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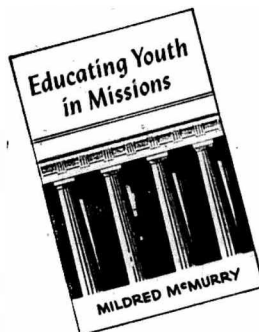
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HOW *Different* LIFE CAN BE!



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Excerpt from **EDUCATING YOUTH IN MISSIONS**, by Mildred McMurry (85c from Baptist Book Stores after April 12). This new book is for study in Woman's Missionary Societies and by counselors of youth organizations. You will forego real blessings to our members if plans are not made for this study in May and June.

THE CHILD in perpetual motion, the inattentive, giggling Junior, the Intermediate, already airborne, dreaming of the future and apparently indifferent to the leader's words, the cool young woman who is comparing her counselor's hair-do with the latest style—these young people are the future doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists, preachers, and missionaries. Some of these young people will stand before the mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and say, "God spoke to me when I was in Sunbeam Band," "while I worked on Forward Steps in Girls' Auxiliary," "when I was a member of Young Woman's Auxiliary."

Judge John Clark Knox of the United States District Court, New York believes that the life of almost any individual is apt to be the result of what catches his attention and fires his imagination in his youth. After knowing James Chalmers, pioneer missionary to the South Sea Islands, Robert Louis Stevenson exclaimed, "O Tamate, how different my life would have been had I known you in my youth!"

With patience, skill and love leaders in Woman's Missionary Union organizations can kindle in the hearts of the youth they lead high appreciation for great souls who have lived nobly for Christ. Youths are beginning to carve out in their own minds careers for themselves. Despite all discouragements in outward behavior leaders dare not minimize the opportunities before them to develop these potentialities of youth into vocations for Christian missions.

MORE THAN A

Name

by G. Avery Lee, pastor First Baptist Church,
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A taxi driver cruised down the street of a city of some 40,000 people. He pulled around a car and recognizing the driver, waved a friendly greeting. Turning to his passenger, he said: "If there is any such thing as a true Christian in this world, that man is it."

What marvel there is in the Christian influence of a man as he merely drives down the street of a busy city. Totally unaware of what is going on, he is an effective witness for Jesus Christ.

In so many ways Christians seem to be only a tiny band trying to hold back a world landslide of paganism. Today there are more than two billion people who are strangers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ—more than 65 per cent of the world's population. The first century Christian would feel right at home in that once again Christians are a minority in an intensely hostile world.

Yet, we are not nearly the minority those first century Christians were. Someone has pointed out that they had not a single school for the training of preachers, no great libraries, not a publishing house for Bibles and other materials, just a few scattered groups meeting in someone's home—a persecuted, hounded group. The pagan world jeered at such statements as: "Ye are the light of the world . . . ye are the salt of the earth." But those early Christians went out into the pagan darkness with a Light that could not be put out, and through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit they transformed that darkness. These people were characterized by their contemporaries in a phrase which Luke has preserved for us, "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" Acts 11:26.

We suspect that the name Christian was given to the early believers in derision. However, it is eloquent testimony to their character and lives. They made a forceful impression. People could identify them.

For one thing, they were called Christian because their lives were different. Antioch was like most other cities of the ancient world. It was a

center of idolatry. Its reputation for immorality was unrivaled. One description says: "That so evil a city should have played so important a role in the development of the Christian church is one of the paradoxes . . . of Christian history."

Yet, in the midst of such an environment the followers of Christ were branded with a name that has become the distinguishing mark of a follower of Christ.

The lives of these Christians were different because of the things they did not do. They believed in the sacred dignity of human life, therefore, they would not attend the festivals where human life was slaughtered and sacrificed. They believed their bodies were the temples of God, therefore, they would not participate in the immoralities of heathen worship. They believed in purity and decency, therefore, they refused to attend the obscene productions of a decadent society.

But, even more, they were known for the things they did. There was no mere negation of life. They were in the world, but not of the world. At regular intervals they met for worship. They displayed kindness, patience, and gentleness not only to friends, but to enemies as well. They took care of widows and orphans.

Another reason they were called Christian was because they believed in the living presence of Jesus. Jesus was not a remembered relic of the past, he was a present reality. Some of them may have personally seen with Jesus. They vividly remembered what he said and did. Yet, this was not what they felt as a living presence. Rather it was his promise: "Lo, I am with you always." Such faith in the dynamic living presence of Christ always affects the attitude and actions of people.

Furthermore, these people had a purpose in life. They had a mission given them by the Master: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." And this command was taken seriously by every follower of Jesus. In giving themselves to this mission with reckless abandon, those early Christians found a meaning in life which has not since been equaled. The Christian knows meaning and purpose. Life becomes worthwhile when God is taken seriously.

There is one other thing. Those disciples did not inherit the name Christian, they earned it. We who, more or less, inherit the sacred name by belonging to a church ought to search ourselves and ask if the name is really appropriate for us. Of course, in the strict sense, no one is ever worthy of the name. But, on the other hand, each of us should and could live the kind of life that is as significant and meaningful as any person of ancient Antioch.

Dr. Goodspeed says that the word Christian literally means "partisan of Christ," a member of his party. One thing to be said about partisans is that they are never neutral. They are never spectators to the struggles of their day. A partisan throws in his lot, he commits himself. A partisan is called to be a partisan of Jesus, and in so doing is designated by the name which is above every name!

For Your Reverie

Roll back the clouds of hate, and fling
Apart the curtains of the night.
In hearts that love and souls that sing
Let Christ arise. Let there be light!

—WINFRED ERNEST GARRISON

If there's a stone against your heart
today,
Look up to Him and it will roll away.

—JOHN VAN BRAKLE

Up from the grave He arose,
.....
Hallelujah! Christ arisen!

—ROBERT LOWEY

Since One, for love, died on a tree
And in the story
Tomb was laid,
Behold I show a mystery:
All sepulchres
Are sealed in vain!

—JOHN RICHARD MORELAND

THERE — AN EMPTY TOMB! BY LON WOODRUM

Death rode the earth across the years . . . wherever
men did dwell . . . he filled the world with wildest fears
. . . while kings and kingdoms fell . . .

Oh, death rode long, and hard, and far . . . upon his
dreadful horse . . . and graves by millions rose along . . .
his devastating course . . .

His pale steed thundered far and long . . . upon all
mortal ways . . . till he reined in his mount at last . . .
and sat with startled gaze . . .

Above him rose an empty cross . . . against the world's
dread gloom . . . before him, like a shout of God . . .
there stood an empty tomb!

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As the early Christians moved Westward, in one generation the gospel of Jesus Christ was taken to the known world, including Southern Europe. But men corrupted the Bible message and there were only a few groups here and there who held faithful to the light which had been revealed in Christ. The organized church was feared, despised and rejected. Martin Luther broke the bonds of this church, bringing back the assurance in the hearts of men that Christian must mean more than a name. It must be characterized in "Behold how they love one another!" Today more and more Europeans are bearing the Name of Christ to yet others.

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Baptists

in Northern Europe

Seminary in Oslo

by George W. Sadler

PERSONS who come to Europe from the United States soon discover that Baptists are a minority group in this part of the world. In fact, our denomination is almost unknown. In Switzerland, where our International Seminary is located, Baptists number only about sixteen hundred.

However, in general, ignorance concerning Baptists is disappearing and appreciation of them is on the increase.

In March 1959, on the occasion of the dedication of our Martin Memorial Chapel, local government officials, clergymen of the State church and other churches expressed appreciation of the presence and work of the seminary. A member of the faculty who has a Swiss-German background, declared that ten years earlier such an exhibition of interest in a Baptist institution would have been unthinkable.

About the time of the founding of the International Seminary in 1919, the European Baptist Federation came into being. The Federation has now grown and in the summer of 1958 a Congress was held in Berlin. At some of the meetings as many as ten thousand to twelve thousand were in attendance. In one of the major addresses Dr. Henry Cook, then acting as Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, declared: "Now mark this remarkable fact—under God, I believe a very significant fact

—that there, on the one hand, you had Europeans planning to achieve closer cooperation and fellowship, and, on the other hand, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention setting up an institution for the training of pastors for Baptist churches in all the various European lands, bringing them together from their own national environment and training them side by side, so that, wherever they came from and wherever they settled, they would feel part of a common European brotherhood in the service of the gospel. I regard all this, the founding of the European Federation and at the same time the founding of the International Baptist Seminary at Zurich as a signal evidence of the direct intervention of the Spirit of God in the modern Baptist movement in Europe."

There are other Baptist groups in Europe. American Baptists have not in recent years sent missionaries to Europe, but they have had outstanding representatives who work closely with national leaders. In 1948 it was agreed "1. that the principle be accepted that any national Baptist organization is free to co-operate with any other Baptist body or mission board within the fellowship of the BWA; 2. that the various mission boards be asked to consult each other and to co-operate with the European Baptist Committee to avoid duplication or

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Arrow points to John Smyth's home in Amsterdam, Holland

neglect." These principles were accepted and co-operation between American Baptists and representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention has been blessed of God.

A project in which American and Southern Baptists are carrying heavy financial burdens is the youth center church in Antony, a suburb of Paris. In this community of sixty thousand, five thousand of whom are students, there is no evangelical church. It is believed the center will reach both students and permanent residents of this suburban area. French Baptists are fortunate in their leader, Robert Somerville, a

graduate of Oxford and Glasgow Universities.

Some of us are of the opinion that one of the most effective pieces of missionary work ever undertaken is that which is related to the building of churches in post-war Germany. About eight of these places of worship have been brought into being or rebuilt through the united efforts of American, Southern, and German Baptists. Formerly South Germany was almost solidly Roman Catholic. Today, there are many Baptist churches in this area, a number of which have a large group of refugees as members.

Another project which will have far-reaching rewards is the Norwegian Baptist Seminary. Excellently located near the Oslo airport, the seminary is a monument to the faith and indefatigable efforts of its president, Rev. Mik Engelsen, and the devotion of Norwegian Baptists. Led by Engelsen, the seven thousand Baptists of Norway literally poured themselves out that a worthy "school of the prophets" might be born. But it would have been impossible for their dream to come true had not American and Southern Baptists come to their rescue with one hundred thousand dollars or more.

What was done in Norway has been duplicated in Holland. While less money was involved, the fine facilities of De Vinkhof near Utrecht, were made possible because friends from the United States were willing to take the large share of financial

responsibility in connection with theological education in the Netherlands. At the beginning of the second school year last fall ten students were enrolled in the Dutch institution.

In addition to the two major groups from the United States, British Baptists have supported work chiefly in Brittany (France), Holland and Finland. Now, through the European Federation, British Baptists plan to play a part in meeting need in Poland and Belgium.

Still another "foreign" group which has extended the arm of its influence into Europe is the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. A few years ago, representatives of this organization established a seminary in Leiria, Portugal. Several men now working with the Portuguese Baptist Convention have been trained at Leiria.

Other projects in which Southern Baptists are involved are a church in Warsaw, Poland and the John Smyth Memorial Chapel in Amsterdam. It is expected that Southern Baptists will give at least thirty thousand to the Warsaw building, ten thousand of which has already been forwarded.

Last May Dr. Theodore F. Adams and Dr. Ernest A. Payne were the principal speakers on the occasion of the three hundred fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the first Baptist church in Holland. To perpetuate the memory of John Smyth, the founder, a meeting which attracted

thousands was held in Amsterdam. Women of our group should take justifiable satisfaction in the fact that the second five thousand toward the construction of the John Smyth Memorial was contributed by Southern Baptists through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Many other objects of the concern of Southern Baptists might be mentioned. Some of these are: churches in Thalwil and Lugano, Switzerland; churches in Belgium and France; and churches in Germany.

Outstanding Baptist events of 1959 were the dedication of the Martin Memorial Chapel and organization of a Baptist church of Ruschlikon with Dr. Hans Arndt as pastor; other events were observance in Amsterdam of the three hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first Baptist group; the beginning of the construction of a Baptist church in Warsaw, Poland; the laying of the cornerstone of the youth center church in Antony, near Paris.

As we look to the future, there are continuing needs for chapels in Germany and France and there are high hopes by Danish Baptists that it may be possible for us to help them as we did Baptists in Norway and Holland. In view of these and other needs, we shall continue to count heavily upon gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Kneeling in prayer before baptism, eight new Polish Christians and the pastor, Jan Pancewicz



FAMILY WORSHIP

at Our House

by Mrs. Davis C. Woolley

WE HAVE TRIED to make the missionaries come alive for our children by comparing their families with our own—names and ages of children, especially. My husband has an absorbing interest in people and a wide knowledge of our Baptist families. He has led in what has become almost a game of "I-wonder-how-they-met?" as we search for clues in the biographical sketches of missionary couples. This keen interest is reflected in the response of our children at family altar.

"And how many children do they have?" interrupted our four-year-old Nancy one morning.

"Well, now, let's see! *The Missionary Album** lists—why, they have five just like our family! Four boys and a girl," replied her daddy as his finger ran along the names.

"How old are they?" pursued our Junior Mary.

And Daddy proceeded to read off the

dates: "David R., 1944."

"That's like James," whispers Johnny.

"Glenn W., 1947."

"He's my age!" says Katherine.

"James M. 1951, Richard Edward 1953, and Carol Ann, 1955."

"All of us have seen this missionary. Do you remember where?" I asked.

"Was he at Ridgecrest?"

"No! Closer home than that!" And then I gave a clue. "He had some splendid slides of primitive Indians in Ecuador."

"I know!" James recalls, and some of the other children chime in. "He was in our school of missions last year!"

Thus runs the conversation on many a morning around our breakfast table. An important part of our family devotion is the use of the "Call to Prayer" from *Royal Service*. First we use "The Family Wishes" from *Home Life*; then we read the "Call to Prayer." Unless we are unusually pressed for time, we look up at least one foreign missionary in *The Missionary Album*.

