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Sculptor
of the
Soul

I fain would be a sculptor of the soul,
Making each strong line fine,
Each feature faultless.
Yet the sculptor cannot carve
In wood or stone
An image nobler than he sees
Within his own stout soul.

So, gazing at the tools within my hand,
I shudder! How escape from self—
Pitiable, limited—
That I may be indeed
God's carver?
Happy is this thought;
There is a Guide for me,
Who in His living flesh
Has given me the perfect image that I seek,
of God!

—TOYOHICO KAGAWA

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Toyohiko Kagawa, 71, famed Japanese Christian leader, died of a heart attack April 23 at his Tokyo. Kagawa was considered the leading Christian in Japan. He was the author of a books and gave away almost all his royalties to aid the poor.



*On August 6, 1945 our plane dropped an atomic bomb
on Hiroshima. 240,000 people died
and the city was totally destroyed.*

JAPAN

AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS

Hiroshima's Hope

by Loyce and Gladys Nelson, missionaries at Hiroshima

"I hate America. Oh, how I hate Americans for causing such destruction!" These were the angry thoughts of Mr. Seizo Ijiri as he walked through the wreckage caused by the atomic bomb only minutes before. Although his home was not far from the blast he had somehow escaped the fateful explosion and was walking toward town trying to help those who were trapped inside burning buildings and in the debris.

All around him were the charred, mutilated bodies of people of all ages. But oh, the poor children! Although he had never had any children of his own he had always been drawn to children, and to see them destroyed so mercilessly was almost more than he could bear. His heart was filled with hatred.

Hearing cries for help he found a young woman whose hair was pinned down by a



Going to Sunday school in the rain to Eba Mission of Hiroshima Baptist Church

big beam. The building was burning, and unable to free herself, she was screaming for help. Mr. Ijiri tried to lift the beam, but saw that he did not have the strength. He had nothing with which to cut her hair. There was not much time and no one was nearby. He urged her to pull her self loose, but she could not. In that instant Mr. Ijiri knew that he needed extra strength which could come only from God. He thought of the years since he had been

to church, and of how he had forsaken his early Christian experience. It all came to him in a flash, and he promised God that if he would help him save the girl he would serve him always. Once more he tried, and she was freed. How grateful he was to God.

Mr. Ijiri did not take lightly this promise to God. A few days later he saw a posted notice calling all Christians together at the YMCA for a service. Rev. Ijiri

As you read, put these short stories together for a glimpse of Japan today

Kimura, then pastor of the Hiroshima Baptist Church, spoke to the people about love. Love, at a time like this when it seemed their hearts were full of hate and sorrow over the loss of so many of their families and friends!

"The world has seen enough hatred," Mr. Kimura was saying. "We have been taught hatred as a way of life, and now we see the results of that hatred. Let us try love as our life principle, the kind of love Christ taught when he said 'Love your enemies.'"

Mr. Ijiri repented of his thoughts of hatred for America. His heart was filled with peace, the kind of peace he had experienced as a young man when he first found Christ. He remembered, as he listened to this message on love, his early longing for peace in his heart. While still a youth he had been seriously ill for some time, and feeling that he was going to die he worried about what would happen after death. His mother told him he would go to the Buddhist paradise, but somehow her voice lacked conviction. He pressed her about this so-called paradise, and she admitted she really didn't know, but that surely there was such a place. He was greatly disturbed.

Sometime later the youth received a Christian tract, and felt in his heart that this Christ was surely the answer. When he was able to get up he sought out a Christian church and became a Christian the very first time he attended services.

And now at this first Christian meeting after the bomb, he remembered the great peace in knowing he had eternal life and need not fear death. Why had he drifted away from God and tried other religions since? This question he could not answer, but as Mr. Kimura finished his message Mr. Ijiri resolved in his heart to give the rest of his life to the Lord to be used as God led.



The Eba Mission of Hiroshima Baptist Church, where Mr. Ijiri serves faithfully

He joined the Baptist church and began working with the children in the Sunday school. His friendly spirit and the evangelistic zeal with which he worked endeared the church to him and brought many young people to Christ. Rev. Shozo Matsuda is the present pastor of this church.

However, it was not until he began working at the newly opened mission in Eba

Removing shoes and depositing umbrellas at the entrance of Eba Mission



At Eba Mission of Hiroshima Baptist Church Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Ijiri are dedicated lay workers; below, Mr. Ijiri, deacon and Sunday school superintendent teaches an Sunday morning a class for boys and girls

Mr. Ijiri works in his home at his trade—that of a Japanese signature stamp maker (see story)

community, Hiroshima City, where so much depended on him that he really grew in his faith. Except for missionaries Loyce and Gladys Nelson, he was the only Christian attending the services, and there was so much to be done. Because he was a very busy man, he had been attending church only once a week, and now it was very difficult for him to attend all the services and give the necessary time to preparation of material for the Sunday school. Since the missionary was away from Hiroshima a great deal, Mr. Ijiri was often called upon to preach. Always he accepted this responsibility. To ask another for a service such as this, Japanese people always say "Muri o shinai yo ni," which means do not overdo, or do not let this request "put you out in any way." However Mr. Ijiri testifies that the more one "overdoes" for the Lord, the greater are his blessings.

With limited space and Christian workers Mr. Ijiri usually teaches from 60 to 90 children in Sunday school, Beginner through Junior in one class. Although this is far from ideal he does a marvelous job. He says his only qualification as a teacher is his love for the children.

In order to attend the two weekly meetings, which later became three, Mr. Ijiri had to work until one and two o'clock in the morning. He works in his own home, making Japanese signature stamps. To go from his own home to the mission, attend the meeting and return home takes several hours. Over and above this he has had to devote several hours to preparation, both for the children's meeting and the regular meetings. He has found this time by working into the early morning hours. Whatever problem has arisen, his standard answer has been, "Let us pray; some solution will be found." It is not surprising that this always has been true.

After meeting in the rented room for a few months all at the mission began hoping and praying for a meeting place of their own. At the time it seemed impossible but

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COVER Citizens of Hiroshima will leave this scarred building which survived the Atom blast, as visible reminder of war's awful toll. Modern and ancient Japan are represented in the dress of those pictured. All of these are a part of modern Japan. Peter asked Christ "Carest thou not that we perish?" In his agony of fear. Christians of the world must never cease to be sensitive to the pleading of lost mankind. Carest thou that they perish without Christ? Color photo by Morris Wright

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 nothing is impossible with God. Funds were made available for land through a Lottie Moon offering appropriation, but there was no money for a building. There were several seekers but only four or five believers, so how could they hope to provide the necessary funds. However, an offering for the building was received every Sunday night. Prayer was offered constantly that somehow a building would be provided. Finally the land was purchased. The small balance left from the land was placed in the building fund: the Hiroshima Baptist Church made a liberal contribution for the building, and arranged for the Mission to borrow the remainder from the Convention Revolving Loan Fund. In this manner \$1200 was available and a small building—725 square feet—was con-

structed. The mission completed repayment of the loan in June of this year.

There are now twenty church members, with an active woman's organization, a Royal Ambassador and a Girls' Auxiliary organization as well as Sunday school for the children and Training Union. A pastor has just arrived on the field, and now the mission is praying that a financially independent church can be organized by the end of December 1960. In this way, Baptists are trying to take a lead in the spiritual reconstruction of Hiroshima.

Seeing Mr. Ijiri as he stands in the door of the church on Sunday morning radiating his abundant Christian love and warmth, it is almost impossible to believe he is the one who harbored such hatred in his heart fifteen years ago. Such Christians are Hiroshima's hope.

The Thousand Crane Statue

by Loyce Nelson

Memory to the children who perished as victims of the atomic explosion over Hiroshima and the desire of the children now living in Hiroshima are clearly expressed in the words of the inscription at the base of the "Thousand Crane Statue," located in the Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima City. It reads:

This is our cry:

This is our prayer;

That peace may be established in all the world

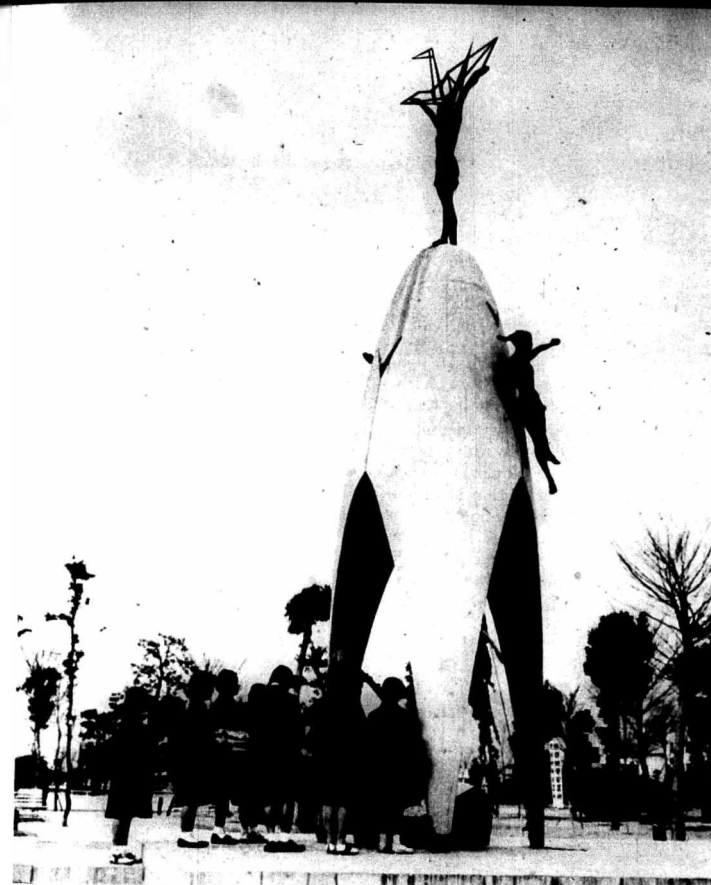
Miss Sadako Sasaki, the figure on top of the statue holding the folded crane, was only an infant when the atomic explosion occurred. She developed as a very healthy child, entering school and taking part in the various activities. It was only when she was in the sixth grade that leukemia, caused from radiation exposure, became known. The first sign was nose bleeding. Her condition worsened rapidly.

In Japan there is an old superstition that if one folds a thousand paper cranes,

he will be cured of his ailment. Sadako set out to fold a thousand of the paper cranes, in the hope that she would be healed. However, in a very short time she passed away.

Her schoolmates then set out to raise enough money to erect a monument in

Junior high school girls folding paper cranes to be hung at the base of the Thousand Crane Memorial



The Thousand Crane Memorial in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park erected in honor of children who perished in the atomic blast; junior high school students placing folded paper cranes at the memorial

her memory. Most of the money was contributed by the children of Japan, and the statue was erected in the Peace Memorial Park in memory of the children who perished from the atom bomb, and as an expression of the hope for peace on the part of the children of Japan, particularly of Hiroshima. The two figures on the sides of the statue, one with the hand outstretched and the other with the hand extended to

the mouth, are beckoning for the departed Sadako.

There is a "Folding Crane Society" of junior high school girls which keeps the folded paper cranes hanging in the statue. They also fold the paper cranes and take them to the rooms of the Atom Bomb Hospital. It has come to be their expression of hope for the remaining victims and for the world.

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Wives of the Military in WMS

by Helen Hays, Japan

In perfect unison but in two languages, Japanese and English voices joined in singing "Kita no hate naru koori no yama," "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Woman's Missionary Union was meeting with Kanto Plains Associational (English-speaking) WMS at the English-speaking Tokyo Baptist Church. Both the Japan Missionary Union of the Japan Baptist Convention and the American women in the Kanto Plains Association rejoice in the opportunity of joining hands with women around the world in spreading the gospel.

The Kanto Plains Association is unique in that it is an association of seven Woman's Missionary Societies from the various housing areas for American military personnel in the Tokyo-Yokohama area. The work was first organized under the leadership of Mary Ellen Dorier (Mrs. E. B.) and Hazel Watson (Mrs. Leslie) during 1951. In the years that have followed missionaries of the Tokyo area have served as sponsors for the various groups.

However, the leadership has largely been among the women of the military groups. Since the tours of duty in the Far East are from eighteen months to three years there has been a constant turnover in the membership, but new leadership has come with each new wave of dependents. Many of the women are quite young and for many this has been their first experience in Woman's Missionary Union work.

One society chose the aim, "To take advantage of every opportunity in winning the souls of the people of our Base and the Japanese we contact." This is typical of the attitude of the hundreds of wives of American military personnel who have been members of the missionary societies in Japan during the past ten years. Each one has had her vision broadened and her heartstrings tugged by the millions without the message of the risen Christ. The testimony of the lives of truly Christian women will live on in Japan after the military has been withdrawn.

Another picture of Japan today—Tachikawa WMS visiting the National Hospital to give treats and tracts to patients, Tokyo



A Missionary's First Japanese WMS Meeting

by Mrs. Milton DuPriest, missionary

My first Japanese WMS meeting after my husband and I arrived to work with English-speaking people at the Dai ichi (First) Baptist Church in Tokyo, was very thrilling. It was an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground.

