subsidiary reasons. The climate is trying and oppressive. Crops are often poor and over the past five years, there has not been good rainfall, so poor crops have meant subsistent living.

This is a land of superlatives. In density of population, in lack of food resources, in extremes of climate, in slowness of growth in Christian churches, in these many ways its problems are as great as any other country. But these very barriers constitute a call. If the need is there so are the prospects of harvest. If the Son of man came to seek the lost, there are more to be won for Him in East Pakistan for its size than in any other part. Out of 44 million people, only 50,000 are Christians.

With the entry of missionaries from the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957, this is the first time any missionaries from a large American denomination have come to East Pakistan. Other Baptist missionaries have worked in this area from the beginning, and these include English, Australian and New Zealand Baptists, and now the Southern Baptists have entered to make their contribution. The present Christian group is largely Baptist, and we believe that witness and spiritual strength will be greatly increased through the participation of your convention here.

ROYAL SERVICE



Help for 16 Million Homeless People

by Cyril E. Bryant
Editorial Staff
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Despite relative peace, the world still has teeming masses of refugees—people who have either been driven from their homelands by armed might or who have desperately sought escape from political oppression.

Rev. A. Klaupiks, relief co-ordinator of the Baptist World Alliance staff, estimates that some 16,500,000 people in various parts of the world are "uprooted" and looking for a home. President Eisenhower recently called a special conference of 160 volunteer welfare-agency leaders in Washington "to focus the concern, the ingenuity, and the generosity" of the nation on the problem. The United Nations earlier had designated the twelve months from June 28, 1959 to July 1, 1960 as World Refugee Year.

President Eisenhower told the relief agency leaders when they came to Washington that particular attention must be given to an estimated 2,350,000 homeless people in six areas of the world—people who, in addition to being "uprooted" are in desperate need of essential food, clothing, medical supplies, and housing.

These people for whom the President voiced special concern are now in Central Europe, in North Africa, in the Middle East, and in three areas of Asia. They wait hopefully for someone to help them, meanwhile surviving in conditions that literally turn the stomach of the average American.

Several hundred European refugees, fleeing the wrath of communism, have been

moved from camps in Austria and Germany to Britain, Canada, and the United States due to unceasing activity of the Baptist World Alliance and various Baptist conventions. More than 200 from Hungary alone have been given new homes and new employment because of the receptive hearts of Baptists in North America. Thousands of people throughout Europe and Asia have been assisted in their battle for survival through medicine, food packages and clothing shipped to them by benevolent Baptists.

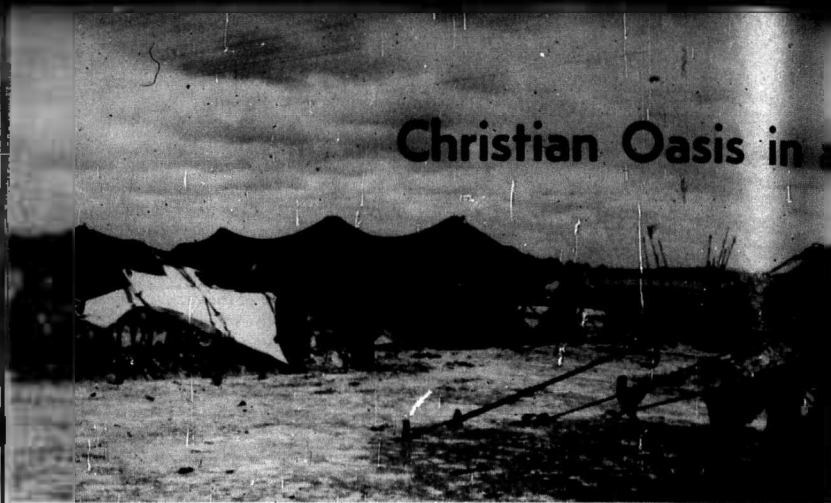
Drama is seen daily in Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia, as Australian Baptists, guided by Mr. Klaupiks and the BWA, are finding homes for Baptist people from Eastern Europe who fled from persecution across Siberia, down through China and finally into Hong Kong, a free city. Financial help necessary for this resettlement—there are about 300 Baptist refugees in Hong Kong—is being contributed by Baptists in many sections of the world.

Other Christian denominations also are helping meet the overall problem, but the need is vast. Leaders of the US Congress have seen it as a mutual security matter. Some \$40 million a year has been expended by the US every year since World War II. This will be supplemented in 1960, if the Administration's program is adopted, by legislation to admit more refugees to these shores, by the expenditure of an additional \$4 million for what are termed "the most pressing problems," by the increased distribution of possibly as much as \$20 million in surplus agricultural commodities.

But government can do only so much. Churchmen must ever be aware of the compassionate heart of our Saviour and the knowledge that we must serve needy mankind's physical as well as spiritual needs. Information on refugee projects for relief aid may be secured by writing Mr. A. Klaupiks, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

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Nothing but bare sand and hot sun where some refugees live

HELLO, MY FRIENDS far away beyond the seas! Just two years ago I was among you. I ate with you, I studied with you and I had a joyful fellowship with you, a fellowship I would desire to have once more! Jesus said, no matter how scattered we are, no matter how far we are, no matter what separates us in body, he unites us all together in his name and calls us all his children and we all have the same fellowship with him.

Now being in my own country, living among my own people, I would like to share with you some of the things kept in my heart about the Christian work here in Gaza, Egypt. I am sure in geography you have passed over the word *desert* and the word *oasis*. Our deserts are just bare sand, no water, no trees, nothing but golden sand and hot sun. Gaza is in a desert. It is a small town very thickly populated. If you stand on the top of a high mountain and look down on Gaza you will see a beautiful scene. Gaza houses all made of white stones, palm trees so tall as if touching the sky, the sky blue and clear, the sea with all the

boats around it to go fishing at night, it just makes you say, "Oh this is truly the land of Jesus."

Now if you look around this small city you will see a different sight. Sand, sand, sand, this is all that you see. Oh how hot it looks, how ugly, how bare, no trees, no birds, no sea, no water, but there are tents, mud houses—small shacks. You open your eyes wide and then you say, "Oh my goodness! I see people! Women sitting in front of their mud houses, children half naked playing on the sand, men sitting idly together having nothing to do!"

Yes! These are the refugee people, the people who wait day by day for the day to come when they will go back to their country, toil their lands, milk their cows, plant their fields. Yes, these are the miserable refugees whom your mission serves, whom your mission treats medically free, whom your mission is trying to put in their hearts hope that has gone completely out of their hearts.

Our hospital is like an oasis to these people who live on the desert. They wait all

Christian Oasis in Egyptian Desert

by Mrs. Kamal Shaker, Gaza, Egypt

the way on their bare feet to come to the place where they are treated kindly. The hospital has a beautiful compound; it has tall weeping trees, huge pine trees and other kinds of trees which I can't name, all these trees provide shade. The hospital ground is all planted with grass. There are taps of water in every garden. Oh how cool, how pleasant, how welcoming the place looks. But there is another thing that makes those people love this place. It's the kind faces they see, the soft voices they hear asking them what they need. Yes, they love this place, but they love its people more.

If you are here on clinic days, you could hardly see any grass, instead you see people lying flat on their backs enjoying the softness of the grass, the cool shade of trees. They feel so comfortable and wish they could stay there always. When they see Dr. James Young passing, they quickly stand up straight, salute him by lifting up their hands to their heads and smile at him. They love Dr. Young and we all love him, too. He is full of kindness, sympathy, love and these people can feel it. Dr. James M. Young, our Baptist Hospital superintendent, has won the hearts of so many of these people and also the hearts of so many of Gaza people who are not refugees. It is not by speaking to them, nor by preaching to them—he won their hearts just by the way he lives among them. The most important thing about him is that he loves the people and we all know the chapter in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13, especially the

Mrs. Shaker, formerly Samira Marout and a student at Carver School of Missions and Social Work



Shaker family — Samira, Kamal, and small Sally Jane

verse that says: "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing."

So by loving the people he bore them, believed them, accepted their mistakes, suffered for their sakes, and hoped all goodness for them. The people felt his love to them and they loved him, too, and came to love the hospital and all its people. Of course all our other missionaries here are kind and loving but I chose Dr. Young because he deals most with these people.

I remember one patient we had was a small boy about 14 years old. He found a round ball on the seashore and not knowing what it is started playing with it and unfortunately it exploded and one of his arms flew off. He was brought to our hospital and was treated immediately. He stayed for about two months. My husband was his doctor, and this boy became so close to my husband and talked to him everything.

One day he told my husband he is dreading the moment when he has to leave this place. "There is something different about all the people here," he said. "They love each other, they don't curse; they care for the sick more than any hospital I have ever



June and Jim Young and one of their sons — at Ridgecrest

seen. I wish I will be very sick again so I can stay more here." My husband patted him and said, "You are welcome to this place. We want you to be well and healthy and come to visit us often."

The day came when it was decided he should leave. The ambulance came to take him back home. I was in my room for we still did not have our own flat, and opening the door to see who was knocking I saw that 14-year-old boy sobbing bitterly. "I am coming to tell you goodbye," he said and he talked no more but threw his head on my shoulder and cried. I took him in, gave him some candy and few piasters and then he kissed my hand and waved to me with his one arm left and my heart went with him for he was really sad. "From that day Salamah (his name) never stopped paying us visits or sending us letters which he learned to write with his left arm. So it is not the beauty of the place, nor the good medicines that made people love this hospital, because there are other beautiful hospitals, also they have good medicine, but it is the people that work in the hospital—the Christian people that devoted their lives for the sake of others, the people that deny themselves to show Christ living in

them. It is an oasis to these thirsty, hungry people.

Yes, our hospital is an oasis, for people feel happy at the sight of it, just like a person lost in a desert feels happy at the sight of an oasis, for he is sure he can now find water to quench his thirst and some shady place to stretch out his tired legs, and a hope that he will live again.

Yes, the hospital is a blessing in other ways than medical. We have the church. Our pastor is a dearly loved person. He is known for his loving smiling face, always happy, always welcoming people to his house, always visiting people to bring them closer to our church and hospital members. His wife who is known for her generosity never stops cooking and inviting people to her house. People came to love them and consider them no longer foreigners but nationals. Here again it was not by just preaching to the people but by loving them they drew them to Christ.

We have also a women's meeting. It is held on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Young, who is known for her sweetness, soft voice and self-denying person leads this meeting. They are poor people, women who can't read and write, women who have no places to go, women whom nobody cares for, they all meet in the church. They came to learn how to sing few simple hymns. They listen heartily to the Bible story told by Miss Hudda, a blind Arab lady who lives in the hospital and helps in evangelistic work. They become to feel the hospital is a dear place to them. It helps them physically but also and more important it helps them spiritually. After the meeting they all go to Mrs. Nicholas, our pastor's wife, where she offers them some tea and biscuits. Oh how happy these old, illiterate women feel. Yes, they love their Tuesday meetings because they felt loved and wanted and this brought them closer to Christ and now they all are good Christians.

Yes, "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not LOVE, it profiteth me nothing."

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

(Same tune as "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned")

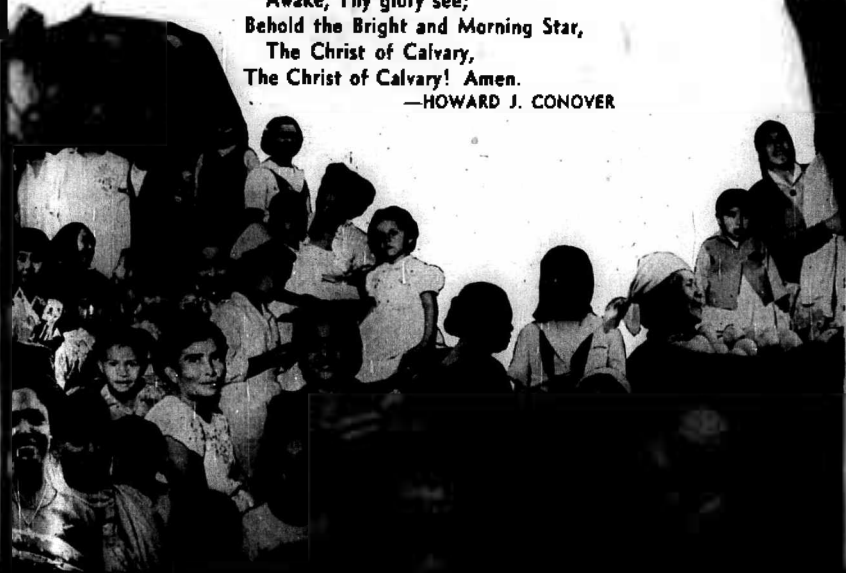
O God, we pray for all mankind,
The nations far astray;
We plead that all Thy grace may find,
In this Thy gracious day,
In this Thy gracious day.

Thou knowest, Lord, man's sinful state,
The source of human woe,
His evil heart, his greed and hate,
But whither can he go?
But whither can he go?

With humble plea on Thee we call
For nations in distress;
Of one hast Thou not made us all?
O God, our kindred bless,
O God, our kindred bless!

Help all the nations, near and far,
Awake, Thy glory see;
Behold the Bright and Morning Star,
The Christ of Calvary,
The Christ of Calvary! Amen.

—HOWARD J. CONOVER





Get Ready

the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

November 30—December 4, 1959

TO GET READY:

The Prayer Chairman and committee are charged with the responsibility for this week. They will be burdened because of the eternal significance of this time in your church, and make sure that this is a Week of Prayer and not a week of programs.

Call together the prayer committee to pray, to read the Instruction Sheet, as well as November and December Forecaster from *Royal Service*, to study all the Week of Prayer material in December *Royal Service* and the other items in the envelope with the WMS Instruction Sheet. Now you are ready to select a leader for each day, and make general plans. You will need the help of other committees. Assign in writing every responsibility: publicity, putting up of streamer in place of meeting, materials, posters, program folders, etc.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS:

Create with soft music, hushed voices, quiet manner a reverent atmosphere for each day as women come into the place where you will pray together.

Group Praying will close each day Monday through Friday. Provide an equal number of colored slips of paper for each group. Give out an equal number as women enter and let them divide, or determine a way of your own to divide into groups. No comments should be made in the prayer groups except "Let us pray that we may help meet the needs we have heard about today." This should be a time of silent prayer unless some wish to express themselves audibly. After 10 or 15 minutes a bell should be sounded, and women will leave the church quietly.

You will note that suggestion is made that the prayer chairman preside Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. As the quiet music fades she will begin without any previous announcement to lead in the meditation period. To avoid unnecessary moving about, she may be seated at the front along with the Leader for the Day. For the Scripture passages the readers can be the same two women every day if you wish. Choose them carefully and work with them so that each Bible verse will be read with maximum meaning. As Prayer Chairman finishes, she moves quietly to a nearby seat, leaving the Leader for the Day alone at front. On Wednesday and Friday the Leader begins without the Prayer Chairman.

Leaders for the Day: The three women who lead Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday may wish to study their material, then get together for discussion and prayer. The idea is that the leader instructs the people who will pray concerning the specific prayer need so that each prayer will be definite, loud enough so all present can hear, and yet burdened and brief.

The leader will distinctly and quietly give all information, then ask for prayer at the designated times. Saying words will not be enough if God is to bless our overseas mission work. The leader will need to get together those who will help her and pray with them that as they become "leaders in prayer" that they will be given God's words to say.

