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Exodus by Leon Uris

Exodus is the story of the Jewish people's dream-come-true to establish a homeland in ancient Palestine, to live in freedom after centuries of persecution, to build cities, to plant, to cultivate, to harvest, to laugh, worship, love and fight in an effort to hold what they believe is rightfully theirs by inheritance, by purchase, by government edicts, and much world opinion.

It is a drama of struggle and bloodshed, of deepest tragedy and highest hopes, of ghettos, concentration camps, gas chambers and crematories, of iron-will men and brave women; of little children swept into the maelstrom of political intrigue and Nazi bestiality, by grim forces that consider any life expendable in the battle for freedom.

Exodus is epic in scope yet it abounds in dozens of highly personal episodes skillfully fitted into the whole gigantic tale like pieces in a mosaic. These are stories of people whose lives are bound up with the birth of the new state of Israel. Among them are Kitty Fremont, a Gentile nurse who lost her heart to the refugee children and Ari Ben Canaan, the underground fighter, strong leader of men and hero of the book, if we must choose one. There is Karen, lovely young refugee, a symbol of the new land's spirit; the youth Dov whose "ghetto memories festered into hate;" Barak Ben Canaan, father of Ari, the red headed giant whose bull whip and instinctive statesmanship were equally effective in handling enemies and diplomats.

Exodus is compounded of many elements, ancient and current. For centuries the Jew has been an enigma. Who can say for certain that Karen has not given the answer or deny the truth of her dramatic words? "God didn't pick us because we were weak or would run from danger. We've taken murder and sorrow and humiliation for 6000 years and we have kept faith. We've outlived everyone who has tried to destroy us. Can't you see, Kitty . . . this little land was chosen for us because it is the crossroads of the world, the edge of man's wilderness. This is where God wants his people to be . . . on the frontiers to stand and guard his laws which are the cornerstone of man's moral existence. Israel is the bridge between darkness and light."

And Christians believe that across this bridge walked Jesus Christ bringing light into the darkness.

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Did You Read It?

by Mrs. William McMurtry

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It was when Joshua claimed God's promise to Abraham in 1350 B.C. that the land of Israel came into being as a geographical and historical unit, according to today's Israelis. God had said to Abraham, "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God" Genesis 17:8. Students of the Bible know that God dealt personally with his chosen people as the centuries came and went, and judges, kings, prophets, priests ruled over them. Conqueror after conqueror carried them into exile when God's judgment was visited on them as he sought to turn them away from idolatrous worship back to himself.

Jews were scattered throughout the world. The Jewish population in Palestine dwindled greatly in the centuries after the crushing of their revolts against Rome, and Jewish centers of population grew up in countless other places. Through the years many Jews have never given up attachment to the land in that part of the world known today as the Middle East.

When the State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948, there was in that small territory approximately 650,000 Jews. Today there are 1,810,119 in a population totaling more than 2 million.

Written into Israel's proclamation of Independence is "The State of Israel . . . will maintain complete equality of social and political rights for all its citizens, without distinction of race, creed, or sex." However separation of church and state according to the American ideal is not a part of the picture. Within the government is a Ministry of Religious Affairs which has power in co-operation with "heads of all the religious communities."

In this old-new concept of a modern state which is Israel, our missionaries need our keen interest, our burdened faithful daily prayer, and more young people to join them in service in the land and among the people through whom God chose to send the Messiah to live among men. The opportunities for the Christian gospel are tremendous in this land of promise.

Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel, is recognized as the Holy City of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. More than 70 languages can be heard each day on the streets since the inhabitants are from scores of countries.

Miss Eunice Fenderson has served longer in Israel than any of our missionaries presently at work there. Miss Fenderson does evangelistic work. She is especially concerned with work among women and youth. Her generous and loving spirit is known

throughout the city. She guides a group of women each week in a Bible lesson and carries on a continuous visiting program in the immigrant sections of Jerusalem.

Also in this ancient and revered city there are our other missionaries Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith who do evangelistic work. Mr. Smith serves as pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith with their children Jacquelin and Kyle, have been in Jerusalem more than five years. The Baptist church in Jerusalem is of stone. It stands on a corner and the Baptist congregation worships in it three times each week. Every Saturday morning, men, women, boys and girls meet for Bible study in a sabbath school. Sunday is a regular work day in Israel. Occasionally special programs in the church garden attract large crowds from the passersby.

Nazareth is the hometown of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here in this beautiful Galilee section he grew to manhood. The people who live here today are almost entirely Arab.

Rev. and Mrs. Dwight L. Baker do evangelistic work in Nazareth. The Bakers and their children, Bron, Bill, Carol and Steve, have been in Nazareth ten years, almost since the beginning of the new state of Israel. They were appointed in 1950. Last spring Rev. Fuad Sakhuini became the first Arab pastor of the church in more than 23 years. Formerly Mr. Baker was pastor of the Baptist church in Nazareth. Now with the new pastor he has been able to give more time to preaching stations in Cana of Galilee, Touran, and Ailaboun.

Rev. Herman L. Petty is director of the Baptist primary and high schools in Nazareth, which enrol about 350 students. Mrs. Petty works in the Nazareth church before



and Mrs. Dwight L. Baker . . . NAZARETH . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herman Petty . . . Mrs. Paul D. Rowden

returning to Nazareth where they formerly had worked for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Petty and children, David, Ann, Joan, and Douglas lived in Haifa where they studied the Hebrew language.

In Haifa a small congregation of believers meets regularly in a rented hall. They hope to purchase property soon for a permanent meeting place. Rev. Frank Hooper works with this congregation.

Mrs. Margaret Cade Rowden has been in the States since 1957, due to the illness and death of her husband, the late Dr. Paul D. Rowden. Her most recent assignment in Israel was evangelistic work in Haifa. Previously she served in Nazareth. Mrs. Rowden is presently a regular writer for *Tell*, a missions magazine for girls published by Woman's Missionary Union.

Petah Tiqva was the first agricultural settlement founded by the Jews in the new Israel. The Baptist Center is located near this pioneer Jewish settlement. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Margolis are directors of this Baptist Center. Their children are David, Mark, Jimmy, and Leslie Sue. They have been in Israel eight years. The center includes the George W. Truett Children's Home, a school, and a 25-acre farm, much of which is under cultivation in vegetables and livestock feed. They raise chickens, cows, horses, and sheep.

Children from the George W. Truett

Home attend classes at a school on the grounds. Nineteen Arab orphans and several boarding students are enrolled.

Throughout the year Israel Baptists come to many camps and conferences at the Center. During 1959 a church was organized with 23 charter members. The weekly worship services draw Baptists from several surrounding communities.

Tel Aviv is a modern metropolis and Israel's largest city with 371,000 people. Rev. and Mrs. Frank A. Hooper, III, direct the Baptist Book Store which was opened in October, 1959, and do evangelistic work in Haifa and Tel Aviv. He also has directed the Baptist publication work. He and his family live in Petah Tiqva, where Mrs. Hooper is principal of the school at the Israel Baptist Center. They have been in Israel three years. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper and children, Frank, Beth and Jan, are a very busy family.

On a busy corner in Tel Aviv is located a modern Baptist Book Store where many books are available in Hebrew and English.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsey with children David, Margaret, Barbara, Daniel, Robert, and Deborah, returned last July to Israel from furloughing in the USA where Mr. Lindsey devoted much time to translation. Mr. Lindsey is director of the Duguth Publishing House (Tel Aviv) which publishes Christian literature in Hebrew.

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COVER Presenting our missionaries appointed for Israel on page 2 and 3 for identification. Members of Woman's Missionary Society around the world are distinguished by their eagerness to learn. May we suggest that you not only attend your missionary and program meetings this month, but that you read this November issue from cover to cover to get a picture of Southern Baptist work in this controversial state of Israel.

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WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant

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A Biblical Dream Finds Fulfillment

The Star of David, the symbol of a biblical nation that has held together in spirit a people whom world turmoil scattered across the face of the earth, is central in designs at the Israeli Embassy building, off Washington's Massachusetts Avenue.

The Star stands out strongly in the white field of the Israeli flag, and its overlapping triangles are evident in the artistic steel grills which cover the Embassy's front windows.

Israel is one of the oldest, yet one of the newest, of nations. Its people, the Jews, are the descendants of Abraham, bound together by respect for the Law of Moses.

Roman legions conquered Palestine just prior to the coming of Christ and drove the Jews from that land. For 2000 years Palestine passed from one empire to another as a conquered province. Jewish people became residents of many countries in many parts of the world. But through the passing of the centuries, leaders of the Jews dreamed of rebuilding the Jewish nation in Palestine, of re-establishing their capital in Jerusalem.

It was ironic that perhaps the greatest persecution heaped upon the Jews, that delivered by a ruthless Hitler, would result in a crystallization of opinion leading to the realization of this dream. The State of Israel, established by a mandate of the United Nations, came into being in Palestine in 1948.

Not all the land that used to be called Palestine is in the present state of Israel. Israel's 8,018 square miles (265 miles at its greatest length and 70 at its greatest breadth) compares with the area of New Jersey. A great part of the old Palestine

belongs to the neighboring Kingdom of Jordan (Jerusalem is divided between Jordan and Israel), and some of it belongs to Syria and Lebanon.

The Zionist movement, organized in 1897, developed the idea of a Jewish state and is largely responsible for the large influx of Jews from Europe, Asia, and North Africa (700,000 between 1918 and 1951). Today, after recent large-scale immigration from North Africa and Egypt, the population is 90 per cent Jewish; approximately 200,000 are Arab Moslems or Christians.

A fantastic rate of immigration these twelve years of its existence has boosted Israel's population past two million. By her new constitution, adopted in 1949, the republic of Israel is the national homeland open to every Jew who desires to live within her borders.

Yet one Israeli citizen in seven is of non-Jewish background. An estimated 80 per cent of them have almost no interest in religion, including Judaism. Young people often ask, "Are we Israelis still Jews?"

The immigrants have brought western culture, turning the land almost overnight from an area of crude tools and manual crafts to one with the most advanced industry in all western Asia. "Seldom if ever before," says one reference work, "has a people worked with such energy to build a modern industrial nation on the ruins of the past."

The nation's open doors have attracted Christians and Arabs as well as Jews. Among the Jews live 52,000 Christians, including 32,000 Catholics, 18,000 Eastern Orthodox, and 2,000 Protestants. The Baptist population is 110.

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Dear Friends:

Here in this beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro we are attending a meeting of the executives of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. We are staying in the Training School built and supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Just now we are in the apartment which is the home of Miss Dorine Hawkins, principal and Miss Sophia Nichols, executive secretary of the Brazil Woman's Missionary Union. You would be pleased to see how attractive they have made their Brazilian home.

Our meetings of the BWA are colorful, with members arrayed in national dress. The saris worn by Baptist women from India and Ceylon, the kimonos on the Japanese, and the African dress from Tanganyika, Belgian Congo, Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria fascinate us as do the representatives who wear them. During these days of high fellowship we are mindful that national leaders are largely the result of God's working through missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board and the mission boards of other Baptist bodies. We are seeing the fruits of mission labor in lives and leadership. This makes us yearn to share with you a renewed realization of the potential in lost people. Literally millions of others are still waiting for the message of salvation in Christ Jesus to reach them.

The refrain of an old hymn "How long must we wait?" is a question which each of us and each church must answer. The time for asking is at hand again. How much

will you give this year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? How much will your church give? Your giving begins with setting a goal—your own goal, and a goal for your church.

The Convention-wide goal is \$8,700,000. You and the people in your church must decide what part you will have in this great forward step in foreign missions. The goal is a 13 per cent increase over the receipts for the 1959 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. "Is this too great an increase for one year?" you may be tempted to ask. Don't underestimate your own ability to give. Last year the goal was a 12 per cent increase over the receipts of the preceding year. Some expressed fears over the bigness of the goal. Did we reach it? Indeed we did—and then some! The \$7,706,847.29 given represented a 13.9 per cent increase over the previous year.

With the growth in Southern Baptist membership and the increase in the number of churches and missions, this year there are more people who should respond to the appeal of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Those people who have been supporting missions through over-and-above gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have surely grown during the past year in understanding and love and concern for our troubled world and its lost multitudes. Such growth will find expression in higher goals and increased gifts.

An advertising expert in addressing a conference of advertising men said an eight

million dollar advertisement left people with nothing to read because the average person has never seen \$1000 at one time, much less 8 million dollars. Then he advised that the 8 million dollar ad be "broken down."

Our \$8,700,000 goal does not leave mission-minded people with nothing to read. We see it in churches, schools, seminaries, hospitals, missionary residences, and above all lost people brought into a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Even so, our goal needs to be broken down until its meaning becomes local and personal—local in that it affects your church, personal in that it affects you.

WMU leaders along with the pastor and others in places of church leadership should plan wisely for participation in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Has a goal for your church been set? Make it a worthy goal. Your church may do what a church did last year. Upon reviewing what they had done in former years they realized that then participation had not been worthy so they doubled their goal of the previous year.

Other churches which had "stretched themselves" the year before evaluated what the stretching had done for the church throughout the year and they saw that it was good. Rather than being satisfied with the status quo they adopted goals which would cause them to stretch again—a 12 per cent increase. This year these churches will adopt goals at least 13 per cent above their 1959 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. How do we know? Because they have caught the spirit of missions—they have recognized that the abundance of their blessings can be channeled through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to lift lives from the darkness of destruction to the light of salvation in Jesus Christ.