Children grow up to call blessed their parents when daily family worship is the practice in a home



The Davis Woolley family day by day pray for the needs of missionaries, and feel a share in the work which missionaries are doing

NOTHER accessory to our preparation for prayer is the world map, free-for-the-asking from the Foreign Mission Board. For years it was an odd bit of decor covering half our kitchen wall beside our breakfast table. Now since we live in Nashville we are blessed with a breakfast room, and the map, along with the family, has graduated to the breakfast room.

As we call the locations of missionaries, we find ourselves glancing from place to place on the map. If the field is new or unfamiliar, someone usually points it out. You would be surprised how much geography all of us—adults too—have learned.

WHEN TIME permits and experience enables us to do so, Davis and I supply interesting little sidelights about our missionary sends—how Tucker Calloway hesitatingly led his wife about his call to Japan only to learn she had felt such a call as a high school student. How Ben Yelvington led such splendid youth camps for our association in Florida while he was a student

at Stetson. How the Eugene Hills helped us learn a better way to observe Christmas. How Miss Isabelle Coleman used to be my Girl Scout captain in that remote era which includes my girlhood—and on and on. Between the two of us, and with our combined years of experience, Davis and I have known and loved many of our missionaries, home and foreign. It is our joy to pass on this love and admiration to our children.

AS WE come to the period of family prayer, we try to remember the usual human needs—the same kind of needs we have—as well as the special needs of our missionaries. We have a sense of fellowship with our missionaries because we pray for persons about whom we know at least a little.

On Saturdays when there's not the usual necessity to rush off to school or work, we take time for sentence prayer. What a satisfaction it is to hear an older child pray with understanding and appreciation for our missionaries. Or to hear a younger one—"Take care of the missionaries. Help them to tell about Jesus."

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The Shine of Morning-glories

by Argye M. Briggs

PART TWO

Synopsis of Part One:

Abby and Johnny Bowers along with baby Sue moved from a small town in the deep South to live in Jack Rabbit, Texas, where most of the people, like themselves, were industrious migrant workers.

Abby, used to the beauty of an old town, could not reconcile herself to this ugly, barren prairie town. So, she planted the blue morning-glory seeds which Aunt Emily had given her back home.

Abby's first jolt into a slow awakening to her self-centered thinking came through her neighbor who offered to keep the baby while Abby went to church. It was then Abby realized she had never even invited Lucky to go with her to church.

But with bitter thoughts Abby continued to rebel, almost losing her most precious possessions.

AS SPRING deepened into the hot drouth of Texas summer, Abby watered her morning-glory vines, which had come up after all. With an increasing sense of unhappiness, why should I stay here? her thoughts were dreary upon their rounds, this place is not right for me; how can I make a home here? Poor Lucky hasn't ever known anything better, so she just drifts along—and as always with the thought of Lucky, Abby's heart went troubled, if only she would go to church with me! If I could show her a better life.

And as the seemingly endless pails of water sank into the earth around the roots of her vines, the recurring anxiety, I'm not accomplishing anything here, even for the Lord! She stood looking down at her struggling plants, she remembered "you can't get nothing much to grow in this hard-pan, Miz Bowers!"

Abby fought the dust in the trailer house, grimly cleaning, washing and ironing, and she fought the drouth upon her morning-glory vines, carrying the water to them morning and night.

"You spend an awful lot of time on those things," Lucky's tone would be wondering,

and Abby could not quite explain why there was within her such a determination to keep the vines alive. "They'll make a nice shade when they cover the side of the trailer," she would explain, but knew even as she spoke, that there was within her some deeper reason.

"I'm getting so homesick, Johnny," she told him one sultry evening in late June. "Sometimes, I feel I'll just die if I don't get to go home for a while. If you could only be with us more—it's so lonesome when you work all the time."

They were sitting on the steps of their trailer, watching a slow rise of storm clouds from the West. Now and then, a flicker of lightning flashed above the prairie.

"I'm sorry, Abby," Johnny mopped his forehead with a troubled gesture. "Sometimes I think you want to do more than just go home for a visit. Sometimes, you seem to—" he broke off and Abby could feel him summon more reasonableness. "Maybe this life is too hard for you, Abby. Married to an engineer is no bed of roses, I guess, and this may be my kind of life for years—" his voice trailed away.

Abby sat silent, trying to phrase the dis-



Illustrated by Joe Garcia

contents of the last months, if he would only share with me more, go to church like we used to do, together, and try to help me make a real home, instead of just being interested in the plant and nothing else—

Within her, the thoughts were reasonable, but her words, when she spoke, sounded prim and critical. "Maybe you'd rather I would just be willing to read and eat and sleep and do my nails, like—like Lucky does," she said, "Maybe you don't care about the church and a home any more, Johnny."

"Of course I care!" Johnny's voice was angry with the flick of partial truth. "But why do you have to be so—so grouchy about it, Abby—Honey."

In spite of the belated "honey," a quarrel was on. Presently words had been said but could not be unsaid, anger had been brought into the reality of words.

Abby went to bed with a sore heart, and spent a wide-awake night thinking angry and troubled thoughts. She lay as far as he could from Johnny listening to the noises of a summer thunderstorm and nursing her hurts, Johnny and I have drifted apart—

MORNING found sunrise bright with the promise of a cloudless day, but inside the trailer-house, Abby made breakfast in a lingering atmosphere of storm. Johnny slanked his coffee cup and maintained an angry silence, while Abby found her own heart too hurt to attempt a reconciliation.

Johnny stood up when he had finished eating and reached for his lunch pail. "I'll be late tonight," he told her in a crisp tone. "We have some pumps down."

He went out without kissing her goodbye.

Abby watched him go with a lump tight in her throat, he could have kissed me, and faced the long, long day ahead.

Being quiet to keep from awakening the sleeping baby, she washed the dishes and tidied the little trailer, I wish baby would wake up. It's so—so quiet in here.

But when baby Sue did wake up, she was flushed and tearful, and Abby realized, with a lurch of fear, that she had a fever, my baby is sick!

It was too much.

Even as she eased the drowsing baby back into the crib, she found uncontrollable tears

The Shine of Morning-glories

running down her cheeks, I can't stand it any longer—I'm going home!

With the resolution came a rush of frantic energy. She opened the tiny closet door and taking out her bag, began folding clothes into it with shaking fingers. Lucky can take me to the Haskins airport, and—

As if the thought of her had evoked her presence, Lucky herself, clad in a wildly flowered housecoat and carrying a coffee cup, appeared in the doorway. "You're not asleep, Abby?" she whispered with a glance at the crib. "Come on over and have a cup of coffee with me. I'm lonesome—"

Then she caught sight of the bag lying open on the bed. "Hey!" Lucky could make a whisper sound like a shout. "What're you doing? You going somewhere?"

She came on into the trailer, her eyes wondering upon Abby's tearstained face. "Hey!" she said again. "I'll bet Johnny's had a fight with you and—"

Abby stood stiffly, wishing that Lucky would go home.

But Lucky was not the sensitive type. "What was the fight about, Honey?" she demanded. "Maybe you got at him when he was tired or something, maybe hungry. Mart's a bear when he's hungry and—"

Abby bit her lip, but the words came anyway. "I don't want to talk about it, Lucky," she said, and then proceeded to do just that. "Johnny doesn't love me any more, the baby is sick, and I hate this place and I'm going home!" I can't tell her that I don't have a friend who understands, because she might think that I didn't like her, and I do, but she doesn't understand!

She went back to folding clothes into the bag. "I'm going home," she said again.

FOR ONCE, Lucky Randsome did not have a quick answer. She set her coffee cup on the table and sat down without a clatter.

She looked at Abby with thoughtful eyes.

"I don't think the baby is really sick, Honey," she said with a quietness quite foreign to her. "She was cutting a tooth yesterday. I felt it when I held her, the little bugger bit me!"

Abby forced herself to smile, but she did not speak and she went on packing.

"I think Johnny does love you," Lucky went on. "He's sort of dumb about it like all men, but he loves you, Abby."

It was true, Johnny did love her. She knew that with her heart.

"I reckon this town is pretty bad," and there was a note of humility in Lucky's voice. "That's partly why I came in here this morning," she looked at Abby. "You see?"

Abby didn't see and what was more, she didn't care, but she asked courteously. "Why did you come in, Lucky?"

Lucky frowned in thought. "I don't hardly know how to say it," she admitted, and then stood up. "I'll tell you! Come on and I'll show you what I mean."

Abby followed Lucky into the brilliant morning. "There," Lucky paused and pointed to the side of the trailer-house. "Look at that, Abby!"

ABBY looked and her thoughts went stilled with sudden beauty. For the rains of the night had brought the morning-glories into a full blaze of blue bloom, shining with the raindrops on them.

"You can't get nothing much to grow in this hard-pan, Miz Bowers" but there they were growing, a spilling glory of color.

Beside her, Lucky was murmuring happily. "So I said to myself, 'I guess that settles it, Lucky, my girl. You're going to church with Abby.'"

"Wh-what?" surprise brought Abby's voice out in a startled squeak. "Did you say you're going to church with me, Lucky?"

Lucky nodded. "Yep. And I'll work on Mart and get him to come too, if you'll give

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Christian Compassion Expresses Itself

by Cyril E. Bryant
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President Eisenhower called for "a worldwide war against hunger" last December.

As the head of American government, Mr. Eisenhower was placing us, the citizens of America, in the role of the Good Samaritan. He looked out across sprawling acres of hungry human beings in New Delhi, India, and opened the US Pavilion at an agricultural fair stressing global efforts to increase food production.

"Food—Family—Friendship—Freedom," proclaimed the pavilion's exhibit. "Into these four words," Mr. Eisenhower said, "are compressed the daily needs, the high purposes, the deep feelings, the ageless aspirations that unite Indians and Americans under one banner—the banner of human dignity."

"Here are four words," he continued, "that are mightier than arms and bombs; mightier than machines and money; mightier than any empire that ruled the past or threatens the future."

It was a pretty speech. But if these had been pretty words only, they would have paralleled what Paul called sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Fortunately however, the United States policy of technical assistance to needy nations lends significance to the President's words. Similarly fortunate is the fact that this policy of our government is not a partisan affair but has the hardy support of a majority of our people.

Technical Assistance—President Truman called it "Point Four"—is much more than a dote. It is an educational program that helps the people of the world to help themselves. America's know-how in agriculture and medicine and manufacturing and road-building is being taught in on-the-job training in Asia, Africa, South America.

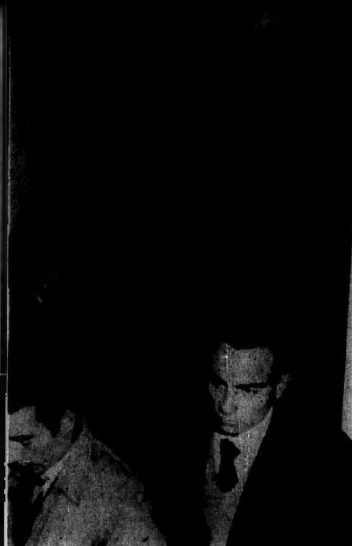
There is for instance the case of the

American agricultural expert who teamed up with a Vietnamese engineer. The two have traversed that narrow land organizing in communities self-help teams for construction of small dams and irrigation systems. One project had 10,000 Vietnamese nationals at work on a canal which turned 980 acres of semi-arid land into highly productive farms. These people are gaining the know-how to win their own war against hunger.

Up to five years ago the men of Quemoy spent their time fishing; then imported what hogs, poultry and vegetables their earnings would buy. By the time the Chinese Communists attacked in 1958, US assistance had taught them to raise their own produce. In Iran, the US Technical Assistance program introduced a new breed of cattle and tripled the country's milk supply. In Chile, modern methods of water conservation have resulted in the enriching of 20,000 acres of previously unirrigated land.

Other facets of Good Samaritanism have brought pure water to Libya, new roads to Turkey, small industry to the Philippines, safer electricity to India, mechanics to Ethiopia, and better housing, better health and better economic conditions to a hundred countries. And its lasting effectiveness is guaranteed as the people learn to wield weapons against famine, poverty, and the diseases which rob them of health and initiative.

There is no reason for boasting. These only are things we should have done as we learn of needy populations in our shrinking world. But it is good to know that Christian compassion is thus able to express itself through the mechanics of what we sometimes consider an impersonal government.



Members of Sr. Jose Nunez's church leaving the morning service held in a borrowed building

WHILE matadors and bulls taunt each other at Madrid's Sunday sports event, 500 other courageous Madrilenians are meeting for the evening worship at First Baptist Church. Senor Juan Luis Rodrigo, the pastor, uses the Sunday evening services as evangelistic opportunities. Church members bring unsaved friends and neighbors to hear the gospel. The congregation may sing, "*Dime la antigua historia del celestial favor*"—"Tell me the old, old story," or some other well-loved hymn. Unison reading of Scripture passages, spontaneous praying, and the offering characterize the service.

In a country held together by "religious unity," the evangelicals of Spain have learned there is nothing to be gained materially by being a Protestant. But, the warm greetings of Baptist women, kissing each other on both cheeks, and the cordial

Mrs. Ruchti and her minister husband were in Madrid last fall.



Sr. Jose Nunez talking to members at the close of the service

WE VISITED BAPTISTS *in Madrid*

by Helen Ruchti, Rome, Georgia

handclasp of faithful church members, help make the newcomer aware of the love of these Christians for each other.

After the sermon by Pastor Rodrigo there is a baptismal service. Always someone is waiting to be baptized, usually several.

During this moving service the pastor asks each candidate, "Do you take Jesus as your only Saviour?"

"Si, creo"—"Yes, I believe," the reply is clear and with conviction.

As a candidate is lowered into the water, the congregation breaks into a *cappella* song, "Hallelujah, I'm saved."

Then the choir, singing from the balcony, emphasizes the splendor of the occasion, and Pastor Rodrigo gives the invitation. Invariably several people come on profession of faith in Christ, accepting along with His free gift of spiritual life the inevitable persecution and discrimination to be faced by a Baptist in Spain.