The leader will study her material and know it. As she presents needs and victories, she may wish to read the missionaries' words. Do this with interest, changing the voice to indicate meaning and mood. Much, in fact the entire day's meaning and inspiration, will depend on the leader.

The Wednesday material has been handled a little differently to assist those who will use it at the prayer meeting hour. It is self-explanatory, but the prayer chairman will wish to work closely with the leader to maintain a spirit of prayer at this service which the church membership will attend.

Friday is the Day of Prayer Around the World. Plan for a place at the church where all church members can come for prayer from 6:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

The leader for Friday will note the specific plans which are slightly different from Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

John 17 Card: A card on which John 17 has been printed is available for every woman: Either distribute and take them up daily until Thursday, or request women to bring them back each day. These are for guidance in prayer as women read and pray silently.

For Promoting the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in your church, order:

1. Free from state WMU office: Leaflet, "Short Stories," four stories to be used in promoting Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Sunday school and Training Union assemblies
2. From Baptist Book Stores:
Filmstrip, "World Evangelism: Overseas," \$3.50; Film, "This Waiting World" (29 minutes, sound, color), rental: \$5.00



Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

NOVEMBER 30

DECEMBER 4

Theme for Week:

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

WRITER FOR THE WEEK: MRS. LAMAR JACKSON

MONDAY, November 30

O God, We Pray for Seekers of Knowledge

OUTLINE:

- "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
- Prayer Chairman Presides
- Individual Reading: John 17
- Sing, "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
- Scripture Meditation
- Call to Prayer
- Prayer
- Leader for the Day Presides
- Testimonies from Missionaries
- Prayer of Praise
- Devotional
- Presentation of Goals
- Prayer
- Repeat in Union: Matthew 18:19-20
- Offering
- Group Praying

O God, We Pray for Seekers of Knowledge

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind" (play softly)

Prayer Chairman: In your hands you have the prayer Jesus prayed for himself and his disciples. These are his last recorded words before his betrayal, trial, and cross. Verses 11 and 13 show the transition that soon will take place.

"No longer am I in the world." "These things I am speaking in the world." His physical presence was to end in "a little while," but the spiritual presence would continue.

Let us claim the presence of God's Spirit in this quiet moment, may we silently read these words of Jesus as recorded by John. Read them as a personal blessing. Read them as though hands of ordination were placed upon your head. Read them earnestly as you recall the agony of Jesus when he prayed. "And being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

Silent Reading of John 17

Sing Hymn for Week: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

Scripture Meditation

First Reader: "If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God" Prov. 2:3-5.

Second Reader: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. The heart of him that hath understand-

ing shall be full of knowledge; but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" Prov. 2:13; 4:5; 18:14.

First Reader: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord" 2 Peter 1:5; and Jer. 9:24.

Second Reader: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" John 8:31-32.

First Reader: "And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the women, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" John 4:41-42; Job 19:25.

Second Reader: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" John 17:3; 2 Cor. 5:1.

First Reader: "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" 2 Tim. 1:12.

Second Reader: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" 1 John 3:2,14; John 15:12.

Call to Prayer

This is our call to prayer: "Day by day for the world I pray." Let us read together our theme for the week: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind." Home missionaries with birthdays are: Andres Garcia, Cuba and John David Hopper, Calif. Foreign missionaries whose birthdays come on November 30 are Rev. Ernest Hollaway, Jr., in Japan and Dr. J. C. Abell, Jr., in Nigeria. They were asked to write a prayer request or prayer experience. These are their words.

From Rev. Ernest Hollaway, Jr., Tokyo, Japan
"We came to Japan nine years ago. At that time, the situation was not yet ripe for an educational program of the churches. However, by the time we returned to the states for furlough, interest had risen to the point that I was requested to do further study in the field of religious education.

"Soon after we returned to Japan the Sunday school department asked me to serve along with a Japanese secretary. We now plan and promote meetings in various parts of the country. The churches are beginning to see the tremendous value of the Sunday school and other educational organizations when they are used properly in evangelism and training."

Pray for the Sunday schools of Japan that they may be used to win the lost and witness to the truth of God's word, for Rev. Ernest Hollaway, Jr., and those working with him.

From Dr. J. C. Abell, Jr., Nigeria

In our own country, a Christian doctor is top priority. On a mission field, he is a most effective Christian witness. Dr. J. C. Abell, Jr., is a medical missionary. His story is one of answered prayer for the life of a little African girl.

"Juliana was brought to Eku Baptist Hospital for treatment of an illness which originated with a simple case of measles. An infection caused by penicillin-resistant bacteria covered her small body with abscesses and blinded one eye. The infection was held in check only by a special type antibiotic which does not kill the germs, but keeps them from growing. For three days it seemed she might die any moment. Medically, there was no hope.

"All through this time many Christians were earnestly praying for her recovery. The parents gave a radiant testimony of willingness for God's will to be done regarding the little life. Finally, to the amazement of the people, Julie began to improve; slowly at first, then very rapidly. Truly God had again answered the prayer of his people.

"Today the father of the little girl is a degree student in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomoso."

Pray for this father, for Julie, for Dr. Abell and others working in this Baptist hospital.

Testimonies from Missionaries

Today we are praying for seekers of knowledge. We have testimonies of direct answers to prayer from many different areas of the world. We are thankful that needs have been met through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and through the intercessory prayer of dedicated Christians. (Follow each testimony with a prayer of praise.)

First testimony from Dr. Ray Wyatt, president of the Spanish Baptist Seminary, Barcelona, Spain:

"The recent history of the Spanish Baptist Seminary is one of answered prayer. Across the years one of the greatest needs of Spanish Baptists has been that of an adequate seminary for the preparation of young men and women as pastors and evangelists.

"Realizing that a great evangelistic opportunity was being lost, Spanish Baptists redoubled their prayer for someone to come over and help them train pastors. My wife and I first heard of the need in Spain as a result of letters written to the Foreign Mission Board asking for missionaries and stating that the Baptists of Spain were praying that three couples might be sent to that needy land where not a single Southern Baptist missionary was serving in early 1953.

"Long before our arrival 24 applicants sought admission to the school. Due to the lack of facilities and faculty members, we were able to admit only 12 men the first year. They said, 'We knew you would come, because we were praying for you.'

"Many times during the course of my brief association with the seminary I have felt the blessings of answered prayer. We asked you to pray that God would permit the school to remain open to train pastors for the churches. This prayer has been answered through the years. Though always under observation by the police, the government has not ordered us to close the seminary. I firmly believe your prayer keeps it open. Do not fail to pray that it may so continue.

"Another answer to prayer was our new building. Several men who wished to study were married, and we had no place for them. We lacked adequate quarters for our library, and faculty offices. Our classroom was a makeshift arrangement. We asked people to pray that we might have funds to add another building. Funds were made available because the Lottie Moon offering went beyond the goal. If we had just made the goal or fallen below it, there would have been no money for this purpose. This evidence of your love and generosity has been converted into a well-designed, comfortable building that was dedicated in December of 1957."

Prayer of praise for blessings

This testimony of the work of our schools in Lebanon comes from Miss Mabel Summers: (Leader continues)

"Since the establishment of our Southern Baptist work in the Middle East, the most urgent need has been to have a center for the training of national pastors and workers. In the past, missionary men have taught a few

pastors locally for a year or two, but this is not sufficient for the advance of the work. Prayer has been made for this need in recent months and God has begun to answer. Recently, a lovely five-acre tract of land three miles outside Beirut has been purchased with funds from the Foreign Mission Board. A section of the land has an olive grove, and the view is superb. From one side, the whole city of Beirut is seen; from the other, a valley and the mountains. We thank God for this. Plans call for the opening of the seminary in the fall of 1960 with a possible student body of 16 pastors and workers from Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt. Now, we are continuing to pray for a speedy provision of money for the erection of the buildings.

"Another school, the Beirut Baptist School, opened in October, 1955. This is the fourth year of its existence. Now it has an enrolment of 280 pupils, 80 of whom are Moslems. This building was provided by Lottie Moon funds.

"Here is a story from the kindergarten class of the Beirut Baptist School.

"Some money had been stolen from the purse of the maid who helps with the kindergarten class. The teacher was not able to find out who took it. During the next week, she told several stories about stealing and the result of stealing. The children have a prayer period each morning before beginning their classes. They take turns in praying aloud. One day, a little Moslem girl prayed, 'God, forgive me for taking the maid's money.' The next day, the little girl brought the money she had stolen, gave it to the maid and asked her forgiveness. The children are learning to pray for each other and for the members of their family and their friends.

"A boy in the fifth class died recently. His family is Moslem. Teachers and missionaries visited the home several times. Weeping, the mother said that her son often spoke of the kind spirit in the school, saying it was a different school from those he had attended before. She said, 'I have lived among and had dealings with many people, but I have never seen people like you and the missionaries—you are different.' We are praying that the members of this family may be saved. Pray for them."

Prayer of Praise

From Mrs. Wyatt Lee, Mexico:

Mexican law prohibits evangelical schools. For that reason, student homes have been established in educational centers to provide a Christian atmosphere where young people may live. Mrs. Wyatt Lee writes of the work at the Boys' Home in Guadalajara, Mexico:

"I would like to repeat the testimony of the mother of one of our boys. Isaac Rodriguez

HOW SHALL THEY LEARN?

3 out of 5 people in the world
can neither read nor write

300 SBC missionary teachers
in 900 schools overseas
with 120,000 enrolment

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$1,075,000

Poster Number 1

(rode-ree-kez) as a child was very sickly and there were times when they thought he would not live. Mrs. Raquel (rock-el) Rodriguez, the mother, says that she prayed to the Lord and told him that if he would save Isaac's life she would give him to the Lord.

"Time went by and Isaac became a big healthy boy. The oldest boy surrendered to full-time service, as did the youngest girl and both entered the Southern Baptist Seminary in Torreon. Of course Mrs. Rodriguez was very happy because of their decisions, but she was still not satisfied. She had given Isaac to the Lord and he showed no signs of wanting to do full-time service. He was active in his church, however. He finished high school and came to our student home to enter preparatory school at the age of 16. He finished preparatory school and entered law school and continued to be active in the church here but did not feel he should do full-time work.

"Through a church in Memphis, he was sent to a youth congress in Toronto. Soon after returning to Guadalajara, a youth revival was held at our church. About a week after that revival Isaac came to my office and told me he was going home to see his family. I asked him something about his school, and he said, 'I probably won't be here after this year.' My heart went down to my toes. Trying not to act too dumbfounded I asked why. Then he told me that he probably would be going to a seminary as he had felt the Lord was calling him—not as a preacher but rather as a religious education worker. Isaac entered our Torreon seminary last fall."

Prayer of Praise

Mrs. Thomas Halsell, whose husband is director of the Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute in Belem, Brazil, writes:

"Until August, 1955, there was no Baptist institution to train Christian workers in all the vast Amazon Valley of Brazil.

"Part of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was used to buy land and construct the

first unit of the Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute. It was a miracle in itself how God provided such a good piece of property for a limited sum. Each day as we watched the progress of the construction we were mindful of the love, prayer, and gifts of Southern Baptists. Many times we imagined, 'This brick represents the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of a GA girl or a Sunbeam, or this window represents the gift of a WMS member or a consecrated deacon in some church.'

"Inflation began to mount incredibly in Brazil. Prices doubled and tripled and we knew we would not be able to complete the building. We then asked you as Southern Baptists to give us enough to finish the building if the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering went beyond the goal.

"Furlough time came and with mixed emotions we left for the States. Not long after we arrived, and much sooner than we expected, the message came. 'Money and materials exhausted. Rental property unavailable. Students arriving soon. What shall we do?'

"Of course, there was only one thing to do: pray. Within a few hours after arising from our knees there in the missionary apartments at Southern Seminary, we received a telephone call from Richmond and a voice said, 'Would you like to hear some good news?' After receiving a quick affirmative, the herald of good news continued, 'Southern Baptists have come through again! They've gone beyond the goal, and we've already sent the money to complete the Theological Institute building.'"

Prayer of Praise

Missionary Bill Horn from Ajloun, Jordan writes of the conversion of one seeker after knowledge:

"More than three years ago we began praying that God would open a way for a true Christian witness in the Boys' High School. About six months later our missionary evangelist held a stewardship revival in the local church. The messages were translated from English to Arabic. The boys study English in the school, and a number of nominal Christian boys attended the meetings in order to hear the English language. On the last night of the meeting an invitation was given for those who wanted to be saved. A number of the boys responded and confessed Christ as personal Saviour.

"One of these young men, Jerius Hallal, has become a diligent witness for his Lord. He began to tell his friends about salvation and his new-found peace in Christ. Naturally, he experienced persecution. He was ridiculed, mocked and on one occasion his Bible was



by W. L. Cooper, president

There are 91 students in this Seminary, 10 countries represented in the student body: Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Switzerland, Italy, Russia.

Baptists have very little other educational work in Argentina. Several churches hold kindergartens and a few have primary schools. There are two Good Will Centers, one in Rosario and the other in Parana.

Baptist International Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina

even taken from him and burned. Jerius remained faithful in spite of all this and was later baptized into the fellowship of our local church.

"Shortly after his conversion Jerius started the practice of daily devotions on the mountain behind the school. Three others have now joined him in this 'secret place for the morning watch.' Others of his companions are now professing believers.

"Following his conversion Jerius made great improvement in his school work. He advanced from the lower third of his class to be among the top three students in the class. His character and conduct have been such that even one of his Moslem teachers has often chosen him as a special monitor during the time of examinations.

"We praise God that in answer to our prayer he raised up this true Christian witness in the local high school. We continue to pray that after Jerius graduates in July that God will raise up others to carry on this witness."

Prayer of Praise

Church buildings as well as school buildings are used for instruction and training. This testimony is from Jim Blitzer in Chile:

"You might like to have a concrete example of what we mean as we say that the gospel marches forward on the prayer and giving of you friends at home.

"In June of this year we began new work in Hope Hill. At that time we had to adapt ourselves to one room about nine by eighteen feet. Three Sunday school classes met in the room. The other three met in a borrowed dining room, in the open air in front of the building, and in the patio of one of the members. In spite of our limited facilities we reached a

peak attendance of 87 one Sunday in June. During all this time we were praying for a more adequate place to meet.

"That is where you come in. We found a house in good condition for \$2,000. There were seven rooms that could be used immediately for the services and for classrooms. After talking with other members of the executive committee of the mission, we purchased the property with money that you gave through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One thousand dollars was an outright gift to the mission from a fund called 'lots in strategic places,' the other came from building and loan funds to be repaid by the mission over a long period of time. Thus the gifts of praying people gave us a building and helped the people to help themselves."

Prayer of Praise

From a missionary in Southern Rhodesia, Rev. R. T. Bowlin, comes a testimony of how seekers after knowledge have testified to the truth of God's word:

"One of our greatest concerns in Central Africa is that all our pastors do not tithe. Some have pledged to tithe, then never have actually started or haven't continued for very long. However, there are some faithful tithers. One is a father of eight children with many financial obligations. As soon as he gets his pay he asks the missionary to keep his tithe money until the following Sunday. He says, 'I might be tempted to use it for something else and it is not mine it belongs to God.' This pastor serves at one of our newest preaching points. Even though his meetings are conducted under the trees, he has reported the largest number of conversions, the largest enrolment and attendance in Sunday school, and

the largest offerings this year. This is just another proof that God honors those who honor him and seek to do his will."

