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Dr. Baker James Cauthen,
Executive Secretary,
Foreign Mission Board

NEEDED NOW

624

New Missionaries
Overseas

281 couples for evangelism,
religious education, music,
theological education, stu-
dent evangelism, teaching,
as medical doctors and other
specialists

62 single women for teach-
ing, WMU promotion, as
nurses, medical technicians,
other specialists

As you meditate upon this
vast array of need, pray that
God bring the consecrated
person and the critical need
together. Pray for an in-
creasing number of our fi-
nest young people to com-
mit themselves at once to
these earnest requests for
help in crucial areas. Pray
for God's clear leadership by
Foreign Mission Board per-
sonnel secretaries in inter-
preting to mission volunteers
needs and requirements for
appointment.

How shall the MULTITUDES

Hear . . . be
healed . . . cast out
fear . . . know the
Saviour . . .

without

A PREACHER?

A DOCTOR?

A TEACHER?

A NURSE?

without YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS?



Missionaries in Taiwan distributing portions of the Scriptures



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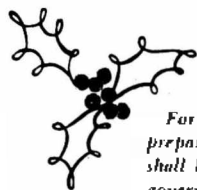
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for your Christmas Reverie



For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples. . . . And his name shall be called . . . Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end

—Luke 2:30-31; Isaiah 9:6-7.

PEACE OF HEART

When a star shone over Bethlehem,
when Wise Men and humble shepherds knelt by a manger
crib,

when a song was heard in the Syrian night . . .

These were the tokens that a Saviour had come, to be to
all mankind an Everlasting Light, a Prince of Peace,
a Shining Hope.

Nothing in the long gray centuries has annulled the
message and meaning of our Christmas faith.

It remains the Hope of the world and the Peace
of the human heart.

—DAVID K. BARNWELL

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Eternal God who hast revealed Thy purpose
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem,
born under the shadow of the Cross . . .
Open our hearts to the joy that seeks us
through pain. Deliver us from doubts and
fears through faith in Him who is our ultimate
victory.

Where hate has been turned loose,
Renew in us the spirit of good will,
May we welcome the Great Guest
Whose coming maketh all things new.
Pour out Thy spirit upon all man-
kind.

And grant that this Christmas may bring us
Nearer to a world ordered in Thy will . . .
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

—Roger T. Noon

*A church building has dimensions, but
the inspiration of its services is limitless.
God's love is like that, measureless,
boundless, universal. Everything that Jesus
did speaks to us of that love. Can we
love like that? Love that asks no return!
Love that knows no barriers of class or
color, country or clime! Love that does
not count the cost!*

—Floresca Livingston

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him seeking
me;*

*It was not I that found, O Saviour true:
No, I was found of Thee.*

*I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord—Thou!
For Thou wert long beforehand with my
soul;*

Always Thou lovest me.

WATCH AND PRAY EACH DAY

"Could ye not watch with me one hour?"

Our blessed Lord implored.

The weary men who followed him,

And saw His love outpoured,

In agonies of sweat and blood

As 'neath the trees he fled

To seek the strength His soul would need

To meet the trials ahead

But they were tired . . . and so they slept,

Oblivious of his plea

And all alone he wept and prayed in dark Geth-
semane

"Can ye not watch with me one hour?"

Our Lord implores us yet!

Oh, weary one, you've labored long,

And will you, too, forget

That multitudes are waiting still,

A prey to Satan's power?"

Oh, surely we will hear his plea, and pray for just
one hour!

—Mrs. Kenneth Blair
Concord, California

*As the Magi of old were guided along strange
roads to the crib of our Lord, so have Christians
of every generation been directed through their
pilgrimage in life. The hand of the Eternal may
bring us to green pastures and still waters, and
beyond to the valleys of many shadows, for always
"the steps of a good man are ordered by the
Lord . . ." (Psalm 37:23)*

—Allen and Wallis

Peace and Good Will

"Peace and good will can never
be separated. It is by enemies be-
coming friends that peace is estab-
lished. And that is a miracle that
can be performed by Him whose
birth we celebrate at Christmas."

Peace on earth, and mercy
mild;
God and sinners reconciled

—Charles Wesley

TIDINGS

The gentleness of Christ should be

Our Christmas message.

His kind forgiveness and quick healing

Our Christmas prayer.

His simple faith within our hearts

Our Christmas pathway.

His love for all the nations

Our Christmas care.

—Margaret Bridd Southmayd

CHRISTMAS AFTERTHOUGHT

So quick to worship Him as child,

So slow to follow Him as man—

My split will is unreconciled

To God's one purpose in his plan:

That Bethlehem and Calvary—

Two focus-points six miles apart—

Should overrule geography

And intersect within my heart.

The manger Babe, no less adored,

Is now the Master to obey.

With words, I name him as my Lord

With feet, take a disciple's way.

—ELINOR LENNEN



WASHINGTON

by CYRIL E. BRYANT
Editorial Staff
Baptist World Alliance

WORLD PEACE, a continuing Goal

In these times whichever party is in the White House, one thing is certain: the United States government continues its major efforts for world peace.

It is agreed that barring a miracle the international tension that we call Cold War will continue. The variance of the ideologies of the free world and the Communist world are too wide to allow either the United States or Russia to sit complacently by.

Realizing the inherent danger of change in administration in January, President Eisenhower early last summer instructed top foreign policy aides at both the White House and the State Department to keep the two major Presidential candidates fully informed on the behind-the-scenes status of foreign affairs.

Christian Herter, Secretary of State under the Eisenhower administration since the death of John Foster Dulles, outlined last summer the American program for peace in five positive points. These points, or goals, are:

- Strengthen the collective security arrangements that deter aggression.
- Strive for agreement on arms control measures which would reduce the risk of war.
- Negotiate with the Soviet Union to promote the settlement of political issues which divide us.
- Strengthen our program for helping less developed countries achieve needed progress.
- Support the United Nations in its effort to promote the orderly solution of international problems.

The preservation of peace, Mr. Herter believes, is more than a balancing of armaments. It is a spiritual and idealistic thing dependent upon the attitudes of people of free nations.

He admitted that formidable obstacles, especially the problem of a divided Germany, remain. "But," he added confidently, "the efforts are well launched: the free nations know where they are going. And we have every intention of continuing to move toward our goal of peace with justice and progress.

"The outcome," Mr. Herter continued, "will depend on the strength and unity of the free world. The rest will depend on our courage, our determination, our dedication to the values and the purposes of free men." We can feel confident that these basic aims will continue under a new administration.

I am wondering if Southern Baptist women would do two things this Christmas season, when the world pays tribute to the Prince of Peace. Let us all, first of all, pray earnestly for God's guidance of America's new national leaders, especially the new President and the Secretary of State; and let us, secondly, write a note to these leaders assuring them of our prayers and pleading that their efforts in international affairs may be based on Christian love and justice. Think what an impact our flood of letters would make on these leaders as they accept difficult tasks!*

*To write the President address him as "Mr. President"; the Secretary of State as "Mr. Secretary."

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Seeing the Multitudes HUNGRY

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst John 6:35.

1960 LOTTIE MOON

Christmas Offering

GOAL \$8,700,000

ALLOCATIONS FOR 1960 OFFERING:

GENERAL

Salaries of 125 Missionaries	125,000
Supplement to Salaries, Children's Allowances, etc.	125,000
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund)	34,000
Toward the Support and Maintenance of New Missionaries	300,000
Advanced Training in the United States of Experienced Baptist Workers from the Foreign Field	8,707
American Bible Society	20,000
Lottie E. S. Heck Memorial, Current Expenses:	
Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, Italy	13,200
WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	17,800
WMU Training School, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil	13,800
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for WML Work on Foreign Fields	60,241
Central Africa	1,495
East Africa	250
Ghana	1,450
Nigeria	6,000
Italy	5,500
Spain	2,000
Portugal	400
Israel	1,050
Jordan	800
Lebanon	2,000
Hong Kong-Macao	1,200
Japan	6,000
Korea	1,000
Philippines	1,000
Taiwan (Formosa)	1,000
Argentina	4,000
Brazil	5,800
Chile	4,000
Colombia	4,208
Costa Rica	500
Ecuador	300
Guatemala	600
Honduras	360
Mexico	2,200
Peru	1,150
Uruguay	3,500
Paraguay	2,200
Venezuela	300



Like Mama, she carries baby doll on her back

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Beggar in Nigeria

AFRICA, EUROPE AND NEAR EAST

WMU Publications and Literature				33,275
Obama	1,175	Brazil	1,500	
Nigeria	2,000	Chile	1,000	
Italy	1,800	Spanish Am.	12,000	
Spain	2,500	Colombia	100	
Hong Kong-Macao	3,000	Ecuador	150	
Japan	1,000	Mexico	1,600	
Korea	1,500	Paraguay	500	
Philippines	2,000	Uruguay	500	
Argentina	1,550			
Continental Baptist Women's Unions				7,000
Africa	1,500	Europe	1,500	
Asia	2,500	Latin America	1,500	
Total for General Work				\$760,000

Central Africa:	
WMU Literature, Current Expenses	1,200
Sanyati Hospital, Current Expenses	7,496
Sanyati Central School, Current Expenses	9,684
Gwelo and Gokwe Schools, Current Expenses	3,110
Gatooma Schools, Current Expenses	4,125
Bulawayo Schools, Current Expenses	7,026
Gwelo Seminary, Current Expenses	7,979
Scholarships	1,685
Pastors and Other Church Workers	8,000
	50,307

East Africa:	
Church Community Centers, Current Expenses	10,432
Literature, Current Expenses	1,250
Mbeya Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000
Station Evangelism	4,000
	40,682

Ghana:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	7,000
Property Operating Requirements for Direct Evangelism	10,000
Kumasi, Satter Baptist School, Current Expenses	13,000
Kumasi, Ghana Baptist Pastors' School, Current Expenses	2,400
Nalerigu Medical Center, Current Expenses	10,000
Nalerigu Medical Center, Leprosy Work, Current Expenses	7,500
Scholarship Fund, Current Expenses	1,000
	50,500

Nigeria:	
Abeokuta, Baptist Woman's Training College, Current Expenses	17,000
Abeokuta, Baptist Girls' High School, Current Expenses	1,000
Abeokuta, Baptist Girls' Secondary Modern School	1,000
Aghor, Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	500
Benin, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	11,000
Iwo, Baptist College, Current Expenses	1,000
Lagos, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	650
Lagos, Reagan Memorial Girls' School, Current Expenses	650
Ogbomoso Seminary, Current Expenses	450
Oyo, Baptist Boys' High School, Current Expenses	750
Shaki, Elam Memorial School, Current Expenses	100
Scholarships for Students Studying in America	400
Ede, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	400
Ile-Ife, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	400
Kaduna, Hausa Pastors' School, Current Expenses	400
Pastors and Other Church Workers	400
Minna, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	400

ROYAL SERVICE

Seeing the Multitudes DISEASED

And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole Mark 6:56.

Obiore, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	9,000
Aid for Uneducated Primary Schools	2,750
Eku, Hospital, Current Expenses	19,000
Ibadan, Dental Clinic, Current Expenses	1,000
Ogbomoso Hospital, Current Expenses	12,000
Ogbomoso Health Service, Current Expenses	7,500
Ogbomoso, Frances Jones Nursing Home, Current Expenses	2,000
Ogbomoso, Kersey Children's Home, Current Expenses	4,000
Eku, Baptist Nurses School, Current Expenses	4,000
Ire, Welfare Center, Current Expenses	500
Igede Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,300
Okuta, Dispensary, Current Expenses	5,800
Kontagora, Hospital, Current Expenses	10,289
Jointama, Hospital, Current Expenses	6,350
Shaki, Hospital, Current Expenses	1,200
Ire, Midwifery School, Current Expenses	3,500
Lagos, Baptist Hostel, Current Expenses	2,000
Ibadan, Printing Press, Current Expenses	2,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	1,000
Hausa Publication and Literature, Current Expenses	1,500
Workers' Aid (Aged and Retired)	2,500
Baptist Department of Architecture, Current Expenses	
	279,689

Italy:	
Widows and Orphans of Pastors, Current Expenses	10,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	16,500
Young People's Work, Current Expenses	4,500
Evangelism	5,000
Rome, Good Samaritan Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,250
Pastoral Transfers, Current Expenses	1,800
Rome, Armstrong Memorial School, Current Expenses	1,050
Rivoli, Philadelphia Institute, Current Expenses	15,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers	40,000
Property Operating Requirements, Current Expenses	15,000
	110,700

Spain:	
Scholarships	2,000
Barcelona Bible School, Current Expenses	10,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	7,000
Publications, Current Expenses	3,500
Evangelism in New Areas, Current Expenses	1,000
	23,500

General Europe:	
Russian Seminary, Student Subsidies	17,500
Student and Faculty Missionary Work	1,500
	19,000

Gaza:	
Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	25,328
Vacation Bible School, Scriptures and Sunday School Literature	600
	25,928



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In the Sahi River Valley, Africa

Israel:	
Pastors and Evangelists, Current Expenses	1,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	6,000
Nazareth School, Current Expenses	25,000
Petach Tikva, George W. Truett Center, Current Expenses	23,000
	55,000

Jordan:	
Ajloun, Elementary School, Current Expenses	9,000
Ajloun, Hospital, Current Expenses	34,800
Taiybeh Clinic, Current Expenses	6,576
	51,376

Lebanon:	
Literature, Current Expenses	2,150
Beirut, High School, Current Expenses	20,610
Direct Aid to Churches, Current Expenses	10,700
Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	2,800
	35,260

Total for Africa, Europe, and Near East 574,647

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina:	
Convention Mission Board	760
Mission Committee on Evangelism and Stewardship	1,000
Promotional Work	3,120
Encampment, Cordoba, Current Expenses	2,000
Buenos Aires, International Seminary, Current Expenses	23,310
Goodwill Centers, Buenos Aires, Mendoza, and Parana	5,040
Buenos Aires, Publication Board, Current Expenses	14,590
	49,820

Bahama Islands:	
Radio Evangelism	500
Nassau, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	6,920
Literature Needs	1,200
	8,620

Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso:	
Current Expenses	61,000
Tract Publication	6,800
Elementary Department Work	5,000
Representatives to Latin American Conventions	300
Expenses to Writers' Conferences	350
	75,450

Equatorial Brazil:	
Radio Evangelism	2,000
Belem, Para, Encampment, Current Expenses	800
Ceara, WMU Encampment, Current Expenses	900
Teressina, Piaui, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	2,800
Student Aid	1,000
Schools, Current Expenses	1,000
Belem, Theo. Institute	7,000
Fortaleza, Ceara	4,700
Manaus, Amazonas	4,000
Santarem, Para	3,500
Sao Luiz	4,000
Teressina, Piaui	4,000
Annex Schools	6,600

Juju shrine in Ghana; small Japanese in Hiroshima



Seeing the Multitudes AFRAID

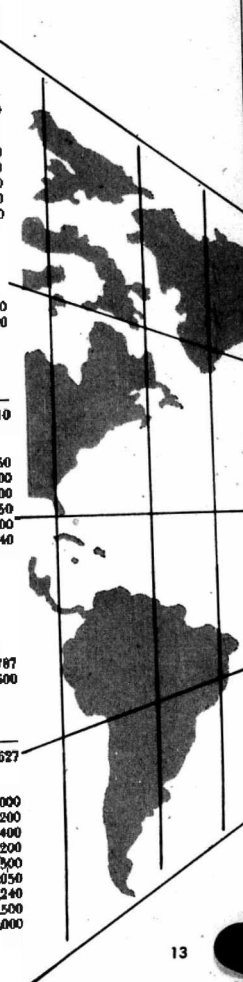
Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's 2 Chronicles 20:15.

Publications and Literature	1,800
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	8,100
Belem, Para	400
Fortaleza, Ceara	1,300
Manaus, Amazonas	3,000
Santarem, Para	1,300
Sao Luiz	5,000
Teressina, Piaui	5,000

North Brazil:	
Radio Evangelism	2,760
Evangelistic Campaigns, State of Bahia	1,500
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	1,200
Student Evangelism	1,100
Schools, Current Expenses	60,290
Aracaju, Sergipe	2,000
Corrente, Piaui	7,400
Feira de Santana	5,900
Jaguapara	6,000
Joao Pessoa	3,000
Maceio, Alagoas	5,800
Natal	1,200
Recife, Academy	10,540
Recife, Seminary	18,500
Salvador, Domestic	1,950
Publications and Literature	3,570
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	5,690
Aracaju, Sergipe	500
Corrente, Piaui	1,500
Feira de Santana	500
Joao Pessoa	1,050
Maceio, Alagoas	500
Pernambuco	540
Rio Grande	600
Salvador	500

South Brazil:	
WMU Field Work, States of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo	1,250
Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention	4,000
City Missions Programs, Belo Horizonte and Curitiba	2,700
Student Evangelism	11,850
Rio de Janeiro, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	5,500
Schools, Current Expenses	58,940
Belo Horizonte	5,575
Campos, State of Rio	1,825
Curitiba	2,000
Goias, Agricultural	3,340
Mato Grosso	5,000
Annex Schools	400
Minas, Annex Schools	55,787
Publications and Literature	2,600
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	600
Rio de Janeiro, Tomas Coelho Church	1,000
Campos Grande, Mato Grosso	1,000
Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais	1,000

Chile:	
Radio Evangelism	5,000
Tract Evangelistic Campaigns	200
Christian Education (Sunday School and Training Union)	400
Visit Aids	200
Encampments, Current Expenses	700
Local and Regional Institutes	1,050
Atacama, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	4,240
Santiago, Baptist Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	17,500
Valparaiso, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	31,000





Watering the tomato plants
in Buwayo, Southern Rha-
desia



Publications and Literature	6,800
National Publication—"Voz Bautista"	2,000
Colportage	250

69,140

Colombia:

Student Evangelism	857
Evangelism and New Work	7,428
Convention Mission Board	3,000
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	1,000
Pastors' Conference	1,000
Cali, International Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	16,850
Elementary Schools, Current Expenses	22,765
Secondary Schools, Scholarships	12,610
Barranquilla, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000
Bookstore, Literature Supplement	1,000

80,910

Costa Rica:

Evangelistic Crusades	2,000
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	600
San José, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	900
San José, Theological Institute, Scholarships	4,000
San José, School of the Prophets for Pastors	750
Bookstore Fund	2,000
Tracts	120
National Magazine	300

10,670

Ecuador:

Youth Camps, Current Expenses	600
Pastors' Bible Conferences	650
Radio Evangelism	1,350
Evangelistic Crusades	1,500
Vacation Bible Schools	200
Quito, Kindergarten and First Grade School, Current Expenses	320
Scholarships for Students in Cali Seminary	1,000
Gospel Tracts and Literature	600
Guayaquil, Medical Clinic, Current Expenses	670
Promotion	1,300

8,380

Guatemala:

Evangelistic and Stewardship Campaigns	600
Pastors' Institutes	500
Guatemala City, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	6,600
Guatemala City, Bookstore, Current Expenses	800
Tract Fund	120

8,480

Honduras:

Radio Evangelism	400
Pastors' Institutes	300
Tegucigalpa, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	840
Tegucigalpa, Bookstore, Current Expenses	1,050
Literacy Campaign Materials	140
Tract Fund	60
Tegucigalpa, Outpatient Clinic, Medical Education	540

3,390

Mexico:

Evangelism and New Work	7,436
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	200
Institutes and Encampments	1,850
Guadalajara, Goodwill Centers, Current Expenses	1,500
Torreón, Baptist Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	1,670
Chihuahua, Student Homes, Current Expenses	1,500
Guadalajara, Boys' Student Home, Current Expenses	1,296

Seeing the Multitudes Without a SHEPHERD

*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with
compassion on them, because they fainted, and
were scattered abroad, as sheep having no
shepherd Matthew 9:36.*

Guadalajara, Girls' Student Home, Current Expenses	3,608
Iguala, Guerrero, Student Home, Current Expenses	3,700
Mexico City, Student Home, Current Expenses	5,000
Mexico City, Student Center	2,000
Guadalajara, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000
Mexico City, Bookstore Stock	1,920

76,760

Paraguay:

Asuncion, Kindergarten and Primary Schools, Current Expenses	4,000
Asuncion, Nurses' Training School, Current Expenses	2,500
Asuncion, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	1,500
Asuncion, Bookstore Stock	960
Asuncion, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	35,000

43,960

Peru:

Evangelistic Crusades	2,500
Radio Evangelism	3,900
Encampments, Current Expenses	550
Lima, Theological Institute, Equipment	1,550
Lima, Theological Institute, Scholarships	2,600
Scholarships for Students in International Seminaries	5,000
Publications, Literature and Tracts	2,000
Bookstore Stock	3,250

19,150

Uruguay:

Pastors' Retreat	200
Quarterly Pastors' Meetings	600
Visual Aids	1,000
Conchillos, Primary School, Current Expenses	5,000
Montevideo, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	6,500
Montevideo, Bookstore	3,000

16,300

Venezuela:

Radio Evangelism	6,000
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	200
Bookstore, Current Expenses	1,802
Tracts	500

8,502

Total for Latin America

\$747,220

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Hong Kong-Macao:

Dissemination, Pastors and Other Church Workers	24,000
Dissemination Property Operating Requirements	5,000
Religious Education Promotion	2,000
San Assembly	1,000
San Work	1,000

DECEMBER 1960



Buddhist worship in Taiwan
and in Thailand

Market woman in Fortaleza, Brazil



Audio-Visual Aids	1,000
Hong Kong Baptist College	18,000
Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Scholarship Fund	2,000
Publication Work, Current Expenses	25,000
Seminary Textbook Fund	4,500

96,500

Indonesia:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	9,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	6,000
Religious Education Promotion	1,500
Youth Work	3,000
Audio-Visual Aids	1,500
Samarang, Seminary, Current Expenses	75,000
Publication Work	9,000
Literature Fund	5,000
Kediri, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	20,000

66,200

Japan:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	45,000
Department of Evangelism	15,000
Department of Service Education	25,000
Tobata, Goodwill Center	2,000
Department of Institutions	2,000
Kokura, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Current Expenses	15,000
Fukuoka, Seinan Gakuin, Current Expenses	20,000
Fukuoka, Training School for Kindergarten Workers, Current Expenses	6,000
Fukuoka, Japan Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Japan Publication Work, Current Expenses	20,000
Literature and Evangelism Aids	5,000
Kyoto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	12,000

184,000

Korea:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	36,000
Summer Camps	1,500
Taejon, Seminary, Current Expenses	20,000
Publication Work	6,000
Pusan, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	30,000

93,500

Malaya:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	5,000
Evangelistic Work	5,000
Summer Camps	5,000
Penang, Seminary, Current Expenses	18,000
Singapore, Kindergarten	1,000
Literature Fund	1,500
Penang, Bookstore	1,500
Petaling Jaya, Clinic	6,000

55,000

Pakistan:

Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	5,000
Evangelistic Work	5,000
Primary Schools	1,000
Literature Fund	1,500

8,500

Philippines:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	18,000
Evangelistic Work	10,000
Summer Camps	1,800

39,800

ROYAL SERVICE

Seeing the Multitudes with COMPASSION

But if anyone has this world's goods—resources for sustaining life—and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him? 1 John 3:17, Amplified New Testament.

Radio Work	1,500
Audio-Visual Aids	2,000
Baguio, Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Davao, Bible School, Current Expenses	7,000
Mlang College	1,500
Manila, Publication Work	10,000
Literature Fund	5,000
Mali, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	24,000

113,800

Taiwan (Formosa):

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	18,000
Summer Camps	2,000
Radio Work	6,000
Audio-Visual Aids	1,800
Student Work	1,000
Seminary, Current Expenses	25,000
Literature Fund	5,000
Taipei, Bookstore	1,500

75,300

Thailand:

Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	15,500
Evangelistic Centers	10,500
Bangkok, Student Center	1,500
Summer Camps	1,000
Audio-Visual Aids	500
Bangkok, Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Scholarship Fund	500
Bangkok, Publication Work	4,500

52,000

Vietnam:

Evangelistic Work	3,000
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Total for Orient

\$745,716



Paper collector in Taipei, Taiwan, whiskers are plucked in Kenya

RECAPITULATION

Global	260,608
Asia, Europe and Near East	246,442
Latin America	247,329
Orient	745,716
Total	\$3,000,000

DECEMBER 1960

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study: Continue study of *Across the Bridge*

Circle Topic: Recruits for Mission Service

by HELEN RUCHTI

Program Chairman: At the top of a world map place the words, "Will you pray daily for laborers?" Each speaker affixes to the map the name of her topic.

1. . . . recruited from a pastorate
2. . . . recruited from position
3. . . . recruited from our homes
4. "Ready my place to fill"

Devotional Thoughts: Read responsively Matthew 9:27-38, then the following:

1st Reader: Let us deliberately place upon our hearts the need to pray daily for dedicated young people to answer the call of the Harvester.

2nd Reader: Pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send laborers.

1st Reader: Pray that some of the 28,938 Southern Baptist pastors will be willing to join hands with the 589 ordained ministers in our foreign mission fields to preach the gospel in the 44 countries where we work.

2nd Reader: Let us pray for laborers to go to gather the harvest of lost souls! Pray that some of our children may go as missionaries.

Together: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Program Chairman: Shall we pray silently for several minutes? Amen.

1. . . . recruited from a pastorate

Within an area of 2,000 miles from Hong Kong there lives more than one half the people of the world, states Dr. Winston Crawley, and the great majority do not know there is a Saviour from sin.

The tremendous task before mission boards today would be overwhelming if we

were not in business for the Lord. Most boards realize that the missionary staff is greatly inadequate. Southern Baptists have only one missionary overseas for every 6,500 Southern Baptists at home! This of course does not begin to approach a worthy stewardship of life, of money, of prayer. Such a condition does not reflect a deep concern for a world lost!

God continues to call youth to his work and their testimonies thrill our hearts over and over again.

Rev. and Mrs. John Stepp, Jr., pastor and wife at First Baptist Church, Terrell, Texas, resigned recently to go to Brazil to English-speaking work in Sao Paulo. Mr. Stepp says, "Why must I go?"

"As I have sought to answer this question I have examined my entire Christian experience in the light of my Master's message to me. As a Junior boy I became convinced that the Christ who had saved me had also called me to preach.

"During World War II I saw Japan in the aftermath of war. The tremendous need made a deep impression upon me. During Seminary days I prayed much about missionary service but could not reach a positive decision.

"Then I served as pastor of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Gainesville, Texas and since 1957 I have been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Terrell, Texas. Both of these churches were wonderful places of service, but I continued to have a sense of concern about a missionary call.

"On September 2, 1959 it seemed as if

Christ spoke to my own heart as I sat in my study considering his divine will. 'It is now or never' were the words he placed in my mind and heart. My surrender was full and complete. I have found a peace of incomparable blessing!"

Mrs. Stepp's final realization of God's call came gradually. "One impression stands out above all others as I think of the paths which have led toward a final commitment of my life to foreign mission service—that is a feeling of awe and wonder at the continued patience and gentle persuasion of the Lord through the experiences of life.

"For several years it seemed that my place in the Lord's work was to be that of a pastor's wife.

"As we attended mission classes and mission days at Southwestern Seminary I had a growing feeling of unrest with regard to our answer to the foreign mission appeal.

"As a parent I gladly gave our children back to Him. My husband preached missions and pled for laborers and I continued to pray that we might be used.

"During a WMSU house party at Waco in 1959 the burden of missions became very real and personal. I turned to the Lord then in a prayer of complete surrender.

"At this same time my husband was reaching the same conclusion for in the following week we made our first contact with the Foreign Mission Board."

2. . . . recruited from position

The possibility for position and wealth for doctors in this country is the rule. Yet year by year promising doctors, surgeons, as well as nurses turn their backs on these worldly possibilities to go to unknown, untried way places as medical missionaries. Southern Baptist young people are being trained as doctors and nurses. Many young doctors are getting established and nurses are accepting places of service here at home. There need to be alert to know if God would have them in one of our 18 hospitals overseas, all of which are understaffed. Financial independence must be abandoned for God's rewards of service for Him accepted.

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"Why did you spend so many years training to be a skilled surgeon only to waste it going to Nigeria, Africa?" this fine young man was asked. His reply: "I feel that God would have me obtain the best training available. Then, too, when a doctor faces a difficult medical problem in Africa he may not be able to refer the patient to a specialist but will have to deal with the case himself. I am grateful for the training God provided and look forward to using it in His service."

3. . . . recruited from our homes

At Ridgcrest one summer night the music director asked every mother who would dedicate her children to God's will to sing together this stanza of "O, Zion Haste," a missionary hymn:

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;

Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;

Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;

And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

—Mary A. Thomson

Many Christian mothers have dedicated their children to God.

Mrs. Lewis Myers who is a new missionary in Vietnam writes: "My mother never suggested to me that I should be a missionary; however, she helped to prepare my heart to receive God's call when it did come. My mother, a very faithful WMS leader in her church and association, was also my Girls' Auxiliary counselor. Each morning when the family got up, Mother had already been in the kitchen studying and praying. The missionaries were always included in daily prayer. So it was that when my husband and I felt that God definitely wanted us to do missionary service, my mother was thrilled and thankful. Any other reaction would have been

a disappointment and surprise to me."

The creation of a Christian climate compatible with missionary concern and expression is of great value to the young person. Mrs. Dwight Dudley, a new missionary, expresses her gratitude for growing up in such a home:

"In our home I cannot remember a time that the family was not involved in some kind of mission activity. We were either working in a new church, a mission nearby, Friday night youth missions or vacation Bible schools.

"In the fall before I entered college I felt God's definite call to special service. When I shared my experience with Mother, I remember her saying, 'Well, I have always felt that God's greatest call was that of a Christian mother. But if God wants you on the mission field, you would never be happy anywhere else.' Today Anne and Dwight Dudley and their five children have a Christian home in Japan.

4. . . . "Ready my place to fill"

In conversations with groups of new missionary appointees, there often is expressed the fear parents have for their children's future life overseas. Today more than one and one half million Americans are living overseas. Often parents are thrilled with the opportunities for travel their children will have in serving in the military, diplomatic service, or in business life in Japan, Germany, or North Africa. They feel these to be temporary assignments and they soon will have the children back on native soil.

There is no higher calling and no greater happiness than this. So testify thousands of young people who have forsaken home, parents, and life under a free government. A high commitment of children must be made and their Christian responsibility developed if youth are to experience this greatest happiness. Tragically enough, parents who are active in churches sometimes cannot see beyond the continental limits of the United States or the geographical boundaries of their local areas.

Our world is a shrinking neighborhood in which we shall have increasing responsibility as world citizens. How much more so in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All of this comes back to the responsibility of the individual Christian to be willing to meet the need and of the Christian home and church to provide an environment which will develop strong, mature Christian personalities.

Bettye and David Stull, now studying Spanish for missionary service in Peru, have stated: "Our family background for mission service was all that anyone could request. Dave was born in Peru, the son of Ross and Ruth Stull, missionaries to the Campa Indians. His was a natural, growing understanding of the life given to winning those in other lands to Christ. However, God did not call him to a life of missionary commitment until his final year of training in seminary.

Bettye is the daughter of parents (Mr. and Mrs. Encil Deen) who, although not vocationally Christian workers, dedicated themselves and their children to God's purposes in life.

Bettye says, "Both my husband and I grew up to our decision through family Bible study, family prayer, and family dedication to service for the Master."

Conclusion

In the face of great need, we must be willing to send increasing numbers of missionaries to witness to lost people of the world. Southern Baptists have as their goal 2000 foreign missionaries and 3000 home missionaries by 1964. Currently there are 1417 overseas missionaries with 2107 in the homeland. This leaves almost 1500 missionaries to be appointed by 1964. This means at least 400 youth appointed each year. God is calling them. It is the contribution of adults to guide and challenge youth to listen and heed his call.

Let us pray regarding the needs, regarding children in our homes or under our influence in our churches.

—PRAYER MOTTO: DAY BY DAY FOR THE WORLD I PRAY—

Call to PRAYER

Prepared by MRS. MARSE GRANT

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

1 THURSDAY Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Matt. 5:6.*

Is your family entering into the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 28-December 2? Are you a partner with our missionaries in God's kingdom? Has your family and church given a worthy offering for foreign missions?

The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions this year is \$8,700,000. Dr. Baker James Cauthen writes, "This is a very great objective and can be attained only through prayer and concern." How true! The budget of the Foreign Mission Board for 1960 is more than \$11 million! This provides for the support of 1447 missionaries and the work of evangelism in 44 countries.

PRAY for Mrs. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. Mex.; Mrs. Arthur A. Moore, Page, L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, Mbeya, Tanganyika, RN; Marvin E. Pitts, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

2 FRIDAY And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd. *Mark 6:34.*

This has been a week of special prayer for foreign missions. Has it been a week of soul-searching, of earnest sincere prayer for the lost people of the world, or have we rushed through it without a thought for its significance? Have we taken time to see the multitudes with-

out Christ, the multitudes hungry and sick, without a shepherd and afraid? Have we seen these multitudes as individuals with hearts and souls and desires as we have? Have we been so concerned that our praying will continue even after the week is over? Has our praying resulted in a worthy offering—an offering worthy of His love for us?

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

3 SATURDAY And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. *Luke 13:29.*

The Pacific Northwest is reported to have the lowest percentage of church members in the United States. Sixty to 70 per cent of adults have no local church affiliation. In one county it is estimated there are 60,000 grade school age boys and girls who do not attend any Sunday school, primarily no doubt because of great distances and no churches. In another county of nearly 100,000 population there are two small Southern Baptist churches, and few churches of any other kind. Pray for the work of the Home Mission Board.

PRAY for Harmon Popham, Whiterocks, Utah, ev. among Indians; Robert L. Harris, Ariquepa, Peru; LeRoy Albright, Limbe, Nyasaland, ev.; G. T. Turner, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.



4 SUNDAY Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him Acts 10:34,35.

Mrs. C. W. Applewhite writes from Indonesia: "Although the receiving of the Light is only a flicker in this country of 87 million people, it is growing into a steady flame. We look around us at our seminary, new publications building, a hospital, churches, chapels, national pastors, and we feel a glow of satisfaction in what God has accomplished in the last nine years. But when we open our eyes wide and see the multitudes untouched, we know that only a small beginning is secure. Someone has roughly figured that at the rate we are now going it would require 64,000 years for us to win the people of Indonesia to the Saviour."

PRAY for Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, Kediri, Indonesia; W. Eugene Grubbs, Manila, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. Alva K. Bonham, Hoopa, Calif., ev. among Indians; Mrs. William D. Bender, Abeokuta, Nigeria; Weldon E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, ed.; Lydia Greene, China-Hawaii-Singapore, retired

5 MONDAY Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions Matt. 19:21-22.

Japan found recovery and prosperity after the war, but now secularism and materialism threaten the nation. In many student and labor groups Communist influence is reported strong. Most of Japan's people profess no faith of any kind and show little interest in finding one. Their attitude is much like that of one young man, "I think now that there may be a God," he says. "But I couldn't have a faith. We young people have to think about getting ahead. If we became Christians we would have to think of others, but we can't afford to do that. Besides, we can't think of the meaning of life. If we did, we would despair."

PRAY for such disillusioned young people. **PRAY** for Christian leaders of Japan's churches.

PRAY for Mrs. Melvin J. Bradshaw, Kyoto, Japan; Cirilo Aleman, Caibarien, Cuba, A. Clark Scanlon, Guatemala, Mrs. Ervin E.

Hastey, Torreon, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. L. J. Saunders, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Kathryn White, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; Harlan L. Willis, Thailand, MD

6 MONDAY If a man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen 1 John 4:20

In a national news magazine, South Africa's Premier Hendrik Verwoerd was quoted as saying: "Christianity is threatened in Africa more than anywhere else." The same article stated that all over Africa there is revolt against Christianity. Many Africans think it is nothing but the "white man's religion."

Miss Joanna Maiden, one of our missionaries to Nigeria, West Africa, wrote in a recent letter: "We white people of the world are a minority, and those of us who are Christians, a smaller minority. We may have a very brief time in which to convince the dark races of the world that we believe that God is the Father of us all and that, therefore, we are all brothers." **PRAY** that what we do here in America will in no way hinder winning Africa to Christ.

PRAY for Carol Leigh Humphries, Ede, Nigeria; Mrs. Ralph V. Calcoate, Yahata, Japan; F. David Stull, Peru, ev.; Mrs. Robert F. Rickerson, Baguio, Philippines; Mrs. Farrell E. Runyan, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. David H. LeSueur, Mexico, retired

1 WEDNESDAY Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord 1 Cor. 15:58.

Rev. Paul Rogosin was born of wealthy Greek Orthodox parents in Russia but when he was twenty-two years old, his parents were sent to Siberia and he fled the country. Despair gripped him and suicide seemed the only way out. Then he met some Polish Baptists who led him to know Christ. Immediately he started witnessing to refugees in Warsaw and dreamed of millions of Russian refugees becoming Christians and evangelizing Russia upon their return to their own country. He worked through the years to make his dream become reality. After World War II he came to the United States, and he now spends his time as a Home Board missionary trying to win his people in San Francisco, California. **PRAY** for 200,000 Russians in California.

PRAY for Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Mrs. Tony Joleja, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs.

S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, William P. Clemmons, Rome, Italy, ev.; W. Wilson Donahoo, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

4 THURSDAY Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me Psalm 50:15.

A year ago last September, Missionary Charles Whitten was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Spain. "It was a great help to know that on that day, his birthday, people were praying for him," writes his wife. Miraculously Mr. Whitten has recovered from this shattering experience and has resumed his work as mission treasurer and field missionary in Madrid. Often he has opportunity to visit officials in the interests of evangelicals. These visits, along with faithful work from other missionaries there, are playing an important part in the witness of Protestants in Spain. As we pray for Baptists in Spain, let us also pray that God will help us to see opportunities for service, even in personal tragedy.