Evangelical Christianity is not easy in Spain. The older Christians know these new converts will have to face insults and slights from friends and relatives. The tie of faith and love in the midst of persecution binds these Christians firmly together.



Sra. Pilar Clemente, widow of Pastor Francisco Fernandez of First Baptist Church, Madrid, and Sra. Petra Nunez, wife of Pastor Jose Nunez with Daniel, their third child

Christians of Spain know that persecution is real enough to close the doors of a sister church in Madrid. Second Baptist Church was closed by a civil court order in July 1954 and closed again in September 1957 after Senor Jose Nunez, pastor of Second Baptist Church, had resumed services in the chapel. A paper seal affixed to the chapel door disappeared and Pastor Nunez assumed it was all right to meet in the room once more. But for the church to meet in its own chapel was judged a crime and in October 1959 Pastor Nunez was sentenced to a month's imprisonment and a fine of 1,000 pesetas (\$16.40) for breaking the seals. However, this sentence was suspended. In the Spanish system of a state church, evangelical Christianity in the minority, must stand courageously.

Baptist churches know that their members must be well grounded in the teachings of God's Word. Sunday schools help educate children and adults in Bible principles. The Woman's Missionary Union reaches many women and children for the cause of missions. Church leaders assume responsibilities in strong, self-supporting churches.

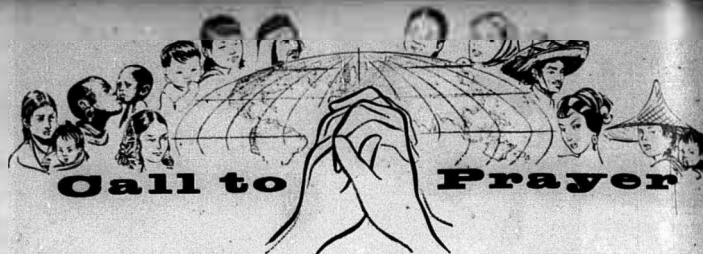
Senora Maria Garcia of Madrid's Third

Baptist Church helped the congregation stay together through persecution which came when the church was closed. Senora Pia Leon loves her church, First Baptist, and helps keep it clean and neat. Senora Pilar Clemente reflects Christ's love as she greets friends and visitors. Senora Petra Nunez, wife of the pastor of Second Baptist, has shared her home with the congregation so they may have a place to worship on Sunday evenings.

After worship services in a Baptist church in Madrid, the members linger to speak to new converts, talk with each other, and encourage the newly baptized members. Passersby stare at the evangelicals leaving their churches. The relaxed friendliness of these happy people is a testimony for Christ.

There is no sign on a Madrid Baptist church to signify its presence in the community; nor does the architecture betray the fact—either would be against the wishes of the government.

More eloquent than signs or steeples are the transformed, consecrated lives of our Spanish Baptist brothers and sisters, our "*amigos en Jezu Cristo*," who consistently live for Christ in their own communities.



Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

Prepared by Carrie U. Littlejohn

1 Friday Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass Psalm 37:5. (Read vv. 1-6.)

In a recent issue of *The Commission*, missionary Cecil H. Golden sounds a call to prayer for Honduras. In reporting his findings after a survey, made by jeep and on foot, in company with a co-worker, Harold E. Hurst, he said: "The next week we started on another journey that took us to twenty towns and cities with populations ranging from two to twenty-five thousand. There is no Baptist church in any of them."

"Our great need here is for more national workers. Won't you pray that God will help us in training national Christians? And then pray for the many cities of Honduras without a Christian witness."

PRAY for C. H. Golden, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, H. T. Gruber, Balboa, Canal Zone, L. N. Nelson, Hiroshima, Japan, ev.; Pablo Flores, Pharr, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Susan Anderson, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed.

2 Saturday O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come Psalm 65:2. (Read vv. 1-4.)

At the annual Indonesian mission meeting in 1958 the Kediri Baptist Hospital reported that only 30 per cent of its employees were professing Christians. The missionary staff, burdened over this situation, asked friends at home to join them in prayer. In 1959 the situation had definitely changed—83 per cent of the employees are Christians.

Miss Ruth Vanderburg concludes: "I cannot begin to tell you how thrilled we have been as we have seen many of our oldest employees step out and take a stand for Christ even when it means some will suffer persecution from families and friends. Won't

you pray for these new Christians . . . and that we may reach this remaining 'minority group.'"

PRAY for Ruth Vanderburg, Kediri, Indonesia, RN; S. L. Isaacs, HMB, retired; L. O. McKinney, Jr., Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, Korea, ev.



3 Sunday But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not Luke 22:32. (Read vv. 24-34.)

The inscriptions etched in stone over three main entrances of the Milan Cathedral in Italy linger with the thoughtful visitor. At the left entrance he reads, "All that pleases is but for a moment." At the right entrance "All that troubles is but for a moment." The arresting statement over the central door "That only is important which is eternal." As we pray today for missions and missionaries in Italy, the Philippines, the United States, Mexico and Hong Kong, may we forget fleeting pleasures and troubles of our earth-bound lives and major on the things of eternal value.

PRAY for R. F. Starmer, Rome, Italy, pub.; M. L. Seaborn, Jr., Mati, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, HMB, ev. among migrants; J. C. Bridges, Mexico, Mrs. E. C. Morgan, Hong Kong, ed.

4 Monday Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness,

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ness, is accepted with him Acts 10:34,35. (Read vv. 30-43.)

As we think of the work being done by Missionary D. Edwin Johnson among Negroes in Dallas, Texas, let us pray that we may have the mind and spirit of Christ in race relations. Let us also thank God for the dedicated service of Verlene Farmer, a splendid young Negro worker of Oklahoma, who has recently gone to Africa as a missionary under the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. Miss Farmer's special preparation in Carver School of Missions and Social Work was made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering.

PRAY for D. E. Johnson, Dallas, Tex., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. C. E. Clark, Venezuela, RN; Florence Lide, China-Nigeria, retired; D. R. Heiss, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, Mrs. P. D. Rouden, Jr., Israel, C. H. Favell, Natal, Ghana, G. B. Seright, Teresina, S. S. Stover, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, ev.; William Stover, MF

5 Tuesday Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth Mark 9:23. (Read vv. 14-29.)

Missionary H. C. McConnell in Santiago, Chile, tells how prayer was answered in the experience of one of his first students in the Seminary. Ismael Almendra, a young convert and the only Christian in his family, began his study for the ministry under difficult circumstances, the direct opposition of his parents. Ismael shared his conflict of duties with his teacher, and they made it a matter of prayer. More than a dozen years later Mr. McConnell was preaching in Ismael's home town. He had the joy of seeing the mother and youngest sister of this young man make decisions for Christ. Two other

sisters had already become Christians. Pray for this family and for many other young national Christians who have similar problems.

PRAY for H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile, R. L. Kolb, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, ed.; and for WMU Annual Meetings, Annapolis, Maryland, 5; Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Daytona Beach, Florida, Corbin, Kentucky, 5-7

6 Wednesday I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations Psalm 89:1. (Read vv. 1-4.)

Mr. Curran T. Gunn, missionary to the French-speaking people in Marksville, Louisiana, expresses his gratitude and that of his church for the gift from the Annie Armstrong Offering which helped provide a building for their growing work. The simple beauty of the new building invites the people of the community to worship, and the new classrooms make it possible to do better work in the organized life of the church. Pray for Mr. Gunn and his co-workers as they seek to win the French people in South Louisiana to Christ.

PRAY for C. T. Gunn, Marksville, La., ev. among French; Mrs. George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. Z. Chamlee, Jr., Peru, E. L. Oliver, Kagoahima City, Japan, Mrs. M. A. Sanderford, Montevideo, Uruguay, Mrs. W. R. Hull, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; WMU Annual Meetings, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 6-8

7 Thursday I will pray for you unto the Lord 1 Sam. 7:5. (Read vv. 1-6.)

It is heartening to Missionary Emitt O. Ray, Nassau, Bahamas, to know that today Christian friends back home are praying for his work, so varied and challenging. The Baptist Bible Institute with fifty enrolled, the Central Baptist Church, meeting in the Institute building has more than fifty members and twice that number attending worship services, the gospel radio program, frequent missionary journeys to the hundreds of isolated settlements scattered throughout the Bahamas. These journeys are made possible by the use of a seaplane given to the mission by a friend of missions. As we pray for Mr. Ray, let us thank God for the good stewards who invest their money in missions.

PRAY for Daniel Gomez, Hatch, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Mildred

Stein, HMB, Mrs. W. B. Glass, China, retired; E. O. Ray,* Bahamas, J. E. Giles, Cali, Colombia, ed.; Kathleen Jones, Kediri, Indonesia, MD; Mrs. H. B. Ramsour, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii, Z. V. Moss, Kitwe, No. Rhodesia, ev.; WMU Annual Meeting, Indiana, 7-8

8 Friday Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day Psalm 25:3. (Read vv. 1-7.)

In towns and cities good will centers provide open doors for reaching underprivileged and unchurched people. The Home Mission Board has 35 centers in eight states and the District of Columbia. There are 59 workers in these centers. In addition to these Home Mission Board centers, there are similar centers operated by state and associational WMUs and others. Pray for the dedicated workers in this difficult but rewarding field of service. Pray for the children and youth who come under the influence of the centers.

PRAY for Evelyn Stanford, Columbia, S. C., GWC; Mrs. C. T. Gunn, Marksville, La., ev. among French; Mrs. V. O. McMillan, Jr., Nagasaki, Japan, P. S. Moody,* Thailand, ev.; J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired

9 Saturday Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest Matt. 9:38. (Read vv. 35-38.)

A few months ago the north central association in Mexico had an evangelistic crusade with 34 churches participating. The closing service, attended by approximately a thousand people, was held at Calvary Baptist Church in Torreon. There were 61 professions of faith and 25 rededications. In the entire crusade there were more than 800 professions of faith. Pray for these new converts that they may be able to stand firm under persecution and for the young men in Calvary Baptist Church who dedicated their lives to the ministry.

PRAY for Mrs. R. L. Lyon, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Mrs. C. L. Neal, Mexico, retired; Mrs. H. C. Brent, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Walley Kilpatrick, Kentucky, GWC; Mrs. J. A. Poe, Porto Alegre, Brazil, C. R. Crowder, Keffi, Nigeria, ev.



10 Sunday Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee Luke 8:29. (Read vv. 28-39.)

In our world mission program we have a special responsibility for lost people in our own country. If Christian America does not evangelize the homeland, to whom can we look to do it? One of these beckoning fields is the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Here in this semi-tropical area live a half million people, many of whom are Spanish-speaking. Added to the permanent residents are more than 100,000 migrant Mexicans, some of whom spend as much as six months in the valley harvesting citrus fruits and vegetables. Local Baptist churches are trying to meet the need, but the job is too big for them to handle alone.

Let us pray earnestly today for all our work among the Spanish-speaking people in this valley.

PRAY for Mrs. David Espinosa, La Feria, Daniel Cantu, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. D. Luper, Fortaleza, Brazil, M. J. Wright, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.

11 Monday And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature Mark 16:15. (Read vv. 14-18.)

In 1959 a total of 144 new overseas missionaries were appointed, the largest number ever appointed in one year. An editorial in *The Commission* reminded us, "We need to thank God for these appointees. . . Moreover, we need to give ourselves to fervent prayer for them. They have many opportunities, but they also face many obstacles. In a very significant sense they are our substitutes, enabling us to be world missionaries in a time when anything short would be a denial of the total commission given to us by our Lord."

PRAY for H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, DDS; Faye Tunnire, Cotabato, Philippines, R. L. Locke, Owerri, Nigeria, Mrs. C. S. Cadzow, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, Mrs. Cleofas Casiano, Jacomino, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Abraham Wright, Benid, Ill., ev. among Italians

12 Tuesday What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them Mark 11:24. (Read vv. 20-25.)

Mrs. J. F. Mitchell is a good example of one who has been on the mission field for

several years. Experiences of answered prayer and requests for prayer fill her letters. She told of one family, everyone of whom was won to Christ through the ministry of prayer. She asks us to pray for the students who accept Christ as they return to non-Christian homes, for the teachers who counsel with students, for seminary students and professors, for three pastors in the northern desert of Chile as they seek to carry the gospel into mining and seaport towns.

PRAY for Mrs. J. F. Mitchell,* Chile, Mrs. C. H. Morris, Singapore, Malaya, T. C. Bennett, Dacca, E. Pakistan, ev.; Bertie Fair, HMB, ev. among migrants

13 Wednesday But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you 1 Pet. 1:25. (Read vv. 22-25.)

While in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica new missionaries are busy getting their first experience in mission work in a foreign land and language. Mrs. Leslie Keyes writes of the difficulties as they open a mission in Cartago, Costa Rica. Under the leadership of a national pastor they visited in homes, gave out tracts, and witnessed on the streets, but no one came to the services. Praying earnestly they returned the next week. One of the group suggested they place a large, open Bible in the front window of their rented building, marking in red three verses of the third chapter of John. This attracted attention at once, and many stopped to read. That evening, for the first time, some came inside and others stood around the open door to hear the gospel message. Pray for Mrs. Keyes and her co-workers in this difficult situation.

PRAY for Mrs. L. G. Keyes, San Jose, Costa Rica, la. et.; Mrs. R. P. Elder, Argentina, retired; Betty Jane Hunt, Korea, ev.; Marcellus Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians; Jose Saez, Port Lavaca, Camara Guerra, San Benito, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; George Camara, MF

14 Thursday Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield Psalm 33:20. (Read vv. 10-22.)

Let us thank God today for the years of service which Mrs. G. A. Bowdler gave to her adopted country, Argentina. Let us be grateful also for the growth of our work there. The Baptist Convention in Argentina reported 187 churches a year ago as it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. One of the most progressive of these churches is the

Rosario First Baptist Church, located in the heart of the downtown district. Their beautiful building was dedicated more than a year ago. The sanctuary seats 1000 people. The educational building provides Sunday school facilities for the same number. There is also a home for the pastor, mission offices, and a book store. Pray for the ministry of this church and other Baptist churches of Argentina.