Prayer of Praise

Doxology (stand)

Statement of Needs

We have sung praises over what has been accomplished. Now let us think on the needs of the world.

(1) On the African continent, local self-government is rapidly being achieved by countries that have been looked upon as colonies for centuries. Realizing for many years the need to develop strong national leadership, our missionaries in Nigeria have stressed educational opportunities for these "seekers of knowledge." The result is an extensive educational program being carried on by the Nigerian Baptist Convention with limited assistance from missionaries. Of 474 primary schools, missionaries are assigned to only two. Twenty-four secondary schools are conducted with missionary assistance in only one. In the entire educational system, there are 2,938 African teachers as compared with 87 missionary teachers in Baptist schools.

A similar teacher-training program and nurse-training program and religious-training such as is received at the Nigerian Seminary for religious workers are needed in all our African fields. Money for these school buildings and for church buildings to train the average Christian can be provided by our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Pray for the schools, the teachers, and the students of Africa.

(2) All Latin American countries have compulsory school attendance laws, but none of them is providing elementary schooling for every child of school age. Those who lack educational opportunity vary from around 30 per cent in Argentina and Chile to 80 per cent in some sections. It is reported that more than half of Brazil's school-age children are not in school.

A member of a supreme court in a Latin American country said, "In the field of education, the help which the Protestant churches have given, not only to their own members but to our society in general, is so potent that nobody, no matter how lacking in intelligence he may be, can fail to appreciate it. Their kindergartens and schools . . . are the centers of light which have illumined and will continue to illumine thousands of youthful minds." It is not by accident that the symbol of Colegio Bautista in Chile is the lighted torch.

We need to continue the support of our 800 schools throughout the world with some 150,000 pupils enrolled. Missionary Frank Patterson says, "The demand for evangelical elementary schools is unlimited. Education is a mighty wedge that can be driven into the ignorance and prejudice that exists in all countries around the world. When learning is combined with Christianity, strong and dependable leaders are developed."

Pray for schools, students, national teachers, that our gifts will meet the needs. The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$7,575,000. Will your church give at least 12 per cent more than last year?

(3) Over one hundred years ago the doors of Japan were opened by Commodore Perry. He found a nation that gloried in its past. Within 40 years this island country became literate and a great power in the Orient. This was the result of intensive education. Children and adults were penalized if they did not study and learn. In the last war we saw the results of educating the mind without the Spirit.

Our schools in Japan and throughout the world emphasize the development of Christian character. One of our missionaries has written, "If we are ever to take these lands for Jesus Christ, we must make active preparations for the training of educated preachers and lay workers on a large scale. There should be courses for women as well as for men. We wonder why we do not make greater advances, yet we are trying to do this with workers whose preparation is limited to a few years of study with some missionary who is largely occupied with other duties. No person can be expected to be a complete theological seminary.

There is a pressing need for an educated ministry. We need not even think of reaching cultured men and women until we have men of their own nationality who can meet them on social equality and can preach correctly in their own tongues."

Pray for Japan, her pastors, Baptist schools

Perhaps these stories of seekers after knowledge will help us realize the need to strengthen and continue our educational ministry to the world.

A Nigerian boy was told he could not enrol in school as there was no more room. He threw himself at the feet of the missionary and begged for a chance to get an education. But there was no room. In his section of the country, there were five turned away for every one accepted. What did this mean to that boy? It meant that he was sentenced to a life of poverty and ignorance.

In a southeast Brazilian school a 14-year-old girl was sold by her mother to an immoral planter for \$200.

A child finished third grade at the top of his class, but tuition for the fourth grade was 15 cents extra. He told the teacher he would just have to repeat the third grade as he did not have the money for the fourth.

A woman walked 11 days to attend literacy classes so she could learn to read the Bible.

Pray for seekers of knowledge the world over

Presentation of Goals

We have prayed for the needs to strengthen and maintain our ministry for seekers after knowledge. Now let us think of the goal of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and some typical expenditures of this love gift as it encircles the world. Our convention-wide goal is \$7,575,000. Our local goal is _____ These are some of the items included in the allocations, see page 34:

Hong Kong Baptist College: \$15,000. The Hong Kong Baptist College will be entering its fourth year in 1959, and is planning in terms of a student body of about 600. This help to the college will enable it to give adequate support to its faculty, and at the same time make available scholarship help to needy students.

Seminary in Hong Kong: \$15,000. The Hong Kong Baptist Seminary has an unusually wide outreach. Its graduates serve not only in Hong Kong but also in Chinese Baptist work in other parts of the Orient, such as Thailand and Malaya especially. Help for seminary work is a common use of Lottie Moon funds in all our mission fields.

Seinan Jo Gakuen, Japan: \$15,000. This fine girls' high school and junior college with over 1,500 students has an outstanding reputation and an unusual ministry. This item gives valuable help to its regular operating budget.

Training School for Kindergarten Workers in Japan, Scholarships: \$1,000. Current Expenses: \$5,000. Most of the Baptist churches in Japan have kindergartens, which are not only a means of Christian teaching of small children and preparation for evangelism, but also a means of contact with homes which otherwise would have no touch with the gospel. The Japan Baptist Convention has a fine Training School to prepare teachers for these church kindergartens and other kindergartens through which such teachers can have valuable influence.

Abeokuta Baptist Girls' High School: \$4,000. This school, which is now 48 years old, has been the foundation of our education work among women and girls in Nigeria. It has maintained a standard of work which has probably never been surpassed in the history of that country. At the present time it has an enrolment of 263, most of whom are boarding students, with a staff of ten African teachers. This money supplements the fees of the students and the general running expenses of a boarding school of this type.

European Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland: Student subsidies: \$17,500. Student and Faculty Mission Work: \$1,500.

Last year, the seminary had an enrolment of 36 students from 16 nations. This sum will give students and faculty members increased opportunities for preaching in neighboring churches. The past year, every church in Switzerland was visited and frequent "mission trips" were made to churches in southern Germany and elsewhere.

Schools, Current Expenses, Equatorial Brazil: \$33,000. In order to provide a trained national leadership, schools are maintained from the primary through the college level and theological institutions. This item is repeated in the other two sections of Brazil: North Brazil, schools, current expenses: \$56,590. South Brazil, schools: \$57,760.

Call, Colombia, International Seminary: \$14,758. In 1958 the students enrolled represented the countries of Colombia and Ecuador and the islands of San Andres and Providence off the coast of Colombia. By a government decree issued in 1958, Baptist students from other countries are now able to enter Colombia to attend the seminary. Applications have been made by students from Peru, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Ecuador.

Show Poster No. 1, "How Shall They Learn?" and ask that all read it aloud together.

Pray that the goal of your church will be reached, that all of us will give more than \$7,575,000.

Repeat in Unison: Matthew 18:19-20. Have ready enough copies or write on board or make poster.

Offering: The women come forward reverently and put money in plates and then go to group prayer meetings. Use hymn for the week as musical background.

Group Praying: Break up into small groups and pray for needs learned about today.

TUESDAY, December 1

O God, We Pray for the Sick and the Suffering

OUTLINE

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
Prayer Chairman Presides
Individual Reading: John 17
Sing, "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
Scripture Meditation
Call to Prayer
Prayer
Leader for the Day Presides
Testimonies from Missionaries
Prayer of Praise
Doxology
Statement of Needs
Prayer
Presentation of Goals
Prayer
Repeat in Unison: Matthew 18:19-20
Offering
Group Praying

O God, We Pray for the Sick and the Suffering

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind" (play softly)

Prayer Chairman: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" Heb. 1:1,2. May we read silently the prayer spoken on our behalf by his Son.

Silent Reading of John 17

Sing Hymn for Week: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

Scripture Meditation

First Reader: "Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? . . . Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt . . . astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Jer. 8:19-22.

Second Reader: "And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" Matt. 9:10-13.

First Reader: "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee" Psalm 67:1-3.

Second Reader: "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies" Mal. 4:2; Psalm 103:2-4.

First Reader: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" Luke 4:18,19.

Second Reader: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes of people" Matt. 4:23-25.

First Reader: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it

HOW SHALL THEY LIVE?

One billion people in the world are sick

158 SBC medical missionaries serve in 18 hospitals, 62 clinics and dispensaries

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$7,575,000

Poster Number 2

is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit" 1 Cor 12:4-9.

Second Reader: "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" Matt. 10:7-8.

Call to Prayer

Home missionaries listed today are: Mrs. Ted Trent, N. Mex. and Rev. L. E. Johns, Ariz.

The only overseas missionary whose birthday is December 1 is Mrs. Carlos Owens, a nurse in Tanganyika, Africa. She has written us about her work:

"We were recently thrilled to witness one evening to 19 young Moslems. We had invited two young fellows to bring their friends to our home for the Baptist Hour TV programs. When it was nearly an hour late, we said, 'It's just hopeless!' But much to our surprise, 19 young Moslems appeared at our door. They were late because they had waited for others to finish their work. Both of the films of 'This Is the Answer' seemed to plead for them to know Jesus as the one true Saviour. Instead of resentment, they showed so much interest and appreciation that they even asked when they could see more of the films.

"Our prayer was answered one day with a young Moslem couple. We invited this young Asian family to our home for dinner. Knowing their strict allegiance to Mohammed, we feared their reaction to our blessing. After my husband had finished, there was silence for several minutes. Then the wife glowingly said, 'O that we could pray prayers like that and teach our children to do the same.' What joy we had! We were able to tell them much of the one to whom we prayed.

"The beginning and development of our new African churches has been one of the biggest thrills and joys of our lives. One village about 35 miles away sent a representative to ask that we begin services there. After leaving the road we walked a mile through bush, corn fields and banana trees. For that first service there were over 100 present to hear the gospel. This was a village without a single Christian, all having followed the ways of paganism and polygamy. Since then the gospel has continued to be preached regularly and there have come over 100 professed followers. All of these are now studying the meaning of the Christian life and Bible teachings as they await baptism. At present they are meeting on the outside but are busy making their own mudbricks for a building. They are digging and laying the foundation. They are doing most of their own work with only a little assistance financially from the mission. And these were all pagans less than nine months ago!"

Prayer

Testimonies from Missionaries

As our thoughts turn today to a sick and suffering world, we rejoice that prayer is being answered through the ministry of Southern Baptist medical missionaries. Today we have testimonies of answered prayer from two doctors, a nurse, a hospital administrator, and an evangelist.

From Missionary Gene Phillips, Rhodesian Baptist Mission:

"When we first came to Shabani, I prayed that God would use me to convict a witch doctor of his sin and to point him to Christ. In this present day, a person sees very few witch doctors, for they can be put in prison for practicing witchcraft. They have caused the death of many people. For example, an African woman's son died. She came to a witch doctor in Shabani to find the reason for his death. The witch doctor went through the procedure of 'throwing the bones.' The bones are usually pieces of sticks with certain images carved on them. The positions in which these bones fall are supposed to give the witch doctor his answer. He charges a big fee for this. He told the woman that her husband's brother was the cause of her son's death. When she returned home, she gave her husband the answer. He proceeded to revenge his son's death by giving poison to the two sons of his brother. Of course, the man was convicted by law and executed. However, four people lost their lives because of the witch doctor's lie. And yet, the witch doctor went free because they could not prove enough evidence against him.

"Thus when a witch doctor is truly saved, his life is completely changed. One day I held services at one of our preaching points. Only a small crowd of about 25 people were there. During the invitation, a man and his wife accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour.

"About three months later, this man came to our African evangelist, Robert Thondhlana. He told the preacher that he had been a witch doctor before he accepted Christ. But now he had left all of this, for Jesus had given him a new life. Brother Thondhlana asked him to bring all the things he used in witchcraft before the church and give them to me. The man said that he had already thrown the bones into the river, but he would bring the other things.

"When he gave these things to me before the church, he said words like these: 'I am not giving these things to our missionary, but I am giving them to Christ who has saved me and changed my life. When I was a witch doctor, I deceived people and robbed them of their money.'

"When I showed the beads with medicine in them, the cape, and the wild beast's tail which the former witch doctor had used to the fine Christian African woman who works for us, she said, 'Ah! that man has truly been saved!'"

Prayer

From Bill Hero, Jordan:

"Dr. Esmet Riyad, an Egyptian, came to the Ajloun Baptist Hospital as a single resident physician in 1967. He had been led to Christ in his own native land by missionaries of another denomination who placed little importance on believer's baptism and local church membership. Shortly after his arrival here we realized what a great asset it would be to our religious program to have an Arab doctor in complete sympathy with our ultimate objective of establishing local churches. We began to pray that the Lord would convince Dr. Esmet of his need for baptism and local church membership.

"Within the month, he was translating in a chapel service for one of our missionary speakers. The message concerned the local church. During the service Dr. Esmet became convinced of his need in these matters. Soon after that he asked to borrow books which set forth our Baptist beliefs. Some months later both he and his wife, who was also converted before her arrival in Ajloun, asked for believer's baptism and church membership. They became charter members of the Baptist church of Irbid.

"Dr. Esmet has served as director of the Telyeh Baptist Clinic for the past two years. This clinic is supported by the Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering. We praise our God who does answer prayer for preparing the doctor and his wife for this work and for the contribution they are even now making to our Baptist cause in Telyeh. We have been unable to secure missionary personnel for this town."

Prayer

From Dr. Martha Hagood, Kyoto, Japan:

"Have you ever prayed for anything as specific as a pathologist? They are as scarce as hen's teeth in the States and even more so here. As the doctors began surgery in our hospital about 1954, it was realized that one of our desperate needs would be a reliable pathologist to read our specimens. A surgeon's hands are tied unless he can receive accurate diagnoses on the tissue he removes. After many futile attempts to send specimens to the army facilities, with the inherent delays required in getting mail from the national post into the American army post, we finally made arrangements with a doctor at a local university to read our specimens. Although he may be a good pathologist, he is not a Christian and his attitudes are very different about so many things. During these five years in almost every meeting we have had, there has been a spoken prayer for a Christian pathologist.

"The Lord's answer to our prayer was forthcoming in Dr. Mutsuhiro Furuta. Born in Hiroshima, he became a Christian at the age of ten. He graduated from Okayama Medical School, then had an internship at the National Hospital in Hiroshima. He then spent three years as a pathologist at the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission Hospital where he was assistant professor. He spent a year and a half at the University Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the Pathology Department. During the period he was in the States he attended Mount Auburn Baptist Church where he sang in the choir. A former deacon, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, he is a man of experience.

"When he returned from the States in February, he had offers in two of the institutions where he had formerly worked. Either of these could offer him more money and far more prestige in the Japan society than a mission hospital. After much prayer of over five years on our part and in these recent months on his part, he has decided to come to Baptist Hospital.

"Any new position calls for new equipment. We now have a pathologist but no facilities for utilizing his training. We will immediately have to make available to him a budget to provide him with equipment and facilities for carrying on his research of leprosy.

"To bring a new family into a city like Kyoto is to commit oneself to provide housing which means that housing must be built, for vacancies are very unusual. For these large capital investments we depend on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"With the addition of this new doctor to our staff, we lack only one other specialist before we will be classified as a general hospital, after which we can meet the government standards for nursing school status."

