

# Royal Service

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# Faith of our Fathers

Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee,  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then be truly free:  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life:  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

—Frederick W. Faber

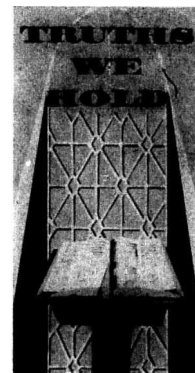


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The First Baptist Church in America  
Providence, Rhode Island

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Rhode Island



What is it that Baptists believe  
about baptism, about religious liberty?  
What is it that makes you

# UNIQUELY Baptist

BY DAVIS C. WOOLLEY

More than 22 million evangelical Christians of the world are uniquely Baptist. They hold beliefs that bind them into a Christian world fellowship.

These identifying characteristics have been called Baptist distinctives and though some of the beliefs are also held by other Christians, no other body of believers accepts and holds all of these "distinctive principles."

Baptists have been called the "people of the Book" because they have endeavored to follow the teachings of the New Testament as to Christian living and church policy. They have no official creed nor authoritarian ecclesiastical body to control their doctrines and practices. These basic doctrines are voluntarily accepted and practiced.

Baptists not only sincerely believe these New Testament concepts, but they earnestly endeavor to share them with others. The beliefs and practices which are characteristic of Baptists everywhere stem from two fundamental precepts or premises: the acceptance of the New Testament as the final authority of faith and practice, and the recognition of Jesus Christ as absolute Lord of life. From these concepts the unique characteristics of Baptists naturally follow.

Your church may wish to order a supply of the leaflet "Truths We Hold," free from Tract Editor, 127 Ninth Ave., No., Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Josephine Scaggs, missionary nurse in Joinkrama, Nigeria, usually travels by boat

1. Salvation is by faith in Christ alone.
2. The individual is a free moral agent, personally responsible to God. This is often called "soul competency."
3. Baptism by immersion of believers only, and the Lord's Supper are the New Testament ordinances.
4. Each church is composed of regenerated members functioning as an independent, autonomous body.
5. Religious liberty is for all, which is dependent upon the separation of church and state.

#### Salvation, a Gift of God

Baptists have continuously maintained that the New Testament teaches that it is by faith in Christ alone that salvation is wrought in the soul of an individual. They have remained constant in emphasizing this New Testament teaching. Salvation is a personal experience with the only Saviour, resulting in the acceptance of him as Christ the Lord. Contrary to the thinking of many non-Baptists, it is unnecessary for one to be baptized in order to be saved. Nor is salvation wrought by church membership, or the ordinances, or family ties. One's parents cannot by proxy bring one into salvation; instead, salvation is the gift of God. Good works are the fruit of salva-

tion and not the means of salvation. It is not Christ plus good works, or church membership, or anything else. It is by Christ alone.

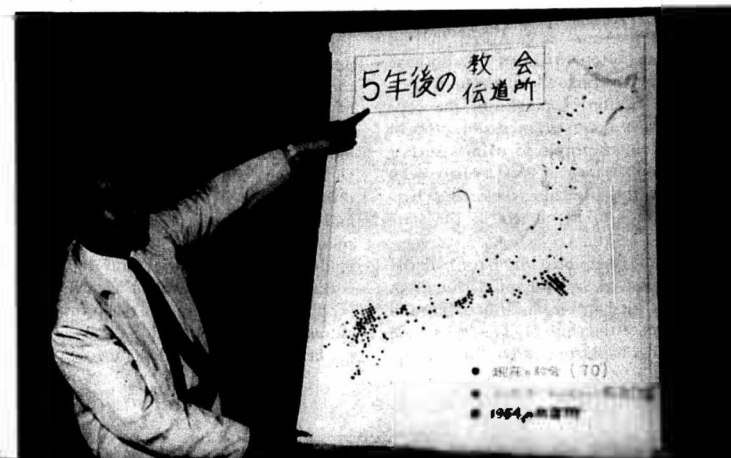
#### Free Moral Agent

Along with this corollary that salvation is by faith in Christ alone, is the voluntary principle of "soul competency" of each individual. God does not force himself upon a person, nor does he save an individual against the person's will. God has created man a free moral agent who is personally responsible to God, and who has the privilege of accepting or rejecting God's proffered salvation through Christ Jesus. The preponderance of evidence of the New Testament teaching leads to the acceptance of the doctrine of soul competency of the individual who is free to come directly to God through Jesus Christ. He needs no other intermediary.

#### Believer's Baptism

Since salvation is by Christ alone, and not by Christ and baptism or Christ plus anything else, it follows that salvation precedes baptism. Which is to say, "salvation is essential for baptism." Therefore, if salvation does not depend upon baptism then baptism must have some other meaning for

The gospel moves forward by many methods. Personal witnessing: hungry for something to read, they accept tracts gladly. Preaching: a grass fence provides a preaching place. Planning: in Japan Mr. Arase projects evangelism plans for the Baptist convention





Missionary W. Bryant Hicks, Philippines, waits for two interpreters, one translates the message in Ilocano dialect, the other in Tagalog

the Christian. This meaning is shown in the immersion of a believer. Baptism is a symbol of the conversion experience of the individual, who has been made a new creation in Christ Jesus. He has died to the old life and baptism represents or symbolizes the burying of the old and the rising of a new creation to walk in the newness of life. Baptism by affusion (pouring on) cannot portray this picture. Besides this, the word baptize itself means to dip or to plunge under. One could hardly consider himself submerged in any other form of baptism except immersion. Because the New Testament is the authority of the Baptists, they accept the command to baptize as necessary to obeying Christ the Lord.

Recent reports from the Baptist church in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, where "believer's baptism" is practiced, tell of many groups of other Christians who have visited the Ruschlikon church to witness believer's baptism as taught in the New Testament. A Presbyterian pastor brought a class of young people to witness such a service. Baptists in years gone by have been persecuted for preaching believer's baptism, contrary to the tenets of the state church.

Only those, therefore, who have believed may be received by a Baptist church as candidates for baptism, and after baptism as members of the church. The order then is: believing, baptism, church membership.

Such a process assures a church that its membership is made up of those who have experienced redemption in Christ Jesus.

Believer's baptism rules out the practice of infant baptism, and it precludes baptismal regeneration. The principle of regenerated church membership is the logical conclusion. Baptists accept the scriptural teaching for believer's baptism and regenerated church members who have equal rights and privileges.

#### Church Autonomy

Each church determines who will be received into its fellowship according to the statement of belief of the applicant; thus the church exercises the fundamental principle of self-determined independency. Other decisions as to the program of work and leadership, including the calling of a pastor, are likewise decided by the vote of the church members. These decisions are made according to the democratic processes. A Baptist church is a spiritual democracy, and it may decide to cooperate with other churches in certain projects thus enabling it to carry out its purpose more easily. Baptist churches voluntarily co-operate with other Baptist churches in sending out missionaries and supporting educational and benevolent agencies; however, in such co-operation the principle of autonomy is not violated.

Christians of other denominations who

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are accustomed to having authoritarian decisions handed down to them find it difficult to understand how this independent voluntary principle of Baptists is carried out. Oftentimes the democratic processes among Baptists bring about delays in accomplishing desired goals; but even in the face of inefficiency Baptists prefer freedom of choice and the liberty of deciding for themselves, to faster or more efficient authoritarian methods.

### Religious Liberty

What Baptists desire for themselves regarding freedom to worship according to the dictates of their consciences they also desire for others. Thus they have championed the cause of religious liberty for all peoples and with it the complete separation of church and state. Any church or body of Christians that is state-dominated is not independent, neither can it be autonomous.

For nearly 200 years before the Bill of Rights was adopted by the government of the United States, Baptists had struggled and suffered for the principle of religious freedom and the separation of church and state. They championed the cause of liberty and are recognized as having been largely responsible for the passage of the first Amendment to the Constitution.

To acknowledge the Lordship of Christ

carries with it the desire to follow Christ the Lord as the final authority. This can be accomplished only when there is freedom to worship without any compulsion from ecclesiastical or civil authorities.

In order to see that no law is passed that would encroach upon the rights guaranteed by the American constitution, the Baptists of the United States have organized and are giving support to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. This Joint Committee has an office in Washington, D. C. and it is ever alert to recognize and warn against any proposed legislation that may infringe upon the liberties accorded religious groups. Baptists, therefore, are ready to defend the rights of all religions against governmental control. Baptists know that infringement for any will be infringement for all. So they are convinced that it is liberty for all if there is to be liberty for any.

Individual Baptists must also take a stand against any encroachments upon the principle of separation of church and state. Even in the face of being ridiculed and called "bigoted," Baptists who follow the Lord Christ and the teachings of the New Testament will endeavor to "obey God rather than men," to make Jesus Lord of life in every area of activity, and to follow the teachings of the New Testament regardless.

*Indian Ocean becomes baptismal pool as Missionary A. Ray Milligan baptizes believers into membership in Kisauni Baptist Church, Mombasa, Kenya*

## Hold Your Tongue!

by Donald Douds, pastor in Wilmington, Delaware

One of our greatest responsibilities is our use of words, the manner in which we speak. If you doubt this, consider these two statements: first, from the book of Proverbs, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue"; and second, from our Lord, "By thy words shalt thou be justified, and by thy words shalt thou be condemned." Yes, words can tear down, destroy and kill. Or, words can build up, create, give life. And by our words we will be judged—found good or evil.

Think of the importance of words. They are the basis of all civilization. And how powerful they are! "The pen is mightier than the sword." Vicious words can destroy a person's reputation. Angry words can ruin a home, leave life-scars on children. Careless words can wreck a friendship. Words of mistrust and propaganda can undermine peace among nations and cause war. Words, like fire, can serve or destroy. Truly "life and death are in the power of the tongue."

God has given the power of speech only to human beings. Therefore, as stewards of Christ, we have a special responsibility to use our words in a Christian way. To handle this responsibility, he also gave us certain guiding laws.

### Guard Your Tongue

In the first place, it is a mortal sin to use words heedlessly and destructively—to tear down, criticize, injure—just as it is wrong to set fire to someone's home or injure someone physically. "With his mouth, a godless person can destroy his neighbor." Our words are like our automobiles. We are responsible if they harm

others. Yet, how carelessly we toss about mean, unkind words that hurt and besmirch character!

A teacher once told his pupils on a windy day to tear sheets of paper into small pieces and throw the pieces into the wind. As they watched the wind scatter the paper, the teacher said, "Now retrieve the paper." The pupils looked at him in dismay. "Those pieces of paper," said the teacher, "are like your words. You can never retrieve them either."

It matters not if our unkind words about people are true. We still have no right to say them. Remember Jesus' defense of the woman sentenced to be stoned? He did not ask if the accusation was true. Only, "Let him without sin among you cast the first stone." Words have a beautiful and useful purpose. To misuse them is a tragedy and a sin. It is like using a Cadillac to haul garbage.

When we use words destructively we hurt, most of all, ourselves, because by our words we are judged, and others react to us by what we say to them. "He who guards his mouth keeps his life, but he who opens wide his mouth will have destruction." There is no faster or more direct route to unpopularity, to strife and enmity, than through unkind gossip and criticism. Nothing travels so fast as gossip. What you say about others usually gets back to them. The book of Proverbs teaches: "A perverse person scatters strife everywhere . . . a whisperer separates chief friends." And conversely, good words bring many friends. "He who loves pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king will be his friend."



Then, we have no right to waste words. Says Proverbs, "In many words are transgressions." What does that do to careless, idle gossip? Why not use your words as carefully as in writing a telegram? Keep this in mind: What you say you already know; only by listening do you learn. Did you ever read this saying of Jesus: "Every idle word a man speaks, he shall give account of in the day of judgment?" This is a sobering thought, that someday before God, we will be held responsible for every word we speak.

In view of this, silence is often golden. Abraham Lincoln said, "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt." And the Proverb: "Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is credited wise." This poem sums up well our first guiding rule:

*Before you speak, make your words pass  
three gates.*

*These narrow gates: first, is this true?  
Then, is it needful? In your mind  
Give truthful answers. And last  
And narrowest: is it kind?*

*And if to reach your lips at last  
Your words pass these gateways three  
Then you may speak and not fear  
What the result of speech may be.*

#### Close Your Ears

The second guide to a Christian use of words is: Bridle not only your tongue but also your ears. "An evildoer gives heed to wicked lips; a liar to a mischievous tongue." Not only should we not listen to idle or destructive gossip or criticism, we should refuse to allow such to go on in our presence. I know a woman who, when gossip starts in her presence, says, "Let's talk about something else." She will not listen. It has a good effect on a group. If only we all had the self-control and courage to do that! Proverbs says, "He who utters a slander is a fool." Remember: "For lack of wood the fire goes out; where there is no whisperer, contention ceases."

Even when we hear gossip about our-

selves, we should ignore it and refuse to retaliate. General Robert E. Lee was asked his opinion of a certain man. "He is a fine and able man," said Lee. "But General," he was told, "do you not know that he criticizes you and runs you down?" "No," replied the General, "but you did not ask what he thinks of me; you asked what I think of him." Our greatest example is Christ, who, when he was reviled, reviled not.

#### Choose Your Words

The third rule in handling this precious responsibility of speech is: Always use your words constructively and helpfully. Use them to encourage those around you—to strengthen the weak, to hearten the discouraged, to befriend the lonely, to lift up the oppressed, to inspire the young, to brighten the aged.

You have these opportunities every day. Every word you say affects someone for good or evil. How are you using your power of words with your family, friends, those at work? What are your words doing to them or for them? Are you inspiring or discouraging, helping or harming, building up or tearing down those around you?