PRAY for Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, Madrid, Spain; Mrs. Juan Acosta, Entrega General, Susana V. Rivera, San Blas, Panama; Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Nakorn Nayoke, Thailand; Mrs. M. Frank Gillham, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Robert H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan; Mrs. Otis W. Brady, Nassau, Bahamas, ed.

5 FRIDAY He . . . loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt Deut. 10:18,19.

"How I wish that all who sent gifts to the Indians for Christmas could have seen the happiness they brought," writes Missionary James Huse from Albuquerque, New Mexico. But the giving is not one-sided. The people of the mission centers and mission churches are led to see that there is a need for all the world to hear of Christ and to know the meaning of Christmas. Missionary Merle E. Shade, Antlers, Okla., writes, "There are two important stories concerning Christmas at the First Baptist Mission. One is how our people gave more than \$100 to the Lottie Moon offering, and the other is how they distributed 80 bags of toys, clothes, etc. to many families." **PRAY** that during Christmas this year we will be deeply concerned for those who are not Christians.

PRAY for Carlos Carreon, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, James O. Teel, Jr., San Juan, Argentina; J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay; Mrs. J. Eugene Troop, Campinas, Brazil; Mrs. Alfred C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, ev.; David Muller, MF; Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China; Mrs. Rex Ray, China-Korea, retired

16 SATURDAY And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them Isa. 42:16.

Recently a man whose life had been changed through the ministry of the Baptist Center in Memphis, Tennessee, wrote: "Months ago I came to the Baptist Center in need of help, every type of help. I talked to the director and he helped me with many of my troubles. I tried many ways of overcoming my weakness to drink before learning there is only One who can help. No one knows better than I the number of people this Baptist Center helps day after day with food and clothing and a place to sleep. But above all, they give them the Word of God. Only God and I really know how these people, with His help, have changed my whole life." **PRAY** for this man and others like him who are coming to know Christ in our mission centers.

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From Bernalillo, New Mexico, Missionary F. C. Rowland writes: "When the Lottie Moon offering was taken for foreign missions, the Indians gave from meager incomes the amount of \$13.69. A package under the tree was wrapped for the offering; in it were 16 pennies. An Indian man walked five miles the following day to bring his envelope which contained a dollar. On it was written, 'Just to show that the Indian loves Jesus, too.' Pray that each of us will show our love for the Master through worthy gifts to take His name into all of the world."

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13 TUESDAY I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me John 17:8.

Refugees from the Chinese mainland have greatly increased the population of Taiwan. Many of these are students who were sent by their families from the mainland, never to see them again until the mainland is free of Communist rule. Miss Juliette Mather who continues to teach in the Seminary in Taipei, Taiwan (Box 427) wrote: "Their self introductions were so sad I was almost sorry I had assigned that by the time I read about 125 papers. One boy described his 'sweet home' and 'dear family' and ended abruptly, 'now I cannot write on, I am afraid that my tears will burst out.' They so much need faith in the living Lord. Some are coming to believe and find comfort and relief, but we need more workers, more equipment, more prayer. We wait eagerly for news of new appointees and increased funds through the Cooperative Program and from the Lottie Moon offering." Perhaps you have an extra gift to make.

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14 WEDNESDAY Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear—2 Tim. 4:17.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Thetford, missionaries to the Spanish-speaking in Santa Fe Springs, California, was interrupted in his play with a call to lunch "Oh, not again. I don't want to eat," he muttered.

When the Thetfords arrived on the mission field last year as new appointees, they found a negative attitude among a majority of the people. Our task is to present Jesus the altogether lovely by the Power of the Holy Spirit in such a way so they will be compelled to come in! Let us pray for this work which the Thetfords are doing for God in Santa Fe Springs.

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15 THURSDAY For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them Eph. 2:10.

Through Christmas programs missionaries are able to attract people who otherwise would not come to church. In Southern Rhodesia Mrs. Gerald Harvey usually has to go from house to house telling the children that it is time for Sunday school. But at Christmas when she walks along the paths connecting scattered huts, she is greeted everywhere by groups of children already on their way to Sunday school. At Casa Grande, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johns, missionaries to the Spanish-speaking, expected 75 for Christmas dinner, and 151 came! A service was held and 12 decisions were made. Two men who had come from 45 miles away, accepted Christ and invited the missionaries to their Indian village. Pray that God will direct the planning of missionaries at this season and give them a physical

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At Taos, New Mexico a five-year-old Indian girl said, "I am going to be a Christmas angel!" She and 27 other members of a Taos mission were preparing the annual Christmas pageant. In the audience sat the elderly parents of a young man who had undergone intense persecution. Almost a year before, the mother who now watched this son perform as Joseph, had threatened to disown him if he continued to attend the services. He defied his mother and father. Now they had joined him. Pray for these young converts who suffer persecution.

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A letter from the Horace Victor Davies in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil speaks the sentiment of many missionaries away from home at Christmas. They write, "What greater blessing could we have than as co-laborers the dedicated personnel of the Foreign Mission Board and the many church members at home who give of themselves and their means that the lost multitudes living in darkness might see the Light? Our prayer is that God's love be with you this Christmas and that you continue to pray for us." As we pray, let us thank God for the tie that spans the miles and binds our hearts in Christian love for each other and a lost world.

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PRAY for J. B. Silva, HMB, retired; Vella Jane Burch,* Switzerland, Mrs. Sidney L. Goldfinch, Sr., Asuncion, Paraguay, Alfred C. Muller, Torreón, Mexico, Mrs. Charles F. Stapp, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. Carol F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, James D. Hollis, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. Kenneth R. Thompson,* Korea, ev.

29 THURSDAY *I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles Isa. 42:6.*

An emergency call for new missionaries for the Orient went out recently from Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient with the Foreign Mission Board. "The crucial nature of our present opportunity in Asia is pointed up, on the one hand, by the greatest responsiveness to the gospel ever seen in the Orient and, on the other hand, by the fervent appeals of other faiths and philosophies for the allegiance of Asia's people," he said. Many of our missionaries struggle in pioneer places against tremendous odds and look with pathetic longing for the reinforcements they feel sure our Lord desires to send. Let us pray earnestly that those whom the Lord is calling will respond and yield their lives to Him.

PRAY for Mrs. Elbert H. Walker, Baguio, Philippines, Marian Phillips,* Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. Davis H. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.

30 FRIDAY *They cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage Ex.2:23.*

Last May when devastating earthquakes shook a thousand-mile area in southern Chile,

a six-year-old Indian boy lost his parents. He survived the quakes, along with his 86-year-old grandmother. His life was not to be spared long, however. Reviving an ancient tribal rite, Araucanian Indians took the little boy and his grandmother, beat them to death and threw their bound bodies into the Pacific Ocean as a sacrifice to the gods held responsible for the earthquakes and tidal waves. For 43 years we have had work in Chile with 42 missionaries there now. However, Baptists number only 7,000 out of a total population of 7 million people. *Pray for these primitive Indians.*

PRAY for Joe T. Poe, Concepcion, Chile, Mrs. Jose A. Solano, Panama City, Panama, Mrs. James Hamilton Ware, Honolulu, Hawaii, Walter B. McNeely, Volta Redonda, Mrs. Robert E. Smith,* Brazil, Mrs. Ira P. Singleton, Jr., Central Africa, ev.; Mrs. Ruth Tuiley, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home; George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mary Sue Meuth, Djakarta, Indonesia, Bennie T. Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria, BA; Eva M. Sanders, Ite, Nigeria, RN

31 SATURDAY We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth 2 Thess. 1:3.

From Spain a missionary writes: "Please continue to pray for us every day. We are very conscious of the fact that we can do little or nothing on our own." From Japan: "I truly am more grateful for your prayer than I could ever say. I have come to feel that I am daily sustained by power from God which is channeled here, to a great degree, by your praying!" From Italy: "As we look back over the year, we thank the Lord for you, our friends, whose abiding love and interest mean much more to us than you will ever know. What a challenge the present and future days hold for all of us! God is opening doors to ripe fields on every side! Our possibilities with which to confront the task were never more adequate! Surely our dedication of self and substance should be complete now and in the coming days of the New Year. Continue to pray for us," all through 1961.

PRAY for Elton F. Vickers, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

BA business administration	med. medical
ed. educational	MF doctor
ev. evangelism	MF manager and student
FW field worker	RN nurse
* on furlough	pub. publicist
lan. lt. language study	soc. social worker

ROYAL SERVICE



by Mrs. William McMurry

The Christmas Play

Were you ever an angel? I was. That is, at Christmas time when I was cast as the angel in a church play.

For a week I walked in a daze. Every day at school I softly said over my part during the class in arithmetic while more literal minded pupils worked examples on the blackboard.

The night came. I had nagged my mother into a state of reluctant consent to let me shed the cotton union suit so there would be no bulge around the ankles. In sheer delight, I slipped the white cheese cloth robe over the night gown. Carefully mother set the tinsel halo on my small head. Long, light brown hair curled at the ends fell slightly below my shoulders. And for a brief hour I was the angel bringing the familiar scene to a climax with the timeless Noel "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The experiences of childhood do not forsake us. Every Christmas, in the church play or pageant, the great old story captivates me and I am filled again with the wonder of the manger-cradle. No metallic star, no brown figured cotton bathrobe, no gold rayon curtain for a turban can take from me the spirit of reverence which the Magi expressed as "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy" when they saw the star.

The Christmas message may come in a number of ways—when you turn on the tree lights, listen to the carolers outside your window, kneel by the bedside of your smallest child as she prays on Christmas eve, or as you sit quietly alone and feel once more the power of the Christ who first caught your childish heart in a Christmas play.

Sound and Color Catechism

A remarkable project for parochial education has been completed this year by two Catholic priests. These two men have worked out a sound and color filmstrip series covering the famous Baltimore Catechism, standard text used in Catholic schools throughout the United States. The series took ten years of work and \$300,000 to produce, and is called the St. John's Catechism by its originator who is professor of Religious Education in St. John's University, Brooklyn, New York.

The new audio-visual approach to dogma now in use in more than 8,000 of the nation's 15,000 Catholic schools is a part of the religious instruction of an estimated 2 million American children. There are 30 lessons in all, each containing some 60 color pictures. The pictorial part takes only 10 minutes. Questions based on what the children have seen are flashed on the screen. After discussion, the pupils turn to textbooks to study the formally stated questions and answers.

Though aimed primarily for students in the 5th to 8th grades, it is used for the training of converts. It has been translated

into the languages of twelve foreign countries and has been distributed in 23 different dialects among people of the Far East.

The Catholics have found that sound filmstrip used in the manner which the originators have suggested is a superb aid in teaching religion. To what further use Catholics intend to make of this visual catechism is revealed in a recommendation from the nun who supervises catechism teaching in the San Francisco Archdiocese. She wrote to the priest at St. John, "We are recommending your visual catechism in our course of study in religion for public school children in released time classes.

Do you know what is being taught in your public school?

American Baptists

American Baptists expressed divergent points of view concerning current problems and denominational strategy in their annual convention last June. There were delegates who insisted that the denomination sever ties with the National Council of Churches. A large majority of the delegates voted to continue support of the NCC with this provision that any local church wishing to "express dissent and . . . withhold financial support" from the Council could do so.

The convention voted to launch an educational program on the principles and methods of communism and other totalitarian systems with the aim of better understanding the purpose and methods in order to more effectively oppose them. Dr. Edwin Dahlberg, former president of the convention and now president of the National Council of Churches, justified such action by answering the critics who say "Stay out of politics. Lay off preaching about race relations and international affairs." "That is precisely what all modern dictators have said to the churches," added Dr. Dahlberg.

For the first time, a Negro was elected as second vice-president of the body. She is Mrs. Wade McKinney of Cleveland. The

president is Mr. Stanton Gallup, millionaire lumberman from Connecticut. Mr. Gallup attributes his success in business to a "partnership with the Lord."

Six Per Cent

Six per cent of the three million Negroes enrolled in the South's public schools attended classes with whites the past school year. A survey by *Southern School News* of the seventeen southern and border states plus the District of Columbia found the status of segregation-desegregation like this: The District of Columbia and West Virginia have complete integration in their school systems. Six other states have substantial integration, five partial integration and the remaining five maintain complete segregation.

The District of Columbia adopted complete integration in 1954. The District still has 21 all-Negro schools and three all-white schools. In West Virginia an estimated 12,000 Negro students out of 24,010 attend school with whites.

The six states with substantial integration are Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Several border states have discontinued listing students by race.

Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia have a combined Negro enrollment of almost one million. Desegregation in these five states has resulted in 916 Negroes entering formerly all-white schools. North Carolina's Negro enrollment of 302,060 ranks second highest of any southern or border state. Thirty-four Negroes attend formerly all-white schools in the Tar Heel state, the lowest number of any state desegregating.

The five deep South states with complete segregation—Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina—have a total Negro enrollment of over a million and a quarter, representing 15 per cent of the region's total. Georgia has the largest Negro enrollment of any southern or border state: 310,753.

A JAPANESE FAMILY



BY LENORA HUDSON

Let me introduce you to the Morimotos. They are truly a Seinan Jo Gakuin family. As you know Seinan Jo Gakuin is our Baptist school for Japanese girls in Kokura, Japan. The Morimoto family is a family of "girls," the mother and three daughters, all fine Christians. The father went away to war just after the youngest now sixteen was born. He never returned.

The girls are second generation Seinan Jo Gakuin students. Mrs. Morimoto graduated from this Baptist school thirty-one years ago. It was when she was a student herself that she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Later after she married, had her family and lost her husband, she attended and graduated from the Baptist Seminary in Fukuoka and now she teaches Bible in Seinan.

Since Yukii the youngest reached Junior high school age five years ago, all three girls and the mother have been in Seinan Jo Gakuin. Yukii is now a second year high school student and the sports fan in the

family. She often comes home with top honors in ping pong tournaments and two years ago spent several weeks in a cast after she broke her arm when she collided with the pitcher of her own baseball team. Chie, a fourth year high school student, has dreams of entering nurse's training next year and working in the Baptist hospital after graduation. Emi the musician and English student is now a Seinan University student. She was the only Junior college student in Japan to make the finals of an all Japan English oratorical contest.

As the girls have grown up they have joined their mother in teaching Sunday school, and working in other ways to serve the Lord. Emi has been assistant choir director in Mt. Zion church.

It has not been easy for a mother to raise three girls and give them an education but with God's help and the help of people in America who have given scholarships for the girls, she has done a wonderful job and Japan will be a little richer because of a mother and three girls who love the Lord.

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Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

Forecaster

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Ready for CHRISTMAS!

Ready for Christmas,
You've worked, it is true,
But just doing the things that you wanted
to do.

Ready for Christmas!
Your circle's too small.
Why, you are not ready for Christmas at all!

—Alice Hansche Mortenson

Seeing the multitudes hungry, diseased, afraid, and without a Shepherd during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 28 - December 2, will enlarge the circle of WMS members and help prepare us for Christmas. As we see the multitudes with compassion we will pray for and give to foreign missions. Help every woman get ready for Christmas!

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Go Out of '60



in an Extraordinary Way

With WMS Aims for Advancement as your guide you will go out of the ordinary way into Approved, Advanced, or Honor recognition.

The following officers and committees must accept responsibility for attaining the Aims:

Aim I World Awareness—program committee, publications committee, mission study committee

Aim II Spiritual Life Development—prayer committee

Aim III Christian Witnessing—community missions committee

Aim IV Sharing Possessions—stewardship committee

Aim V Educating Youth in Missions—YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committees

Aim VI Enlistment for Missions—enlistment committee

Aim VII Leadership Training—president

Aim VIII Reporting Advancement—secretary

Enlistment Committee



FROM *Miss* TO *Mrs.*

Christmas weddings are very popular. There may be YWAs in your church going from Miss to Mrs. this month. Enlistment committees help these YWA members know that WMS is their next step in the adult way of missionary education.

Provide a place in your organization where they can serve most effectively. Help YWAs going from Miss to Mrs. feel a vital part of your WMS fellowship.

Forecast: Showers! Bridal ones—have a recipe shower for YWAs being transferred to WMS. For decorations cut out green and red

paper bells and glitter the clappers. Have each WMS member bring her favorite recipe for the bride.

Do not be satisfied until every YWA bride has been transferred to Woman's Missionary Society.

Give them a gift subscription to *Royal Service*, \$1.50 a year from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. A lovely gift subscription certificate will be sent from WMU, Birmingham, to the young woman announcing this gift from her WMS. When sending these subscriptions write on subscription blanks, "Gift for YWA entering WMS."

Secretary



Sharpen Pencils

First quarter reports are due January 5. Secretaries sharpen your pencils and fill in the spaces found in the WMS-WMU Report Book.

By using Individual Monthly Record Sheets for WMS members, 25 for 25c; 50 for 50c; 100 for 75c; and the WMS Circle Report Books, 20c, from Woman's Missionary

Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, reporting is simplified.

Be sure that your report is accurate, legible, and on time.

In churches where there is more than one WMS a WMS-WMU Report Book is needed for each society and another for the WMU secretary.

Publications Committee



Give Her the BEST

Publications committees will find Christmas an excellent time to secure subscriptions to *Royal Service*. A gift subscription to *Royal Service* is one of the best gifts you can find for WMS members. When sending subscriptions to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, mark "gift subscription," then a Christmas card will be sent announcing the gift and the sender. This "best gift" can be had for only \$1.50.



Publications Committee



DO

Do is a good word any day, but particularly for publications committee members who are explaining *Royal Service* renewals to subscribers whose subscription expires with the December, 1960 copy. D is for December and O is for 1960. Urge subscribers to send renewals promptly if DO appears on their *Royal Service* label. Do it now. Do it without delay.

Prayer Committee



Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2

Santha Rama Rau explains that "In India it isn't odd to refuse a dinner invitation 'because that is my night for meditation.' Anywhere in Asia it is accepted that some part of any day may be reserved for an intimate restoration of the spirit, of private religious observance, of contemplation, or simply of peace and quiet. In the West, I think one has to work for such a privilege."

November 28 - December 2 offers women the privilege of a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Women will come together daily for intercession and contemplation as they consider "His Peace for the Multitudes." Each day's schedule will include:

Meditation on prayer promises

Prayer hymn

Call to Prayer

Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Poem: "When Jesus Saw the Multitude"

Scriptures read in unison

Introduction of topic for the day

A missionary story

Special music: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer requests from missionaries

Closing meditation

Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Prayer of dedication for offering

Prayer committees will use wisely the large poster bearing the theme and the eye-level announcements which will be sent to each society. Program folders with the poster design may be ordered for 2c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes, individual prayer reminders and folders with prayer promises and Scripture passages will also be sent to each society. The stand-up prayer reminders are to be used in homes on the table where meals are served to encourage the family to pray for world missions. The folders of prayer promises and Scripture passages will be used each day in the opening meditation period.