Prayer

From Pauline Jackson, RN, Southern Rhodesia: "For one year Monda Marlar and I, both nurses, had the responsibility of the Sanyati Baptist Mission Hospital—without a doctor. During this time we had in our care, in addition to the usual diseases here, a flu epidemic and a severe malaria epidemic, the worst one in the history of the hospital.

"Before arriving in Africa I had never seen a patient with malaria much less treated one. During the three months of the malaria epidemic, we saw Lottie Moon offering dollars at work as our ambulance brought patients to the hospital. We saw your prayer and our prayer answered as children and adults were able to return to their homes well again.

"Many days the ambulance which the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering bought would make as many as seven calls to pick up patients from various villages. This would not mean just seven ill people but sometimes as many as 20 or 25 per day, as whole families would come, all ill.

"One day, when our ambulance driver was off, Miss Marlar and I went to a village about 15 miles from the hospital to get some patients. We found two very sick children. One was having continuous convulsions. As we returned to the hospital Miss Marlar held the baby. I was driving. An African woman sat in the front with us. The other sick child and several members of the family were in the back. The baby continued to convulse, and we were anxious to get back to the hospital with him.

"The ambulance was beginning to show the ravages of constant wear and tear that it was receiving during those days. After we crossed a narrow river bridge and started up the steep incline out of the river bed the ambulance stalled and began to roll back. I put on the emergency brake and it held us there with our precious cargo until the ambulance could be started again. After we had gone about one half mile we approached a curve in the road. I put my foot on the brake to slow down. Nothing happened! The brakes were completely gone, but we made the curve! How thankful

we were to God that our brakes had held at the river. We made it back to the hospital in low gear.

"As I think of how God guided and used for us during those difficult days I realize anew the importance of prayer and support of Christians at home."

Prayer

From Dr. Ruth Berrey, a pediatrician from Birmingham, Alabama, who volunteered for a year's special duty in Nigeria during the furlough of Dr. Martha Jordan Gilliland:

"Everywhere I go I hear people saying Lottie Moon built our house or our school, or the WMU Camp Young. Last December the Oghomoshio Town Council promised Lolele Dotson that they would run city water out to the Kersey Children's Home. The home is on a hill so they needed an overhead water tank. The Nigerian Missionary Society sent \$467 to build this tank. This was from their Christmas offering which they call Christ's Birthday Gift instead of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"Dr. Goldie, Mr. Afolabi, and I drove 600 miles (500 unpaved) to Jos to a TB and leprosy meeting last week. We visited two of our missions and some churches on the way. The Jos Baptist Church has about 800 people present every Sunday.

"The Nigerians in the northern region are more primitive than the Yorubas. They live in little round mud huts, wear leaves, and hunt with bows and arrows."

Prayer of Praise for God's many blessings on missionary work.

Doxology (stand)

Statement of Needs

Our theme for this day has been "O God, We Pray for the Sick and the Suffering." We have rejoiced over answered prayer, but now our hearts turn to world needs that challenge our best effort.

It has been estimated that 40 per cent of the people in Latin America are suffering from diseases that need immediate medical attention and that 80 per cent are sick from minor illnesses all the time. Pellagra, tuberculosis, malaria, and dysentery are always prevalent. In one village not a single baby lived for five years. The life span of the Indian population is approximately 38 years as compared to nearly 70 in our own country. The world's people need deliverance from poverty and ill health.

Prayer

An urgent need for more nurses comes from



Outpatient building



Recent Word from Dr. George M. Faile, Ghana, about the new Baptist Hospital at Nalerigu

The Baptist Medical Center was dedicated on August 2, 1958. The Nalerigu Baptist Church, with eight charter members, was organized on August 3, 1958. It was not possible to use our wards for inpatients due to lack of staff. However, Anita Sue Cather was born here on August 30, 1958 and her mother was our first inpatient. In September, 1958, Dr. Shelby Vance and family arrived to assume responsibility for our leprosy work. In October, 1958, Dr. F. L. Ashworth, a British Baptist doctor, came to join us on contract. We have given some training to ward attendants and have two African, trained nurses; therefore, we do admit some patients. Since August 8, 1958, 20,324 patient visits have been recorded. Three hundred and twenty-nine inpatients have received treatment. Unusual cases include one patient with a crocodile bite. Skin graft successfully covered the defect. One patient with rabies has been treated. Also one man had his eyes sprayed by a spitting cobra. Malaria, intestinal parasites, malnutrition, anemia, and dysentery are quite common. River blindness is tragically frequent. Sleeping sickness is prevalent, and nearly 1000 patients have had re-



Many gatherings are signaled by rhythmic drumbeat in Ghana

peated ulcer dressings—using those nice, rolled bandages supplied by various WMU members from all over the South!

As you may guess, our greatest need is for nurses. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Miss Annie Hagstrom, but have learned that she has been delayed for surgery. Then we need another doctor. Dr. Vance has had to return to the states recently and Dr. Ashworth is due for leave next year while our tour is due also to end—although we can certainly stay an additional year on the field if need be. Our volume of patients can keep two doctors busy full-time. Then, one doctor is needed for leprosy work and, with this many on the field, a fourth is needed to provide furloughs, etc. We do have a medical technologist, but a pharmacist would be most useful. And a dentist could be kept very busy. We see many, many people who need dental care. Our most important need is for an evangelistic missionary to develop our preaching stations into churches and to extend the evangelistic reach of our work here to more villages. All of us need a knowledge of the language!

Gaza, Egypt. "There is rarely an empty bed in our 92-bed surgical hospital, and it is common to see one or more patients on stretchers on the floor. Clinics continue to be crowded. After his visit with us in March, Dr. Goerner described ours as 'probably the busiest Baptist hospital in the world' from the standpoint of its size and staff. Our most urgent need is for two missionary nurses. Won't you make this a matter of special prayer?"

Prayer

It is hard for us to realize that in Africa and Asia sometimes a year's salary will be less than \$50. Neither energy, money, nor knowledge is available to change unsanitary conditions. One village was so infested with rats that an official campaign was declared against them. A group of men would surround a yard. The boards of the floor in the house would be torn loose. As the rats fled the men

would hit them over the head with clubs and toss them in buckets. There was an average of 200 rats per house or the equivalent of five gallons. If the missionary could report, "The rats are not falling this year," it would be an encouraging sign that there would be no plague. But if they dropped dead in the streets or fell from the doorways or ceilings, there would be much sickness.

The annual report from East Pakistan stated: "The food situation has been precarious. Epidemics of smallpox and cholera ravaged every district and took an unusually large toll of lives."

Prayer for these who live under such hardships.

The Mamprisi tribe in northeastern Ghana appealed to Southern Baptists to establish medical work among their people. They have one of the highest rates of tuberculosis in the world. In 1958 a hospital was opened and 12,000 patients were treated in a two-month period. At the end of 1958 the hospital had no missionary nurse.

Our Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, has closed one wing because of the shortage of nurses.

The report from the Orient states: "The Japan Baptist Hospital rejoices in a staff that is totally Christian. Lack of nurses, which limits expansion of the hospital ministry, is our hospital's most critical personnel problem."

In the hills of western Tanganyika, Southern Baptists have a tubercular hospital with three missionary doctors but only one nurse.

Pray the Lord of the harvest that he will call nurses.

The Virgin of Zepopan is a 20-inch doll with clothes for traveling in addition to the beautiful outfit she wears in the cathedral erected for her worship. Each year during the rainy season she visits Guadalajara, Mexico. She rides in a black Buick pulled into the city by priests as it would be irreverent to turn on the motor. Other priests spray the road with holy water from flit guns. Large sums of money are paid for the Virgin to pass down certain streets so that special blessings will come to the homes along the way. Outside her cathedral miniature arms, legs, heads, and hearts can be purchased by suffering believers. These are pinned to a

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red velvet curtain inside the church with promises of cures and prayers for the afflicted body. Of course, the priest can sell these all over again. This so-called healing shrine is second only in popularity to Mexico City's Virgin of Guadalupe whom the Pope in Rome named "Empress of the Americas."

Pray to God as did the psalmist: "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations" Psalm 67:2.

Presentation of Goals

The goal for our convention-wide Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$7,575,000. Our local goal is \$—

We are mentioning a few typical allocations to show how your love gifts will be used to relieve the sick and suffering.

Kediri Baptist Hospital, Indonesia: \$25,000

This hospital has been opened about two years. It is still in the process of adding buildings according to the plan typical of tropical areas where hospitals consist of a number of small detached buildings. The hospital is planning in terms of a total of 100 beds and a nursing school. During the first few years of operation, the hospital inevitably has rather heavy expenses. This item in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will do much to meet these expenses.

Japan Baptist Hospital: \$10,000

Medical science is relatively progressive in Japan as compared with other Orient lands. However, the element of Christian compassion and concern as expressed through the Japan Baptist Hospital and its ministry adds much which is not ordinarily found in medical service in Japan. With help such as this from the Lottie Moon offering, the hospital is enlarging and expanding its ministry.

Eku Baptist Hospital, Nigeria: \$12,000

This has become our largest hospital, and with the early removal of the Green Memorial School from Ogbomoso to Eku, the institution will assume even greater importance. There are 11 missionaries on the staff of the hospital at present assisted by 8 Nigerian registered nurses, 3 Grade II midwives and one Nigerian registered pharmacist. Soon the staff is to be supplemented by the first Nigerian doctor and his wife who will be arriving from Great Britain shortly. Much of the operating cost of the hospital is derived from medical fees charged the patients, so this is intended to supplement the money received from local sources.

Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Leprosy Service: \$7,500

Last year, 1357 people suffering from leprosy

were treated here. This appropriation assists the salaries of nurses, clerks, technicians, injectors, carpenters, laborers, and ten teachers who are patients. It also includes medical supplies, upkeep of building, office expenses, and bicycles used by staff.

Ire Welfare Center, Nigeria: \$4,000

Approximately 1,000 babies make their entry into the world at this center each year. This money supplements salaries and other operating costs.

Ajloun Hospital, Jordan: \$25,000

This is not quite half the total amount requested for operating expenses of this institution. This amount will be used for food, salaries, utilities, drugs and supplies, linens, nursing school expenses, medical literature and replacement of some equipment.

Barraquilla Baptist Hospital, Colombia: \$25,000

This hospital ministered to over 14,300 patients last year. Another main floor wing for charity and semi-charity inpatients has been opened, increasing the hospital capacity from 36 to 51 beds. The outpatients department has shown a steady upward trend with 23 per cent more patients.

Guadalajara Baptist Hospital, Mexico: \$20,000

The third Baptist hospital in Latin America was dedicated on February 17-18, 1958. The ultimate purpose of the hospital is to minister to the entire personality; therefore, apart from its medical program the hospital will maintain a spiritual ministry by endeavoring to present the basic principles of Christianity as the ultimate answer to man's spiritual need.

A total picture of our medical mission work would include these figures:

Missionary doctors: 46; national doctors: 54
Missionary nurses: 55; national nurses: 182
Hospitals: 18
Clinics and Dispensaries: 62
Beds: 854
Total patients: 231,121

Show Poster No. 2, "How Shall They Live?" and all read together

Pray that the goal of your church will be reached for the \$7,575,000 goal.

Repeat in Unison: Matthew 18:13-20

Offering: The women come forward reverently and put money in plates and then go to group prayer meetings. Use hymn for the week as musical background.

Group Praying: Break up into small groups and pray for needs learned about today. See page 72.



Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hayes, Vietnam

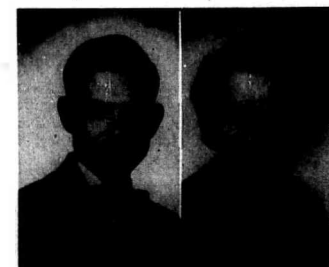
Southern Baptists Enter Two More Countries in 1959

Vietnam in Southeast Asia and Nyasaland in Central Africa are the two new countries where Southern Baptists established mission work in 1959.

The couple in Vietnam are Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes.

Two couples go into Nyasaland—Rev. and Mrs. William S. Wester and Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Albright.

This brings the total to 40 countries where Southern Baptists now serve.



Mr. and Mrs. William Wester, Nyasaland

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Albright, Nyasaland



WEDNESDAY, December 2

O God, We Pray for Lost Mankind

To Leader for Wednesday

If a spotlight is not available the tableaux can be formed behind a screen and two people can remove the screen at the proper time.

Study carefully this material; be sure you determine the exact amount of time necessary to present it without rush. Omit some of the testimonies if necessary to keep it within your time limit.

Time is important. Your church congregation will resent it if you hold them longer than the expected time for prayer meeting. You may forfeit interest in missions if you violate the schedule. So plan carefully and present the cause of missions so that many who do not know about mission work will respond to God's challenges.

(SCENE: Use Chorus, Soloist, or Verse Choir. Lights out. Spotlight on family group at prayer while first verse of "O God, We Pray for All Mankind" is given.)

Voice: John 17:1-5. (Spotlight now on reader and leader. It would be effective to have them bowed. The family group exits quietly as soon as spotlight changes to reader so that the next group may assemble.)

Leader's Comments: This prayer of Jesus brings us into a spiritual meeting between the Father and the Son. First of all, Jesus prayed for himself. We, too, must pray for ourselves. Jesus prayed that he would glorify the Father. We bring glory to God by obedience to his commands.

Jesus obeyed and died on the cross. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep. The cross showed what men thought of God's Son. The resurrection showed God's eternity. Jesus was glorified by his reunion with the Father. We glorify God when we love Jesus and obey him. The true work of the Son becomes known through our witness. We are sent as he was sent. We are glorified and enter eternal life when we participate in the Father-Son relationship. This is eternal life—to know "the only true God and Jesus Christ" whom God sent.

We pray for self and lost mankind
That we may God obey;
And all our place of service find,
To glorify this day.

(Soft musical background for concluding poem which follows might be effective. Use music to "O God, We Pray for All Mankind." Then chorus will be ready to sing next verse without musical introduction.)

Chorus, Soloist, or Voice Choir: Second verse. Spotlight on group representing "Man's sinful state": one holds an idol (statue or figure) another has bags or stacks of money, a young woman wears an evening dress, a masked man carries a dagger or gun, a young boy dresses as delinquent in jeans and black leather jacket with tousled hair.

Voice: John 17:6-10. (Spotlight on reader and leader. Group exits so third group may assemble.)

Leader's Comments: As we hear this prayer of Jesus, we recall how often the verb "give" is used; 17 times in this one prayer. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" The whole ministry of Jesus was sacrificial and involved self-giving. He could have told his disciples about God and have them recite his instructions from memory. Instead he gave the Word most forcibly when he lived the Word as he walked with men day by day.

Jesus said about his disciples: "Thou gavest them me." A missionary stated that each time he spoke he was comforted by Jesus' words: "You did not choose me, but I chose you" (John 15:16 RSV). Is it possible that God has chosen you, and you have refused to do what you were meant to do? God has his plan for each of us, but he does not compel us to follow it. Jesus said of his disciples that they received his word, they understood, and they believed. He left them with fullest confidence that they would carry on the work which he had given them to do. (Soft music.)

We know, O Lord, the plan you gave
To lessen human woe.
Thy followers sinful man must save
And show him where to go.

Chorus, Soloist, or Voice Choir: Third verse. (Spotlight on group representing nations of the world as third verse is sung.)

Voice: John 17:11-21. (Spotlight on reader and leader. Group of "nations" remains and other two groups join this one in preparation for final tableau.)

