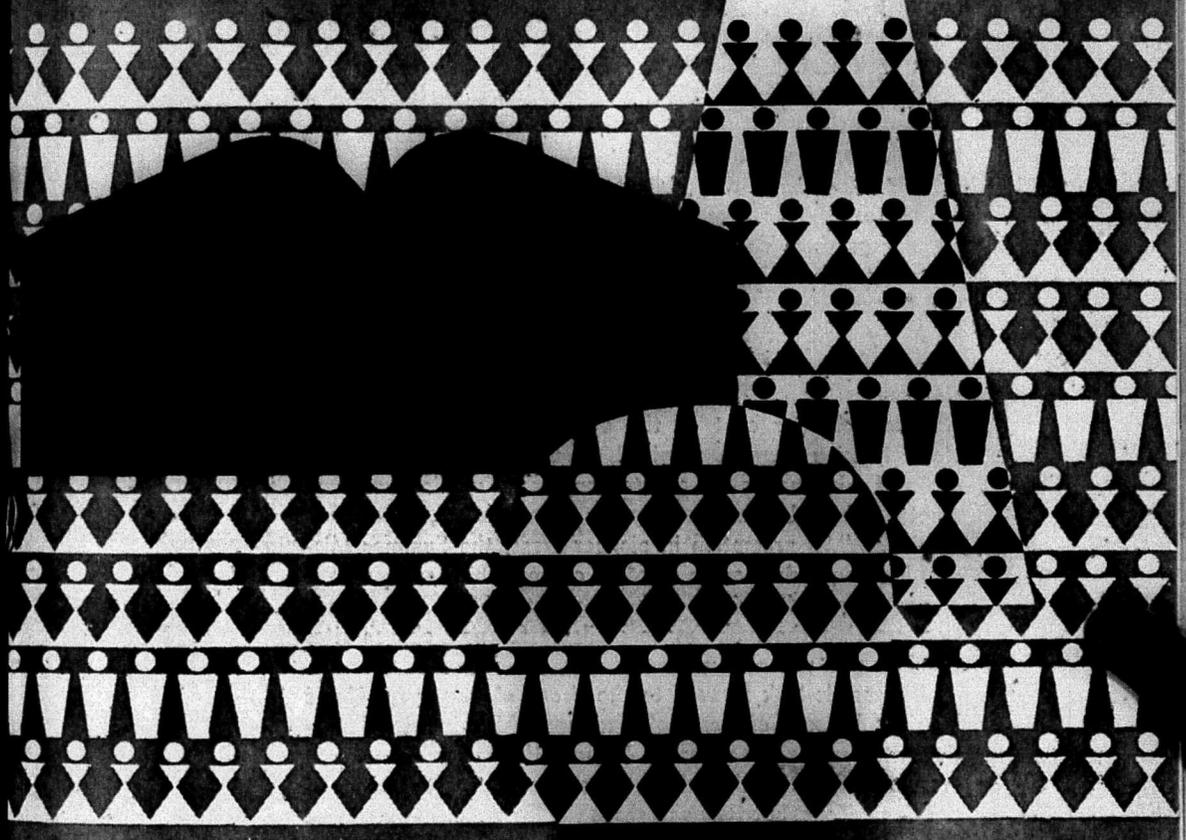


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WEEK of PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS

A Date with You

We are now looking forward to an important date with you. It is our date for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, 1961.

Thousands, yes millions of people, look forward to this week each year.

They look forward to the blessings it brings their churches. To the mission spirit of the church it is what a revival meeting is to evangelistic fervor.

The missionaries anticipate for months the strength that comes to them as a result of this period of concerted and definite praying. They also appreciate the rising tide of interest and enthusiasm emanating from this period of study and discussion.

Many look forward to the support which the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering provide home mission causes.

About 40 per cent of the operational expenses of the Home Mission Board is provided through this offering. Hundreds of missionaries are assisted and many mission buildings erected. Givers become participants in evangelism, church extension, WMU promotion in pioneer areas, the Summer Mission Program, and a score of other causes. This year you have the extra special privilege of helping in the 30,000 Movement by increasing the funds made available for new church sites which are so urgently needed.

Thousands look forward to the Week of Prayer for Home Missions because of personal blessings which individual participants receive. They not only help the mission causes in every state of the United States and in Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone, but they also share the joy of Christian service and lay up for themselves eternal treasures.

Plan for your church and society to have a worthy part next month in the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Goal for Annie Armstrong Offering
\$2,470,000



by Court R. Redd
executive secretary
Home Mission Board

PEOPLE

of
Other
Languages

by LOYD CORDER

THE HOME MISSION BOARD'S program of missions among people of language groups, such as Spanish, Russian, French, and Italian-speaking people is set up on the sound principle that the proper function and responsibility of each Baptist church is to win to the Lord all people in its area regardless of their economic, social, cultural, or language characteristics. It has been abundantly demonstrated that churches can do this effectively, using methods appropriate to needs and opportunities. These are easily ascertained by a study of community population and possibilities.

Where there are people of language backgrounds who move

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in the same circles with people of the church, they can be won and become a part of the regular church program. There are those, such as war brides who do not use English, who require that someone interpret church services to individuals or to small groups. In some situations these are formed into Sunday school classes and other church activities. If a group lives separated and tends to keep most contacts and functions within their own group, then the church needs to provide services according to their needs. Such mission ministry often grows into a church, or it may continue permanently as a mission.

When a language mission needs a full-time pastor the church often makes provision for his salary. State convention leadership is helpful in finding a pastor and the state convention can turn for assistance to the leadership of the Home Mission Board at this point. If a church cannot initially support new work it often is helped by sister churches through the district association. Then the state convention is called on when the association cannot meet the needs.

In most cases where the state conventions participate in support and direction of language-speaking missions or churches, the Home Mission Board also makes available the results of Southern Baptist experience in this field and provides supplementary funds where these are needed by the state convention. So it is that all Southern Baptists come to participate in this work.

Of course, there are still concentrations of language groups such as Indians on reservations where there are no Southern Baptist churches nearby. It is the responsibility of state conventions with needed assistance from the Home Mission Board to know needs and opportunities and provide a suitable program, which may be a mission station associated with a distant church or an indigenous church assisted economically by a state convention alone or with help from the Home Mission Board.

The language-speaking missions and churches profit by being included in all planning and activity of the district associations and the state conventions. In some areas there are language congregations which have been in existence a long time; they have organized into associations or conventions of their own. Generally, the principal function of these organizations is to provide congenial fellowship within the group. There usually is no valid reason why they should not be a part of the association as well as form an organization of Baptist churches of their ethnic group. Therefore, we do not insist that these missions and churches choose whether they cooperate with Southern Baptists or with the organization of their own language group.

In fact, since we recognize the need, for example, of bringing together workers with intermediate age children to study the needs and "language" of that group, why should we not encourage within the very framework of our denominational organizations the meeting of workers with language groups to do the same thing and in their language if necessary. It is also logical that Southern Baptist promotional literature of all kinds should take this into account. If we put out literature to appeal to Intermediates because their vocabulary is different, then why not produce literature to help Southern Baptists whose vocabulary happens to be Spanish, for instance. We are just now awakening to some of the needs of these special groups.

The number and proportion of language group people in our general population is increasing, not decreasing. Southern Baptists are becoming more aware of the opportunity and responsibility posed by this large segment of our population which continues to contribute to our cultural patterns. We must not neglect to improve, enlarge, and intensify our efforts to win these neighbors and to help them use their unique abilities in the Lord's work.