And, so, with your pastor's help enlist the support of the whole church in reaching your goal—your WMU organizations, the Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood and RA chapters. Each time one of the WMU organizations meets be

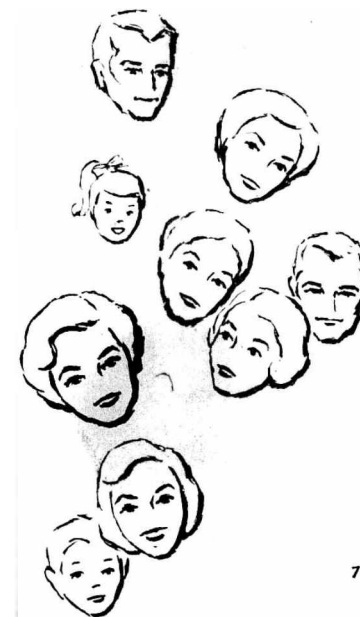
sure an offering is taken and other opportunities will come under the direction of the pastor.

What about yourself? Have you been thoughtful and prayerful about your gift this year? Are you satisfied with what you have planned to give in the light of a realization that at least two billion people do not claim Christ as Saviour, many never having heard his name?

All of us must give with great rejoicing the prayer support and the financial support God enables us to give.

Your devoted co-workers,

Mrs. R. L. Mathis
Alma Hunt



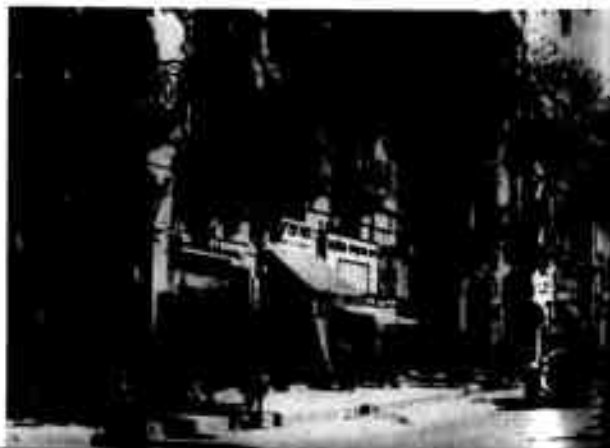
THIS IS THE YEAR for 13 per cent INCREASE
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Worship and Witness in Jerusalem Today

by Mrs. James W. Smith

On a busy corner near the main business center of Jerusalem stands the Baptist Chapel. It provides a place of worship and witness for Baptists in this city so dear to the hearts of believers around the world. It is here because Southern Baptists are interested in making the name of Christ known to all men everywhere. It is here because Southern Baptists give to the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The chapel building was constructed with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, given more than 27 years ago. It was completed and dedicated in 1933. Since that time it has remained a steadfast symbol of security and peace in the midst of a troubled place and a troubled era. Throughout the years the work of the Lord has gone forward in spite of social and political turmoil. As from the



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Baptist church at Jerusalem, Israel where Rev. James W. Smith is pastor. In addition to the Smiths, Miss Fenderson works in this church

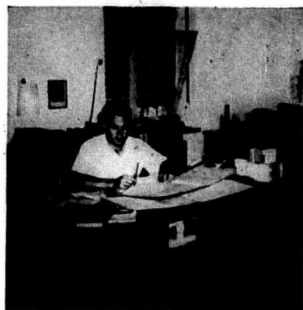
beginning the church continues to reach both Arabs and Jews and to train them in spiritual matters.

At the present time there are many activities carried on each week in this chapel in the capital city of Israel. On Wednesday a group of women meets in the afternoon for Bible study and prayer. Afterwards they sew quilts and clothing for distribution in the immigrant quarters of the city. Miss Eunice Fenderson leads this work. Each Wednesday evening the regular mid-week prayer service is held. The main worship service takes place on Friday evening when men and women have ceased work for the Sabbath. Pastor James W. Smith leads in these services as well as the Saturday morning Bible study hour. Men, women, and children gather in classes like a regular Sunday school organization. There is a small but faithful group attending these weekly meetings. During the past year four adults, an intermediate girl and a junior boy have made professions of faith and have been baptized. Others have come regularly and are earnestly seeking the truth.

A new feature has been added lately and is attracting some of the young people of the city. Classes have been organized to

teach English two evenings a week. Already twelve teen-agers are enrolled. Their teacher, a young university student, uses only a grammar book and the Bible as his textbooks. He encourages the pupils to attend the worship services. As a result two young men have become very interested and are also attending the Saturday morning Bible study hour.

Near the Baptist chapel stands the large stone mission house and business offices of the Baptist group in the country. Around these buildings is a lovely garden which provides further place for worship and witness. Several afternoons and evenings each week young people come for supervised recreation such as badminton, ping pong, volley ball, and various table games. During the long dry season of the year musical programs are given in the garden which attract not only the invited guests but also those who happen to pass by on the street. Recently the choir from the Baptist Center in Petah Tikva presented a lovely program of hymns and choral Scripture readings. For those who would hesitate to come into the church building these garden programs provide opportunity to learn who the Baptists are and what they believe.



Dr. Robert I. Lindsey in the Bond Mission office; Mrs. James W. South in the Jerusalem Baptist Church

The Jerusalem staff is grateful for the Lord's blessings upon the work here. During the Christmas season He gave us many opportunities for witnessing. On Christmas Eve over 900 friends came by to participate in our celebration. In the chapel they saw films on the life of Christ. In the garden they stood silently before a life-size Na-

tivity scene and heard Scripture readings in Hebrew, Arabic, English, and German. In the recreation room they marveled at the brilliant Christmas tree, listened to traditional Christmas music, and received gifts of candy and an attractive booklet about Baptist beliefs. People continued to come and to ask questions until past the midnight hour. Each evening the following week we opened the garden to the public and received a similar response. On New Year's Day our regular worship service was broadcast over the local radio station.

During that service we lifted our voices in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Lord's blessings of the past year. We earnestly offered our petitions for advance of God's work and peace in this city. We are conscious that Southern Baptists are continuing with us in that same prayer and that they will continue to support the Lord's work in this city of Jerusalem.

In Israel one encounters interesting people: a Hassidic Rabbi (upper left), a Druze chief (lower left), dedicated youth like Yosef Hoi Eliahu, a young orange harvester



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"God Said Yes to Me Too!"

by Mrs. Jack Johnston,

Marion, Indiana

My story might be called a sequel to an article in October 1957 *Royal Service*. It was "I Do Know That I Was God's Choice," by Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler. It was through this article that the Lord led me to say yes too.

For several years my husband and I had wanted a child. We could not understand why God had not blessed our home with little ones. But I knew if it was His will for us to have children, then he in his own good time would send them to us. I believed my prayer would be answered. Let me tell you of my experiences in which God guided me and how he gave us Darla Jean, our baby daughter who will be two years old next February 25.

My telephone rang one day in September of 1957. To my surprise it was a member of the nominating committee for the associational Woman's Missionary Union. She

asked me to consider being associational WMU president.

I wanted to say no right then, but she encouraged me to pray about it. For two days I did, but I am afraid my mind and heart were closed to the Lord's leadership. I returned the telephone call and declined the position.

But in the next few days the Lord dealt with me. He has ways of opening up closed hearts and minds. My October *Royal Service* came in the mail, and the first article I read was written by Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler. This story told of Mrs. Tyler's being asked to be southwide WMU recording secretary. She also said no at first, but then was shocked to realize that she had not given the Lord a chance to lead her in her decision. But God gave her another chance. A second call came and this time she eagerly responded. She became WMU recording secretary. Mrs. Tyler also told that for several years she and Dr. Tyler had prayed for children. No sooner had she learned how to do her job than she found she was expecting a baby. She told Mrs. Armstrong the good news and Mrs. Armstrong's answer was, "When you said yes to God, then He said yes to you."

I could not get the story out of my mind. I, too, told the Lord that if He would give me another chance, I would say yes. That chance came and I said yes.

How good God is to us! All through the next months, I felt confident that God would soon answer my prayer. So, you see, I was not surprised when in June of 1958, six months afterwards I found that I was expecting a baby. God said yes to me, too. Our little girl is a great joy to us.



PROGRAM

FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study: continue study of *Across the Bridge*

Circle Topic: *The Woman's Witness*

BY HELEN RUCHTI

Devotional Thoughts: Read Proverbs 31:10-31. A certain woman took a trip to see the wonders of the world. She visited the marvelous cities of Europe, the splendid ruins of Egypt, the ancient country of India. Beautiful islands of the south seas, and picturesque Japan were a delight to her. A trip through Latin America brought a colorful conclusion to her trip. Upon returning she told of the splendid palaces and magnificent buildings. She had seen the world. The wealthy woman gave one dollar to missions. She had seen the world's sights; she had not seen its need.

Another woman read of the world's need. She went on a trip to see the world's wonders but also was stricken with the plight of sinful mankind. She sought out mission stations and missionaries. As she prayed for the hordes of lost people, for national Christians, for missionaries, she had an expanded understanding of her responsibility. She saw new places of service for her church. With concern and dedication much more than ever before, she denied herself luxuries and saved to give to world missions. She not only saw the world's beauty and wonder, she saw the enormity of its need for Christ as Saviour.

"Rise up O (women) of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and
strength
To serve the King of kings."

Prayer: Using the prayer calendar, pray for the missionaries listed today, and pray that the members of your circle, society, church may dedicate money, talents, and abilities to God.

Introduction: Christian women witness for the Lord in many ways. With husband and children they build Christian homes. They plan with care for time of daily worship with the family. Within the home women

provide an atmosphere of Christian living. The Christian working woman practices Christian principles in business. Social contacts are elevated when a woman is aware of her influence for good.

The following qualities within a woman's life highlight her Christian testimony: her money, her influence, her soul-winning dedication.

A Woman's Money: What a woman does with the money she handles is important. Some women must budget the entire family income. Others have an allowance which is used to purchase food and clothing, pay the utilities. A woman is responsible only for the money which comes into her hands.

One woman had a Christmas job. She found in her office another woman who also was working during the Christmas season. At coffee break one day the women talked about what they would do with their earnings. One said, "I am going to give my family the biggest Christmas they've ever had. They're going to have all the luxuries we can't afford on my husband's salary. We're really going to live it up!"

"What are you going to do with your money?" she asked the second woman.

The second woman, feeling a little self-conscious, said truthfully, "I have a Christmas job so I can give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions."

Every woman likes to have some money stashed away where she can get to it in times of emergency. There is a world emergency on the mission field. Last year Dr. Baker James Cauthen told us that there were requests for 752 overseas missionaries, but the Foreign Mission Board had only 144 to appoint. More missionaries require more money. That means that our society and church must give more this year. We must give not only to the Cooperative Program Sunday by Sunday. We must plan ahead and give all we possibly can to the Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering. We will not give worthily unless we plan to do so with God's help.

For the housewife who must count pennies, an offering of this nature would be well received as was the widow's mite. In a day when so many material possessions are considered essential, it is difficult in the average household to have enough money in December to make a worthy offering. Let it be the goal of every woman in this group to have a personal savings for this purpose.

Some circles or societies have a Christmas savings card at the bank. Every month they make deposits of several dollars toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Some families have a week or two of light eating in order to give more to foreign missions.

Each year the girls at Southwestern Seminary amaze the people across the convention with their splendid gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One graduate of the school who now is a missionary in the Philippines, was a pastor's wife in north Alabama and was counselor of a YWA. She led her YWA to give \$300 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The girls baby-sat, raked lawns, ran errands, washed cars and gathered eggs to earn the money for their Christmas offering to missions.

Women seem to have the faculty of finding ways to gain what they want. So, dedicated women in the church can find ways to give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The lost world needs your gift. Christ depends upon us to be faithful stewards with our money. Our gifts to missions reflect our vision for saving lost mankind.

Recalling the parable of the two women, think of the testimony of the one who traveled around the world. Her dollar gift testified to the extent of the need she saw. How much do you see of world need? When you see with Christ-like compassion, you will give.

A Woman's Influence: Everybody wields influence. "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). The Bible also states: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God (Rom. 14:12). 'But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment' (Matt. 12:36). 'For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works (Matt. 16:27). Not one of us can escape accounting for words and deeds; for idleness and activities.

The stewardship of influence is one of the

greatest responsibilities of a Christian, for by our influence we either draw people to Christ or repel them from him. Then, women and young people all around us are forming their opinions of Christianity from observing us who are Christians. Is your influence an asset or a liability?

The wife of the chairman of the deacons was driving down the main street of the town smoking a cigarette. A young girl in the church looked up and saw this greatly respected woman. "Well, I guess everybody does it but I didn't know she did," she said.

Is it too much to give up a habit that is pleasurable if it constitutes a stumbling block even to one young person?

It has been said, and no doubt there is much truth in it, that conversation in a beauty parlor reflects what women really are like. In a beauty shop in a small town in the South there is an operator who is known for her Christian character. She is director of the choir in her church. Daily in her shop she seeks to show the spirit of Christ. Whenever any profanity, vulgarity or abusive language begins to flow, she guides the conversation into a different channel and reminds her customer that in her shop only clean speech will be tolerated.

Let's call her Mary, though that is not her real name. In order to help with the expenses of two children in college she accepted a position as administrative assistant to the editor of a well-known legal journal. During the interview for the job, Mary told the editor about her WMU work and other places of Christian responsibility she held in the state. In the conversation she expressed a desire to continue in some of this work if she could make up the time. The editor, a Jew, assured her that so long as the work was done to his satisfaction he was not interested in counting hours.

The relationship was warm and cordial. Mary kept a New Testament in full view on her desk with certain passages marked in the hope that this considerate employer would open the Book some day. He became interested in her Christian activities and would often spend time inquiring about this vital work so dear to her heart. His wife carefully kept a file of all newspaper notices telling about where Mary had been and what she was doing in Christian circles.