As we arrived for the meeting women graciously bowed several times from the waist and said, "O-hayo" (good morning), then they directed us in parking the car. We went to the registration table outside the front entrance where we were greeted again in the traditional Japanese way. For lunch we had a choice of a sandwich or a "sushi." Not knowing what a sushi was, I chose a sandwich. At noon I eagerly peeked at a missionary's boxed sushi lunch and discovered it was vinegared fish and rice, bean curd patties, and soy sauce. Chopsticks were in the box.

Most of the women wore typical Japanese dress of kimono, zori (sandals) or geta (wooden clogs), and a furoshiki, a cloth wrapper for carrying articles.

I joined all the other women in taking my shoes off before going into the church and putting on slipper shoes which were provided by the church.

The church was not elaborate. The pews had clean white cushions. Even though it was a very cold day the church building was not heated. There was a small stove in

the center of the building but no one tried to start a fire. Only on the coldest days in the winter are the stoves lighted.

Mrs. Coleman Clarke, missionary to Japan for several years, wrote notes to me explaining everything. My heart was thrilled and blessed by the radiant witness of these women and I sat through the meeting feeling a fellowship in Christian responsibility. I did not understand a word, but even without Mrs. Clarke's explanations I knew these women to be faithful to Christ even as those were whom I had left at home.





Mrs. Hiroko Yamashita, atom bomb victim of Hiroshima. As a result of radiation she has been in serious condition since the bomb fell 15 years ago. She stands in front of Hiroshima Atom Bomb Hospital where she has spent many months. In 1957 she found Christ as Saviour. She and her family attend Ebo Baptist Mission

Women of Japan

by Lois Whaley, missionary

"I am too old to change the pattern of my life," said the Japanese woman next door. "But the young women will be able to realize their new freedom if they fight for it."

Mrs. Okugawa, a mother and housewife, expressed this opinion about ten years ago while the women of Japan were still searching for their true identity in the new society which was rising from the rubble of destruction and despair. Most of them were still content to be the silent strength of the nation as they kept the homes and reared the young. But the girls and the young women were eager to be free and independent. They had heard of the exalted state of the American woman and aspired to the same position. As jobs were opened up to them they went out to work in banks, offices, schools, and stores. Sometimes new social contacts brought problems as inexperienced girls tried to be free. But, at last, old bonds were broken and there was a chance for a new place in society.

It is ironical that two places where a girl was most likely to find freedom was in the world of entertainment and in the church. Some young people copied their lives after the glamorous life they saw on the movie screen. Girls declared themselves equal with boys—and acted like boys. They became bold and boisterous, and inspired the frequently quoted phrase, "American democracy has brought juvenile delinquency." But these girls had misinterpreted their new freedom. They were sacrificing feminine rights for the wonderful "equality" they desired.

On the other hand Christian girls and women began to learn the meaning of true freedom—and the heavy responsibility accompanying it. They timidly stepped forward to take places of leadership in churches. As they recognized God as the Creator of all liberty they turned in gratitude toward Him and sought identity as individuals of worth in a Christian society. It is especially true in our Baptist churches that a woman's faith in God and her confidence in her ability to serve Him grow together. As she takes her place of service in the women's meetings, in Sunday school, and Training Union she finds her identity as a free and equal member of God's Kingdom. Let us look for a moment at the great

accomplishments of these women as they have found their Saviour, themselves, and their purpose in service.

At the end of the war there were in Japan only sixteen Baptist churches to voice His witness to a crippled land. These were concentrated largely in Kyushu, the southern island where our two schools are located. After these churches withdrew from the National Christian Church and organized as the Japan Baptist Convention it was only natural that the women, too,

should seek to unify their efforts for a stronger witness. The best qualified leaders at that time were in the North Kyushu area, near Seinan Jo Gakuin, our girls' school. Mrs. Higasa of Tobata was elected as the executive secretary of the Women's Missionary Union of Japan and Mrs. Junko Hara, wife of the president of the girls' school, became president. They enlisted the help of Miss Floryne Miller, missionary teacher, and began the task of reorganization. It seemed wise to locate the headquarters in Kokura, so the school offered them the use of a small room in a dormitory. From that small office, literature and encouragement went out to every church. The women in churches began to feel personal responsibility to the work and ask-

ed for missionary guidance in doing their task.

The work grew. Churches in the convention increased from 16 to 79. And as each new church was admitted into the convention it brought with it a well-developed educational program. Women felt their distinctive to be missionary education, but in most cases they needed more Bible study and doctrinal teachings. The woman's magazine, *The Light of the World*, devoted a great deal of space to these



Hiroshima Baptist Church and educational building; pastor and family in the foreground. Pastor is Rev. Shozo Matsuda. He is also pictured below with his family



things.

As they learned the scriptural foundation of the missionary task they lifted their eyes to wider horizons. The study of other mission fields helped them to feel a part of a great world fellowship. They also came to feel responsibility to other people as letters came from Okinawa, Korea, Hawaii, and even from the United States asking for copies of *The Light of the World*. Japanese-speaking groups in other lands needed literature, prayer, and encouragement. All these forces influenced the hearts of women to reach farther in their service to Christ. And a foreign missionary program was born.

For three years they optimistically divided their Christmas Missionary Offering fifty-fifty, half for the development of mission stations within Japan. They asked the convention treasurer to hold the other half for future foreign missions. The convention leaders also caught sight of this vision and joined their efforts with Woman's Missionary Union to send Mr. and Mrs. Masamichi Shirabe to Okinawa as Japan Baptists' first foreign missionary couple.

While Mrs. Fukunaga was president she represented her country at the Baptist World Congress in London and carried home with her inspiring reports of the

women's work in other lands. It was good for those Christian women to hear that they were part of so great a world program. They had tasted very little of the glory of Christianity and much of its trials. To be part of a faith that claimed millions was great encouragement to them.

In 1957 the headquarters of Woman's Missionary Union was moved from Kokura to Tokyo. There was need for closer co-ordination of the educational program in the churches and it was felt that this might be accomplished if all promotion people were located in the same building. The women pray that their work may grow in strength and effectiveness under the leadership of Mrs. Kaneko, present secretary, and her assistant, Miss Virginia Higginson, who will take office in the fall of 1961.

Christ's kingdom in Japan is greatly advanced with the labors of these women who have helped spread His Word across the land. With increased efforts His kingdom will continue to grow. The hope of Christ in Japan is the dedicated heart. And the timid woman stands with the confident men to bear His banner bravely. As you rejoice with us over those 73 churches and more than 12,000 Baptist Christians, rejoice with us too, over the women who know the Truth and its freedom.

Group of members of Hiroshima Baptist Church, which has active membership of 100



TOSSING SIX ORANGES

JUGGLING six oranges is a good trick if you can do it—and here is a girl who could! We have it on the authority of Bernard Shaw. Here she is as John Ervine saw her:

In *Fanny's First Play*, by Shaw, there is one remarkable cock-eyed character, Linda, a Polish acrobat and juggler. At a house where she is a guest she demands a Bible and six oranges. The demand is reasonable. She wishes to test the state of her nerves after an airplane crash. She therefore opens the Bible at the Psalms, props it up in front of her, and begins to juggle with her oranges, keeping all six simultaneously in air, until she could not only read a Psalm, but understand it. That done, she knows that she is in full possession of herself. . . .

Linda gives a vivid and accurate picture of the way that some folks—quite a number we fear—read the Bible. They do not have Linda's juggling skill but they give Bible reading the same percentage of their attention. They have six demanding preoccupations going on all at once, and they find it hard to keep them in the air while reading the Bible. They plod along, half a verse, half a verse, half a verse onward. These preoccupations may be the aching thought that an income tax installment is due, the worry that Junior's chances of getting into college are rapidly approaching the vanishing point, the knowledge that unless the furnace man gets here tomorrow

we shall all be frozen statues—plus three other oranges, all spinning away at the same time.

Other books than the Bible are often read in the face of preoccupations so absorbing that it is hard to get the mind down to the page. Simeon knows! He has been reading the first chapter of *War and Peace* for over ten years. He would like to begin on the second chapter some summer day, but by then he will have forgotten the first.

Some people look at the whole world while tossing six oranges in the air. The result is such absorption with their revolving globes that they find it hard to tell the difference between King Ibn Saud and Yul Brynner.

It is the same way with people who talk to you while their minds, such as they are, travel away off and their eyes wear the faraway look of a juggler. They are simply unable to pay any attention to your ingrown toenail or your second marvelous grandchild. . . .

Note carefully in the Gospels (some time when you are not juggling six oranges!) how Jesus always stood at attention before a person; there was something arresting in his complete attention.

I do not want to injure the business of the Citrus Growers Association. But a serious word is in order: Drop the oranges!

—Simeon Stylites, from *The Christian Century*



Dr. Billy Graham at Mzilikazi Baptist Church in Southern Rhodesia. Mrs. Milton Cunningham explains the work of Girls' Auxiliary

It's So Important

It's so very important how visitors conduct themselves on mission fields. A missionary is encouraged and the work of nationals and missionaries is greatly blessed by thoughtful, genuinely interested visitors from our country. This is true on foreign fields, and also on home mission fields, especially among the language groups.

More and more Baptists are traveling to mission fields. More and more they are making deposits of Christian witness alongside the appointed missionaries of Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Summer is the time of travel for many of us and opportunities are unlimited for being missionaries away from home.

Last year Mrs. R. L. Mathis and Miss Alma Hunt were asked by the Foreign

Mission Board to visit mission fields around the world. They were in Japan and Formosa, Hong Kong and Thailand, in the Near East, in Africa and in many other places. Letters from nationals and missionaries testify to the wonderful blessing and encouragement as well as real help in WMU work these visitors proved to be.

Missionary Hannah Barlow was asked by Japan WMU to write, "From the women of Japan Baptist churches and from other leaders of our Convention, we express our gratitude for all that they meant to our work here. It seemed to me that our women had a much larger vision this year when they gathered for the annual meeting and I am certain that this spirit is evident throughout the churches of Japan where

our women are hard at work. Surely much of this increased fervor, which resulted in their voluntarily raising the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal at the annual meeting, has resulted from the vision which Mrs. Mathis and Miss Hunt brought to them."

Mrs. Lucy S. Wang of the Taiwan Woman's Missionary Union wrote, "The Taiwan Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Taiwan Baptist Convention has been organized. Mrs. Marie Chow was elected president, and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., the executive secretary. We attribute this forward step to your visit to Taipei and your encouragement."

"At present there are 33 Woman's Missionary Unions on this island, and a few more are being organized. Your prayers and advices will be very much appreciated."

Dr. Winston Crawley, Orient secretary for the Foreign Mission Board conveyed the Board's gratitude, "Upon recommendation from the Orient Committee, the Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting passed a formal motion of appreciation to

Miss Alma Hunt examines a batik



you for the valuable contribution to Baptist life and church organization development through your recent trip to the Orient."

From Southern Rhodesia, Missionary Gerald S. Harvey wrote that when Dr. Billy Graham was in Bulawayo he visited in the Mzilikazi Baptist Church among the WMS, GA and Sunbeam Band members, and the work of the organization was explained to him by Missionary Barbara Cunningham. His genuine enthusiasm for their fine progress was a source of great encouragement.

Such visits are two-way blessings—to the visitors and to those whom they visit. "The fellowship of kindred hearts is like to that above." In remembering the inspiration of fellowship with Christian women around the world Miss Hunt recalls, "It was a wonderful privilege to know Baptist women. I was encouraged by their devotion to renew my dedication to the responsibilities which are mine. I know for a certainty that all of us are 'Laborers together with God' in advancing his kingdom."

It was in Paul's letter to the Ephesians that he wrote "For through him we . . . have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints. . . . In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

In a renewed realization that millions of men, women, boys, girls, young people in the world still do not know Christ as Saviour, Christians are mindful of even an incidental influence. Whether in our own country or elsewhere, those without Christ take note of the attitudes, words, actions of those who bear the name of Christ. It's of eternal importance how Christians conduct themselves.



Call to Prayer

Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

Prepared by Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn

1 Monday But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself. Lev. 19:34. (Read vv. 30-37.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Branch have just transferred to Crewport to begin much needed work in a new field. Of this work Mrs. Branch says: "Here in the Yakima Valley of Washington are thousands of Spanish-speaking people who have come to work in the crops from March to November. Many of them now stay the year round, though some are migrant. Southern Baptists were given the use of a building for services here at Crewport, the largest labor camp in the valley, providing they supply a missionary. Please pray for us that, as your missionaries, we can give to these Mexican visitors the message of the greatest gift, God's Son."