If additional materials are needed they may be ordered free from your state WMU office.

Work closely with the stewardship committee, publicity committee, social committee, enlistment committee, and music committee to make this week of prayer a great influence for foreign missions. Encourage every woman to bring gifts of prayer, concern, love, time, talents, and money during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Community Missions Committee



To HELP the WORLD

The anniversary emblem of the Jane Addams centennial with the dove, the olive leaf, the hands, the years 1860-1960, and the words—Social Betterment, Justice in Government, Equality of Races, Peace and Bread—around the rim, honors a woman whose life was completely dedicated to the service of God through service to her fellow men.

This centennial emblem reminds WMS members of such community missions opportunities as: promotion of total abstinence and Christian observance of Sunday. December is a good month to emphasize these two Christian standards. Use the tract, "I Make My Commitment," by C. Aubrey Hearn (\$1.00 per 100 from Christian Life Commission, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee). Urge WMS members to promote total abstinence every

day and especially during the Christmas holidays.

Since Christmas, 1960, comes on Sunday urge women to make it a day of real worship instead of a day of revelry.

Some may learn of the coming of the Prince of Peace, the Bread of life, as food is shared with the hungry at Christmas time.

Lead WMS members to answer the following questions:

Are you concerned about the lost? Do you want to see lost souls saved?

Are you willing to pray for the lost?

Are you willing to talk to the lost?

Jane Addams once said, "Nothing could be worse than the fear that one had given up too soon and left one effort unexpended that might have helped the world."

Stewardship Committee



Lagniappe (lān-yāp')

Webster gives lagniappe as "a Creole word of Louisiana, a trifling present given to customers by tradesmen." But one author uses it as "whipped cream on your strawberries, shine in your eyes, stardust, life's extras, and for the sheer joy of it."

Will the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from your Woman's Missionary Society be only a "trifling present" or will members give

with a shine in their eyes because the joy of giving is one of life's extras?

Stewardship committee lead your WMS to accept a goal that is at least 13 per cent over the amount given last year. Give the whole church an opportunity to have a part in the offering and go far beyond the 13 per cent increase.

Begin now to work with you

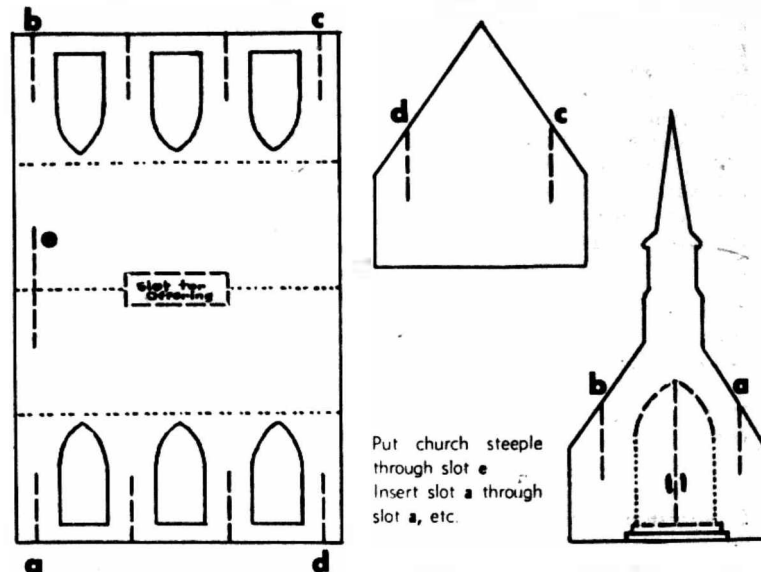
pastor, WMU president, prayer committee, publicity committee, and other committees to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Have a church in which to place your offering. From your nearest Baptist Book Store you may order a little church 11 inches high, printed in green and black on white for 50c. It is easy to assemble without pasting or taping. Cut a hole in roof for collecting

offerings. Cut out the windows and replace them with colored tissue paper. At the back of each window paste black construction paper. Insert an electric light.

Let each window represent a certain amount of your goal. As these amounts are given remove the black paper and let the light shine through.

If you prefer, construct your own church from cardboard as illustrated below:



Cut on— lines
Fold on—.... lines

WANTED:

for CHRISTMAS

\$8,700,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering! This offering will pay the salaries of missionaries, build missionary homes, churches, schools, hospitals, and help provide current expenses.

Do your possessions possess you?

"Let Him possess you that you may possess your possessions."

Give . . . in a spirit of love and devotion.

Mission Study Committee



for Better MISSION STUDY

The Teacher's Preparation

1. Heart
 - (1) Right motives
 - (2) Willingness to work
2. Head
 - (1) Read all the books in a given series
 - (2) Read background books
 - (3) Read secular magazines and newspapers
3. Hands
 - (1) Use all sources and kinds of materials
 - (2) Make publicity plans
 - (3) File materials

Sound Teaching Procedures

- I. Creating "Atmosphere"
 1. Use of music—national anthem or music typical of the country being studied
 2. Costumes
 3. Display of words and expressions in the language of the country being studied

II. Using Visual Aids

1. Projected
 2. Non-projected
- ## III. Securing Class Participation
1. Assignments
 2. Questions and answers
 3. Puzzles, games, songs, etc.
 4. Letters (real or make-believe)
 5. Discussion groups
 - (1) Buzz sessions
 - (2) Panels, symposiums, etc.
 6. Drama
 - (1) Role playing
 - (2) Interviews
 - (3) Dramatization of an episode from the book
 - (4) Demonstrations

For example: let a

group demonstrate the right and wrong way to teach a book

7. Projects
 - (1) Costume making
 - (2) Map making
 - (3) Flag making
 - (4) Dressing dolls
 - (5) Using hand puppets
8. Have members bring curios, costumes, products, etc. typical of a country and give bits of information about them.
9. Flash cards for recall
10. Mission tours (make-believe)
11. Teas, dinners, banquets
 - (1) Sources of ideas
 - (2) Menus and recipes
12. Research

A Conscientious Projection

I. Tests of Effective Mission Study

1. Did you hear?
2. Did you feel?
3. Are you going to act?

II. Translating Study Into Action

1. Types of activities
 - (1) Entertain international students in your home
 - (2) Help in vacation Bible schools for Negroes, Mexicans or underprivileged groups
 - (3) Help in mission Sunday schools
 - (4) Visit mission fields
 - (5) Send boxes of supplies to overseas hospitals (when requested)
 - (6) Send boxes of good, used clothing to mission fields. (inquire first)

ing must be sincere, believing that God honors and answers prayer made sincerely in his name.

- (1) Prayer-request folders
- (2) Stand-up family pra

- (7) Send books for library in Hong Kong (see July, '60 Royal Service)
- (8) Send quilt scraps (see Nov., '60 Royal Service)
- (9) Write letters of en-

couragement to missionaries. Don't ask for a reply.

- (10) Share mission information with shut-ins, blind and others who cannot attend class

—NICY MURPHY, Colorado

Youth Committee



THREE PREPOSITIONS

At the 1960 Centennial General Conference of the Free Methodist Church it was decided to emphasize (1) **bringing youth to Christ**, (2) **bringing youth up in Christ**, and (3) **sending youth forth for Christ**. YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committees should keep these three prepositions in mind when planning for young people.

To Christ

WMS members can do no finer fostering than to bring young people to Christ. At this Christmas season urge WMS members to pray for those without Christ. WMS members may explain Bible references which give the plan of salvation. Order gummed stickers with these references and place them in the Bibles of youth. They may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., 25 for 25c.

In Christ

GA Star Ideals and Forward Steps, the YWA Dedication and Citation, and the Sunbeam Band Units of Study, as well as all WMU youth activities help young people grow in Christ's ways. YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors, present the needs of your organizations to the WMU executive board, then WMS members may help with this growing up

process.

For Christ

Dorothy Sayers says, "We are so busy teaching young people how to walk we forget to teach them where to walk." Sending youth forth for Christ is the primary purpose of Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Sunbeam Bands. During this month of sharing, WMU youth organizations may send young people out to share clothing and food with the needy. Woman's Missionary Societies may help youth auxiliaries with this project. They may help them observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 28 - December 2. If transportation is needed WMS members may provide it.

Inspire generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Encourage young people to give their lives to missionary service at home and overseas. The December WMS circle program, "Recruits for Mission Service," will present the need for more mission volunteers. Co-operate in planning the Watch Night Service for the 1961 Jubilee Advance Program.

YWAs, GAs, and Sunbeam Bands must bring youth to Christ, they must bring young people up in Christ, and send them forth for Christ.



Going to market in
Mochi, Tanganyika can
be fascinating and frustrating



Purposeful Planning

FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

November 28 — December 2, 1960

PRAYER CHAIRMAN: The theme for this week is "His Peace for the Multitudes." The material in *Royal Service* is planned to help women in their desire to serve the Lord with purposeful intercessory prayer and dedicated giving. It will help us to see the multitudes of the world's people hungry, diseased, afraid, without a Shepherd, and with compassion.

In order for God to bless our efforts our praying must be sincere, believing that God honors and answers prayer made sincerely in his name. Unless women enter into the missionary enterprise with burdened hearts we labor in vain. The prayer chairman must be burdened through

much praying in her own private devotions before she calls together those who will help with this vital week.

She will help others to see the importance of inconspicuous participation each day. Keep personalities in the background. Each person will keep in mind that she is serving the Lord as she participates; it is not necessary that women be introduced. Do you have sufficient copies of:

- (1) Prayer-request folders?
- (2) Stand-up family prayer reminder for each WMS member to have one? (Both sent from state WMU offices.)
- (3) Program folders on which you may write,

type, or print the plans for the week? (2c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.)

Before You Plan: Get together all those who will participate in making the Week of Prayer a blessing to your society. Everyone should read the materials in advance. Pray together. Discuss procedure for each day. Be sure each person understands exactly what she is to do and how important it is.

Let Plans Be Known: Plan to publicize these times of prayer as widely as possible. Display of the poster (see packet sent to your president) provided is fine, but that is not enough to make this week have real worth in your church. Use the church bulletin, newspapers, attractive announcements in all departmental meetings of your church. Use word of mouth and telephone. Interest will be generated as women and others talk about the coming season of prayer, its privilege of giving and praying; the church, as well as families, can be challenged to clear church, business, and social calendars so there will not be activities to distract from this week.

Where Will You Meet? Plan to meet in the most worshipful place available. This may be the church auditorium. If so, why not ribbon off the side and back sections so the women will come close together and toward the front. If you meet in another place, do whatever is necessary to provide an atmosphere of quiet dignity and prayerful worship.

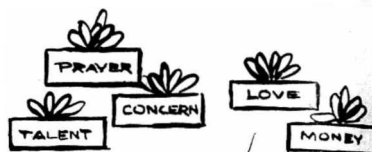
Semid Participants:

1. Come early to room where women will gather.
2. Delete any material which would keep women longer than time agreed upon.
3. Begin and close on time.
4. These are days of meditation and prayer. Plan to make them so.
5. Plan for distribution and use of Scripture verse folder, use of poem "When Jesus Saw the Multitude." The special music, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," could be sung in a variety of ways—solo, duet, trio, quartette, different soloist each day; or you may prefer to have it the same each day—soloist or group.

OFFERING EACH DAY:

Use suggestions in Forecaster.

Plan to reach the goal you have set for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



Challenge women ahead of time to give thought and prayer to the offering each will bring. The offering given prayerfully is one way we help to answer prayer that God will bring the message of his Son to the whole world.

A Stand-up Prayer Reminder is provided for each family in your Woman's Missionary Society. These should be in the hands of your members before the Week of Prayer. Suggest that the reminder be placed on the breakfast table or wherever family gathers for devotions. This is to remind every family to pray at every meal for our missionaries, mission work, for our churches that all of us will faithfully pray and give with purpose to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

EACH DAY OF THE WEEK:

Plan to have the introduction of the daily theme and story told—not read. The introduction on daily themes is given by one person. Choose good storytellers (not readers), those who will make the stories their own before telling them.

Allow time for prayer. This is a week of prayer, not programs.

WMS president, leader for the day, and other participants are seated early at front of room. Station at door a woman to give out the individual folders of Scripture promises and unison reading. These will be taken up each day except Friday as women leave.

Leader for Day announces on the first day only the opening song for the week; thereafter pianist plays first verse as women find the number in hymnal.

Thereafter the day goes forward as each leader plans for it. Guard well the time for prayer. Magnify the giving of the offering in the society each day. Will you place under a small Christmas tree boxes labeled with various "gifts" as developed in the closing meditation? Lottie Moon Christmas offering is then placed in the small church. It is a blessing if every day some women bring an offering. Plan with those who gather if that this time may be meditative and worshipful.



MONDAY, November 28

TOPIC: *Seeing the Multitudes* **HUNGRY**

Quiet Meditation:

(Each woman receives a Scripture passage folder at the door. She will be seated, read the Monday "Prayer Promises for Meditation," and pray silently.)

Prayer Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (played softly, then all joining in singing first verse).

Call to Prayer: (See names of missionaries on page 22, November Royal Service.)

Sing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," all verses.

Poem: "When Jesus Saw the Multitude," page 2, first verse.

Unison Scripture Reading: (All women read aloud from folders the Scripture verses on the topic for the day.)

Introduction:

Seeing the Multitudes
HUNGRY

MULTITUDES of people in the world are hungry. To say that two thirds of the world's people are to bed hungry each night has become almost a cliche expression. But a man does not get used to the gnawing, empty irritation that is hunger. Multitudes not only go to bed hungry; they get hungry, and go through the day unsatisfied. Then night comes again, but sleep is not easy for the hungry. How can any man in such con-



Food being served at Central Africa Woman's Missionary Union convention

dition be receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ even if the few missionaries could speak to all men everywhere?

In the United States, "an island of plenty in a sea of hunger," where we have only 6 per cent of the world population occupying 7 per cent of the land area, producing and consuming more than one third of the world's goods, it is hard to realize what hunger is. The cause of hunger is three-fold: rapidly increasing population; displacement of so many people by war and political upheaval; the underdevelopment of many nations resulting in underproduction

and poor distribution of food

Travelers to the Orient and Southeast Asia tell us that the term "population explosion" is not just a popular catch phrase when one sees the masses and multitudes of people in those countries where poverty abounds. Displaced persons, refugees who have moved away from their lands and from their means of livelihood make up a great number of the hungry people. In refugee camps scattered from Northern Europe, across the Middle East to the Orient there are something like 15 million men, women, and children who are fed a bare subsistence diet because some relief agency — government, church or private—feed, clothe, and shelter them. They have no homes to return to, no jobs and so they are forced to stay wherever they are.

Permanent solution of the world's hunger cannot be provided in the temporary measure of giving gifts of food. The only lasting method is to increase agricultural output and improve the economic situation of people so they can buy the food produced. Productivity of the American acre increased by 50 per cent between 1930 and 1955 while the labor required dropped by about half in the same period. Nearly three quarters of the world's population are engaged in agriculture, but the methods of most farmers have changed little in centuries. New and better methods of food production must be made available even to remote settlements.

Man is hungry and starving for food, but multitudes are even hungrier for God. Over and over we read descriptions of the multitudes of suffering, hungry people with this added: "But the greatest hunger—or poverty, or suffering—is spiritual." People who have never heard of the God of love, long for him, although they do not know for what they hunger. People want the Saviour who said, "I am the bread of life." They pray to gods whom they fear, yet their yearning makes them seek a higher power. The Bread of life for which mankind prays in ignorance has brought the possibility of abundant life and salvation to 885 million people who profess the name of Christ. But 2 billion yet wander in the darkness of despair and desperation. Let me read for you an observation of a missionary enroute home for furlough. His stirring words help us to see the great yearning of all people for God. (Read "Urgency for Prayer," cover 3.)

Statistics show that 38,606 evangelical foreign missionaries are at work breaking the Bread of life to the spiritually hungry multitudes, but this number of workers is tragically small and cannot begin to meet the overwhelming need.

Missionaries find that oftentimes a Gospel or the Bible read by an unbeliever will help him to find the Saviour, even when he has never

heard a preacher. The American Bible Society, in co-operation with 22 other Bible societies, has worked on the principle that the Bible is the Book for every person and that it must be made universally available. They are engaged in the continuous publication of new translations to meet the need of newly-discovered groups with hitherto untranslated languages. At the end of 1958 the Scriptures were available in 1151 languages and dialects, leaving an estimated 1000 languages in which no printed portions are available. More than seven, and one half million Testaments, Gospels and Scripture portions were distributed overseas in that year. Having a policy of distributing the Bible without note or comment, the Society is supported by about 50 evangelical denominations.

Southern Baptists are not extensively engaged in the business of publishing Bibles, but much is done toward distribution of the Word. Missionary Gene Wise, Brazil, advertised free Gospels in ten small newspaper advertisements over a period of a year. Requests for the Gospels numbered 2,000. Hearts are hungry in Brazil, says the missionary, but the average Brazilian does not know where he can secure a copy of the Bible. A similar offer in the French *Reader's Digest* brought 6,000 replies within three weeks, a surprising number in a nation where only 2 per cent of the people are Protestant.

Other organized groups have done a notable job of distribution of the Scriptures. In their fiftieth year the Gideons had distributed a total of 38,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments to hotels, motels, hospitals, jails, schools, and the nurses and servicemen in this and 39 other countries. A hotel owner once said, "I'd rather have Bibles in the guestrooms of my hotels than a detective on every floor."

Physical and spiritual hunger is everywhere. President Eisenhower, addressing representatives of 18 Oriental nations said, "In joining hands against human suffering, we fulfill His teachings, which are shared by all our religions and all our people." Southern Baptists might say: In joining hands against spiritual darkness, we fulfill His commission, which sends all Christians into that darkness to share with benighted people the light of Christ, that their darkness may be lighted by the lamp of faith in Jesus Christ. Let us look at tragic need in Hong Kong as told by Norman A. Wingert. (Information furnished by the Mennonite Central Committee.)

STORY: Hong Kong, A Problem of People

What is the picture in Hong Kong? The refugee there is Chinese. Not long ago he lived in Mainland China. Some of his friends and family are still there. Some are with him in Hong Kong.

Small daughter puts coal in stove as young mother of Taiwan (Formosa) prepares supper in her farm home



There was no place for him to live when he came to Hong Kong, fire burned down his shack. Fifty thousand others were also left shackless.

For months he ate at huge government kitchens and slept in the open. There was no job to be had. He just waited and existed. Then, the government gave him one of the new "apartments." Do you have a rug that measures about ten by twelve feet? Imagine, then, the rug to be a cement floor, with cement walls rising from its four sides and topped by a cement ceiling. This is the apartment into which he moved his pregnant wife and underfed child.