When Mary's husband accepted a position in another city, she left with a burden on her heart for the salvation of this man and his wife. Though she spoke no word urging commitment the influence of this talented,

even-tempered Christian woman will never die, for at all times she lived before her employer the Christ-life.

The editor was not yet ready to read the New Testament or to hear the way of salvation explained but he was ready to read another Bible—Mary. He watched her. And she did not fail.

So it is with all of us. Somebody is watching you and me.

Soul-winning: It is possible for every woman to witness to the lost for Christ. The price is consistent, prayerful living and active service in the church. The soul-winner will have to sacrifice some so-called pleasures which nominal Christians seem to enjoy. "Others may walk in the council of the ungodly," but not soul-winners. Others may be casual in church life; not soul-winners. Others may neglect reading the Bible; soul-winners cannot. Others may pray irregularly; the soul-winner must make praying a part of every day. Others may believe that one can be educated into the kingdom; soul-winners must believe in the reality of sin and a born again spiritual experience.

Before a woman can win anyone to the Lord, she not only has to know in her heart what she believes but how to tell others what she believes. It is the wise woman who carries in her purse a New Testament at all times.

In it are marked verses which set forth the deity of Christ and the plan of salvation.

These same verses may be memorized. There are times when opportunities to witness to a friend or stranger may find one without a Bible.

You are still not equipped in witness effectively. The Holy Spirit must be with you. Though the Spirit lives in each Christian, the degree of the Spirit's power in your life depends on your consecration. At this point of preparation, God will lead you to the right person.

Lord, lead me to someone to whom to witness today," prayed Sarah Brown early one summer morning. An hour later, a fruit vendor came around the corner of the block and sang out his produce. Running to the kitchen window, she called to him to wait. She stepped back to the bedroom, picked up a small New Testament and slipped it in her purse. She walked out to the street with an inner prayer for guidance. Quickly they were in conversation as she made her selections. The man seemed troubled and noticeably distressed. Her sympathetic inquiry brought out his story. Sarah asked him if he

were a Christian. His reply was negative but in the same breath he said he would like to be one. There by the side of the horse-drawn cart Sarah Brown led the fruit vendor to the Lord. The Holy Spirit had gone before, preparing both of them for this moment of meeting. She gladly gave to him her New Testament marked with verses to help him in his new way of life.

A woman needs to start where she is with the experiences of soul-winning.

Conclusion: Women witness in many ways. Today we have considered a few of these ways through money, influence, Christian testimony. Let us take out of the offering plate some of the gifts we are to share with others. (Each member will take an envelope, open it, and read aloud the statement she finds. Write the following on small cards.)

A woman witnesses through personal soul-winning.

A woman witnesses through her positive Christian influence.

A woman witnesses when she gives to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, and the state mission offering.

A woman witnesses through her Christian use of the ballot.

A woman witnesses through the kind of parties she attends or gives.

A woman witnesses by the friends she chooses.

A woman witnesses to her dedication to Christ by the manner in which she executes responsibilities in the church.

A woman makes positive or negative impressions by her conversation.

A woman witnesses for Christ when she attends church regularly with her family.

A woman witnesses for the Master when she prays daily for others.

A woman witnesses for Christ in what she reads and what she lets her children read.

Closing Thoughts: (with heads bowed)

"We will give, we will pray.

We will witness every day

That the millions of the whole wide world

May know our Saviour's love."

Stewardship Chairman: Have read the "Gummed Sticker" with Bible references presenting the plan of salvation (25¢ from WMU, Birmingham 3, Ala.) for each woman to paste in her Bible.

PRAYER MOTTO: DAY BY DAY FOR THE WORLD I PRAY

Call to PRAYER

by MRS. MARSE GRANT

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in HOME MISSIONS

1 TUESDAY Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art Gen. 13:14.

In all parts of the world, people with troubled fares, burdened hearts and souls are groping, seeking, searching for something to fill the emptiness in their lives. A missionary of seven years' service said, "The overwhelming masses of people have almost pressed us to the wall of despair. We are more than 1400 missionaries overwhelmed in millions." Pray that Southern Baptists, more than nine million strong, will respond to cries from hungry minds and sin-sick souls: that the impact for Christ made by our 1447 overseas missionaries will be strengthened by yet others who answer the Master's call for their lives.

PRAY for Oscar Hill, Alamogordo, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Antonio Ramos, Havana, Cuba; Russell K. Hunt, Mo., Manuel E. Solorzano, Panama, Panama; Mrs. Dotson L. Mills, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Oleta Snell, Antofagasta, Chile, ev.; Shirley Jackson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA; Helen Ruth Masters, Ire, Nigeria; Elizabeth Gray, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, RN; L. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired.

2 WEDNESDAY I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4.

The hope for China is not in the regimented force of working people under ugly, godless communism but in the scattered,

quiet Christians of unknown number. They have suffered dreadful persecution. Many have died. Let us thank God that the seeds of the gospel were planted for a century before communism's day. Now night has settled over this beloved land and our missionaries cannot go in, but Christ can. He is still there giving comfort and strength to believers. The tightly drawn bamboo curtain cannot keep Him out. Pray for the Christians in Red China, that even in darkness they may be faithful. Pray that we may also be found faithful in prayer for them.

PRAY for Pearl Todd, China-Japan, Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Adriano Robles, Balboa, Canal Zone; Mrs. R. Paul Bellington, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; W. L. Smith, Rosario, Argentina, BA.

3 THURSDAY His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones Jer. 20:9.

Manuel J. Corral, a Mexican immigrant worker has a wife and four children. He is one of many thousands who came to the States each year to harvest our crops. In a moment of extraordinary bravery he risked his life to save a three-year-old from death in a deep, West Texas well. At a luncheon given in his honor by Texas Baptists, these words were said, "He is a man of courage, stamina, and bold action, motivated by Christian impulses." Let us thank God for men like Senor Corral and pray that more of his people may be won to Christ. Pray that our churches will take advantage of

opportunities to witness to these thousands as they come into our communities.

PRAY for Mrs. Mario Grimaldo, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Ill., GWC; Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, HMB, retired; Mrs. George H. Kollmar,* Colombia, Mrs. Weldon E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, ed.; Mrs. Stanley Crabb, Jr., Perugia, Italy, med. ev.; Hannah Lee Barlow, Hakodate, Lucy Belle Stokes,* Japan, Burley E. Cader, Baia, George A. Canzoneri, Campinas, Brazil, ev.

4 FRIDAY Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein: the world, and all things that come forth of it. Isa. 34:1.

Brazil is a Bible-hungry country. The big Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro is trying to meet the great demand for Bibles. J. J. Cowser, former director of the print shops wrote: "At the church where I was pastor there came a young man asking for a Bible. He remained for services and the result was that he was baptized. He had been in training for the priesthood, but at the end of his third year he left the school and the Catholic Church. He could repeal Mass in Latin but he confessed he had no idea what it meant until he began reading the Bible which he had brought from us." This seeker became a believer and was bap-

tized. Pray for him and others in Brazil who are reading the Bible for the first time.

PRAY for Mrs. Travis S. Berry, Recife, Brazil, J. Ulman Moss, Valencia, Venezuela, ev.; Samuel R. J. Cannata, Jr., Gatooma, So Rhodesia, MD.

5 SATURDAY Wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. James 3:17.

Southern Baptist churches give for Negro work each year \$34 million and have nearly 400 full-time workers with Negroes all over the world, according to the first total study made of the convention's work, reported in a recent issue of Home Missions. Approximately 5,000 Southern Baptist Convention churches have engaged in one or more areas of co-operation with Negro churches. Pray that our work with Negro Baptists may be strengthened and that prejudices and tradition will not stand in the way of advancement for the kingdom.

PRAY for Joe M. Conley, Nashville, Tenn., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Milton S. Leach, Sr., Kingsville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Myrtle Salters, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Mrs. Samuel A. DeBord,* Tanganyika, RN; Rufus D. Hodges, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, Mrs. Abel P. Pierson, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Darrell K. Truitt, Bill Jack Williamson, Fremont, Calif., Mrs. Miguel Angel Celheiro, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. John H. McTyre, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Leroy Benfield, M'Lang, Philippines, Mrs. Roy H. Fanoni, Nigeria, ev.



6 SUNDAY O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. Isa. 33:2.

Countryside reminds
visitor of hills of N.
Israel; top of Mount of Olives; a
ruin of Roman court; a
street scene in the N.

ROYAL SERVICE

Because Hawaii is now a state, our Foreign Mission Board is gradually withdrawing missionary support. January 1, 1961, is the date agreed upon. The Hawaii Baptist Convention is assuming more and more responsibility until it is able to do the work alone. Mrs. John Lake, missionary to Hawaii, writes: "Much is yet to be done among the Japanese and Filipino people who so need to be won to Christ and then carefully guided and instructed until they become firmly rooted in the gospel. This is a state where there is much confused thinking because false cults and creeds abound." Pray for Hawaii Baptists during this period of transition, that they shall emerge a stronger witness for the Master.

PRAY for Mrs. John Lake, Honolulu, Hawaii, Reinaldo Machado, Cuba, Richard McKindo, Pueblo Nuevo, Panama, ev.; John H. McTyre, Santiago, Chile, BA; Frances Hammett,* Nigeria, RN.

7 MONDAY Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. 6:16.

"You know, there isn't much difference in Jesus and our prophet, Mohammed; they both came to do the same thing," said a young university student after a Baptist evangelistic service. This student is from East Pakistan, a Moslem country of 46 million people where less than one third of one per cent are Christian. Not only is there great spiritual poverty, but every possible type need: food, medical care, housing, farming techniques, technical skill. Pray for the three Southern Baptist couples working in East Pakistan, that they may not be discouraged.

PRAY for Mrs. W. Trueman Moore, Faridpur, E. Pakistan, Heriberto Rodriguez, Las Villas, Ernestina Mesa, Havana, Cuba, Georgia Mae Ogburn, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Ernest W. Glass, Singapore, Malaya, ev.; Howard E. Williams, Bell, Calif., ev. among Japanese; M. D. Garbarino, Grande Isle, La., ev. among French; N. A. Bryan, China-Korea, retired; Mrs. Howard D. Olive,* Philippines, ed. Leland J. Harper,* Paraguay, BA.

8 TUESDAY Get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Prov. 4:7.

Twenty years ago a small interdenominational church in Guatemala began to use Baptist literature from the Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Soon the members decided they wanted their church to be

affiliated with Baptists. Today it is a bright witness for Christ in the little town of Barahona. The power of the printed word is so great that it cannot be estimated. Many people will read a piece of Baptist literature when they will not attend a Baptist meeting. Often this is their first introduction to Christ. Pray for the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Guatemala and for those who work in the Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas.

PRAY for Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Stephen Gover, Wash., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Tom Law, Jr., Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Chester R. Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. J. Ralph Marshall, Jr., Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. Russell L. Locke, Owerri, Nigeria, Mrs. Dale G. Hooper, Kenya, Mrs. William H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Melvin K. Wasson, Oshogbo, Nigeria, med. ev.

9 WEDNESDAY This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:23.

After ten years in Thailand, Baptists were allowed to buy land for church buildings. Ground was broken last spring for the first Baptist church to be erected there. In June Dr. and Mrs. Winfred L. Medcalf launched a medical program which will eventually provide care for some of the estimated 300,000 lepers in Thailand. Pray that God will continue to bless the work of Southern Baptists in Thailand by opening up hearts and minds to the message of the Great Physician.

PRAY for Mrs. Winfred L. Medcalf,* Thailand, Maurice Smith,* Ghana, Howard C. Knight,* Argentina, ev.; A. T. Bequer, HMB, retired.

10 THURSDAY Is anything too hard for the Lord? Gen. 18:14.

Gang leader Charles Anaya had harassed mission center workers until he was won to Christ. Then he became a leader of souls and more than a dozen of his Mexican friends followed him in accepting Jesus. Southern Baptists work directly with 4 million Spanish-speaking people in the United States. Pray that more will hear of Christ and turn to him for salvation.

PRAY for Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Tex., Andres Viera, Roswell, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Anibal Espinosa, Havana, Andres Rodriguez, Mariano, Cuba, Laura Frances Snow, Santiago, Chile, ev.

11 FRIDAY And other sheep I have, which

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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.

Peoples of the world are throwing off shackles of colonial government and searching for a messiah to lead them from poverty and ignorance which has held them in bondage time out of mind. They are saying, "We are ignorant now, but we are determined that our children shall not be ignorant. We are hungry now, but we are determined that our children shall not be hungry. We are sick now, but we are determined that our children shall not be sick." In desperation they reach for a hand to guide them. *Pray* that we may respond to the urgency of more praying, more money, more dedication, more missionaries.

PRAY for Sam Aucouin, Eunice, La., ev. among French; Mrs. Lewis Grant, Espanola, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Gladys Hopewell, Tainan, Taiwan, Mrs. John R. Couch, Irbid, Jordan, Harold T. Cummins, Ramna, E. Pakistan, ev.; Alma H. Rohm, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; D. F. Stamps, China-Hawaii, retired.

12 SATURDAY Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

A grateful Japanese mother says that her little boy prays earnestly every day. "God, make me a better boy." Another mother admitted that "We start to have our meal but the child will not let us eat until we say thanks." A missionary writes, "We now have 30 children in our kindergartens—an entrance into 30 homes that until now have been closed to the gospel. Let us thank God for little children being trained in Baptist kindergartens around the world. *Pray* for the children, their parents, the workers.