Cuba Missionaries work in the four western provinces of Cuba. Most of these missionaries are Cuban nationals, but a few American missionaries are appointed to this field—Spanish.

French There is a constant need for workers among the French. Much of the work among the French is in rural areas and small villages. This work at present is located primarily in Louisiana, but there are needs in other areas.

Japanese Along the West Coast and in large urban centers many Japanese present a mission challenge.

Panama and Canal Zone Work is carried on in this area for the West Indians, the Spanish, the San Blas Indians, and the North Americans living in the Canal Zone speaking Guana Indian language and Spanish, as well as English.

Spanish-speaking Perhaps the greatest need for mission volunteers is to the Spanish, Puerto Rican, Mexican, and Cuban people living in the United States. These reside principally in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oklahoma, Colorado, Florida, and New York; but work among the Spanish-speaking is also needed and carried on in other states.

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The Missions Magazine for Southern Baptist Women



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COVER Go to any area of our country and one will find those who speak a language other than English. Often these Americans long for a place to worship where they will not feel strange. Our cover depicts the kaleidoscope of people from many cultures who need the Bible message which Christ's followers must tell.

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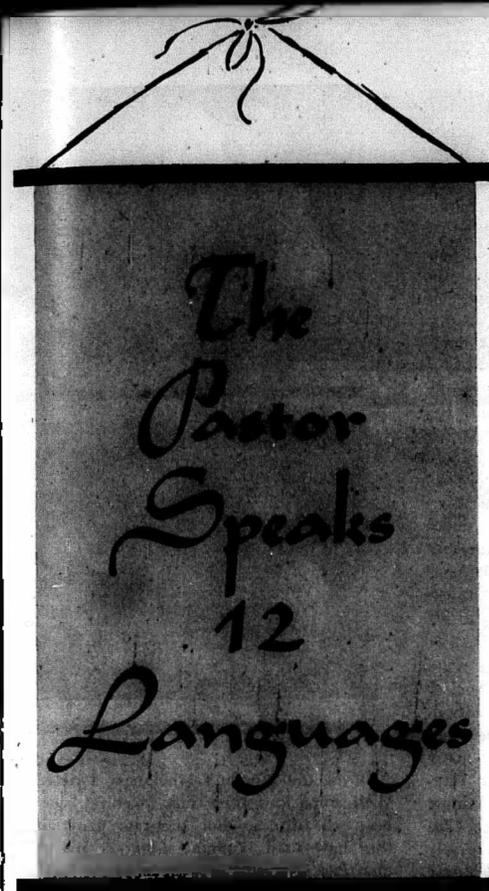
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Rev. Peter Chen speaks eleven Chinese dialects and very good English. He is pastor-missionary of the Chinese Southern Baptist Church in San Francisco. His church had a Girls' Auxilliary and a Royal Ambassador chapter before they organized a Woman's Missionary Society.

Led by the pastor's wife

and a summer missionary from Mississippi one twenty-five GAs meet every Saturday and Tuesday at the church. Some are Junior age and some are Intermediates but all meet together and then separate into two GAs for their missionary program from *Tell* magazine. Many girls have accepted Christ, but only one has been baptized. The Chinese do not go against the wishes of their parents and when mothers and fathers are not Christian, children must often wait for their consent many years before fully obeying their faith.

Lynn Gok, Fail Lee, and Laura Oweyong are Queens and Patricia Chew and Rebekah Oweyong are Princesses. Mrs. Lenore Rigler, associational GA director says that these girls work harder on Forward Steps than any group in the Association. Eleven of them attended the associational GA summer camp this year. Miss Margaret Clinton, Home Mission Board summer worker from Mississippi Southern University, was their counselor. She hopes to become a State Girls' Auxiliary worker.

But the thing we started out to write about was the Woman's Missionary Society and its new plan of circle organization. You see, there are more than forty thousand Chinese in San Francisco and many of them speak only Mandarin, or Cantonese, or another of the many Chinese dialects. Some, of course, speak both Chinese and English, and many speak only English. If you slip into this Chinese church you will hear Pastor Peter Chen preach in Chinese, then in English, then in Chinese and so on throughout the message. You have your choice of a regular Broadman Hymnal or a Chinese Hymnal and when you stand to sing, some around you will be singing the English words, and some the Chinese words, all to the same melody.



O yes, the Woman's Missionary Society. Well, for a long time their meetings have been all Chinese. For program material they have used *Woman's Light*, a WMU quarterly published in Chinese by the Baptist Press in Hong Kong. Recently they thought of switching over to *Royal Service* programs, but some could not speak English. So they organized two circles. Mrs. Hong Lydia Gee is Circle chairman of a Chinese-speaking circle with 16 members and they continue to use the Hong Kong quarterly for their programs. Mrs. Arthur



The Chinese Southern Baptist Church in San Francisco ministers to Chinese-speaking as well as English-speaking members. The Peter Chen with Cynthia and Connie Joy; student Ann Maxwell with Pauline Yee and Jazine Chinn; YWAs with student worker in church auditorium; Sunbeams Donna and Lisa Chong with their mother



McBee is circle chairman of an English-speaking circle with 12 members and they use *Royal Service* programs.

Mrs. Lloyd Burdette, associational WMU president, helped them set up the organization. As she spoke to them in English, Mrs. James Hom (the former Lucy Lin) translated into Chinese. The bilingual secretary listened and understood the English words but made notes for her minutes in Chinese writing!

Their regular monthly meetings are held each third Sunday. Yes, Sunday. Following the morning worship service, lunch is served at the church. Then the Brotherhood meets in one part of the church and Woman's Missionary Society in another. The two circles meet together for business and devotions and then separate into two groups for the programs. They have one set of officers about equally divided between the two circles. Mrs. Peter Chen, the pastor's wife, is their president.

1961 ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING GOAL: \$2,470,000

All foreign language churches in California give through the Cooperative Program to world missions. Among the causes for rejoicing in Southern Baptist work in California is the fine attitude of co-operation. God is blessing with souls being saved and

increase in participation of members in the churches. In the Home Mission Board Department of Language Groups Ministries many young people are given scholarships. Last year there were 171 awarded.

by Alma Hunt

A GREAT DAY

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION has been greatly blessed of the Lord in her leaders. Each has contributed unique talents to the growth of the mission program as undertaken by Baptists at home and overseas.

I think now of Miss Annie Armstrong, that one whose gay devoted spirit so forcefully set before Southern Baptist women the work of our Home Mission Board. During this quarter when all our hearts turn eagerly toward the challenges of the homeland, let us give thanks to God for the vision of this one. In her motto, she set the tempo for our undergirding of home mission work. It was "Go Forward." She once said "I have always found that, if one will go forward in faith, she will find the stone rolled away."

Out of wholehearted support of Home Missions, faithful praying during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, and through thoughtful, dedicated giving, there will come a great day of victory as we meet the goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering: \$2,470,000

It must be recorded, however, that in last year's Annie Armstrong Offering we did not go forward. We failed to reach the goal. During these perilous days let us all resolve that this shall never happen again!

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10 and the offering should be a

culmination of all our efforts for home missions, resulting in joyous giving of at least \$2,470,000, a 13 per cent increase over last year's gifts.

I think too of those countless unnamed state and local leaders and members of Woman's Missionary Union. God always has counted on individuals; each Christian responding to the needs of his kingdom. You will think of your state president, all those in your state WMU office. Many of them you can call by name. But you know best of all those leaders and members of Woman's Missionary Union in your church. They are your friends and neighbors. They are fellow-helpers in your society and youth organizations. God counts on all of us, but he counts on each of us to fill well the places of leadership we have accepted in our churches. Enthusiastic leadership will result in our meeting the Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$2,470,000 if we pray believing.