One of the finest compliments ever paid to anyone was said to Job by one of his friends: "Your words have kept men on their feet." When you know Job was the kind of man who steadied others, you know why he had friends. Anyone who speaks words of help, hope and encouragement will have friends. "Your words have kept men on their feet." What a wonderful tribute! Can that be said of you? Do your words keep others on their feet? Are you like Job—do you inspire faith, hope and good will? "The mouth of a good person is like a fountain of life. The lips of the righteous feed many. Words kindly spoken are like apples of gold."

If you would like your words to keep others on their feet, then speak with faith in mankind. "Open thy mouth for those who cannot speak, in the cause of all who (please turn to page 31)



Miss Itsuko Saito of Hawaii and Mrs. T. Ayarinde of Nigeria, both serving on the Women's Committee of the BWA when this photo was taken

## At Home in Faraway Places

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

The world is only as far away as your *Royal Service*: Mombasa . . . Hong Kong . . . Mbeya . . . Saigon . . . Cairo . . . Lisbon . . . Buenos Aires . . . Lima . . . Bangkok—these spots of world interest are as near to you as your table or your bookshelf. When you add to your missions magazines the mission study books\* of the year you can be sure that the whole world is within your reach.

The interesting cities mentioned above are only a few that will become like "home" as you read. For if you look at a spread-out map of the world and pinpoint the 44 countries where we have mission work you will see other cities just as interesting, just as important; cities where Southern Baptist missionaries are serving the Lord.

I eagerly I open *Royal Service* each month. Even though I have read it in manuscript

\*The 1961 Graded Series Books for Adults: (Foreign Missions) *Across the Bridge by Means*, 85c; (Home Missions) *Endure as Cometh* by Carleton, 75c

I can hardly wait to read it from cover to cover! And, as I read, places and people become very real and very close.

I can almost hear some of you saying, "Yes, but she has been to those cities." And so I have, to some of them! I felt as if I knew those faraway places and people even before I took a missionary journey around the world, for I have come to be a citizen of the world through the eyes, voices, and words of missionaries and writers.

Many of those villages, towns, and cities were not strange to Miss Alma Hunt and me as we went from country to country throughout the Orient, throughout Africa. The people were not really strange, nor were their homes unfamiliar. We had read so much about them—seen so many pictures—we belonged!

We belonged in Zaria, in Northern Nigeria! Thomas Kennedy and his wife took us for a day's outing to the old, old city of

Zaria. We ate lunch in one of the government hostels. Mr. Kennedy told us about the lost tribe, the Maguzawas who had been pushed back into the bush and almost forgotten. Missionary Kennedy and others found the tribe, work began; and last December, the first convert from the Maguzawas was baptized.

We belonged in Bangkok, the fabulous city of *Anna and the King of Siam*? Fanny Starns and Juanita Johnson took us to the Student Center and there we saw an amazing sight. Eleven young Buddhist priests in orange colored, flowing robes were among the 25 or 30 students. They were studying English, their only textbook the Bible. I could hardly believe it, and now you know about it, too, if you are reading these lines. Will you join us in praying that through this opportunity God will find His way into their hearts. I do believe that our missionaries will dare anything for His sake! I cannot qualify as an expert but I believe Christianity has a bright future in Thailand.

One hesitates to speak in sweeping generalities. But some of the things we saw and heard in Asia made us feel that Christianity has a stronger foothold than many people realize. For instance, what we saw in Taiwan encouraged us very much. We found strong congregations in city after city. We belonged in Taipei! To be at "Little Ridgecrest" on the beautiful mountainside, to be in Martha Franks' transplanted South Carolina home overlooking the camp was like being at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. We belonged! We came to feel very close to all the missionaries and Chinese leaders who gathered there for a two day WMU conference. It was great! Those blessed, marvelous, dedicated, informed WMU members taught us the spirit and methods of the Aims for Advancement. "Out of that meeting grew the official organization of the Woman's Missionary Union of Taiwan with Mrs. Marie Chow as president," so wrote Mrs. C. L. Culpepper soon after we got back home.

Hong Kong the gorgeous! Hong Kong

the mysterious! Hong Kong the gateway out of Communist China. We belonged there! Arriving in the rain we were met by a delegation; really—a delegation of missionaries, Chinese women and men as well. There was Dr. Lam Chi Fung, president of Hong Kong Baptist College. Miss Helen Huen, president of Pooi To School, and Mrs. Rosalind Lam, president of Henrietta Hall Shuck School were there also. They loaded us with flowers and overwhelmed us with smiles and handclaps. Of course we belonged in Hong Kong!

Cairo, city of Pharaohs! Egypt, land of Moses! After flying from Jerusalem across the Sinai Peninsula and seeing Mount Sinai we just knew we would belong in Egypt. How could it have been otherwise when after only a moment or so of feeling alone in a foreign land, we heard the hello and saw the smiles of Ed Nicholas from Gaza, who had made the ten-hour, dusty train trip to greet us; and of Mr. and Mrs. Seddik Girgis our Baptist helpers in Egypt. For four days they took us from church to church—even driving seventy miles into the Sahara Desert to the great oasis city of Fayum where we visited our very first Baptist church built in the land of Egypt.

We went to Mombasa! Mombasa is in Kenya, East Africa. It is a lovely city on the coast; a city of coconut groves and mahogany trees. It is beautiful from the air with its contrasts of white houses and red roof tops against the blue, blue ocean. And all in between are green trees and white African houses with thatched roofs. Mombasa is Africa and it is British. We have a church there! This church was begun a little over a year before we arrived—under a mahogany tree. The people crowded out of the shade and moved to a rented African house—old and dingy. Upon our arrival Missionary James Hampton took us to see the three homes of the congregation, the newest one to be dedicated the next day. And we were to have part in the services.

That beautiful, white church in the midst of waving coconut trees was a dream come

true. It was made possible by the 1958 Lott-Moon Christmas Offering. The African ruler of Mombasa in flawless English expressed deep appreciation to our missionaries for coming to his town. Then turning to us he requested us to carry his appreciation to our people who sent the missionaries and he thanked us for the church. He spoke of the missionaries' lives as fine examples of the way to live in the community. Then the Moslem ruler of Mombasa surprised everyone by staying for the entire service. He heard the gospel preached.

To read is to listen; to read is to learn. In the world, there is always more to learn than even the wisest person will succeed in learning. It is what we read that changes us most.

We have a passport to the world through our reading. And a passport is necessary to enter any land. Every day, every hour something happens around the wide, wide but constantly shrinking globe which is of interest to you. It may be a border dispute in Israel, a revolution in South America,

another jaunt by world travelers, Eisenhower or Khrushchev, or a major policy decision out of Washington. It may be the dedication of a Baptist hospital in East Africa, a missionary couple joining the small Baptist force in Vietnam, Southern Baptists entering Borneo or progress in the mission in Nyasaland, the "Land of the Lake." But no matter what it is or where it happens, your *Royal Service* will bring it to you. All around the globe—in major capitals, cities, towns, bush villages and at remote points—missionaries will be sending us news and stories, much of which will go into the missionary programs.

And you . . . you cannot help being a world citizen as you read. You will belong—everywhere and to everybody and with an understanding heart.

Our real journey around the world only added knowledge to what we already knew. The story of missions is God's Word and His work in the world today. Don't miss being a part of it all, for you are a world Baptist.

British Baptist women enjoy fellowship together and share sewing tips. In England there are 2,130 Baptist churches with 320,742 members



# 1960-61 Program Topics

for General Missionary Programs  
and for  
Circle or Second WMS Meetings

Mission Study Books for Society or Circle Study  
Information About Weeks of Prayer Emphases

## Quarterly Unit Theme: World Peace

October

### "The Message of God's Son"

The Printed Word in Spanish and Portuguese—primarily concerned with the work and influence of the Baptist publishing houses in El Paso and Rio de Janeiro

November

### "To Die Without His Word"

Southern Baptist missionaries and mission work in Israel

December

### Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

November 28—December 2, 1960

Theme: "His Peace for the Multitudes"

Daily Topics:

Monday—"Seeing the Multitudes Hungry"

Tuesday—"Seeing the Multitudes Diseased"

Wednesday—"Seeing the Multitudes Afraid"

Thursday—"Seeing the Multitudes Without a Shepherd"

Friday—"Seeing the Multitudes with Compassion"

## Quarterly Unit Theme: Christian Witnessing

January

### "May Knew Our Saviour's Love"

Work of the Home Mission Board among Indians in the Southwest, except in Oklahoma

February

### "Witness Where We Are"

Language group missionary work among Spanish, Italian, and Russian, except in California and Louisiana

March

### Week of Prayer for Home Missions

March 6-10, 1961

Theme: "My prayer to God . . . that they might be saved"  
Romans 10:1

Daily Topics:

Monday—"How Shall They Call on Him?"

Tuesday—"How Shall They Believe in Him?"

Wednesday—"The Same Lord Over All"

Thursday—"How Shall They Hear?"

Friday—"Except They Be Sent"

## Quarterly Unit Theme: International Understanding

April

### "His Herald's Will Proclaim . . ."

Near East work of Southern Baptists, except that in Israel

May

### "Christ for . . ." West Africa

Study of work in countries of West Africa where Southern Baptists have missionaries—Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea

June

### "Our Task Has Just Begun . . ."

Presentation of our work in Central and East Africa: Kenya, Tanganyika, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland

## Quarterly Unit Theme: Goodwill Toward Men

July

### "To Millions Dying in Their Sin . . ."

Home Mission Board Rescue Missions ministry in New Orleans, East St. Louis, and Memphis

August

### "For Millions Wait . . ." in Indonesia

September

### "We Bring Our Gifts of Love . . ."

Home Mission Board work among Negroes, through National Baptists

## Topics for Circle or Second WMS Meeting

### FIRST QUARTER

#### Mission Study Theme: Spanish America

#### Program Unit Theme: Enlistment for Missions

October

Mission Study: Across the Bridge, Means

Program Topic: Enlistment for Growth

(Enlistment of women numerically in participation: doing, praying, giving)

November

Mission Study: Across the Bridge, Means

Program Topic: A Woman's Witness

(In the way her money speaks, in her influence, through soul-winning)

December

Mission Study: Across the Bridge, Means

Program Topic: Recruits for Mission Service

(Pressing need for young people in mission service in relationship to Southern Baptist witness around the world)

### SECOND QUARTER

#### Mission Study Theme: Baptist Heritage in Home Missions

#### Program Unit Theme: Alcohol and Narcotics Education

January

Mission Study: The Dreamer Cometh, Carleton

Program Topic: Facing the Alcohol Problem



February

(How this problem is a blight on our so-called Christian nation. It's tremendous effect on every area of life)

Mission Study: *The Dreamer Cometh, Carleton*  
Program Topic: Retreat or Responsibility  
(Define past attitude of retreat. Present call for decision regarding continuing retreat or reawakened responsibility)

March

Mission Study: *The Dreamer Cometh, Carleton*  
Program Topic: Safeguarding Our Youth  
(In our homes, through better education, by more enlightened laws and action)

### THIRD QUARTER

Mission Study Theme: *Prayer*  
Program Unit Theme: *Prayer and Missions*

April

Mission Study: \* *Intercessory Prayer, McClure*  
Program Topic: Bible Study—Prayer and Missions

May

Mission Study: \* *Intercessory Prayer, McClure*  
Program Topic: Prayer and the Modern Missionary Movement

June

Mission Study: \* *Intercessory Prayer, McClure*  
Program Topic: "Teach Us to Pray"  
(Examine prayer and its influence on world missions today)

### FOURTH QUARTER

Mission Study Theme: *Sharing Possessions*  
Program Unit Theme: *Sharing Possessions*

July

Mission Study: *Christian Sharing of Possessions, Ussery*  
Program Topic: Sharing Possessions . . . for Denominational Advance  
(Study of the Cooperative Program)

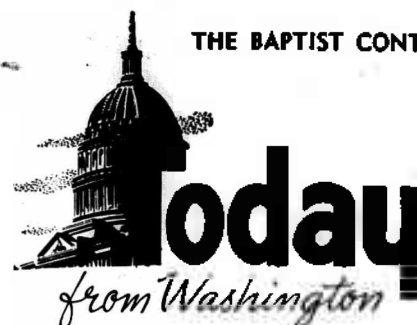
August

Mission Study: *Christian Sharing of Possessions, Ussery*  
Program Topic: Sharing Possessions . . . with Tithes and Offerings  
(A look at tithing and at use of gifts for mission advance in the Annie Armstrong Offering and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

September

Mission Study: *Christian Sharing of Possessions, Ussery*  
Program Topic: Stewards . . . Found Faithful  
(Consideration of right acquisition of money, use of nine tenths, and of influence through money)

\* Alternate Mission Study Suggestions:  
*Christian Witnessing, Barnard*  
*Educating Youth in Missions, McMurry*  
*Woman's Missionary Union, Hunt*



## THE BAPTIST CONTRIBUTION TO FREEDOM

by Cyril E. Bryant  
Editorial Staff  
Baptist World Alliance

Chief Samuel Ladoke Akintole is the new Prime Minister of Western Nigeria. He is an educated man and a Christian, and his record of public service in Nigeria has been a brilliant testimony for Christian ideals in a land where Christianity and communism are bidding for men's minds and allegiance.

*The Baptist Times* of London writes of Mr. Akintole: "He is a man of intelligence and straightforwardness who is held in respect by both friends and opponents."

This new Prime Minister, leader of his people in a land which gains its independence on October 1, got that way because a Baptist missionary took time a few decades ago to stop and talk with a little African boy. This lad appreciated this kindness, and he came to the school nearby—a school that taught language and the arts and about the great Jesus. Sammy studied the full course, and later, at the Baptist College in Ogbomosho.