But this cement box was not his home exclusively. Regulations specify a minimum of five persons to live here. So, he had to share the precious ten by twelve feet with another family of three. Two members of the new family were suffering from active tuberculosis.

On either side above and below him were other stories of cement cubicles, so that, adding up the total dwellers in these man-made cement cliffs, he has more than 2,500 refugee neighbors in the seven stories of the resettlement house.

Fantastic? My Chinese friend and his expectant wife and sickly child and three others—two of them tubercular—working, eating, sleeping in a cement box with one door and one window with 2,500 other homeless people, all under the same roof? Fantastic, heart-breaking? Yes, but true!

And yet my Chinese refugee friend and his family consider themselves fortunate in having been among the 280,000 who were given space in one of the government resettlement houses. Their lot is still much better than the 300,000 who are still living in squatter huts, on rooftops and on pavements. In the resettlement houses there is no fire hazard, for cement does not burn.

As one moves among the lean-to huts, the roof-top shelters, the hallway bed spaces, the

pavement shacks, and along the miles of resettlement house balconies, one's heart protests, "Forgive me for having so much!"

In one of the many overcrowded tenement areas there are 2,000 people to the acre, often three to five in a bed, 30 to 35 on the same floor of a single house. Eighty per cent living in the area are suffering from tuberculosis. More than half the children do not get enough sleep, and the majority of them receive about 50 per cent of their caloric requirements. Ninety-five per cent of the children need dental treatment.

The 10,000 beggars are of two sorts: the professional and the occasional. The professionals are usually pathetic-looking figures: cripples, mothers with sickly children, the raggedly dressed, the blind, and the sick. The occasional beggar is usually one who is driven by necessity to temporary measures.

Sometime ago I was walking up Nathan Road when someone bumped into me and snatched my pencil from my pocket. My first reaction was that had I been a little quicker, I might have grabbed his wrists and called for the police. But I'm glad I didn't. His children may have been starving.

Southern Baptists recognize that we are not scratching the surface in meeting the need of the world's hungry, distressed, and starving. Funds have not been made available to our Foreign Mission Board for this purpose. In fact last Spring when the earthquake victims of Chile needed our help the Board sent every penny it had except \$200 and the total amount which was available for Chilean Baptists was only \$7,500, an additional \$18,198.96 in relief funds came in and was later sent to Chile. Literally thousands responded with warm clothing and personal help. Many wrote the missionaries there, and in the face of the tremendous need for rebuilding churches, homes, and life, the Board appropriated more than \$80,000 from

capital funds. Surely Southern Baptists need to make available for mission boards money to meet emergency relief needs of Baptist groups. A Baptist editor challenges us: "The outstanding failure of Southern Baptists is their lack of charity work . . . we are far behind other denominations in one of our important assignments." He suggests that \$1 million a year needs to be available for our Home and Foreign Mission Boards to administer. "Too long," he says, "we have left it to the government and social agencies to do what the churches have been commanded to do."

God give us eyes; God give us ears;
God give us hearts that beat
In sympathetic, quick response
To our brotherman's great need.

Concern for another's desperate physical plight is a part of a Christian's response. But we must also see the pressing urgency for more missionaries all over the world. Dr. Cauthen tells us of the actual requests for missionaries made by nationals and missionaries for personnel which they must have at once if the work is marked with advances instead of decline. (Read Dr. Cauthen's statement on Cover 2)

Special Music: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer Requests from Missionaries, compiled for each day by Mrs. William McMurtry.

Leader: Let us pray for the hungry the world over. After we read each prayer request we will pause for silent prayer.

Let us pray that this Week of Prayer will be inwardly vital and outwardly fruitful. That God will lift us out of our small plans into his great ones.

Let us remember the million Arab refugees in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Gaza who live on a sub-standard diet which is all that the United Nations' Relief and Works Agency can provide. There are about 300,000 homeless refugees in Hong Kong with no homes but squatters' shacks built of makeshift materials. Most of these Chinese are escapees from Red China.

Refugees from North Korea have found no permanent means of livelihood in new locations in South Korea. Countless orphans and aged persons without economic security call out to us for help.

The concern of German Baptist Seminary students who fasted two days and from their savings were able to send \$100 to Hong Kong refugees should make us aware of our great abundance.

Let us pray that God will forgive our selfish indulgence and wastefulness.

Let us pray as if mothers and babies in our own towns were starving.

Hunger is not physical alone. There is hunger of the spirit. Every year throughout the world millions of people are learning to read. What are we going to put in their hands? The Russians in a recent year published over 29 million books in 701 titles. An even greater volume was produced by 700 Communist publishers in 58 other countries. For next year Communists have as their goal a 300 per cent increase in the printed page.

Let us pray that God will give supernatural power to the missionaries who write, translate, print, and distribute Christian literature.

That the work of the Baptist Press in Hong Kong which provides Christian literature of all kinds in the Chinese language for use all over the Orient may be expanded because of our gifts. That Christian literature will continue to infiltrate into Red China.

That Baptist operating plants and publication centers on five continents may be used to reach a portion of the 2 billion souls without Christ on the mission fields of the world.

Man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God.

Let us pray that we may respond to the enthusiasm for literacy all over the world by placing the Bible as a textbook in the hands of those yearning to read. We can win millions to Christ if we use the Bible as God's open door.

Closing Meditation:

"The Giver with the Gift"

We bring our offerings this week as Christmas gifts to the Saviour. Let us remember the words of the poet who said, "The gift without the giver is bare." Give yourself, something more than money, as you bring your gift.

A Christian national, on a mission field, added the extra something to his gift when he walked many miles to a certain bay where sea-shells of unusual beauty could be found. He brought back one of the loveliest for the missionary. When asked about the shell, he told of his long walk, whereupon the missionary said, "I think it was wonderful of you to make that long trip to get this beautiful gift for me." The face of the giver lighted up as he replied, "long walk, part of gift."

Won't you let your prayers be the "long walk" that accompanies your gift of money, as you pray daily throughout the year? Place your gift of PRAYER under the Christmas tree along with all the other gifts; prayer for all the peoples of the world, the sick, the needy, the sin-

gry, the brokenhearted, the millions who are lost; prayer for God's messengers who need us to uplift them daily as they seek to witness to the lost in remote areas of the world; prayer that God will fill each of our hearts with a sense of urgency to proclaim His word to those about us each day; prayer that our money may light the way out of darkness for many who do not know God to whom we pray, nor the Saviour in whose name it is our privilege to call on God.

The gift of oneself in prayer can make the

money gift much more meaningful and valuable, for through prayer money multiplies in usefulness, is employed in the best possible way in bringing the most good to the people whom it serves, and brings greater honor to the Saviour for whom it is given.

Our Gifts to the Multitudes (Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in small church)

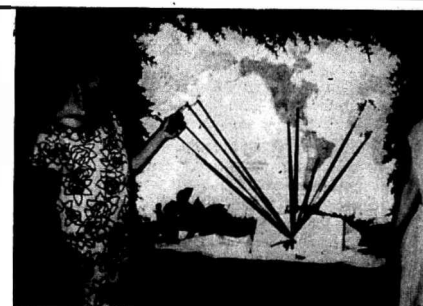
Prayer of Dedication for Offering

THE FIRST ON LUZON

by Mamie Lou E. Posey

Baguio, Philippines

Mrs. Maris Lago, WMS president and Daisy Celestial, YWA president point to Korea where their Philippine church will send their Christmas offering



In August, 1959 we had just organized our WMS and YWA, the first missionary organizations of Luzon. With some hesitancy I explained to the women at Aurora Hill church, Baguio, the purpose of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. I asked if they wanted to join hands and heartily with other people around the world in giving to foreign missions.

My little faith was not prepared for the eager response. I wondered how these who had so little to provide for the barest essentials for their families could possibly give to the offering.

One of our members stood to speak. She suggested to the mothers that each time they cooked rice for their families that they place a handful of rice into a separate container. Then, whenever the can was full, she explained, the members could sell the rice and give the proceeds to the mission offering. The Filipino diet consists of rice and dried fish with occasional vegetables for those who can afford it. It was only natural that the women think of giving in terms of rice. Another member shared her idea of making BIRINGKA, a sticky rice cake to sell in the market to make money to give to the

offering.

I sat studying the expressions of one woman and then another. Then our WMS president recognized a member who stood to voice her idea. "Let's give everyone in our church an opportunity to give to the foreign missions offering. Maybe some day," she paused, "our church can even send a missionary to some other country."

On the Sunday before Christmas the YWAs prepared a beautiful interest center for the church auditorium. They framed in greenery and poinsettias a map of the world with streamers leading from an open Bible to the various countries of the world.

For our new organizations I had prepared a series of programs on neighboring Asian countries. One of our programs in both organizations had been on Korea. So deeply impressed with the needs of Korea were our members that the WMS and YWA both voted to designate their Lottie Moon offering for mission work in Korea.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at Aurora Hill, the first ever to be given in the Filipino churches on this island, totaled \$49.50. A tiny mite, but an offering of love and sacrifice!



TUESDAY, November 29

TOPIC: *Seeing the Multitudes* **DISEASED**



Leper camp—leprosy or Hansen's Disease is on the wane in Nigeria

Quiet Meditation:

(Each woman receives a Scripture passage folder at the door. She will be seated, read the Tuesday "Prayer Promises for Meditation," and pray silently.)

Prayer Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (played softly, then all join in singing first verse).

Call to Prayer: (See names of missionaries on page 22, November Royal Service.)

Sing: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" all verses.

Poem: "When Jesus Saw the Multitude," page 2, third verse.

Unison Scripture Reading: (All women read aloud from folders the Scripture verses on the topic for the day.)

Introduction:

Seeing the Multitudes **DISEASED**

We live in a world of illness and disease. One billion people are sick. Try to see a doctor, spend hours waiting in his office. There are not enough doctors even in the United States where we have one doctor for every 750 people. Hos-

pitals are crowded. There are waiting lists for those whose troubles are not urgent, yet here in the US we have 6,818 hospitals with over a million and a half beds, or 9.5 beds per 1,000 population.

Disease is rampant at a time when scientific and medical advance is miraculous. While many fatal diseases continue unconquered, new ones develop. The same illnesses which harass in the United States also plague all the world, but often go unchecked because of scarcity of doctors, ignorance about sanitation, and lack of drugs with which to combat disease. Poor sanitation is an important factor in making people

susceptible to illness. Health is impossible without proper food. Prevention offers more hope than cure many times.

Need for medical treatment is appalling. A missionary states that the little country of Nepal with 10 million people has only 50 doctors, not unusual in countries of the Orient. Thailand has 300,000 lepers. Brazil's infant mortality is heart-breaking. In many homes of ten or twelve children, only half live to adulthood. Many thousands of Mexicans die each year because of water pollution.

Six thousand died in a malaria epidemic in central Java in a six-month period last year. Tuberculosis exacts a tremendous toll in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Other widespread diseases are typhus, dysentery, smallpox, trachoma, yaws, and venereal disease. The life expectancy of one fourth of the world's population is no more than 38 years (70 in America). To tell of the great physical sickness of mankind is to attempt to empty the Pacific with a spoon!

In 1958 a Baptist Alliance medical team of 15 doctors made stirring reports of their 45,000 mile world tour. The purpose of the tour was "to evaluate what mission hospitals have done and are doing, and to discover ways in which the medical profession might stand behind medical missionaries who have sacrificed much to serve Christ." The spokesman for the group summed up man's health needs in these ten words beginning with S: sewers, sanitation, soap, shots, soup, schools, self-respect, screens, sprays, and salvation. In the realm of medicine and health, ignorance and superstition must be replaced by knowledge and understanding. People must be taught to care for themselves.

Medical evangelism has become an important part of Southern Baptist mission activity. We now have medical work in 21 of our 44 mission fields, which includes 18 hospitals in 14 countries, 80 clinics and dispensaries. Another hospital will be added with completion of the building in Hong Kong. Personnel is being appointed for a hospital in Thailand. The Foreign Mission Board annual report for 1959 shows a total of 49 missionary doctors, 74 national doctors, 61 missionary nurses, 226 national nurses. Lack of personnel limits expansion of the work. A new hospital at Kontagora, Nigeria, is not in full use for this reason.

Africa claims the major portion of our medical program with 10 hospitals and over 40 clinics and dispensaries, more than half of these being in Nigeria, whose 33 million people could easily use all of them and still be in need. At his own expense a 46-year-old Oklahoma City surgeon spent three months in Nigeria last summer as a "temporary missionary." Said he, "I'm making this trip because I feel I must." The same spirit

of sharing manifested by those who cannot go but are willing to pray and give will send a larger number of permanent missionaries to all fields.

A recent report of Orient secretary Winston Crawley dealt with medical missions in that area. "Since there is so much physical suffering and so little modern medical care available in great areas of the world, medical mission work is a natural expression of Christian concern and love," he said. "Medical missionaries are evangelists, and their work is medical evangelism. Because of limited personnel and funds, we can meet relatively few of the needs. Our medical projects are therefore located partly in terms of the seriousness of physical need and the lack of existing medical facilities. At the same time, however, we plan for medical projects in places where they will open doors for Christian missions that otherwise might not be so easily opened. The more resistant a land is to direct evangelistic efforts, the more important is a medical approach."

Here is the witness being made in the Kediri Hospital located in Indonesia: "The most important activity of the hospital is spreading the gospel. We consider the 29,850 patient visits and the 16,070 in-patient days as contacts for the Lord's work. The world is sick, but humanity's greatest hurt is not physical. Souls of men are dying without a knowledge of the Great Physician, the Healer of souls. Science has discovered dramatic cures for some ills while others continue to exact their toll in human life, pain and disability, with little or no hope of a cure. For soul-sickness, however, there is a sure and available remedy—the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanses from all sin. This is the message we bear through medical evangelism: 'The precious blood of Jesus cleanses white as snow.'"

Let us hear now a story from the wife of a Southern Baptist doctor in Nigeria. She tells of how souls are influenced for Christ in medical mission work.

STORY: *Saved by the Blood*

by Mrs. W. C. Gaventa, Nigeria

The announcement came at the close of the church service. In the Urhobo language, then in English, the pastor made an appeal to the Africans gathered for worship. "The doctor at the hospital sends word that a very sick child has been admitted this morning. Blood is needed desperately. The child and her mother are strangers here, no family, no friends. Will someone, or will several of you, be willing to share blood? You will, perhaps, be saving a young life from death."

After the benediction, several young men jumped on their bicycles to pedal to the hospital only a short distance away—the Eku Baptist Hospital, established some ten years ago, serving scores of villages in this densely populated, forest rain belt area of Nigeria. Many of the church members have worked in the hospital and have witnessed firsthand the medical care given to many tribes, for in this area there are seven to ten tribal groups, each with its own language and customs and ways.

Dr. Bill Gaventa was waiting on the ward for the volunteer blood donors. With him was Mr. Jerry Gaultney, a missionary whose many responsibilities include that of a laboratory technician. He was setting up equipment and preparing for the transfusion. As the young men came in, Jerry greeted them and tested their blood types. Fortunately, one type proved suitable and the blood was quickly given to the seriously ill girl. Her small body was emaciated, cheeks and eyes sunken. Life seemed to be slowly ebbing away.

Through the aid of an interpreter, the mother was asked some questions: Where did she live? How long had the child been sick? The tense, tired woman answered hesitantly. She herself had suffered tuberculosis for months. Her home was across the Kwale River, a distance of nearly 50 miles. She came from the Isoko area where lives a tribe of primitive people who fish in the backwaters and creeks and gather palm nuts for a living. The daughter had been sick for weeks but the father had refused to seek medical aid. His arguments, familiar now to the doctors at the hospital, were:

"The money is too much, we will not spend it on a mere girl. Her life is not worth that. It is too far to that hospital. Besides, the child is going to die. According to our people, it is better for her spirit to depart here in her own home. I cannot bother with her in that condition."

The mother eventually became frantic enough, and brave enough, to solicit help from a relative and together they crept away, crossing the river in a canoe, walking through the heavy bush,

and taking a lorry (a truck used for transportation in that country) the last several miles to Eku. The woman herself was numb with fatigue and concern.

As the blood was administered, Dr. Gaventa talked quietly to her, explaining the life-giving property of blood. He told her that if anything at all could save the girl at this point, it would be this blood—and the mercy of the Lord.

He said, "These men who came to give this blood are not asking for money. They do not know you. Furthermore, they are Urhobo and traditionally, as you know, through the years, the Urhobo and the Isoko people have been enemies. Yet, to them this no longer matters. They are Christians and they have seen a need which they can help meet because of the spirit of love and concern in their hearts. They do this because of Jesus Christ." The doctor continued to tell the woman about Jesus and His death, how his shedding of blood cleansed and cured us all from sin, and literally saved us from death.

Slowly over a period of some six weeks the child gained strength. During these days in the hospital, the African chaplain talked with the mother and with Iyo (Eye-yaw), the daughter. The missionary nurses treated them with loving-kindness. The workers were friendly in their greetings. One morning as Dr. Gaventa was making rounds, Iyo smiled and said, "Please, Doctor, today I will dance for you."

The doctor said she might leave the ward if the mother could find a room in the village for several weeks so Iyo could come in for regular check-ups and treatment. It was during this follow-up interval on one Sunday morning that both mother and daughter came to the front of the Eku Baptist Church making professions of faith in Christ.

The missionary doctor said, "We are thankful for God's sparing your child; thankful also for your finding salvation. Tell me, you have been a patient for some time now, was it a sermon or prayer with the chaplain that helped you most to make this decision?"

The humble African woman was quiet a mo-

ment. Then, fumbling for words she said, "None of that made me think, Doctor, not at first. It was the message about the blood. No African brother would do such a thing for a stranger. The fear would be too much. Yet, someone gave blood for my child. I knew his love for God must be great to do such a thing. Then you told me about Jesus and his blood. I want to follow such a one who changes hate to kindness in the heart."

This is not a dramatic nor an unusual story. It is simply a true incident of the witness of one medical mission hospital. Here is portrayed, not so much the marvel of the work of the missionaries, but the influence of the Holy Spirit through African Christians. Nationals and missionaries, the church and hospital employees, Isoko and Urhobo—a meeting of hearts and love in the power of Christ Jesus, our Lord, that is the visible witness.

Special Music: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer Requests from Missionaries

Leader: Let us listen and pray together.

Prayer Chairman: Near the Baptist Hospital in Kyoto, Japan, a mountain is being slowly removed to make way for additional hospital buildings. But there is no real reason to hurry for the man who is digging away with pick and spade. It is true that more and more people want to come to the Japan Baptist Hospital, but the lack of missionary nurses is limiting the hospital ministry. Plans to train Japanese Christian nurses will have to wait until reinforcements come in.

Pray that young women who are already in training will respond to this call.

Mrs. Leland Harper asks that a YWA qualify for the place of laboratory technician and dietitian so desperately needed at the Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Pray that this request be granted.