Let us all rededicate every talent, our children, our money to God that home mission work shall be made stronger and that out of our strength in this country we shall move out to the uttermost part of the earth in witness to the faithfulness of Christ to fulfill his purposes through us.

It was our president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, who said, "To each of us, in our day is given the opportunity to build on what our predecessors have begun. And the time quickly passes for us to achieve all that God would have us to do.

"May he help us to see that in this strategic time in the history of mankind we must make this a great day."



WASHINGTON

by C. E. Bryant

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ALL THE NEWS about ALL THE BAPTISTS in ALL THE WORLD— for A DOLLAR!

As a mother talks fondly about her children,

perhaps a writer is entitled to talk occasionally about his publication. That is exactly what your editor is permitting me to do. And I do it without apology, because I believe wholeheartedly that, first, *The Baptist World* is a magazine unique in its field, and second, *The Baptist World* is a publication of tremendous value to all people interested in the advance of the Baptist faith around the world.

The Baptist World is a news magazine. It seeks, ten times a year, to bring its readers all the news about all the Baptists in all the world.

Our mail, with its bright stamps from many lands, indicates that we are succeeding in our goal for a newsy publication. One man said that reading *The Baptist World* is like picking up his telephone and talking with Baptists in a hundred countries. Another reader, this one in Ceylon, said that the magazine brings him a sense of close fellowship with other Baptists and that this gives him courage.

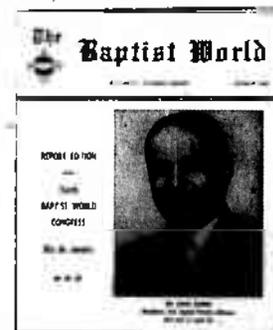
Some few thousand women—women active in the missionary societies of their churches—have proved by a very, very high renewal percentage that they like the magazine. They have told us that *The Baptist World* is a sort of bonus publication in their mission study, reaching into many areas of the world not yet served by Southern Baptist foreign missions. These women are fascinated by stories of miracles being accomplished by God through Australian

missionaries in New Guinea and British missionaries in the Lushai Hills of India. They are intrigued too by reports of Baptist activity in lands where Baptists have sprung up simply from Bible study and the work of the Holy Spirit, without missionary assistance.

We believe all Southern Baptist women ought to read *Royal Service*, *Home Missions*, *The Commission*, their state Baptist paper, and *The Baptist World*. Perhaps you get them all, or perhaps you get them all except *The Baptist World*. It is understandable that you may not know about *The Baptist World*, because it is relatively new, now in its eighth year.

But now—since you have read this far, there is no reason for your not getting *The Baptist World*. The subscription price is only \$1 a year, or \$5 for six years. Send your money, with your name and address, to Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C. Or, if you want to see what you are buying before you send your money, write to us for a sample copy.

We'll be happy to send it to you. Another idea, if your pastor is not a subscriber how about a gift subscription for him to *The Baptist World*?





CHANGING PATTERNS

by J. WOODROW FULLER

A characteristic of Home Mission Board work is that it adjusts to changing patterns of need. In this feature read how three groups are working together that more people may be won to Christ

On November 2, the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Lubbock, voted without a dissenting voice that the Mexican Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention in Texas become officially one.

It is significant that the Mexican Convention first took the initiative in this action by voting to unite. This action is in complete agreement with the thought of the Mexican brethren and Texas Baptist Convention leaders, who in San Antonio on May 25, 1910, in the constitution of the Mexican Baptist Convention said, "This organization in no way constitutes a separa-

tion from the Baptist Convention of Texas, but a means of conditioning the (Spanish-speaking) elements to help that convention carry the load of evangelism."

All along a large proportion of the Mexican Baptist congregations have had direct and close relationships with their neighboring English-speaking churches, which frequently sponsor them as mission arms or help them as sister churches. Also, many Spanish-speaking congregations receive direct assistance from the English-speaking association in whose territory they are located.

As more and more of the leadership of

these Spanish-speaking churches came to understand English, they found themselves benefiting from the English-speaking associational and other general meetings. These things, together with the rapidly improving general attitude of both English and Spanish-speaking elements of Texas toward each other, have caused many to feel that there should be a return to the concept that the Mexican Baptist Convention is a part of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and that it should operate within the framework of the program and plans of the larger convention.

It is interesting to look at the proposal from the Mexican Convention.

First, the Mexican Baptist Convention now becomes an integral part of the larger and strong Baptist General Convention in Texas.

In the new relationship it will function, not as an administrative body, but as a department convention such as Sunday school, Training Union and Brotherhood, having for its primary function fellowship, inspiration, and the promotion of the total Baptist program.

Second, the president of the Mexican Convention becomes an ex officio member of the Executive Board of the General Convention.

It is significant to note that two prominent Latin American leaders are currently members of the Executive Board. One is a pastor from San Angelo, the other a layman who is a doctor in the Valley of Texas. Now, with the president, added, there will be three active and capable leaders from among the Mexican people and congregations on the Board.

Third, the Mexican Baptist Convention's annual meeting will continue to be held in addition to the regular sessions of the General Convention.

Fourth, the *Mexican Baptist* printed in Spanish and distributed on a monthly basis will be continued until a publication to

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meet larger needs for Spanish-speaking and English-speaking members of Latin American Baptist churches can be projected and printed.

Fifth, it is a very significant step toward support of world missions. All Cooperative Program money after July 1, 1961, will be channeled through the General Convention offices.

Already there is evidence of fine results in co-operation. In 1960 more than 250 Latin American churches and missions were assisted in paying the salary for their pastors. Through their current program these supplements and other expenses of the program were shared, with 72 per cent being provided by the State Board and 28 per cent by the Home Mission Board. This amounted to \$263,773 from the State Board and \$86,201 from the Home Mission Board.

The voting on this matter was a climactic scene in a great drama that has been taking place over a long period of time. It is a part of the day and age in which we live.

Dr. Loyd Corder, head of the Home Mission Board's language missions, has written: "The same forces that have worked in this matter are at work in greater or lesser degree in all the language group mission work of Southern Baptists whether done by a church, an association, a state convention, or the Home Mission Board, or, as in most cases, by a combination of two or more of these.

"In mission work this thing is easier to observe than it is to evaluate. We must keep in mind that Americanization is not a primary objective of missions. It is even probable that in some respects their becoming more like the general population and more a part of it may make some groups more difficult to evangelize. Certainly it is possible for a person to be a good Christian while at the same time living according to folkways that are en-

tirely different from ours. In view of all this it is not possible to say that the decision taken by these two Conventions is in itself good or bad. That depends on whether it leads to strengthening the work among the Spanish-speaking people of Texas and winning of more of them to Jesus. We believe that this will be the results of the decisions, and here is why:

"The people of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will probably feel more responsibility for the work among Spanish-speaking people since they will have more direct contact with it. There cannot rightly exist the feeling that this responsibility belongs to another group or convention.

"The work among the Spanish and its needs will become more generally known to Texas Baptists and to Southern Baptists because every survey and appraisal of need

see everything alike. Differences of opinion occur between all of us, but especially between people of different backgrounds who may see a given matter from a different point of view. Therefore, all must remember that a difference of opinion does not need to mean a lack of appreciation for each other. In fact, a difference of opinion in this case may mean that each has the opportunity to learn something useful from the other.

"Also, it must be borne in mind that though most of the leadership of Mexican churches and missions can participate in English-speaking general meetings, there are, however, still many people in Spanish-speaking churches who cannot do so. These people also must be kept in mind in all plans and programs made for the work.