PRAY for Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Sr., Argentina, retired; Burel Block, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. C. Parker, Margarita, Canal Zone, Mrs. C. W. Shaw,* So. Rhodesia, ev.

15 Friday So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it Isa. 55:11. (Read vv. 10-13.)

As we pray today for our work among Spanish-speaking people in our country, let us take courage from the testimony of a young man, Frank S. Garcia, now serving in the US Army. Mr. Garcia says, "I am a Christian because of the work done by home missionaries among the Latin-Americans in Texas. As you probably know, the Baptist faith is spreading among my people with very good fruitful results. My entire family has been baptized into the Baptist church, and my relatives on my mother's side are slowly accepting our beliefs. . . So keep up the great work you are doing among the minority groups in the United States." Pray for this young man and young Christians among our Spanish-speaking friends.

PRAY for Mrs. G. W. Thomas, New Orleans, La., ev. among deaf; Mrs. Pantaleon Molina, Westaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Edna Teal, China, retired; Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; R. E. Beatty, Bulatoyo, So. Rhodesia, ev.

16 Saturday For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves 2 Cor. 8:3. (Read vv. 1-7.)

The work in Colombia has grown in spite of difficulties. Many believers know what it means to suffer for their faith. Crea Ridenour tells of the dedication and faithfulness of Colombian Baptists. The twenty-five churches support three home missionary couples. A year ago the first two young women were graduated from the International Baptist Seminary in Cali. One of

these girls is the WMU field worker for the Colombia Convention. The other is a pastor's wife, who is making her contribution in a local church. *Pray for these young workers and for the Seminary in Cali in its important work of training national pastors.*

PRAY for Crea Ridenour, Cali, Colombia, E. B. Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Charles Dozier, MF; Darline Elliott, Cali, Colombia, lib.; Mrs. J. L. Riffey, Niteroi, Brazil, Mrs. Reinaldo Medina, La Palma, Elva Chavez, Managua, Cuba, ev.; A. H. Foster, HMB, ev. among migrants; R. L. Woodruff, Cerrero, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; E. M. Treadwell, Las Vegas, Mrs. Laura Whitfield, Socorro, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking



Call to Prayer

17 Sunday For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life John 3:16 (Read vv. 16-21.)

As we think today of the work of our missionaries, we can take courage from the testimony of pastor George Bolton of the famous New York Bowery Mission: "There's no such thing as a hopeless case. I've seen God save from the guttermost to the uttermost." His words carry weight, for Mr. Bolton speaks from experience. Destitute and friendless, he found his way to the Jerry McAuley Mission, and under the guidance of workers he became a Christian. No penitent man is beyond the reach of God's compassionate love and mercy.

PRAY for A. H. Urhina, Pico Rivera, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Roy Muncy, Ignacio, Colo., ev. among Indians; Johnny Wang, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. C. E. Perez, Taguayabon, Cuba, F. A. Hooper, III, Petah Tiqa, Israel, H. L. Shoemaker, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.

18 Monday Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood Acts 20:28 (Read vv. 18-38.)

In Rio de Janeiro there are more than 300 Baptist churches. Let us look at one of these churches and ask ourselves, "How does my church compare with this church in mission-

ary activity?" This Brazilian church supports two missionaries, one a home missionary in the interior of Brazil, the other, a foreign missionary in Bolivia. Nine missionaries have gone out from this one church. Contributions of the Rio church to outside causes total 75 per cent of its budget. Is your church giving more to outside causes than it spends on itself? How many missionaries have gone out from your church? *Pray that we at the home base may measure up to what God expects of us.*

PRAY for Mrs. R. B. Wolfard, Brazil, Mrs. D. W. King,* Lebanon, ev.*

19 Tuesday But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd Matt. 9:36. (Read vv. 35-38.)

Nearly two years ago the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, Florida, opened a mission across the street from a camp where several hundred migrant families were housed. Forty-one charter members from among the migrants joined the mission during its first revival. As we think of Mrs. Mayo today, let us thank God for the pioneer work that she and her husband, the late Rev. Sam T. Mayo, started among migrants in Florida. As a general field worker, she strives to keep Southern Baptists sensitive to the needs of these wandering people, who are sheep without a shepherd.

PRAY for Mrs. S. T. Mayo, HMB, FW; Mrs. A. M. Lugo, Edinburg, Mrs. Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Tex., E. R. Hill, Las Cruces, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. C. R. Bumpas, Campina Grande, Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Turner, Tripoli, Lebanon, ev.; Mrs. E. G. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Virginia Wingo, Rome, Italy, ed.

20 Wednesday Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path Psalm 119:105. (Read vv. 97-112.)

In an RA-GA camp in Texas attended by boys and girls from homes of Mexican origin, a Junior girl expressed a wish for an English Bible. Finally a New Testament was found with one column in English and the other in Spanish. As the little girl looked at it, she said, "Is it really mine to take home with me?" On being assured that it was hers, she exclaimed, "How wonderful! I can read the English side, and mother and daddy and grandmother and grandfather can read the Spanish side. Maybe they will find Jesus there." *Pray for the ministry of that New*

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THIS MONTH

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Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

EASTER-TIME reminds us of a forecast given nineteen hundred and sixty years ago, "And if I go . . . I will come again!"

Let us not grow so earth-bound that we fail to live expectantly. "Born, suffered, rose, will come," this is our message of hope for today's world.

April presents such important matters for Woman's Missionary Societies:

1. Life Commitment Sunday, April 10
2. Soul-winning efforts
3. Jewish Fellowship Week, April 18-24
4. Directed soul-winning efforts, action motivated by general missionary program
5. "The Missionary Home," circle program topic.

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WANT *to* LEARN?

Last year through the "Continental Classroom" over a million adults (known as telestudents) in the United States received some formal instruction by television. About 60 per cent of them were women.

Right in your own home, maybe not by television, you may learn how to be a better WMU member and leader.

The WMS Leadership Course may be taken by individual study. A WMS Assignment and Answer Booklet is available from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, for 25c. Upon completing the course a WMS Leadership Card will be awarded by your state WMU.

In answer to the question, "What motivated you to take the tele-course?" a woman with five grandchildren replied, "Improving the mind is a great pleasure." Why not become a student again and experience the pleasure of learning?

Stewardship Chairman

How do you get money?

The third quarter of 1959-60 begins this month. What will be your quarterly emphases on stewardship of possessions? Page 48, WMU Year Book suggests:

1. Study right acquisition of money.
2. Study or read stewardship book.

Choose a verse for this quarter—"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth . . ." Deut. 8:18.

Stress the importance of using honest methods and having the approval of God in getting money.

Choose a poem for this quarter—

"All things are Thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee,
And hence, with grateful hearts today,
Thine own before Thy feet we lay."

—Whittier

Choose a book for this quarter—*Partnership With Christ*, Paul H. Conrad, price 50c from Baptist Book Stores.

Choose a hymn for this quarter—"We Give Thee but Thine Own," No. 402, Baptist Hymnal.

Suggest that the Scripture verse, poem, book, and hymn be used at circle and Society meetings throughout the quarter.

Community Missions Chairman

Soul-winning Efforts

Community missions chairmen and committee members are being alerted that the action motivated by the April WMS missionary program is "directed soul-winning efforts." Here are some suggestions for you as you plan for this responsibility:

I. Plan soul-winning visitation

- A. Secure names and addresses of unsaved from church census, Sunday school rolls, visitors' cards, personal contacts, etc.
- B. Prepare cards with name, address, age, sex, occupation, and other information concerning lost people to be visited; leave space for remarks and name of the one who will visit.
- C. Help prepare visitors
 1. Pray and depend upon guidance and power of Holy Spirit
 2. Study book on soul-winning
 3. Have informal discussion periods on "how to" approach the lost and "how to" explain the plan of salvation.
 4. Mark passages in the New Testament that help in talking to a non-Christian.
 5. Order tracts and Gospels to use in visiting.
(Soul-winning Tracts Packet, 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.)
- D. Make definite assignments (using the prepared cards) according to mutual interests, individual choice, neighborhood, blocks or sections of the community.
- E. Set definite time according to convenience of visitors and those to be visited.
- F. Arrange sufficient transportation to different areas.
- G. Share results of visits.
- H. Keep trying to win the lost.

II. In co-operation with prayer committee plan prayer meetings in homes of unsaved.

III. Arrange conferences with the pastor for those who desire them.

IV. Provide transportation to church services for the unsaved.

V. Mail tracts giving the plan of salvation to the lost with an invitation to your worship services.

Jewish Fellowship Week, April 18-24

"The 11 million Jews who need Jesus Christ as Saviour would form a line approximately 5,000 miles long. It would take about three months day and night to count 11,000,000 unsaved Jews"—December, 1958 *Moody Monthly*. See the suggestions given in the leaflet "Jewish Fellowship Week," from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga., which will help in preparation for this important week.

President and Program Chairman

How to get more out of meetings

• The leader must possess certain general leadership qualifications such as knowledge, tact, courtesy, initiative, impartiality, flexibility, fearlessness, cheerfulness, enthusiasm, sincerity, loyalty and integrity, because these qualities promote in the member a kind of confidence, ease and respect that enables the member to get more from meetings. The leader must also encourage the development of these traits in all members of the group.

1. **Planning the meeting**—which includes making appropriate physical arrangements of the meeting place, formulation and circulation of the agenda, notification of committee chairmen and others who

are to make reports, notification to all members and guests of the place and time of meeting.

2. **Presiding over the meeting**—which involves many things, including abiding by some type of rules of order, having respect for the rights and privileges of each member, keeping the common goals before the group, resolving conflicts, keeping the meeting moving, starting and stopping on time.

3. **Follow-up**—which includes evaluation of the meeting, performing assigned duties and assistance to committees. (Reprinted from *Adult Leadership*, monthly publication of the Adult Education Association.)

Enlistment Chairman

The 65's and Over

There are 15 million people over 65 years of age in the US today. This is 8.4 per cent of the population and it is estimated that by 1980 the figure will be 15 per cent. WMS enlistment chairmen and committee members must be aware of this challenge and seek to bring women of this group into Woman's Missionary Society.

Over half the states have committees on aging and some have prepared helpful publications. See if your state provides materials which will give you a better understanding of the retired and will be helpful to you in planning for the 65's and over.

Mobilizing Resources for Older People, published by The Council of State Governments and the Fed-

eral Council on Aging, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 37, Ill., and *Preparation for Retirement*, published by the National Committee on Aging of the National Social Welfare Assembly, 345 E. 46th St., New York 17, New York, are recommended; also, *The Nature of Retirement*, by Elon H. Moore, \$4.50 from Baptist Book Stores.

Among this group are those who cannot attend WMS meetings because of personal illness or confinement to home by illness in the family. Provide the privileges of the Extension Circle for these.

1. Arrange a schedule whereby members of the Extension Circle will be visited regularly.

2. Seek to develop their world awareness through reading or hav-

ing read to them articles and monthly program materials in *Royal Service*, Mission books, *The Commission*, and *Home Missions*.

3. Encourage them to use the Call to Prayer daily and to participate in the Intercessory Prayer League. Share with them answers to prayer.

4. Keep them informed of WMS soul-winning efforts so that they may pray for the lost and for those ministering to the lost.

5. Give them an opportunity to sign the tither's pledge and to give regularly through the Cooperative

Program and other mission offerings.

6. Urge them to pray for the youth in your church; that they may dedicate themselves to the cause of missions.

7. Plan for them to participate in telephone visitation and enlistment.

The WMS at First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, uses the Extension Circle Assignment Card shown below.

Extend your interest and concern and include the retired and confined.

Circle No.	Month
Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Able to see visitors?	
Like mission books to read?	
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Like a visit by telephone?	
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Publications Chairman

"From Where We Sit"

Here at "600" we receive words of appreciation as well as complaints when *Royal Service* is not received as soon as expected.

Publications chairman, you and your committee can help us do a better public relations job if you will remember to pass on some important information to those whose subscriptions to *Royal Service* you mail to us.

1. Allow four to six weeks for first copy to reach you.

2. For change of address allow four to six weeks and send old

address (preferably address label from magazine) with new.

3. If you have a zone number, be sure to include it.

4. Send renewal promptly upon receiving expiration notice, otherwise the subscription must be handled as a new subscription and requires four to six weeks.

From where we sit we see that your order may be one of thousands received in one week by Woman's Missionary Union and can understand the delay. We hope you can.

Secretary *No Time* for **GUESSWORK**

It is time for secretaries to "take the guesswork out of their desk work" and get WMS-WMU reports in by April 5.

By securing accurate reports from WMS chairmen and YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors all pain and frustration may be eliminated from reporting. After completing your report, proofread it with another to be sure of no mistakes.

Are you using Individual Monthly Record Sheets for WMS members (25 for 25c; 50 for 50c; 100 for 75c) and WMS Circle Report Book, 20c, both from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama? These will help take the guesswork out of your desk work!

Mission Study Chairman

Brand-new

In fact, it is so new we are NOT even suggesting it for April mission study. *Educating Youth in Missions*, by Mrs. Mildred McMurry, price 85c, will be ready for your May and June study—not before then.

But mission study chairmen and committee members can begin preparation for this important study now. Start by displaying YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band Manuals, magazines, and other materials. Place on bulletin boards information about YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band activities in your own church.

Encourage WMS members to observe the work of the youth organizations. Review the influence

Educating Youth in Missions



MILDRED McMURRY

of the WMU youth organizations in your church. How many missionaries have gone out from your church? How many preachers? How many other young people in church-related vocations? Have deacons, Sunday school teachers, Training Union, Brotherhood, and WMU workers developed missionary concern and enthusiasm through membership in Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries?