PRAY for Mrs. E. C. Branch, Crewport, Washington, ev. among Spanish-speaking; L. S. Craig, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Negroes; Irene Chambers, Pocahontas, Ark., FW; Mrs. W. H. Ichter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; H. E. Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Mrs. J. B. Durham, Enugu, Nigeria, Mrs. W. E. Whelan, Korea, J. O. Jeffcoat, Fairbanks, Alaska, ev.; Martha Jeffcoat, MF

2 Tuesday And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47. (Read vv. 41-47.)

If there is not a church in the community to which new converts can be added, where will they get spiritual guidance for the new life? This was the situation at Pearl Harbor until October, 1957. American men in the service of their country, the families of the married men living near the military base

had no church close by to minister to them. Then through prayer, faith and work Mrs. Milton Westover, the wife of an officer in the Air Force, and missionary Malcolm W. Stewart laid the groundwork. The Pearl Harbor Church was organized with 45 members in October 1957. Within two years the membership grew to 278. Pray for the new church in its ministry to our men in service and their families, for the pastor.

PRAY for M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. W. A. Cowley, Jos, Nigeria, C. A. Allen, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, ed.; Mrs. Francisco Rivera, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sandlin, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. C. W. Horton, Ft. Worth, Tex., C. F. Landon, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among deaf; Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, Philippines, RN; Mrs. J. W. Fielder, China, S. L. Watson, Brazil, retired

3 Wednesday And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. Luke 4:43. (Read vv. 38-44.)

Last year our missionaries in Thailand established work in three additional cities. Beginning our work in that country in 1949, we now have 36 missionaries located in eight major cities, which have a total population of 4,500,000. The work has grown amazingly during these ten years against great obstacles, but still there are too few attempting to do too much. Always the faithful missionary has the urge of his Lord to "preach the kingdom of God to other cities also." Pray for the expanding work in Thailand, especially for the missions in the three new cities.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in *Directory of Missionary Personnel*, from Foreign Mission Board, Box 4197, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in *Home Missions*

PRAY for D. M. Lawton, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. T. W. McMillan, E. Africa, ev.; Carol and Eleanor Gwen Lawton, MF; Mrs. Carl Conrad, Alexandria, La., ev. among French; Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ed.

4 Thursday And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? Acts 8:30. (Read vv. 26-40.)

Last November the new Baptist Publication Building in Bandung was dedicated. It was a great day for the entire missionary force in Indonesia, but especially for Miss Grace Wells, who has been on that field since she had to leave Communist China. As assistant to Missionary Ross Coggins, director of publication work, her special work has been translating and writing lesson materials for use in the Baptist churches. This new building with its modern equipment will make the task easier and speed the production of Christian literature, without which the spread of the gospel is handicapped. Pray for publication work in Indonesia, for Miss Oemi Abdurrahman, the first Indonesian graduate of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, now a member of the publication staff.

PRAY for Grace Wells, Bandung, Indonesia, pub.; D. M. Regalado, Deming, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; W. J. LaFleur, Washington, La., ev. among French; J. N. Thomas, Colombia, ev.; M. O. Tolbert, Belem, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. K. J. Myers, Jr., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, MD; Ruth Womack, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN

5 Friday And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9. (Read vv. 1-9.)

About three years ago Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Oakeley started work for Spanish-speaking people in Trinidad, Colorado, a town of about 14,000 people. The Home Mission Board had provided a building. It is a difficult field but progress is being made. The mission now has 34 members, who are growing in their ability to take responsibility.

At the church services Mr. Oakeley preaches in English if the group is made up largely of young people, and in Spanish if there are more adults.

Mr. Oakeley asks that we pray for their work among the Spanish, that more Christian teachers be enlisted in public schools, and for the ministerial alliance of the city in the effort to promote work among young people, to prevent juvenile delinquency.

PRAY for Gilbert Oakeley, Trinidad, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; R. B. Coleman, Sells, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Chile-Spanish Baptist Publishing House, retired; R. B. Wolfard, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. R. D. Sledge, Peru, J. F. McKinley, Jr., Ramna, E. Pakistan, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Manila, Philippines, ev.

6 Saturday Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12. (Read vv. 12-19.)

Indonesia seen through the tourist's eyes is an interesting new republic made up of 3,000 islands scattered in an irregular pattern along the equator. Its varied scenery, artistic shrines, quaint customs, and mild climate are bidding for the attention of world travelers. Seen through the eyes of Missionary Miriam Misner, Indonesia is a land teeming with people who need Christ. On the island of Java, where our work is located, there are 58,000,000 people. Only 150,000 are listed as evangelical Christians. At the end of our first seven years of work we had seven organized churches with about 800 members. In Kediri, a city of 185,000 people, Miss Misner is one of our 16 missionaries. Pray for the work in Kediri, especially work with young people.

PRAY for Miriam Misner, Kediri, Indonesia, med.; Mrs. T. H. York, Canton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Delta Ruth Smith, Louisville, Ky., GWC; Mrs. L. J. Harper, Paraguay, RN; Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, ed.; Milton Murphey, Petah Tikva, Israel, J. E. Posey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, ev.; Dorothy Emmons, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, soc.



Call to Prayer

1 Sunday And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted Matt. 23:12. (Read vv. 1-12.)

Dr. W. C. Gaventa, superintendent of our Baptist Hospital in Eku, Nigeria, has been signally honored by the chief of that city. He has been made a member of the chief's council. As a regular member, he will have a voice in the making of policies governing the town, and especially in guiding the young people. Pray for this new and important relationship with the chief's council. Pray for the hospital. Pray for the school of nursing operated by the hospital as it trains nationals for a Christian ministry to their own people.

PRAY for W. C. Gaventa,* Nigeria, MD; Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil; Mrs. G. E. Joiner,* Ecuador; B. T. Thorpe, Guelo, So. Rhodesia; W. W. Lawton, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Inabelle Lawton, MF; Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, ev.; A. V. Pickern, Jr., Montegut, La., ev. among French; Elizabeth Lundy, Atlanta, Ga., GWC

8 Monday Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great Acts 28:22. (Read vv. 1-23.)

The missionary is constantly challenged with a new task, because there are not enough missionaries to do all the necessary jobs. Miss Sara Taylor transferred to Montevideo a few months ago to take up the work of bookkeeper-secretary for the mission. She told of the joy that she and her two national co-workers had in looking forward to the baptism of three new converts. One of them had won an attractive school-teacher, the other had won a girl enrolled in the sewing class at the Good Will Center, and Miss Taylor had won a teen-age boy who was a member of her English class. Pray for these young Christians.

PRAY for Sara Taylor, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; P. C. Bell, Jr., Barranquilla, Colombia; Mrs. T. C. Bennett, Ramna, E. Pakistan; R. W. Harrell, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika; Mrs. Maurice Smith,* Ghana, ev.; Betty Jean Sisk, New Orleans, La., GWC; Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, BA; Marian Sanders, Torreon, Mexico, ed.

2 Tuesday Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us Rom. 8:37. (Read vv. 31-39.)

About a year ago Rev. John D. W. Watts

went to Warsaw to help the Baptist pastors of Poland in a week of study and inspiration. Summing up his impressions Mr. Watts said: "I marvel at their devotion and thank God for their faithfulness. They have inherited a tradition of faith which has withstood fire, sword, and prison. Adversity for them has been a seedbed of faith and an occasion for God's blessing. Each of them testifies to the truth of Paul's words in Romans 8:37: 'Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.' Pray for these pastors in Poland that they may have courage and faith to continue to witness for Christ."

PRAY for J. D. W. Watts, Ruschlikon, Switzerland; W. J. Ferguson,* Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. B. F. Belvin, Okmulgee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Edelmira Robinson, Havana, Cuba; Mrs. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ev.; C. J. Lowe, China, retired; Mrs. R. L. Dorrough, Korea, MD; Mrs. W. E. Emanuel, Kyoto, Japan, RN

10 Wednesday Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season 2 Tim. 4:2. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Several months ago the Blairs were transferred to the Ileta Indian Pueblo, an ancient Indian village located 13 miles south of Albuquerque. They point out the major problems on this new field: "As in all the pueblos in New Mexico, Catholicism is predominant. People are afraid to take a stand because of the ridicule and persecution it might bring. The Baptist work is small. We have requested the governor of the pueblo and tribal council that we be allowed to rent an old day school building for use in starting a kindergarten and a recreational center for the young people." Pray for this work that it may be built on a good foundation.

PRAY for Mrs. W. C. Blair, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Walter Blair, Jr., MF; Florence Sutherland, Covington, Ky., GWC; Mary Crawford, China-Hawaii, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, retired; W. O. Horn,* Jordan; Mrs. J. N. Westmoreland, Central Africa; C. L. Whaley, Jr.,* C. S. Boatwright, Tokyo, Japan; R. P. Bettington, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. C. D. Hardy,* Brazil; Mrs. D. L. Saunders, Nairobi, Kenya, RN; R. L. Dorrough, Korea, MD

11 Thursday Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ Col. 3:24. (Read vv. 12-25.)

Early in 1959 the Foreign Mission Board sent Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree, who are now retired, to serve as fraternal representatives to the Baptists of Portugal. This action was taken because of urgent requests from the Portuguese Baptist Convention and the Brazilian Baptist Convention. Before their going Dr. H. C. Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East explained: "They (the Crabtrees) will make a full investigation of the situation . . . and on the basis of their reports, the Board will be in a position to decide concerning the desirability of expanding its aid to Portuguese Baptists." The Crabtrees were particularly fitted for this assignment because of their long experience as missionaries to Brazil.

PRAY for A. R. Crabtree, Brazil-Portugal, retired; J. B. Williams, Williams, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking

12 Friday And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst John 6:35. (Read vv. 30-35.)

Southern Baptists began work in Pakistan in 1957 with three couples on the field. After language study Mr. and Mrs. Trueman Moore located in Faridpur where they have the responsibility for evangelistic work throughout the district of Faridpur with a population of about 3,000,000. In the district there are three weak churches. In writing of his work Mr. Moore said: "We heard that many new converts lose their jobs, are ostracized by friends, and are even driven from their homes. Many people make only thirty cents a day." Pray for the new Christians.

PRAY for W. T. Moore, Faridpur, E. Pakistan; Rafael Fraguera, Artemisa, Cuba; Mrs. J. E. Hampton,* Kenya; Mrs. H. E. Spurgeon, Taichung, Taiwan; E. W. Glass, Singapore; Malaya; Mrs. O. K. Bozeman, Jr., Korea, ev.; Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, retired; May Perry, Abeokuta, Mrs. D. L. Jester, Iwo, Nigeria; A. B. Craighead, Rivoli, Italy; Mrs. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.

13 Saturday All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee Psalm 145:10. (Read vv. 10-21.)

In commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of Southern Baptist work in Japan, nation-wide evangelistic services were held during the latter part of 1959. The growth of our work in Japan since World War II

has been outstanding. Church membership during the last ten years has gone from 2,800 to 12,418, and Sunday school enrolment from 5,900 to 18,000. One of our most promising institutions is our Baptist University at Fukuoka, Seinan Gakuin. Pray especially for two departments of the University, where our national workers are being trained, the Kindergarten Training School with 100 students, and the Seminary with 60.

PRAY for Mrs. L. G. Fielder,* Mrs. D. R. Heias, Tokyo, Japan; Mrs. Eleuterio Figueredo, Vuelas, David Torres, Luyano, Cuba; Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Mrs. A. V. Pickern, Jr., Montegut, La., ev. among French; Mrs. Andrea Viera, Roswell, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Brazil; A. W. Yocum, China-Korea, retired



14 Sunday Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God Phil. 4:6. (Read vv. 1-9.)

In a recent letter the Fosters express gratitude for progress in their work at Baguio: the spirit of co-operation among the students at our Baptist Theological Seminary where Mr. Foster is acting president, the 20 converts baptized in the church at Baguio and others waiting to be baptized, the employment of a young woman, a recent graduate of the Seminary to do evangelistic work for the church in Baguio, the appointment of two recent graduates of the Seminary to carry on the full work in the two missions operated by the Baguio church, new churches being built, and dedicated young people entering the Seminary."

PRAY for J. A. Foster, Baguio, Philippines; Jazie Short, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taipei, H. L. Raley,* Taiwan; Mrs. G. D. Phillips,* So. Rhodesia, ev.; Mrs. M. E. Fitts, San Jose, Costa Rica, Lan. st.

15 Monday I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men 1 Tim. 2:1. (Read vv. 1-8.)

From Venezuela Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Smith ask for prayer for their work. "We need a strengthening of the quality of Chris-

tians. The standards are high for those who follow Christ, but often once we get inside, we unconsciously become lax and easy. Our people need a prayer-filled, spirit-saturated vision of Christian living. A foundation of sand is poor building ground. The Venezuela of tomorrow needs faithful Christians today. Pray that the gospel will bear fruits in these lives. We covet your prayers for our field, for our co-laborers, and for the work."

PRAY for Mrs. D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, Jesse Jasso, Tex., Asuncion Sugasti, Chitre, Panama, Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, Mrs. A. R. Milligan, Mombasa, Kenya, C. G. McCalman, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; J. E. Jackson, China-Japan-Philippines, Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, China, retired

16 Tuesday The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it Psalm 68:11. (Read vv. 1-11.)

As we think of Missionary C. F. Eaglesfield of Nigeria today, we rejoice with him and his wife in the signal honor that has come to their son, David, who a year ago won the Powell B. McHaney Memorial scholarship, provided by the L. G. Balfour Company of Massachusetts. David had to be outstanding to merit such an honor. He was one of the 45,548 selected high-ranking students, all senior members of the National Honor Society from more than 8,000 schools in the nation. Pray for David, for his Christian influence on his campus.