"We must also remember that whereas

What will YOU give to the Annie Armstrong Offering?

and opportunity in Texas must take into account the Spanish-speaking as well as the English-speaking population.

"The work among Spanish-speaking congregations will benefit greatly from the better application of the programs and plans of the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies through the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"The considerable number of very able leaders among the Mexican pastors and laymen will have more opportunity to influence the thinking of all Texas Baptists and to make the larger contribution to the general work of which they are capable.

"On the other hand, there are in this situation some very real dangers:

"Both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking brethren must remember that being officially one body does not make them

many congregations are progressing toward the use of English in their services, there must continue to be Spanish speaking services for those who still are coming over from Mexico and cannot at first understand English."

Will the unification succeed? This question is reasonable. Only time will tell.

In recommending the approval of the program to the Executive Board and Convention, the State Missions Commission requested "that the program be evaluated from year to year by the State Missions Commission, the Language Missions Advisory Committee and the officers of the Mexican Baptist Convention."

We confidently believe that Mexican Baptist leaders and churches can and will play a large part in the future years of growing Baptist work in Texas.

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Circle Unit Theme:

Alcohol and Narcotics Education

February Program Topic:

Retreat or Responsibility

February Mission Study:

The Dreamer Cometh, Carleton

BY HELEN RUCHTI

Retreat or Response—Read Daniel 1:1-12.

The example of the Hebrew youth, Daniel, in refusing to drink wine is a tribute to manly purity. He could not have known that his unique courage would influence us today. Daniel risked his very life to stand for what he knew to be right. Surely we need to read this account over and over again.

For more than a decade there has been rather widely accepted in the USA the theory that alcoholism is a disease and alcoholics have been so treated by doctors and others. This concept is being discarded however, even by the Yale School of Alcohol Studies which now repudiates this former stand, and agrees that the alcoholic is ill, but not diseased to be treated with drugs as a doctor would effect a cure of measles or whooping cough.

American specialists in the treatment of the alcoholic now say that alcoholism is illness but it is of the mind and social order. The victim is treated in his total personality. The doctor, the psychiatrist, the religious counselor all must work together as a team. But this rather heartless concept must be enlarged by the Christian.

God's concept of man is that every individual is of infinite worth, precious in the sight of God. So precious that God's Son would come to earth to give his life for a

sinner. In Matthew we read that God observes the minutest detail about what concerns us (read Matthew 10:29-31). We know that God is deeply grieved when a person's resources of life are drained away whether it be by drink or other self-centered habits.

When the Bible says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1, ASV) can we prove that it is true physically, socially, and spiritually? Caradine R. Hooton says "Yes! The Scriptures are quite clear in a general condemnation of all purposes and practices that separate men from God or encourage persons to settle for less than the Father intended his children should be. The Bible opposes drunkenness; it stands for disciplines that build character and glorify Christ."

The alcohol problem challenges the strength of our churches, the very life of our people. The challenge is how shall Christians measure up by creative service on behalf of people with a mind-set for drinking. Should we retreat before the stupendous problem or shall we put our best into real effort for meeting it? It can be met and conquered. God's people must have faith to believe this knowing that all the resources of God are released when we have faith to believe he is able. A mighty effort requires personal dedication.

"We should be willing to be both vegetarians and teetotalers if by doing otherwise we should impede a brother's progress in the faith" (Rom. 14:21, Phillips). Christians today, reading again of the heroic Daniel can, like him, turn their faces toward God and seek his ways to win with courage this battle against drinking which slowly and insidiously is sapping our nation's life blood as it destroys our neighbors and friends, even our families.

"Just like you . . ." "Mother, when I grow up I want to be just like you." What mother doesn't thrill to such a statement from her child? It is in the home that a child's attitudes and aspirations are most surely directed. Some parents, however, want their children to do what they say, not what they do. A 15-year-old boy who knows his father reaches for his beer or whiskey bottle is going to want to sample the same.

Parents, then, must be careful that their example in the matter of drinking is what they want their children to follow. They must go farther than example. They must teach them the ways of the Lord, the ways of self-discipline and not self-indulgence.

Parents need to prepare their teen-agers for the eventuality that sometime, somewhere, someone will most likely offer their child the first drink. Whether or not the young person accepts it will depend on the character and training provided by solid Christian teaching in the home.

Parents should help their children know what to say in declining beer, wine or distilled spirits. "No thank you," may be sufficient. Further explanation is sometimes necessary. The question, "May I have a Coke or ginger ale instead?" will help other abstainers in the group to accept a soft drink substitute. But this is not enough. Christian young people need to stay away from places where any alcoholic beverages are served.

Parents need to co-operate with each other in planning wholesome recreation for their teen-agers. Alcoholic beverages are being served at many school functions—sometimes for high school students. Young people need to have other places to go at the same time as the school function takes place unless their influence is strong enough to stop such heart-breaking practices.

For an excellent book order from Baptist Book Stores *What Shall We Say About Alcohol?* by Caradine R. Hooton, \$2.00. From The Christian Life Commission, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, these leaflets may be ordered: "At Ease in Zion" and "I Make My Commitment."

"Where do we go from here?" The Christian home must educate and set an example of resistance to the drinking of alcoholic beverages in any form. Christian churches of our nation bear responsibility to teach Christian principles regarding human life and its purposes. Periodically in our Sunday school lessons, emphasis is given to self-control, to temperate living. In our Training Union, programs on alcohol education are presented. Scriptural truths which fortify young persons against temptation are taught in missionary organizations and in vacation Bible schools. Baptist churches stand for abstinence in all social activities.

In our Baptist tradition we have taught there is no such thing as a "double standard" for the clergy and the laity. If it is all right for the lay people of the church to do something, it is all right for the clergy.

Baptists subscribe to the teaching of the "priesthood of believers," and we will agree that every member of the church must set an example as fine and pure as he expects from the minister and his family. If it is not all right for the pastor to attend a cocktail party at a member's house, it is not all right for the member to give the party nor to drink in the privacy of his own home or at another's cocktail party!

Paul warned "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth" (1 Cor 8:13). This applies equally well to problems of drinking in the twentieth century. Frances Willard said, "The church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would." A church is a group of baptized believers in Jesus Christ. It will take dedication by every one of us if the evils of alcoholism are eradicated.

"The greatest church in all the land,
With wealth and power in its control,
Holds naught but ashes in its hand
Unless it guards the city's soul.

What means a great and granite pile
To Christian worship set apart,
If city streets, mile after mile,
Feel not the throbbing of its heart?"

—Phillips Brooks.

Close with prayer that your members may not retreat from this responsibility regarding use of their vote, and by example and influence.

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

Call to PRAYER

Prepared by MRS. MARSE GRANT

1 WEDNESDAY The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me . . . those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost Psalm 138:8; John 17:12.

A brick building trimmed in white wrought iron stands in the midst of humble river front houses in New Orleans. It is the Rachel Sims Mission which, along with three other centers, stands today as a monument to one who would not let hardship and deprivation keep her from doing what God directed. Miss Gladys Keith began her work in 1935 at the 15-year-old Rachel Sims Mission with room, board, and five dollars a week as her starting salary. The mission is now firmly established and nearby is the Toledano Mission, the Carver Center for Negroes, and the Third Street Baptist Church. Last year Miss Keith was retired because of illness.