Point up Aim V in WMS Aims for Advancement, and through a thorough understanding of these basic objectives and electives help women anticipate this brand-new book, *Educating Youth in Missions*, 85c, from Baptist Book Stores, which they will be studying in May and June.

Prayer Chairman

Family Worship

The circle program topic for April is "The Missionary Home." Sunday, April 10, has been designated by our denomination as Life Commitment Sunday, so now is the time for prayer chairmen to promote family worship. Parents and children reading God's Word together and praying for mission-

aries is one way to build a missionary home. In such a home young people can more easily learn God's will and commit their lives to his service.

Each family will decide the best time for their family worship; before or after breakfast, around the supper table, or later in the evening.

Scripture verses may be quoted or read in succession with each member of the family reading or holding his Bible. The *Royal Service Call to Prayer* should be included in this prayer experience. Give time for children to locate on a world map places where missionaries serve. Look at their pictures in the *Missionary Album* and see the missionary appointees found in issues of *The Commission* and *Home Missions*.

Recall the time of day or night on mission fields. In *Tell* magazine time zones are given on the Prayer Time pages.

During this month prayer chairmen and committee members should call every WMS member to sincere commitment to family worship. Read "Family Worship at Our House" in April RS.

Youth Directors

Educating Youth in Missions

During the next three months Woman's Missionary Societies will be looking at their fostering aim, *Educating Youth in Missions*. This is the title of the new book to be studied in May and June. The circle program unit for this quarter is *Educating Youth in Missions*. April's program topic is "The Mis-

sionary Home," May's "Our Missionary Organizations," and June's program topic is "Our Missionary Youth."

This quarter's emphasis should result in a better understanding of the youth organizations. And every WMS should see the necessity for adequate fostering of all WMU youth organizations.

GA directors and their committees will be ready to present to the WMU Executive Committee GA Focus Week plans for May 8-14. The Executive Committee will decide about the best way to carry out these plans. The WMS president may ask certain circles or individuals to take the responsibility of helping with a GA Presentation or Coronation Service (GA directors and counselors will find help in the pamphlet, *Select Service, Presentation and Coronation Services*, 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.); or a social gathering, or other activities to promote the work of Girls' Auxiliaries during GA Focus Week.

YWA committees will begin early making plans for YWAs to go to Ridgecrest YWA Conference, June 16-22. Watch *The Window* for ways of arousing interest in the conference at Ridgecrest.

YWA and GA committees will look ahead to associational and state camps, house parties, and Queens' Courts. All of these are fostering opportunities for Woman's Missionary Societies.

Sunbeam Band Committees may be planning one-day camps for eight-year-old Sunbeams. If so, your WMS will be happy to help with transportation, food, and other needs. Order the leaflet, "Day Camping for 8-year-old Sunbeam Bands," free from your state WMU office.

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ALL CHAIRMEN

Have You Forgotten Something?

The WMU year 1959-60 is half over. Look at WMS Aims for Advancement again and be sure that you are not forgetting basic objectives and electives which need promoting.

Program, mission study, and publications committees must check up on Aim I. What about your program meetings? Subscriptions to *Royal Service*? Mission study books taught? Read?

Prayer committee, have you led your WMS to observe the weeks of prayer? Five-day observances? Are you promoting the use of calendar of prayer? Intercessory Prayer League?

Community missions committee, are WMS members participating in planned community missions? Have you had a community missions survey?

Stewardship committee, are WMS members tithing? Giving through the Cooperative Program, to special offerings?

YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band committees, what about Aim V? Are WMU youth organizations provided for all age groups? Is your WMS fostering all WMU youth organizations? Providing leadership?

Enlistment committee, are efforts being made to enlist all resident women members of the church? How about attendance at missionary program meetings? Are you organizing additional circles? Doing enlistment visitations?

All officers, chairmen, counselors, leaders, and committee members, are you attending Executive Committee meetings regularly? Having regular, planned committee meetings? Attending associational, state and Convention-wide meetings? Studying leadership courses?

President, secretary, are accurate reports being made promptly to your WMS and to associational Woman's Missionary Union?

If every officer, chairman and committee member will assume her share of the responsibility for Aims for Advancement you should have in your church an Honor WMU.

Don't forget your basic objectives and electives!

Testament in this Mexican home.

PRAY for Phillip Aaron, Miami, Fla., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Mrs. S. P. Mireles, HMB, retired

21 Thursday Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication Psalm 55:1. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Miss Mary Neal Morgan in a recent copy of *The Commission* told of her joy in leading the interpreter of her Bible class to accept Christ. This young Japanese man, a graduate of Sakai University, can have great influence with his young friends. Pray that he will be a good witness among his family and friends. Pray also for a high school girl, who is a young Christian friend of Miss Morgan. The girl's father is a Buddhist priest.

PRAY for Mary Neal Morgan, Osaka, Elizabeth Watkins,* Japan, Letha Saunders, Sao Paulo, Mrs. J. S. Oliver,* Brazil, *ev.*; Sarah Rogers, Lafayette, La., GWC; Mrs. Stephen Gover, Weatherford, Sammy Fields, Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Ariz., *ev. among Indians*; Rodion Beresov, San Francisco, Calif., *ev. among Russians*; Mrs. Victor Koon, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. E. W. Nelson, Santiago, Chile, *ed.*; Rose Marlowe, China-Japan, retired; Mrs. P. S. Moody,* Thailand, RN

22 Friday And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God Rom. 12:2. (Read vv. 1-9.)

Mrs. C. S. Boatwright tells a remarkable story of Mr. Niwa, a Japanese pilot during World War II, now a dedicated young Christian minister. Shortly after the war a missionary led him to Christ. Mrs. Boatwright concludes: "It is always a picture of God's power to see Mr. Niwa interpreting at the mission church here on our compound. The missionary language student now a preacher was a paratrooper in Japan during the war. There they stand, Mr. Niwa and the American missionary—once enemies, now brothers in Christ working together for the same Lord! Only the power of God can bring this about." Pray for God's transforming power to touch many young men in Japan. Pray for these young missionaries as they study the language and strive to bridge the gulf that often separates them from the people whom they yearn to serve.

PRAY for Mrs. C. S. Boatwright, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. W. H. Parkman, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. W. W. Logan,* Nigeria, *ev.*; A.

Pucciarelli, Tampa, Fla., *ev. among Indians*; Ismael Negrin, Key West, Fla., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*

23 Saturday Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity 1 Tim. 4:12. (Read vv. 11-16.)

A fruitful evangelistic agency among youth in Hong Kong is Hong Kong Baptist College, now in its fourth year. During religious emphasis week last year 35 students made professions of faith, 56 others indicated interest in becoming Christians, and ten students dedicated their lives to vocational Christian service. Professor George A. Carver of Carver School of Missions and Social Work is spending his sabbatical leave in Hong Kong where he and Mrs. Carver are teaching at the Baptist College for a semester. Pray for their ministry among the Chinese students, and for the faculty and staff of Hong Kong Baptist College.

PRAY for S. G. Rankin, Kowloon, Hong Kong, MD; Augusto Martinez, San Blas, Panama, W. H. Jackson, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, J. L. Smith, Bandung, Indonesia, *ev.*; Blanche Walker, China, retired; F. H. Heiney, Ponca City, Okla., *ev. among Indians*; F. L. Hawkins, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *pub.*; M. F. Moorhead,* Japan, Mrs. B. H. Welmaker,* Colombia, *ed.*



Call to Prayer

24 Sunday Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day Psalm 25:5. (Read vv. 1-10.)

A letter from Miss Lena Lair points up the opportunity to evangelize through the teaching ministry. She says in part: "The Women's Elementary Training College was begun in Ile Ife in January, 1957 . . . Along with the school work, the missionaries and African teachers and students began evangelistic work in the villages within a radius of three of four miles on week ends. They also teach the people who cannot read or write and want to learn. One little village church has been started, and it has had several baptisms. Several adults have learned to read and write. Pray for this work and also for

work in other villages where God's Word is being preached weekly."

PRAY for Lena Lair,* Nigeria, W. C. Hunter, Taipei, Taiwan, ed.; A. E. Corugedo, Matanzas, Cuba, Blanche Simpson, Estado do Rio, Brazil, ev.; N. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., pub.; W. J. Williams,* Nigeria, MD

25 Monday Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God 2 Cor. 5:20. (Read vv. 16-21.)

A most effective missionary minister is Missionary Lawrence Stanley, pastor of the First Chinese Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Stanley started this work in 1949 under the sponsorship of the Central Baptist Church. In 1951 the Chinese congregation moved into a building purchased by the Home Mission Board. In the beginning practically all who attended the services were children. Now the children won to Christ and trained in the mission are the leading adult members in the church which was organized in 1957. In 1958 an education unit was added to the church, to which the Chinese congregation gave about \$20,000.

PRAY for Lawrence Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. Antonio Castillo, Del Rio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Marcos Rodriguez, Marti, Cuba, Mrs. Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. D. C. Jones, Korea, Mrs. D. J. Richards, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. A. B. Scull, Bandung, Indonesia, Mrs. M. A. Mobley, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; WMU Annual Meeting, Flint, Michigan, 25-26

26 Tuesday Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it Psalm 127:1. (Read vv. 1-5.)

Last Spring a new chapel at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland was dedicated in a service attended by people from twenty nations. Funds to build the chapel were provided by Woman's Missionary Union to honor the service of Mrs. George R. Martin, who for eleven years was president of Woman's Missionary Union. Because of its strategic location this chapel can make a unique contribution as a place of worldwide missionary witness. The first major service after the dedication was the commencement program of the Seminary at the end of its tenth session. Pray for the ministry from this chapel, for students at the Seminary, and for the local church meeting in the chapel.

PRAY for L. G. Fielder,* Japan, ed.; Merna Hocum, Recife, Brazil, Soc.; Mrs. D. E. Kendall,* Indonesia, RN; Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, retired; J. D. Ratliff, Peru, ev.

27 Wednesday And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them Matt. 18:2. (Read vv. 1-6.)

In Las Cruces, New Mexico, the kindergarten is a most important evangelistic witness among the Spanish-speaking families. Of the thirty children enrolled last year, only two came from Christian homes. One little girl said to her non-Christian mother: "I like to learn from God's Word, but we do not have a Bible in our home."

Pray for this little girl and many others like her, for her parents, for the teachers.

PRAY for Mrs. Jorge Martinez, Las Cruces, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, J. T. Lockridge, Cotabato, Philippines, ev.

28 Thursday And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son John 14:13. (Read vv. 12-17.)

How much of our praying is in the name of Jesus? Miss Sarah Diaz of Granite City, Illinois tells of prayer that met that test. "Well, we moved that mountain with our prayer; let's keep on praying for the others!" This remark came from one of the Armenian girls in our Junior prayer group at the Good Will Center in Granite City, Illinois. She had just seen her mother accept Christ as Saviour.

Two weeks later a Slavic man made a profession of faith in Christ as Saviour. Over a year had gone by since the prayer group had begun praying for these two adults. They knew that prayer could remove mountains. Truly these Juniors have experienced the joy of praying. Pray for these new Christians and for their young Christian friends.

PRAY for Sarah Diaz, Granite City, Ill., GWC; Mrs. H. E. Renfrow, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. Leoncio Vegailla, Tapaste, Cuba, ev.

29 Friday I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ 1 Cor. 1:4. (Read vv. 4-9.)

Miss Annie Rines, a nurse in Nigeria for many years, like all missionary nurses, has every contact as an opportunity to witness for Christ—giving a patient a drink of water

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

or an aspirin, putting on a bandage, providing a new dress for a baby, helping a Christian boy with his fees at school. She asks us to pray for the emerging peoples of Africa where millions of illiterate people are led by an educated few in a strong spirit of nationalism. She reminds us that in Nigeria Christianity is stronger than in other African countries. She feels that more responsibility is being placed on the Christian national. Pray for these Christian leaders in Nigeria. Pray for Miss Rines and other medical missionaries that they may have the physical strength to meet the demands made upon them.

PRAY for Annie Rines,* Nigeria, Margaret Collins, Dapunan City, Philippines, RN; Colleen Crowley, New Orleans, La., GWC; Cornelia Rivera, Bayard, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Victor Kaneubbe, Philadelphia, Miss., ev. among Indians; Mrs. L. C. Charles, Argentina, retired; Cathryn Smith, Recife, D. J. Richards, Campinas, Brazil, R. D. Hardy, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Miss Onis Vineyard, Recife, Brazil, Rosemary Lambert,* Japan, ed.

The Shine of Morning-glories

(continued from page 12)

me time. Matt's stubborn," then she added gently, "Johnny'll come around again too, Honey, if you'll just wait. He's just off the track a little."

Abby nodded, but she had no more words.

Lucky went on in a thoughtful voice, "I looked at those flowers, the prettiest things I've seen in my whole life, maybe, and I remembered how hard you watered those things all summer. Then I remembered something else. I remembered how hard you've worked at that little ole church, and well—" she looked embarrassed to be discussing such delicate subjects, "Well, I guess I sort of got it—what you meant about the 'livingness' and all. You know, how a—Christian just has to go on and try to

30 Saturday Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit 1 Cor. 12:4. (Read vv. 4-12.)

The co-workers of Mrs. P. H. Hill tell of the far-reaching contributions she is making to missions in Nigeria through her artistic talents. She has already painted baptistry scenes for six churches. One pastor said: "The painting invites more non-Christian people into the sanctuary to listen to God's Word than the church bell."

Mrs. Hill uses her art in many ways: painting scenery for a Christmas pageant, making posters for displays at conventions, planning and portraying a meaningful worship service for the WMU Convention. As we thank God for Mrs. Hill's dedicated gifts, let us pray for young people with artistic talents to dedicate their lives to missions.

PRAY for Mrs. P. H. Hill, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ev.; Sarah Henley, Shaki, Nigeria, ed.; T. S. Atkins, Kowloon, Hong Kong, B.A.; J. B. Payne, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ev. (arch.)