PRAY for Mrs. C. F. Landon, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among deaf; E. L. Morgan, China, retired; Mrs. E. B. Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan, R. L. Lindsey,* Israel, ev.; C. F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, pub.; L. H. Neil, Eku, Nigeria, BA

17 Wednesday Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord Rom. 12:11. (Read vv. 9-18.)

The above description could well apply to the church in Colon, Cuba. Superintendent Herbert Caudill, in a recent *Home Missions*, tells of the dedication of the new church building in Colon, and of the zeal of the members as they plan to more than double their Sunday school attendance now that they have adequate room. In addition to the work in their own church, they operate three regular missions and a number of temporary missions. Using material from the old church, they built two chapels for two of the church missions. Pray for the church in Colon and its local missions.

PRAY for Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, Willie Johnson, Selawik, Alaska, ev.; C. M. Case, Gallup, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; J. E. Coney, St. Bernard, La., ev. among French; Mrs. W. C. Newton, China, retired

18 Thursday In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths Prov. 3:6. (Read vv. 1-7.)

The Baptist Training School in Recife has now become officially the Seminary for Christian Education. We rejoice with Miss Martha Hairston, director of the school, that it is now accredited by the Federal Education Department of Brazil. The four-year course prepares young women for work in churches, Good Will Centers and children's homes, field work for Woman's Missionary Union and Sunday school and teachers in our mission schools throughout North Brazil. The school makes a further contribution in its two-year course for women who want to learn how to serve more effectively in the local church work. Pray for students and graduates as they do Christian work.

PRAY for Martha Hairston, Recife, Brazil, T. O. High,* Nigeria, ed.; Edna Ruth Wooster, Washington, D. C., GWC; Mrs. C. A. Talley, E. St. Louis, Ill., Rescue Mission; Mrs. P. H. Anderson, China-Hawaii, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, China, retired; C. H. Lawhon, Sr., Philippines, Mrs. W. C. Grant, Urua, Japan, Mrs. W. W. Donehoo,* Colombia, ev.; Irene Branum, Korea, Alice Miller, Shaki, Nigeria, RN; Marie Conyers, Kowloon, Hong Kong, lib.; E. C. Wilson, Jr., Campinas, Brazil, SW

19 Friday 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.)

In God's program of world missions there is no foreign or home field. His field is the world. To Fort Bliss, Texas, many men come from many countries for special military training. Among these are Chinese nationalists from Formosa. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Louie, a Chinese couple living in El Paso, have done remarkable work with these men, inviting them to their home for meals and talking to them of Christ. As a result 36 have been converted and baptized at the First Baptist Church in El Paso. Let us pray for these new Christians as they return to Formosa.

PRAY for Pearl Caldwell, Sophie Lanneau, China, S. P. Mireles, HMB, retired; T. L. Parlett, Baltimore, Md., GWC. Mrs.

THIS MONTH

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Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

August's missionary program "Carest Thou Not?" will cause WMS members to consider what they can do to promote peace in their communities and around the world.

In 1952 the report of the Social Service Commission to the Southern Baptist Convention gave six positive steps toward peace in our time. We urge you to take these steps on this 15th anniversary of the close of World War II:

- Redouble efforts to reconcile men with God.
- Do not tolerate any complacency about war.
- Combat a mood of hysteria or blind hatred.
- Reject fatalism about war.
- Oppose primary reliance on military strategy to meet Communist aggression.
- Press for positive programs which have immediate possibilities for peace and justice.
- Be a peacemaker, help bring peace on earth and good will toward men!

PRESIDENT

August

The denominational emphasis for August is Schools of Missions. When Schools of Missions were first started it was usually the Woman's Missionary Union that made the plans and carried them out. Now that the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are promoting Schools of Missions and arranging schedules for missionaries to help with them, plans are usually made through the associational missionary and the church missions committee. But WMU presidents will help in every way possible. Use every means of communication to advertise your School of Missions and to make this important week a great missionary influence on the whole church.

August 11-17 is the date for Ridgcrest WMU Conference. Plan

Mission Study Chairman

Tell Our Story

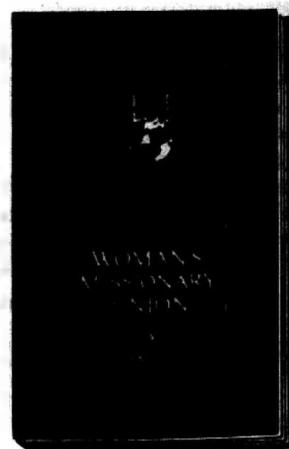
Woman's Missionary Union (85c from Baptist Book Stores) is the title of the new book written by Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. The book tells our story in a way that men as well as women will enjoy and gain understanding of the purpose and work of Woman's Missionary Union.

The Southern Baptist Convention calendar gives Schools of Missions as the August emphasis. Co-

to attend and bring along your officers, chairmen, and youth leaders. These days in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina will be meaningful. They will give inspiration and "know how" for Woman's Missionary Union work.

August 14-20 is another date for you to circle on your calendar. Sunbeam Band Focus Week can give a big boost to the missionary education of boys and girls in your church. See Sunbeam Activities (July-August-September) for plans.

Some YWA members may be going to college or to schools of nursing next month. Have an "Off to School Day" and show your girls the advantages of Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride YWA. See YWA Manual, pages 78-114.



operate in all the plans being made in your church for this special week. Woman's Missionary Union would be an excellent text for adults to study during the School of Missions. Teacher's Helps are available for 25c.

Order the set of four posters on mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship, price 35c, from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. These can be used effectively with the study of Woman's Missionary Union; also the WMS Statement of Aims Chart, price 50c.

The Community Missions Guide is going out of print but there are still some copies available for 35c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.

Make plans to get the unenlisted woman to attend the study of Woman's Missionary Union. It tells our story effectively and may be the means of enlisting her in the promotion of Christian missions through mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship, and educating youth in missions.

Prayer Chairman

Prayer Opportunities

Through the Foreign Missions Bulletin our Board has pointed up three prayer opportunities for every Southern Baptist. Present these to WMS members and urge them to join with other Baptists in praying:

1. For those missionaries whose birthdays are listed in the WMU magazines, the Training Union quarterlies.
2. That visas of several mission-

ary appointees for Indonesia be granted.

Indonesia is the country which God opened to Southern Baptists for missionary work in 1951. Since that time visas have been granted for more than fifty missionaries, but these cannot cope with the many opportunities for missionary service in that country of 86,900,000 people. They have therefore, urgently requested the appointment of more missionaries. In response to the need and to these requests,



the Board has appointed young missionaries; but since July of 1959, difficulties and delays in securing visas have been encountered. Therefore, we are greatly concerned about this situation.

But we believe the prayers of 9,500,000 Southern Baptists can open doors God needs opened; therefore, we appeal for concerted prayer that permission for these newly appointed missionaries to enter Indonesia may be granted.

3. That at least 100 young people will qualify for appointment during 1960. This is only one fourth of the number Southern Baptist Missions around the world have requested.

Is it too much to ask God to call at least one young person from your church to foreign mission service?

Stewardship Chairmen

Give to Win!

"Give to Win!" is the title of a new stewardship leaflet published by the SBC Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tenn. These may be secured from the above address for 90c a hundred. The cover of this leaflet may be enlarged to make an excellent missionary poster for your August bulletin board.

Another stewardship idea for August is an illustrated poster on "Dedicated Dollars."

1. **Print**
Bibles, tracts, books
2. **Build**
Churches, schools, hospitals



Ask your church to order a supply of these tracts free from Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. See above for information on "Give to Win!"

3. **Support**
Missionaries to preach the gospel around the world

Stewardship chairman, lead Christian women to answer these questions:

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?"

"And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"

"And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

"Give to Win!"

Community Missions Chairmen and All Officers and Chairmen

100 for Christ

From the Maryland WMU Newsletter published by Miss Josephine Norwood, executive secretary, the following letter tells of the outstanding goal of 100 unsaved women for Christ! This goal was adopted by the Rockville WMU, Mrs. Eugene Bridgewater, president.

"We have an enrolment of 101 women divided into 8 circles. Our aim is to do whatever we can, materially and spiritually, to make our community a more Christian place in which to live. Where there is illness or sorrow our women minister to the needs in every way they can. Hundreds of tray favors, tray cards, and numerous other items are given to hospitals and treatment centers. Clothing and food for the needy are collected and given to those in need wherever they may be—race or faith being no barrier. Assistance to a Negro Baptist church, through giving Baptist literature to be used in winning these children of God to a closer walk, has been given. Some of our women are making plans to assist this church in having a vacation Bible school.

"The love gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering exceeded last year's gift by almost \$300. We are looking forward to the opportunity to give to our Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Churchwide participation, under the leadership of Woman's Missionary Society, is planned to give our complete church an opportunity to give to this wonderful cause.



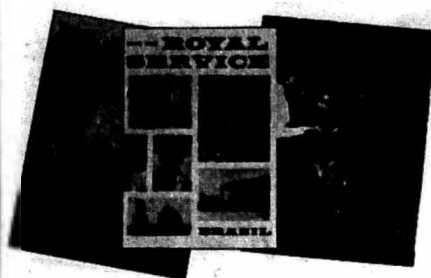
"Seventy-five homes have been opened to the church for cottage prayer meetings the week of April 4 to pray for our revival. Sixteen of our women will give every night to be in one of the fine homes in her area each night of the week. The Brotherhood and WMS are united in this effort.

"The most wonderful challenge of all the women have accepted is to witness to 100 unsaved women for Christ this year. May God use us for his service in many ways this year.

"It is such a wonderful experience for me to have a small part with these dedicated women who are truly laboring together with God.

"We have seven well-organized youth groups who are equally busy in His service. Our leadership is the finest for our youth to follow. Truly we are grateful for consecrated women to lead and inspire our youth to greater service."

Publications Chairman



The Com-Bin-A-tion Triplets

Three women are needed for this little skit—one representing *Royal Service*, another *The Commission*, and another *Home Missions*. Pin covers of magazine represented on skirt of each. Three to five other women may be used for group reading. Each holds a copy of the three magazines.

TRIPLETS

Royal Service woman: "I am Com"
The Commission woman: "I am Bin"

Home Missions woman: "I am A-tion"

Group: Oh, they're the Com-bin-ation Triplets.

Triplets: We are magazines you need.

Group: They are magazines we need.

Triplets: For missionary information see our pages (point to covers).

Group: For missionary information see their pages (turn pages of magazines).

Triplets: For worlds of inspiration see our pages (point to covers).

The above skit adapted from "The Combination Twins," April 1960 *The Methodist Women*.

Group: For worlds of inspiration see their pages (turn pages of magazines).

Triplets: (pointing to *Royal Service*) In each copy of *Royal Service* there are "how to" pages for officers and chairmen.

Group: "How to" pages for officers and chairmen—in *Royal Service* (all point to *Royal Service*).

Triplets: Well, here we are; Please don't delay.

Group: Well, here they are; Please don't delay.

Triplets: Get your subscriptions in today—just a dollar and a half.

Group: Get our subscriptions in today—just a dollar and a half (hold up \$1.50).

Members of publications committee should be ready to take *Royal Service* subscriptions and send them to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.—*Royal Service*, \$1.50 a year.

Home Missions, \$1.00 a year, from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia

The Commission, \$1.50 a year, from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6687, Richmond 30, Virginia.

Exactly RIGHT

for a Summer Vacation WMU Conference

Time: August 11-17

Place: Ridgecrest, in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina, 17 miles east of Asheville

Reservation: Write to Mr. Willard Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

Program Chairman

Reaction?

Program chairman, try the reaction sheet to evaluate your next program. List the following questions on a sheet of paper and ask different members to give reactions to the program. They need not sign their names.

From your point of view

- (1) What was the purpose of the program?
- (2) Was the purpose achieved? Why, or why not?
- (3) What were the strong points of the program? Weak points?
- (4) What improvements would you suggest for future programs?

Your High Calling

Commitment Service for New Officers

Scripture Reading:—Eph. 4:1-3, 2 Thess. 1:11, 12

Leader:—You have been called to a most significant task and today you are set apart as officers of the Woman's Missionary Union of this church.