PRAY for Gladys Keith, La., retired; I. E. Gonzales, Corpus Christi, Mario Grimaldi, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; W. T. Watts, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. R. C. Coggins, Bandung, Indonesia, pub.; Mrs. M. K. Wasson, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. Andres Rodriguez, Mariannao, Cuba, J. A. Herring, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Mrs. B. T. Griffin, La-

gos, Nigeria, ev.; Obdulia Gonzales, Sarah Herring, Bennie Griffin, Jr., MF

2 THURSDAY The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing Psalm 34:10.

Missionaries on furlough usually are as busy or more so than when they are on the field. There is very little time for rest and relaxation. So many people want to hear them and they are so anxious to tell the story of missions. Many study at colleges or seminaries during furlough. South-eastern Seminary in North Carolina has set aside three residences on campus for their use. North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union furnished these homes completely, even with books and bed linen. After staying in one of the homes, the James P. Kirks wrote, "Even our four little 'Brazilians,' satisfied that there could never be a place quite so wonderful as 'at home in Brazil' were excited and thrilled to know that someone had loved us enough to do this. May the Lord bless each one of you for this added manifestation of your love for and interest in us and our mission task." Let us pray for missionaries on furlough,

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6592, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in HOME MISSIONS

as well as on the field.

PRAY for J. P. Kirk, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

3 FRIDAY God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you I Sam. 12:23.

Over and again our missionaries express appreciation for our praying and giving. These words from Miss Dottie Lane, teacher in the Seinan Jo Gakuin school in Tokyo, Japan is typical. "I want to thank you who have made it possible for me to be here in the place where God has called me. The warm new home you provided through your gifts to the Lottie Moon offering, the salary that comes monthly from your tithes through the Cooperative Program. Not only for your material gifts do I thank you, but for the more important spiritual ones, love and the prayer you constantly send to God on my behalf." Let us pray today that God will help us remember that the missionaries are counting on us to be faithful in prayer and gifts. Pray that we will not forget.

PRAY for Dorothea Lane, Itozu, Japan, ed.; Mrs. C. J. Smith, Clinton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mary Lucile Saunders, Manila, Philippines, pub.; F. B. Owen, Kediri, C. H. Kollmar,* Colombia, MD; Mrs. H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN; S. A. Qualls, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA

4 SATURDAY As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God Rom. 14:11.

During this quarter Southern Baptists are particularly concerned over our witness in the homeland. We all look toward the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10. We anticipate the bringing of gifts—above regular Sunday by Sunday giving—to the Annie Armstrong Offering. In Home Missions there was reported late last year an item you may have overlooked. It was "The total offering received as of July 30, 1960, was \$2,115,283.80, said Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Courts Redford. He anticipated that the offering would reach \$2,200,000, which fell \$150,000 short of the 1960 goal." Surely we are grieved that we did not reach last year's goal. Let us pray that all of us will determine now to give more this year to meet the needs on home mission fields. The goal is \$2,470,000.

PRAY for Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, La., Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, N. Mex., Mrs. J. E. Jackson, China-Japan-Philippines, retired; E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, Mrs. B. A.

O'Neal, Maceio, Mrs. R. A. Fowler,* Brazil, ev.



5 SUNDAY The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple Psalm 119:130.

The editor of *The Maryland Baptist* wrote recently of meeting two former Catholic priests in South America who had become Baptists. One of them, Raphael Moreno Quillen, is now assistant dean at the Baptist Theological Institute in Panama but once was secretary to a Catholic bishop. He told how he was assigned by the bishop to write a book against Protestants. As he studied, there developed in his mind a "cloud of doubt." "When I lifted the bread at mass," he admitted, "I no longer could believe it was Christ I did not think that his blood actually was in the cup." One day he read in the Scriptures, "He is not here; he is risen." It was then that he took off his priestly robes forever. But it was four years later, "between here and there," that he found personal salvation in a Baptist church. Panama is nominally a Catholic country but many of its people are receptive to the Gospel. Pray for those who are seeking the true and living Saviour.

PRAY for Deusdedith Escobar, Panama City, Panama, Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador, Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Manhuassu, Brazil, Mrs. L. N. Nelson,* Japan, C. F. Roberson,* Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. W. J. LaFleur, Washington, La., ev. among French; Lila Watson, China-Taiwan-Hong Kong, retired

6 MONDAY By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another John 13:35.

There is critical need for nurses on mission fields. The Southern Baptist program of healing around the world stands in jeopardy unless there are more volunteers for medical missions. Some hospitals are operating without a single missionary nurse and others work under medical staffs that are too small. Last year, in spite of overwhelming need and the special calls, only one missionary nurse was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board! She was Miss Delilah Jones who gave her life to missions when she was 16 and since that time has been

preparing herself for service. Last August she sailed for Nigeria. "Surely God is speaking to young women in our churches today to meet this need!" she writes. Pray that those to whom God is speaking will answer His call and go.

PRAY for Delilah Jones, Oyo, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. Dan Contreras, Clovis, N. Mex., Epifanio Salazar, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, Panama, retired; Emogene Harris, Oyo, Nigeria, ed.; Francisco Rodriguez, Corral Nuevo, Cuba, Jerry Hobbs, Nakorn Nayoke, Thailand, Reiji Hoshizaki,* Japan, Mattie Gardner,* Nigeria, ev.

7 TUESDAY When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him Isa. 59:19.

For many years the Japan Baptist Convention felt the great need for a Student Center in Tokyo where many colleges are located. Finally it was to be reality, but just one day before the cornerstone was to be laid, bloody riots by Japanese students in Tokyo led to the death of one coed and injury to hundreds of others. The timing was coincidence, but it was perfect for opening a Center where students going to Tokyo from all over Japan could meet in a Christian atmosphere. Here they will receive special training for life in a non-Christian society. Let us pray for the Center, for the Baptist students in Tokyo and for the young people of Japan.

PRAY for Mrs. C. L. Martin, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, SW; Martha Knox, Itozu, Japan, ed.; L. C. Atmip,* So. Rhodesia, ev.; Isidoro Garza, San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. E. M. Treadwell, Las Vegas, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; T. H. York, Canton, Okla., ev. among Indians; T. H. York, Jr., MF; Mrs. Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Mattie Baker, Brazil, retired

8 WEDNESDAY My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me John 10:27.

How thrilling it is to see foreign mission work become so firmly established and the new converts so zealous that they send out missionaries of their own. Nigerian Baptists have a home and foreign mission board of their own; the Brazilian Baptist Convention maintains work in Portugal and Bolivia. Japan Baptists sent their first missionary couple to Okinawa four years ago. Last summer the six-year-old Taiwan Baptist Convention appointed its first foreign mission-

ary. He is Mu Hong Rei and will work in Thailand in the Grace Baptist Church and in Thailand Baptist Theological Center in Bangkok. Pray for these mission ventures and for those who go.

PRAY for Katie Murray,* Taiwan, D. E. Smith,* Nigeria, ev.; C. R. Edwards, Melville, La., ev. among French; M. E. O'Neill, Casa Grande, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Ross Hanna, Quapaw, Okla., ev. among Indians

9 THURSDAY For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer I Tim. 4:5.

Through the city of Miami each year more than 200,000 Spanish-speaking people enter the United States. Thousands settle in Miami and other parts of Florida, making it a unique and rapidly-growing mission area. Alexander Pasetti was not one of those coming into this country, for he was born in Tampa, Florida. But he was of Italian parentage which gave him opportunity even from childhood to see the growing need for the Gospel among language groups. Following study at the Baptist Bible Institute, he began work in 1941 with the Italian and Spanish people in West Tampa. A little mission was organized which later became a church. Other work was started. Countless souls have been won to Christ but every day more people, most of them without Christ, come through ports. Pray for language missions, especially in the populous port areas.