It is to this same Sammy, grown up to be the man Samuel Ladoke Akintole, that Lagos owes its modern hospitals and clinics, and a modern municipal program meeting the booming city's medical, health, and sanitation needs. It is he also who led Nigeria to the fore in modern communications and aviation.

The Baptist World Alliance, with offices in Washington, has hundreds of such stories tucked away in its files—each a tell-

ing testimony for enlightened Christian citizenship that Baptists are making in the modern world.

Take, for instance, the case of Nikita Veronin, a Russian merchant of almost a century ago. His study of the Scriptures caused him to break with the Russian Church and formulate his own set of doctrines. But not until several years later did he learn from a German immigrant that others in the world—a people called Baptists—believed as he did. Veronin's evangelistic fervor, without the help of a single missionary and despite restricting laws, started the surge that has resulted in the strongest evangelical Christian witness in Russia today.

Behind the Iron Curtain of Communist Russia, an estimated 5,400 Baptist churches are filled to overflowing several times a week as peasants hungry for the gospel meet to worship.

You also will be interested in the following. Far back in the Lushai Hills of Assam, India, there are 160 Baptist churches with 18,886 members. The figure is significant, because this Baptist membership is more than half the total population of the Lushai tribe.

In the highlands of New Guinea, formerly savage people have been won to the Christian way of life and are accepting baptism as a result of an air-borne mission by Baptists from Australia.



Baptists of the world gather every five years, beginning in 1905. At the Rio Congress last June Baptists from more than 100 countries gathered for fellowship and encouragement.

And in America, Baptists affiliated in 26 different conventions and associations constitute the fastest growing major denomination in world Christianity.

Altogether, says the world headquarters office of the Baptist World Alliance, there are official records of 22,708,937 members of Baptist congregations in 106 countries of the world.

The Baptist interpretation of Christianity is distinctive. Baptists, and other evangelists, place emphasis on the individual, where Christ put it—and that individual's importance as a son of God as he accepts Christ as his Saviour and Lord (*see Uniquely Baptist*, page 1).

The program theme of the Baptist World Congress, meeting last summer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, related the Lordship of Christ to the freedom of men. Neither totalitarian government nor a hierarchical church can stand between a believer and the Lord Jesus Christ. No less authority than the New Testament is the foundation for such a statement.

It is an important message in our day. "We live in a divided world in which hu-

manity is having to choose between freedom and regimentation," Dr. Baker J. Gaulten, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has declared. "There are many who in their despair are ready to accept any ideology if they are told it can relieve the distress under which they live. Christianity is faced in this generation with new demands and crises."

"The objective in missionary labor," Dr. Gaulten continued, "is to share the gospel of redemption with our fellow men and nurture the growth of New Testament churches made up of those who believe in Christ as Saviour and seek to follow him as Lord."

"These New Testament churches are lights in the darkness."

"These lights in the darkness bring hope to people who are oppressed. They tell of Jesus' concern for all men, individually. They assure them that greatness does not come in power but in meekness, not in wealth but in submission to the will of God."

Many of these churches in 106 countries



The Gerald Harvey missionary family greets Baptist World Alliance representatives—Bob Denny and Dr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Adams at the Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia airport.

Mrs. Lazarus Green conducts a Girls' Auxiliary meeting at Tsitsi Baptist Church, Shabani, Southern Rhodesia. Last year the Southern Rhodesian Woman's Missionary Union reported 23 Girls' Auxiliaries with 431 members.





*Never does the inspiration lessen as one sees young people gather in Richmond for appointment to mission service all around the world; 144 were appointed last year*

have schools alongside. Not only Bible schools, as important as they are, but a grand total of some 3,856 schools and colleges teaching language, history, mathematics, and the significance of the Christian message in today's world.

There are hospitals too. Some 144 hospitals and leprosariums are operated by Baptists for the healing of sick bodies and for the guidance of the people in the principles of sound health.

Look at this case, told by Dr. and Mrs. William Hodges, who operate a clinic in Haiti: "Two months ago a little girl of ten years came to us at Le Bon Samaritan. Terribly undernourished, she weighed just thirty pounds, actually only a hank of hair and bones.

"We fed her and gave her vitamins. Now she is the healthiest looking youngster around. We still have this orphan girl with us. She has volunteered her services to us, and our aides like her because she is so willing to run errands, fold diapers, and feed the babies. She is learning to sew."

These things—the church, the school, the hospital—awake in men and women the world around a sense that God cares for them. They learn that life is important, that their souls are so important that Jesus Christ died for their sins. If Christ paid such a price, should they also not make something of themselves. Unbelievers seeing such dedication and responding to freedom's winsomeness become interested in Christ because of their witness.



*The LeRoy Albright and William Wester missionary families give thanks around the dinner table*

Baby brother wanted to be in the parade in Luzon, Philippines, where more children were reached in the two or three months of vacation Bible school than in Sunday school during last year: 5,857 in vacation Bible school with only 4,817 enrolled in 106 Sunday schools

And there the transition comes. Dirty faced boys and girls make themselves clean. Ragged clothes are replaced with neat, though not expensive, garments. The forlorn look on their faces takes on a smile, and the defeatism that has engulfed them now becomes an attitude of hope and ambition.

These are things that happened to Sammy Akintole and pointed him to a life of service, now recognized in his election as the Prime Minister of Western Nigeria. Such experiences are happening to men and women, boys and girls, all around the world, because Baptist churches are radiating the love of Jesus. In these 106 countries there are today 22,708,937 Baptists making an impact on the towns, cities, villages in which they live. These Baptists speak 1,000 languages and dialects. They live in Red China and Russia, in Canada and Mexico, in Taiwan and Japan, in Nigeria and Tanganyika, in Colombia and Brazil, in Hawaii and the Philippines, in England and France, in Portugal and the USA, all around the world.

There is a tremendous upsurge for freedom around the world. The era of colonialism is ending and people are demanding liberty, not only to live under a government of their choice, but also to worship God according to their enlightenment. In country after country—Nigeria, the Congo, India, Burma, even Cuba and many others—the leaders of these freedom movements are people who have been influenced strongly by the evangelical gospel. Freedom comes in many shapes and sizes.



There is freedom from totalitarian government and totalitarian churches. There is freedom from ignorance and freedom from disease. There is freedom of worship and freedom of speech. There is also a great freedom of new ambitions and the resolve to make Christ the one and only Lord of life.

Christ spoke of freedom knowing that man has within him that which strives onward toward a better life. Baptists, knowing that a man's true freedom must begin with Christ, continue to teach in school and hospital in more than 64,000 churches that "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

# CIRCLE PROGRAM

**Theme for Quarter: *Sharing Possessions***

**Topic for September: *Beyond the Tithe***

**BY MRS. H. C. HUNT**

**Suggestions:** Your visual helps for this program may be arranged with things from your dressing table and pantry shelves. Make an altar scene with an open jewel case with beads spilling out and other jewelry revealed within, surrounded by perfume bottles and spice boxes or jars. Spray perfume or floral air spray to create the illusion of the alabaster box.

Take small white cards and sew a small pearl bead at the center top of each, then, write the name of a person on the prayer calendar. Give a card to each woman. This is her "pearl" for which she will offer prayer at the worship period.

## **Something for Thee**

### **Leader's Introduction**

This program completes the unit on

stewardship in which we have considered how a Christian makes his money, his responsibility for the tithe, and now, what he does with the other nine tenths.

There is a common belief that the tithe and stewardship are one and the same thing, and that when the tithe is given that takes care of one's relationship to God regarding his money. One minister has said, "The tithe is a good place to begin, but it is no place to stop."

The Bible teaches tithes and offerings, so we promote both tithing and "over and above" love gifts. Recognizing God's ownership, we give the tithe; acknowledging our love for Him, we bring offerings. Let us think on the love which God has revealed for us through his Son: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son."

**Response by women:** "Nor should I aught withhold,

(Prepare a copy  
for each woman  
present.)

Dear Lord, from Thee:

Some offering bring Thee now,  
Something for Thee."

—Sylvanus D. Phelps

**Leader:** "Freely ye have received, freely give."

**Response:** "Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold."

—Frances R. Havergal

**Leader:** "Lay up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven . . . For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also."

**Response:** "In the house of many mansions,  
With its portals bright and fair,

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# forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

## Recorded?

The April 22, 1960 *Survey Bulletin* states that "A new electronic system which could record all 24 volumes of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* on a reel about the size of a thread spool has been developed by the General Electric Research Laboratory. It combines the characteristics of high speed magnetic recording with the storage capacity of photography. If man has become so efficient in recording, who could doubt that man's lifetime deeds are recorded by God to be read on the day of Judgment."

Soon the deeds of the 1959-60 WMU year will be recorded. What has been done is done, what has been left undone is undone. Doubtless there is some satisfaction and some regret concerning the year's work. But a new WMU year is approaching and new opportunities await officers and committees. May your deeds be worthy of recording because they promote the cause of Christian missions!

## President

### Aimed Advancement



In one more month the WMU year 1959-60 will close. No doubt you and your leadership chose "Aimed Advancement" as a guide. You decided to work to become an Honor Woman's Missionary Union or to attain Advanced or Approved recognition.

Now is the time to report your advancement. Check carefully with officers and committee chairmen on the number of basic objectives and electives attained under the Aim for which they have been responsible.

Did your WMS achieve 18 basic objectives, including one under each Aim? Then report an Approved society on the blank provided in WMS-WMU Report Book.

Or did your WMS achieve 18 basic objectives, including one under each Aim, and nine electives, including one under each Aim? Then report an Advanced society.

Or, did your society attain the highest WMS distinction by achieving 18 basic objectives, including one under each Aim, and 18 electives, including one under each Aim? Then report an Honor Woman's Missionary Society.

If your WMS was Honor and there was one or more Honor YWAs, one or more Honor GAs, one or more Honor Sunbeam Bands in your church, and all other youth organizations except Sunbeam Nursery, in existence in October, qualifying as Approved or Advanced, then apply to your state Woman's Missionary Union for recognition as an Honor Woman's Missionary Union. A blank is provided for your use in WMS-WMU Report Book. Aimed Advancement usually means success.

### Promotion Time

WMU promotion is at the time set by the church for all its organizations, usually the last week in September or the first week in October.

Promotion from one WMU organization to the next is important and attention must be given to preparing young people for this experience. Often it is difficult for YWAs going into WMS. The YWA counselor can help YWA members recognize the advantages which the WMS offers in personal Christian growth and in missionary service.

See pages 18-20, WMU Year Book for more about this preparation for promotion, and for information about promotion certificates and services.

To welcome YWAs to WMS give YWAs a gift subscription to *Royal Service* (\$1.50 a year from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama). A lovely gift subscription certificate will be sent from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, to the young woman announcing this gift from her Woman's Missionary Society. When ordering these subscriptions write on subscription blanks, "Gift for YWA entering WMS."

## Secretary

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANNUAL REPORTS

By October 5 send to the associational president:

One copy of the WMU annual report

WMS annual report on mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship

Individual reports from youth organizations

If your state WMS office requests reports from you, extra blanks are available from your state WMU office. Keep one copy of the WMU annual report for permanent records.

#### Record of Advancement in Woman's Missionary Society

Also by October 5 send Record of Advancement in Woman's Missionary Society (found in WMS-WMU Report Book) to the person designated by your state WMU office. Every society reports its record of advancement, regardless of the number of basic objectives and electives achieved.

#### Application for Honor WMU

If your WMU qualified for Honor recognition fill in application (provided in WMS-WMU Report Book) and send to the person designated by state WMU.

### Enlistment Chairman



"They say" that flying in the future will be safer and surer. One device to bring this about is called REGAL (Range, Elevation, Guidance, Approach, Landing) and will automatically provide a record showing the plane's altitude and distance from its destination.

Regal is the word for the WMS enlistment committee too.

Range is important, since the enlistment committee must see the wide range of ages and interests of WMS prospects. There are YWAs being promoted to WMS, there are the young-marrieds, the middle-agers and the aging. There are business women, young mothers, mothers whose sons and daughters are away from home. There are grand-mothers. Arrange circles and/or societies to provide for this varied group.

Elevation is another word to remember since lifting the importance of enlistment is most essential. Unless women are enlisted in WMS they will not as easily become aware of the world, nor as readily pray, give, and serve to promote Christian missions. Enlisting new members and enlisting every member in full participation of the total WMS program is the high responsibility of the enlistment committee.



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Guidance is one of the duties of the enlistment committee. Every WMS member should help enlist other women, but they need guidance. The enlistment committee guides the enlistment visitation. This committee secures the names and addresses of prospects, chooses the most convenient time for visitors and those to be visited, arranges transportation for visitors, and looks after the follow-up of visitation.

A proper approach should also be a concern of the enlistment committee. To be successful in enlisting prospects the right approach must be made. There must be genuine interest in the prospective member and in the organization represented. There must be a thorough understanding of the purpose and plans of Woman's Missionary Society. These must be shared enthusiastically with the ones being sought as members.

Leading new members includes bringing them into the meetings, helping them feel a part of all that the WMS does, and providing for them places of responsibility which will develop and use to the fullest their potential.

Enlistment committee, your word is Royal, for you are enlisting women in the work of the King! Do a splendid job in a magnificent way.

## All Chairmen



You have been reading about the population explosion. But have you heard that there has been an explosion of the number of women taking advantage of the WMS Leadership Course?

10,700 copies of Teacher's Helps for Class Study have been sold, and 35,450 copies of the Assignment and Answer Booklet for Individual Study. 40,500 WMS Leadership cards have been issued to the state Woman's Missionary Unions.