First Voice:—You need to study God's Word

Second Voice:—Seek to develop your spiritual life through daily Bible study, use of the calendar of prayer, maintenance of family worship, and observance of the weeks and season of prayer

First Voice:—You need to understand God's world

Second Voice:—Seek to develop an appreciation for all people and a deep concern for those who are lost without Christ through continuous reading of missionary books and missionary periodicals, month by month study of the world outreach of missions, and the study of books on missions and Woman's Missionary Union Aims

First Voice:—You need to do God's work

Second Voice:—Seek to be a Christian witness through strengthening Christian standards in your personal life, in your home and community; make efforts to win lost souls and participate in community missions that will meet spiritual needs in your community

First Voice:—You need to support God's work

Second Voice:—Seek to be an example in Christian sharing through tithing, continuous giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program and generous gifts to Woman's Missionary Union offerings for foreign, home, and state missions

First Voice:—You need to know God's work

Second Voice:—Seek to give to our organization an informed leadership through leadership training, regular, well-planned committee meetings, and by attending associational, state, and Convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union meetings

First Voice—You need to bring others into God's work

Second Voice—Seek to bring others into the growing experience of missionary endeavor through sustained efforts to enlist all members in full participation in Woman's Missionary Union activities, visit and give constant attention to absentees from meetings of our Woman's Missionary Society. . . . Cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth through securing the cooperation of parents in the missionary education of their children . . . Maintaining a graded program of missionary education for youth and adequate fostering of the WMU youth organizations of this church

Leader—Officers, be true to your high calling, firm in your purpose to promote Christian missions, diligent in His service. May you be a revelation of the meaning and power of the Christian life as ever you grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be"

YOUTH

Early Missionary Training

Our culture today is characterized by change from familiar patterns. More than half of the nation's girls now marry before they are twenty-one. Twenty to 25 per cent of America's families move every year. Teen-agers go steady and are experimental in their behavior. There are the pressures of military service; young people are not needed in urban homes as much as formerly in rural homes; families are more prosperous and willing to support their children even after marriage.

All of these make WMS members realize the importance of early missionary training. There is just one more month of 1959-60 WMU year. Are you ready for the new year with sufficient leaders to provide WMU youth organizations for all age groups in the church? You will recall our WMS

elective "division of membership of existing youth organizations at the close of the year as needed." To attain this goal new counselors, leaders and assistants will be needed.

August 14-20 is Sunbeam Band Focus Week. Sunbeam Band committee, let your WMS know how to help make this week more meaningful to your organization, its members and their parents. See July-September Sunbeam Activities for Focus Week suggestions. Your WMS wants this week to strengthen Sunbeam Band work and to enlist more children in missions.

Are there YWA members in your church preparing to enter college or a school of nursing this fall? If so have an "Off to School" day. Acquaint them with the Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride YWAs (see YWA Manual, pages 78-114). These organizations keep girls in missions while they are away from their "home" church.

Early missionary training, continuous missionary training is necessary if young people are to mature into full-grown missionary Baptists.

Emiliano Miranda, Nuevo Emperador, Panama R. G. Young, Los Gatos, Calif., Mrs. M. J. Wright, Jr.,* Japan, G. E. Joiner,* Ecuador, Mrs. G. S. Harvey, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.

20 Saturday The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them Matt. 11:5. (Read vv. 1-6.)

Mrs. R. E. Nicholas says the compound of our Baptist Hospital in Gaza is like an oasis in a desert of hatred. The Arabs living in the Gaza Strip are in the main refugees who eke out an existence on food allowances provided by the United Nations. Their spiritual destitution is more acute, however, than their material condition. The missionaries and hospital staff go as far as they can in meeting spiritual needs, though the government prohibits "open evangelism." In the hospital chapel on Sundays are held morning and evening services and afternoon Sunday school. On week days there is a chapel service at seven o'clock in the morning. Pray for the hospital ministry and the missionaries in Gaza.

PRAY for Mrs. R. E. Nicholas, Gaza, Mrs. E. H. Clark, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, M. E. DuPriest, Tokyo, D. E. Mercer, Takamatsu, Japan, ev.; J. R. Allen, Brazil, retired; Mrs. J. D. W. Watts, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, Mrs. J. J. Cowsert, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. R. L. Kolb, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, ed.

21 Sunday Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God Luke 9:60. (Read vv. 57-62.)

The church in Montevideo, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. James Bartley reported 23 conversions last year. They use various methods to reach the people. A retired teacher, a member of the church, directs the church kindergarten. Now the first grade has been added. A student from the Theological Institute in the city is employed by the church to direct the work of the mission in nearby Durazno. Radio preaching is an effective method of evangelization in all the churches in Uruguay. Pray for our 20

churches in Uruguay, 10 national pastors, 14 missionaries.

PRAY for Mrs. J. W. Bartley, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, J. F. Naranjo, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. L. E. McCall, Bangkok, Thailand, G. B. Cowsert, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Howard Hamrick, Kediri, Indonesia, K. R. Thompson,* Korea, Mrs. B. L. Spear,* Thailand, ev.

22 Monday But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light 1 Pet. 2:9. (Read vv. 1-9.)

Miss Lenora Hudson, in *The Commission*, a few months ago, gave us a resumé of the service of Mr. Matsuta Hara, who died a year ago. This dedicated Japanese teacher was the moving spirit in Seinan Jo Gakuin, our girls' school in Kokura, from its founding in 1922 until his death. She said of him among other things: "How often I listened to his slow, drawling Japanese as he explained the plan of salvation to the children who had never heard the gospel before entering Seinan Jo Gakuin. How many hundreds of little girls listened to his stories of God's love for them and came to believe and trust in Jesus." Let us thank God for the life of Mr. Hara and for the ministry of our school in Kokura.

PRAY for Lenora Hudson, Itozu, Japan, ed.; Julia Burdett, Savannah, Ga., GWC; Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Winnifred Wheeler, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home; B. D. Lewis, Charleston, S. C., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired; M. G. Fort, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, MD; Mrs. Willie Johnson, Selawik, Alaska, A. G. Dunaway, Jr., Okuta, Nigeria, ev.

23 Tuesday And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry 1 Tim. 1:12. (Read vv. 12-20.)

A great moment in the life of a missionary is to see a church, whose growth he has nurtured, develop its own leadership. This experience came to Missionary Oswald Quick when the seven-year-old church at Taichung called its first national pastor, Rev. Hsieh Pao-Wu. When pastor Hsieh came to Taiwan from the China mainland, he was already an active Christian layman. In due time he was called to preach and promptly entered the Baptist Seminary. Upon his graduation



he became the assistant to Pastor Quick at the Teichung church. After a year, at the urgent request of Mr. Quick, he accepted the call to become the pastor of that church. Pray for this young pastor and his church.

PRAY for O. J. Quick,* Mrs. R. E. Morris, Taipei, Taiwan, J. E. Lingerfelt, Salvador, Brazil, Mrs. S. R. J. Cannata, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. E. L. King, Jr.,* Indonesia, Buck Donaldson, Jr.,* E. Africa, ev., Mrs. W. L. Crumpler, Barstow, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Robert Falls, Stroud, Okla., ev. among Indians; C. W. Applewhite, Kediri, Indonesia, MD, Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, retired

24 Wednesday Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not Jer. 33:3. (Read vv. 1-9.)

We should be inspired by the words of Miss Bertha Hunt to pray more earnestly for our mission work at home and abroad. In a recent issue of *The Commission* she said: "The saying, 'If God closes one door, he opens another,' can surely be applied to the situation faced by missionaries when they reach retirement age and must give up their active service on the foreign field. Now we have more time for intercessory prayer for the mission fields as well as for the local Christian work around us. Some of my favorite Scripture verses are: 'Consider the wondrous works of God' (Job 37:14) and 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not' (Jer. 33:3). Pray for Miss Hunt's beloved Brazil and for her service in her home in Hillsboro, Texas.

PRAY for Bertha Hunt, Brazil, retired; Allen Seward Roanoke, Va., Ann Warder, Louisville, Ky., GWC; Mrs. Opal Walker, Weslaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. Magnus Gonsen, Dulce, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Vera Campbell, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; D. C. Bivins, Frostburg, Md., Mrs. W. O. Harper,* Tanganyika, Mrs. Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, A. R. Milligan, Mombasa, Kenya, ev.

25 Thursday And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them Mark 2:2. (Read vv. 1-12.)

Our missionaries to the Indians and the Indian pastors, following the example of their Lord, are busy preaching the Word to their people. And they get results. The latest

report on Indian missions in Oklahoma showed that our 47 missionaries experienced 995 professions of faith, 347 baptisms, 227 additions by letter or statement, and 255 dedications to full-time Christian service. These Indian churches, in spite of their own needs, give generously through the Cooperative Program. One church, for example, channels one fourth of all receipts through the Cooperative Program. About 85 per cent of the active members of this Indian church are titheers. How do you and your church compare with this Indian church?

PRAY for Mrs. Sam Morris, Tulsa, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. O. C. Robison, Jr., Benin City, Nigeria, RN; J. A. Roper, Jr., Ajloun, Jordan, MD

26 Friday Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me John 5:39. (Read vv. 33-47.)

A new type of evangelism is being used successfully by Missionary Gene H. Wise, director of the publicity department of South Brazil Mission. Brief evangelistic messages, offering a free copy of a gospel, are placed in a Sunday magazine, which is read by people all over Brazil. Within a year Mr. Wise received more than 2000 letters requesting gospels. With the gospels are sent tracts that will give guidance to an unbeliever, and explain what Baptists believe. Among the letters asking for a gospel have come other letters indicating acceptance of Christ as Saviour. Pray for the spiritually hungry people who are asking for the Word of life.

PRAY for G. H. Wise, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; J. D. Griffin, Cherokee, N. C., ev. among Indians, R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ed.; Virginia Johnson, MF

27 Saturday Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls Matt. 11:29. (Read vv. 25-30.)

In the campaign to win people to become followers of Christ, the school is a fruitful channel. To this end a school for pastors, a grammar school and a high school have been opened in Ghana. The latter, Sadler Baptist College, began work in 1957. Mrs. L. Godwin, who with her husband was assigned to the Sadler College faculty in 1958, gives us her first impressions. "It was a thrill to me, after only three weeks on the job, to realize that many of these students will be the future church leaders and Christian

nesses in the new and growing nation of Ghana." Pray for the faculty and the students at Sadler Baptist College.

PRAY for Mrs. C. L. Godwin, Kumasi, Ghana; Mrs. P. S. Johnson, Dacca, E. Pakistan, Mrs. H. P. Hayes, Saigon, Vietnam, ev.; Mrs. R. I. Franks, El Paso, Tex., pub.; L. H. Soliz, Pomona, Calif., E. R. Lanham, Española, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; G. O. Foulon, HMB, retired



28 Sunday For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding Col. 1:9. (Read vv. 8-18.)

Miss Juliette Mather is finishing her third year in the Orient, two years in Japan and one year in Tainan, Taiwan. During this year in Tainan she has taught English classes at the Provincial University and Bible classes at our student center. The first of August she plans to transfer to Manila for a year of service in the Philippines. Miss Mather asks that we pray that students attending Christian schools will be touched by the Holy Spirit to receive Christ, that military families (American) overseas may be true witnesses and loyal to Christian professions. Pray for God's continuing blessing on Miss Mather's work in Japan and Taiwan, and his guidance for the year in Manila.

PRAY for Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexican-Spanish Baptist Publishing House, Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, retired

29 Monday It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect Psalm 18:32. (Read vv. 28-32.)

In the state of Alagoas in North Brazil we have 16 churches, 26 congregations, and 50 preaching points, with a membership of 1,578. Missionary Boyd O'Neal reports progress toward self support in the churches. In Maceio, the capital of the state, is located the American Baptist College with an enrollment of more than 1000 students. In addition to his regular work Mr. O'Neal served for a time as interim director of this large school. Mrs. O'Neal helps with the WMU work.

PRAY for B. A. O'Neal,* Brazil, ev.; Mrs. T. I. Parlett, Baltimore, Md., GWC

30 Tuesday 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. 12-16.)

It is a source of satisfaction to learn that many of our Christian students in Nigeria give their services to help in Bible schools. Missionary Ethel Harmon writes: "We have 55 or 60 Seminary and college students out in Bible schools, and some schoolteachers have volunteered three weeks of their holidays for Bible schools in some very difficult river villages. It was a thrill to see that half the college students who volunteered for Bible schools during Christmas holidays were seniors who will begin teaching in January, 1960. After four years of hard work in college they were willing to give a part of their vacation for Bible schools." Pray for these young teachers as they go out into many villages in Nigeria.

PRAY for A. P. Pierson, Torreón, Mexico, ed.; S. A. Perez, San Luis, Cuba, Mrs. F. H. Ossa, San Blas, Panama, C. A. Tope,* E. Africa, C. B. Williams,* Thailand, ev.; Mrs. J. J. Horton, Santa Paula, Calif., ev. among migrants; Mrs. H. E. Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, RN

31 Wednesday Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble Psalm 41:1. (Read vv. 1-13.)

Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Tabor, in medical work in Korea, see poverty and suffering beyond anything that we can imagine. Mrs. Tabor tells of attending the funeral of a young Christian girl who had died of a heart condition. The family lived in a two-room mud house, typical of an average Korean family. As the Tabors stood in the yard in zero weather with the family and their Christian and non-Christian neighbors, Mrs. Tabor saw members of the family singing the hymns along with other Christians. Have you the faith that sings? "This is the victory that overcomes."