Leader's Comments

Jesus prayed for his disciples that they might be able to win the "nations in distress." He had been sent "because God so loved the world." Why, then, did he say, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me?" The "world" stands for mankind living without God. The only plan Jesus has for reaching this world is through men and women, boys and girls, who will let his spirit work through them in loving and devoted service. Such disciples would lead the world to believe in Him.

Christ did not pray this prayer of ordination just for the eleven Galilean peasants who had remained faithful to him. After a ministry of three years, these were the fruits of his labor. How discouraged we would be. Yet Jesus looked down through the ages and prayed for you and me. What did he pray? That we would have his joy, that we would be kept from evil, that we would live a Christian life in a world that might sometimes hate us for it, that we would be one in spirit with others who loved and obeyed him. This did not mean that we would all belong to one church, or worship one way, or believe exactly the same things. It meant that there would be a unifying spirit of sympathetic understanding for each other because we love God and Jesus Christ whom God sent. (Soft music.)

With humble plea on thee we call
To keep us from distress
Of one hast Thou not made us all?
O God, Thy children bless.

Chorus, Soloist, or Voice Choir: Fourth verse. (Spotlight on world globe or map with all three groups around the world.)

Voice: John 17:22-26. (Keep light on groups and also on reader and leader. The different groups leave as leader directs.)

Leader's Comments

(Family group steps forward.) We look at this family group, the smallest unit of society. We hear the prayer of Jesus that "the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them." He prayed that we would not find escape from the world, but victory over life's irritations and trials. As we go forth into our world of the grocery store, the school, the office, our own backyard, our social clubs, the neglected areas of our community, may we be disciples who will make those we contact conscious of the love of God. (Group exits.)

(Second group steps forward.) "Thou knowest, Lord, man's sinful state." Christ died for sinners. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). The cross was the

glory of Jesus. It was the completion of his work. It proved there were no limits to the love of God for sinful man. We find our glory by doing as God wills. May our prayer be that sinful man will see in us the reflection of God. (Group exits.)

(Third group steps forward.) "Help all the nations, near and far, awake thy glory see." "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15). Christ promised that if we declare his name on earth, we will share his glory in eternity. (Group exits.)

Leader: (soft music) "Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory... Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in" (Psalm 24:10, 7). As we stand in this holy place, may we sing as our prayer, "O God, We Pray for All Mankind" (Congregation sings all four verses).

Leader: This is our Call to Prayer:

"Day by day for the world I pray"

For these, thy laborers, on their birthday.

This home missionary has a birthday today:
Bartolome Burguet, Cuba.

We have received messages from our four foreign missionaries whose birthdays are December 2. Dr. Roy Wyatt, Jr., president of the Spanish Baptist Seminary writes, "Last year I was speaking in Atlanta during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. I shall never forget the thrill of hearing people pray for me on my birthday. I am most fortunate that it comes during this highly significant week. 'Each year I am conscious of the power of intercessory prayer. Many times when we are facing difficulties in Spain or on the threshold of a new venture, word arrives from the States that someone has been praying for us. We feel encouraged and encouraged and know we can do the task before us because of your interest and support. May I urge you not to forsake praying for the missionaries around the world. We are grateful for your love and aid. Remember we cannot serve Christ overseas if you fail to do so at home.'"

May we bow our heads. Ask your own heart, Is my service, my life, my speech, my mind acceptable unto God? (pause) How many times have I prayed for the Baptists of Spain? Will you pray now? (pause) For how many missionaries do I make intercession? Can I truthfully say, "Day by day for the world I pray"? (pause)

Mrs. C. E. Clark serves in Venezuela. She says: "Our area in western Venezuela takes in a territory larger than the state of South Carolina, and we are the only Baptist missionaries. Several thousand North Americans live in and around our city of 390,000 located in a rich oil-producing district. They have organized an English-speaking Baptist church.

"During the past year, 25 members were baptized into our Spanish-speaking church. It took less than two members to win one. The greatest joy in the Lord's work here as there in the States is in seeing souls saved and lives changed.

"Let me pass on a quotation that has stuck with me: 'Prayer does not consist of words alone, but also of attitudes and actions.'"

May we bow our heads. Ask your own heart, Is my greatest joy in seeing souls saved? (Pause) Has my witness ever caused anyone to believe in Jesus as his Saviour? (Pause) Are my attitudes and actions toward people of other nations and races those that would honor Christ? (Pause)

Mrs. Mark Alexander, Jr., writes from Parana, Argentina: "A few days ago my husband and I received a bouquet of flowers from our church here in Parana in commemoration of our first year on this field. It's been a good year, although there have been plenty of unhappy and frustrating experiences. For a girl who learned to cook on an electric stove, not the least of these has been having to use kerosene for cooking. There were, and are still, the problems which go along with learning a foreign language and adjusting to different customs. Through it all my prayer has most often been for strength to meet each day's need. This prayer has been most abundantly answered, and I feel that I can face with confidence the years ahead."

May we bow our heads. Ask your own heart, Have I prayed for missionaries, for my pastor, for my church officers, for myself that all of us shall bear witness which will measure up to today's need? (Pause) Do I have confidence in the years ahead because I know that I can rely on the Power of the Lord? (Pause) Do I sacrifice for luxuries and non-essentials or do I sacrifice kingdom work at home and abroad? (Pause) Do I believe that where my treasures, there will my heart be also? (Pause)

Mrs. W. L. DuVal teaches in the Newton Memorial School for missionary children in Oshogbo, Nigeria. She writes, "Before Wallace and I sailed for Nigeria, we read a letter in the Baptist Message from Mrs. Bob Goldie telling of the need for teachers at the missionary children's school. We did not know where we would

be sent, but the letter was a plea I could not forget.

"In September, 1957, we arrived in Nigeria and went to language school in Oyo during which time we visited many of the stations in the western region and became familiar with some of the needs. During our visit to Oshogbo we were impressed with the need for teachers. We saw how many other missionaries would be released for more avenues of service if someone would teach their children. We felt it was the Lord's will that we accept this task. As we look back on the last year, we see that we ourselves are the answer to Mrs. Goldie's prayer."

May we bow our heads. Ask your own heart, Is it possible that I could be the answer to someone's prayer, even my own? (Pause) Do I pray really meaning it—with faith—that "the Lord of the harvest . . . will send forth labourers into his harvest"? (Pause) Would I rejoice if my child, my sister or brother felt called to a foreign mission field? (Pause)

Prayer: for those on the Calendar of Prayer and for the world mission of our church.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Leader: This is a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Our thoughts tonight have been turned toward a prayer Jesus prayed for his disciples down through the ages. That includes us. Our missionaries have spoken to us about their dependence on prayer. Our hearts have been searched in regard to our witness and intercession.

Now we come to testimonies from around the world of how our prayer and our Lottie Moon offering have been used to win souls. Evangelism is the major purpose of all our missionary endeavor. Last year 30,000 were baptized on foreign mission fields. These stories tonight tell of unusual tools that have been used by God's witnesses to win lost mankind. (It is suggested that the leader tell these stories, calling for a prayer of praise after each one. The objects mentioned in each story might be placed on a table at front. Or an alternate suggestion would be to have four different people tell the stories as they hold the objects in their hands.)

Blueprints in Argentina (hold blueprint)

This testimony comes from Mrs. Ben Bedford:

"One of the greatest thrills of our lives was the conversion of Jose Ragni and his wife. Mr. Ragni was the architect for three church buildings in Rosario and has drawn plans for numerous buildings all over Argentina. When we started working on the plans for the First Baptist Church, Ben began immediately to speak with the architects about Christ. It was rather



The missions in Asia need churches in which to hear the gospel (Hong Kong)

difficult for them to understand the functions of a building for a Baptist church. Especially difficult for Mr. Ragni was the baptistry. So he went to Buenos Aires to see some of the churches there and to examine the baptistry in the chapel of the International Seminary. When they were in the baptistry to take measurements, Ben stated that he hoped that the Ragnis would accept Christ as Saviour during the construction and be the first ones to be baptized in the new building. Mr. Ragni answered, 'Who knows? It could be.'

"We began to pray that it would be so. Ben gave them tracts, New Testaments, Bibles, and doctrinal books. They visited in our home and we visited with them to talk about the gospel. They started attending the South District church where Ben was pastor at the time. They were both hungry for the gospel. They said, 'We feel we are orphans.' Mrs. Ragni had been active in Catholic Action and had attended a nuns' school.

"Time for our furlough drew near and they still had not made a decision for Christ. But we had the assurance in our hearts that God would answer our prayer before leaving for the States. Next to the last Sunday they were in the service. Afterwards Mrs. Ragni told me that she wanted to feel something in her heart when she accepted the Lord. She explained that when she attended the nuns' school they had communion every afternoon. The nuns would say, 'Be still, for the body of the Lord Jesus is in you.' She said that she felt no difference and thought that if Christ were really in her, she would feel it. I explained again the way of salvation and told her that she would have to accept Christ before she could feel His Power in her life. The following Sunday morning, they made their profession of faith.

"When we returned from furlough, the first thing Mrs. Ragni said was, 'Do you remember my asking about feeling Christ in my heart? I have that feeling and know what it is for Christ to live in me.' And sure enough, the

Lord answered our prayer and Mr. Ragni was the first person baptized in the new baptistry with Mrs. Ragni following him. They are both fine, talented persons. Pray with us and them as they seek to use their talents in God's Kingdom. Keep praying and keep giving that many others may come to know Him whom to know aright is life eternal."

Prayer

Filmstrips in Africa (hold filmstrip)

The testimony from Nairobi, Kenya is given by Missionary Davis Saunders:

"Every station in East Africa has or soon will have a complete visual aid unit including generator and projector. We have received through the Foreign Mission Board films on the life of Christ.

"The general procedure is to begin by playing records in the local dialect while setting up the equipment. Then some sort of general information film is presented. After this a gospel message is given over the public address system and the concluding religious film is shown. An appeal is made during the message for a decision for Christ. Many have remained behind or come afterward to talk about these things. Our equipment was purchased with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"As to the answers to prayer, there are two incidents which might be mentioned. As the time approached for the opening of the Baptist Center building, built with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money, Mr. Martin and I, along with our wives, and the African worker felt that we wanted to start the Week of Prayer with revival services, and also that we missionaries ought to conduct the services.

"We wrote home and asked our friends to pray for the success of this effort. Before the end of that week, with attendances of over 400 almost every night, more than 50 people had made professions of faith. Certainly it was not the stumbling tongues of the missionaries that

made the revival a success but God's Spirit working through the prayer of those who are interested and praying for our work.

"The African people are very impressed with the use of visual aids for teaching and preaching the gospel. Visual aids make things more real to them: they are able to comprehend what one says much quicker, and their attention is captured.

"My first experience with visual aids in Africa was at Gutu Reserve. A reserve is a rural area where the Africans live. Their customs, methods of cultivating and reaping crops, etc., are very similar to those of their forefathers. They live in mud huts with grass roofs.

"Our preaching point at Gutu was in the shade of a huge tree. The seats were logs and the ground. There was no proper road to the preaching place. However, we were able to drive the car there as we dodged stumps, rocks, and marshy ground.

"At this preaching point God gave a wonderful answer to prayer through the use of visual aids. I had prayed definitely that God would use the program that night for his glory. After we had sung hymns, made some announcements, and read from the Scriptures, the film strip of Noah and the Ark was shown. When the invitation was given, 22 people received Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

"How wonderful it is to see the gospel of Christ work miracles in the hearts of people. And how thankful I am that Christians, through their mission gifts, made it possible for me to proclaim the light of God in a land of darkness."

Prayer

Hammers and Nails Around the World (hold objects)

Mrs. Howard Olive writes from the Philippines: "A special object of prayer at the missionaries' prayer meeting each week had been the Filipino church in Baguio. We needed an active church in our seminary life. Although this one had been organized in 1955, growth had been slow because of great opposition. There was not enough money to buy land for a building, so we used the Lottie Moon funds to remodel a dwelling in which we had been meeting. This simple structure has become a landmark.

"The workmen employed in the remodeling and in the construction on the campus nearby became so interested in the Baptist faith that a Bible study class was organized for them. Now the majority are professing Christians.

"One young single boy told his aunt and uncle, 'The Baptists don't have any bad habits, but they don't govern their members by laws or rules. They just set the right example and

let every man with the help of God be his own judge.' These relatives marveled at the transformation of this nephew from a rebellious gambling, drinking boy to one who reads the Bible and was obedient and loving. We explained it 'by the grace of God' and could truthfully add 'and faithful Christians at the home base who are praying and giving for our work here.'"

Prayer

Rev. Evan Holmes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Concepcion, Chile, writes: "This is a city of 150,000 people, but several years ago we were averaging only 120 in Sunday school. The children were in classes while the rats raced across the floor and the fleas played leapfrog. We prayed for a building. In 1956, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was big enough so that an educational unit could be erected. In December 1958 there were over 500 in Sunday school."

Miss Lereue Telford writes of answered prayer in the building of churches and chapels in Taiwan (Formosa): "The Chinese government planned a modern housing village. The Baptist request for permission to buy a plot of land either within the city or adjacent to it was rejected. The Living Church prayed. God answered our prayer and gave us an ideal location on the outer highway just off the city plot. Last May a beautiful sanctuary was dedicated. Because you gave your money and prayed, the impossible has become a reality. God's name is glorified as men, women, and children meet to worship, to study God's Word, and to witness to the thousands in this strategic area."

Prayer

Radios in Brazil (hold radio)

Claud Bampus sends this testimony from Brazil: "In January, 1956, I went to the radio station here at Campina Grande, Brazil, to try to secure time for an evangelical program. We have one of the most powerful radio stations in Brazil. The programs go out on short wave as well as on regular broadcasts.

"That morning the manager told me, 'All our time is sold. You Baptists have one program. Why do you want another?' It was true. Our local Baptist church had a 20-minute program once a week on Saturday night, but no prayer was for a real radio ministry.

"A year later we secured permission for a 30-minute program featuring the children of our Sunday school. This soon became one of the most popular programs in the city. The Lord was blessing and attitudes were changing. We decided to ask for a daily half-hour.



The church pictured here is in Sigen, not far from the Swiss border, about half way between the city of Konstanz in Germany and the city of Schaffhausen in Switzerland. It is a church of about 120 members, served by a pastor jointly with the church in Konstanz. The chapel was completed just one year ago and Southern Baptists contributed substantially to the costs of building. The church is now doing an excellent job of evangelizing an area which was almost solidly Catholic before.

In East and West Germany there are 440 churches. We hope that money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help four churches next year in their building programs. Since the war, between 50 and 60 churches have been helped by Southern Baptists in this way. Often your gifts, which are fairly modest, have helped a church to build, when it might otherwise have been quite impossible.

"The manager offered us time at 5:30 in the afternoon. We knew that many sections of the city did not have electric power until six. We delayed, and representatives of the station kept asking, 'When are you Baptists going to begin your program?' We prayed, and God answered. Six months later our time was changed to 9:45 at night. This was one of the best hours.

As time for our furlough drew near, we became greatly concerned about the continuation of this ministry. Just one week before we were to leave, we received 12 recorded programs of our Brazilian Baptist Hour. As the manager listened, he kept repeating, 'We have nothing on our station that will compare with this.' He and his assistant heard five of these 15-minute programs without interruption.