PRAY for Alexander Pasetti, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Domingo Fernandez, Havana, Cuba, H. W. Neely, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, ev.; G. R. Martin, Penang, Malaya, ed.

10 FRIDAY Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not Jer. 33:3.

There is a gift far more important than money which is essential to missions advance. The gift of life is the supreme gift. While we rejoice in the missionaries appointed in 1960 by the Foreign Mission Board, we are reminded of the great needs which are not met. More than 600 urgent requests for missionaries still wait for volunteers to come forth and even if this number could be appointed, there would still be hundreds of needs that would have to wait for even others. It is hoped that by 1964 a minimum of 2,000 missionaries will be on

the foreign field, an increase of 537 over the present number. This will be possible only if we pray, work, and trust in the Lord. It will mean that much more money will have to be given. It will mean that we will need to face courageously the fact that our children must be the missionaries. Let us pray toward this end—more money for missions, more missionaries, a world filled with the knowledge of our Lord.

PRAY for Mrs. D. N. Mayhall, Ijebu-Ife, S. E. Ray, Ogbomoso, W. D. Frazier,* Nigeria, Nadine Lovan, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.; C. E. Sanders, Tucson, Ariz., Daniel Sotelo, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Abraham Wright, Benld, Ill., ev. among Italians

11 SATURDAY He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully 2 Cor. 9:6.

Doors are still open to Christian missions in South Korea! In many lands of the world there are strong religions which hold many people in a tight grip. This is not the situation in Korea. They are receptive to the Gospel. The president of one of the leading universities in the capital city of Seoul has sought for some time a person to teach with complete freedom the Bible to the students who are Korea's leaders of tomorrow. So far no one has been available. The Baptist seminary in Taejon had eleven students in its 1960 graduating class. Pray that one of these will meet this pressing need.

PRAY for Ruby Wheat, Korea, RN: A. M. Lupo, Edinburg, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Clifford Barratt, Hsinchu, Taiwan, Mrs. S. P. Howard, Jr., Shimonsaki, Japan, ev.; Mrs. C. A. Baker, Brazil, retired; E. H. Walker, Baguio, Philippines, ed.



12 SUNDAY He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel Acts 9:15.

The Tentmaker movement of the Home Mission Board is a program through which Christian people with ability are brought into contact with churches which do not have sufficient leadership. They earn their

own living and serve in the churches without pay. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Poe have recently gone from Houston, Texas to work among the deaf people in the Seattle, Washington area. Douglas Edwards and Daniel Smith went from Mississippi and Alabama to Oregon. More than 1400 people have been Tentmakers in pioneer mission fields in the nine years of the movement. Pray that many others will follow the example of Paul, the first tentmaker, and say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

PRAY for Ada Young, New Orleans, La., GWC; J. P. Hipps, China, Ruth Randall, Brazil, retired; Mrs. H. O. Headrick, Maringa, Mrs. H. E. Peacock, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. H. B. Boone, Mbeya, Tanganyika, ev.

13 MONDAY Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded 2 Chron. 15:7.

Dr. Carlos Yero, a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Havana, is a professor at the University. Not content with his already active life, he makes several trips each year into the interior to take food, clothing and toys to the needy. Especially at the Christmas season, the hearts of many little children are made glad with his gifts and remembrances.

"I knew God would come this way today!" exclaimed a pretty little Cuban girl whose radiant smile attracted far more attention than her undernourished body and tattered clothes. Always Dr. Yero gives tracts, Gospels, and a testimony about what Jesus means to him to many who have never heard the Gospel. Pray for this layman and other Baptists in Cuba.

PRAY for Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez, Guana-bacoa, Cuba, Mrs. G. M. Faile, Jr., Nalerigu, Ghana, Mrs. J. D. Spann, San Carlos, Uruguay, R. E. Morris, Taipei, Taiwan, J. R. Marshall, Jr., Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. T. O. Cox, Tokyo, Japan, C. A. Allison, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; J. C. Anderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; S. R. Flewelen, Nalerigu, Ghana, med.; Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina, retired

14 TUESDAY The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity 2 Tim. 2:19.

The preaching shelter at a rock quarry near Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia offered little relief from the glaring sun or driving rain. It was located in the small community

of transient workers who gained their living from work around boiling pots of a kind of homebrew. The milky-white liquid with its sickly malt smell pervaded every nook and cranny of the village of dirty and listless people without apparent enthusiasm or motive in life. But two years ago the Word of God was brought to the village by Baptist missionaries. The preaching shelter has been roofed with straw from the former beer hall which has been torn down! Pray for God's witness in this village.

PRAY for J. R. Cheyne, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, W. A. Hatton, Rio de Janeiro, D. N. Sharpley,* Brazil, ev.; Gladys Farmer, Columbia, S. C., GWC; Mrs. Eulogio Garza, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking.

15 WEDNESDAY He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me Heb. 13:5:6.

At the Baptist Seminary in Cali, Colombia Catholics often inquire about our faith. In this predominantly Catholic country, almost every convert was once listed as Catholic. Juaguin Storch Casilla was born in Spain and went to Colombia as a priest. When he grew uncertain about his belief, he began to go to the seminary as an inquirer. Since Protestants are actively persecuted in Colombia and ex-priests have it especially hard, he moved to Ecuador where he enrolled in the baptismal class of Bethel Baptist Church, Quito. Pray for this former priest and other Catholics who are seeking the true and living Lord.

PRAY for Mrs. Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, Martha Franks, Taipei, Taiwan, ed.; Oline Lawton, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. D. R. Cobb, Songkhla, Thailand, Mrs. Dale Moore,* Nigeria, ev.; Miss Jovita Galan, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

16 THURSDAY He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ Phil. 1:6.

The first Baptist church in the Bahama Islands was organized in 1790, a result of the labors of a freed slave from South Carolina. Southern Baptists entered at the request of Bahama Baptists in 1951. Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, former missionaries in China were the first fraternal missionaries sent. Two years later Dr. and Mrs. John Mein, former missionaries to Brazil, helped open the Bahamas Baptist Institute to train workers. They retired in 1956 and

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three other couples have taken up the work. Pray for the Bahama Baptist work.

PRAY for John Mein, Brazil-Bahamas, E. M. Bostick, Jr., China, Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Brazil, retired; Ola Lea, Taipei, Taiwan, J. A. Yarbrough, Kaduna, Nigeria, Mrs. W. B. Hicks, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; D. L. Mills, Buenos Aires, Argentina, W. E. Verner, Kumasi, Ghana, Mrs. J. D. Hancox, Orleans, France, ev.

17 FRIDAY Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed Psalm 37:3.

A young man in Thailand accepted Christ and immediately began to experience persecution from his fellow workers. Finally he had to give up his work. He could not go to his home in another city because he knew his family would disown him. This story, told by Missionary Daniel Cobb, could be repeated times without number in this predominantly Buddhist state. Pray today for new Christians of Thailand. The Ronald Hills, missionaries there, make this request, "Would you join us in praying for souls in Thailand, for Daniels to bear a firm witness in government circles, for Pauls who will be not only mighty evangelists but Christian statesmen among the churches as well, and for Christian families like Aquila and Priscilla whose homes will become the kernels of new churches."