PRAY for C. G. Tabor, Korea, MD; W. C. Blair, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Larry Uyehara, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Japanese, Mrs. S. L. Jones,* So. Rhodesia, ev.

BA	business administration	MB	librarian
ev.	evangelism	med.	medical evangelism
ed.	educational evangelism	MU	doctor
"	through	RN	nurse
GWC	Good Will Center	pub	publication evangelism
HMB	Home Mission Board	sw	social work
lan	language study	SW	student work

CIRCLE PROGRAM

Circle Unit Theme: Sharing Possessions

August: Recognizing His Ownership

by Mrs. Ernest H. Platen

Introduction: Last month we recognized that Christians concern themselves with how they make money. This month our program stresses that at least a tithe of a Christian's income must be given to the church in expression of conviction that God is the owner and giver of all things. A tithe belongs to God.

Some non-tithers believe that a tithe is too much, yet we buy many articles which carry a ten per cent tax and never give this a second thought. Do all of you have your purses? Let's count the articles in our purses on which we paid ten per cent tax. Here are some things in my purse: lipstick, compact, perfume, the purse itself. (*Give time for comment by others as they pull out their belongings.*) Certainly we know that government cannot be maintained without taxes.

Neither can a pastor be paid, missionaries sent and maintained unless church members are faithful in tithes and offerings. In fact Jesus himself said, "Render to Caesar (government) the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" Mark 12:17.

The Basis of Tithing

"In the beginning God." He created all things, he sustains all things, he gives all things. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein" Psalm 24:1. All are his by right of creation, preservation and redemption.

We were made from the beginning for fellowship with God, but sin broke this

relationship. Because of sin Jesus gave his life for all. He redeems those who believe in him and thus makes it possible for man's relationship to be re-established with the Creator. "Know ye not that . . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price" 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20. So the purpose of God is spiritual. Through man's faithful stewardship God can change material wealth into spiritual power.

A Christian recognizes God's ownership by setting aside a tenth of what he possesses and by so doing expresses his conviction that God is the giver of all he has, that he merely holds it in trust. A tither assumes also that God continues to be the owner of all material possessions entrusted to man. Man's title to ownership of property is related to other men. The final title to property or money does not rest with the individual but with God.

"We are labourers together with God." In this partnership God owns all the resources and owns the partner too. We realize now that man does not, cannot, stand alone. A Christian's life is deeply rooted in God. His life cannot be seen properly unless it is viewed as a partnership. Actually we have nothing to give except what God has first given us. For a long time believers have been saying in song:

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

—WILLIAM W. HOW

All of us need to acknowledge these words by practical demonstration in bringing tithes and offerings into God's storehouse.

The Beginning of Tithing

(Make assignments for the reading of the Scriptures.)

The first reference to an offering made to God is in the story of Cain and Abel (*read Gen. 4:3-5*).

The first specific mention of tithing in the Old Testament is of Abraham giving tithes to Melchizedek, the priest of God. Jacob, likewise, recognized this timeless law when he said, "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" Genesis 28:22.

Scholars state that among ancient peoples there were none who did not practice the tithe as the basis of giving to their gods. The survival of this practice with primitive peoples plus the biblical record is indicative that God made holy the tenth as a reminder of his creative work and continuing ownership.

By the time of Moses the tithe was recognized by every son of Israel as a minimum standard of giving. The holy experience of Moses on Mt. Sinai brought into being not only the Ten Commandments to guide the people in living with God and others, but it brought a fully formed law of tithing which was to be observed by all faithful Hebrews. "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" Leviticus 27:30.

Certain principles become evident from an examination of Old Testament teaching about the tithe. First, tithing was not evolved as a means to support the temple, the priest, or the civil government. It was later used, however, for these purposes. But its primary purpose was religious devotion, as a way of thanking God for His goodness and of acknowledging man's dependence upon the creative and sustaining providence of God. Second, tithing passages in the Old Testament emphasize the fact that giving involves sacrifice (*read Lev. 22:15-21*). Third, the Old Testament leaves no doubt that there are rewards available to those who tithe (*read Gen. 15:1-5; Prov. 3:9-10*).

The early Christian church had to break away from the body of regulations laid down by Moses concerning the rites and ceremonies which had been fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The law of the tithe, as has been explained, antedates that system. Jesus did not come to destroy the law but "to fill it full." Jesus challenges those who love Him to go farther than the tithe in recognition of their debt to the Creator (*read Matt. 23:23; Luke 14:26-27; Luke 18:22*).

Our generation cannot substitute a generous check for tithes and gifts, nor for dedicated living expressed in "on-the-first-day-of-the-week" regular giving, which is an expression of worship of God. Christian living apart from careful giving according to God's plan, is faulty obedience.

The Blessings of Tithing

A businessman once said, "Two of the hardest things to accomplish in this world are to acquire wealth by honest effort and, having gained it, to learn how to use it properly."

When a Christian tithes from the right motive and with the right spirit, there is a deepening interest in his life of all matters spiritual. He learns to love what he gives to and works for. He becomes a part of the church, and by careful, thoughtful accounting to God brings the church into the center of his home. Serious Christian giving generates a warm feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. Returning a fair share of God's bounty, tithers discover not only takes faith but strengthens faith—in life, in others, in oneself. The money given is the by-product of the deeper act of dedication—the act of worship.

Jesus made it clear in many of His teachings that the use which one makes of money, and the spiritual experiences which allow him to be aware of the presence of God cannot be separated. On one occasion he said, "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (money), who will commit to your trust

the true riches?" Luke 16:11. Honesty with money was regarded by Jesus as the first qualification in order to be eligible to receive life's most intangible values.

The nurse who cared for Robert Merrick, the waster whose story was told in *Magnificent Obsession* by Lloyd Douglas said to him, "You have something very valuable besides money; but you'll never use it. It's in you, all right, but it will never come out. Nobody will ever know that you had it. The money will always be blocking the way."

Tithing has a way of lifting the horizons of those who share material goods for the work of the kingdom. Through the tithe one becomes a partner in teaching the gospel in Africa, in healing the sick in Indonesia, ministering to the war orphans in Korea, building a new house of worship in Alaska, and sharing in the work of the

Lord in thousands of places in America and beyond.

William Colgate was a tither throughout his long and successful business career. He gave not merely one tenth of the earnings of the Colgate company but he gave two tenths, then three tenths, and finally five tenths of all his income to the work of God in the world. During the later days of his life he revealed the origin of his devotion to the idea of tithing.

When he was sixteen years old he left home to find employment in New York City. He had previously worked in a soap manufacturing shop. When he told the captain of the canal boat upon which he was traveling that he planned to make soap in New York City the man gave him good advice: "Someone will soon be the leading soap maker in New York. You can be that person. But you must never lose sight of the fact that the ability to make soap has been given to you by God. Honor Him by sharing what you earn. Begin by tithing all you receive."

William Colgate knew that God was the giver of all he possessed, not only of opportunity and ability, but even of the elements which were used in the manufacture of his products.

Today as our pastor calls on us to tithe he is not setting forth some new and strange doctrine. Instead, he proclaims God's way of giving which will expand our lives to large horizons, a way the centuries have proved is a path of rich blessing. Our world in its need, our churches with their challenge, and our lives with the open doors of growth and service before them unite in re-echoing the ancient command of God: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." This is God's way, and it is a way of blessing.

Sentence Prayer



Enlarge the importance of
training children early
in missionary attitudes,
by informing the church of ways
in which children in Sunbeam
Bands (ages birth through 8)
are guided and instructed in
God's ways for Jesus' sake

LET THE CHURCH KNOW about the
Sunbeam Band program:
enabling parents to feel a deeper
sense of responsibility
for the missionary education of
their children and helping the WMS to
visualize the larger meaning of fostering
in Sunbeam Bands



In your church
From AUGUST 14-20 observe
SUNBEAM BAND FOCUS WEEK

AUGUST 1960

TITHES

by LON WOODRUM

God does not ask a man for tithes
... in legalistic mood ... as men collect
a common tax with manners sometime
rude! ...

But in His vast economy ... His plans
are soundly laid ... and no man robs His
treasury ... the tithes must all be paid!

But when we give from honest hearts
... this then we may believe ... the blessings
of His bounty come ... more than
we can receive. ...

So be assured of this one fact ... accept
this simple word ... no man can
lose who gives in love ... no man outgives
the Lord!

Today from Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant
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Figures on the refugee population in our world are amazing because of their enormity. Various estimates are quoted, some ranging as high as 15,000,000. The truth is that no one knows exactly, or anywhere near exactly how many there are, because homeless people are literally spread across the face of the earth.

We are tempted to think of these refugees only as figures, as a heap of statistics. "They are unfortunate people, yes," we say, but we fail all too often to see them as men and women and boys and girls. Except for the grace of God we, any of us, could be in their stead.

President Eisenhower prompted American thinking on the subject when he sent a special message to Congress, urging that the American government liberalize "some of our existing restrictions upon immigration," to open our doors wide enough to allow a fair share of the world's refugees to find new homes in this country, he said.

The President was speaking against the backdrop of World Refugee Year, an observance in which the United States and 68 other nations have joined in an attempt to seek permanent solutions to the problems of these people.

These refugees are not ne'er-do-wells who were driven from their homelands because of incapacities. Many of them are folks of ability and skill, people of deep conviction, men and women with enough backbone to stand up for beliefs. Many are like the colonists who first peopled these United States—people with a determination to find a freedom of will and freedom

of conscience. Political developments, war or revolution in their homeland caused many of them to flee across their borders with only the clothes on their backs and a box of groceries and cooking utensils. They preferred to face starvation than to yield to an unacceptable ideology. Some faced the choice of leaving their homes or facing imprisonment and death—because of convictions and will to uphold convictions. Their very presence in their country made them a threat to totalitarian government.

Mr. Eisenhower sees these people as assets, not liabilities, to the United States. "These people who seek entry to this country seek more than a share in our material prosperity," he told Congress. Reviewing America's history, he observed further that "the names of those who make important contributions in the fields of science, law, and almost every other field of endeavor indicate that there has been no period in which the immigrants to this country have not richly rewarded it for its liberality in receiving them."

The President told the Congress that our present laws on immigration are too rigid, and should be made more flexible. He proposed the removal of "ceilings" which limit the immigration of people from certain sections of the world, such as the present ceiling of 2,000 on quotas from countries within the "Asiatic-Pacific triangle," and asked that unused quotas of under-subscribed countries be distributed among over-subscribed countries. If this proposal is accepted by Congress, the effect would be a doubling of the 154,400 quota immi-

REFUGEES ARE PEOPLE

grants accepted annually.

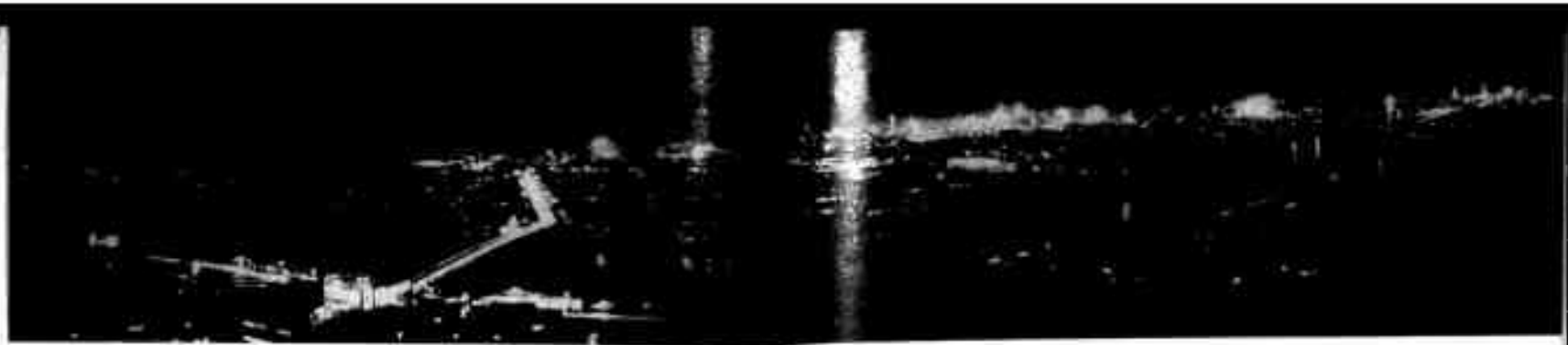
Even beyond this, Mr. Eisenhower asked the Congress to authorize during World Refugee Year the "parole into this country of refugees from oppression." Plugging for this proposal motivated by the heart, the President declared:

"Nations who in the past have granted entry to the victims of political or religious persecutions have never had cause to regret extending such asylum. These persons with their intellectual idealism and toughness will become worthwhile citizens and will keep this nation strong and respected as a contributor of thoughts and ideals."