PRAY for Mrs. Lok-Tin Cheung, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Chinese; Aurelio Hurtado, Taos, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Enrique Larraide, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Mrs. William A. Hickman, Jr., Asuncion, Paraguay, Marion A. Mobley, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Hal B. Boone, Mbeya, Tanganyika, MD.

13 SUNDAY For the Lord shall judge his people, and he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted? Deut. 32:36-37.

Missionary to Korea, Don C. Jones writes: "One thrilling thing to any preacher is the responsiveness of Korean people to the gospel. Seldom do the missionaries preach with-

out seeing professions of faith, often in large numbers." Korea is a land which has no strong national religion. The people are wide open to the gospel message. The vast majority of people would very likely turn to Christ within a reasonably short period of time if enough gospel messengers were available. *Pray* that more laborers will be called to reap the harvest of many souls in Korea.

PRAY for Don C. Jones, Korea; Earl R. Martin, Nairobi, Kenya, John A. Poe, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. James T. Williams, Robert E. L. Mewshaw, China, retired; Mr. J. O. Johnson, Morgan City, La., ev. among French; Bailey Sewell, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians; James M. Young, Jr., Gaza, MD; Mrs. William W. Graves, Argentina, pub.

14 MONDAY I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. Psalm 108:3.

Mrs. Melvina Roberts, a Choctaw Indian, was nine years old when she became a Christian. Even though she was allowed to go to the Baptist mission boarding school at Sardis, Oklahoma, her mother would not consent to her baptism. Not until ten years later was she finally baptized, but still without her mother's approval. After college, she was appointed director of the Baptist Indian Center at Farmington, New Mexico where, until her recent retirement, she ministered to the spiritual needs of the Navajos. *Pray* that others will be led to carry on the work of this one who has labored for the Master so long and faithfully among her own people.

PRAY for Mrs. Melvina Roberts, HMB, retired; Clovis Cole, Maringouin, La., ev. among French; Mrs. Emit O. Ray, Bahamas, Mrs. John W. Shepard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Marjorie Jones, Kumasi, Ghana, Jennie Alderman, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. James L. Garrett, Brazil, ev.; Shelby W. Vance, Ghana, MD.

15 TUESDAY Know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:19.

Missionary Dale Hooper in Kenya, East Africa writes about a recent visit to the new Southern Baptist hospital for tubercular patients at Mbeya, Tanganyika: "It's a modern wonder. Baptists have reason to be proud of it but we also have big responsibility in supporting such an institution. The doctors are having a very hard time operating the

hospital on the appropriations available. When funds are available, this hospital will be able to open up another ward, desperately needed to care for patients who otherwise are being sent home." *Pray* that this new medical center may be the means of reaching many souls for Christ.

PRAY for Lorne E. Brown, Mbeya, Tanganyika, MD; Josh Eugene Ibarra, Ft. Worth, Mrs. Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Harmon Popham, Whiteclacks, Utah, ev. among Indians.

16 WEDNESDAY I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:4.

Florencio Barreno was a Catholic priest and missionary in Colombia, South America when he began to doubt. Soon he left the Catholic Church and later became a Baptist. For three years he studied at the Baptist theological institute in Costa Rica and since 1957 has been working with a Baptist church in Honduras. Early this year, in a moving service, he was ordained as its pastor. *Pray* for Mr. Barreno and this predominantly Catholic country of more than one and a half million people.

PRAY FOR Mrs. Cecil H. Golden, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Helen Nixon, Rosario, Argentina, ev.; Ernelle Brooks, Abeokuta, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. Walter E. Craighead, Romania-Paraguay, Bertha Smith, China-Taiwan, retired.

17 THURSDAY All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23.

There is pressing need for a seminary to train national pastors in Arabic-speaking countries. Last year a lot was bought and it was hoped that money would become available to provide for a building. But, the Finlay Grahams write there was keen disappointment when they learned the funds were not sufficient. Plans were not abandoned, however, only re-arranged. This fall the seminary opened in a rented apartment house with facilities for around a dozen day students. Mr. Graham is in charge with Dr. David King who has just finished a year of language study. *Pray* that soon it will be possible to begin construction of the long-awaited seminary building.

PRAY for Mrs. Finlay M. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, Ted O. Badger, Cavite City, Philippines, Mrs. L. August Lovegren, Ajloun, Jordan, Mrs. S. Judson Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. John D. Ratliff, Trujillo, El Salvador, ev.; Robert L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo,

Uruguay, ed.; Betty and Jean Carlisle, MF; Mrs. Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., Brazil, pub.; Mrs. Peyton Stephens, China-Manchuria, Mary Headen, HMB, retired.

18 FRIDAY And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice. 1 Sam. 15:22.

Flight of the educated and ruling classes of China to Hong Kong and Taiwan to escape Communist persecution may eventually prove to be a blessing. Dr. Peng Fu, a noted Christian of Hong Kong says, "While these Chinese were living on the mainland of China before the Communist conquest, it was usually impossible for the missionaries to reach them with the gospel. Now they are more receptive to the Christian message and many have confessed Christ. If the doors open again on the mainland, they will spread Christianity to all parts of China as missionaries were never able to do." *Pray* for four retired China missionaries, that the door to China may open again, for Chinese refugees from their homeland.

PRAY for Mrs. Edward May Bostick, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Morgan, Charles H. Westbrook, China, Mrs. Greene W. Strother, China-Malaya, retired; Charles W. Horton, Ft. Worth, Tex., ev. among deaf; Erlene Howard, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Lucy B. Wright, Korea, RN; Samuel H. Cockburn, Buenos Aires, Argentina, James D. Crane, Torreon, Mexico, Carl F. Varnell, Jr., Penang, Malaya, ed.; Mrs. Hilario Valdez, Havana, Antonio Martinez, Matanzas, Cuba, E. Harvey Walworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, ev.

19 SATURDAY He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 10:39.

Durward Cason, Jr., son of the Georgia Baptists' secretary of Negro work, was drowned while making an attempt to save his younger brother who was spared. His death came ten days after he had publicly committed himself to preparation for service as a medical missionary. In his memory, a fund for the education of Negro ministerial students has been established and is nearing the halfway mark toward its immediate goal of \$10,000. *Pray* that the life that was lost for a brother will continue to live through other young men who soon may have opportunities for education because of this fund.

PRAY for S. E. Grinstead, Nashville,

Tenn., ev. among Negroes; Armour Ray Beauchamp, Grosse Tete, La., ev. among French; Norman Louis Crisp, La., Vada Mace Waldron, Mendoza, Argentina, ev.

20 SUNDAY Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Prov 31:30.

God used Senora Armenta in a very special way. Already a devoted member of her little church, she was the first of three to volunteer to attend an associational WMU clinic held in a nearby town. She may not have understood a word that was said, but she listened with her heart. A week later, she stepped forward in church with tears in her eyes, wringing the tiny little handkerchief that she held in her hand. She said that she had come to "say a word to the ladies." The pastor gave her opportunity to speak and she said, "I want to ask all the ladies who really want a WMU to come up here, and let's dedicate ourselves to this task," she said. There was an electrified silence, then two women stepped forward, then five others. The first WMU meeting was held a few days later. Pray for our work among the Spanish-speaking and for Senora Armenta.

PRAY for Mrs. Gilbert Ramos, Tracy, Calif., David Espurva, Laferia, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Lee Aufill, Felix E. Buldain, HMB, retired; Mrs. William L. Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.

21 MONDAY That in all things he might have the pre-eminence. Col. 1:18.

For nearly 13 years Baptist services in Cana of Galilee had been held in rented rooms, in a garden under a fig tree, or in a courtyard under a canopy of burlap sacking. Five years ago the Baptist church in Nazareth launched a building fund drive to provide permanent quarters to Cana Baptists. When half of the sum needed for the first unit was raised, Southern Baptists provided the remainder. "Another miracle in Cana" is how some expressed it when the first unit was dedicated in a service presided over by missionary Dwight L. Baker. Pray that soon construction can be started on the chapel itself.

PRAY for Dwight L. Baker, Nazareth, Israel, H. Barry Mitchell, Brazil, Mrs. Frederick M. Horton, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Stockwell B. Sears, Surabaya, Indonesia, Mrs. Gerald W. Doyle, Ecuador, Santana B. Leal, Jr., Tex., ev.; Mrs. Victor Kaneubbe, Philadelphia, Miss., ev. among Indians; Reg-

inald Webb Hanberry, Baldwin, La., ev. among French; David Mein, Brazil, ed.; Le-wanda Couch, Eku, Nigeria, Mrs. Franklin T. Fowler, Guadalajara, Mexico, RN; Mar-jorie L. Stephens, Oshogbo, Nigeria, BA

22 TUESDAY In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Phil 2:3.

There are an estimated 20 million language people in the United States. Loyd Corder, secretary of the department of language group ministries of the Home Mission Board says, "Language missions in the United States make it necessary for churches to demonstrate the genuineness of their mission motive and spirit. It is impossible to be sincere and serious about foreign missions while neglecting so great a need and opportunity as language people in the homeland." Pray that even as our eyes turn to overseas fields white with harvest, we will see the millions close around us who are also lost without Christ.

PRAY for Mrs. Thomas J. Wamego, Okla., James Minnis, Cuba, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Alan G. Johnson, Sacramento, Calif., Reynaldo Gurule, Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Ernest R. Hill, La Mesa, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Jesse Gertman, Addis, La., ev. among French; Mrs. David Torres, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Alcides Lozano, La Chorrera, Panama, Mrs. Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr., Rome, Italy, Mrs. Donald E. Smith, Nigeria, ev.; J. Franklin Baugh, Jr., Ramna, E. Pakistan, ed.

23 WEDNESDAY God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Psalm 46:1, 2.

Missionary to Chile Laverne Gregory did not realize he would so vividly recall an illustration used in language school in Costa Rica. It had to do with a woman who was joyous and happy during an earthquake tremor. "Lady," exclaimed a stranger, "why are you so happy?" She replied, "Having a God that can shake the world fills my heart with wonder, joy and gladness." Chile has literally been "shaken to pieces" in recent earthquakes and Christian people have rallied to help with money, clothing. Pray for the people of Chile as they try to recover from death and destruction. Pray that from

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THIS MONTH

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FORECASTER

IS THANKSGIVING ONLY A TRADITION?

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

During the Thanksgiving season these words from the 100th Psalm will be read many times. Too often they lie within the covers of the Book rather than lived in the hearts of Christians. In Isaiah God says, "I see that the people worship me with their mouths but their hearts are far from me."

Remember Thanksgiving is thanksgiving, not a tradition.

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director



Oyo, Nigeria, ed.; Humberto Dominguez, Las Vegas, Cuba, George S. Lozuk, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. J. Hartmon Sullivan, Ibadan, Nigeria, Lois C. Glass, Keelung, Taiwan,

ne wrote. And we prayed that little Matsumoto who has gone on to heaven might be the means of her parents' salvation. Pray for these dear folk, and for untold numbers like them in this land."

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In an article, "Leadership Demands Maturity," Dr. R. Lofton Hudson says that the stature of a person may be judged by four things:

- (1) what he can do
- (2) what he can do without
- (3) what he can do with others
- (4) what he can do for others.

The WMS Leadership Course now based on the new WMS Manual (65c from Baptist Book Stores or Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama) will help WMS leaders in this maturing process. Madam President, encour-

age every officer, circle chairman, committee chairman, and WMS member to take the WMS Leadership Course. (See WMU Yearbook for explanation of the class and individual methods of taking the course.)

Order the revised WMS Teacher's Helps (25c) for class study, or the WMS Assignment and Answer Booklet (25c) for individual study. A series of posters for use in teaching the leadership course is available also from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price \$1.10 per package.

All Officers and Chairmen

WMS Beatitudes

(A Paraphrase)

And when she joined the WMS; listening she heard: Happy are those participating in the full program, for they shall become aware of a sin-sick world and many answer God's call.

Happy are they that daily pray for they shall receive spiritual power.

Happy are the Christians witnessing; for souls shall be born into the kingdom of God.

Happy are those who share possessions; for they are the stewards of God.

Happy are the leaders of our youth for they shall know the joy of serving.

Happy the member visiting, for white unto harvest is the field of enlistment.

Happy are the leaders busy learning; for they shall train others for leadership.

Happy are they that report regularly; for thus they bring into focus their advancement.

You are the missionaries at the home base but if the missionaries participate not in the full program of WMS, the roots of missions will grow limp, waste away, and fall by the wayside.

You are the lifeline to the mission fields: keep a steady stream of reinforcements flowing freely to answer the call. "Help supply the needs."

Therefore when you are "called out" to lead: become a willing learner through reading, mission study and training.

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And when you pray—remember those on the calendar of prayer, calling each by name, his field of service, and his particular needs, forgetting not the individual needs of others and yourself: for "You have not, because you have not asked"

Take heed that you neglect not the doing of planned community missions: for she that wins souls is wise.

Happy the WMS in training: for theirs is a growing organization.

—Mrs. C. E. Steele, Sr., Tennessee

Enlistment Committee

GO

TO THE WOMEN



Major on women. Go where they are! Bring them into your WMS. There is no substitute for the personal touch. Plan a continuing visitation program. Go to the unenlisted of the church. Go to the unchurched of the community.

Here are some plans that may be effectively used with your enlistment visitation:

(1) Appoint members from each circle to meet at the church on a given day each week or month. After prayer and assignments the women may go in twos to invite women to come to the WMS and other meetings of the church. Those to be visited should include new members of the church, visitors who have been in church and Sunday school, women who have been absent from circle and gen-

eral meetings, and the unchurched women of the community.