* In English
ev. evangelism
ed. educational evangelism
med. medical evangelism
B.A. business administration
pub. publication
FW field worker
HMB Home Mission Board
N.N. nurse

Soc. social worker
MF Margaret Fund student
MD doctor
lan. st. language study
GWC Good Will Center
DDS dentist
lit. librarian
arch. architect

make 'livingness' grow out of—of hard old prairie," she blew a long breath, "Whew, you see?"

Abby nodded, "Yes, I see."

Then, as baby Sue's fretful cry came from the trailer, she turned away, and her thoughts were quiet as stilled pools within her, why didn't I see before, Lord? I'm here to plant and Thine is the increase—

"Come on, Lucky," she invited, and there was a new sureness in her heart, "Come on in while I feed my baby and unpack my bag—"

Lucky smiled and came.

"I'm glad you're going to church with me," Abby said, and turned back to look once more at the spilling beauty of the blossoms over the side of her—home.

THE END

IDEAS for Your Program Plans

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

What to Do: This program is written as an interview with recent European traveler(s). Scripture passages are included with "Thinking About the Interview" so there is not the usual-type devotion.

1. Create an atmosphere of interest in the theme "More Than a Name" by focusing attention on unusual names in your society. Call on selected members to stand and tell how they received their names. Not more than five minutes should be allowed for this.

2. Accumulate the following props: suitcase with stickers (giving names of countries, hotels, etc.); small notebook for interviewer(s) in which she can jot down questions beforehand and pretend to write down answers during interview; travel folders and posters (order from ads in magazines or travel bureau). The traveler(s) can be loaded down with cameras and literature among which she conceals her notes. Order from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia (free) the map "Southern Baptist Missions in Europe."

3. If you prefer a more formal, lecture-type program or desire additional material, order these pamphlets from the Foreign Mission Board (free): "Italy Looks Ahead" by Albert Craighead; "Europe Needs the Gospel" by J. D. Hughey, Jr.; "This is Spain" by Roy Wyatt, Jr.

4. In advance, hand out statements under "Thinking About the Interview" to different members. They may stand in their places and tell them as though they were their impressions. Then the leader or member may comment as indicated and add ideas of her own. Watch time on this as shown in outline. The questions are intended for meditation and not for a show of hands.

5. Remember that the more people you involve in your programs, the better the attendance and attention. Therefore no-

tify before the day of the meeting not only the 3 to 7 people helping with the program, but those with interesting names, the 12 giving statements in "Thinking About the Interview." Grand total could be around 30 used, or as few as 3.

What Not to Do: In all probability there are those in your community who have traveled to Europe. Do not turn this program into a travelogue. Your women will be more familiar with this part of the world than anywhere else outside our country. They need to see the religious side of this area and to know that many are Christians in name only. They need the thrill of realizing that to European Baptist minorities, the term "Christian" is "More Than a Name."

Action Motivated by Program: The witness of European Baptists should inspire us to definite soul-winning activity. Ask your community missions chairman to have names and addresses of lost people in your community; of indifferent members whose attitudes show they are "spiritually sick"; of those who are more "shut out" than "shut in."

Remember that Luke attributed the success of the First Century Christians to their "devotion to prayer" and the "power of the Holy Spirit."

PROGRAM OUTLINE	Minutes
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Community Missions Chairman	5

ROYAL SERVICE



Armstrong Memorial Training School, begun in 1950 and named for a former WMU president, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, is located in Rome. Miss Virginia Wingo directs this school. Dr. Ben Lawton, missionary in Italy says, "It seems noteworthy that there is a distinct increase in the number of advanced students who are preparing themselves for definite Christian work: through the Baptist Seminary (Filadelfia Institute) and the Armstrong Memorial Training School . . . a total of 111 Italian young people are preparing themselves as compared with 81 last year."



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BETANIA



PROGRAM

on Baptist Work in Europe

(See Plans and Outline on page 24.)

MORE THAN A NAME

Planned by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

Leader's Introduction

This is a program about our Baptist work in Europe. You might call me an introducer or better still an interrupter, because we are going to pause at different places in our interviews to think about what has been said.

We decided to call our program "More Than a Name." I hope you will agree that this is a good idea. We thought about the coming of Christianity to Europe when Paul answered the Macedonian call and how faithful witnesses spread the Word over the known portion of the continent. Then we listed the countries—France, Spain, Italy, Germany and the others—countries familiar to you because Americans are "displaced Europeans." By the name of each country we wrote figures showing the number of Christians, and we found that the encyclopedia gave a wonderful picture: 98 per cent, 99 per cent, 96 per cent, etc.

Now this made us pause to remember some of the things we know about Europe: the Nazi atrocities committed in Germany after 1500 years of Christian witness; the moral decay that has undermined French national character; the widespread worship of images and statues similar to that in heathen lands; Godless communism spread here and abroad. This made us think that

maybe there is something wrong with this wonderful picture where in the world of statistics most people are listed as Christians. The tragic thought came to us that perhaps many are Christians in name only.

It is my feeling that being a Christian should mean more than just a name. It should have real significance. The chances are that even our everyday names mean something (call on those members previously selected). The majority (or all) of you are named for someone your parents loved or admired. It was their hope that you might grow to be like that one. So it should be with us who call ourselves by the name Christians. We should want to be like Christ and love him enough to make others want to be like him too. This was why his earliest followers were called Christians first at Antioch (Acts 11:26). They were talking and acting like a man named Christ who had died a criminal's death, and the nickname Christian was given in mockery.

Those early Christians preferred to call themselves disciples, believers, brethren, saints or the elect, but before the end of the first century they were proudly bearing the name Christian. The term had another significance. Christ was the Greek word for the Hebrew Messiah and the "ian" was

a Latin ending. Therefore, like the inscription in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, Pilate put above the cross, the name Christian stands for the supreme glory of the gospel and proclaims the universality of its grace.

Right now we are going to listen to an interview that is taking place at _____ (the closest airport terminal). I hope you will listen carefully because we are going to do some thinking about this interview in just a few minutes.

Interview on Italy

First Interviewer: My name is _____ and I'm a reporter for _____ (local paper). We received word that you were arriving today from a winter in Europe, and I would like to ask you a few questions. Were the conditions as you expected them to be?

First Traveler: No, there were many surprises although the standard tourist attractions were familiar. I had read several books and talked to people who had been, so I thought I knew a great deal about Europe. Yet in many ways I was unprepared for what I found.

First Interviewer: Could you be a little more specific?

First Traveler: Yes in Rome, for instance. I had heard about the catacombs all my life, but when I saw this underground cemetery, 587 miles of passageways, I gained a new appreciation for these early believers who proudly bore the name of Christ. Nearly two million are buried in shelf-like shelves. Our guide explained that they held meetings here and even baptized by burying the body in water. This he thought a novel idea and expressed unbelief when we told him 22,000,000 people called Baptists still follow this custom.

First Interviewer: I assume from this remark that Baptists are not well known in Italy.

First Traveler: I'm sorry that I have given you the wrong impression, because quite

the opposite is true. Baptists are very active as well as other evangelical groups. As a matter of fact, the number of Baptists have doubled since World War II. The need for evangelists is so urgent that four years ago Italian Baptists sent an SOS to Southern Baptists for fifteen couples assigned for definite evangelistic work.

First Interviewer: Have 15 couples answered this call?

First Traveler: No. It's almost embarrassing to admit that only three have gone and all these within the past year. Jane and Virgil Moorefield arrived in February followed by the Stanley Crabbs. The W. P. Clemmons have been appointed and are awaiting visas.

First Interviewer: Has this delay caused Italian Baptists to lose heart?

First Traveler: It has been a disappointment, of course, but don't get the idea that Italian Baptists are dependent on missionary leadership. Dr. Ben Lawton, president of the Baptist Seminary at Turin, calls the ratio of only one missionary to every five ordained nationals "the highest efficiency ratio" on any mission field. Nationals also give 43 per cent for the expenses of direct evangelism through their 125 churches and missions. They have multiplied their giving 554 per cent in the past 20 years. As a matter of fact, only two mission areas make a per capita gift larger than Italy. These are Hawaii and Japan.

First Interviewer: How do you account for this?

First Traveler: I should say there are two good reasons. One is the ability of the Italian Baptist leadership, and the second is the high standard set by excellent missionary personnel from the very beginning of our work.

Our first missionary was appointed in 1870, the year Italy was unified. One of the slogans in this struggle had been "a free church in a free state." The doors were opened for evangelical missionaries.

In 1873, George Broadman Taylor, a son of the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, arrived to spend the remaining 34 years of his life in dedicated service. His daughter and son-in-law served 38 years beginning in 1900. Within a year, Taylor had baptized Enrico Paschetto. Four members of this family have been outstanding in Baptist work: two as professor and dean at the Seminary, one as pastor of a large Baptist church in Italy, a fourth as an outstanding layman-artist.

First Interviewer: This information sheds a new light on what I had always thought—that the Baptist movement was among the least privileged.

First Traveler: I was tremendously impressed by the ability and enthusiasm I found throughout Italy. You might also be interested in the Fasulo family. The first convert, Aristarco Fasulo, had his doctorate in law from the University of Rome and had been knighted by the king in World War I. He became a pastor, editor of *Il Testimonio* and professor of church history in the old Baptist seminary. His widow became matron of the Baptist George B. Taylor Orphan's Home, and his son the doctor at the Good Samaritan Clinic. Six thousand patients were treated by him last year.

Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, president of the Italian Union, should also be mentioned as one of the towering Baptist personalities of Europe and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

First Interviewer: You have given us an insight into national leadership. Now tell us about the missionaries.

First Traveler: I have already mentioned the three new couples and Dr. Ben Lawton, who, by the way, has 13 years of service in Italy. Working with him at the Seminary is Dr. Albert Craighead. In 1901 this school was founded in Rome but was closed by the Fascists to be reopened in northern Italy in 1949. One reason for the change in location was the more tolerant attitude

in this section of Italy. Another was the number of industries and the hope that jobs could be more easily secured to help with student expenses. This hope was not realized because of the Catholic domination of factories, unions and even the owners themselves. It is hard for Americans to get through their heads the extent of church control in these Catholic dominated lands. Another hindrance to students "working their way through" is the tradition throughout Europe that intellectuals do not perform manual labor!

First Interviewer: How many students are enrolled at Rivoli?

First Traveler: Twenty-five were enrolled last year. This is encouraging as the lack of pastors and qualified leaders is one of the greatest problems facing Italian Baptists. Such rapid expansion in membership should be matched by trained leadership if sound progress is to take place. But here again we face a problem of the poverty and destruction in Italy after World War II. Even today with five years of schooling required by law, just a little more than half complete this and only 2 per cent finish the university. This creates a problem as to entrance requirements in our schools.

There are 111 Baptist young people who have dedicated their lives for Christian work and are studying either at the Seminary, the Armstrong Memorial Training School for young women or through scholarships conferred by the Committee of Education of the Italian Baptist Union. Students from those towns that have no schools beyond the basic five years, and a fourth of the Italian children do not even have this opportunity, may board at the Seminary, Training School or orphanage while making further preparation. If this is not possible, they receive financial grants to study in nearby communities. The only drawback to the program is the number of years that it will take for them to complete their education, and in the meantime, the urgent call for twelve more mis-

sionary couples has gone unanswered.

First Interviewer: You mentioned the Training School and Orphanage. Where are they located?

First Traveler: They are both in Rome. The missionaries associated with them are well-known in the States. Miss Virginia Wingo taught at the former WMU Training School in Louisville before going to Italy in 1949. One day she asked herself how she could lead others to go as missionaries unless she was willing to answer the call herself. There were 20 girls under her direction last year. More than 60 who have studied here are now serving throughout the peninsula as home missionaries, assistants in churches, and as pastor's wives.

The veteran Italian missionaries are Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore who were appointed for Italy in 1937. Dr. Moore serves as mission treasurer and general adviser to the Italian Baptist Union. Mrs. Moore works with the G. B. Taylor Home. My visit there was an inspiration. I was there last June while a group of 20 pastors from Mississippi were holding a simultaneous evangelistic campaign throughout Italy. There was great excitement over the six teen-age boys who made a profession of faith. In that one church, 29 were converted and many others rededicated their lives.

First Interviewer: How many children are cared for at the Taylor Orphan's Home?

First Traveler: There were 70 boys and 52 girls last year, but there are also 22 old folks who live in one of the 5 buildings on this mission compound.

During the summer, the older children painted the study room, dormitories, and the furniture. We thought how well everything looked until we discovered that the beds were left-overs from the army and had long since served their day. Paint helps, but as Mrs. Moore observed, "there's little to do for the collapse of old age."

Several of the young men and women attended the youth camp at the beautiful coastal encampment at Santa Severa. It is

hoped that this will become an encampment ground for all Europe.

First Interviewer: You have mentioned Baptists from other places in Italy. Exactly how widespread is the Baptist witness?

First Traveler: The 125 churches and missions are scattered from the Alps to southern Sicily although more than half the province capitals are without a Baptist witness. One church, St. Angelo in Villa, became a world symbol of religious freedom when Catholic authorities stopped work on the building. Interest here had been aroused by a tract from the Baptist Publishing House in Rome. It was written by a priest who found Christ through Bible reading and had led a thousand members of his church to accept a personal Saviour.

Dr. Roy Starmer, director of the Publishing House, says that tract distribution is most effective. Since 1957 a government permit has not been required, and evangelicals can hold indoor meetings without notifying the Public Security officer.

Pazanno, in the Italian toe, is another town where people have flocked to accept Baptist beliefs. When the local priest complained to the bishop, he replied, "What do you want me to do about it, my son? You preach the gospel and perhaps they will come to you."

Thinking About the Interview

(women stand and give these from wherever they are seated)

We have heard the interview. Now tell me what you think about it and then we are going to get a bit personal.