Orphans in Pusan, Korea, playing with box of wooden toys

A health survey is a rewarding activity for workers who can see results in improved living conditions





Hiroshima 1960

photo by Morris Wright

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Japanese Dish-garden Display
(on view before and after meeting)
Japanese Music
(Records of Madame Butterfly selections
before meeting time)
Leader's Introduction
Special: "Trees"
Prayer: Standing, use Calendar of Prayer
Scenes: Commodore Perry at Yokohama
Kneeling Japanese Woman
Children Reading
Modern Methods
Japanese Talking Relay
Scripture Reading (stand)
Meditation
Hymn: "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love"

Leader's Introduction

The Japanese dish-garden, so popular in our country, reminds us of several facts about Japan. One is the smallness of the land. With a total area less than California, Japan has a population of half as many people as the whole United States. There are 642 people per square mile or 92,000,000 total population. Now these figures may not remain in your mind very long, but perhaps they will impress you with the problem of overcrowding that has confronted Japan for years. The problem of overcrowding is further complicated by the

mountains. Eighty-five per cent of the land is mountainside; only 15 per cent is tillable. This means that each square mile must support 4,300 people as compared to 270 per square mile in our country and 290 per square mile in Russia. This makes Japan the most crowded nation in the world. Even the dead are crowded for less than two square feet are allowed per grave.

Since tillable land is so precious, every precaution is taken to cultivate and fertilize each available inch. The Japanese farmer is so highly skilled that he can produce 80 per cent of the food needed by his countrymen. Where must the other 20 per cent come from? This has been a basic question and an excuse used in the militant expansion of the empire in former years.

In helping solve this problem, the American occupation forces instituted land reform which reduced outright tenancy to 5 per cent of all farms operated. This has proved a most effective argument against communism. Japanese farmers get the most from their land and take pride in ownership even though the average farm is only 2.5 acres. The annual income of the farmer is small: \$175 per year or less.

As we think of these small farms and the 16,800,000 Japanese employed in farming and forestry, we must recall how neglected they have been by Christian missionaries. Southern Baptist strategy before the war

concentrated on the southern island of Kyushu, laying a foundation of strong institutions and leadership training. Since the war, the plan has been to spread our witness throughout the islands in civic centers, expanding the work from here.

The plan has been so successful that by 1959, forty-four of the 46 prefectures (states) had a nucleus for Baptist growth. Other evangelical groups have concentrated on the population centers too with the result that 230 out of 270 cities in Japan have churches, but 70 per cent of the towns and 97 per cent of the villages have no churches at all.

These dish-gardens we have seen today make us think of the smallness of the land, of the tiny farms and those who live on them, of the ingenuity and skill of these people who have shown the world once more what human energy can accomplish even in the face of defeat, tragedy, and scarcity of material resources.

They also remind us of the artistry of this land. Since there is not much garden space, small areas are utilized to the fullest. Each tree and shrub is protected, each branch studied and hung with weights so that all will grow in a way to produce the finest artistic effect. The Japanese garden is symbolic of Japan: everything in its place, everything disciplined.

As we view the green loveliness of these plants, however, we are reminded of two

places in Japan that are black and ugly. These spots were denuded of plants, buildings and people by atomic bombs dropped August 6, 1945, on Hiroshima and August 9 at Nagasaki.

If you stand today at the foot of the cenotaph in Hiroshima which houses the names of the known dead, you can read this hopeful inscription: "Rest in peace, for the wrong shall not be repeated." In this same area is a statue symbolizing this hope of peace. The figure is that of a twelve-year-old girl named Sadako. When the bomb fell, she was only two, but the cause of her death was atomic disease, leukemia. Her last days had been spent in the Hiroshima hospital where she busied herself with the making of paper cranes. She had planned to make a thousand of these to send forth as messengers of peace, but Sadako died on number 643. In dedicating her statue on the 13th Anniversary of the dropping of the bomb, the mayor of Hiroshima stated, "We hope these commemorative events will bring home to those concerned with the dropping of the bomb that they were guilty of acts so shameful that Japan will never forget them. We now view the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, no matter for what purpose, as a crime committed against mankind. We have become frightened."

We might wonder why this man spoke of "becoming frightened" some 13 years

after the attack. In his mind were the 65 who had died that year of atomic sickness and the 32,000 stillborn children of the past 15 years. Other events had brought fear: the fishermen who died after being dusted with radioactive fallout from the Bikini bomb test in March 1954, although they were a hundred miles from the explosion; the radioactive fish that had been found in markets throughout Japan; the action of the Japanese Diet (Congress) in appealing to the conscience of the world to outlaw bomb testing.

The somber facts, then, must be added to the lovely impressions gained from a look at the dish-gardens. A close examination of the spiritual condition of this land adds another dark impression. You recall how the Japanese take a sapling that is destined to be a giant tree of the forest, cut its taproot, place it in a dish-garden with its branches weighted and train it to grow in the desired direction. This might be an analogy to the nation itself. With less than one per cent of its population Christian, it has scant taproot to draw upon the resources of God. Its nationalistic religions have shallow spiritual roots. It has a strong historical tradition of sacrificing the individual for the achievement of national or state goals.

As Christians we cannot overlook these gifted individuals. We read in Mark about a man whose eyes were only half opened. He said, "I see men as trees, walking" (Mark 8:24). When his eyes were fully opened, he saw men as men and trees as trees. We too must fully open our eyes and rid ourselves of blurred vision that has sent only 121 Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan in answer to General MacArthur's plea for 10,000 Protestant missionaries. We know only God can make a tree. Only God can make a man. Only a Christian can win to Christ.

Special Music: "Trees" This poem by Joyce Kilmer could be read instead of song.

Prayer: Let us stand for prayer as "Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in

the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart" (1 Kings 8:22-23) "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:25-26).

Pray that we may forgive Japan her transgressions so that we may be forgiven ours; pray that as Christians we will be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season" (Psalm 1:3). Use Calendar of Prayer.

Commodore Perry at Yokohama

Picture this scene: a hot July day in 1853. Commodore Matthew C. Perry appeared off the forbidden coast of Japan with a squadron of United States warships. The ports of the island kingdom had been closed to foreigners for 250 years, but the steam-driven ships and the big cannons and guns impressed the leaders with the progress of western civilization. They decided in 1854 to open their doors, and signed a treaty with Perry to that effect. It also provided for a representative of the American government to be in residence.

The first American consul, Townsend Harris, was a Christian gentleman of great conviction. He secured permission for missionaries to enter Japan in 1859. Last year Japanese Christians celebrated their centennial. It was the seventieth anniversary of the Southern Baptist mission.

Christianity had first come to Japan in the mid-sixteenth century. Stirred by the passionate devotion of such missionaries as Francis Xavier, some 600,000 gave themselves to Christian discipleship.

But the faith they had accepted unquestioningly as a private matter between

PLANNING THE PROGRAM

Attention Program Chairman!

August is no time for you to relax! The very fact that others feel lazy and have been on vacations or have relatives visiting, makes it necessary for you to exert an extra-special effort. This will be a good month to get some newspaper publicity for your society. Select ideas from the following:

1. Enlist the help of garden club enthusiasts for a Japanese flower-arrangement demonstration. A local florist might exhibit Japanese dish-gardens. Or you might ask each circle to be responsible for at least one arrangement.

2. How about meeting in the cool of the evening in a park or yard decorated with Japanese lanterns? Make it a WAMU Sukiyaki Supper with men and children invited.

3. Have each young people's organization present a tableau pertaining to Japan. RAs, Admiral Perry's arrival; GAs, a young woman in kimono with forehead touching the ground; Sunbeams, a group of children reading books; YWAs, young women in tailored dress with transistor radio. These scenes can be used in either an outdoor or indoor meeting. If it is not possible to have the tableaux, describe the scene as an introduction to each part.

4. Order five copies of "Strategic Japan. Oriental Treasure" (free) from the Foreign Mission Board, Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia. Give these to five people the week before

your meeting with instructions to read carefully. Then have a Japanese Talking Relay, standing these five individuals before the group and giving each two minutes to tell all she can about Japan. Call time. The next in line takes up the recital, etc. Use the men too if they are invited to the meeting. Award a Japanese dish-garden to the one who talked the fastest and gave the most facts with the least "uhs." No notes, please!

5. Sukiyaki Meal: Rice and Sukiyaki, tossed salad, iced tea (a real compromise as the Japanese like theirs hot and strong), cookies.

Americanized Sukiyaki Recipe (enough for four): Heat 2 Tbsp oil in skillet in which lightly brown one Bermuda onion, 6 scallions cut into 1½ inch pieces. Add three sliced celery stalks and leaves, 1 oz. can drained sliced mushrooms (reserve liquid), 1 ten oz. box thawed chopped broccoli or French style green beans, 1 lb. can drained bean sprouts; stir in mixture of 2/3 cup consommé, 6 Tbsp. each of soy sauce, mushroom liquid, 2 Tbsp. each of lemon juice, sugar; sprinkle lightly with pepper. Cook about 10 minutes stirring occasionally. Pushing vegetables aside, add gradually 1 lb. thawed frozen beef sandwich steaks (minuta, cubed, or lean luncheon steaks) cut into strips. Cook just until meat loses red color. Serve hot.

Read Before Planning Program "Japan—After Fifteen Years," page 1 and "Did You Read It?" page 38.

them and their God proved to be much more complicated. It involved obedience to a Roman pontiff and intermediary submission to Portuguese priests and, by inference, to the King of Portugal. Also, there was hot competition between all these and the Spanish priests and, behind them, the Spanish king. It also appeared that one of the chief motives of some of the tribal chieftains in accepting the Christian faith was the hope of obtaining foreign aid against their ruler; at least, this is the way it looked to him. Overnight Christianity became sacrilege and treason. The church was destroyed, and the doors of Japan closed to foreigners for over 200 years.

It is interesting that Nagasaki was the center of this early Christian movement.

Thousands of believers were hurled to their deaths from the steep heights surrounding this beautiful port city. This was the only place open to foreign trade after the edict of 1637. Only Dutch and Chinese ships could come here once a year. Nevertheless, a small group of believers was found when Catholic missionaries came back in 1859. It was again made a center of their work with heavy losses resulting from the atomic bomb.

Our missionaries found Buddhism and Shintoism strongly entrenched. The number of adherents claimed by these faiths total more people than can be found in Japan. This can be explained by the way they count their members. Buddhists multiply by five the number of households

Let's Talk About...

President: At your August business meeting, before the missionary program, present dramatically your Christmas and August plans. The youth organizations are participating in this too. Will a Sunbeam, one or two GAs and a YWA discuss with a member of WMS your specific plans? See page 40 for names to which WMS sends boxes (youth organizations will be different). Be sure your WMS includes a return postal card in each box mailed to a missionary in this country—not to overseas missionaries because they cannot use our postage.

Or, if your Society meeting precedes Sunbeam Focus Week (August 14-20) present the plans for WMS fostering and give every circle an opportunity to foster during this vital week.

Or—does your Society need to know about plans for enlarging the usefulness of Woman's Missionary Union in your church, community, in advancing the kingdom throughout the world? Tell in skit or other ways specific plans. Will there be new WMU organizations? What are leadership training plans? Have you completed study of all the new books? If not, when will they be offered? Has every woman a copy of the brand-new WMS Manual (65c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama)?

Use this August Let's Talk About time to stimulate lagging enthusiasm.

affiliated with the temples for mortuary purposes. Shintoism gets its figures from the number of charms sold at the shrines and the number of persons who contribute toward their support. Many Japanese are related to two or three religions, and see no harm in taking on another. This has been a major problem confronting our missionaries.

H. V. Kalenborn asked MacArthur what was his greatest temptation as head of Supreme Command in Tokyo. He replied, "to use my high office to try to Christianize Japan by edict." We know that this dream can only be realized through "born again" individuals.

Kneeling Japanese Woman

The treatment of Japanese women as inferior beings who bow on their knees and touch their foreheads to the floor before their husbands is a scene that lingers in the American mind. The arrival of our soldiers with their new ways of treating women made a tremendous impression on Japanese wives. They were given the right to vote. American laws permitted divorce. Family courts in Tokyo now hear 4000

divorce cases a year, two thirds brought by the wife. However, the children are given to the husband, and divorced women cannot remarry.

Japanese newspapers carry an equivalent of "Dear Abby." Distressed wives write, "My husband has married a fifth wife and gives me barely enough money to raise the children." The Japanese Abby must be a man, however, for the reply usually runs, "You have no recourse but to bear your burden. Married women must find solace in being good wives and mothers. Smile, be cheerful, help him with his coat, keep his clothes neat."

The missionary home is one of our most effective means of witnessing in Japan. Hisako Fukuda had studied in a Buddhist school before coming to work for the Moorheads. She later testified, "I came to work and live with the missionaries because of my great need of a job, but it was with a great deal of fear, for I did not know what to expect from these foreigners. I watched not only the Moorheads, but the other missionaries carefully. I had expected quarreling, but there was none. There was no drinking of sake or other intoxicating

drinks such as I had always understood Americans indulged in; and, to say the least, I was very much surprised.

"Then I became curious about these people and wondered what made them so different from what I had been led to expect, and different from our Japanese homes. I watched them pray and heard their prayer, their devotions; and, most amazing of all, even the children took part, asking questions and praying.