A survey was made concerning the leadership course and of the 87 questionnaires about the Teacher's Helps 53 were returned from 19 states. Of those attending the associational classes 73.5 per cent completed the course requirements. Of those in class study in the local church 78 per cent finished the course. The smallest WMS membership where the course was taught was 20. The largest was 272. The survey also revealed that the most popular time schedule was two days with five 45-minute periods per day.

Has the WMS Leadership Course been taught in your church? And have you completed the course and received your leadership card? We hope so, for we believe this explosion has resulted in better WMS leadership.

there will your heart be also."

## Mission Study Chairmen

### IT'S NO SECRET!

So you've qualified for recognition on the WMS Mission Study Chart?

If your WMS has earned 350 of the 500 possible points on the WMS Mission Study Chart by September 30, you won't want to keep it a secret! But you will mail the marked chart to your state WMU office so that the certificate for outstanding mission study work can be sent to your society.

Remember that points for each division are given only once during the year and points must be earned in at least four of the five categories.

We hope that work on the mission study chart has increased the effectiveness of mission study in

your WMS.

### Fourth Quarter Mission Study

It is expected that during the last month of the last quarter of the 1959-60 WMU year your WMS will complete the study of the book, *Woman's Missionary Union*, by Miss Alma Hunt (85c, Teacher's Helps, 25c, from Baptist Book Stores). Make efforts to have every WMS member attend the September class. This study will be good preparation for the beginning of the new WMU year. Have two thirds of the members read this book or some other mission book listed in *The World in Books*. Urge every woman to read a mission book this month. Remember, September is "back to books" time.

## Prayer Chairmen

### Stewardship Chairmen

### Publicity Chairmen



## State Missions

In most states September is State Missions Month. The prayer committee and the stewardship committee work together on plans for the observance of the Season of Prayer with offering for State Missions.

The date for the season of prayer, the state mission offering allocations and the goals are determined by each state. Materials for the season of prayer are sent to each Woman's Missionary Union from the state WMU office. Offering envelopes are included in these materials.

One day Jesus said, "... Ye shall

be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Your Judea is the state in which you live. Seek to enlist every WMS member in praying for state missions and in giving to support the work of your state mission board.

Plan with the publicity committee to use posters, bulletins, newspapers, individual invitations, telephones, and every means of communication to get the information out concerning your observance of the Season of Prayer with offering for State Missions.

## Stewardship Chairman



It is recommended that during the fourth quarter there be a study of God's Word concerning the tithe and of the Cooperative Program plan of giving.

To guide in your study of the tithe we suggest the following passages of Scripture: Gen. 28:20-22, Lev. 27:30-34, Mal. 3:8-10; Matt. 5:17, Luke 11:42, Matt. 23:23, Deut. 14:28, 29, Acts 4:32-37.

These books from your nearest Baptist Book Store will also help with your study:

God's Wealth and Ours, W. A. Bowen, 50c

Sacrifice and Song, Foy J. Farmer, 50c

A study of the Cooperative Program will encourage WMS members to make efforts to lead their church to increase its gifts to mis-

sions through the Cooperative Program.

The following tracts give information concerning the Cooperative Program:

"Questions and Answers on the Cooperative Program," "What Is the Cooperative Program," and "Our Cooperative Program" free from most Baptist State Convention offices.

Films and filmstrips on the Cooperative Program from your Baptist Book Store:

16 mm. motion pictures, "Together We Build" (rental \$9.00), "All for Him" (rental \$9.00), "The Way Forward" (service charge \$2.00).

Filmstrips—"The Best Minutes" and "Hours That Bless," each \$5.00.

## Community Missions Chairman

# Witnessing

The action motivated by this month's program should be witnessing to overseas students and to minority and racial groups. The community missions committee will lead in this ministry by:



(1) Developing awareness of other racial groups living in the community.

(2) Preparing hearts of women through reading, Bible study, and informational features.

(3) Planning for definite ministries

A. Visitation

B. Vacation Bible school or Bible study classes

C. Nursery or kindergarten for children of mothers who are employed

D. Include those of other nationalities in ministries in institutions

E. Provide English classes for

those of other nationalities.

(4) Manifesting Christian fellowship

A. Plan intergroup activities, consulting with leaders of groups

B. Hold social function, such as international tea or fellowship tea for Jewish neighbors

C. Work with church leaders of racial and nationality groups to strengthen their churches

D. Extend Christian fellowship through the homes of WMS members, particularly to international students studying in our country.

(5) Work constantly against racial discrimination.

## Publications Chairman

# HATS OFF TO ROYAL SERVICE

In a letter from Mrs. Thomas L. Wheelus, Hugo, Oklahoma, she says, "We have a beautiful new home for aged people in our town, and I think you'll find its beginning is attributed entirely to Royal Service."

"Mrs. Will Baskett read in Royal Service of a home for old people in Florida. She also learned that Oklahoma Baptists had no such place and feeling such a great need she thought, 'Why can't we have one?'"

"With the co-operation of Mr. Baskett, a 65-acre tract was donated to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for the purpose of establishing a Golden Age Home. Today a luxurious heavenly

place stands as a monument to one woman's humble devotion to the Lord and his work. . . . Not only has the Golden Age Home been built, but the finished wing is full to capacity of happy, contented old folks, and another small land acreage has been given for a church. . . . I'm glad to be a part of Woman's Missionary Union and to find our magazine has brought about such a wonderful contribution to our community."

Publications chairman, keep women reading Royal Service—it causes women to think, to feel, to act.

Send subscriptions to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, only \$1.50 a year.

Youth

# An Appeal To Youth



Last spring at the White House Conference on Children and Youth the 1,000 youth delegates prepared a statement: "We recognize the disintegration of the family unit in American culture and call for re-emphasis of the family as a central force for democracy." This appeal to adults to halt the disintegration of the family and to establish better communication lines between youth and adults presents a real challenge to WMS members to strengthen the missionary education of youth in every church.

Encourage WMS members to have family worship in the home, using *Call to Prayer in Royal Service*.

Seek co-operation of parents in educating youth in missions through WMU youth organizations.

Provide adequate financial support for each WMU youth organization. It is suggested that WMU expenses be provided by the

church budget in the same way as other church organizations.

Keep children and young people in WMU youth organizations through an effective promotion service. Promotion certificates are available from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama (see Year Book for prices).

Divide membership of youth organizations at close of WMU year as recommended in current WMU Year Book.

Urge counselors, leaders and assistants to study the current WMU Year Book with WMU officers and committees.

See that all youth leadership completes the respective basic leadership course or if previously completed, the refresher course.

Stress the importance of regular attendance at YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committee meetings.

Promote YWAs to Woman's Missionary Society at age 25 and transfer them at time of marriage.

I am laying up my treasures,  
And my heart has long been there."

—FANNY J. CROSBY

**Leader:** "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**Response:** "Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;  
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned."

—SAMUEL LONGFELLOW

**Prayer:** Using the prayer calendar and "pearl" cards.

**Such As I Have:** Peter said to the lame beggar outside the Temple gates, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" Acts 3:6.

What do we have to give?

Gold, gems, spices? These were the prizes for which men explored the ends of the earth, for which trade routes were laid out, for which men fought and died. Men have ever considered these rare possessions and have sought them with fortune and life. Some of these prized possessions are given as gifts of love between friends. The Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Messiah. Mary anointed the feet of her Saviour with a precious ointment of great value.

Spices are mentioned in history three thousand years before the time of Christ and were once literally worth their weight in gold. Certain spices were placed on one bowl of the scales with gold sifted into the other, and when the beam stood level, the barter was complete. Cinnamon, aloes, and pepper were in this group.

Aloe, chiefly found in South Africa and East India is a fragrant spice. Its most memorable use is recorded in John 19:39. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes (about 100 pounds we are told) with which to prepare the body of Jesus for burial. This was an immense quantity and must have been purchased at a very high cost. It is an interesting fact that the resin which gives the fragrant quality is formed almost entirely in the heart wood of the aloe tree.

Man has expressed adoration and worship by gifts down through the ages and in

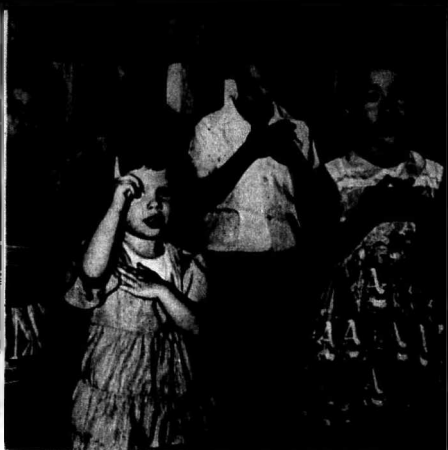
many forms. In the records of an ancient temple to a heathen god in Angkor there are listed the gifts of quantities of rice, beans, millet, butter, curds and whey, pepper, camphor, mustard and oils. Gift records show gold and silver vessels whose weight amounted to several tons, also 35 diamonds, 40,620 pearls, 4,500 other precious stones, 967 Chinese veils and 523 parasols in this same heathen temple.

It is the nature of man to give to those things he believes in. God recognizes the need of man to give, and as he shares his wealth for Kingdom causes a man's own life and influence and horizon expands. In a certain missionary society the women had little money to give, but they had love which prompted sharing. Their gifts were a dozen eggs, three yards of tatting for pillow cases, one hen, a crocheted centerpiece, a package of home-baked cookies and several handmade aprons. These they sold and gave the money to the special offering for missions. Thus it was that Christian women, without money, expressed their love in gifts of what they possessed.

Mrs. Dinah Mercado had always given generously to the mission offering, but she had been ill for several weeks. When the offering was taken she removed her watch and dropped it on the plate.

Gelett Burgess talked of the "educated heart" which gives of itself with the quarter handed to the hungry beggar. The heart of the aloe wood gives the fragrance, the heart of the Christian gives of itself with each gift to carry forward Christ's kingdom.

**Alabaster Boxes:** Jesus approved of costly gifts brought to him by those who would show their love for him. Mary brought an



alabaster box of precious ointment that cost a great deal in the currency of that day. (Read Mark 14:3-9).

The disciples looked on and one suggested that the gift was wasted. But Jesus replied and rebuked him by saying, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying."

A Sunbeam leader smiled tenderly at the small boy who wished he could give Jesus a new car because he loved him so much.

But the spirit of the giver is the measure of the gift not the monetary value. (Read Luke 6:38.)

Another minister has said, "The wheeling of gifts from reluctant givers is not only a denial of trust in God; it's an offense to the dignity of God's work and does little for the giver."

The Ralph Bowline wrote from Southern Rhodesia: "At Connemara, Marita Sibanda, a professing Christian, brought her 'cloths' which she used in witchcraft to be burned after she had attended the Sunday afternoon service. She gave as her testimony to those who lingered that during the WNU Week of Prayer for Africa she felt she could not serve God and the

"God is love," sing these Primaries of San Fernando Baptist Church in Baguio, which is located on the island of Luzon in the Philippines

devil. She wanted to accept Christ as her Saviour, and now she brought the tools of her former trade to be burned. While the fire blazed the church sang "There Is Power in the Blood."

A migrant in the homeland expressed it: "I have heard of Jesus and I want to know more about him. Perhaps some day someone will come to our camps to tell us about him."

The idol worshiper in the Far East says, "I have heard of a god not made of stone or wood—one who hears and answers prayer. Perhaps some day I will find someone who knows him."

A Baptist woman has opportunity to say through tithes and offerings given each Lord's Day, through the Cooperative Program as well as through special mission offerings, "Here is my money. O, tell them for me!"

Perhaps the envelope is red and white for Christmas and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; perhaps it is blue and white for spring and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Whatever the color of envelope or the season, our gift is the messenger which shows our love for God as we place it in the offering plate. Used of God it becomes the alchemy which changes checks and coins and currency into answers for world needs.

**Prayer:** That we acknowledge with gladness our stewardship of the tithe and giving with sacrifice to missions.

**Treasure Baskets:** Very ancient legends from the land of Nepal tell of treasures of gold and precious stones hidden near the throne of Nepal's many gods and demons in the heights of the Himalayan Mountains. Toni Hagan tells in *National Geographic Magazine* of making a survey in the mountains. When he returned from a

One of the 24 national pastors in the Philippines adds gift books to his library. Filipinos are reported to speak 87 languages and tribal dialects. However, probably 50 per cent of the people understand English

field trip with only his notes, the first dismayed question was, "But where are your treasure baskets?"

Where are your treasure baskets, and what do you keep in them? First fruits of the early harvest were offered in a basket. (Read Deuteronomy 26:2-4.)

Mary Dell Raye tells of Kate Stephens whose treasure basket was an old bran sack. In it she put her gifts of butter and egg money. Hers was a dream of a red brick church where those in her village could worship God.

"Look at Kate Stephens!" her neighbors said. "She could look better than that. Why, she has worn that old black coat so long it has turned green."

If the gossip got back to Kate it didn't bother her. She had a dream, and it gave warmth and holy purpose to her days.

The treasure baskets of Southern Baptist women may come in strange shapes and sizes—sugar bowls hidden away on cabinet shelves, special offering envelopes and boxes, piggy banks, fruit jars or leather purses. Out of many gifts dreams for kingdom advance have been realized in our country and in 44 overseas countries.

A forty-year-old Navajo woman sat through a four-hour reading class each day. The missionary asked, "Aren't you tired from sitting so long?"

"Oh, no, I am so thankful to learn to read my New Testament."

Each year the Annie Armstrong Offering provides some of the money for the young people's Camp at Yumuri near Matanzas, Cuba. Every camp season souls are saved and young people acknowledge God's call to definite Christian service.