PRAY for Mrs. R. C. Hill, Chonduri, Thailand, ev.; R. J. Green, Tuba City, Ariz., ev. among Indians; T. H. Dowell, Korea, ed.; Mrs. R. E. Chambers, China, A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, retired; Mrs. J. C. Ware, Guadalajara, Mexico, RN

18 SATURDAY The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long Deut. 33:12.

Often our missionaries are called on to perform work entirely out of their fields, yet if it helps in the larger task of winning souls to Christ, the missionary is ready to do all he can. Miss Mabel Summers is typical of versatile women missionaries. She is in charge of the Baptist elementary school at Beirut, Lebanon and teaches there, but her activities cover a much wider field. She may be found working as janitor, plumber, practical nurse. Her days are long and full as she works to win others to Christ. Let us pray today for missionaries in Lebanon.

PRAY for Mabel Summers, Lebanon, Mrs. Manuel Quintana, Mariel, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Quinn Morgan, Bakersfield, Calif., ev.

among Spanish-speaking; W. E. Whelan, Korea, dentist



19 SUNDAY It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear Isa. 65:24.

With Africa in transition from colonialism to freedom the need for increased mission work is greater than ever. The Dale Hoopers write from Tanganyika "In all our stations we are short of funds which limits our usefulness. It is heartbreaking that finances do not allow for rapid advance. So many needs in so many places! In both our preaching points outside our city we meet in the open, usually without places to sit. At one point we were not aware of how fortunate we were to have a few broken, uncomfortable cement blocks for seats until someone carried them off and we had nothing. But we are not disturbed because we know that through your dedicated praying and giving and coming to help us the needs will be met. How grateful we are for all of you who pray for us!"

PRAY for T. J. Kennedy, Zaria, Nigeria, Mrs. G. A. Canzoneri, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. B. B. Tisdale, Philippines, Mrs. F. A. Hooper, III, Petah Tiqa, Israel, Jennell Greer, Thailand, A. B. Bedford, Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina, ev.; R. H. Fanoni, Nigeria, MD; C. A. Fontenot, Kaplan, La., ev. among French; Elizabeth Newman, E. St. Louis, Ill., GWC; Mrs. Pedro Carranza, Douglas, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. John Isaacs, Ala., retired; Apilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, R. C. Steg, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians; Acilio Rivera, MF

20 MONDAY The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way Psalm 37:23

Like checkers on a board, God takes yielded lives and moves them around where they can best be used to win others to Him. Mrs. J. L. Moye was born in Alabama and in the WMU Training School in Louisville prepared herself for mission service. For four years God used her and her husband in Chile. Later he called them to work

Forecaster

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THIS MONTH

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- Mission Study Committee
- Prayer Committee
- Community Missions Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- Publications Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Youth Committee

As women meet each day during the week of March 6-10 to pray for Home Missions they will release power which will cause millions in our nation to turn to God and righteousness! There is an oriental proverb which says,

*"If there's righteousness in the heart
There's beauty in the character
If there's beauty in the character
There's harmony in the home
If there's harmony in the home
There's order in society
If there's order in society
There's peace in the world."*

Strive for righteousness in your heart.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" Proverbs 14:34.

faithfully and are reading the Bible. In October they took their stand for the Lord Jesus. Now they are not simply opposed to communism, but are truly on the Lord's side. Already they are looking forward to

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President

PLAN

Plan with your pastor that there will be no conflicts in your church calendar during the Week of Prayer, March 6-10.

Plan with your pastor to include the whole church in the observance of the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering. He may want to introduce the week with a missionary message on Sunday. The Wednesday evening prayer service may be used to en-

able every member to observe the week.

Plan with your prayer, stewardship and publicity committees.

Arrange each day's observance of the Week of Prayer.

Set your Annie Armstrong Offering goal (remember—a 13 percent increase over last year's offering).

Decide on ways to publicize the offering and daily prayer services.

IDEA MONTH

At a well-known corporation plant, a ball-point pen was given to every employee submitting an acceptable suggestion during special "Idea Month."

Have an "idea month" in your WMS and encourage each member to suggest ways

- (1) to improve programs
- (2) to enlist new members
- (3) to get members to read ROYAL SERVICE
- (4) to increase attendance at general WMS meetings.

You'll think of other ideas needed to improve your work. Recognize the one submitting the largest number of "bona fide" suggestions.

5 Facts YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are five facts you should know about WMS leadership training.

1. When teaching the WMS Leadership Course the teacher should have these four items: WMS Manual, 65c; WMU Year Book, 25c; Teacher's Helps, 25c; Series of Posters to use in teaching WMS

Leadership Course, \$1.10.

2. When taking the WMS Leadership Course in a class, members of the class should have: WMS Manual, 65c and WMU Year Book, 25c.

3. When taking the WMS Leadership Course by individual study the student should have: WMS As-

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4. A WMS Leadership Card is awarded upon completion of the leadership course. Leadership cards are awarded to teachers of the course; to those attending all ten 45-minute periods and promising to do the required reading within one month; to those attending at least six periods, doing the required reading within one month and answering questions (on lessons missed) graded by the teacher.

Leadership cards are issued by the state WMU office to those completing the course by individual study upon receipt of the application provided in the Assignment and Answer Booklet. No time limit is placed on completion

of individual study.

5. The leadership card must be renewed each year by taking the refresher course on or before the date of issuance on the card. After completing the refresher course write the date in the space provided on your leadership card.

The 1960-61 Refresher Course for the WMS Leadership Course is:

Required Reading—
1960-61 WMU Year Book, 25c
Woman's Missionary Society Manual, 65c
Educating Youth in Missions, McMurtry, 85c
Woman's Missionary Union, Hunt, 85c

Supplementary Reading (suggested but not required)—
Christian Witnessing, Barnard, 85c
Christian Leadership, Preston, (1956 edition) 75c

All Committees

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How far up the WMS Aims for Advancement Ladder has your Woman's Missionary Society gone during the first four months of 1960-61? We hope you are well on your way up to the highest rung—Honor WMS.

Are you keeping these things in mind?

Work on basic objectives and electives simultaneously.

In achieving the required number of basic objectives and electives there must be at least one under each Aim.

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Program Committee



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In the year 1613 a voyage from the new world to Europe took about three months. Recently a traveler left London at one in the afternoon and at three twenty, New York time, was in New York City. Actually the flight was about seven jet hours but by some "sleight-of-the-clock - hand" this amazing thing happened.

The February, 1961 WMS missionary program will enable WMS members to visit Europeans here in America in less than one hour's time. Witnessing to the Spanish,

Italians, and Russians in home mission areas will be an interesting study if program committees plan wisely and well. Mimeograph on letter size paper for regular use the following:

WMS Program Plan Sheet (from WMS Manual, page 57)

Month Program date
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Mission Study Committee

Qualifying?

Now is the time for the mission study committee to lead the WMS in making real progress in qualifying on the WMS Mission Study Chart. Here are the categories and divisions in which your WMS can earn points now.

Have at least one of your teachers attend a mission study institute where teachers are taught the best methods for teaching the book, *The Dreamer Cometh* (75c from Baptist Book Stores)—30 points, category IV—teacher representation at mission study institute.

Have the home mission book, *The Dreamer Cometh*, taught in the circles or in the society—20 points, category III, types of books, division—home missions.

Have different types of classes—category II, types of classes—possible number points, 170. One circle may have a lecture class—30

points; another circle may have a relay class—35 points; another an extensive class—45 points; another an intensive class—60 points. Of course, if the book is taught to the society as a whole, the number of points earned would be determined by the type class taught under category II.

Have one half the number of regular WMS members at the beginning of the year read *The Dreamer Cometh* or some other mission book listed in *World in Books* catalog—25 points. Category V, reading.

It is possible for your WMS to earn 245 points on the WMS Mission Study Chart now. With 105 more points earned during the year you would qualify for recognition on the WMS Mission Study Chart, receive a certificate for outstanding mission study work, and gain elective 8, Aim I.