The plea for more nurses comes from every hospital operated by Southern Baptists. The

plan to develop an ambulatory clinic: a truck fully equipped with clinical equipment and a team of nurse, doctor, and driver to go into a different section of the interior of Paraguay is still undeveloped.

Let us pray that this dream of the doctor-missionaries will become a reality.

In persecution-ridden Colombia the hospital at Barranquilla is held in high esteem, as its crowded conditions indicate. The pressing need is for more nurses.

Pray that God will call young women in our own homes and churches to answer the call from Colombia.

After an hour and a half by car and 25 minutes on foot to reach a woman dying in childbirth, Dr. John Roper did what he could. With the aid of others he carried her on a mattress across the fields and hills to our hospital in Ajloun, Jordan. Village women followed, insisting that it was useless, but God spared the woman's life. This doctor is deeply concerned that the woman may gain eternal life and asks for our prayer.

Let us pray.

In the town of Mati on the Philippine island of Mindanao is our Baptist hospital. This is an area that has vigorously resisted the gospel due to Roman Catholic opposition, but the hospital has steadily won success for Baptist efforts. The hospital is under-staffed and needs more personnel.

Pray that God will call a doctor who will feel led to give his life to this region where medical service has been inadequate.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will cause the patients to listen to the gospel message as it is broadcast daily, morning and evening, over the hospital's public-address system.

In many cases the time a patient is in the



Mankind diseased responds with love when treated with skill and tender care, whether in Southern Rhodesia, Paraguay, or Nigeria. Leper (r.) shows certificate: "Case arrested"

hospital is not long enough to arouse interest, give instruction and bring about a decision. But at the Baptist tuberculosis hospital in Mbeya, Tanganyika, the patient is likely to be there for six weeks or more.

First Baptist Hospital In Brazil

Dr. Silas de Aguiar Munguba



On March 26, 1960 the first Baptist hospital in all Brazil became a reality, erected in Fortaleza and named Everett Gill Memorial Hospital for a former Latin America mission secretary. Southern Baptists gave initially \$15,000 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Brazil Baptists will assume the remaining responsibility. Dr. Silas Munguba is medical director. Rev. Burton de Wolfe Davis, administrator.

Dr. Burton de Wolfe Davis at ceremony of laying the cornerstone



Pray that while the patient is in this Christian atmosphere where he is exposed to constant personal witnessing from the staff, able to listen to daily word services and read the Bible if he is literate, that he will find salvation.

Pray that not one of the estimated 600 persons who will pass through the hospital during the year will leave without a knowledge of Christ as Saviour.

Closing Meditation:

"Under the Christmas Tree"

The gift of self under the Christmas tree today could be the gift of TIME AND TALENTS. As the world measures, your material gift may not be large, but everyone has some talent which can be used for the Lord, and all have the same amount of time—60 minutes in every hour.

In this modern age many things demand our time. Have we lost our sense of perspective as to what is lasting? Are we giving our all to the first job we as Christians have, the work of leading lost people to Christ who came at that first Christmas? My place to win the lost is the place where I am now—Africa or Alaska, Maine or Texas, big city or little town, at work or play—following the example of my Master, Jesus, the Son of God, who died that I might have life everlasting.

Try making a complete inventory of your time. This week is made up of 168 hours. How many hours do you spend in church services, meetings and activities? Perhaps not so many as you casually think! How many hours sleeping, eating and working? How much time in community activity? How much time in needed relaxation and recreation? How much time in wasted effort and useless activity? How much left over that can't be accounted for? Jesus "went about doing good." Could it be that we just "go about?" An analysis of time will be revealing. What has first place in your time?

Talents unused in the service of Christ will mean that someone will be unsaved because he was not told the message of salvation. Is someone unclothed, hungry and in need because you did not minister to that one? Is there a sick or sorrowing one who needs your comfort? The inheritance of the Kingdom belongs to those whose talents, great or small, are dedicated to the service of the King of kings.

Our Gifts to the Multitudes (Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in local church)

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

ROYAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, November 30

TOPIC: *Seeing the Multitudes* **AFRAID**



Quiet Meditation:

Each woman receives a Scripture passage folder at the door. She will be seated, read the Wednesday "Prayer Promises for Meditation," and pray silently.

Prayer Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (played softly, then all join in singing first verse).

Call to Prayer: (See names of missionaries on page 22, November Royal Service.)

Sing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," all verses

Poem: "When Jesus Saw the Multitude," page 2, second verse

Unison Scripture Reading: (All women read aloud from folders the Scripture verses on the topic for the day.)

Introduction:

Seeing the Multitudes **AFRAID**

When the US census taker came to your home last April, were you asked, "Does your home have a basement or cellar that could be used as a bomb shelter?" You felt a chill of apprehension as you came face to face with the fearful fact that our world lives under the grim possibility of annihilation by nuclear power. The thought of instant nuclear death is not so



Native dancers and witch doctors, Join-krama, Nigeria cannot eradicate fear

horrible even as the fear of "H-bombs that blow you apart, gases that destroy your insides without breaking your skin, and fallout that can touch your unborn children with idiocy." These are enough to make any citizen fearful of times in which he lives.

The word that strikes greatest fear to the free world and people who love freedom is communism. Its vicious doctrines have enslaved 100 million people every year, says Dr. Frank Laubach, who predicts that by 1968 four fifths of the world will be under Communist domination unless something is done to stop it.

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Boy in Southern Rhodesia wanted his picture taken by missionary

Scorning all religions, communism is in reality a religion which puts the state in the place of God and demands total surrender. With the promise of redistribution, land is confiscated by government and farmers become tenants. Collectivism invades all business enterprise. The individual no longer has any personal rights but becomes a machine to produce goods for the state. After his dependence upon the state becomes complete, he realizes the powerful grip of the trap in which he is caught. Masquerading as the great deliverer, communism promises, but does not provide relief from poverty, disease, insecurity. Impoverished peoples of the world, seeking higher standards of living, opportunity for advancement, and freedom from colonialism, are easily attracted by the false promises of a bright future. Too late a country learns that under such a system human personality suffers the deepest degradation and all freedoms are lost.

Communism, with a highly-organized minority, seizes the government when existing circumstances are right for its purposes. Working its insidious way into every avenue of life, it is a force which cannot be ignored. The free western world is rightfully afraid before such evil.

Fear is universal. The civilized city dweller, surrounded by comforts, is fearful for his economic security—afraid of losing the comforts that have become to him necessities. He is afraid of the unknown future, of life itself. He fears loss of freedom, war, persecution, injustice, responsibility, illness, and many other things. He may actually be envious of the jungle tribesman and wistfully wish to exchange places and get away from it all. He may be without faith in God. Sometimes, completely overwhelmed by his fears, he effects his escape by withdrawing from the world of reality, or by submerging his fears in alcohol.

The jungle native, or uncivilized man, on the other hand, has his fears also. His daily bread can be just as much a problem as for the city man because his knowledge is limited and his equipment primitive. His gods do not help. His future is dark. Since he is not in close communication with the problems of the civilized

world, he may know little of nuclear war, but tribal wars are just as deadly to the individual. Man's injustice to man is as real in jungle as elsewhere. The dangers of his environment are ever-present and terrifying.

In his fear, where can man turn for help? The only answer for any man is God—the God who loves and cares for man whom he created. But the majority of the world's people do not know God. The religions they do know bring no hope of peace, no freedom from fear, no salvation from sin, no assurance of life eternal, no love of a loving God. In the many traditional world religions, animism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Confucianism teach that God is many gods. Only Islam teaches the existence of one Supreme Being. Believing thus, man "lives in a world of chaos and confusion, not knowing which of the various gods, demons, or spirits may be in control of the situation at any one time. He does not understand that he lives in a world in which one great God and Creator is in control." Only as man comes to understand and know God through Jesus Christ can he be loosed from superstition and fear.

The pagan worshipers and sacrifices to many spirits to ward off evil. He does not seek salvation for his soul, but rather for his body. He is afraid of the witch doctor who is in communion with all the spirits, and he must pay whatever price is demanded when magic is worked in his behalf. Such a religion of fear has no concept of love. An audience of Africans laughed hilariously when shown moving pictures of a leper colony. Without a sense of Christian concern for others, they felt only glad relief and joy that the evil spirits had not visited them.

By rituals and meaningless forms followers of Roman Catholicism are kept in ignorance of God's Word relative to salvation, his personal love and his nearness. Christ is everywhere presented in helpless infancy or in lifeless form upon the cross, with Mary having the position of intercessor and mediator with God. The people often forget God in their worship of regional idols which contend for popular favor. Persecution of evangelicals in Spain, Italy, Colombia and other Catholic-dominated areas, keep many nominal Catholics from seeking something better than the spiritual darkness they know. Whether man lives or dies in fear and despair is dependent upon his acceptance of Christ as Saviour. His followers must obey the divine command delivered on the mount of ascension to go and tell.

Southern Baptists dare not disobey this command. Already we have gone into 44 nations with the gospel message of the Saviour—the Son of God who came to live among men and reveal God as the loving Father who sends man

free from the shackles of fear. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love . . . the truth shall make you free."

The living Saviour makes a difference in the lives of his followers. Listen to the story of Dona Maria of Brazil.

STORY: There is a Difference

by Mrs. Fred Hawkins, Brazil

Dona Maria loves her church, and loves to go to church. She spends many hours visiting neighbors, inviting them to go with her to the services. "Come, see the difference," she says. When reports are given at WMS she always tells of many visit-experiences.

Her church is different—not at all like the big cathedral on the hill with its stained glass windows, life-size images and ornate gold trim. Dona Maria's church is a small concrete building with wooden shutters instead of glass windows. Its benches are rough, hard and uncomfortably straight. They are a little too close together to allow much leg room, but crowding makes it possible to seat a few more people in the Sunday school classes which meet there, as well as in the worship services. Seating space is at a premium at all services, and standing room is scarce. All these things, however, are not what makes Dona Maria's church different.

The people make the difference. Peace written on their faces is an outward indication of peace in their hearts. You see, these people know what Jesus meant when he said, after his resurrection, "Be not afraid, it is I." Dona Maria personally invited many of these Christians to come see the difference which she, and others, had found in following Jesus. She knows, like they, what it means to be afraid.

Once Dona Maria and her Christian friends and neighbors had put their faith in gods of brass and stone, had bowed before images of gold searching for peace, had confessed their

sins before sinful men, then turned away empty, continuing their walk in darkness and fear—fear for themselves and their families, afraid to live and afraid to die. These were people who never read with their own lips the words, "My peace I give unto you," or heard a still small voice say, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest." Miserable, wretched souls they were, who knew not the meaning of the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

It is Sunday morning nearing the Christmas season in Dona Maria's church. The young national pastor stands before the congregation reading from Luke's gospel: "Fear not; behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." As he completes the Scripture reading and begins the sermon, Dona Maria can see sitting about her in the quiet little congregation some who had shared with her their stories of sin and fear.

Over there is little Joao (John) who came to Sunday school knowing he would be beaten if his father found out he had been to the Baptist church. Joao was glad to be able to leave his home to go to school so he could be with people who have a faith to overcome their fears. Like many boys and girls in Brazil, he lived out of reach of a school, so it was necessary for him to be sent away from home to school.

Then, sitting nearby is Juvilina, who like many other young women, came to town from poor rural circumstances to work as a servant. She was fortunate in finding a place of service in a Christian home. She attended the church for two years, observing closely the family with whom she lived. She saw a difference. Then, one day, she too became a believer, and a little later a member of the church.

One day Juvilina came to talk with Dona Maria and the pastor about her distress. Her mother was being frightened by very strange

Refugee orphans in Korea; in Israel all citizens over 18 are eligible to vote



noises in her home. "You don't understand," she explained. "My people are poor people and they can't pay the amount demanded by the spiritualist leaders to have the noises stopped. If they do not pay they may receive violent treatment as many of our neighbors have."

Spiritualists, if they choose, can put a "jinx" on their people. Collections of whiskey bottles, cigars, matches, a black chicken or goat may be found on the corner near the home of the person so "jinxed." In spite of the real cloud of fear hanging over her life, Juvilina's face on this Sunday morning was peaceful as she heard once again the old, old story.

Luci is a middle-aged woman, confused in her religious thinking for years. At Dona Maria's invitation she came to the church and found it truly different. She found solace and comfort in the pastor's messages as he preached and taught Bible truths. Her confusion became firm conviction in the saving power of Christ, and she was ready, after weeks of study and faithful attendance at all the services of the church, to present herself for baptism. Even now, however, Dona Luci is plagued by fears which became a fixed part of her earlier life. Her non-Christian husband died of tuberculosis. Former friends did not come to sympathize but tried to lead her away from her newfound faith. Old fears revived. "Is it possible," she sobbed, "that Antonio can come back from death and harm me?" Today she is comforted by the words of her pastor, "Love casteth out fear. . . God is love."

At the close of the service Dona Maria and her friends linger to visit with one another. From the little church into the busy street they go to mingle with the multitudes who are unaware that there is a better way of life. Dona Maria will witness to others as time goes on. She can invite her neighbors but she cannot read the Bible to them, nor can Dona Luci read. Thanks to a school built by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Joao and Juvilina will be better prepared to make a contribution to Baptist work by their witness. But each one is just one among so many. They need others to help them—missionaries from the United States, and the unceasing prayer of people who have never known the fears these have experienced.

Yes, there is a difference when fear is conquered. It shows in the faces of the people.

Special Music: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer Requests from Missionaries

Leader: Let us hear of need and pray together.

Prayer Chairman: All the world knows that there is religious persecution in Spain and Co-

lombia, in South America and in many other places around the world. In these countries, persecution against evangelicals is instigated and carried out by the Catholic Church. In the last 11 years there have been more than 100 people killed in Colombia because of their faith.

Pray that these evangelicals in both Spain and Colombia who have paid and are paying dearly for their loyalty to Christ may be kept strong in spite of persecution.

Baptist pastors in Colombia have been denied the use of radio stations for religious services. One pastor who had been able to buy time for a 20-minute daily broadcast wanted to extend the time at the request of his church. When the pastor tried to buy the time from the station, the operator assured him that he had no personal objection but that he could not sell the time to him. With that he showed the pastor a letter from the bishop ordering the station not to "sell any more time to that Baptist preacher." Along with the order was a threat that the station would be closed if the operator disobeyed. The man said, "I am sorry, but here where the bishop has such authority I can't afford to sell you time."

Pray that the power of Satan will be broken and that the gospel can be preached freely over the air waves of Colombia.

It is almost impossible for new evangelical missionaries to get permission to enter Colombia.

Pray that the government will relax its rigid position and grant visas to new recruits.

Chaos and change characterize much of the world today. This is especially true of the Orient and Africa. The masses of people are seeking a better way of life. The Communists are seeking to take advantage of disorder. We Christians should understand this revolution, for it is in part the result of the work of the missionaries who for a century or more have taught the worth of a human being, the value of life, the necessity for self-respect and the right to freedom as Jesus so clearly taught and demonstrated before his disciples.

Let us pray that we shall not fail to appreciate the meaning of the revolution in Asia and Africa.

That we shall seize upon the crisis as an opportunity to give the gospel to the Orient and Africa while there is still time and the people are eager to know about the Saviour.

That we shall be alert to the missionary-like efforts of the Communists to capture the people while they are in revolution and are seeking to establish independent governments.

That we enter the doors of evangelism now wide open in such places in Asia as Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Korea.

Our last missionary left Communist China in 1952. Baptist work continues in China without missionary help and under difficulties hard to describe.

Let us pray that these faithful Christians may be kept close to Him and become even greater witnesses to the power of Christ in their lives.

There are nearly 25 million Chinese people in areas still open to missionary endeavor. Three million of them are in Hong Kong across the border from Red China. Another million are in South Vietnam, a country we have just entered. Chinese are in Malaya, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and Korea, but the largest number is on Taiwan (Formosa).

Let us pray that God will mightily use the missionaries to declare the way of salvation to these Orientals.

That the Holy Spirit will work a miracle of grace in the hearts of the Chinese who hear the gospel.

Six hundred promising students go to school in a free world but within a few miles of slavery. These students are in the Hong Kong Baptist College. The school is housed in borrowed quarters but needs a campus and buildings of its own. Hong Kong Baptists hope to give half of the necessary \$500 thousand.

Let us pray that Southern Baptists out of their abundance will provide sufficient money to give this strategically located college the assurance of a permanent home.

Let us pray that out of this school will come ministerial and lay leaders among Chinese in the Far East.

Closing Meditation:

"Under the Christmas Tree"

Today may we add the gift of concern to our gifts of money? Thus, to the packages beneath the Christmas tree, we may add a gift of self. As we think about the great gift of Jesus that spirit might nearly 2000 years ago, the gift of CONCERN will be appropriate, for God was concerned about the lost condition of men, to relieve that loss he sent his only Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Throughout the year let us have concern for the peoples of the world: concern for those who are hungry and naked and cold; concern for those in sorrow; for the homeless, the weary, the down-trodden; concern for those who are lost in sin, without hope in the love of Jesus

whom they do not know, and of whom they have never heard. Do we care at all what happens to them now? Do we care at all what happens to them for eternity?

As you add the gift of concern to your gift of money, try to feel what real hunger is, nakedness, and cold. Here amid the abundance of the United States of America, try to feel what it means to be without a place to call your own. Try to feel the weariness of too little food for too long a time. Here where there is every opportunity to hear the gospel, try to feel the loss of the lost, the futility of life when there is no promise of the hereafter. Try to care!

The Son of God came all the way from heaven to earth to show men how God cared. Can you think what it would be like not to have Jesus? Not to have God? Not to have the Bible? The destiny of many depends upon your concern for them. Can you go through a day without remembering the millions who are lost? Covenant today to be concerned for them daily throughout the coming year. Put yourself under the Christmas tree in your concern as you bring your gift of money for the multitudes.

Our Gifts to the Multitudes (Gathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in small church)

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Young and old in Jordan endure hardship and suffering with fortitude





THURSDAY, December 1

TOPIC: *Seeing the Multitudes* without a SHEPHERD

Quiet Meditation:

(Each woman receives a Scripture passage folder at the door. She will be seated, read the Thursday "Prayer Promises for Meditation," and pray silently.)

Prayer Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (played softly, then all join in singing first verse).

Call to Prayer: (See names of missionaries on page 21.)

Song: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," all verses

Poem: "When Jesus Saw the Multitude," page 2, second verse.

Union Scripture Reading: (All women read aloud from folders the Scripture verses on the topic for the day.)

Introduction:

Seeing the Multitudes without a SHEPHERD

A missionary was preparing breakfast for her family when she heard the tinkle of bells from the street in front of her new home in Madrid, Spain. Mrs. Charles Whitten, curious about the sound, looked and saw a shepherd



As in the days of old the shepherd is a familiar sight in Lebanon

leading a flock of sheep along the dusty street. The sheep followed, confident that the shepherd was going to water and pasture. Each day Mrs. Whitten says the bells remind her: "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall want for no good thing this day." Again at dusk when the shepherd returns her thoughts turn to the Good Shepherd and the bells echo notes of peace in her heart.