"I thought that was foolish, for all Buddhists know that a child cannot understand about religion. But to my surprise the children knew a good deal about the Bible; and they could tell me some of its stories, and even answer some of the questions I was too timid to ask others.

"I became very much interested and began to attend the Sunday school class held in our living and dining room. I also attended the Tuesday night Bible class.

"Gradually, I came to understand and to love the Christ who had died for me. I accepted him as my Saviour and was baptized. When I went home, my parents could not understand why I became a Christian when I had been trained in a Buddhist school; and my friends questioned me for hours on end in an effort to understand why I would do such a thing."

Today this young woman has a Christian home.

"There is a problem confronting our young people, for girls respond more readily than boys to the Christian gospel," a missionary explained. "The large number of Christian-pagan marriages make Japan lag behind other Far Eastern countries in number of converts. The Japanese cultural pattern regards marriage as a secular matter. There can be no Christian society without Christian homes.

Christian Reading

An eagerness to learn has characterized Japan for more than a hundred years. It is one of the most literate nations in the world. Almost everyone carries something to read while riding the train or street car

or during lunch hour. Realizing the power of literature, the Communists have made attractive publications available at ridiculously low prices. For one dollar, a complete Communist library can be purchased with a lamp thrown in. The Jorlan Press in Tokyo is meeting a real need in publishing Christian literature.

The policy of universal education, adopted by Japan in 1871, has been vigorously promoted. At present, compulsory education extends through the ninth grade. Above this level there is an extensive system of public and private high schools, colleges and universities.

Seinan Jo Gakuin (jo means girl) is located on the southern island in Kokura, a great industrial area. Since its founding in 1922, the school has grown steadily until today over 1700 girls are enrolled in the junior high, senior high, and junior college. For every student admitted, three are turned down. Competitive examinations are given for entrance even to junior and senior high schools in Japan because there are just not enough schools for the growing population.

Women are particularly interested in Mallory Hall erected on this campus by the WMU in honor of Kathleen Mallory. This three-story building houses the administrative offices for the school as well as the junior college. Also on this 24 acre campus is an auditorium seating 1,100.

Seinan Gakuin, our school for boys, is located in Fukuoka. More than 4000 young men are enrolled here. Even though courses in Christianity are required at both the boys' and girls' school, less than 10 per cent of the boys are Christians and only 36 per cent of the girls. Student retreats and religious focus weeks are becoming increasingly popular on both these campuses. In a united evangelistic crusade last fall in Fukuoka, 21,800 persons attended a night eight hundred made decisions to follow Christ.

In 1957, a survey showed 205,066 students in 600 Christian schools throughout Japan. A statement in the report, however,

causes concern: "Many of the schools have lost their Christian character even though maintained under Christian auspices. The Christian witness has thinned out because of scarcity of qualified Christian teachers and schools have inadequate budgets. This is one reason why the rate of growth in Christian churches fails to keep pace with the rate of growth in the population."

Baptists have met this problem with Christian faculties and student counselors. They are also constructing a \$50,000 Student Center in Tokyo to witness to university students there. Missionary Charles Martin wrote, "Because land is scarce and very expensive in this largest city in the world, we have been looking, praying, waiting for over a year. You can imagine how happy we are now."

Seinan Jo Gakuin has been called the "shining light on the hilltop." Missionaries and Japanese Baptists are working together to bring Christian light and faith to the young people of this great nation.

Modern Methods

Consider these modern young people of Japan. A recent visitor said he had never seen so many transistor radios anywhere else in the world. TV and radio are widely used. Dr. Herschel Hobbs observed after a preaching tour of the islands, "If we are ever going to reach those masses of people, it is going to have to be by mass communication. We must use the radio, TV, and publications. That does not mean we are going to need less missionaries or fewer churches. I found in Japan that everybody from missionaries right on through the national leadership were ready to start radio programs. They said, 'You furnish us the money and we will start tomorrow.'"

Another method of reaching the modern Japanese is through our medical mission work. The Japan Baptist Hospital is now five years old and has a totally Christian staff. Some have wondered why we have medical missions work in Japan, for they have a system of socialized medicine with very low rates for the working classes and

with medical research carried on extensively.

A Japanese staff doctor gives the answer: "The Japanese physician has forgotten the connection of the body and soul and exerts his remarkably well-developed skills upon the body with complete disregard for the feelings or spiritual welfare of the patient. He has become so intent upon watching the state of a disease and so absorbed in dealing with it that it is not rare for him to lose sight of the patient who is suffering from the malady. In their search for truth, some of the Japanese physicians have felt justified in performing experiments which actually caused their patients to suffer all the more."

He also pointed out that, though many believed socialized medicine is ideal, the "sense of morality which is so essential in making the system a complete success is lacking in both doctor and patient."

New techniques are being used in approaching individual Japanese about accepting Christ. Because many hesitate to go to churches, there is strong emphasis upon evangelism through home visitation. One Baptist church in Tokyo records some one hundred prayer meetings a week in the homes of the community, carried on by members of the church. In another church, a phenomenal record of baptism has been achieved without public invitation at the worship service.

It was not many years ago that a Christian missionary warned America that she must either send missionaries to Japan or prepare to defend herself against Japanese attack. Last year in the Baptist churches of Japan, it cost about \$1000 of mission funds to win one person for Christ. On the surface, this appears to be a large amount. Certainly it must be obvious that our responsibility to lost souls, to the world and to Christ means that we must not fail to spend ourselves in prayer, in money, and in dedicated lives for the salvation of Japan now. Like many other countries, Japan now welcomes missionaries. But we do not know when her doors may swing shut again.

Japanese Talking Relay

Scripture Reading (stand)

May we stand for the reading from the Scriptures? In Nehemiah we find that when "Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people . . . all the people stood up" (Neh. 8:5). Read Mark 4:35-41.

Meditation

This scene from Mark's gospel is a picture of the condition, needs and fears of the Christian church; and of the perpetual presence and care of the Lord. The disciples were on the Sea of Galilee; and we are upon the sea of life. They took Christ with them in the boat; and we have him with us always. A storm arose and threatened their safety; and we are exposed to the tempests of trial, doubt and danger. Jesus slept; and it sometimes seems as though he has forgotten and abandoned us. At the disciples' cry, Jesus arose and stilled the storm; and he answers our cries for help today.

There are two questions that add interest to the story. One was asked by the disciples: "Carest thou not?" It was the cry of impulse, and one which has often sprung from the heart of people in their griefs and dangers. It was a cry of fear, and yet a cry showing some faith, and yet a defect in faith.

The question of Jesus was, "Have ye no faith?" They had experienced his power, and he had justified their confidence. Never had he forgotten or forsaken them. What do we lose without confidence in Christ? Peace of mind, strength for life's conflicts, hope in time of suffering and in age and death.

On this 15th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb, we might hear the Japanese say, "Carest thou not that we perish?" This program has presented some of the evidences of our care: our 121 missionaries, 73 churches, and 12,419 Japanese Baptists, our schools, publication work, hospitals, student centers, Christian homes, and a benevolent military occupation. To these must be added good will center work,

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kindergartens, the assembly grounds for their "Little Ridgecrest," personal witnessing by faithful nationals and mass evangelistic rallies.

In turn, we might ask them, "Have ye no faith?" We might pray in a definite way for a faith that will bring about lasting world peace "that these dead might not have died in vain."

How do men come to know and live in the peace of God? Is it not by doing the will of God, by doing those things pleasing to God? The realization of peace in this world depends upon the regeneration of the hearts of men. Until men are at peace with God, they cannot live in peace with one another.

What can we do to bring about this peace?

1. We can determine to resolve any conflict in our family life.
2. We can determine to resolve any conflict in our relationship with some other person.
3. We can help resolve religious, political, and social tensions that exist in our community.

Hymn: "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love" (Read hymn, then have group singing. Close with Amen.)

DID YOU READ IT?

by MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY



Treaty

Japan and the United States signed a new security treaty last January which replaced the US-Japan Security Treaty signed at San Francisco, September 8, 1951. This treaty extends America's lease on Japanese bases for another ten years and gives Japan, for the first time since World War II, an equal say in determining strategy in the Far East. Each nation agrees to treat an attack against either of them in territories under Japanese administration "as dangerous to its own peace and safety." The new pact requires Washington to consult with Tokyo before installing nuclear weapons in Japan or mounting any military operation from bases there.

Until recently the Japanese people as a whole regarded rearmament with deep distrust. Responsible Japanese came to realize that across the narrow waters that separate their islands from the mainland of China crouches a feared enemy. No one is more aware of this danger from Red China than Japan's Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi who came to Washington early this year for the purpose of completing a new security treaty.

For many years Kishi believed that Japan's future lay in friendship with the United States; that together the two countries should share in the economic development of non-Communist Asia. It is Kishi's conviction that "there must be practical co-operation with the US in Southeast Asia to make the security pact secure."

The Little Prince

It was almost as if nothing had changed since Akihito himself was born twenty-seven years ago. The chamberlain at the hospital where the Crown Princess was delivered of her 5 lb. 9 oz. son telephoned the residence of the grand chamberlain. He, in turn, telephoned the Emperor's personal chamberlain who brush-stroked the news onto a scroll. Then the grand chamberlain telephoned Crown Prince Akihito's chamberlain who got busy on a scroll of his own.

The Emperor was not permitted to see his grandson for 48 hours, but sent traditional gifts--a papier-mache dog with amulet to ward off disease, a wooden doll to symbolize the coming of a "heavenly child," and a seven-inch "sword of protection" covered in red lacquer. At the Naming Ceremony a chamberlain presented the Emperor with a specially woven sheet of paper containing three possible names submitted by the grand chamberlain!

Domination of the imperial household by chamberlains has raised the question whether Akihito will allow his son to be subjected to the stifling ritual to which all heirs to the throne have submitted. The Crown Prince says no, and his princess has gone so far as to say she wants her son to attend kindergarten with "ordinary children."

When it was suggested that these imperial men of ceremony resist change, one of them replied, "Why, this prince was bathed in a durable basin that will be used again! At all previous imperial births, a tub made from fresh cypress wood was used and afterwards buried secretly in the imperial compound."

Protestant Centennial

The centennial marking the arrival of the first Protestant missionaries in Japan was observed last year with important celebrations at historical places. The December 1959 issue of *Bible Society Record* in reporting centennial progress carried items both well-known and those less familiar.

For three years various Christian councils worked together in the selection of historical places on which to erect monuments at the time of the Centennial. After careful study twenty-four spots were chosen. Among them the Brown home at Yokohama, Bluff 221 where Japanese Bible translation was started by two of the trio who made a monumental contribution to Japan, Guido Verbeck and J. C. Hepburn. Dr. Verbeck was a linguist, preacher, translator and statesman who did most of his missionary work while in the service of the Japanese government as adviser. Dr. Hepburn, Presbyterian missionary doctor, produced the first Japanese-English dictionary and was chairman of the committee on translating the first whole Bible into Japanese. This version was used until 1955 when the Bible was published in colloquial Japanese.

The Japan Bible Society published a Centenary Edition of the Japanese Bible in honor of the Centennial.

English-Speaking Baptist Church Dedicated

The first week in November 1959 will long be remembered in the life of Baptists in the capital of Japan. Advance publicity was given by *The Japan Times* in a four-page special section generously filled with pictures of program personalities. Among these were missionaries including the new pastor Milton E. DuPriest and notable Southern Baptist leaders who flew from the United States for the celebrations.

Published with their pictures were congratulatory messages from three important men in the public life of the city and nation. Excerpts from each follow.

The Governor of Tokyo Metropolis wrote: "It is a matter for our gratification that by the dedication of the new Tokyo Baptist Church, another place of worship has been given to the citizens of this city who justly enjoy the freedom of religion."

US Ambassador Douglas MacArthur, II expressed his feeling in these words: "The dedication of the Tokyo Baptist Church should serve to remind us all that in this troubled world, human understanding and divine guidance are essential to the salvation of mankind."

Lt. General Robert W. Burns of the Air Force voiced the gratitude of the American military and civilians living in Japan: "I extend sincere thanks to all who have contributed time, effort, and money to make possible the Tokyo Baptist Church. To those who believe in it and worship in it may this beautiful structure symbolize all that is sacred in man's life and essential in our national life."

The Fifth Air Force Band and the Japan Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra provided special music during the week of services.

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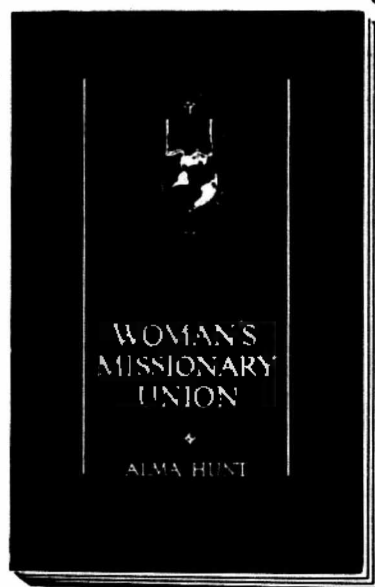
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