(2) Choose one day each week to make personal contacts with new people in the community.

(3) Set up a visitation committee to keep in contact with all the women of the church. Visit systematically shut-ins, absentees, and those without a church home in the community.

After each regular visitation period have visitors report their experiences.

Go with His Presence. Jesus said, "Go..." then he promised, "Lo, I am with you."

It is essential that those going out to reach people and to help meet spiritual needs be accompanied by His Spirit.

REFRESHER COURSE

To keep the WMS Leadership Card current, a refresher course must be taken each year. The card is invalidated when the holder fails in any year to complete the requirements for refresher course on or before the month and day of issuance of the card, in which case the individual must take the leadership course again in order to hold a valid card.

The 1960-61 course requires that the following be read:

Current WMU Year Book

WMS Manual

Educating Youth in Missions, Mildred McMurry

Woman's Missionary Union, Almà Hunt

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Mission Study Committee



You may never go to Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, and the other Spanish American countries. You may never be introduced to the people living there or have the experience of visiting in their homes. But the book, *Across the Bridge*, 485c from Baptist Book Stores, by Dr. Frank Means, Secretary to Latin America, is your passport to these neighbors south of us. This book will enrich your life. You will enjoy reading it; it will cause you to be more interested and interesting.

Mission study committee, make efforts to get every WMS member to attend the class study and to read the book.

Teachers of *Across the Bridge* will profit by using the new visual aids produced by the Foreign Mission Board and distributed by

Prayer Committee

CHRISTMAS

BEGINS IN NOVEMBER



November 28 - December 2 is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and with this week Christmas begins. It begins with Baptists praying for world missions. It begins with Baptists bringing first Christmas gifts to Christ that "Joy to the world, the Lord is come" may be proclaimed.

Your pastor, the WMU president, the prayer, stewardship, and

YOUR PASSPORT to Spanish America

your nearest Baptist Book Store. See October Forecaster for filmstrips and motion picture to be used as teaching aids.

A set of color slides is also available for \$2.00 from Baptist Book Stores. These include some of the following scenes: International Seminaries in Spanish America, Theological Education in Brazil, Medical Missions in Spanish America; Rio de Janeiro; Paraguay - Uruguay; Chile; Aztec, Mayan and Inca Rums; Indians of Spanish America; Baptist Churches in Colombia; Baptist Spanish Publishing House.

A set of four color slides may be bought for \$1.00. These are: The Amazon River. Scenic Buenos Aires, Scenic Printed Word in Portuguese Maps. Southern Baptist Missions in Latin America.

publicity committees should have a planning meeting for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Discuss ways to interest the entire church in this tremendously important week.

The pastor may preach a missionary sermon on Sunday, November 27; he may wish to have churchwide participation on Wed-

nesday evening. Set goals for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering remembering that the total goal, \$8,750,000, is a 13 per cent increase over the amount given last year. Your church goal should also be a 13 per cent increase. Provide offering envelopes for every member of the church—these will be sent from your state WMU office; extra ones may be secured without cost.

Offering boxes for collecting the offering may be secured for 4c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Set the most convenient time and place for each day's observance. Make publicity plans.

Plans for daily observances of the Week of Prayer will be in December *Royal Service*; become thoroughly familiar with these

Undergird all plans with prayer. November 28 - December 2 is a week of prayer not a week of program meetings. Work closely with stewardship, music, social, and publicity committees in co-ordinating plans! Designate responsibilities, make assignments to committee members. Ask the social committee to have the room properly arranged. Ask the publicity committee to use every means of communication to inform the church and community of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

December Forecaster will give detailed information concerning daily procedures and supplementary materials which will be available. Remember Christmas begins November 28.

Community Missions Committee



MAKE AN

Effort

November's general missionary program is a study of Southern Baptist mission work in Israel. From this study women should have a better understanding of and appreciation for Jewish people. Those constrained by the love of Christ will show love and compassion to Jews in their communities.

Several years ago Dr. H. A. Overstreet wrote in *Saturday Review*: "It is the mild and gentle people of prejudice with their compulsive effortlessness, who must bear the burden of the moral guilt he who permits evil commits evil."

Community missions committee, make efforts to lead women to

witness to the Jews in your community through (1) Scripture distribution (2) invitation to church services (3) Personal soul-winning efforts.

An Old Testament Prophecy Edition of the New Testament may be secured from Million Testaments Campaigns, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. In this edition there are many Scripture passages set in bold type which are the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies regarding the Messiah.

The Home Mission Board's new free tract "Winning the Jew" gives the Board's program of Jewish evangelism. Order from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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60 per cent in **'60**

States reaching 1958-59 Jubilee
Advance goal of subscriptions to
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California	59 per cent
Indiana	64 per cent
Kansas	57 per cent
Louisiana	60 per cent
Michigan	55 per cent
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We eagerly await the report of
1959-60 number of states having
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Now we are working toward our
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Jubilee Chairman

SHARING YEAR POSSESSIONS

October 30-November 2 is des-
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Youth Committee

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and Young Woman's Auxiliaries
provide conditions for this five-
fold development of youth.

November is an important month
in these organizations, and the
suggested activities are:

- (1) Studying mission books
Caribbean Quest for YWAs
New Home—New Friends for Jun-
ior GAs
Buenos Dias for Intermediate GAs
Who? Me? for Primary Sunbeam
Bands
 - (2) Missionary Programs
YWAs—Nations to the South
Junior GAs—Nations to the
South
Intermediate GAs—Nations to
the South
Beginner Sunbeam Bands—
Thanking God for His Gift
Primary Sunbeam Bands—
Reading About Each Other
(Who? Me?)
 - (3) Week of Prayer for Foreign
Missions and the Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
 - (4) Community missions
 - (5) GA Forward Steps
 - (6) YWA Citation
- YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band
committees, if you need help with
activities turn to your Woman's
Missionary Society. Sustained fos-
tering of all WMU youth organi-
zations in the church is a basic
objective of Woman's Missionary
Society. Fostering is helping!

lied to help* with money, clothing. Pray for
the people of Chile as they try to recover
from death and destruction. Pray that com-

*Write Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond, Va.
Virginia, for ways your church can still help

the discouraging the power of God may be
revealed to those who do not know Him.

PRAY for Mrs. L. Laverne Gregory, San
Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. Donald Levy, Havana,
Cuba, ev.; John Arnold, San Pablo, Calif.,
Eugene L. Sloan, El Rito, N. Mex., ev.
among Spanish-speaking; Don M. Kim, Los
Angeles, Calif., ev. among Koreans; William
Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD; Ross C.
Coggins, Bandung, Indonesia, pub.; Mrs. Er-
hardt S. Swenson, Argentina, retired

24 THURSDAY Work: for I am with you,
saith the Lord Hag. 2:4

A small lad approached the missionary
after the service and asked, "May I help
build the new church?" Fearing the answer
would be in the negative, the little boy
hastily added, "I could hammer nails and
hand you nails and wood." His enthusiasm
expresses the keen desire of those in his
church in Cloutierville, Louisiana for a
building. They are willing to sacrifice, ready
to lend a hand, and they are praying that
God will answer their prayer for a building
that looks like a church and one that will
be adequate for their increasing member-
ship.

PRAY for Mrs. James G. Phelps, Cloutier-
ville, La., ev. among French; Francisco Diaz,
San Blas, Panama, ev.; L. H. Gunn, Jones,
Okla., ev. among deaf; Robert M. Wright,
Korea, MD; Mrs. Alex F. Garner, Santa Fe,
Argentina, ev.

25 FRIDAY Brethren, let every man,
wherein he is called, therein abide with God
1 Cor. 7:24.

Can a Christian be a stumbling block to
those who would accept Christ as Saviour?
"No, surely not," we hastily exclaim. Yet in
Japan a young man is ready to become a
Christian except for one problem: the con-
flict he observes between Christ's teachings
and the everyday practice of Christians.
And in Taiwan a 17-year-old girl accepted
Christ last year, but she is not permitted to
go to church because her mother saw a
good-for-nothing, backsliding, professing
Christian once and figures all Christians are
the same. Pray for these two young people.
Pray also that our lives will influence others
toward Christ and not away from him.

PRAY for Gertrude Hart, Jackson, Miss.,
ev. among Negroes; Albert H. Dyson, Jr.,
Oyo, Nigeria, ed.; Humberto Dominguez, Las
Villas, Cuba, George S. Lozuk, Maracaibo,
Venezuela, Mrs. J. Hartman Sullivan, Iba-
dan, Nigeria, Lois C. Glass, Keelung, Taiwan,
ev.

26 SATURDAY Every way of a man is
right in his own eyes; but the Lord ponder-
eth the hearts Prov. 21:2.

With people moving from the big cities to
the suburbs, the need for mission centers
becomes acute. Poverty, crime, delinquency,
sickness, immorality, boredom, sin, and spir-
itual needs have multiplied. Clovis Brantley,
superintendent of mission centers for the
Home Mission Board says that the inner city
is not so much a matter of geography as it is
a changed section where the greatest ac-
cumulation of human need is. "Too many of
us try to ignore and escape from the re-
sponsibility of new neighbors in the inner
city," except to pray for them. What about
those in our own neighborhoods? Often the
greatest spiritual need is only a stone's
throw away from our door. We often make
the mistake of being concerned only for the
down and out. Pray that God will help us to
examine our own hearts as we remember
that He looketh on the heart and not on the
outward appearance.

PRAY for Benjamin J. Yelvington, Santa
Fe, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. W. H.
Carson, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, soc.; Mrs. Or-
ville W. Taylor, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; Emiliano
Mirando, Emperador, Panama, Mrs. Maximo
Vazquez, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Miles L. Sea-
born, Jr., Mati, Philippines, ev.; Joseph L.
Hart, Argentina-Chile, William W. Enete,
Brazil, retired



27 SUNDAY Their idols are silver and
gold, the work of men's hands. They that
make them are like unto them; so is every
one that trusteth in them Psalm 115:4,8.

Little Matsumoto has been a faithful
pupil in the Baptist Sunday school in Mat-
sue, Japan before she accidentally fell into
a swimming pool and drowned. When the
missionary went to visit the child's mother,
he found incense burning with candles and
food on a low table before the dead child's
photograph. "Our hearts ached within us,"
he wrote, "And we prayed that little Mat-
sumoto who has gone on to heaven might be
the means of her parents' salvation. Pray for
these dear folk, and for untold numbers like
them in this land."

PRAY for F. Calvin Parker, Kanazawa, Japan, Mrs. Nelson Rodriguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Mrs. Charles W. Davis, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. Richard T. Plampin, Curitiba, Brazil, Sidney L. Goldfinch, Sr., Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.; S. Langston Goldfinch, MF; Donald Earl Brown, New Orleans, La., ev. among French; Minor Davidson,* Malaya, ed.; Bertha Marshall, Koyoto, Japan, Miriam Willis, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN; Mrs. Stephen Lawton Watson, Brazil, retired

28 MONDAY Lovest thou me? . . . Feed my sheep John 21:16.

Malaya is one of many countries where there is extreme need for spiritual food. Mrs. Paul Box writes: "We stood and watched Hindus by the thousands going through a ceremony of prayer and making vows to their god. We watched women being beaten. We watched a young father with 250 spokes in his body, the mother walking behind and the two children behind the mother, each with 50 spokes in their bodies. As I saw the expression of pain on their faces, tears rolled down my cheeks and my heart ached. As of today, I know more about why God led us to Malaya."

On this first day of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, let us pray that God will help us to see the hungry multitudes, people dying for lack of physical food, people dying without hope—millions and millions and millions—we cannot pray enough! And when we pray, let us back up our praying with abundant giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, with lives which reflect Christ's way.

PRAY for Martha Morrison, Singapore, Malaya, Charlie W. Fenner, Tokyo, Japan, ed.; Mrs. Eddie Sanchez, Immokalee, Fla., Rafael de Armas, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Allen Seward, Roanoke, Va., GWC; Lucille H. Ladd, New Orleans, La., rescue home; Allen Kenneth Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. D. A. Dalby, Hollydale, Calif., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Hubert O. Hurt, Havana, Daniel G. Rodriguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Mrs. Howard C. Knight,* Argentina, Mrs. Ray E. Shelton, Montevideo, Uruguay, ev.; Robert L. Lambright, Kediri, Indonesia, MD

28 TUESDAY Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ Gal. 6:2.

The African mother sits beside the straw mat of her sick child. She has heard that far away there is a doctor, a white man

with a long needle that can heal her child. Already the witch doctor has performed his rituals, but her child is dying. A tiny, shriveled arm is lifted slowly toward her. Out of big eyes the little body pleads for help. But there is no help and death claims the child's life. Two thirds of all the people in the world today are without the luxury of proper medical care. In India, where life expectancy is only 32 years, five of every ten children die before the age of twelve. Pray that more doctors and nurses will be led to give their lives in helping diseased people of the world.

PRAY for Mrs. William S. Wester, Limbe, Nyasaland, Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, Richard T. Plampin, Curitiba, Brazil, ev.; Nannie B. Owens, Agbor, Nigeria, Alberta L. Steward, Brazil, ed.; John O. Johnson, Morgan City, La., ev. among French; Pedro Carranza, Douglas, Ariz., Mrs. A. T. Cabrera, Belen, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

30 WEDNESDAY The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1.

Mrs. Charles Allen writes after visiting a little town in Guatemala: "One of the first things we noticed was that all the children under two and a half or three years wore caps which covered completely head and face. We wondered how they were able to breathe. When we asked about this, we were told that the parents were afraid that someone with an evil eye would look at the child and make him ill." As we pray today for the multitudes afraid, let us remember that the bonds of superstition and false religions are not easily removed. Only the love of Christ can break them. Pray that God's love will be made known to more people through more money and more messengers going into all of the world.