What a change in attitude! Two and a half years before the manager had said, 'You Baptists have one program. Why do you want

Churches in Germany

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The response of people in Germany to preaching has been quite good during these past ten years. One must, however, admit that it is becoming more difficult actually to reach people outside the churches. Prosperity has hit the country and people like to go out on week ends, thus becoming unavailable for church attendance. However, there were 2,714 baptisms reported last year for the entire country.

Not all the churches in Germany have pastors. Often one pastor must care for more than one church. There are still several churches without a pastor at all that seek one. There are, however, about 80 young people studying in the seminary in Hamburg and a number who are studying with us in Ruschlikon. There are now 15 pastors in Germany and Switzerland who have had at least part of their training in Ruschlikon. In addition there are six others, in missionary service or in a teaching responsibility. Almost all of these churches are self-supporting. Some of the pastors have to work in other jobs, but that is not usually the case. I think it is quite right to put emphasis on the position of the pastor. The success of our churches depends very largely upon having men who are deeply dedicated and efficient in their work and we feel that our seminary here is making a definite contribution at this point.

another?' Today we have that same program and six others on this same station owned by the same company. Yes, God does provide and opens doors of opportunity when we have faith and wait on him."

Prayer of Praise

Doxology (Stand)

Statement of Needs

Leader: We have praised God for what has been done. Let us now think of the needs of the world. Our theme this day has been, "O God, We Pray for Lost Mankind." Our minds have been turned to evangelistic efforts on our mission field. Let us now turn our hearts to these startling facts.

There are almost 2 billion people in the world who do not know Christ as personal Saviour. This is more than all the people who

HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?

Almost 2 billion people are lost

One SBC missionary to every
300,000 in Latin America
700,000 in Europe, Africa
and Near East

1,000,000 in Orient

God for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$7,575,000

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live in North and South America plus Europe plus Africa plus 4/5 of Asia. How can we understand this great number? Suppose we put it this way. If these lost people were to pass in front of us at the rate of one per second, we would remain seated here for 63 years. Each one might glance our way and say "You didn't go, you didn't give, you didn't pray."

At the present rate of missionary endeavor, it would take us 202 years to win the souls alive today and this would include only one third of the population increase each year.

As we think of the needs of lost mankind, think also of those who go to the far places. Our 1355 foreign missionaries requested 740 new appointees to help in their fields of service. One letter read, "Excuse my delay in writing. My two crying little sick girls are much better today. . . . The hospital here is a tribute to the generous hearts of Southern Baptists as they gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We have three doctors, but I am the only nurse. Pray for me." Another states, "We have a hospital, a seminary, publication work and schools, but what we need are preachers." A teacher writes, "Our furlough comes next year, but there is no one to take our place here in this school for missionary children. Pray with us that help will come." Still another: "Today we preached to people who had never heard the Word of God. How attentive they were! They begged us to return the next week. Because of our crowded schedule, it will be at least a year before we can go back."

The request came from these and other missionaries to the Foreign Mission Board for 740 co-laborers. The most that the Board even hopes to appoint this year is 140. Evangelism waits upon your giving and your dedication.

There is one missionary to every 300,000 people in Latin America. There is one to every 700,000 in Europe, Africa and the Near East. There is one to every million in the Orient.

A great Christian layman declared, "It is hard for me to give my time, energy, and

effort. The easiest thing I do as a Christian is to give my money." Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$7,575,000. May we accept this challenge to give a sacrificial love offering that will help provide the missionaries, the hospitals, the schools, the publications and other tools of evangelism to win the world.

Jesus agonized in prayer: "O righteous Father," he grieved, "the world hath not known thee." Then he mentioned those who did believe, and he envisioned followers such as you and me, "these have known that thou hast sent me." We know, but can we promise to follow the example of our Lord and Saviour as he said, "I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:25,26).

O God, we pray for lost mankind
For nations far astray,
We plead that all Thy love may find
In this Thy gracious day.

—Howard J. Conover

(If you wish to do so and there is time, read instead Miss Applegarth's feature on page 4.)

Show Poster No. 4; all read it together.

Prayer

Leader: As Christians we have received commissions. May we place our hands over our hearts and repeat these words in unison. If you do not believe them, do not say them for by this repetition we reaffirm our faith in world missions. (Repeat in unison Matt. 28:19-20.)

Now may we recall another great verse of Scripture: "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). (Four guides stand in the four designated divisions of the room north, east, south, and west. They should have placards with these words printed on them.) Will you follow your leader in putting your sacrificial love gift—your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—in these collection plates? They are placed before the world (point to map or globe and beneath our theme; point to streamer: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind.") Have you prayed enough to give enough?

Then we are asking that you follow your leader to a prayer room (or one section of auditorium) where you will have opportunity to pray definitely for lost mankind, for the needs you have heard about. (Music of hymn for week. This is prearranged signal for four guides to lead their groups to go by offering plates to meeting place. The choir may sing this hymn or the leader may read it as the procession leaves the auditorium.)

Group Praying

THURSDAY, December 3

O God, We Pray for Presses at Work for God

OUTLINE

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
Prayer Chairman Presides
Individual Reading: John 17
Sing, "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
Scripture Meditation
Call to Prayer
Prayer
Leader for the Day Presides
Testimonies from Missionaries
Prayer of Praise
Doxology
Statement of Needs
Prayer
Presentation of Goals
Prayer That Goal Be Reached
Repeat in Unison: Matthew 18:19-20
Offering
Group Praying

O God, We Pray for Presses at Work for God

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind" (play softly)

Prayer Chairman: "Behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice" 1 Kings 19:11-12. In the quietness and stillness of this moment, we will read in silence the prayer Jesus prayed for us.

Individual Reading of John 17

Hymn: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

Scripture Meditation

First Reader: When God wanted the Ten Commandments spoken so that they would be remembered, he wrote them with his finger on stone.

Second Reader: "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

And Moses turned, and went down from the

mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God" Exodus 31:18; 32:15-16.

First Reader: Job was in despair, yet he would not give up hope. He cried in agony.

Second Reader: "Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" Job 19:23-25.

First Reader: When Adoniram Judson was asked on his missionary application, "When and where were you hopefully converted?" he said that he had read Claudius Buchanan's sermon, "The Star in the East." This had led to his salvation and his call as a missionary. He and his wife wrote books that led others to the mission field. One of these was Henrietta Hall Shuck who stated, "I decided to go to the heathen in March, 1834. Reading the memoirs of Mrs. Judson caused me first to think on the subject."

Second Reader: The psalmist declared, "This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord" Psalm 102:18.

"The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book" Jer. 30:1-2.

First Reader: David Livingstone's mother read mission books to him on the long Sunday evenings at home in Scotland. Albert Schweitzer testified that when he was a boy his father read the letters from the French Society missionaries, and in his heart he could never get away from the deep impression that he should answer the needs of this mission field.

Second Reader: The Bible speaks often of impressions being written on the heart, "After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people" Jer. 31:33.

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will

put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" Heb. 10:16.

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart" Prov. 3:3.

First Reader: Our modern missionaries testify to the power of the printed word. Miss Mary Alexander, over 50 years missionary in China and for many years associated with the Hong Kong Baptist Press, says, "My mission call dates back to an article I read."

Miss Mabel Summers in Lebanon states, "I sat on the floor before a pile of mission magazines, especially on many a rainy afternoon, and read and looked and yearned to go to the uttermost parts."

Miss Mary Demarest of Taiwan (Formosa) testifies, "It was through reading mission study books and leading groups of YWAs in mission study classes that the Lord prepared me to hear his call."

Second Reader: In Ezra's day, the writing of the captivity experiences was recommended so "that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers" Ezra 4:15.

The testimony of the Bible has stood through the centuries: "But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5:47.

Almost like a biblical command comes the refrain of a great missionary hymn: "Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release." It is affirmed that this will "haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light."

Call to Prayer

We pray today for presses at work for God. We also remember to pray for our home missionary, Rev. Harmon Popham, Utah, and the overseas missionary whose birthday is on December 3, Rev. Robert Harris from Peru. Before we pray, I want to read a prayer testimony that he has written.

"It seemed strange on that March evening in 1956 that my family was not present to wave to me when I arrived at the beautiful Lima airport. I had been away for nearly three weeks at a missions conference. My wire advising them that I was coming that evening must have arrived, I thought, for there was my missionary colleague, M. D. Oates, on the platform. In a few moments I was through customs and speeding away in M. D.'s car to the Anglo-American Clinic.

On the way I was told how Bobby, my two-year-old boy had been stricken with polio three days before. At first it had seemed to be only tonsillitis, but when the fever refused to go down, a spinal tap had confirmed a polio diag-

nosis. At the clinic I found Mary Little, my wife, practically exhausted. I drove her home to rest and returned to the hospital where the doctors reviewed for me the ordeal she had experienced. Bobby had been admitted the day before. He had lingered in semi-consciousness while everything possible had been done to bring the fever down. Then the doctor explained that they feared this was the better type affecting the brain, and that he probably would not live if the fever did not break soon. When the doctors left me there in the half-light of that waiting room I knew death was very close to my little family.

Every 15 minutes I stepped to Bobby's room to watch the nurse check his temperature and pulse. The Lord's presence was just as real as that dread disease, and as I prayed through the night I was not alone. At four o'clock Bobby seemed to recognize me and grinned slightly. His fever had begun to break, and we knew that God had given him back to us."

Prayer of thanksgiving for answered prayer

Testimonies from Missionaries

From Dr. Roy Starmer, director of the Baptist Publishing House in Rome, Italy:

"I would like to say that I deeply appreciate the interest of Woman's Missionary Union in our publishing work in Italy. All of us connected with it are grateful to all of you who have so faithfully supported us.

"Since this is a Catholic country it is often most difficult to reach the people through the spoken word. There is much opposition and oftentimes hindrances are placed in the way of those who would like to attend our services. This means that we must rely upon the printed word to make our message known.

"Thus it has been our prayer to build an adequate publishing house in order to enlarge our publication work. Our prayers have been answered.

"I would like to mention two specific instances of conversion or interest aroused from the distribution of tracts.

"Last year our Baptist church carried out an extensive program of tract distribution in a nearby town. One of the tracts dealt with the conversion of Father Chiniquy, a Canadian Roman Catholic priest. The tract relates how he found Christ through reading the Bible and how he later led a thousand members of the Roman Catholic Church under his care to accept Christ in a single service, after he had given his personal testimony of Jesus' power to save without the mediators of Mary.

"The distribution of this tract caused such interest in the town that people were converted and later a church was organized. Last year at



A Missionary in a Publishing House

by Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, El Paso

In translating from English to Spanish, word choice is extremely important and difficult. I realize this more and more as my husband and I serve in the Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Our material is read in 41 countries and among the Spanish-speaking in the USA. Words must be within the range of the person with an average amount of education. But it is difficult indeed to define the word average as it applies to people.

I thought of Martha who helped us with the housework while we lived in Colombia. She came from a home where the entire family lived in one room, cooked over a fire made in an improvised pile of rocks, slept on a straw mat, washed clothes in the nearby stream, and did not have a book in the home. After she left her own home she was saved and wanted to learn to read so she could read the Bible. Night after night I helped her and it was amazing how rapidly she learned. But Martha is not average and I must not think of her as the average person for whom I was choosing Spanish words.

My thoughts turned to Mrs. Lucila Chavez, my Spanish teacher in the fascinating city of Toluca, Mexico. She invited me to her lovely, spacious home and offered to

teach me Spanish because she wanted to "help the missionaries." She was a graduate of a teachers' college, could read English as well as I, and was most active in all the organizations of the church. Neither was she to be used as my average person.

But finally my answer came. I recalled the people who attended Camp Yumuri in Cuba. They would be using this magazine for reference work when they assembled there. I knew that the Baptists in Honduras were new in Christian faith and do not have the advantage of coming from second or third generation Baptist homes. I considered the people in Guatemala who were so eager.

Yes, I had my answer. I should write for the eager people I had known. People who are alike wherever one goes—earnest, seeking Christians, wanting knowledge, eager to expand mental horizons, hungry for their hearts to be filled with more of the joy they began to know when they accepted Christ as Saviour. I have a message to translate—the love of God in Christ Jesus. They have a spiritual need. Through words written in Spanish we can have fellowship and grow in our knowledge and understanding of God the Father.

our annual convention, the new church was admitted to membership in the Baptist Union of Italy. At that time one of the members of the new community told how the church owed its existence to the distribution of this tract printed by the Italian Baptist Publishing House.

Another large and growing Baptist church in Italy also came into being partly as a result of the influence of a tract published and distributed by our publishing house. Someone gave a copy to a resident of the town of St. Angelo

in Villa. It so happened that there was some dissatisfaction and unpleasantness in the Roman Catholic church of this village. Some of the people decided that they needed more guidance and more light. To whom should they go?

Our tracts had the name and address of the pastor of a neighboring church. Some of the people decided that this might be the answer to their spiritual problem so they went to see this pastor.

He returned with them and preached the

gospel. Almost all in the village turned to the Lord. A church building is being erected. Although there is much opposition, the word is being preached and work is progressing. At the present time construction of the building has been suspended due to opposition of the Roman Church authorities, but the people remain firm in their faith.

"Please ask our people to pray for our publishing work. We have a number of problems which you can help solve through prayer. We find that when our people back home pray for us we are more effective, and we are able to solve any problem."

Prayer of Praise

From Missionary Evan Holmes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Concepcion, Chile, comes this testimony of how tracts are used in Christian witnessing:

"One day in 1953 some members of our church were out knocking on doors inviting people to the services. As they visited one home a young girl of 13 received the tract and took it to her father who was ill. After he read the tract he said, 'I have heard so much about these people that are evangelicals. If I could get up out of bed we would all go to that church next Sunday.' Just as the Lord would have it, he did get up, and next Sunday morning the father and mother with four fine-looking children were all there.

"About two years afterward the mother became ill with cancer. Two weeks before she died, I asked if I might talk to her about her relationship to God. She knew that death was coming, and she was ready. Her mother and sister told her that she was going to die because she had left the Catholic church. The next day when I walked in, they were there by the bed. I asked Lidia Monteros two questions: 'In the face of death, are you sorry that you became a Christian?' She looked at me and with a glorious smile said, 'A thousand times no.' The mother and sister bowed their heads. Then I said, 'Do you have anything to say to the church?' She said, 'Tell the brethren, even though we fail Christ, he never fails us.'

"The next morning at 4:30 she closed her eyes in sleep. I feel that she and many others would not have been won if a beautiful place of worship had not been made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and if gospel tracts had not been published and available for our use."

Prayer of Praise

Mabel Summers, missionary in Lebanon, took time from typing and mimeographing vacation Bible school materials in Arabic to write of the effective use of Bibles and gospel tracts in the

WHAT SHALL THEY READ

10 million people in the world
have to read every year

1/2 SBC mission fields have
publication work

45 missionaries in 14 centers

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$1,000,000

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Near East:

"Three children from a non-Christian family have been greatly influenced by the Beirut Baptist School. This school was built with Lottie Moon funds. The two older girls have been converted. One stood in chapel and gave her testimony, saying that she previously had attended government schools where there is no Christian influence. Since she had been in the Baptist school, she has come to know Jesus and is trying to practice his teachings in her life. Recently the mother's left arm was removed because of cancer. She and the children have come to a new realization of the comfort and power of God during the days of her illness and recovery. The girls had been given Bibles at school, and they read to their mother and pray every night before going to bed. If most or all the members of this family are saved and take an open stand, they will face persecution for they are Druses, one of the strict Moslem sects. Pray for them, especially for the conversion of the parents."