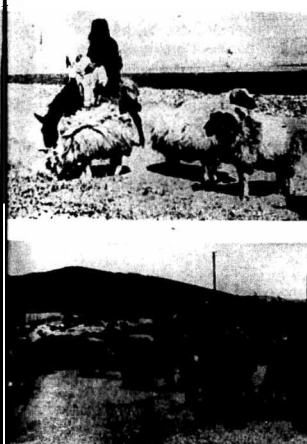
Not many people in the great city of Madrid would respond in this way to the bells for there are so many who do not know the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep. Mrs. George R. Martin, in New Year's greetings to

the women of the Baptist World Alliance said, "The world around us is dark with godlessness, materialism, suspicion and strife, but the very darkness itself is our opportunity to send forth the Light of the glorious gospel of salvation."

More than 2 billion people in the world do not know Christ—71 per cent. Population increase is outstripping increase in Christians so rapidly that each year the percentage of the Christian population drops slightly, in spite of the fact that the numerical growth of Christianity is notable. Non-Christians have increased 600 million over the figure of 50 years ago. Christian groups are growing only one third as fast as the population. Total Christian

Among evangelical denominations Southern Baptists are in fourth place in the number of foreign missionaries. Seventh Day Adventists are first. Appointments early in 1960 brought our Southern Baptist total to 1,447 with the goal for the year set at 150 new appointees. It is expected that the total will reach 2,000 by the end of 1964. This small number of missionaries, can touch such a few of the multitudes!

Africa's 225 million people are scattered over a huge area, except for a few densely settled coastal regions. Africa is a spiritual frontier which may be claimed by other interests if Christian forces do not move quickly. Fetishism, witchcraft, superstitious tribal religions



The loneliness of the shepherd life spent on bare hills is also evident in the Korean child "abandoned" in the street



groups, including all Orthodox and Roman Catholics, and Evangelicals, number about 885 million, leaving the major portion of the world's almost 3 billion people without Christ, lost! Christianity is not gaining ground!

Let us look at recent statistics of mission efforts. (Show figures on poster or chalkboard.) Last year all evangelical denominations had 38,066 foreign missionaries. Of these 25,058 were from America. India had the largest number, 1,993; Japan, 1,549; Belgian Congo 1,269; Nigeria 1,211; Brazil 948; Philippines 805. In 1959 there were 5,747 missionaries assigned to China, today there are none.

which hold millions to the old ways of magic and sorcery are giving way. It is estimated that 50 million Africans will decide in the next 25 years on some new religion. The choice likely will be between Islam and Christianity. Communism is reaching out a hand falsely offering fellowship and assistance. Millions of illiterate, underprivileged people will follow whatever ray of light seems to offer a way out of darkness and degradation. In Kenya alone more than 300 Roman Catholic priest-missionaries are working.

Asia has one half the world's population, 1.5 billion people, living on one fifth of the land

area of the globe. The people have little opportunity to hear about the love of God. Civil wars, political revolution and aggression disturb most of the countries. Adherence to old religions closely allied with family or government make the work of missionaries difficult. Evangelical Christians number about 6 million in the 15 nations where we have work. Vietnam is the newest field for Southern Baptists in the area.

Look closely at a few of the Asian fields. The island of Java with 50 million has almost reached a "standing room only" condition. Indonesia's need of schools and medical care is urgent. India's 400 million, living in great poverty, have no Southern Baptist witness. East Pakistan, a Moslem state, has 45 million people who have every kind of need, both physical and spiritual. Thailand, with 22 million people who are 95 per cent Buddhist, has provinces where 250,000 live with no Christian witness whatever. The population of Malaya and Singapore numbering 8 million, are Moslem, Buddhist, and Hindu. Japan's crowded 93 million seem to be less favorable in attitude toward Christianity than a few years ago.

Latin America, two and one half times the size of the United States, has 5 million Protestants in a population of about 192 million, with Brazil, Chile, and Argentina ranking highest in number of Protestants, in that order. The Roman Catholic Church dominates public life and claims over 90 per cent of the people, although it is said that less than 10 per cent actively participate. Thus, millions have no religion. Southern Baptists' ratio of missionaries is about one to 389,000 in Latin America.

Brazil, the largest state, has 47 per cent of the continent's population. Freedom of worship is guaranteed but it is not always without persecution or opposition. "The spiritualist religion," says one of our missionaries, "is perhaps the fastest growing religion in Brazil. It is a confusion of African superstition, Indian paganism, and Catholic image worship." Eighty per cent of Peru's population of 10 million has not heard the gospel. In Colombia's capital city of Bogota we have only two missionaries. Chile, where Catholicism dominates but is not state supported, has missionaries in only five of the 25 provinces. Mexico, next door to the U.S. has a population of over 32 million. Two thirds of Southern Baptist preaching places there have no chapels.

Europe is a focal area for all the world. It has one fifth of the world's people, over 600 million including Russia. While a majority of the population is nominally Christian, there is great religious indifference all over Europe. A combination of state churches and widespread practice of infant baptism causes many to grow

up under the assumption that they are Christians. Southern Baptist work is concentrated in Italy, Spain, and Rumania, Switzerland, where the International Baptist Seminary is located. Italy's 50 million are dominated by the powerful Roman Catholic Church, while Spain is probably the most solidly Catholic country in the world, making the work of Baptists and other evangelicals extremely difficult. In 1950 Southern Baptists' first missionaries were appointed for France.

This, then, is the picture: people, people everywhere—and 2 billion of them are lost. The masses need Christ, the Good Shepherd. His shepherding influence is the stabilizing power in a revolutionary world. What the multitudes want are the things God wants them to have: political freedom and independence; personal freedom from want, fear, intolerance, ignorance; equal opportunity to develop their abilities without persecution, bigotry, or insecurity. They want God, but they do not know it. Christian people, especially those of the Western world, so materially blessed, should be alert to the opportunity to help them. America is wealthy. Her churches are wealthy. Southern Baptists are wealthy. The challenge of lost people is ours.

"But I tell you to open your eyes and look at the fields—they are gleaming white already for the harvest!" (John 4:35, Phillips)

STORY: Crowded Ways of Life

by Miss Elizabeth Watkins,
pioneer worker in Japan

Third class on the boat was crowded. It was always crowded but today the usual crowd was swelled by sightseers of several hundred high school students, laughing, chatting, playing games, and singing. I could not help overhearing the conversation of an earnest group near me.

"My, I do miss Yukito San and Kazuko San," one sighed. "What happened?"

"Poor Yukito San! When her parents found she had TB they took her to that Buddhist temple up on the mountain above their village. The priest made her sit naked in a cold mountain stream day and night, and pray out loud to the gods of the mountain to heal her, saying they would feel sorry for her and make her well. When she got home the doctor said her lungs were eaten with holes. She never spoke again."

"Why did Kazuko San kill herself? As she was so unhappy as that?"

"She had enough to make her want to die. Her father lost his job; the doctor said her mother would soon die with cancer. And her

folk did not want her to marry Yano San. His family was against the marriage, too."

"Why must things be so hard? Our gods don't seem to care what happens."

"That reminds me. A missionary started a Sunday school near our house. The first Sunday she taught us to sing 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

"What's the Bible?"

"One of our school books said it is the Christian's holy book."

"Maybe so, but that doesn't help us. Out my way there must be 25 farming and fishing villages. I don't think there are six people who have ever seen a Bible."

"I know it. None of us had either until last Sunday at that Sunday school."

The group wandered out on deck.

My attention was attracted by a group of elderly pilgrims dressed in white except for big straw hats which looked like big soup bowls turned upside down. One old man's cotton kimono was stamped more than 70 times with temple seals, proving he had visited that many temples. Each pilgrim wore a bell tied around the waist to attract the gods' attention.

An old woman nearby spoke in a quavering voice. "Not long ago a Christian missionary came to our community and asked if she could have a Sunday school. I didn't know what it was but thought it might be good for the grandchildren, so I agreed to let her use my house and yard. Some other grandparents came along. Some brought sweet potatoes to cook and serve after Sunday school. We listened as she talked to the children. She told about a wonderful God—a God who loves us!"

I left the boat at the dock where another great crowd waited to come on board. I got on a streetcar to cross the great city, our prefectural capital. Neither the streetcars nor the busses could make much progress for the city streets were thronged with people celebrating a shrine festival. Groups of young men carried large ornate boxes fastened on poles. Each box

held a god. Chanting, the young men reeled and staggered through the streets, often intentionally colliding with similar groups. Here came a big float, man drawn, with gaily dressed people riding on it with the god, while a procession of boys and girls, all dressed in colorful robes, sang and danced in front and behind the float. Occasionally I saw little children in beautiful kimonos and hair ribbons, being led to a Buddhist temple by carefully dressed mothers and grandmothers. Or a tiny baby being carried for presentation in the temple. Shinto priests waved streamers to purify the crowds.

It was some days before Christmas, and I decided to get off the streetcar to shop in a large department store. I had to force my way through the crowd. A life-size banner of Santa and his reindeer, electrically driven, was stretched across the front of the store. Inside there was Christmas fairyland. On each floor a



Taiwan: The welcoming committee at Keelung Church. Carl Hunker awards BTU banner; few women have washing machines!



great, gay Christmas tree sparkled. There were beautiful Christmas cards, Christmas toys, Christmas decorations, Christmas wrappings, Christmas presents, Christmas cakes. I stopped to look at the cards. A group of university students gathered around, asking questions in friendly curiosity, eager to practice English on me. Reaching into my purse I brought out a few Christmas cards from America. "Tell me," I asked, "why is this Baby on this Christmas card? What is the connection between a baby and Christmas?" A blank look was my answer. "Well, then," I continued, "Here is a shepherd, here is an angel, here are camels with men riding them, and a star. What is the connection between them and Christmas?"

They shook their heads. "Is there any connection?" they asked me. "In Japan Christmas is Santa Claus Day. See those men in Santa Claus suits over there? When this shrine festival is over, perhaps tomorrow, they will walk the streets, or ride a big toy elephant, or climb telephone poles to throw candy to the children. Santa Claus Day is our custom all over Japan—but a baby or an angel on your card—we've never heard of that."

Evening came. Throngs of business and professional people poured from offices downtown. Whistles blew and multitudes of factory workers changed shifts. Streams of young people rode by on bicycles returning from a baseball game at the city stadium. People, people, where are they coming from? Where are they going? I pushed into a crowded bus and found a seat.

"Where are you going?" a friendly voice asked.

I explained and inquired, "And where are you going?"

He replied and I continued, "And where are you going when your journey is over and you can't live in this world any longer?" He looked puzzled, and I explained, "There are only two destinations—God's beautiful home or hell. We don't know just when we'll reach our destination, do we? Where are you going?"

"I never thought of that," he replied. And I knew that among the multitudes in this huge city almost everyone would give me the same answer.

At home at last out of the milling crowd! There is little time for rest for there are so many who must be told about Jesus. There are so few to carry the good news. If only we could tell the masses more quickly, many of them, one by one, would be saved.

The multitudes of Japan are like sheep without a knowledge of the Shepherd, Jesus!

Yes, that is the way the multitudes will be told about Jesus—one by one—and every Chris-

tian is responsible before God for telling others about the Saviour.

Special Music: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer Requests from Missionaries

Leader: Let us consider again today special prayer requests from missionaries. Let us be faithful to pray for each request.

Prayer Chairman: The door is open to Christian missions in Pakistan. There are no legal restrictions on the entry of American missionaries.

Pray for recruits and for the handful of Southern Baptist missionaries who continue to struggle with the language as they work in and around Dacca, the capital of East Pakistan.

The Nigerian Baptist Convention appointed its first foreign missionaries in the spring of this year. These two couples will go to Sierra Leone, West Africa, where Southern Baptists have no witness.

Pray for them as they sow the seed of the gospel in this new field.

In October, 1960 Nigeria gained her independence. Moslem opposition is keen in the northern region and freedom of worship is vital.

Pray that religious freedom will be included in the new constitution.

Baptists in Japan inspired by Jubilee Advance and Southern Baptists' 30,000 Movement have adopted their own Advance Program. The plan calls for doubling the number of churches by 1964 and doubling again every five years until there are 1,000 churches in 1979. Many denominational observers believe that the evangelization of Japan will mean more in world evangelization than will the winning of any other country in the world. To evangelize Japan is to take the longest stride toward making Asia Christian.

Pray for the necessary funds, dedication of nationals and missionaries, and for mission volunteers to undergo this challenging program.

Since the work of Southern Baptists began in Indonesia on Christmas Day, 1851 with the arrival of our first missionaries, progress has been encouraging. But visas for two doctors to work in the hospital at Kediri have not been granted. Visas for evangelistic workers are also waiting. Since July 1959 difficulties and delays in securing visas have been encountered.

Pray that these visas will be granted.

Red tape still keeps the Kediri Christians in the hospital area from purchasing land for their church. They continue to meet in a little bamboo chapel on the hospital grounds.

Pray that land will be purchased and the building permit obtained.

Baptists in Brazil have always shown evangelistic fervor. Congregations without pastors frequently have laymen taking the leadership and preaching. They often hold evangelistic services on street corners, in public parks or in homes. Laymen witness in private conversation. This fervor is shared by young people as well as adults.

Let us pray for these Christians.

Pray that urgent need for a missionary couple to work in Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil, may be met. Missionaries say it is of utmost importance that we take advantage of the great opportunity to evangelize Brasilia now in its early stages of development.

Closing Meditation:

"Under the Christmas Tree"

Today let us place a gift of self under the Christmas tree as we give our LOVE to a lost world. We know the gift of love is there for family and friends for we feel it strongly at Christmas with all the joyous traditions associated with home and loved ones. But is our gift of love there for the unlovely? Is love there for teeming millions of the world so neglected, ragged, hungry and even dirty? These are our neighbors in today's small world. Jesus spoke of the neighbor in need and pointed out that we should love him. Is there a deep yearning love that cares about needs and lost souls—cares enough to devote our lives to doing something about them?

A revered college professor appeared in a snack shop one day, her arm in a cast. A student, surprised, exclaimed, "Why Doctor, what happened to your arm?" With a smile and twinkle in her eye, the professor replied, "Oh, I was going around the corner and I met a little boy on a bicycle, and I couldn't avoid him. I couldn't avoid him!"

So it is Christians cannot avoid the headlong rush of mankind toward destruction. We must meet them heart-first with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

God's love for a lost world concerns itself with people, rather than self, no matter what their condition or false religion. The love of Christ is great enough to include every man, wherever he is. Our love for lost man must be great enough to make us pray and give and go, witnessing wherever we are to the impartial and unbiased love of God.

Our Gifts to the Multitudes (Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in small church)

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

BIBLE SOCIETY OFFERS

Special CHRISTMAS Scripture Portions



To encourage families to read aloud together on Christmas Eve the biblical story of Jesus' birth, the American Bible Society has available copies of "Unto You . . . A Saviour," an attractive, pocket-size reprint of Luke 1:5-2:40.

"Many families," the Society states, "are so carried away by the commercial and festive aspects of Christmas that the religious significance of the day is forgotten or ignored. Churches and individual Christians everywhere can encourage all to establish the custom of family Bible reading on Christmas Eve."

The Christmas booklet is printed in large, easy-to-read type, with an attractive cover, in King James or the Revised Standard Version. Distribute them to church members and to other neighbors and friends. Single copies may be obtained without charge, in quantity for \$3 a hundred from American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.



FRIDAY, December 2

TOPIC: *Seeing the Multitudes* with COMPASSION

Quiet Meditation:

(Each woman receives a Scripture passage folder at the door. She will be seated, read the Friday "Prayer Promises for Meditation," and pray silently.)

Prayer Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (played softly, then all join in singing first verse).

Call to Prayer (See names of missionaries on page 21.)

Sing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," all verses.

Poem: "When Jesus Saw the Multitude," page 2, all verses.

Unison Scripture Reading: (All women read aloud from folders the Scripture verses on the topic for the day.)

Introduction:

Seeing the Multitudes

WITH COMPASSION

Five missionaries in Ecuador, South America, took a calculated risk when they landed their little plane on a river bank. Their purpose was to set up a base of operations from which to give the gospel to a primitive tribe of Indians known to be hostile to outsiders. The men had tried for three months, with some degree of



Without a knowledge of the Good Shepherd, they cannot know freedom from fear.

success, to establish friendly relations with the people, first by dropping gifts from airplanes over their settlements.

Success seemed sure when a party of visitors was sighted by observers at the time of the noon radio contact with the mission base. Jubilant missionaries relayed the good news to their headquarters that visitors were there. Several days later when no further word was received at headquarters, a rescue party located four of their bodies floating in the river. Brought to the beach, the spear-pierced bodies were buried in a common grave. The fifth was

never found. Five men who fully recognized the danger they faced were not deterred from the high purpose which prompted them.

Others before these have had divine compassion and compulsion to share Christ even unto death, for Jesus himself is the example who gave his life at the hands of sinful men. God's compassion in providing the Saviour is the greatest act of mercy known to man. Jesus portrayed God's love for the lost as he went about teaching, preaching, and healing—methods still in use today by mission boards and agencies as they send out messengers to the lost world, not to die, but to live for Christ. Dr. Baker James Cauthen reminded a group of new appointees of their purpose: "You are not going to hew out God's kingdom yourselves with your scholarship or with your abilities. You are going out to serve a world that desperately needs you and God's message. And as you go, preach—by your lives, by your character, by what you say and do."

On Monday we recognized that the multitudes need bread. Jesus provided bread for a multitude of people on two occasions. He taught by example that the hungry must be fed. But never did he give physical blessings without spiritual food which was more essential.

Multitudes today are hungry and they look to America for help. One by one they are hungry. We must see them as individuals. Whereas the thought of hungry masses may move us only to despair that we can do little about so tremendous a need, the eyes of one hungry child should cause each of us to move toward alleviation of his hunger. In his book, *To Plow with Hope*, Donald K. Faris suggests that we visualize the hungry beginning in a line at our own front door, a line that stretches out of sight and around the world, and comes back to our door—25,000 miles. But the line does not stop there! On and on it goes until it encircles the globe 25 times before all the world's hungry are lined up before us.

The world's physical hunger overwhelms us, but assistance other than food and clothing is needed by the multitudes. They need to be helped to help themselves. Machines and modern methods of agriculture will relieve much suffering. Agricultural missionaries are needed.

Closely allied with this self-help method is the necessity to teach people to read. Many illiterates are breadwinners whose productivity could be increased if they could read simple

texts and put into practice good methods of agriculture and soil-building. Newly-literate adult minds need simple literature prepared and available to meet their needs.

The multitudes need a sense of world brotherhood, and understanding. Asked the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" one answered, "No, I must be my brother's brother." The Christian world is acquainted with this concept but it has not practiced the doctrine widely enough. Intolerance of color or race is widespread. Unchristian attitudes put into action by Americans at home makes so much noise that missionaries often cannot be heard on mission fields. A practiced, concerned faith in Christ is the only answer, for that will change arrogance and pride into love and consideration.