"Your gift gave me life!" said a seventy-one-year-old man who was found in a drunken stupor outside an old building in



East St. Louis where there is a Good Will Center which we help through the Annie Armstrong Offering. When this old man was first brought to the mission he was given food and shelter, a shave and haircut, his first in five months. Most important of all, he was given the Word of life and returned to his home a new man.

Nineteen men representing three languages and four tribes graduated from the African Baptist Theological Seminary in Southern Rhodesia last August. They are serving in six major cities of that country, in eight gold and asbestos mines, and in two company compounds and on one farm. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps to provide the Seminary.

**Leader:** As we bow in prayer let us ask God to help us to become

—better stewards of time by realizing that our days are a gift of God and that they are numbered

—better stewards of talents, by a willingness to use what we have and are for Him

—better stewards of possessions, by sharing our money, our homes, our cars in His service

—better stewards of family influence, by witnessing in our everyday lives and by dedicating our children to Him.





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

Prepared by Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn

**1 Thursday** For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries 1 Cor. 16:9. (Read vv. 1-9.)

Mrs. James Kirk, in a recent article in *The Commission*, points out the urgent needs in South Brazil today. Let us pray for the faith and purpose to say with Caleb of old, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able." Our missionaries are striving to enter open doors in South Brazil. Mrs. Kirk says we can help in these ways: "Bear us up in prayer, continue splendid financial co-operation, and pray with us regarding the coming of more workers to this great mission field." Pray especially for the new churches, many without pastors, that are preyed upon by fanatical sects.

PRAY for Mrs. J. P. Kirk, Rio de Janeiro, J. E. Troop, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; Roy Muncy, Ignacio, Colo.; Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., ev. among Indians; C. L. Neal, Mexico, retired; Mrs. Clarence Thurman, Jr., Penang, Malaya, RN

**2 Friday** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also 2 Tim. 2:2. (Read vv. 1-7.)

When the Baptist Theological Institute was opened in Lima in the spring of 1959, a constructive forward step was taken in the development of our work. In Peru, where we began work in 1950, our most urgent need is for trained national leaders. The first student body of the new school was composed of six men and two women, all anxious to prepare for the work to which they felt they had been called. Pray for these young peo-

ple as they continue their training and begin to witness among their own people. Pray for our missionaries in Lima who are training these young Christians for service.

PRAY for J. B. Brasington, Lima, Mrs. R. L. Harris, Arequipa, Peru, Mrs. T. H. Danwell, Korea, Mrs. W. R. Norman, Jr., Joinkrama, Nigeria, H. P. Hayes, Saigon, Vietnam, ev.; R. D. Buess, Parkview, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; A. B. Oliver, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Joyce Oliver, MF; Mrs. R. C. Moore, Santiago, Chile, pub.; Mrs. Roger Duck, Unassigned.

**3 Saturday** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ Col. 4:2,3. (Read vv. 1-6.)

A recent letter from Missionary Virginia Highfill reminds us of some of the difficulties in the work in Japan. For one thing, work hours keep many Christians from attending church regularly. For example, a young woman, member of the church and daughter of a deacon, will have to work every Sunday except three during this year. In speaking of overcoming other difficulties, Miss Highfill quoted a Japanese deacon, "There is nothing we cannot do, because Christ is all powerful." She concluded: "The adversaries to kingdom work are many in Japan, but thanks be to God, the door for the gospel is still open."

PRAY for B. P. Emanuel,\* Japan, Mrs. G. H. Clark,\* Malaya, Mrs. W. O. Hearn,\* Jordan, ev.; A. W. Gammage, Jr., Korea, ed.; Napoleon Guarnero, Hollis, Okla., ev. among Spanish-speaking

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in *Directory of Missionary Personnel*, from Foreign Mission Board, Box 4597, Richmond 10, Virginia, and in *Home Missions*.

**4 Sunday** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee Psalm 119:11. (Read vv. 9-18)

In the beginning of our work to the San Blas Indians in Panama our missionaries reached the children and young people, who had learned Spanish in the mission and government schools. They found that the adults did not respond because they did not know any language except their own, and it had not been reduced to writing. With the help of Dr. Eugene Nida of the American Bible Society, Dr. A. L. Iglesias and some of the younger workers who had studied the fundamentals of translation in the states, devised an alphabet for the Cuna language and began translating parts of the New Testament. Now many adults are learning to read the Bible and are trusting the Lord as Saviour.

PRAY for A. L. Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, W. R. Hunt, Mindanao, Philippines, Mrs. W. P. Clemmons, Rome, Italy, ev.; Gilbert Ramos, Troy, Calif., L. E. Saunders, Miami, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Alfred Chamberlain, Talisheek, La., ev. among French; C. W. Whitten, Madrid, Spain, BA, W. R. Davis, Pt. Harcourt, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. E. M. Howell,\* Nigeria, RN; W. B. Glass, China, retired

**5 Monday** Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee Mark 5:19. (Read vv. 1-20.)

Sadler Baptist College in Ghana chose as the theme for the first mission day service, "Go into all Ghana." Pastors from all parts of the country presented the program. They pointed out the needs in their country. "Expressions on the faces of students showed that they had not thought of Ghana as their mission field," reports Missionary C. L. Godwin, who teaches at the College. A year ago a church was organized at the College with 15 charter members and 21 persons preparing for baptism. Four people, three of them students, accepted Christ at the organizational meeting. Pray that students may be good witnesses throughout Ghana.

PRAY for C. L. Godwin, Kumasi, Ghana, R. T. Bowlin,\* So Rhodesia, Pauline White, Aguacuará, Brazil, ed.; Carolyn Evans, New

Orleans, La., GWC; B. R. Conrad, Newkirk, Okla., ev. among Indians; W. B. Sherwood, Brazil, retired; Mrs. E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, ev.

**6 Tuesday** 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. 4-8.)

In 1958 Japan Baptists celebrated the seventieth anniversary of Southern Baptist mission work in Japan by sponsoring nationwide evangelistic services. Several Southern Baptist preachers assisted in the campaign. To conserve fruits of this campaign and to continue emphasis on evangelism, the Japan Baptist Convention adopted a five-year Evangelism Advance Program, coinciding with the Baptist Jubilee Advance in North America. To assist in this program the Convention voted to ask the Foreign Mission Board for 26 new missionaries for direct evangelism. Pray for the new converts won during the 1959 evangelistic crusade.

PRAY for T. N. Callaway, Fukuoka, Japan, Edith West, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, H. A. Brown, Jr., Oyo, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. J. D. Fite, Cuba, Mrs. C. E. Compton, Jr., Dourados, J. L. Garrett,\* Brazil, Mrs. L. P. Marler, Korea, ev.; Mrs. Napoleon Guarnero, Hollis, Okla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Virginia Miles,\* Indonesia, Mrs. W. E. Verner, Kumasi, Ghana, RN



**7 Wednesday** Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls James 1:21. (Read vv. 19-27.)

The Bible Press has made possible the rapid growth of our work in Brazil. Putting the Word of God into the hands of people creates in them a hunger for salvation through Christ and fellowship with like-minded people. Since its beginning in 1942 the Bible Press has printed and distributed over one million Bibles, 176,456 New Testaments, and 2,300,000 Gospels. Mrs. T. B. Stover assists with her typewriter and mimeograph in this important work. She works in her office at home in the mornings and goes to the publishing house in the afternoons while her son, David, is in school. Pray for the preparing of the Word of God for distribution among the people of Brazil.



**PRAY** for Mrs. T. B. Stover, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; P. C. Mosteller, Bangkok, Thailand; W. H. Mattheus, Cotabato, Philippines; ev.; E. E. Jolley, San Jose, Costa Rica; Ian, st.; Paul Ferrant, Noble, La., ev. among French; Eddie Sanchez, Immokalee, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; P. A. Cline, Jr., Thailand, ed.

**8 Thursday** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10 (Read vv. 1-10.)

After more than a hundred years of missionary effort in Nigeria, our missionaries are finding that Christian nationals can assume leadership in their work and take responsibility as good soldiers of Christ Jesus. The Nigerian Convention is also taking over greater financial support of their own work. In a recent letter Missionary Ethel Harmon said, "Years of hard work, thought, and prayer have begun to pay off when the national can take responsibility and do a good job of it. Our people are growing in their stewardship, in fact in every way, and we praise the Lord." *Pray for national Christian leaders in Nigeria.*

**PRAY** for Mrs. M. G. Fray, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia; W. P. Andrews, Temuco, Chile, ed.; C. F. Frazier, HMB retired; Mrs. L. B. Atkins, Chiayi, Taiwan, ev.

**9 Friday** And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 10:7. (Read vv. 5-15.)

Our mission in Costa Rica began in 1949. We have three missionary couples working in San Jose, the capital. Growth of the work has been encouraging. The Convention is made up of eleven churches with 480 members, and 11 national pastors. Perhaps, our greatest interest in Costa Rica, however, is due to the fact that our new missionaries to Spanish-speaking countries study in San Jose for a year in the language school for missionaries of all denominations. Here these new workers have their first experience in the work of foreign missions. *Pray for our new missionaries in this language school.*

**PRAY** for Mrs. E. T. Barry, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Sam and Joe Barry, MF; Mr. Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Irene Rogosin, MF; Mildred Womack, Betty Hart, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. C. W. Shirley, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. S. A. Leonard, China-Hawaii, retired.

**10 Saturday** Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Josh. 1:9. (Read vv. 1-9.)

The story of Mr. and Mrs. James Beck who recently left the work in Arizona to complete their seminary training is a story for the discouraged. They went to the work with the Navajos with the enthusiasm of youth, but their faith was sorely tried. They worked for fourteen months before they won a convert. Last summer at the Arizona Indian Assembly, however, a young Navajo girl expressed for the group of Christian Navajos the love and appreciation for the unselfish service of these missionaries. This girl and her entire family had been won to Christ through the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Beck. *Pray for these new Christians among the Navajos.*

**PRAY** for Leland Warren, Tucumcari, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; W. C. Lewis, Paraguay, MD; W. N. Claron, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA; Mrs. W. L. Smith, Rosario, Argentina, ev.

**11 Sunday** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22. (Read vv. 19-27.)

Did you know that one fourth of the people in Arizona belong to language groups? The largest is the Indian, among whom we have 19 missionaries; second, Spanish-speaking with 20 missionaries; and third, Chinese with four missionaries. In his latest report Mr. Irwin Dawson, director of foreign language missions in Arizona, reported that every language group congregation in Arizona contributed to world missions through the Cooperative Program. Are you doing your best for missions in Arizona through your gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering? *Pray for our home missionaries in Arizona.*

**PRAY** for Mrs. Eddie Barnes, Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Enrique Larralde, Guanajay, Cuba, ev.; T. L. Lane, Carl Conrad, Alexandria, La., ev. among French; C. I. Dawson, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; H. O. Headrick, Maringa, Brazil, ev.

**12 Monday** This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5. (Read vv. 1-10.)

It is a happy provision that a missionary does not have to be so labeled in order to share the Christian message with our friends

in other lands. In the fall of 1958 the St. Louis Cardinals spent a month in Japan on a good will tour. Two members of the team were good will messengers in the finest sense of the word. These two Baptist laymen spoke in Baptist churches and missions and at our Baptist University, Selman Gakuin. Mr. Carl M. Halvarson said, "Their testimony amazed the Japanese people, who somehow cannot conceive of famous athletes being such positive Christians." Express gratitude for these athletes and pray for them. *Pray that Japanese youth, who heard these Christian athletes, will continue to be influenced by their witness.*

**PRAY** for R. V. Calcote, Yahata, Mrs. D. E. Mercer, Takamatsu, Japan, Mrs. B. E. Cockrum, Jr., Nigeria, Mrs. R. E. Beaty, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, ev.; F. T. Woodward, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed.; H. H. Snuggs, Unassigned; Mrs. L. R. Brock, Jr., Pernambuco, Brazil; Arlene Rogers, Barranquilla, Colombia, Amanda Tinkle, Ogbomoshoh, Nigeria, RN.

**13 Tuesday** Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth. Isa. 42:10. (Read vv. 1-10.)

Look in on a new missionary family as you read this excerpt from Mrs. David Dorr's letter, "This coming year will hold many new experiences for all of us. David will be trying to complete his first year of language study on time. I will be getting back into teaching the children (six of them) and taking care of the new baby. There is so much to do, and for that reason it becomes doubly important to be sure that one is really putting first things first. Perhaps from God's point of view it is not so important what we do but how we do it and 'the new song' to be sung with joy and thanksgiving is more important than a mountain of things accomplished without God's love flowing through us."

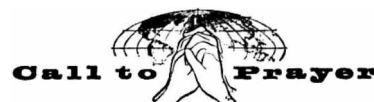
**PRAY** for D. C. Dorr, Gaze, MD; Eddie Sarvie, Jennings, La., ev. among French; G. W. Schaefer, Semarang, Indonesia, M. E. Cunningham, Jr., Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, ev.

**14 Wednesday** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.

Over a year ago a new good will center, the House of Friendship, was opened in Camaru, the second largest city in Pernambuco, North Brazil. The director is a graduate of the North Brazil Baptist Training School in Recife, where during her student

days she worked in the good will center under the direction of Miss Edith Vaughn. This new center is located in a heavily populated section of the city where there are many children and young people. During the first two weeks 120 enrolled in the Bible and handwork classes. *Pray for the director, Miss Celina Azevedo, and her helpers from the Camaru Baptist Church.*

**PRAY** for Virginia Terry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA; Minnie McIlroy, Argentina, retired; Mrs. J. J. Thomas, Kotzebue, Alaska, Elton Moore, Surakarta, Indonesia, C. W. Davis, Maracaibo, Venezuela, ev.