PRAY for Mrs. Charles A. Allen, Jr., Guatemala, Guatemala, Andres Garcia, Havana, Lucille Kerrigan, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Ernest Lee Holloway, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.; John David Hooper, Mill Valley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Hadley D. Shield, Novato, Calif., ev. among Indians; John C. Abell, Jr., Eku, Nigeria, MD

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MD doctor
ed. educational evangelism
ev. evangelism
* on furlough
GWC Good Will Center

HMR Home Missions
MF Margaret Thompson
med. medical mission
RN nurse
pub. publication
ev. social work

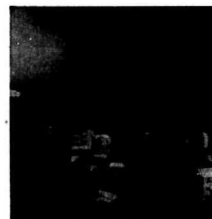
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ISRAEL MISSIONARIES REPORT



ISRAEL, smaller than the state of New Jersey, is densely populated with more than 2,000,000 people. Among the ancient villages which have grown considerably since Israel became a nation in 1948 is Nazareth with a population of more than 25,000. Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city is almost entirely Jewish. Petah Tiqva is 7 miles east of Tel Aviv, a thriving coastal city. In Jerusalem Baptist work was begun in 1923. Haifa also has Baptist work as do several small villages.

The stories which follow give interesting details about how missionaries find it necessary to do many things in a country where there are not nearly enough missionaries.

A NEW APPROACH IN ISRAEL

by Mrs. Frank Hooper

Tel Aviv, the Paris of the Middle East, had been in the thoughts and prayers of the Israel Mission for many years. What was the best approach for this city of a half million Jews gathered from exile in all countries from China to the Americas. In mission meeting after mission meeting problems were discussed: the high intellectual and cultural level of the people, their resistance to the very words missionary and Christian, the independent nature of their

thinking, their differing backgrounds and languages.

Slowly in the minds of the missionaries ideas began to take shape. First, an apartment was bought and a Bible study group established. This was an unusual group. They did not come to sit and listen and nod smiling approval at the leader. They argued and defended themselves and questioned our beliefs. Many had open minds and found answers to questions. Next we



*Missionaries at the
Dugith Book Store
and Art Gallery,
Tel Aviv*

began a small publishing house, with the trademark of a small fishing boat. Good books by Christian writers were translated into Hebrew and published.

Then a book store and an art gallery seemed wise as a means of answering our problem in making initial contact with people. Dr. Robert Lindsey, in charge of literature work was originator of this excellent idea.

But the first attempt at building the book store was met with strong opposition. New construction was destroyed. A small point of difference was found between our plans and the building code of Tel Aviv. Other barriers stood in the way. Neighbors were not anxious to have this representation of the Baptists in their neighborhood. The shopkeepers did not want another shop. Slowly, however, the dream became reality in October 1959 when Dugith Book Store and Art Gallery opened at 43 Frishman, a few steps from one of the busiest corners in Tel Aviv. Missionary Frank Hooper is the manager.

The fulfillment of the dream was only the beginning of the storm which arose over the opening of the shop. Every prominent newspaper in the country carried at least one article about the event. The ma-

jority were unfriendly. One newspaper headlined: "Dugith Fishes for Men's Souls in Downtown Tel Aviv." Any publicity is good publicity for us for curiosity of the people made them come to see the day after that article was published we sold more of our Dugith published books on Christian subjects than on any day before or since! But there were favorable articles, also. Some said, "Israel is a free country, isn't it? If Jews can build synagogues all over the United States, Baptists can build one book store in Tel Aviv, can't they?" One Jewish newspaper reporter made us more thoughtful. He said that Christian missions in Israel tended to expect the Jew to make one sudden step from Judaism to Christianity and this was impossible. But, he said, Baptists seem to realize that there must be intermediate steps. Art, he believed, could be one of those intermediate steps and he wished us well in our new approach.

The opening and closing of the big glass doors at the front of our shop has become routine now. Our books in English and Hebrew are of good quality and people come to buy. Art exhibits are changed every two months and have included some of the best Israeli artists, two of whom won prizes just before they exhibited with us. Hundreds come to view the paintings and to sit and talk about them. Many of these people who would not ordinarily visit in our homes or come to our meeting places speak to us here with an openness they have not shown before. This unusual missionary service we firmly believe is of the Lord, and he will use it indeed as an "intermediate step."

THE LORD'S OTHER MIRACLES

by Dwight L. Baker

As we examine the past and peer into the future of this tumultuous sea of unrest known as the Middle East, we feel there has never been, and will possibly never be again, a time like today to reclaim and de-

velop Galilee for Christ.

We Baptists are not entering virgin territory; we are simply coming home. The whole drama of our redemption began here nearly 2000 years ago. Nazareth, for

30 years His home, Cana the site of the first miracle, Capernaum the center of the Galilean ministry of Jesus the Saviour when he lived here, and hosts of other places He hallowed by his presence, are opening their doors. This is the decade for Operation Return for Southern Baptists.

Doors are opening. But there are so very few missionary recruits ready to step over the threshold into these opportunities that we have never seen before and may never see again. Have you recently examined God's call to your life? to the life of your children? Let me tell you about our work near Nazareth.

God has blessed Baptist work in Nazareth by raising up four young Arab teachers who serve as lay preachers in villages. Recently He called one of them to special service, and the Nazareth church soon became aware of the validity of that call. Faud Saklmini has been ordained as its pastor.

Teams of young people were leaving every morning from Nazareth for the villages of Cana, Touran and Ailaboun to conduct vacation Bible schools! It was the month of June. The year was 1957. I was working with the Cana team. Upon arrival in this famous village where Christ turned water into wine we immediately

saw that the one room which we had engaged for the school was just too small. Standing outside the gate were 200 children clamoring to get in. Don't think we are exaggerating when we say we could not turn them away! We literally couldn't, although we tried. So 50 were admitted and seated on floor mats in the small room.

What to do with the remaining 150? We still don't like to think about these eager children with no place to put them! Well, eventually the group was divided, half sitting under a fig tree in a small garden, the other half we put under a hastily constructed burlap canopy fastened to the shady side of the house. A fierce Mediterranean sun mocked our efforts and pointed up the absurdity of trying to teach anybody anything under these conditions.

As I looked at the crowded room, the dusty garden and the make-shift canopy, my mind did a flash back to my own boyhood vacation Bible school days: cool basement rooms with water fountains. But we had our school and gave 200 certificates on the closing day. No child dared be ab-

*National leader Mansour Nusair;
Nazareth Baptist Church;
Cana, a mission (holme) of
Nazareth church; new build-
ing at Cana, Mr. Nusair lives with
his family upstairs*



sent even for one day; his place would go to another!

On that day in Cana the die was cast. We would not carry on in this manner a work in the name of Christ Jesus any longer than it would take to get a building project on the hearts of Nazareth and Southern Baptists. Nazareth Baptists responded sacrificially and the remainder of the funds came through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

On the first of March this year, Baptists moved to new quarters in Cana with genuine praise and heart-felt gratitude to God for the three spacious rooms with living space for the national leader, Mansour Nusair and his family. The second stage of the plans calls for a small chapel to be added as soon as funds become available. We call it the Lord's other miracle in Cana.

The opportunities for developing similar

work near Nazareth are unlimited. Other villages are interested in having us open work, but we have had to concentrate our forces in order to man the stations already going and growing.

Shortly before Christmas 1959, one of our young national Baptist leaders, Edward Souti (see story following), moved with his family from Nazareth to Acre to open work; and now, a bare six months later, at this writing, the Sunday school is flourishing and the people of this ancient Phoenician city, Ptolemais, are responding to the claims of Christ upon their lives.

In the month of May, this year, construction began on two new Sunday school rooms in Touran; and during the same month, land was purchased in Ailaboun for later development.

Yet other miracles will be performed in this needy place as God's work advances, we believe.

A DREAM FULFILLED

by June Petty

Baptists have long dreamed of having established work in the ancient walled city of Acre, Israel. In this picturesque coastal town East and West meet, ancient and

modern are contrasted and different cultures live side by side.

The fulfillment of the dream of Baptist work was realized in Acre when a young Arab couple moved into the large apartment which the Baptist Convention of Israel rented. The quarters serve both as a home for the family and a meeting place for the congregation, the large Arab hall (*huan*) seating more than 100 people. But this did not happen in a day, for God had long been working in the lives of these two young people preparing them for this hour.

Basmeh Easa was born into a Greek Orthodox home in Nazareth. Because she was born into a Christian home and not that of a Moslem or Jew, she felt that her

Optimism characterizes industrious Israelis: Yosef Vaknin, immigrant from Morocco (l below) and Arham Eliahu (r) from Iraq in 1946 are a part of the labor force

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relation with God was secure. It was not until she enrolled in the Baptist School that she began to realize her need for a personal experience with God. Each morning she and her classmates sat in the little chapel of the Baptist church and sang hymns and gospel songs and heard God's Word. A new world began to open to her.

She had gone to her church on feast days and had enjoyed the festivities but never before had she sat in quietness and just let God's Word speak to her heart. She began to realize the need in her life and to see herself as God saw her—a sinner condemned. But she saw also the promise and realized that the "whosoever" in John 3:16 included her. Quietly she made her decision and when the opportunity was given she went forward letting the world know of her stand for Christ.

As the school years rolled by Basmeh grew as a believer. Through the GA and the YWA her faith was strengthened and her knowledge of God's Word increased. Then one day in a student revival service she felt God speaking in a special way and sought to rededicate her life to Him.

Realizing that her infant baptism was not scriptural, she asked permission from her father to be baptized. He had seen the change Christ had made in her life and was glad for her to pray and read God's Word but for his daughter to be baptized "again" was a different matter. To him a second baptism would be sacrilegious and would bring shame upon the family. When he refused to grant permission for her baptism, Basmeh seemed to hear a small voice saying, "Wait a little and I will open the way." So she waited but continued to faithfully serve, teaching a class of small children in the Sunday school.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Souti, with John and Leila, opened Baptist work in Acre a year ago

One Sunday evening as the bells of the Baptist church rang out the invitation to prayer, a young man sat in a coffee house gambling. Upon hearing the bell he and his friends decided it would be great sport to attend the Baptist service. They entered late prepared to make fun, but as he sat in the little church that night, Edward heard God speak to his heart through His messenger and he left the church a changed man never to return to the gambling houses. Edward attended every service regularly and became a member of the inquirers class and soon followed Christ in believer's baptism. God used this young man, Edward Souti, to open the way for Basmeh's baptism, for two years later he asked her father for her hand in marriage. God opened the father's heart, for he consented for he realized that his daughter would join the Baptist church along with her fiancé.

In a beautiful ceremony Basmeh and Edward were united in marriage in the Baptist chapel and a short time later Basmeh was baptized in the Sea of Galilee.

God has blessed their home with two
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FROM NAZARETH TO PETAH TIQVA

Our George W. Truett Children's Home opened on mission premises in Nazareth in January 1946 before Israel became a state. With the exception of a Roman Catholic orphanage in Bethlehem this was

the only home in Palestine or Syria ready to receive children under school age. Within a week four children were accepted! But the Foreign Mission Board was unable to carry out at the Nazareth site the farm



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project as originally proposed by the Mission.

In August 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Murphey with 19 children and staff moved from Nazareth to new premises, the Baptist Center near Petah Tiqva. Here the George W. Truett Home was to find its permanent location. The 25-acre farm is a gathering place for Baptists in Israel for

conferences, camps for RAs, GAs, YWAs, Brotherhood, WMS meetings of many kinds. Bible study is a part of continuous work by missionaries. There are classes for those ready for junior college study.

Since that day five years ago, when the trek was made by the children from Nazareth to Petah Tiqva, the Baptist Center has grown in influence throughout Israel.

The George W. Truett Children's Home at Petah Tiqva is growing both physically and spiritually in a program of work and worship



A DREAM FULFILLED

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lovely children, John and baby Leila. What a joy it is to see this Christian home shining as a light in this darkened city of Acre. Sunday school classes meet in their home as over 100 children gather in the various rooms each week. The worship service is constantly growing as Edward and Basmeh visit in the homes inviting their neighbors.

So God works today through these dedicated young people to draw the people of Acre to himself, and Baptists realize the fulfillment of another dream in the Land of Israel!

To Add Interest

Order from Foreign Mission Board slides for 25c each

D-899—Sea of Galilee

D-837—Cana

D-817—The Wailing Wall, Jerusalem

D-255—Front of Nazareth church Missionary Dwight Baker greeting pastor Rev. Fuad Sakhrini

Order from Anti-Defamation League, 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, the price list called "Understanding Your Jewish Neighbors" for a list of books, playlets, pamphlets on Jews in the USA as well as in Israel, Jewish religious articles such as the menorah and parchment prayer scroll.

"To Die Without His Word"

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer: Calendar of Prayer

Panel Discussion

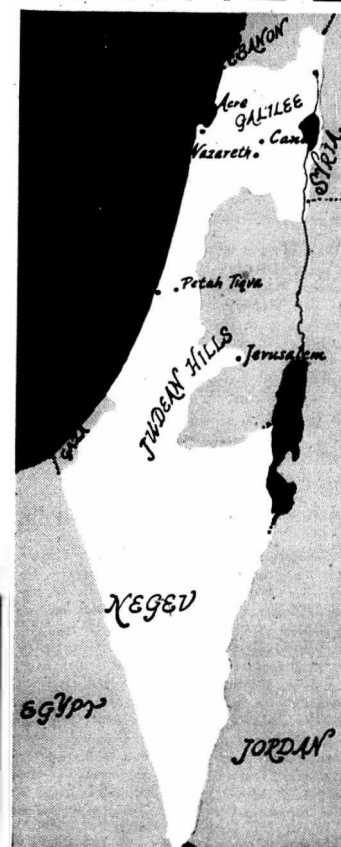
The Establishment of the State of Israel
Progress That Has Been Made
The Religious Situation Today

Leader's Conclusion

LEADER: Our program is about Israel, an old-new nation of the Near East. Describing Israel as both "old" and "new" is just our way of introducing one of the most confusing and controversial situations in our world today. It is our hope that you will be upset by this program, that you will be confused by the issues as we present them, and that you will be challenged to examine your personal responsibilities toward this old-new land and people.