Prayer of Praise

Mrs. Howard Olive writes from the Philippines:

"During the past few years of construction on the campus of our seminary and in the building of our church, the missionaries came to know the workmen intimately and found that many of them had never heard the gospel preached. They asked questions about the Baptist, the purpose of our school, and even about our beliefs. We gave them Bibles and tracts. Before long, a class for Bible study was begun among this group, and they were encouraged to attend church services. Now the majority of them are professing Christians.

"One man became so deeply convicted of his sins and the worth of Bible study that he spent nights with the caretaker so they could study the Bible together in the hours remaining after a long working day. Soon after his conversion,

he brought his brother to Christ and then his wife.

"A painter with a large family lives near our church. We had used him for many jobs and constantly invited him to our services. His recent conversion, according to his testimony, was much like Paul's. Certainly his transformed life is an equivalent comparison to the reversal Paul knew. Every service finds him present with his children. His constant prayer is for his wife to know the joy of salvation that is his.

"Thus the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, providing money for Bibles and a new church building, helped us win souls even before the building was completed."

Prayer of Praise

From Rev. Earl Martin in Nairobi, Kenya comes word about literacy evangelism. Two hundred million more adults are reading today than read 25 years ago. Our presses and those of our enemies are hard at work to produce something for these people to read.

"In Asia and Africa alone, there are over a billion people who cannot read. This is almost half the human race. The fear and poverty that haunts the lives of these people cannot be expressed because they are illiterate. They live in dread of educated men in this world and of devils in the world to come.

"Have you ever wondered if these people want to learn? Perhaps the most primitive people on the earth are found in New Guinea. They assured the missionary after World War II that 'they had hardly eaten anyone for 15 years.' Messengers were sent to tell them that lessons would be given in a certain place. Of the 20,000 inhabitants in that locality, about 10,000 assembled on the appointed day. The airfield was so crowded that there was much circling overhead before room could be cleared for the plane to land.

"Russia taught 100,000,000 to read in 15 years. Mexico taught a million in one year. In Africa this is a most urgent need. Mr. Martin states that in Kenya, Baptists have seven literacy classes. The Laubach method is used as well as materials published in England. He writes, 'I feel that we are just getting started in applying the evangelistic opportunities which develop out of this approach. If we can reach even a few for Christ, it is well worth the effort.'

Prayer of Praise

Doxology

Statement of Missionary Needs

Missionaries will be more dependent on the "Lion Preacher," as the religious press is some-

times called, in the future than they have been in the past. The world is learning to read at the rate of ten million a year. What will they read? The output of Christian literature is impressive, but one missionary has described it "like offering a pitcher of water for the irrigation of a desert."

"We are being flooded with propaganda," reports a missionary in Asia who finds it intolerable that "the press should speak with all voices except the voice of Christ. Many there are who sow tares; we must see that the fertile wheat of the gospel is sown."

The Baptist Publishing House in Rio reported last year 138,461 books published; 1,803,206 pamphlets; 170,000 Bibles; 2,310,368 gospels; 1,077,652 Sunday school and other quarterlies. The Hong Kong press printed 56,088 books and 193,365 periodicals. The Spanish Publishing House printed 141,400 books and 802,900 periodicals. These figures are impressive, yet when one considers the billions of people to be reached, only one conclusion is possible: much more must be done.

A missionary writes, "Our major task is to proclaim the gospel, win the lost, and establish strong New Testament churches. The mission press contributes to the accomplishment of all three phases of this worthy program. Imagine with what difficulty one would establish a mission if there were no gospel tracts, no hymnals, no Sunday school materials or other printed church supplies. Imagine trying to strengthen and develop the established work without the help of study course books, commentaries, and other materials which are essential to the national pastor's workshop."

In some instances in Latin America, entire churches and even groups of churches, were ready to become Baptist upon the arrival of the missionary because they had been using our publications. From two countries came repeated and urgent appeals to the Spanish Baptist Publishing House to send someone to baptize believers and organize Baptist work. This was a determining factor in the decision of the Foreign Mission Board to send missionaries to these lands.

The needs are expressed from all parts of the world: the hunger of new literates for nourishment of mind and spirit through the printed word; the fact that Southern Baptists have publication work on only half of our mission fields. The need is for more printing presses, more libraries, literacy charts, books for pastors and Christian workers, more book stores; salaries for editors, printers, and literature workers.

Prayer

Presentation of Goals

The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$7,575,000. We have adopted in our church a goal of \$_____. Since we have prayed today for premisses at work for God, let us look at some of the allocations of the 1959 offering for "publishing glad tidings."

The Baptist Press in Hong Kong: \$25,000 is an outstanding publication agency providing Christian literature of all kinds in the Chinese language for use all over the Orient and even by Chinese Baptist churches here in America.

Publication work in Indonesia: \$4,450. The churches are dependent for their growth and strengthening on the availability of evangelistic tracts, Bible and doctrine study materials. Our mission in Indonesia has a growing publication department which relies heavily on this Lottie Moon allocation.

The Jordan Press, Tokyo, Japan: \$10,000 publishes all kinds of Christian literature, particularly those most needed for the religious education program of the churches.

Publication work in the Philippines: \$7,200. Next to the publication work being done in Hong Kong and Japan, that being done by our mission in the Philippines is our largest and most highly developed in the Orient. It has played a major part in the rapid growth of our work in that country.

Rhaden Printing Press, Nigeria: \$2,000. This amount is intended to supplement the operating expenses of the press. At the present time, it is necessary to have at least one European employee and at times two in addition to the missionaries and the African staff.

The Italian Baptist Publishing House: \$16,500.

Publications in Spain will receive \$3,500. This amount will be used for publication and importation of religious books and magazines. There have been heavy losses due to confiscation of religious literature into Spain.

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Israel receives \$0,000 for publications and literature. Some of their books which were translated from English to Hebrew are being displayed and sold in bookshops in Tel Aviv. They report, "We desire to enlarge our program and to make more Baptist literature available to the inquiring Israeli mind."

Literature for Lebanon: \$1,100. This includes booklets for Bible study in Baptist schools, Bibles, tracts, translator and editorial assistant.

Argentine Publication Board: \$14,300. This Board promotes a varied and extensive ministry. It sells the El Paso publications at a price which does not represent the actual cost, and therefore must be subsidized.

Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board for publications and literature: \$51,300. In addition to regular publication work, the Board produces filmstrips and other audio-visual materials, maintains a news service throughout Brazil, and sponsors a series of Baptist radio programs over major networks.

Chile, publications and literature: \$1,000. The Chilean is an enthusiastic reader. If good books can be provided, many will be won for the Lord.

Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso: \$13,750. The Baptist Spanish Publishing House serves approximately 100,000 Spanish-speaking Baptists in 41 countries around the world.

Show Poster No. 4 and let all read together.

Prayer that goal of \$7,575,000 be reached

Repeat in Union: Matthew 10:19-20

Offering: The women come forward reverently and put money in plates and then go to group prayer meetings. Use hymn for the week as musical background.

Group Praying: Break up into small groups and pray for needs learned about today.

FRIDAY, December 4

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

O God, We Pray for All Mankind—Our Dedication

OUTLINE

Music: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"
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O God, We Pray for All Mankind —Our Dedication

"O God, We Pray for All Mankind" (play softly)

Baptist Women Around the World

Leader: O God, we pray for all mankind! We are strengthened today by the prayer of Baptist women around the world, for this is the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Mrs. George Martin, president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, states, "Our hearts are strangely stirred as we try to imagine and picture these world groups: the weather conditions as they meet, the heat, the cold, the rain, the drought, the ice and snow and mud and dust; their dress, their color, their language, their singing, their place of worship and above all their prayer expressing the faith which is theirs in these chaotic days."

OPTIONAL SUGGESTIONS As the following world areas are mentioned (the Orient, Europe, Africa, Near East, and Latin America), four women in appropriate costume or with placards might enter and stand in a semi-circle back of the leader. Their heads are bowed and their hands folded in prayer. They remain in this position through the prayer which follows and might be used to present the needs of the Baptist women's organizations in their area of the world.

The women of Japan prayed while we were still asleep. We can see the shoes outside the door as they assembled for prayer. We recall the hostility of the men to their organizations in the early days after World War I. It was not until 1934 that they were recognized because of "their success in raising money for missionary extension." Oftentimes their pastors attend their meetings, preside over the business, give the program, and dismiss with prayer. Today they have prayed for their Christmas love offering, the workers under their own mission board, and for us as we are gathered here. Our love goes out to them and to all the women of the Orient as we labor together with God.

The world turned and the sun's rays reached the Near East and Europe. The women of Jordan, Israel, Lebanon meet for prayer. Our Italian and German Baptist sisters pray for world missions before going out to perform deeds of mercy. Some of the Spanish women meet in homes because some of their churches have been locked and sealed by order of the police. We have faith to believe that Russian women and others behind the Iron Curtain remember to pray today on this first Friday in December. They pray for us, as we remember them.

As day came to Africa, the Baptist women on the Dark Continent meet for prayer. Some walk many miles with babies on their backs and their clothes on their heads. Some are forbidden to attend the meeting because their husbands are not Christians, and so they pray at home. Some cannot read, some had tribal marks on their faces; probably all their meetings start late. But each one believes in Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, and each one prays for us.

Laborers together in Brazil and in Spanish America pray for lost mankind. Women who have led a dozen of their friends to Christ, women who tithe of their household accounts, women of culture and women who are illiterate pray for you and me.

All these women are burdened for the lost, for the progress of Christ's kingdom. And now we pray for these and for all Baptist work around the world.

Prayer of thanks for fellowship with women around the world in the gospel and in prayer, for all Christians in their witness, for the 2 billion who are still lost.

Needs of Our Baptist Women's Organizations

May we turn our hearts now to the needs of these Baptist women's organizations. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocates \$62,981 for WMU work on foreign fields. This is a memorial fund to Mrs. W. J. Cox who was president and treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, for many years. These needs come from the observant minds and hearts of our missionaries on the foreign field.

From the Orient. It has been over a hundred years since a Chinese father told Henrietta Hall Shuck, "You had better teach a cow to read than my daughter," and millions of women in the Orient still labor under a stigma of inferiority. One of their needs is for fellowship with other believers. Lorene Tilford in Taiwan (Formosa) reports, "Forty women have gone to the Provincial Government New Village for a retreat. We thank you for the part you had in making this possible." The meeting of the Women's Division of the Baptist World Alliance in India in the fall of 1958 made the women of the Orient conscious that they were not alone but "laborers together."

The need for personal witnessing is urgent. Marjorie Olive from the Philippines describes how servicemen from Clark Field tithed, prayed and worked with their hands to convert a large house into a chapel. Benches were built and a "welcome" sign hung outside, but no one came. "So we prayed," she relates. "We asked God to give us one strong adult. The next service Mrs. Montoya (see p. 9) heard the singing and came. Her church had taught that it was mortal sin for her to enter our place of worship. She explained that she did not know why she came, but she had felt compelled to attend. We knew why. It was God's answer to prayer. She has become one of the most active witnesses it has ever been my privilege to know. Six others, including her husband, are the fruit of her labor."

Soul-winning is a fundamental of Woman's Missionary Union around the world. The missionaries realize how much more effective nationals are in winning their own countrymen.

Mrs. Glen Martin in Malaya explains, "The law forbids us to try to win the Malay people from the Moslem religion. They are afraid to accept Christ because they have been told that if they are not Moslem, they are not Malay and would have to give up their name and their home among other Malays."

The Woman's Missionary Union of Japan is modeled after our organization in the States. Evangelism and stewardship are two main emphases. The Tobata Good Will Center is supported by their gifts. This is located in the heart of a great industrial city. A doctor and nurse hold weekly clinics here. The week-day program includes activities for all age groups including a Bible class for women over 60. The kindergarten cares for several hundred children while their mothers work. Hot meals are served at noon. Money is required to carry on this project.

Leadership is needed to promote the work. This is urgent, both for more missionaries as well as for trained national workers. Publications for the organizations are also a great need. The women of the Orient recognize prayer and the leadership of the Holy Spirit as fundamental to their growth. They urge us to pray for them.

Prayer for women of the Orient, for the churches, all their labors for Christ.

From Europe and the Near East. From the Near East, Missionary Mabel Summers reports on the progress of women's work.

"There are six Baptist women's organizations in Lebanon, several in Jordan, and one in Gaza. In Lebanon, three of the six are organized much more simply than those in the States. First of all, the women who attend are usually of three types: members of Baptist churches, converted women not yet members of any church, and members of the Catholic churches. There must be much Bible teaching. The weekly programs feature an hour of Bible study, sometimes a missionary program, a religious film, or a special speaker. Monthly missionary programs are being mimeographed and distributed among the women's and girls' organizations in Lebanon.

Summer camps of one week each are held for young women. It is possible for older women to attend a general adult conference for one week. We need to win more women to Christ and into the membership of the churches so that we can train them in Christian living. There is a dearth of national leadership for the women and young people's organizations. We need proper literature for each group. As soon as Baptists develop a conference or camp center, there will be opportunity

to have many camps, conferences, and other kind of fellowship and training for women.

We are awaiting funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for all building needs: the seminary, the conference center, and assistance in erecting church buildings. National Baptist women are very sincere and diligent in witnessing to the lost. They pray much and are becoming increasingly more aware of their responsibility to give the gospel to the whole world through prayer and gifts. For a number of years, the women and girls' organizations in Lebanon have contributed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In 1958, they sent more than \$100.

From Spain comes word that "Woman's Missionary Union is a vital factor in Baptist life." A special project has been the promotion of literacy because of the need of all Baptist believers to read their Bibles. The Laubach method is used in this endeavor.

Italy reports nearly 100 per cent of its missionary societies observing a week of prayer at the beginning of December. They express deep concern for the missionary education of their young people. There is no Y or W in the Italian alphabet, so the organizations for young women are called GAs and they can use the same symbols and pins we do in the States. RAs cannot use the term "Royal" because of the disfavor of the Italian royal family since the revolution. They are called ACAs, Ambassadors for Christ.

Miss Gina Baasi, member from Italy on the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, tells how Italian women feel a need to witness for their faith. "Ten years ago, one woman heard the gospel from a neighbor. She gathered a group around her for prayer, advice, and teaching. Efforts were made to bribe her to stop her activities, and persecution began. Nevertheless, 35 people now gather for worship and the number is increasing. A Sunday school has been formed, and 14 have been baptized. See what God can do through one woman who trusts and obeys him!"

European women feel the need for fellowship, too. An annual meeting is held on the campus of the International Seminary at Zurich, Switzerland. The Lottie Moon offering allocates \$1500 for the European Women's Union.

Pray for blessing on the work of women in the Near East and Europe, that places for conferences will be possible.

From Africa

Word comes from Tanganyika of the need for organizations. Mrs. Carlos Owens writes:



Sunbeam Band leaders meet, with Blanche Wester speaking through interpreter Tabitha Ndlovu in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia

"As I visited in the mud-brick, thatch-roofed homes with a dung and mud floor, I was always received graciously. A small 6-inch stool was given me to sit on or squat on as the case really is. The one room looked bare with only one single bed for the whole family and a few low stools. Cooking is done outside in one room shared by several families.