**15 Thursday** He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Isa. 40:29. (Read vv. 25-31.)

We at the home base need to be inoculated with the faith, confidence, and enthusiasm of Missionary Laverne Gregory, who wrote from the language school in Costa Rica, "It is God who is giving us strength and guidance to study the language of another people. He empowers us as we witness for him in overseas lands or in the homeland. He leads Southern Baptists in our total missionary enterprise. He can lead us to an overwhelming victory in the movement for 30,000 additional churches and missions. This power is available to pastor, lay person, and missionary—available to shake us from our indifference and lethargy and instill in us the compassion and spiritual enthusiasm necessary for courageous witnessing." *Pray for missionaries striving to communicate the gospel in new languages.*

**PRAY** for L. L. Gregory, San Jose, Costa Rica, R. C. Sherer, Japan, Mrs. R. M. Parham, Jr., Jos, Nigeria, Mrs. Heriberto Rodriguez, Ranchuelo, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. J. B. Parker, HMB, retired; Sinforoso Barrera, Gonzales, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Troy Cunningham, Tampa, Fla., GWC; W. P. Carter, Jr., Santiago, Chile, ed.; W. W. Graves, Argentina, pub.

**16 Friday** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 2 Tim. 4:2. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Perhaps no service is more inspiring than the setting apart of a young man for the ministry. Such a service was held in the new Passay Baptist Church in the Philippines when Deu Mahandi was ordained to become the church's first national pastor. Missionary Eugene M. Cross had served the church from its organization in November, 1957. In this very active church Bible classes are held in different neighborhoods during the week, in this way reaching new people. Church members help conduct services in three preaching stations in unchurched areas of Manila. Pray for this young pastor and his church, for the Bible classes and the church's missions.

PRAY for E. M. Cross, Passay City, Philippines; Mrs. Humberto Dominguez, Guaymas, Cuba; Wilma Weeks, Surabaya, Indonesia; S. A. Smith, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.; E. J. Barnes, Shawnee, Okla.; Mrs. Audley Hamrick, Gallup, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Pedro Hernandez, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; Mrs. T. J. League, China, retired

**17 Saturday** The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God Psalm 92:12,13. (Read vv. 1-15)

A year ago Dr. Douglas J. Harris visited many of our new churches and missions in the West. His report of what he found in Colorado Springs was particularly encouraging. At the time he was a chaplain there in 1951-52, a church was organized and began meeting in a labor hall. Visiting that church seven years later, he found that the membership had grown to 1200 and Sunday school attendance to 835. Two units of the church building had been completed. He found eight other new Baptist churches and one mission in the Colorado Springs area. Let us thank God for these evidences of awakening spiritual life in this part of our country.

PRAY for Mrs. R. C. Sieg, Oklahoma City, Okla.; F. A. Bloomer, Grants, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Roger Baxter, Jr., San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; J. E. Low, Kontapora, Nigeria, MD; J. K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.

**18 Sunday** Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men Psalm 107:8. (Read vv. 1-9.)

Last year on July 4 Missionary Edward W. Nelson attended a social gathering at the home of the United States Ambassador in Santiago, Chile. Among the many interesting Chileans he met was a teacher in the North American Institute, and he learned that she was a new Christian. He said of her, "The conversion of this woman is significant. She is well-educated, socially accepted, and although not rich financially by our standards, she is in the 'upper bracket.' We talked of reaching, with the gospel, the rising middle class in the cities of Chile." Let us pray for this outstanding teacher in Chile and for her witness among her friends and co-workers.

PRAY for E. W. Nelson, Santiago, Chile; C. L. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; Mrs. Rafael Miranda, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Camara Guerra, San Benito, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Wiley Henton, HMB, W. E. Craighead, Romania; Paraguay, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan-Hawaii, retired; Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina; H. E. Sturgeon, Morelia, Mexico; J. B. Durham, Enugu, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. J. W. Ross, El Paso, Tex., pub.; J. O. Morse, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD; Mrs. E. E. Jolley, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

**19 Monday** Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear Isa. 59:1. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Since the closing of China to mission work, Hong Kong, a British colony on the south coast of China and a colony of 2,748,000 people, has become one of our most important fields in the Orient. The Hong Kong Baptist Association, headed up by national leaders, directs the work. In that city there are 17 Baptist churches and 25 missions with a membership of over 12,000. It is estimated that close to a million refugees from Communist China have crowded into and around Hong Kong, presenting both a problem and an opportunity for service to the Baptist Association and our 34 missionaries there. Primary schools are conducted in the refugee areas. Pray for the national leaders and our missionaries as they try to help refugees in spiritual and material ways.

PRAY for Mrs. L. R. Smith, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; Jorge Martinez, Las Cruces, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; I. L. Northcutt, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. L. E. Brown, Mbeya, Tanganyika, ev.

**20 Tuesday** Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring

it to pass Psalm 37:5. (Read vv. 1-9.)

One of our newest and most challenging mission fields is Indonesia. In this Moslem country, as in no other, we have freedom to project a full-scale mission program. On the island of Java where our work is located there are 53,000,000 people. Only 150,000 are listed as evangelical Christians. At Kediri Mrs. Frank Owen and her doctor husband are connected with our Baptist hospital. Of that work Mrs. Owen says, "The hospital is still new and is experiencing 'growing pains.' Therefore, many problems come up for which we have no clear solution; yet, God in his time is working these out for us." Pray for our 15 missionaries in Kediri, and for doctors and nurses in the hospital.

PRAY for Mrs. F. B. Owen, Kediri, Indonesia; Mrs. S. E. Ray, Ogbomoso, Nigeria; W. C. Parker, Margarita, Canal Zone, ev.; Nadean Watkins, Raymondville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; C. B. Lewis, Natchez, Miss., ev. among Negroes; O. W. Taylor, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.



**21 Wednesday** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new 2 Cor. 5:17. (Read vv. 17-21.)

Missionary Frank Gillham saw a miracle happen to a brilliant student who visited his home. In the conversation the student indicated that he was studying Christianity and communism with the purpose of accepting one or the other. After several months the young man came again to the Bible class in the Gillham home, stayed for the preaching service, and responded to the invitation to accept Christ. After the service, as a missionary tried to explain the miracle of the new birth, the student said, "Oh, yes, I understand what you mean. The miracle has already happened to me." Pray for this young Japanese student and others who are studying Christianity.

PRAY for M. F. Gillham, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Carolyn Cate, Gaza, RN; Mrs. J. L. Hart, Argentina-Chile, Irene Jeffers, China-Taiwan, retired

**22 Thursday** Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught Luke 6:4. (Read vv. 1-11.)

Missionary Reinaldo Medina had the faith and dedicated courage to leave a large church in Havana to go to La Palma, a small mountain town on the north coast of Cuba. Most of the towns and villages in this area have no Christian witness of any kind. For a month, Mr. Medina visited in the homes and held services at his home every night while the building, which he had rented for the work, was being remodeled. Within five months he had not only launched the work in La Palma, but had started three other Sunday schools and preaching stations. This dynamic missionary finds time beyond his preaching and visitation program to hold classes for new converts who are teaching in the Sunday schools. Pray for this fruitful work in Cuba.

PRAY for Reinaldo Medina, La Palma, Mrs. S. W. Vance, Ghana, ev.; John, Richard, and Sam Vance, MF; Mrs. Daniel Cantu, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Eva Mae Eldridge, Joliet, Nigeria, RN; K. J. Myers, Jr., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, MD; Mrs. J. D. Crane, Torreon, Mexico, ed.

**23 Friday** My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God Psalm 84:2. (Read vv. 1-12.)

In a day like this, when Americans are stationed in every part of the world on military, diplomatic and business assignments, it is well that English-speaking churches are being established to minister to the spiritual needs of our people away from home. Such a church was organized a year ago in Taipei, Taiwan, with 46 charter members. Seeing the need, Missionary Glenn L. Hix began holding Sunday evening services in the home of an American sergeant. As the attendance grew, the meeting place was moved to the Baptist conference grounds just outside the city.

PRAY for G. L. Hix, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. Leslie Borey, New Orleans, La., rescue mission; Ruth Kube, Eku, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. A. V. Jones, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

**24 Saturday** Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding Prov. 3:5. (Read vv. 1-10.)

Two years ago the English language Baptist church in Hong Kong was organized with 30 charter members. In this cosmo-

politan church are Chinese, American, British, Dutch and Indian members, with visitors from two or more other countries every Sunday. The pastor, Missionary Charles P. Cowherd reports, "a rapid turnover of persons who attend the services. This causes problems, but it also has advantages. We already have several very fine missionaries in other countries. A convert from Singapore writes that she had led her oldest sister to the Lord, and that she hopes other members of her family will believe."

**PRAY for Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cowherd, Hong Kong, ev.; Mrs. Loyd Notah, Chandler, Ariz., James Huse, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Merced Becerra, Yookum, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Lucy Smith, Tokyo, Japan, BA; Edith Vaughn, Recife, Brazil, Soc.; H. L. Smith, Kumasi, Ghana, pub.**

**25 Sunday** The entrance of thy words giveth light Psalm 119:130. (Read vv. 129-144.)

The truth of the above verse has been verified over and over, and the Kailua Baptist Church in Hawaii is no exception. Located 14 miles from downtown Honolulu in a thriving community, the church has had a remarkable growth. Organized in December, 1956 with 44 charter members, within two years the church had 140 members and 200 enrolled in Sunday school. Pray for the church members, especially the new Christians, that their influence may bring many others under the influence of the church and to Christ.

**PRAY for Lillie Mae Hundley, Kailua, Hawaii, Cleofas Castano, Guanabacoa, Cuba, ev.; Sarah Castano, MF; Mrs. Julian Reyna, Dexter, N. Mex., ev. to Spanish-speaking**

**26 Monday** But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd Matt. 9:36. (Read vv. 32-38.)

It is estimated that there are in Rio de Janeiro between 800 and 1000 North American families. To meet the spiritual needs of these people, the Foreign Mission Board appointed Rev. and Mrs. William H. Warren to begin an English-speaking church. Until a location can be bought and a church built, the services are being held in a school building.

ev., evangelism  
ed., educational evangelism  
GWC, Good Will Center  
HMB, Home Mission Board  
\* on furlough  
RN, nurse

ing. Pray for North Americans who have no church home in Rio. Pray that Christians among them may rededicate themselves and become active in the church.

**PRAY for W. H. Warren, Rio de Janeiro, D. H. Burt, Jr., Goiania, Brazil, Bill Barker, Yuma, Ariz., Mrs. W. B. Pearce, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Garnetta Coats, La., ev. among French; Mrs. Milton Leach, Jr., Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Hazel Moon, Ogbomoshio, Nigeria, RN; P. E. Sanderson, Belem, Brazil, ed.; Martha Tanner, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA**

**27 Tuesday** Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name Psalm 86:11. (Read vv. 1-12.)

For more than ten years the South Brazil Training School has been a constructive force in preparing young women for Christian service. The school was opened in Rio de Janeiro in 1949 with 30 students. During last year it had an enrolment of 63 students. Miss Dorine Hawkins, director of the school, continues to lead in raising the educational standards and expanding the areas for training students who will be prepared to assist in a total church program. Pray for graduates in service, present students and their teachers.

**PRAY for Dorine Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. D. F. Stamps, China-Hawaii, Mrs. J. C. Powell, Nigeria, Mrs. P. C. Bell, Sr., HMB, retired; H. T. McKinley, Guelo, So. Rhodesia, J. J. Thomas, Kotzebue, Alaska, Jose Perez, San Blas, Panama, Eliseo Aldape, Tex., Nelson Rodriguez, Canas, Cuba, ev.; Moises Rodriguez, MF**

**28 Wednesday** We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain 2 Cor. 6:1. (Read vv. 1-10.)

The Indian Baptist Mission in Lawton, Oklahoma, demonstrates the kind of Christian spirit that should be shown to a minority racial group. The missionary to the Indians, David B. Warren, became concerned because there was no work being done among the Spanish-speaking in Lawton. In conference with Missionary N. G. Guarnero in Oklahoma City, our only missionary to Spanish-speaking people in the state, a plan was worked out to open the new mission for the Mexican group, using the building of the Indian Mission. Each Sunday a deacon from the Mexican Baptist Church in Oklahoma City drives 200 miles to Lawton to speak to this group in Spanish. Pray for

the work and for the Indian and Mexican work.

**PRAY for Mrs. David Warren, Lawton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. E. Ibarra, Ft. Worth, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Fausto Morales, Palmira, Cuba, D. R. Cobb, Songkhla, Thailand, ev.; Mildred Matthews, HMB, retired; Ona Belle Cox, Manaus, Brazil, M. G. Fray, Jr., Georgetown, So. Rhodesia, Fern Harrington, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. W. W. Lee, Mexico, Mrs. C. F. Clark, Jr., Kyoto, Japan, RN**

**29 Thursday** But whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed James 1:25. (Read vv. 19-27.)

Among the heroes of the cross behind the Iron Curtain, none has contributed more to the cause of Christ in his country than Rev. M. Baranyay in Hungary. Now 71 years of age, his life of dedicated service has spanned two world wars and the aftermath of subjugation of his freedom-loving people. Gaining a world outlook from study in London and Louisville, he has shared his advantages with his people. As pastor, secretary of the Baptist union, teacher in the Seminary, and president of the Seminary in difficult years, he has helped to keep the Christian faith and the Baptist fellowship alive. As we thank God for Mr. Baranyay's continuing ministry in busy retirement, let us also pray for our Baptist people in Hungary.