In the old sense, Israel refers to the name given to Jacob. God blessed Jacob and said, "Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name

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... and the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land" (Gen. 35:10,12).

The name Israel was also used to refer to Jacob's descendants for God had promised "a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee." Later in the Old Testament the name Israel was given to the Northern Kingdom and Judah, from which we derive the word "Jew," to the Southern Kingdom.

In the new sense, Israel refers to the political state proclaimed on May 14, 1948. For thirty years before this, Palestine had been a mandate of both the League of Nations and the United Nations and had

PROGRAM PREPARATION:

1. The program is written as a panel discussion. Use two strong personalities who will present forcibly the arguments about Israel. Books and articles available from local libraries should be consulted. Remember that you have an intellectual as well as a spiritual responsibility in sharing this information. The leader should serve as moderator and have the concluding remarks. She will read all the material in this magazine and add information from it in her comments.

2. Order "Facts About Israel," a beautifully illustrated booklet (35c) from Israel Office of Information, 11 East 70th Street, New York City or 659 S. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, California or 795 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Request free materials from Embassy of Israel, 1621 22nd St., Washington 8, D. C. See "Did You Read It?" Cover 2.

3. Alternate program suggestion: show filmstrip, "Israel," produced by Life Filmstrips, LIFE MAGAZINE, Rockefeller Center, New York, N. Y., 62 frames, captions on frames, \$2.50. This depicts Jewish and Arab life in Israel and explains some of the problems.

After the filmstrip, tell of Baptist work using pamphlet "Israel Seeks a Faith" by Robert Lindsey (free) from Dept. of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Richmond 30, Virginia. Allow six weeks for delivery. Also map of Southern Baptist Missions in the Near East is available (free). Conclude program by use of Scriptures showing that followers of Christ are heirs of the promise (see Second Panelist, page 31) and use conclusion, page 36; stress that we must take God's message of redemption to those who "die without His Word."

been administered by Great Britain. The country had been a part of the Turkish empire for 400 years before World War I. Prior to this for 900 years it had belonged to the Mohammedans.

From these introductory remarks, you can gather that the land has played a prominent part in ancient, medieval, and modern history. It has changed hands many times. Why do we say, then, that a confusing and controversial situation exists now in the Near East? This is not an easy question to answer. There is strong feeling about Israel because it combines religious issues with the rights of minorities and a sense of Christian guilt.

I have asked _____ to present the pro-Israel side of the argument. The anti-Israel stand will be given by _____. Our discussion will center around three topics: the establishment of the state of Israel, the progress that has been made, and the religious situation in the country today. I sit between them for they will not be neutral in what they have to say!

FIRST PANELIST

My feelings about Israel can be illustrated by a visit to King David's grave on Mt. Zion in the Israeli section of the divided city of Jerusalem. The tremendous tomb with orthodox Jews praying in front of burning candles give the visitor a feeling of awe and veneration for these people who were living in palaces and worshipping in a magnificent Temple while our Anglo-Saxon forebears lived a Stone Age existence. Then the guide conducts the tourist to a showroom nearby. The feeling here is one of horror, for on display are articles that could be purchased at leading department stores in Berlin during the height of Hitler's power: gloves made from Jewish flesh, soap bars manufactured from Jewish fat and leather bags made from tanned Jewish hide.

Here was graphic evidence of persecution which Jews have endured for centuries. Five to six million were killed in the gas chambers and in other ways in

Nazi Germany and other countries, but the crime of intolerance could be placed against every nation of Europe. At one time in their history, they had all expelled and mistreated Jewish minorities.

The Jews began to feel that there was no hope for them in Christian lands and that only in a return to Zion could they have security for life and property. They linked their hope to God's promise to Abraham that the Holy Land would belong to his seed forever. This desire was organized into the Zionist movement by a Paris correspondent of a Vienna newspaper, Theodore Herzl. His leadership led to the First Zionist Congress in 1897. "I created the Jewish State," Herzl said after this meeting. "Certainly fifty years hence everyone will perceive it." It was exactly fifty years later that the United Nations created a Jewish state by the partition of Palestine.

In 1903-5, the British invited Jews to settle Uganda, East Africa, but the 7th Zionist Congress rejected this offer. Instead they exerted their influence to bring about the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917 which promised Palestine as the national home for Jews.

The League of Nations gave the British a mandate over a large portion of the Near East including Palestine. Zionists bought land, and Jewish immigration increased at such an alarming rate that the British White papers of the '30's recommended that entry be restricted. The Jews refused to accept this curb on their "returning residents." They continued to come, legally or illegally, until they increased the Jewish population from 85,000, before World War I, to nearly two million at the present time. Never in the history of the world has there been anything to equal it: a people separated from their native land for 2000 years only to become sovereign again.

If MS members may wish to learn the beautiful and moving national anthem of Israel or use it during your program for variety

Their national anthem affirms:

So long as still within our breasts
The Jewish heart beats true,
So long as still towards the East,
To Zion, looks the Jew,
So long our hopes are not yet lost—
Two thousand years we cherished them—
To live in freedom in the land
Of Zion and Jerusalem.

SECOND PANELIST

My feelings about Israel can be illustrated by a story, too. It concerns an Arab lawyer who drives a tourist car in Jordan. From Old Jerusalem, he can look across the internationalized No-Man's Land and see his former home. A Jewish family lives here now, using his furniture, his car, his library. He comments, "We'll give the Jews the Holy Land, every rocky, barren, dusty inch of it for what they have in the United

HATIKVAH The National Anthem

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כל עוד希冀
לארץ ישראל
לא נאבד
שנתיים אלפי שנים
אנו מאהבין אותה
לחיות חופשי
בארץ ישראל
ועיר ירושלים

States." This man graduated from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, a Presbyterian College with prominent alumni throughout Arab lands. He had always had a friendly feeling for our country, but now he says, "I wish I had never received anything from America, and I will teach my children to hate your country."

Your first reaction to this story may be, "How did we get mixed up in this? Why do they hate us?" The answer concerns financial aid and a Christian feeling of guilt over Jewish persecution, together with a certain interpretation of the Bible. Israel exists today because more than 25 billion American dollars have underwritten Zionist endeavor since 1920.

The feeling of guilt over Jewish persecution by so-called Christian nations and the fear of being labeled anti-Semitic has made many Americans agree that the Holy Land is The "National Home" of the Jews, promised to father Abraham as an eternal inheritance. Is this really what the Bible teaches? Let's look and see. Read Exodus 19:3-8. Here we find the covenant relationship clearly stated. The promise was conditional. "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then . . ." Again in Deuteronomy 7:12 the promise is conditional. (Read.) Israel broke the covenant (Read Isa. 24:5; Jer. 11:10). By rejecting Christ the Jewish nation forfeited its claim to the promise and Christians became people of the covenant. (Read Matt. 21:33-43). The New Testament declares that Christians are "a chosen generation" (Read 1 Pet. 2:9), "heirs according to the promise" (Read Gal. 3:29), and "the Israel of God" (Read Gal. 6:16).

As to Israel's claims through the Balfour Declaration, Great Britain stated that it favored Palestine as a Jewish national home "it being understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities." That this was contradictory and impossible of achievement is proven by subsequent history. Great Britain and Arabs alike were amazed by

the numbers of Jews who flooded the country. Restriction of immigration was attempted, but the Zionists stated their intention of making Palestine "as Jewish as Britain is British." The right of Arabs as a majority group to determine and form their own government as was done in other mandates was ignored by the League of Nations and the United Nations. By Act of Congress we discriminated against European Jewish refugees while at the same time insisting that they be admitted to a land that lacked the power to resist. Today we are reaping a harvest of hatred that results from sowing the seeds of misunderstanding and discrimination.

Leader: You can see by our discussion thus far that there is strong feeling about the existence of the state of Israel. But there is one statement about which both panelists will agree: Israel does exist. A look at the past helps us understand the present, but crying over spilled milk solves no problems. What do we do now?

First Panelist: I think we can agree as Christians that what needs to be done now is to win Israel to Christ. This is the only solution for a man in conflict with other men, but it is easier said than done. It is significant that the first Southern Baptist sent to survey the possibility of starting mission work, reported that conditions were unsafe and there was too much opposition. This was in 1921. Since that time, other missionaries have stated, "I'm glad God called me to be faithful and not successful" for the work has been difficult. There are only three organized churches in Israel with a total membership of 110.

In spite of the pessimistic opinion, nevertheless, four missionaries went to Jerusalem in 1923. One couple had to return the next year because of ill health. When the mission was closed at the beginning of World War II, seven missionaries were under appointment. Now there are fourteen.

The Baptist missionary effort must be interpreted against the historical and political background. These have been diffi-

cult years in Israel. In spite of hatred, criticism, warfare, blockades, immigrants speaking 70 languages, an aggressive and modern nation has risen, hills have been reforested, irrigation has made the desert bloom, industries have been created and new cities built.

In fact, Israel's largest city is Tel Aviv, only 50 years old but boasting 371,000 inhabitants. On a busy corner in the heart of town is the modern Baptist Book Store (see page 23 for other information). Books and tracts are printed at this information center. There is a reading room with a seminar for foreign students. These are attracted by a study of the Bible with emphasis on the identification of biblical sights. Israelis have located valuable deposits of minerals and sites of old cities through biblical research.

In Jerusalem an international Bible contest in 1958 was conducted as a part of the Israel tenth anniversary celebrations. Fifteen contestants from 13 countries were brought to Jerusalem to perform in front of thousands (and over radio) in an outside amphitheater on the campus of Hebrew University. It is significant that four of the contestants were Baptists and one a converted Jew from Mexico. All questions were from the Old Testament.

Hebrew University is a new, modernistic institution enrolling 5,000 students and employing 600 professors. A dream of the Israel Baptist Mission has been to erect a student center on this campus. It would furnish rooms for Arab students for whom no adequate housing or social life is provided by the university. It could also develop into a theological seminary in the future. Two Israeli students attended the Baptist Seminary in Switzerland this past year, one the pastor of the Nazareth Baptist Church.

The Israeli section of Jerusalem has a population of 155,000. The lovely stone Baptist church on a quiet, shady corner holds worship services three times a week. Programs in the garden attract large crowds and an active program for women is con-

ducted with Bible study, sewing and an active visitation program.

Leader: These are encouraging words about our witness to the Jews in Israel. (Add information from "Israel, Land of Promise," page 1.) Perhaps our other panelist has observations about progress that has been made.

Second Panelist: As Christians we can rejoice that progress has been made in our work among the Jews, but I think it only fair to point out that the Arab minority in Israel has been much more responsive than the Hebrew element of the population. Our missionary, Bob Lindsey, points out, "An estimated 80 per cent of them have almost no interest in religion, including Judaism. Young people by the hundreds often ask, 'Are we Israelis still Jews?'"

The first Baptist to witness in Palestine was an Arab lace salesman, Shukri Mosa. Converted in the United States by Dr. George W. Truett, this Syrian returned to

IN ISRAEL

Work done today in Israel guided by Southern Baptist missionaries include these figures:

14 missionaries, 1 ordained national pastor, 4 nationals in church-related vocations

3 organized churches, 6 chapels and mission points with 110 members reporting last year 15 baptisms, 525 Sunday school enrolment, 285 in Woman's Missionary Union, including 50 in youth organizations

In Petah Tiqva, George W. Truett Children's Home, 2 missionaries, 8 nationals, 19 children

1 publication center in Tel Aviv, 2 missionaries, 3 nationals

4 schools with 334 enrolled, 2 missionary teachers, 23 nationals

No medical work



New housing is visible in varying stages in Israel. Note the moving (upper r.) of families from temporary shacks in the valley to new apartments on the hill

No mention has yet been made of Haifa, a port city not far from Nazareth at the foot of Mt. Carmel. This is the gateway for the main export-import trade of the country. It is also the main entrance for tourists and immigrants. A small congregation worships here in a rented hall.

Leader: From what both of you have said about the origin of Israel and our Baptist work there, I think we can appreciate the difficult and confusing situation in the Holy Land today. The average person thinks of Israel as a Jewish state. Is church and state separate in this land? Just what is the religious situation?

First Panelist: Israel has achieved only partially the goal of religious separation from the state. Four Orthodox religious political parties exist to bar this. One, for example, is militantly orthodox and aggressive in its opposition to secularism. Besides fighting against such things as the sale of pork and the raising of pigs, it opposes a written constitution on the grounds that the Torah is the law of the Jewish people. At the same time, it proposes religious education supported by public funds and a law prohibiting all nonreligious activity on the Sabbath, including the operation of transport facilities. This determination to enforce strict public observance of the Sabbath has led to unseemly Sabbath demonstrations and violence.

In addition to these obstacles, orthodox religious leaders have been hostile to the Jewish Reform movement, regarding it as nothing but a transitory stage between diluted Judaism and Christianity. This took every step to prohibit a postgraduate school of archaeology in Jerusalem. An Israeli editorial pointed out that religion

has become a political plaything, appearing not as a moral movement aflame with ideals and plans of action for social justice and reform, but as a subject of political party interests.