Their new-found life in Christ was evident in every woman. After our second meeting my heart turned to God in thanksgiving. They had doubled their membership, chosen officers, and prepared most of their by-laws. They are asking questions about how they can be "laborers together with God"—our watchword too!

Mrs. Earl Martin writes from Kenya of a great need and how it was met.

"For many months I had felt the need for an African Christian to help with the women and children's work at the new Baptist Center here in Nairobi, Kenya. The need was realized acutely a month ago when our three-year-old daughter, Susan, became ill on the morning of a sewing class. More than 30 women were waiting at the center with questions about their sewing while Susan needed the care of her



Young mother in Recife loves her Bible and will teach her children the love of God

mother. It was a most frustrating morning as I shuttled back and forth between the center and the house.

"Around lunch time I heard a knock at the front door. Josephine introduced herself as a Christian who was seeking employment as an instructor in sewing and cooking and as a home visitor! After further questions I learned that her beliefs were very similar to Baptists I marveled at God's timing. The day when I felt the greatest need and when I knew the most discouragement there came an answer to our prayer."

From Southern Rhodesia, missionary Gene Phillips reports how the WMS met a great need:

"Some months ago when the mine officials stopped my wife and me and all European missionaries from visiting in three of the huge mine compounds here, our hearts were very discouraged. But we began praying and we requested prayer from many of our friends at home. So far, God has not opened the doors for us to visit, but he has given our African Christians a vision of what they can do. Each week our WMS women of the Mine church go visiting. Our laymen also witness very effectively and carry on the services where we cannot go. As a result, many Africans are being saved. Christians are being used of God. We can truly see the real value in training the African Christians to witness and to carry on the work which we begin."

Mrs. W. D. Bender tells of some needs of

our Baptist women's organizations in Nigeria.

"The organizations need encouragement which more supervisors could give. After the service in a very small bush church one Sunday morning, I was asked to stay for a while and teach the women 'something about WMU.' The president said, 'We have many members, Ma, but they won't work!' In my opinion they just didn't know what to do.

"In some associations there are pastors who serve as WMS president, GA counselor, and Sunbeam leader because they are the only ones who can read. In other churches it might be a man who is a day-school teacher. We encourage and aim for a reading class in every church, but it is slow."

The Nigerian WMU is the best organized on the African continent, yet Pearl DuVall summarizes the needs in the women's organizations as:

1. More of the women who can read
2. More Christian literature, more journalists and more magazines. Hausa literature is appearing for the first time: a GA Guide, Sunbeam Nursery material, record books, simplified year book
3. Women need to be taught cleanliness in the home
4. Good Will Centers where home life can be changed
5. Youth of Nigeria needs to be more missionary minded and willing to serve as home and foreign missionaries

Pray for Africa whose people are so eager to learn; for Baptists that we shall go in greater numbers, and more quickly to African people to tell them of Christ's way.

From Latin America

Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt writes from Brazil: "You asked about the needs of our Baptist women's organizations in Brazil. Perhaps I can best answer you by telling about the needs in our state of Bahia where I have been secretary and treasurer for almost 20 years. Lack of transportation and communication are big drawbacks. Then there is the great percentage of illiteracy. This is gradually growing smaller, but it takes a long time, and in the far, out-of-the-way places it is not being solved. We need a person, or persons to give time to young people's organizations in our state which is larger than Texas."

The Baptist women of Brazil feel the need to be more effective soul-winners. The WMU promotes special training for personal evangelism. It is not uncommon to meet women who have led a dozen of their friends to Christ. Gospel tracts and Bibles are used extensively in this work. In one year, some 400,000 were

distributed through the women's societies.

On the World Day of Prayer last year their 36,000 members gave one twelfth of the entire operating expenses of the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board's work in Bolivia and Portugal. They also brought gifts on a "Day for Feminine Education." Forty-two scholarships were provided for the two WMU training schools at Rio and Recife. These are in answer to such needs as described by Mrs. Lingerfelt. The current expenses of these two schools and the training school in Rome, Italy, are provided for by our Lottie Moon offering.

The need for literature in Spanish is being met by the publications headquarters in Santiago, Chile. Our Lottie Moon offering allocates \$12,000 for this work.

This offering also helps with the need for better places to meet and worship. Missionary Evan Holmes reports that after the completion of an educational unit with an adequate kitchen the women added cooking classes to their program. He stated, "My wife and other missionaries have held classes of instruction on what and how they should eat. This has meant a lot to the women of the church." Then he added, "It may have meant even more to the men!"

The need for better understanding of the purpose of WMU by both men and women is felt throughout Latin America. Mrs. Clara Freeman, a field worker in Argentina, visited a church where the deacons objected to the teaching of the WMU manual. She held the Bible in her hand but actually taught the manual each day. Both men and women were delighted with the study, and a new society was organized.

Directed Prayer (pause for a moment after each need)

Pray for the heartfelt needs of Baptist women: They are for Christian fellowship, effective soul-winning, money, leadership, publications, prayer, meeting places, ability to read, missionary education for youth, understanding and knowledge.

Thank God for our missionaries, men and women of our flesh and blood, who have been called by God to go to the far places of the world.

Ask God to help Southern Baptist women to realize that we, too, have been called.

We have a mission in our world, the women in our church, women—(add or subtract things which fit your women)

- who can read
- who ride in automobiles
- who meet in church buildings that are hot in winter and cool in summer



Mapuche Indians in South Chile have resisted missionaries and the gospel

who have husbands that love us and children who respect us
 who have food in abundance and clean homes with floors and screens
 who have associational and state and convention-wide meetings for fellowship and inspiration
 who can be soul-winners
 who can pray
 who can give sacrificial love offerings
 who live in a land where Christianity is favored
 who have trained pastors, assistant pastors, educational directors, ministers of music, church secretaries, religious radio and TV programs and libraries full of books
 who have hospitals and doctors and nurses and medicine for our children
 who have pianos and organs
 who have schools and teachers
 who have consecrated laymen and laywomen who have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour

We who have "everything" pray for these who have so little.

A period of silent prayer: Petition God to convict us of our responsibility to the world, and forgive us of our sins, especially of indifference as we resolve to move closer to God's pattern of true witnesses.

Call to Prayer

OPTIONAL SUGGESTION: choose three women with strong voices to stand in different parts of the room to read these testimonies.



Pool To School—Miss Tso explaining chemistry to two senior students

We have prayed for the Baptist women of the world and for the needs of their organizations. Let us pray now for our own missionaries whose birthdays are today. First, our home missionary is Mrs. Alva K. Bonham, California. Foreign missionaries with birthdays are Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Rev. W. E. Grubbs, Mr. W. E. Viertel, Mrs. W. D. Bender, Miss Lydia Greene. We have messages from three of the women missionaries on our Call to Prayer. These are their testimonies:

From Lydia E. Greene, Phil Dawson Gadsden Memorial Kindergarten, Bennett Estate, Singapore, Malaya:

"During my last term in Singapore, the most miraculous answer to prayer was the provision of a kindergarten building for our little children.

"Malaya is still a pioneer field even after more than eight years of work by Southern Baptists. When a missionary goes into a new area, more often than not the missionary's home is the only available place for both living and work. This was the case when we undertook work here early in 1884. A small beginning was made with ten little children in kindergarten.

Soon a Sunday school, an afternoon Bible story hour, and a growing kindergarten were bringing more than 100 children into the missionary's home. The opportunities were seemingly unlimited, but we had no adequate place to work. There was only one thing we could

do: lay the matter before God and beseech him to provide a place.

"God answers prayer, and sometimes 'works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.' In his wisdom, God took a dear little American boy to be with him in heaven. His going was a great sorrow, but God used that sorrow to bring blessing to little children who had never heard of him and to prove again that he gives victory through prayer. Today, in a beautiful, modern kindergarten building, a wonderful memorial to a little boy who loved Jesus, some 50 children of many nationalities are singing his praises and taking the gospel message into their homes.

"Pray that young women who love Jesus and who love children will dedicate their lives to telling little ones in other lands that Jesus loves them too."

Pray for Miss Greene and this vital kindergarten work

From Mrs. W. D. Bender, Nigeria:

"Our first assignment in Nigeria was Okeho, a station where we were the only missionaries. We served as advisers to the churches in that association, and in addition Bill had one more association which took him far from home and for long periods of time. I had never had any fear of being alone, but we experienced sudden illnesses, always at a time when Bill was home.

"I kept thinking what I would do if it should happen when he was not there. The nearest hospital was 51 miles away at that time, most of this distance was unpaved road. Two or three people in the town had available cars, but oftentimes the drivers were drunk and there was no way to get a message to anyone at night. Our closest neighbor was a deranged woman who lived in a little shack among the rocks not far from our house. I had asked our house boy to stay on the compound at night, but he was afraid to be that far from the town people. I became very tense over the thought of being alone with the children from Thursday afternoon until Sunday night.

"I prayed daily for more faith; yet one of those lonely nights, one-year-old Philip awoke with a very high fever and rapid breathing. When aspirin wasn't effective, I became frantic. There was only one thing I knew to do and that was to pray. I prayed for calmness for myself as well as relief for Philip. God heard that prayer. Suddenly my whole attitude changed and I felt the assurance of His presence.

"By the time Bill returned on Sunday Philip seemingly had recovered, and I had been strengthened. It was just another way God showed me that he supplies all our needs."

Pray for this family, the work God has given them to do, for Mrs. Bender when her husband must leave them alone.

From Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Indonesia:

"There are many wonders in this world, but there are none which exceed the change that Christ can make in a human life. Often this wonder is denied us in America because we live in a Christian community. I realize no person can be saved without some change in his life, but here in a Moslem land, where the Koran teaches that it is all right to have four wives and that women are only slaves, the difference in a life after Christ has entered is something to behold. One of the greatest privileges we've had in this country is to demonstrate the joy of a Christian family.

"But it is a long and difficult task to change the ideas of centuries. The older people are hard to reach because they are afraid to turn away from the religion of their fathers. That, together with the fact that women are considered unimportant has made our WMU work progress slowly.

"We have long prayed for the eyes of our women to be opened to their opportunities and responsibilities. The answer to this prayer came when one of our young women was invited to attend the meeting of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance in India. Her eyes were literally opened for the first time concerning Baptist women around the world.

"I sat and listened to her tell a group of Indonesian women about her trip and the different impressions she received. I'll never forget her closing question. 'Why are the Baptist women of Indonesia so far behind other countries?' There are 3000 islands in this archipelago, and we've only touched one. I wonder if, in the years to come, the people on Sumatra or Bali will look at us and say, 'Why didn't you come sooner?'

"We constantly pray for more missionaries. We can't expand our work to other islands until we have more people come to Indonesia. Will you join us in this prayer?"

Pray for Indonesia, that our few missionaries may not grow discouraged before tremendous tasks, for more missionaries to go to Indonesia.

Summary of the Needs of the World

OPTIONAL SUGGESTIONS: Four women dressed alike in dark skirts and white blouses hold four posters used during the week. They also might tell the facts printed on their posters. It would be effective if they were the leaders for each of the preceding days. Then they could lead in the prayer session at the



Women of Indonesia are coming to know Christ through your stewardship of prayer and gifts

conclusion. Or the leader might have these posters underneath the theme streamer and summarize these needs herself. If the four women are used, they remain at the front.

Show and read Posters 1, 2, 3, 4, then thumb-tack them beneath the theme.

Leader: Frank Leubach, a great Christian statesman of our day, observes that "It is a human weakness not to become aware of suffering unless we hear a cry." This week we have heard many cries. The world is ignorant, the world is sick, the world is lost, the world is illiterate, the world looks on women as inferior and worthless. We need to rededicate ourselves to the great redemptive task before us.

Our Dedication

(Prepare copies enough for every woman.)

Leader: I dedicate myself to study the missionary message of the Bible, the world and its needs and to develop an appreciation for all people. Jesus said to his disciples, "Are ye also yet without understanding?" Matt. 15:10. Let us study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Women: I dedicate my mind to study. *(Repeat in unison.)*

Leader: I will pray "day by day" for the world. I will set aside a definite time for prayer so

that I may say with the psalmist, "Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee" Psalm 88:9. This will strengthen my spiritual life and will sustain the laborers on the fields white unto harvest.
Women: I dedicate my heart to prayer. (Repeat in unison.)

Leader: I dedicate myself to winning the lost. I will do this by personal witnessing and by high standards of Christian conduct. I will endeavor to maintain family worship, observe the Lord's Day, practice total abstinence, keep my speech and actions pure, obey the law, improve industrial conditions, child welfare and public health, promote patriotism, prohibition, international and interracial justice, Christian Americanization, and world peace.

Women: I dedicate my influence to Christian witnessing. (Repeat in unison.)

Leader: I dedicate myself to Christian sharing, to the honest and right acquisition of money, to the tithing as a minimum in Christian giving, and to the wise use of the nine tenths. I will remind myself that we who "are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves" Rom. 15:1. I will "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35.

Women: I dedicate my possessions for Christ's kingdom. (Repeat in unison.)

Leader: I recognize my responsibility to cultivate missionary convictions in the hearts of youth. God has commanded us that "thou shalt teach them diligently" Deut. 6:7, to train them "train up a child in the way he should go" Prov. 22:3, to lead them "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" Eph. 6:4, to love them "to love their children" Titus 2:4. I want them to have a vision of the world and a sense of God's purpose for their lives.

Women: I dedicate myself to the missionary education of youth. (Repeat in unison.)

Leader: I dedicate myself to enlist the women of our Baptist churches in growing experiences of missionary endeavor. I do this because of

what it can mean to these women and also because of what these women can mean to missions. I recall the words of Paul, "And I intreat thee also . . . help those women" Phil. 4:3; help them to know the joy of informed minds, of intercessory prayer, of personal witness, and of shared possessions.

Women: I dedicate my energy and talents to enlistment. (Repeat in unison.)

Prayer for women of our churches for new vision, for all Christian women everywhere that we shall in the home, community, everywhere be instruments worthy of God's glory by the power of His Holy Spirit.

As we bring our love gift for the world, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may we go in prayer for the needs of the world.

Repeat in Unison: Matthew 18:19-20. Play theme song for week "O God We Pray for All Mankind."

Offering: The women come forward reverently and put money in plates and then go to group prayer meetings. Use hymn for the week as musical background.

Group Praying: Break up into small groups and pray for needs learned about today.

Prayer Calendar

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RN: Mr. Joe Tom Poe, Concepcion, Chile; Mrs. James Hamilton Ware, Honolulu, Hawaii, ex.; Rev. George Hook Winslow, Ariz.; ex. among Indians; Mrs. Jose A. Solano, Los Tablas, Panama; ex. among Spanish-speaking.

31 Thursday: (God) Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:4.

The W. E. Allens tell us that the Baptist church near the Rio Baptist College in Brazil is one of 117 churches in Rio from which 75 per cent of its contributions go to outside causes. It sent out nine missionaries during last year, two of whom are the only missionaries Brazilian Baptists now have in Portugal. "The challenge of missions, evangelism, and a complete surrender of life and talents is kept before our people." Pray for these churches, the Brazilian Convention as they prepare for the Baptist World Alliance next June.

PRAT for Rev. Walter B. McN. Redonda, Brazil; Mr. Jose Manuel M. Lima de Gama, Cuba; ex. Rev. Benigno Legou, Nigema, B.A.; Mr. Elton, ex. San Pablo, Calif.; ex. among speaking.

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