1. I was impressed by the long years of service that individual missionaries have devoted to Italy. I am sure this accounts in part for the stability of the work.

Leader: Let us think of our service for Christ. How faithful are we to jobs accepted? How full of excuses? Read Acts 20:24.

2. I think the most amazing fact is the large number of people who are accepting Christ as Saviour and the Bible as

their guide in spite of the centuries of Roman Catholic domination.

Leader: Could we explain the plan of salvation? (See Romans 10.) Do we read our Bibles daily? Have we won others to Christ? Read Romans 1:16.

3. It always hurts me to know that any part of the mission work suffers from lack of money.

Leader: Let us examine our giving. Has it been sacrificial? Has it been regular? Has it been according to God's plan? Read 1 Cor. 1:2.

4. The way that the missionaries seem to consider themselves partners or co-laborers with the Italians impressed me.

Leader: How well do we work with other people? Are we more prone to criticize and find fault than to encourage and praise? Do we want all the credit? Read 1 Cor. 3:4,5,9.

We have seen how the Baptists of Italy take Christ's name throughout their land by simultaneous revivals, tract distribution, summer assemblies, institutions for training, the personal witness of strong laymen, able nationals and dedicated missionaries. Now we listen to an interview from Spain, and then we'll "Think About the Interview."

Interview from Spain

Second Interviewer: So far we have talked only about Italy, and you have indicated that difficulties are put in the way of erecting church buildings. Also that until recently written permission had to be given by local officials before tracts could be distributed or indoor meetings could be held. Is this true anywhere else in Europe?

Second Traveler: It certainly is! The POAU, short for Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, publicizes violations of religious liberty and calls them to the attention of our State Department. For instance, last November Secretary Christian Herter was given the names of more

than 20 Protestant churches in Spain that had been closed by the Police without court process. I was in Madrid on last October 17 when the Criminal Court sentenced Baptist Pastor Jose Nunez to a month in prison because he entered the doors of his church where the seals had fallen from the door. While he was sentenced, the sentence was at once suspended and he was never required to serve it out.

The Joe Meffords told me that Spanish Baptists had been greatly encouraged after their national convention last May. This meeting was held in the First Baptist Church of Valencia. Incidentally, this church was the first permanent result of a Baptist witness in Spain and dates from 1888. They said the police attended, as they had expected, but they offered to come at a time when it would, as they put it, "be easy on them." This attitude from a traditionally hostile police made them hope for better days. There is still hope and the outcome of the trial of this pastor was somewhat encouraging.

Second Interviewer: Has this persecution been a development of recent years?

Second Traveler: No, it has plagued our work in Spain from the beginning. For the past five years there has been no interference by the government with our seminary in Barcelona.

Nella Dean Whitten told an interesting story about 24 members of the Jativa Baptist Church who were taking part in a baptismal service. Someone tipped off the police who hid in trees until the group assembled. Then they marched them all off to jail. Five refused to pay fines although church groups over Spain raised the money. One said, "I had the conviction that my Lord had need for me in that jail to testify of his power to save." Their singing could be heard in the public square. One of the jailors and several of the townspeople were converted as a result of this testimony. At the end of 15 days the group was escorted from the jail by a procession of hymn singing Christians.

Second Interviewer: Are there any indications that things will get better?

Second Traveler: Last fall, the missionaries seemed most hopeful that conditions would improve. They spoke of the "rest" they had during the summer months. By this they meant that no additional churches had been sealed and worshipers had not been stoned or arrested. This pause in persecution came after a year of the greatest difficulty since the Spanish Civil War in 1939. In addition to the sealing of churches, marriage licenses had been refused, literature could not be shipped, distributed or published, no public or private announcements of meetings could be made, and of course, no signs put on buildings or homes.

The missionaries' faint hope in spite of these hindrances, was based on aroused world opinion, particularly in the United States which resulted in a day of prayer on March 15 and a flood of protests to the State Department. Some in our country felt that calling these conditions to the attention of Franco's government would be interfering with internal affairs, yet no hesitancy is shown by the Spanish government in accepting from the USA millions of dollars in foreign aid for internal affairs. It was hoped that along with the money our government might express itself about religious liberty.

Also the election of John XXIII as Pope with his announced purpose to call a world council to work out differences between various Christian bodies made many feel that persecution in Roman Catholic lands would be an embarrassment to this proposal.

Second Interviewer: Has a date been set for such a council?

Second Traveler: It has been put off until sometime in 1963. Many of course feel it is only for the purpose of propaganda. And a meeting of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches that was scheduled for next summer in Venice has been called off indefinitely. Holding church

councils used to be a common practice for Roman Catholics, but none has been held since 1870 when the Pope was declared infallible, the doer of no wrong. There is no need to ask the opinion of others, I suppose, if the head of the Roman Catholic Church occupies, as their documents proclaim, "the place of God Almighty" on this earth and requires "complete submission and obedience to the Church, and to the Roman Pontiff, as to God himself."

Second Interviewer: You have made several critical comments about the Catholics. I'm sure you were impressed by their beautiful buildings.

Second Traveler: It's true that we saw many beautiful cathedrals. Yet we saw much that made us wonder about any religion that depends on ritual. The cathedrals would hold thousands of people, yet there were usually only a few hundred seats in some secluded part of the building. Lack of Bible teaching was evident in veneration of relics and images: two churches claimed to have the bones of the three wise men, a drop of Jesus' blood shed on the cross, the robe of Christ, countless pieces of the "true cross," the jewel-covered statue of a child in Rome with its promise of miraculous cures in exchange for an offering (more money is placed here each year than is received by any doctor in Rome), the five Jubilee Doors on churches in Rome, sealed except for every 25th year when the faithful can crawl through to have not only their sins forgiven but those of their loved ones, the Scala stairway said to be from Pilate's house in Jerusalem and on which Jesus' blood dropped. The faithful are told their sins will be forgiven if they climb on their knees and kiss the covered stains. These are the steps Martin Luther started to climb only to leave Rome in disgust and start the Reformation which resulted in Protestant churches. My Roman Catholic friends had tried to make me believe that superstitions like this existed only in Latin America.

It was this as well as the persecution of religious minorities that made me know

the Macedonian call is clear today: "Come over and help us."

Thinking About This Interview

5. I was just wondering how faithful we would be if we were a persecuted and despised minority.

Leader: How faithful are we even without persecution to the services of our church, to personal witnessing, Bible reading, and Christian living. Read Matt. 5:10.

6. I think we should let our government know how we feel about religious freedom in lands where we give so much foreign aid.

Leader: How do we really feel? Have we prayed about it? Read Acts 12:5.

7. With the national conventions just two months off, I think we need to pledge ourselves anew to the principle of the separation of church and state as provided in our constitution.

Leader: Do we accept from the government things that we could really do for ourselves. Do we take with our left hand and receive with our right? Read Matt. 22:21.

8. It is amazing to me how a church can hold such superstitious beliefs in the space age of the 20th Century.

Leader: Do we know what Baptists believe? Are we strong in our faith or just in our prejudices? Read 1 John 5:4.

Our final interview considers briefly the rest of Europe. Listen, and then "Think About the Interview."

Interview on Other Lands

Third Interviewer: You have given us an insight into Baptist work in Italy and Spain. Are there other European countries where our missionaries work? Don't these lands resent the idea of missionaries coming there from the states?

Third Traveler: In Europe especially we stress the idea of our missionaries going as partners or co-laborers. Sometimes we call them "fraternal representatives." It was

with this understanding that Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree were sent from the Brazilian Convention to Portugal last year, but they could obtain only tourist visas which had to be renewed every six months. The Catholic church is not as strong in Portugal as in Spain so there is not so much outright persecution of Christians. However, government restrictions make it more difficult for missionaries to enter the country. We have none there at the present time.

As a matter of fact, the only other European country with resident missionaries is Switzerland. Soon there will be a couple in France. Here in Zurich is our beautiful International Seminary which serves as a center for the Baptists of the continent. Students from 16 nations studied here last year.

Third Interviewer: This neutral country with its strong Protestant influence was an excellent choice for such a school. Is the plan to use it as a base of operations for taking the gospel to other countries?

Third Traveler: Yes, this is done in several ways. Of course, the most important is through the witness of graduates who return home to serve in local churches and as leaders in denominational life.

Then professors serve as fraternal advisors to various groups. For instance, Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore who once lived as missionaries in Yugoslavia, are able to visit this Communist land to encourage some 4000 faithful Baptists. Worship services cannot take place in homes but must be conducted in church buildings. It has been possible to assist financially in constructing chapels and even in maintaining a small seminary with 18 students. In 1958, a thousand delegates attended four Youth conferences. Of course, this is in a land with Tito's brand of communism.

Third Interviewer: Can you get information about our Baptist groups from other countries behind the Iron Curtain?

Third Traveler: Not much, but we do know that Russian Baptists report half a million members. I attended a Baptist

church in Moscow. It was packed, and people were standing in the streets for a block listening over loud speakers. I was surprised to see that there were some young people, for I knew that the schools and Communist youth organizations demand much of their time and teach against religion.

Dr. George Sadler, retired Secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East for our Foreign Mission Board, is now designated a "Special Representative to Europe" and visited Russia last year. Russian Baptist leaders encouraged him to work for peace as they honestly believe we are the militarists. In their preaching, they use the Bible without making personal application. They can visit, but the state has taken over humanitarian institutions. Soul-winning efforts are restricted, and the preaching service is the only activity, no Training Unions, youth groups, or Sunday schools.

Third Interviewer: Are there Sunday schools in other European countries or is this just an activity popular in American churches?

Third Traveler: Europeans look on the Sunday school as primarily for children. In countries like Sweden and Finland where the established church is Lutheran, 98 per cent of the population is "born" into the church, and the Bible study is conducted in the schools. There is no provision for further study in the churches, and our minority Baptist groups have followed the same pattern. Even in England, the general practice is to have Sunday school for children on Sunday afternoon. A study was made in 1907 of five major non-Catholic bodies in England. Sunday school enrollment passed the 5 million mark. Twenty years later it had declined to 2 million, and now there are less than 1 million.

At a gathering of European Baptist leaders, the problem of losses in membership to pentecostal groups was discussed and the conclusion drawn: Baptists have been shortsighted when they have stressed only a formal worship service and neglected Bible

study; they have triumphed over opposition, indifference and error when they have been faithful to Bible study.

Thinking About the Interview

9. I was impressed that the traveler had taken such an interest in European religious life. Many Americans seem to leave their religion at home.

Leader: Think how encouraged missionaries and minority groups are when travelers attend their services. Even where the language cannot be understood, the Spirit can be felt. Read John 4:24.

10. The importance of adults studying the Bible is one fact we need to keep stressing in our country.

Leader: Have our adult classes grown this past year? Have we read the Bible through during the year? Do we read it daily? Read Hebrews 4:12.

11. The half million Baptists in Russia give me great hope.

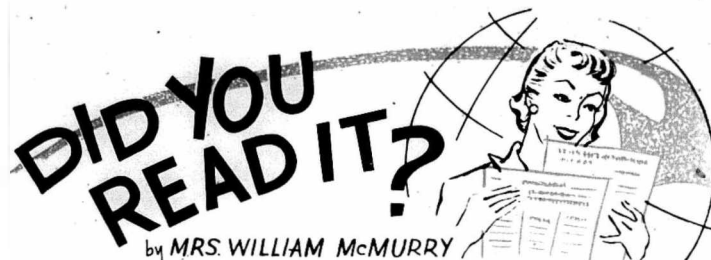
Leader: Are we living so that our influence is felt in our land? We too are a minority group. Read Gal. 5:9.

12. The freedoms we have in our land: to witness, to invite others to church activities, to have meetings in our homes—is something for which we should be thankful and "eternally vigilant."

Leader: Do we treasure them enough to be doing something about them? Can we be classified as observers or participants? Read Gal. 5:1.

In our program we have tried to give you an idea of what it means to be a Baptist in Europe and to show you some dangers involved in ritualistic and state-established religions. Now we want you to examine your own heart and ask, "Am I just a Christian in name only" or do I witness for my faith? (Short period of meditation)

Action Motivated by the Program: Community Missions Chairman present definite projects which will engage every woman in Christian witnessing in your community (see page 24).



The Book of Books

The Bible brought our forefathers to these shores. "The breath of ancient prophets was in the sails that drove the tiny Mayflower." For all these centuries the English Bible has shaped the conduct of America; it has dignified our speech and echoed in our literature. On the opposite side of the globe the Bible has played an important part in the development of another country. Israel would never have returned to its land if it were not for the Bible, declared Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in his opening address to the Seventh Annual Bible Study Congress in Jerusalem last year.

When General Moshe Dayan, former Chief-of-Staff, was asked to state the main integrating agent in the Israeli army he replied without hesitation: the Bible. Though Israel is not essentially a religious country and relatively few Israelis practice any kind of religious observance the fact remains that the Bible is Israel's history book; it is her source of wisdom from which an Israeli habitually quotes and to which he refers when seeking a precedent or a figure of speech.

Bible news from Israel fills several columns in almost every issue of Land of the Bible, a newsletter published by the Israel Office of Information, New York. Two items of interest with biblical overtones appearing in past issues were the International Harp Festival which was appropriately held in Jerusalem, the city founded by the great harpist David, and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn. The stamp exhibition held in Haifa as a part of the Mendelssohn celebration showed the Bible as a source of musical inspiration through the ages. Many of the stamps displayed portrayed musical instruments as the Bible describes them. Second prize winner in the International Harp Festival was Susann McDonald of the United States.

The International Bible Contest which was held in Israel two years ago was given radio coverage comparable to that reserved for football games in the United States. Almost every radio in Israel was tuned in. The Prime Minister sat for four hours listening to the questions and answers, as excited and tense as any Israeli. The questions asked were not calculated to make the average Sunday school pupil in a Southern Baptist church consider his knowledge of the Bible as adequate. Perhaps it is a good thing that one of the suggested Jubilee Advance goals is reading the Bible through during 1960.