#### HOLD YOUR TONGUE! (concluded from page 8)

are desolate. Open thy mouth and minister justice to the poor and the needy." And, speak with faith in ideals and in the high possibilities in life. "A scoffer is an abomination to men . . . cast out the scoffer and contention will go . . . but a gentle tongue is a tree of life."

And, most important, speak with faith in Christ. We speak every day of so many other things—business, family, pleasures—why so seldom of Christ? One of the tragedies of Christianity today is our silence, outside the church, about Christ. We miss hundreds of opportunities to speak naturally and sincerely to others of Christ—to invite them to church, to encourage them in a Christian life. This is the fore-

**PRAY for M. A. Olmedo, Aguadulce, Panama, Mrs. H. E. Sturgeon, Morelia, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. D. M. Regalado, Deming, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Domingo Regalado, MF; Jean Dickman, Gaza, MD; Mrs. W. R. Davis, Ft. Harcourt, Nigeria, RN**

**30 Friday** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth Rom. 1:16. (Read vv. 8-16.)

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Short, Jr., have charge of the evangelistic work in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. The results last year were encouraging, 387 professions of faith and 77 baptisms in the nine churches and 22 missions in this field. Four of the churches are self-supporting, and each of them has a Sunday school, a Training Union, and a missionary society. In the city of Chihuahua the Shorts have charge of a student home, which provides a Christian atmosphere and supervision for young people away from home attending various schools in the city. Pray for these young people.

**PRAY for Mrs. J. M. Short, Jr., Chihuahua, Mexico, George Roberts, Topeka, Kan., Mrs. Juan Perez, Catalina de Guines, Cuba, Mrs. Howard Hamrick, Kediri, Indonesia, Mrs. Z. V. Moss, Kitwe, No. Rhodesia, A. R. Haylock, Honduras, ev.; S. A. Candal, Key West, Fla., ev. among Italians; Lillie Rogers, Singapore, Malaya, BA; Mrs. G. A. Clark, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Igede, Nigeria, RN; W. C. Taylor, Brazil, retired**

most duty our words must perform: to speak so that others are attracted to Christ and to his way of life. "You shall be my witnesses," said Jesus.

Dear friends, in a moment you will turn this page and you will begin again to talk. How will you talk? I pray for you and for myself this prayer of the psalmist:

"Set a watch, O God, before my mouth.

Keep thou the door of my lips.

Incline not my heart toward any evil word. But let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in thy sight,

O God, my rock and my redeemer."

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# DID YOU READ IT?

by MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY



## "Legislative Mouse"

The Manchester Guardian called the Civil Rights Bill which the Senate passed in the spring a "legislative mouse." It is very different from the bill originally proposed by the Administration. As it now stands, the most important sections of the bill are designed to protect the Negro's right to vote by the intervention of Federal authority in what has been traditionally a matter for the states. Where necessary, Federal referees are to be appointed to register Negro voters, and Negroes who have been denied suffrage can appeal to the Federal courts. This bill may appear revolutionary in character as white supremacy in the South is built on the ballot. Actually the bill will not end white monopoly in politics. Only the most resolute would-be Negro voter is likely to seek out Federal referees.

## The Tragedy of South Africa

The civilized world has been compelled by tragedy to pay attention to the African who has been knocking on its doors for several years. Back in the spring, race-riots forced the statesmen of the world to appeal to the UN Security Council for a halt to violence and a change in the South African law.

But there are deeper issues than the problem that concerns three million whites and ten million blacks in the Union of South Africa. In a number of conscience disturbing articles, Newsweek raised and discussed these questions: Can the new African nations—four in 1945, ten today, there will be twenty by 1963—stand on their own feet in the world of space and the atom? Can the whole world avoid being divided into two hostile camps along lines of color?

Shortly after the Sharpeville massacre there was effort on the part of some in this country to draw a parallel between South African violence and racial disturbances in the US South. There is one basic difference. With all the shortcomings here, the movement toward greater equality between whites and minority non-whites is set beyond recall. The law of our land says that all men shall be treated as equals and it is the duty of American law enforcement officers to uphold that concept. In South Africa, the law of the land says that whites and the far more numerous blacks are unequal. It is the duty of every South African law office to uphold that concept.

This does not mean that all of South Africa's white men are evil. Some are, but like most men whether in Alabama or Algeria the majority of white South Africans care very little about great issues. Yet they cannot escape the facts of color. Out of every one hundred South Africans, only twenty-one are white. It is natural, though short-sighted, to be fearful of their future.

The whites claim—and with justice—that without them most of South Africa would still be a wilderness; that the black man in the Union is materially better off than anywhere else in Africa. But

the white man has failed to read history: "Men of all colors will not find freedom before comfort if both are denied." Men cannot live without hope. And the laws of apartheid (segregation) in South Africa say that the black man can never hope to take his place by the side of the white.

Who can read the future? As the world watches and worries over the danger of widespread racial conflict, it is well to remember that of the world's almost three billion people two billion are colored.

## The Conscience of the Christian Community

Occasionally one runs on an article so simply written, so obviously reasonable that one wants to share it with everybody. Such an article was written relative to the South African explosion by a churchman of England for the Manchester Guardian. The application of the principle at home is for all to see who have eyes of the Spirit.

"It is not enough for a few Christians to feel deeply about Africa. There has to be hard thinking done in the churches and much teaching and speaking before we can come to an informed Christian opinion; before the English churches can speak a 'brotherly admonition' to the churches of South Africa. Such a word would be quite ineffective as long as we give the impression that we have immense compassion for the Africans, very little for the Europeans in Africa and none at all for the white Christians of Africa in this time of their temptation . . . Somehow leadership must get through the organized church Councils into local churches. There will have to be organized campaigns of instruction and discussion to which time in church programs will need to be allotted.

"If it be said that this would involve large-scale Christian organization, money, time and brains and that it cannot be done, then, without prejudice the answer must be that what is needed is about the amount of time, money, and Christian energy involved in bringing Dr. Billy Graham to a city for a great evangelistic campaign. This kind of thing is done when enough people care enough."

## September 1960 is the Month

Church editors in annual convention of the Associated Church Press recommended that religious publications set September as a month "to make concerted attack on pornography and obscene material."

Inspection Service of the United States Post Office reports that the sales volume of mail order obscenity has doubled in the last five years and unless vigorously checked can more than double again over the next four years. This means that as early as 1963 one school-age child out of every eighteen will be the target of these peddlers of filth.

Complaints received in 1959 by the Post Office Department mainly from indignant parents numbered more than 70,000. Though arrests made in 1958 were more than in the previous year, they show the persistence of the obscenity racketeers to expand their business.

Before a Congressional committee in support of stiffer legislation, Postmaster Summerfield denounced the citizens who confuse the issue by regarding restrictions as a violation of civil liberties. Said Mr. Summerfield, "All of this is utter nonsense. Preventing the peddling of pornographic materials to children is no more a violation of civil liberties than is the sale of liquor or dope to these children. The nation which does not fully punish persons guilty of any of these crimes is tragically failing its duty."

# PROGRAM

## You—A World Baptist



Part of the Baptist world witness is to relieve human suffering. National and missionary hands serve together in hospitals and clinics

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

### Before You Plan Your Program

**Here's the Idea:** The program concerns your vision as a world Baptist. After testing group vision using three experiments with the physical eye, the program leader analyzes the problems of four individuals and suggests cures for defective sight. These people should be scattered throughout the audience and selected as if at random. They should put on the glasses indicated with their part right after the song and prayer. The leader sends them to the platform and hands them folders with their medical reports (parts) inside. Each one shares the analysis of her case with the group. Then the leader sums it all up in conclusion.

The program seeks to develop an appreciation for all people and a concern for the needs and aspirations of others. It concludes with the idea that only Christ in the hearts of men can bring a feeling of Christian brotherhood and of justice for all people.

There should be action motivated by the program. How can your society witness to overseas students, to minority and racial groups in your community?

**You Will Need:** 1. A world map. If possible, locate the one your society used last fall in your foreign mission study. It has many facts of interest in presenting this program. Or order (free) from the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia, the map "Southern Baptist Missions Around the World." Cover with black paper the countries mentioned in the introduction. The 1960 Foreign Mission Board Report, "The Field Is the World," (free from Foreign Mission Board) would furnish helpful background material.

2. Medicine bottles, bandages, light reflector and instruments (from child's play-doctor bag), folders for reports, cards enough for everyone with two dots, 3 1/2 inches apart.

3. Four pairs of glasses (use sun glasses or cut from construction paper) decorated as follows: 50c pieces or dollar signs over one pair; artificial flowers or jewels around rim of another; blinders on sides of third pair; and dark glasses for fourth pair. These are to be worn by those taking parts as indicated.

4. An eye chart or facsimile would add atmosphere. Make a poster with the program topic, "You—A World Baptist," printed with each word on a separate line and printed from very small to bold lettering.

### PROGRAM OUTLINE

Leader's Introduction: Testing Your Vision

Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Prayer: Using Call to Prayer

Leader: Sight Analysis

Case 1: Astigmatism

Case 2: Detached Retina

Case 3: Blind Spots

Case 4: Nearightedness

Leader: 20-20 Vision

Prayer Refrain: (read in unison or sing)

"Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me"

Leader's Introduction: Testing Your Vision

Our program has for its topic, "You—a World Baptist." We are going to examine your world vision so that we can determine what you see, how well you see it, and what you must do to correct faulty impressions.

The importance of your eyes cannot be over-estimated. Of all your senses, vision is the one upon which you place most reliance. It is an intricate process involving sensitivity to light rays and the perception of form, color, depth and distance. Our world vision too involves a sensitivity to the needs of the world for the Light of the gospel. We need perception or insight into the form, color, depth and distance involved in a world mission enterprise.

Before proceeding with this program, we will test your physical vision. This first test will prove that you have a favorite eye. Even if your two-eye vision is normal, your brain gives greater emphasis to the image formed by one of your eyes. You can find out which eye it is by pointing at a distant object with your index finger held at arm's length. Keep both eyes open as you "sight" an object. Now shut your eyes alternately. When your "sighting" eye is closed, the distant object will shift out of line with your pointing finger.

Is it stretching the analogy to say that often our spiritual vision shifts out of line? When we close our "sighting" eye to the

needs of the world, to how little we actually do about it, we can say that the image thus formed by our spiritual sight is out of focus. We must keep our sighting eye open.

Now we are going to test for blind spots. At the point where the optic nerve leaves your eye, there is no light detection. This is called the "blind spot." Take your card with the two black spots 3 1/2 inches apart. Cover your left eye and keep the right eye fixed on the left-hand spot. At arms length you will clearly notice from the side of your eye the presence of the right-hand spot. But as you draw the paper nearer your face, you will find a place where the right-hand spot seems to disappear. This takes place when the image of that spot reaches the blind area of the retina. For success in this test, the left eye must be kept covered and the right eye must be kept on the left-hand spot.

Again let us draw an analogy to our spiritual vision. Here too we find blind spots where there is no light detection. When we lack knowledge of what's going on in the world, we are blind in our understanding. We make poor or ineffective response. For success in carrying out the Great Commission we must keep informed and alert.

Now I want you to look into the eyes of the person next to you. Look at the dark spot in the center. This is the pupil. The blackness is due to the fact that you are looking into the dark interior of the eye-ball. The pupil expands or contracts to control the amount of light that passes to the inner eye. You see an image of yourself in your neighbor's eye.

Much thought is given by businessmen and denominational leaders to what is called the public image of their organization. People have always paid attention to what others thought about them as individuals. It has been said that if we could see ourselves as others see us, we would never speak to them again. Certainly it is disturbing to Americans to find that our image in the eyes of the world is not the flattering one we often have of ourselves.



Your world vision is the theme of our program. Do you see yourself as a world Baptist or just as a Southern Baptist or as a \_\_\_\_\_ (your church) Baptist in your town or community? Is your sighting eye focused on the fact that less than 30 per cent of the world's 2,799,846,000 people is Christian after more than 20 centuries of mission work? Have you well-developed blind spots or does it shock you to realize that, with the exploding population of our day, the world is growing non-Christian at the rate of approximately 30 million annually? Despite the consecrated ministry of our missionaries across the world, the task today is greater than it was yesterday. Look with your physical eyes at these dark spots on the world map where there is no Baptist witness. The roll-call of nations at the Baptist World Alliance had no response from Afghanistan, Algeria, Sudan, Arabia, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Italian Somaliland, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Morocco, Southwest Africa, Tibet, Turkey and Tunisia.

Now look at the world with your spiritual eyes.

Its people are hungry; who will feed them?

Its people are sick; who will heal them? Its people are naked; who will clothe them?

Its people are illiterate; who will teach them?

Its people are confused; who will guide them?

Its people are sorrowful; who will redeem them?

Only the gospel of Christ is adequate.

**Hymn:** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 100

It is our prayer that you will open your eyes, ears, hearts and minds to the reading of the One Hundredth Psalm. This has been chosen for our Scripture reading, because it has been read at each of the ten meetings of the Baptist World Congress since the first one in 1905. There is not a mournful note in this beautiful song. The trumpet

of jubilee is blown, not for Israel, but for all mankind. God is praised from the beginning to the end, and all the earth is called upon to join in blessing and thanking him. Here in the heart of the Old Testament is an anticipation of Christ's worldwide command and his invitation to all men to say "we are his people."