The multitudes need freedom. Jesus set people free from the law of sin and death. He set them free from the restrictions of a traditional, ritual-bound religion which made many overly zealous in keeping the letter of the law. Multitudes living behind iron or bamboo curtains today have no hope of freedom, millions do not know that freedom is possible. News magazines are telling the story of continued persecution and repression of Jews in Soviet Russia and elsewhere.

Dr. John D. W. Watts marveled at the devotion of Baptist pastors gathered in Russian-controlled Warsaw, Poland whose inherited tradition of faith has withstood fire, sword, prison and death. Three generations of one family are typical of these Polish pastors. The grandfather, converted during imprisonment in Siberia, passed on to his son a rugged faith. The son has needed all the toughness of such a faith to withstand the difficulties which Polish Baptists have had in the past 20 years. The grandson now is preparing to follow in their footsteps. Adversity for them has been a seed bed of faith and an occasion for God's blessing. Their strength testifies to the truth of Paul's words in Romans 8:37: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

The multitudes need healing. Miracles of healing which Jesus performed brought physical relief from suffering, and admonition to walk with him if there was to be spiritual relief. "Thy sins be forgiven thee." "Go and sin no more." "Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." The avenue of medical missions is the way of contact to many who will not listen to the Christian preacher or visitor at his door or in the church. But seeking healing for the body, sick ones find healing for the soul. This is the way of medical missions.

The multitudes need intercessory prayer. Jesus left a pattern of prayer for his followers. He prayed with compassion just before his betrayal for the men who had heeded his command to "come follow me." His prayer was that they would be kept from evil and dedicated to truth. Then Jesus prayed for all who would believe on him: "Neither for these alone do I pray . . . but also for all those who will ever come to believe Me through their word and teaching" (John 17:20, Amplified New Testament). He prayed for you and me.

Christians have direct access to the source of spiritual power in the universe. Daily prayer for needy multitudes is the unselfish key which unlocks that unlimited power which will constrain Christians to care for the hungry, the sick, and the lost. There must be burdened, dedicated, unceasing prayer for more missionaries, for more money to support them; prayer for political leaders and for people oppressed by them, for Christians and churches to be strong in the face of opposition and persecution, for ourselves that we shall keep the distressed multitudes in our hearts!

The multitudes need peace. Jesus exhorted his followers to live at peace with each other. His kingdom would be one of peace and the makers and maintainers of peace should be called the sons of God. It has been said that peace is the only defense against nuclear power. The peace of Christ in the hearts of the multitudes, in the hearts of national leaders, can be the power that will outlaw destructive use of the atom.

Doors are in many countries now wide open. We need missionaries to enter them. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, returning from a world tour where he saw the multitudes without Christ, said, "The best dollar we can spend for world peace is the missionary dollar. We must spend more money for mass communication of the gospel . . . Southern Baptists have the men and the means. Southern Baptists must rise to the need or else lose their opportunity. We veritably believe God is permitting our military forces, along with our allies, to hold back the power of evil to give us the opportunity of overcoming it with the power of the gospel. If we fail . . . ? It is a thought too terrible to ponder!"

The multitudes need Christ. He is the only answer to world need. As he pursued his earthly ministry in the little world of Palestine, his compassion and deep love for people was evident in his every activity. He saw the multitudes as sheep, confused; as a harvest about to be lost for want of reapers. He wept over

Jerusalem. If he walked the earth today he still would weep. The message must be sent for he is the only answer. He himself said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." The compassionate love of saved people can bring lost people to a new life in the compassionate Saviour.

A Hebrew from India sat in a Bible class in the Baptist church of Jerusalem. In the discussion he said, "I have just read the New Testament through for the first time, and I have fallen in love with the person of Jesus Christ." After a pause he continued, "You know, if Christianity isn't true, it ought to be."

It is true. Oh that Southern Baptists may be faithful to the trust and opportunity that awaits us in telling the world that Christ is the only answer to every need!

STORY: *Tragedy Becoming Triumph*

Information furnished by Lowell E. Ledford
Lima, Peru

This story is incomplete. You may have a part in bringing triumph out of tragedy.

The telephone rang in the home of Missionary Lowell E. Ledford in Lima, Peru. Mr. Ledford heard the voice of a teacher of Intermediate boys in Miraflores Baptist Church: "Pastor, have you heard that one of our boys drowned on the school excursion?"

The missionary heard the words, "... lunch at the beach . . . two playing in the sand . . . surprised by waves . . . older boy drowned . . ."

Mr. Ledford could not believe what he had just heard. The boy was hurt, or scared, but not drowned! He asked which boy it was, mentally reviewing the faces of members of his Royal Ambassador Chapter, the boys in the religion and English classes in the church's grade school.

"It was Luis."

"Lucho," the other boys called him. Luis Rebaza Cordova.

Luis was big for his 14 years when he entered the school. His papers were not in order and he had been placed in the fourth grade. His big muscular frame seemed out of place among the fourth graders and his teachers were relieved when he could be moved up to the fifth grade.

How happy he was as a member of the Royal Ambassador Chapter. He stood so proudly erect before the church on the night the officers were installed, for he had been elected to be Chapter scribe. Luis had another reason to be happy that night. His mother had come to church for the first time. The boy's parents were separated and the missionaries had never asked him much about his home for fear of embarrassing him.

His teacher was encouraged to watch Luis de-

velop. His blue eyes, so rare in Latin America, were sober as he asked questions which revealed his thinking heart. What joy filled the church family when he purposefully walked down the aisle on Sunday night and made known to all his faith and confidence in Jesus as his Saviour.

Now Luis was dead! How the people at church would miss his cheerful smile and shining eyes. Characteristic of the boy, he had tried to help another reach safety, but an icy wave had carried him out of sight.

That night the missionaries came to know more about Luis' family and home as they went to two homes to inform the mother and father of the tragic accident and to assure them that Luis had gone to a home where there is no more sorrow, want, or sin. The parents were pathetic in their despair and hopelessness. Separated, they did not even have each other to help bear the sorrow.

Members of the church came to sympathize and to help. The mother allowed missionaries to have prayer despite the fact that hers was not a Christian home. In the days that followed, members of the church accompanied the father on the beach in a fruitless search for the boy's body. They consoled him with promises from God's Word. The co-operation of Air Force and Coast Guard was secured, but to no avail. The ocean would not relinquish Luis' body.

On the Sunday following the tragedy Luis' mother was in church. The sermon was on the subject of the resurrection of Jesus. The next Sunday night the father was present when the mother made a public profession of faith in the Saviour. She thrilled the congregation with her testimony. The father continued to attend services and a month later he too accepted Christ. Two younger brothers began to attend the

church with the same regularity and enthusiasm which Luis had shown.

The missionaries found a place where the two brothers could board and go to school at no cost to the family. Their father had been unable to provide schooling for them. On the first anniversary of Luis' death, members of the church took a floral wreath to the little square near the city hall where a plaque had been placed in his honor.

The triumph, of a united Christian home may be brought about by your prayer, for prayer is powerful and God is omnipotent.

Steps have been taken toward the reconciliation of Luis' parents, but they have a long way to go before the home is re-established and before they become true and loyal disciples of the Lord. Members of the church are helping them with love and understanding. Praying Southern Baptist women can reach up to God and out to Luis' family to draw them into a closer relationship with one another and with God. Such a triumphant victory will honor Christ and help others to know him in his compassionate, saving power. Let us pray for this family now.

Special Musk: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer Requests from Missionaries

Leader: Let us hear other prayer requests from missionaries.

India has beckoned to Baptist young people for almost 150 years. After World War II when our Foreign Mission Board was in a position to open work in India, the government was unwilling to allow our missionaries to enter. Time

"When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them . . . as sheep having no shepherd" . . .



ROYAL SERVICE

and again Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Foreign Board's secretary, has laid this burden on our hearts.

Let us pray that India's door may be opened to Southern Baptist missionaries in the very near future.

In January of this year the W. A. Poes became our pioneer missionaries to Guinea in West Africa. They entered on a temporary visa. The government has refused to grant the Poes a permanent visa, and they have moved to Liberia, a new work. A strong Christian witness is needed in Guinea and Liberia.

Let us pray for Guinea and the Poes in Liberia.

With one African nation after another gaining independence and the increased missionary effort of Islam which offers the African a religion that does not require him to give up many heathen customs, God's power must be manifested in the lives of Christian missionaries and nationals.

"Pray for them," writes Dr. Giles Fort of Southern Rhodesia.

All of the missionaries under appointment to Indonesia are assigned to the one island of Java. They feel that we should begin work on Bali, Borneo, and Sumatra.

Let us pray that God will challenge Southern Baptists to enter these islands soon.

People in nearly three fourths of Italy have no opportunity to hear the gospel preached by Baptists. Many millions have never seen a Bible or met an evangelical. Several cities with large populations have no Baptist church, but there are not enough Italian Baptist pastors to meet the present needs of the existing churches.

Let us pray that young Italian men will hear God's call to enter the ministry. That our hearts may be joined to the hearts of Italian Baptists so that together we may share the burden of this lack among them.

Let us pray that we at home will feel the challenge of Italy where the free world's largest Communist party thrives and where the Roman Catholic Church has its world headquarters.

There are millions of people in Europe who have broken completely with the state church and make no profession of religious faith. European Baptists need help in evangelizing Europe. They are not strong numerically or financially.

Let us pray that Southern Baptists will continue to help with the purchase of chapels and church buildings, work in publication, and provide salaries of evangelists.

Dr. John Watts, professor in our seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland asks us to pray that God will call Swiss young people to begin training so that the severe shortage of pastors and missionaries in Europe may be met.

Let us pray.

Many young Israelis who love to hike come in groups to visit the George W. Truett Home in Petah Tiqva near Tel Aviv, Israel. Dr. Robert Lindsey requests prayer for the visitors that they may see the challenge of Christ when they come.

Let us pray.

There are those in Israel who secretly believe in Christ. During the Billy Graham meeting one Israeli told the missionary that he found it a physical impossibility to lift his hand, though he believed.

Let us pray that these secret believers may find courage to confess publicly their faith in Christ.

Let us pray that 150 young people will qualify for appointment by the Foreign Mission Board before the end of 1960. This is less than one fourth the number Southern Baptist missions around the world have requested.

There are at least 1,000 languages in the world that still have no portion of the Word of God translated in them.

Pray that God will call talented young people to qualify as translators so that his truth may be made available to them.

Let us pray that every Southern Baptist out of gratitude to God for his Son, Jesus Christ, will make a worthy offering this week so that the multitudes without a Shepherd, hungry, diseased, afraid may know this One who brings relief and joy to those who hear and believe on Him.

Closing Meditation:

"Under the Christmas Tree"

Today as we bring our gifts, let us think a moment about the MONEY we bring, so good and yet so bad; so capable of blessing the owner and yet so capable of cursing him; so holy when used for a holy purpose, yet so evil when devoted to evil; so degrading when hoarded, so uplifting when given away with love.

We plan to spend as much as we feel we can afford to bring happiness to those dear to us at this happy season. We love to see our children's eyes shine with joy and anticipation. We like to give to friends and family to add to their happiness. But Christmas is not only giving to these. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.



Refugee children of Jordan (left) and the Gaza Strip live under great hardship

How grateful we are at Christmas time to have opportunity of giving a special gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, that the name of the Babe of Bethlehem be shared with people still in the darkness of sin, may be shared with people for whom he came to earth and lived his short life here. Will you set aside most of your Christmas money for foreign missions this year?

If the gifts we have talked about this week are placed sincerely under the tree—gifts of Prayer, Concern, Love, Time and Talent, Money—they will last long after the pretty wrappings and ribbons have been ripped and torn, long after the tree has been discarded and other gifts

forgotten. If these gifts are there truly then our lives will be forever after changed and set in new directions. The kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will with accelerated pace come in the hearts of men and women everywhere.

The multitudes await our dedication. These are the means of our witnessing in every land. The continuous gift of self throughout the year will complete the gift of money we make this week, bringing "peace to the multitudes" as they learn of Christ through our praying and giving.

Our Gifts to the Multitudes (Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

A Decade of Dedication 1950-1960

"We could well call these ten years 'A Decade of Dedication.' Never have we seen a greater period of growing concern of heart. . . . Throughout the extent of the Southern Baptist Convention churches have begun to measure their work in world terms. There has been a deepening of prayer concern, and a thrilling response of people who have laid their lives on the altar of service in our Master's name. . . .

"Southern Baptists have responded to the support of foreign missions by increased giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We close a decade with gratitude. We greet a new decade with confidence as we rely upon the mighty power of our sovereign Lord, believing that he is able to do more than we can ask or think.—Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board.

A Remembered

PRAYER EXPERIENCE

BY NEALE C. YOUNG, Nigeria

In July 1961, Miss Neale Young will retire from 41 years of serving the Lord in Nigeria as a Southern Baptist missionary. Within her memory and that of many Africans there are stored up treasures of God's mighty works among them

As I glance back, through the years my "Prayer Book" record of petitions, thanksgiving and intercession shows the word ANSWERED written in many places. I am humbled to observe the number of times this word and the date appear on the pages.

All of these were not unselfish prayers, nor did all of them pertain to the work of Christ's kingdom, but each answered prayer proves the power of an Omnipotent God and the love of an understanding Heavenly Father, a love so tender and compassionate that it will bring back home the pet animal that has strayed away just as it will perform the great miracle of transforming a sinner into a saint.

One prayer experience marked answered is in no way spectacular or unusual but it made a great impression and affected the lives of a group of African laborers. Let me share it with you.

In 1947 Mrs. Mobola Ayorinde and Mrs.

Ladoyin Oju had been chosen by Woman's Missionary Union of Nigeria to represent Nigeria at the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen. Mrs. Oju was to speak on the Alliance program.

All preparations had been made for them to go—new outfits had been purchased, arrangements for their homes and husbands, and many other details worked out, but alas, one mistake had occurred which was not discovered until almost too late. Tickets for only one way had been purchased, and ten pounds was the amount of money allowed to be taken out of Nigeria, which meant that unless return fares could be secured they could not go.

Few outside the WMU office knew of this dilemma. The travelers themselves had not been told. Cables went and cables came, but none of them was encouraging about getting return tickets. The travel agents were doing all in their power, but my hope



was in Him whose "ear is not heavy that it cannot hear."

The day arrived when the two young women were to leave Abeokuta for Ede, almost a day's travel by train. It was Saturday and they were to stay in Ede until Monday morning when we would go by car the several hundred miles to Kano from which they would fly to Copenhagen.

At that time I lived alone in the Mission house at Ede, but all the Africans working at the WMU office lived on the compound. They had been eagerly looking forward to the arrival of these two friends, so at prayer time the previous night they were informed of the predicament facing us. They were greatly concerned and very prayerful.

All day Saturday I trusted the Lord to answer our prayer about the return flight of these two women. By noon my faith was beginning to weaken a bit, and I was feeling quite downcast. The Africans evidently observed this for they came in a body to the porch—Moslems and Christians—and one of the Moslems said, "We have come to make prayer for madame," and all of them prostrated themselves on the floor and poured out their souls in prayer!

There was a telephone in the house, but the post office (telephone station) closed at 4 P.M. on Saturdays and did not open again until 8 A.M. on Mondays. There was little chance for a message to be delivered before Monday morning, even if one came.

A REMEMBERED PRAYER EXPERIENCE:

The day dragged on and finally it was time to meet the train bringing our guests. They were bright and happy and full of anticipation for the trip ahead. We talked about WMU work; they tried on their new hats and showed me their travel outfit, just like women the world around. Both of them are lovers of flowers, so they went from one flower arrangement to another in my house commenting and admiring while I still prayed, "Lord, if it is thy will for them to go, please bring it to pass, please make it possible."

Knowing them as I did I was certain of their reaction if told they would be unable to make the trip. They would say, "Don't worry, Iya, it is all right. It is the Lord's will and we are quite content." But I was disappointed for them. I wanted the WMU of Nigeria represented in Copenhagen along with other Baptist women of the world. I wanted Mrs. Ojo to take her part on the Alliance program.

Finally they went out to their room and the WMU worker living on the compound returned to the house to talk with me. "Iya," she counseled, "are you not going to tell them tonight?" I replied that I thought it best to wait until morning to tell them.

Sunday morning came and how happy and bright they were as they came in to greet me.

Should the disappointing news be broken now, or should I wait a bit longer? Just at that moment the telephone rang! The

telephone ringing on Sunday morning! But the post office never opened on Sunday! What did this mean? I went on wings to answer and was told that it was a cable. With shaking hands I managed, by the hardest, to hold the receiver until I heard, "Return tickets Ojo and Ayorinde confirmed."

The Africans working in the house had come close on hearing the telephone ring. I said "It is all right," and in our joy they went quickly to tell the others. All of them came running and again fell on their faces on the floor. The two travelers did not know what was happening. Then they heard the prayer of thanksgiving ascend to the Heavenly Father, and they realized then that God had delayed His answer in order that these friends might learn a lesson of him.

Mrs. Ayorinde and Mrs. Ojo went to Copenhagen in answer to prayer. They received a great blessing and the WMU of Nigeria was greatly blessed too by their going. Lives of countless others were strengthened through their sincere witness in Copenhagen and elsewhere. However, I believe the greatest blessing came to that group of Africans and me as we experienced together God's concern for his children in matters little or matters great. A god of fear changed to a God who cares and loves, and who urges all, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

*"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of . . .
For what are men better than sheep or goats that nourish a blind life
within the brain, If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer? . . .
For so the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about
the feet of God"—Tennyson.*

by W. Carl Hunker

URGENCY FOR PRAYER

Traveling through Asia from Taiwan (Formosa) on our way home to America and reunion with friends and family, on every side we observed differences in clothing and houses; customs and courtesies. Yet once again experience verified a biblical truth, "God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men." Alike are men in their needs for food and home, for peace and security, for a Saviour who delivers and a God who hears prayer.

As we rode to the airfield to leave Taiwan we noted young Buddhist priests on their way to make prayers at a small dusty temple. In Bangkok we removed our shoes before entering an indescribably ornate temple where worshipers sat crosslegged on polished floors swaying gently from side to side as priests chanted prayers. In Calcutta we stood in the midst of milling crowds beneath a holy tree of prayer by the temple of Kali, a tree laden with little packets of prayers offered by childless women. In Delhi we gazed into a pool of purification waters centered in a large court where every Friday at high noon 25,000 Moslem devotees gather for prayer. In Karachi, forbidden to enter because of our ceremonial uncleanness, we watched from across the street as worshipers in spotless white gathered together in the Parsi fire temple for prayer.

All flesh prays, yet how rudely shocking to me to experience the reality that many nations of the world do not pray to God who hears prayer, but to idols who neither see nor hear. This very lack is our urgency for prayer, for unceasing prayer.



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