People's Capitalism

The editor of Christian Herald, Dr. Daniel Poling, expressed forceful sentences the meaning of capitalism, a word the Communists have sought to bring into disrepute. Dr. Poling began his editorial

with this statement: "To millions of the enslaved and underprivileged, communism has successfully identified with capitalism the most vicious extremes of past imperialism and colonialism." Expanding the idea of what capitalism really is, the editor stressed that capitalism—"the people's capitalism"—is the very heart of American freedom and of all freedoms. "We have been too soft and fearful in defense of this capitalism," declared Dr. Poling. "Under this system we live and move and have our economic, social, industrial, religious and political freedoms."

"People's capitalism is the capitalism of free trade unions, the capitalism of free industry and free commerce, the capitalism of free newspapers and free journals. We, the people, own it."

"People's Capitalism means free schools, public and private; free churches, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. It is the capitalism of free political parties. This capitalism is Free Enterprise. It is the United States of America."

Women's Drinking on the Decline

The Arizona Baptist Beacon carried the following encouraging news story: The greatest change in drinking habits in recent years has occurred among the women of the country, according to Dr. Caradino R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance. Gallup Poll statistics indicate that 55 per cent of the nation's women now abstain compared to only 46 per cent two years ago. If the present trend continues, by 1960 nearly 60 per cent of the women in the United States will not drink.

Dr. Hooton quoted Ann Landers, well-known "advice" columnist whose straightforward word will encourage the timid and weak: "Most women who say they must take a drink to be sociable are only kidding themselves. No one is more sociable than I am, yet I have never needed liquor as a crutch. When I attend cocktail parties, I merely say, 'ginger ale, please.' And I am not the least bit uncomfortable. A woman who is able to say no so it sounds like no and not maybe should have no problem." A Christian says no to the party!

First Southern Baptist UN Observer

In 1959 the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the Peace Committee's recommendation that a UN observer be designated. Mr. Brooks Hays, retiring president, was named. Writing for Light, published by the Christian Life Commission of the convention, Mr. Hays made this comment: "One gratifying aspect of the designation of a UN observer from the convention is that other religious bodies are made aware of our deep interest in world issues such as religious liberty, maintenance of peace and the attack upon hunger and disease." The UN arrangements which provide for non-governmental organizations to send observers make possible informal contacts with leaders of other denominations and opportunities to exchange ideas for carrying forward their various programs. "Baptists can appreciate the significance of the forum which the General Assembly has established. Here moral as well as political issues are debated. The implications of some of the speeches will be studied by our missionaries and leaders," further stated Mr. Hays.

The Southern Baptist observer was warmly greeted by the secretary-general of the United Nations. Mr. Hays accepted the hearty reception as an evidence of a deep appreciation of Baptist influence and their point of view in world affairs. He reminded Mr. Hammarskjöld that in 1955 when he was a United States delegate he represented only one third of a million constituents, but now he said, "I have nine million to represent in this assignment."



Exactly

BY ALMA HUNT

HOW LONG do you think it would take to develop a national Woman's Missionary Union on a mission field? Of course the time varies but in Lebanon it took exactly seven years.

In the summer of 1952 our president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, along with Mrs. George R. Martin and Dr. M. Theron Rankin, visited Beirut, Lebanon. Mrs. Finlay Graham invited the women of her church to her home to meet the visitors. In the living room of the Graham apartment on that hot afternoon Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Martin told that small group of women about Woman's Missionary Union. Their messages stood well on the foundation which had been laid over a period of time by Mrs. Graham. That afternoon the women voted to organize a Woman's Missionary Society.

In the summer of 1959, exactly seven years later, Mrs. Mathis was again in Beirut. Again the women met—not in the Graham living room this time but in the lovely church building on the same compound. The church and school building, both built with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds were visible evidences of God's blessings. Inside the church there was more evidence of progress. Where seven years before the women represented one church, the group now assembled came

from seven churches in Lebanon. Some had travelled far for an all-day meeting and no one seemed to hurry. According to their custom they were prepared for many speeches—in fact they had planned many. Mrs. Mathis and I told them about the WMU in our convention and about the Unions we had observed in many parts of the Orient.

Visitors Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, WMU worker in Nigeria, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly, her fellow missionary, told of the Fortieth Anniversary meeting of the Nigerian Woman's Missionary Union and of the progress of the work in that country through four decades.

Mrs. Mathis was asked to guide in the national organization, which she did after the women had discussed organizing and had decided they were ready. Their meeting was a demonstration of true Baptist democracy. They nominated four or five women for president and discussed each of them. Though we could not understand their language, it was amazing how well we understood what was going on.

Finally the vote was taken, and Mrs. Graham was elected president. Like any missionary she preferred that a national serve as president, but there could have been no doubt in her mind, after the much

SEVEN YEARS

discussion, that she was the choice of that body for this beginning period. Lebanese women were elected to the other offices.

The vice-president is Mrs. Fayiz Sakhnini, wife of the pastor of the Tripoli Baptist Church. Her three brothers are also Baptist preachers. The oldest brother, Emile, was converted first, and because he had been so very wicked (leader of a gang of outlaws) his remarkably changed life influenced the whole family. Next, the youngest brother, Hafiz (now a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville) was converted. Then the second brother, and afterwards, the sister Amal. She had been a deeply religious girl and devoted to her Greek Orthodox religion. It was difficult for her to surrender to this new religion. Finally, in 1954, she accepted Christ publicly. In July of 1955 she married Rev. Fayiz Sakhnini, the pastor of the Tripoli Baptist Church. He was elected in October 1959 as president of the Lebanese Baptist Convention.

The secretary is Mrs. Boulos Haddad, wife of the pastor of the Furen Es Shubheek church in Beirut, one of the three Baptist churches now in the city of Beirut. She and an older sister went to a non-denominational mission school as children. The sister was converted but Selwa, a beau-

tiful, but proud, frivolous girl wanted to have nothing of religion. Some Plymouth Brethren were having special meetings in her neighborhood. She was invited by a friend and was converted. Through a cousin, she met some Baptist young people who brought her to the Baptist New Year's watch night service. Here, she and her sister found the fellowship they had been seeking. Both were in the first group baptized in the new Baptist church in Musaltbeh, Beirut in the spring of 1956. In July of 1956 she and Boulos Haddad were married. Boulos was ordained in the spring of 1959. The Haddads are doing a splendid work in this new church organized about two years ago.

Even the visitor who saw the first society organized in 1952 and returned seven years later to see the national WMU come into being could not fully comprehend all the effort which had gone into that which she saw. Neither can any of us who have never lived in parts of the world dominated by Islam, the religion of Mohammed. The grip of Islam is strong and converts to Christianity come slowly. Let us "mother" this WMU of Lebanon in the finest way by praying earnestly for its growth in size and its development in strength as witnesses for Christ in this strategic country.

APRIL CIRCLE PROGRAM

by Mrs. Ernest H. Pierce

3-month Circle Unit Theme: Educating Youth in Missions

April Topic: The Missionary Home

Suggestions: Use flash cards, bearing the name of the particular vitamin, to introduce each discussion. Ask the women to bring April Royal Service to the meeting so they may read responsively the dedication.

Introduction: Today's homemakers are advised through many sources about the daily food supplement requirements for proper nutrition. The fact is, a well-balanced diet supplies all vitamins and minerals necessary to good physical health. A missionary home can supply the necessary "diet" for spiritual growth of boys and girls as they seek to discover God's will for their lives and His place of service for them.

The building of such a Christian home requires careful, prayerful planning. Patience, energy, and understanding are some of the supplements. But a home must be Christian in daily attitudes, example, compassion if children are to go out to serve God and mankind.

Let us look at a missionary home.

Vitamin A—Christ-honoring

(Show the flash card Vitamin A—Christ-honoring.) The lack of Vitamin A in the diet of children tends to arrest proper growth. Adults need it to build resistance against disease. Read: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" Psalm 127:1.

The home is the greatest university on earth. It antedates the church by many generations. It precedes public schools, law, and government. It establishes the standards, the morals and the folkways of a

nation. Ideas and ideals are fostered and matured therein.

Life's destinies are determined; ambition and aspiration receive guidance through its patient ministry. But alas, in many American homes major problems go unsolved. Too often God is forgotten. The Bible ceases to be the main book in the library. Comic books and "funny pages" are substituted for uplifting reading. Moral and spiritual discipline in many homes is sadly lacking. Genuine prayer is seldom practiced and many children have never heard their parents in conversation with God.

Think about current practices: homes are places where we change clothes, grab a sandwich, and make hasty preparations to be on our way somewhere, anywhere. Mother searches the house in vain for father, father searches for mother, and the children can find neither.

"God has chosen fumbling amateurs to carry out the most important task in the world; that of rearing children. Motherhood is not merely a biological phenomenon; it is not merely dull domestic work; it is not merely a job; it is a holy calling," says Mrs. Howard E. Butt, Jr. Ruth Graham, wife of Billy Graham, calls herself a "homemaker by divine appointment." And under God it can be a divine ministry with the stamp of the eternal upon it!

The home is the greatest institution in the world. When everything else has failed early training of a Christian home has often succeeded in turning the drifting son or daughter from sin. One cannot forget the profound influences of Christ-honoring parents.

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention said, "I am grateful for a Christian home. One of the things I remember about my own home was the Bible reading and prayer time. To me this is more than just handing on a tradition or heritage; it is life itself. It is the foundation stone upon which any Christian home must be built."

Church attendance is another vital part of a Christ-honoring home. I once heard a pastor say that the most beautiful sight from the pulpit is to see an entire family seated together in a pew.

Parents must determine that their children are going to have a heritage of worship as a significant event in each day. Time must be planned if thoughtful parents obey the command of God, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" Deut. 6:7.

Vitamin C—Christian Education

(Show the flash card.) Let us call Vitamin C Christian Education. Vitamin C must be secured in the diet from outside sources; it is not made in the body.

Youth can study the same books, gain experiences from the laboratory, study the liberal arts, business, medicine, or any profession in a public institution, but the Christian college provides that extra influence in his life which is so valuable in the formative years.

This influence as we know helps determine whether the scientist uses his knowledge for the best interests of humanity, whether the lawyer or the businessman are Christian in their practices, whether the young mother guides her children to walk in God's ways.

All of life's vocations—teaching, medicine, law, business, engineering, homemaking—must be Christian if we are to be Christian examples in the world and if we are to win the world to Christ.

Vitamin B—Be an Example

(Show the flash card.) Let us call Vitamin B, Be an Example. Vitamin B builds appetite. Surely a missionary home builds appetite or interest in missions in the hearts and lives of the children. Hear the story of Dr. Joanna Maiden, a medical doctor, now serving in Nigeria, Africa. Her mother tells the story in *The Commission*.

"It seems like yesterday. There we stood in the kitchen, a child of twelve peering at me and I, her mother, struggling to frame an answer to a question that would help to decide her destiny.

"I can hear her now, the wistfulness that had appeared in babyhood still aglow in her countenance, 'Mother, do you think I could make a doctor and become a foreign missionary?'"

"I can also hear myself murmuring in a hesitant, nonchalant tone, 'Yes, Mother thinks you can.'"

"Could parents of meager means, who had just survived the lean years of financial depression, ever acquire adequate funds to finance their child's way through medical college? Could this really be God calling our only child to prepare herself for foreign missions?"

"A surprising number of people—church members, especially—have asked me how I could let my only child go away and leave me alone. Some add: 'You seem so happy about her going, and I can't see how you can do it. I don't think I could.'"

"To those who confess, 'I don't think I could,' my heart really opens wide. I know the kind of hidden hunger they suffer—its gnawing pangs beset me.

"Somehow I believe the temperament of all parents of missionaries can be merged into two categories. If we become lost in dark, selfish thoughts—afraid of the demands of tomorrow, apprehensive for our happiness in the future, beset lest in answering the child's vital question, as a Power within leads us to know that we ought, we would meet obstacles impossible to transcend—and forget that we can claim



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the Power to help us which is offered freely to us, then unconsolable grief or perhaps toleration shows up in our moods. If by complete surrender we allow the Holy Spirit to implant a new nature within us, then his precepts will overrule our seething, selfish desires.

"By dedicating ourselves to become an integral part in promoting the welfare of our children we prove our earnest response to the direction of the Holy Spirit who wants us to become lights reflecting supreme joy.

"We stood (many years later), my child waving back from the top step of the airplane about to carry her to her mission task beyond the ocean and I peering through the intervening space. I saw a joyous smile. I was inspired to evermore give thanks to our Lord of power for keeping me from making her obedience to his call difficult.

"That which I wasn't able to do I was enabled to do! How great God is!" Tell "Family Worship at Our House," page 8.

Vitamin D—Dedicated Homes

(Show the flash card.) Vitamin D we designate as Dedicated Homes. Vitamin D is known as the "sunshine" vitamin. A dedicated home knows the sunshine of God's love in every area of its influence. (Read responsively.)

Leader: To Thee, O God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift

Members: We dedicate our homes.

L.—To the religious instruction of the children whom God gives us

M.—We dedicate our homes.

L.—To Christian character building through patient discipline, understanding guidance, and prayerful counsel

M.—We dedicate our homes.

L.—To Christian conversation, literature, art, and music

M.—We dedicate our homes.

L.—To choice companions, helpful hospitality, and wholesome social life

M.—We dedicate our homes.

L.—To personal and family worship, Bible reading, and prayer

M.—We dedicate our homes.

L.—To the service of Christ through His church

M.—We dedicate our homes.

L.—To God, our Heavenly Father, to Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, to the Holy Spirit our companion and comforter, whose divine presence we shall ever welcome, the unseen guest at every table and silent listener to every conversation

M.—We dedicate our homes.

"Bless This House" by Helen Taylor may be sung as a solo or read as the closing prayer; or read 1 Timothy 5:8; Proverbs 22:6; 1 Timothy 5:4,5.

Close with sentence prayer.

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