**Prayer:** Using Call to Prayer

**Leader:** We have experimented with our vision as a group. Now we are going to get down to individual problems. I notice that some of you are wearing glasses. Others may have contact lenses so that we are not aware of your vision boosters. A few have even mastered bifocals! There may be some, however, who will let us analyze their sight this morning. (Leader puts poster before group. She walks out in audience and asks, in turn, the four to whom she has given special glasses to read the chart. They pretend to have difficulty. The one with the dollar signs can only see the word "World"; the one with flowers sees the small letter "A"; the one with blinders sees only "Baptist"; and the one with dark glasses sees "You." Leader sends them to the front and hands them a folder with an analysis of their case.)

### Case 1 Diagnosis: Astigmatism

**Recommended Cure:** Remove dollar signs

**Scripture Reference:** "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt" Genesis 13:10.

The visual affliction called astigmatism is not at all unusual. It is caused by a defect in the lens of the eye which prevents light rays from being focused on a single point. This causes imperfect images.

We are referred to the story of Lot. This man suffered spiritual astigmatism. He saw the well-watered plains and the beautiful cities in the valley before him. The "dollar sign" prevented his focusing attention on

the evil that went on "before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah."

Are dollar signs obstructing our world view as Southern Baptists? A pastor said, "When you compare the number of people I baptize each year with the number of converts in Paraguay, Lebanon, the Central American countries and some other parts of the world, you will have to admit that I get more return on the dollar which I spend in my church than the Foreign Mission Board gets on its dollar spent in these lands." He had just completed an air-conditioned auditorium with foam rubber cushions. The interior decor was green since the psychologist said this was the most soothing color for the nerves.

Do we dare put a price tag on our converts to discover how much it cost us to win them? The late Dr. Theron Rankin said, "What will we say to God? He knows all about us. Answer him we must. It is not a question of what would we say, but what will we say. Will we say, 'Lord, we couldn't do so much for the world and do the other things we wanted to do also?'"

"But what are the other things we want to do and which do we put first? We have all kinds of explanations which we can give to one another, but will they stand up when we give them to God?"

Is dollar astigmatism a common affliction among Southern Baptists? Our world vision led us to give only \$1.68 per capita in 1959 for foreign missions. For all causes, the average Southern Baptist gave only \$17.80. How Christian a nation are we when we spend nine billion annually on public education and twenty billion on crime; when we spend only about two billion on religious and welfare activities, but over four billion on tobacco and eleven billion on sports and recreational activities? How Christian are we when we spend four hundred times as much on gambling as we do for foreign missions? What a pity that many church members help make such a comparison possible.

We must remove the dollar signs and see instead the individuals of the world

who need Christ.

### Case 2 Diagnosis: Detached Retina

**Recommended Cure:** Examine glasses; remove frills and keep eye on goal

**Scripture Reference:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat" Genesis 3:6.

The case of a detached retina is a serious one because the real act of seeing begins with the retina. It is a transparent membrane, and the image formed by the lens penetrates its innermost structure. There it encounters a layer made up of about a million tiny nerve cells. They are small but of great importance to the total outlook.

There are small things in our lives that endanger our total outlook. These small things in and of themselves might be all right, but they formulate our sense of values. The desire for beautiful flowers, a lovely home, an abundance of food, fellowship with our friends, these are acceptable in their place, but each one could become an obsession that would detach us from our main purpose as Christians, that would detour us from pressing toward the mark of the high calling of Christ Jesus which is to win the world to him as Saviour.

Now in the case of Eve, she ate food from a tree. It was good and pleasant to the eyes. It would "make one wise." Anything wrong with this? Yes. God had forbidden it. He had other plans.

What has all this to do with our world outlook? Are there "little" things which keep us from appreciation of Baptist believers in other lands? Take the case of a small number of Baptists in countries like Ecuador (93), Jordan (84), Thailand (196). The smallness of the work might make us underestimate its importance. And yet what do they say about the bigness of our work? "In the United States there is a craving for numbers, for apparent success on



the part of ministers. Is it honest to say with satisfaction, 'we are 10 million' when you know very well that if you try to get in touch with those millions, you will find perhaps only 50 per cent of them or 30 per cent showing signs of being really Christian? Is it honest when a pastor says, 'My church has 2,000 members' and you never see more than 800 and even the pastor has never seen the faces of the rest?"

The small church buildings on many mission fields sometimes make Southern Baptists blind to the love that put them there. Visitors were asked in one church, "How many people will your church back home seat?" The number was about half the membership, and the logical conclusion was that we did not ever expect all our church members to come to church at one time.

It is harder to become a member of a Baptist church on the mission fields. Nowhere is it possible for a person to walk down the aisle, make a profession of faith, and be voted into the church immediately. The regular practice is to enrol the inquirer in a class of instruction for a period of from six weeks to six months or more. All the while he will be under close observation by the pastor, deacons, and other members of the church. At the end of this period, he comes before the congregation to make his statement of faith. Retired missionary Adlie Cox tells of a girl who had graduated from one of our mission schools and applied for church membership. Her father voted against her, for she had never won another to Christ.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions brings nationals from their mission fields as so-called "fraternal workers." They are actually missionaries from foreign lands to the United States to call us back to purity in religious practice and belief.

### Case 3 Diagnosis: Blind Spots

**Recommended Cure:** Enlarge Vision

**Scripture Reference:** "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now

mine eye seeth thee" Job 42:5.

In a group experiment, it was discovered that everyone has blind spots. These are places not sensitive to light and are located at the point where the optic nerve enters the eye. This particular case, however, has been aggravated by the use of blinders on the glasses. A one-track mind has been created. The world view of this individual sees only Southern Baptist mission efforts, and there is a tendency to believe that we are the only ones trying to "rescue the perishing." The fact of 1,447 missionaries in 44 different nations seems like a large number, and there is satisfaction in knowing that over half of all the missionaries ever sent by Southern Baptists to the foreign mission field are in service now.

An enlarged vision with removal of blinders is recommended in this case. Listen to the words of Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive-secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. "It should always be borne in mind that the increase in world population is outstripping our total Christian effort . . . . Percentagewise, the world is more non-Christian each year, even though the Christian witness is more extensive.

"This clearly indicates that advance calls not only for more missionaries in more locations, but also for accelerating and strengthening the impact being made upon the non-Christian world."

This quotation reveals that there is much to do before we can make claim to a Christian world. And we are not alone in trying to bring this about. There are 38,606 Protestant missionaries around the world and 51,000 Catholic. Neither are we the only Baptist organization sending missionaries. The fifteen largest groups send a total of more than 3,000 missionaries.

The need for Baptists to understand, appreciate and strengthen the efforts of Baptists in other lands led to the organization of the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1905. A London pastor and scholar, Dr. John Rippon, appealed for a gathering of Baptists of the world as early as 1790. The plea pre-dated both the missionary

advance launched by William Carey (1792) and the establishment of the first Baptist church on the European continent (1834).

Dr. Rippon's appeal was echoed by an American editor, Dr. J. N. Prestridge, around 1900. His and other editorials led to the first Congress of Baptists. After several days of fellowship and consultation, the 3,000 representative Baptists from six continents resolved: "Whereas, in the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour of the Churches of the Baptist order and faith throughout the world, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation among them, while recognizing the independence of each particular church and not assuming the functions of any existing organization, it is agreed to form a Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world."

The feeling of being a part of the Baptist world movement is particularly appreciated in countries where Baptists are a weak and persecuted minority. The influence of this organization was felt in protest against arrests of Baptist leaders in Spain because seals on church doors had been broken.

Nigerian Baptists were proud to have among their membership a vice-president of the BWA. Men and women in small village churches were thrilled at the idea of a globe-girdling fellowship.

The Scripture reference in the case of the blind spot Christian is Job 42:5. Job was a character of unusual worth and beauty, but a vision from God left him humble on his knees. Southern Baptists have doubled their world mission effort in the past decade—this is a thing of worth, but we need to ask God for vision to do more.

### Case 4 Diagnosis: Nearsightedness

**Recommended Cure:** Remove Dark Glasses

**Scripture Reference:** "And Elisha prayed,

and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw." 2 Kings 6:17.

Some eyes are abnormally long from front to back, and the lens, even when stretched flattest, cannot bring distant objects to focus on the retina. Nearsightedness is the result. Some people find it easier to pray and study about distant countries than to focus attention upon world problems in their own back yard. Your grocery store, your church, your school, your telephone, are all a part of the world in which you live.

The recommended cure for a case of nearsighted individuals who fail to see the world at their door is to remove dark glasses so that vision will be cleared. This is an age when news travels fast. What we mean is illustrated by an editorial in the *Hawaii Herald*. It appeared the day after BSU student workers arrived to help in church summer programs. "We find it very interesting that the young missionaries who arrived in Hawaii with so much fanfare to bring the light of truth to the benighted come as representatives of their sect which bears the word 'Southern' as part of its title. This sect split about the time of the Civil War, with the Northern branch breaking off because of unwillingness of its members to face the evils of the caste system.

"We do not allege that these young visitors intend to introduce into Hawaii the undemocratic prejudices which are unquestioned in our homeland. Nor do we charge that their sect takes a stand in favor of racial prejudice. But we do reserve the right to question the appropriateness of missionaries coming from a bi-racial, segregation-hamstrung, caste culture to bring the light of truth to us."

Each year more than 47,000 students come to our land. The ideas that some of these students had of our country were most revealing. One thought that all North Americans were rich, most of them were divorced, and drinking was their favorite

pastime. One thought that half the Americans were capitalists and the other half were cowboys. Their ideas were gathered from movies, cheap literature, and tourists.

A Filipino studying at Baylor Medical School had been warned by her mother when she left home to be very careful. The first stop her bus made out of San Francisco, she went in the station to get some water. One cooler said "colored" and the other "white." Not knowing which to use, she bought a coke.

Many Americans have had a vision of what we can mean to these young people. One woman at Michigan State University started what she called "Adventures in World Understanding." Foreign students were taken to small communities and placed in homes for the weekend. They went to barn dances, bridal showers, auctions, and church services.

Harvard allows no foreign undergraduate to room with another foreigner. In this way American students are encouraged to befriend their "roomies" and invite them to their homes.

The world knocks at our door each day, and we must open our eyes, remove our dark glasses, and see our opportunities.

#### Leader: 20-20 Vision

Peter, after many mistakes, came to have 20-20 vision with his spiritual eyes so that he declared "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

The Scriptures censor spiritual blindness and deafness. "Having eyes, see ye not? . . . and do ye not remember?"

We remember how the Lord rebuked Samuel for judging a man by his physical appearance. He was told, "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7.

We need 20-20 vision as we review our debt to the world. The idea of beds—which we will sleep on tonight—originated in the Near East. Cotton material was first made in India, and silk goods came from China. Southern India gave us steel knives. Forks

were an Italian invention and spoons came from Rome. Glass was an Egyptian invention, and rubber was a discovery of the South American Indians. Chairs were first used in southern Europe.

From all over the world come contributions for our daily enjoyment. We owe much to others. We cannot agree with the Oriental sage who said, "Make of your life an island." We must join ourselves to the mainland of human endeavor. We must be missionary in our thinking else we become an island. Sharing Christ with others is the main business of Christians. John Donne agreed with this idea when he said, "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less. . . . Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind."

If through your spiritual eyes you have a vision of the world, will you say after each of these Scripture verses, "This is my prayer."

Leader: "They shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Luke 13:29.

Response: This is my prayer.

Leader: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:16.

Response: This is my prayer.

Leader: "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.

Response: This is my prayer.

Leader: "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:4.

Response: This is my prayer.

Prayer Refrain: "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me" (*Read it or solo voice in song.*)

## Know your Home missionaries

### THE DAVID WARRENS

by Lila Belle Hopkins

It was my first hour of duty in the dining room of Smith Hall at Hardin-Simmons University my freshman year. I was setting tables.

At quarter of six, the room lost its cheerful glow when I discovered that I had set every table with the wrong dishes! I was fighting tears and homesickness when laughter danced into the room. I turned to see Mary Ellen James, the assistant dietitian shaking her head and grinning. Then she saw the gloom in my face.

"Look kid, in fifteen minutes a hundred and eight hungry girls are going to stream down those stairs for supper! We'll laugh about it later." Then she swiftly began to help replace the blue "Sunday dishes" with the white ones used for every day.

Mary Ellen Warren graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in 1945 and spent the next five summers as worker for the Home Mission Board.

Both Mary Ellen and David worked much of their way through college as cooks. He was pastry cook at the University dining room. College was interrupted by two years of army service for him. It was after he returned to school that he met Mary Ellen. Soon after he surrendered to preach they became engaged.

During part of his college days he was a pastor and after graduation he held a New Mexico pastorate for a year before going to Southwestern Seminary. In Feb-



ruary 1955 he accepted the pastorate of the Indian Baptist Mission in Walters, Oklahoma. They have served under the Home Mission Board since 1956 and are now with the Indian Baptist Mission in Lawton.

The Warrens are engrossed in their mission work. You cannot talk with them long without receiving a fresh burden for the lost Indians of our homeland. Each summer David serves again as cook at the Indian camp at Falls Creek, Oklahoma. Cooking is a hot, hard job. There is little opportunity for spiritual refreshment while leaning over a stove. His is a tremendous talent that he has put to loving service for the Master.

The Warrens have two lovely daughters, Bertha Mae, Ellen Rhea, and a baby son. Bertha Mae made a profession of faith three years ago. Recently as she told her mother good night she said, "I want to talk with you after breakfast in the morning." "What about?" Mary Ellen asked. "I want you to tell me more about the Bible so when I get big I can be a good missionary."

Mary Ellen bent to kiss her little daughter good night and happiness flowed through her heart.

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BAPTISTS IN

Africa	281,330
Asia	749,470
Australasia and Oceania	52,220
Central America and West Indies	104,920
Europe	1,143,550
North America	20,193,330
South America	182,150
Total	22,708,937