A spokesman for the government, replying to an inquiry from a Reform Synagogue in New Orleans, pointed out that it seemed incomprehensible that the very group of persons having suffered throughout the ages from intolerance should exhibit such extreme intolerance themselves. However, he noted that the Jews have made great strides in a comparatively short time in building a free society among people of diverse backgrounds. He did not wish anyone to feel that such intolerance was widespread or tacitly accepted by everyone in Israel. Mr. Ben-Gurion, Israel's premier, summed up the religious-political situation by observing that the trouble lay in religion's mixing with politics, a situation opposed to all reason. Religious immunities were being asked for some po-

litical parties.

Leader: Would you like to comment on the religious situation in Israel?

Second Panelist: There is one important fact that must not be overlooked in the religious picture. "Nationality" in the Middle East is identical with religion. The separation of Church and State in Western democracies, the belief that religion is the personal concern of the individual, and the idea that the religious group is nothing more than a non-political association are alien concepts to Middle Easterners, whether they be Jew, Moslem or Christian. These people do not, and within the region's social system cannot, distinguish between religion and nationality. An Israeli newspaper editorialized recently that a Jew who adopts another faith in Israel cuts himself off from participation in the life and joint purposes of the Jewish nation, losing his nationality together with his religion.

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Earlier Middle Eastern history helps to explain this situation. As a Moslem state, the Ottoman empire adapted the prevailing Islamic administrative practices to its own purposes. Moslem law regulated political and social as well as religious matters. This law was applicable to Moslems alone; therefore, Christians and Jews under Ottoman rule were allowed to arrange their own community affairs. The religious courts of the various communities had jurisdiction in matters such as marriage, divorce, alimony, guardianship, and the like. The British during the Mandate in Palestine continued this religious-judicial system, as did the new Jewish State. Thus modern Israel still conforms to the Middle East example or standard. Under the present system intermarriage between Jew, Moslem, and Christian is impossible for there is no civil marriage and all such matters are under the jurisdiction of the religious courts of the various religious communities.

Recently a young boy died in Israel. Burial was refused by the rabbi on the grounds that technically he was not Jewish as the father had married a Gentile girl in Poland before immigrating to Israel. A Roman Catholic priest refused burial because the boy had not been baptized. After days of wrangling, the body was buried in a Jewish cemetery, but with a fence separating his grave from the others. The fence shortly disappeared, demonstrating the strong feelings of many Israelis.

Israel's Constitution states that there is freedom of religion and conscience, but this is interpreted as freedom within each creed. Thus in Israel, the Protestant con-

cept of freedom to preach and teach and the right of any individual to convert freely from one faith to another is frowned upon.

Missionary work among the Arabs of Israel has been relatively free from interference, but this is not true in the Jewish field. Organizations have been formed to combat Christian activities among the Jews, and through various pressures of personal, social and economic nature, life is extremely difficult for a Jewish convert to Christianity in Israel. Consequently there are Israeli Jews who secretly are believers or in sympathy with the Christian faith, but are fearful of open proclamation.

Officially the government's treatment of Protestant missionaries and congregations has been quite proper.

LEADER'S CONCLUSION

We began our program by saying that this was a confusing and controversial subject. I am sure that you agree. It is our hope that you have concluded that Israel needs "to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Nearly two million people in Israel do not know this love of Christ so they die without his word.

Love should constrain us to have more sympathetic understanding and appreciation of the Jew in Israel as well as in our land

give more generously for the support of our work in Israel

try to win Jews to Christ through Scripture distribution, invitation to church service, and personal soul-winning efforts.



Hebrew University administration, chemistry and physics laboratory buildings on new campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem, has played a cardinal role in training the country's intellectual and academic leaders. There are approximately 5,000 students enrolled annually

ROYAL SERVICE

NEIGHBORHOOD

Sewing

by Mrs. Ethel A. Murphey

Mrs. Ethel A. Murphey has a missionary son in Israel, the Rev. Milton Murphey. He and his wife direct the 25-acre Baptist Center at Petah Tiqva. This center includes the George W. Truett Children's Home. Mrs. Murphey and her friends in her church recently sent 19 quilts which they had made to Mr. Murphey. Mrs. Murphey recalls "When we began to meet several years ago three of us had young people in college training for Christian service and all were interested in missionary work. Now two of these young people are on the mission field, two are married to pastors, and one is a pastor. There were about twelve of us to begin with, but now our number is down to five, through death and some moving to other communities.

"We used to get together to cut and sew our blocks but now a couple of us cut and sew, and then we get together to tie the quilts.

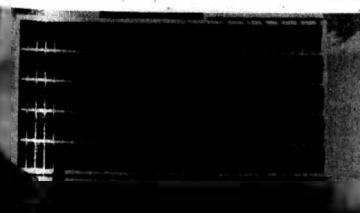
"Since I spent ten and a half months with Milton and Martha in Israel I knew about what they needed. Also the temperament of the Arab children.

"When Martha wrote that their psychologist thought the rooms of the Arab children in the George W. Truett Home should be more colorful—the Arabs are easily depressed—I told my friends about it and we started making quilts for them. Martha wrote that they helped materially in the winter as they were short of blankets and said they would be glad for more.



"Folks who sew give us scraps and we bought some from an apron factory in Indiana. We use old blankets, spreads, drapes, etc., for inner living and buy percale for the backs which are colorful so that either side can be used. We can tie two quilts an evening. We will be making more next fall and I hope to take them next spring if I am able to go back, otherwise we will send them."

Now—you seamstresses can help Mrs. Murphey and her missionary-sewing friends make more quilts. Send your sewing scraps to Mrs. Earle Murphey, 364 East 323rd Street, Willowick, Ohio. Mail them quickly so they can get the quilts made and mailed for colder weather.



HANUKKAH or the Feast of Lights is faithfully observed by Jews in our country. In the New Testament this holiday is called The Feast of Dedication. Jesus observed it when he went from Samaria to Jerusalem to participate in the activities. The reference is in John 10:22: "And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter."

This holiday has its background in the interbiblical period. Judas, the Maccabee, became the champion of the cause of Israel against the Syrians. He led his nationalistic followers against the Syrian hosts and drove them from the sacred places in Jerusalem. After the Syrians had been driven out of the Temple, Judas rededicated it to the service of Jehovah.

The Syrians had desecrated the altar by offering swine upon it. When Judas entered the Temple, as the story goes, he found a lamp with sufficient oil in it to last one day, but God preserved the oil so that it lasted seven days. Jews use the Menorah, or branched candlestick, to represent this miraculous light as a symbol of this holiday. Some menorahs hold seven candles, while others hold eight. One additional candle, which is called the "servant" is used to light the others.

This holiday occurs near to the Christian Christmas season. Menorah lights will often be burning in Jewish homes at the same season that Christmas lights are burning in the homes of their neighbors.

Children love this holiday, not only because it has become a time for the giving of small gifts—very often distributed on each of the seven nights—but also because Hanukkah is the traditional time for playing the dreidel game. The dreidel is a small four-sided wooden or metal top that is spun by hand. The sides are inscribed with the four Hebrew letters which begin the words: *Nes gadol hayn sham* (a great miracle happened there).

It is also traditional to serve latkes, a kind of potato pancake, at Hanukkah parties. But the big event of Hanukkah is the candlelighting ceremony commemorating



the light that burned for seven days during the rededication of the Temple. Every night of the festival, the father of the family places candles in a special candelabrum called the Menorah. In the presence of the whole family he lights one candle the first night, two the second, and so on until seven candles are lit on the last night—always using a helper candle called the Shamos. The b'racha or blessing recited during the candle-lighting ceremony reads as follows:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Hanukkah.

With the centuries, the Hanukkah candles have taken on a deep meaning for the Jews. They symbolize the light of religious freedom that Judas Maccabee and his followers kept alive. And in the glow of the candles, many Jews rededicate themselves to the ideals of their faith—as once the Maccabees rededicated the Temple to the service of the One God.

This period of the year when Jewish friends are celebrating The Feast of Lights gives the Christian an opportunity to tell them that Jesus is the "light of the world."

The story "Candles for Hanukkah" provides a simple setting of understanding for Christian families in their relationship with Jewish neighbors. Hanukkah is celebrated this year on December 14-21.

HANUKKAH

by Lillie D. Chaffin

Mary was glad that she could spend the night with Rebecca, for Rebecca was her best friend at school. Mrs. Grayzel, Rebecca's mother, was not in the living room when they came in.

"Mother," Rebecca called as she hung up their coats. The girls went into the kitchen where Mrs. Grayzel was preparing for the Holiday. "Mother, Mary Smith came to spend the night with me."

"I'm glad. We are always happy to have guests during Hanukkah," Mrs. Grayzel told her with a smile.

"Hanukkah . . . what's that? Rebecca mentioned it before, but I didn't know what she was talking about," Mary said.

"Have you polished the Menorah?" Rebecca asked.

"No, I left that for you because you polish it so well. You tell Mary the story of Hanukkah. Here is the polish, and I will find another polishing cloth," Mrs. Grayzel went on.

Rebecca went to a wall cabinet and brought out a copper candleholder. It was tall and slender with seven branches.

"I've never seen a candleholder so big. Why does it hold so many candles?" Mary asked, fingering the candelabrum.

The Menorah sometimes has eight branches, one for each of the seven days of the Feast of Lights and one for lighting the

others. The extra light, the center one, is called the Shamos. It has special meaning. It is . . .

"Symbolic," Mrs. Grayzel came in with a polishing cloth. "The Shamos represents, or stands for, man. It gives its light to others without losing any of its own brightness. It means that if we give our love to others we do not become less. The extra light will brighten the world and make our own light seem brighter."

"But why do you have candles? What do they mean?" Mary asked, making herself comfortable beside the table.

"Many, many years ago, in 165 B.C., the Syrians and Greeks came down and took God's Temple from our people in Jerusalem. They dedicated the Temple to the Greek god, Zeus, and tried to make us pray to Zeus," answered Rebecca as she rubbed polish on the base of the Menorah.

"Our people, our people . . . what is the word I want, Mother?" Rebecca asked.

"Rebelle!" Mrs. Grayzel said and began peeling potatoes.

"Yes, rebelled. Our people rebelled. Judas Maccabee was the leader. It was like guerilla warfare of today. For about three years they fought, and, at last, the enemy was driven out. There was much work to be done. The Temple had to be cleaned and made pure again. The holy light had

to be lit, even though there was only enough oil for one night. Guards were placed to prevent the enemy from coming back and putting out the light. No one came, and the light miraculously burned on. For seven days it burned without refilling. Workers were searching for oil. At last they found it and refilled the lamp."

"And that's why you have lights, because of the miracle?" Mary asked as she polished a vine on the Menorah.

"Yes, we light the candles every year to celebrate. It's kind of like our Fourth of July. It's a freedom celebration, only it's also like Thanksgiving and your Christmas."

"You're lucky . . . seven holidays!" Mary told her. "But I wouldn't want to be without Christmas gifts."

"Our celebration doesn't last all day. Just at night, after sundown. And we do have gifts. The Prophet Elijah comes and hides things."

"Now don't tell me that he comes for seven days!" Mary laughed.

"Yes, we find gifts for seven days, usually one each night."

"Say, that's pretty nice. That's better than getting them all at once. What are you making, Mrs. Grayzel?" Mary asked.

"Potato latkes. It's our special holiday dish." Mrs. Grayzel turned the little pancakes and laid them on a platter.

"Mm. They smell good. We make potato pancakes sometimes, but they never smell like that."

"Oh, dear!" Mrs. Grayzel almost dropped the dish. "I forgot the candles! I was so busy cleaning. What shall we do? We must have candles to light."

"Maybe the stores aren't closed yet," Rebecca suggested.

Mrs. Grayzel went in the telephone and tried to make several calls, but no one answered.

"Couldn't we go to a store for you?" Mary inquired.

"No, I'm afraid not, dear. All the nearby stores are closed, and Father has the car. He'll be on his way home now, so I can't

call him. Let's all think."

Mary began, "I'll call my mother. There's a dime store near our house. Maybe she could bring them . . ."

"She will be busy with her Christmas preparation. We mustn't disturb her," Mrs. Grayzel protested.

"Nothing we do has to be done on any particular day until Christmas. She'll be glad to do it," Mary dialed her mother.

Mrs. Grayzel pulled back a curtain and peered out. "It's getting dark. Any minute now the first stars will be out."

A knock at the door sent them all hurrying to it. Mrs. Grayzel took the package gratefully and asked Mrs. Smith to come and see the lighting of the first candle.

"Father must be late," Rebecca declared, pulling aside the curtain. "The first star is out, Mother!"

"Before we begin the ceremony I must thank you again, Mrs. Smith. The Feast of Lights means much to us," Mrs. Grayzel said.

"I am very happy that I could do something to help you. Our Christmas should be a time of giving and sharing," Mrs. Smith told her.

"Happy Hanukkah!" Father called when he came.

"Happy Hanukkah!" everyone replied.

They all bowed their heads as Father lit the middle candle and the first candle to the right and said the prayers. The girls played with clay dreidels (tops) while Mrs. Grayzel told Mrs. Smith the story of the candles.

Father opened his purse and gave Mary and Rebecca some coins.

"Your word Hanukkah is hard to say, but I like your Feast of Lights. Let's ask your mother if you can spend Christmas next year with me," Mary said. She linked her arm happily through Rebecca's arm, and the two girls went into the kitchen together.

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