Prayer Committee

How... Except

The words "How" and "Except" from Romans 10:1-15a will be vividly impressed on minds and hearts during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, 1961. The theme and daily topics are taken from these verses. Each woman will be asked to bring her Bible to the prayer meetings and read the passage so that it may become more personal and more meaningful.

"How shall they call . . .
How shall they believe . . .
How shall they hear . . .
Except they be sent?"

Prayer committee, preliminary planning for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions should include:

Praying for an effective observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Recalling purpose of five-day observance. (Purpose: that WMS members and others in the church may have a vital part in the work of the Home Mission Board by praying, giving, and witnessing.)

Studying daily schedule along with daily topic, Scripture content,

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Planning with stewardship and publicity committees.

Reading:

Week of Prayer material in March Royal Service

February and March Home

Missions

Dr. Courts Redford's message, Cover 2, February Royal Service

Mrs. R. L. Mathis' message in state Baptist paper

Home Mission articles in state Baptist paper.

Community Missions Committee

Time to Act

Information, evaluation, action! That should be the sequence of the general missionary program, "Witness Where We Are," and the circle program, "Retreat or Responsibility." The suggestion is given that the program committee, community missions committee, and president work together on this month's programs. The following may help with your community missions plans for February.

1. Find out who lives in your community. Are there Spanish-speaking people, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Cubans? Italians? Russians and other Slavic people? International students?

2. Discover the needs in your community. What about the housing and working conditions, churches, recreational facilities, health and hospital care?

3. Plan to meet the needs in some of the following ways.

Teach an English class using the Bible as one textbook.

Have a nursery or kindergarten for children whose mothers are employed.

Organize a mission Sunday school, Bible class, and youth activities.

Distribute Gospels and tracts. Gospels may be secured in almost any language from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New

York 22, N. Y., for a nominal price.

Minister to the sick, shut-ins, lonely and sorrowing.

Plan intergroup activities such as interracial institutes, international teas, etc.

Provide playground for underprivileged children, adequate police protection, freedom at the polls for all citizens, adequate housing and jobs.

Practice Christian principles in daily contacts.

Help overseas students. (Write Focus, Friendship for Overseas College and University Students, sponsored by International Students, Inc., 2627 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.)

Advocate total abstinence.

"Successful resistance can rout the enemy in every community where Christians will:

Prepare themselves with facts and faith

Develop a creative concern for persons

Render service without selfishness

Support good laws and honest officers

Make the church a vital force in the community."

—What Shall We Say About Alcohol?

Caradine R. Hooton
(Abingdon Press)

Stewardship Committee

Lay Away

Some stores have the "Lay Away" plan and many women are familiar with it. They see something they want but do not have the money to pay for it. The plan is to make a deposit of a certain per cent of the cost of the item, then the merchant lays it away until it has been paid for and the customer claims it.

Some WMS members wanting to have a worthy Annie Armstrong Offering have already begun the lay away plan. They are using the Offering Box (from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., 4c each) for laying away week by week money for Home Missions. The Annie Armstrong Offering will be gathered during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, and women will know the joy of having a part in the support of: Rescue Missions, Good Will Centers, Sellers Home, mis-

sion work among the migrants, the French, Indians, Latin Americans, Orientals, Russians, Italians, and all other Home Mission Board work.

Keep before your church the total Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$2,470,000. This is a 13 per cent increase over the amount given last year. Make a poster giving your goal which should be at least 13 per cent more than your church gave last year. The poster may have an outline of USA or a large American flag with the following words:

ALL PRAYING . . .

ALL GIVING . . .

To make America Christian
Our Annie Armstrong Offering goal

Urge the women to "lay away" regularly for the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Publicity Committee

A Date with You

Publicity committee, begin now placing signs throughout the church with the date, March 6-10, printed on them. Create an atmosphere of suspense as you talk about the date and as you write notes to each WMS member saying, "We want a date with you March 6-10." As the week draws nearer give additional information concerning the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, the theme, the time and place of daily prayer meetings.

See poster suggestion given to stewardship committee for Annie Armstrong Offering goal and co-operate in this publicity effort.

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Publications Committee

Publications committee, urge every woman in your church to read "Retreat or Advance," February ROYAL SERVICE. Unless every woman receives ROYAL SERVICE arrange for magazines to be shared.

Have you reached your goal—"Every member receiving ROYAL SERVICE?" If not, increase your efforts—the WMU year is almost half gone.

Work for every woman receiving ROYAL SERVICE, every woman reading ROYAL SERVICE!

Youth Committee

A Vital Part

Of the 1,400,583 members of Woman's Missionary Union 644,201 belong to Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries. Of the 84,597 WMU organizations 61,360 are youth organizations. These figures not only impress us with the fact that young people are the future of Woman's Missionary Union but they are a vital part today.

Within these youth organizations are counselors, leaders and their assistants. These adults and young people have a part in the work of Woman's Missionary Union.

YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committees will make efforts this month to prepare every member for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, and for participation in the Annie Armstrong Offering.

This preparation will include studying the Home Missions Graded Series books; presenting home mission programs; clearing calendars for the week of March 6-10; planning daily prayer periods using material in March copies of *The Window*, *Tell*, and January-February-March *Sunbeam Activi-*

ties; publicizing the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering; providing Offering Boxes (4c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.) for YWAs and GAs and Mission Banks (4c each) for Sunbeams.

During YWA Focus Week, February 12-18, there will be extra opportunities for WMS fostering. The YWA committee makes plans for observing YWA Focus Week in your church (see January, February *The Window*). Then plans are brought to the WMU executive board by the YWA director. The WMU president and the executive board decide on the best way to carry out the plans, by individuals or by circles. Make YWA Focus Week an effective enlistment week so that every unmarried young woman from 16 through 25 may be brought into Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Yes, young people studying about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions, and doing mission work are a vital part of all WMU efforts to promote Christian missions.

among the Mexicans in Texas. After her husband died, Mrs. Moye carried on the work which they had been doing together. Now she is retired, but God is still using her in calling others to the joy and happiness she has known in a life yielded to Him.

PRAY for Mrs. J. L. Moye, Tex., Mrs. Pascual Arpaio, Okla., I. V. Larson, China-Philippines-Taiwan, retired; J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador, ev.; W. A. Cowley, Jos, Nigeria, ed.

21 TUESDAY This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent John 6:29.

The Tap Shim Ri Mission is in Seoul, Korea. About 80 children attend Sunday school and 50 to 70 young people and adults come to worship services in the little building made of mud bricks and roofed with canvas from an Army tent. In a recent four-day revival, 16 adults made decisions to follow Christ, joining ten others who had already been baptized. Miss Lucy Wagner, missionary in Korea, writes, "Pray for this church that it may bear a strong Christian witness, and pray for the members of the church and for me as we witness to hundreds of people of the community who are without Christ."

PRAY for Lucy Wagner,* Korea, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sealey, Panama City, Panama, Mrs. H. W. Fite, Jr., Ceres, J. E. Musgrave, Goiania, Amelio Giannetta, Brazil, Mrs. W. R. Wakefield, Philippines, Mrs. E. H. Walworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, ev.; R. G. Van Royen, Dallas, Tex., FW; Doris Christensen, Santa Fe, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Margaret Marchman, Shaki, Wyona King, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed.

22 WEDNESDAY In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore Psalm 16:11.

Recently the Glen Hixes, missionaries to Taipei, Taiwan, wrote about a German couple who had come to know the Lord. "He is proficient in four languages and is employed here with a freedom organization which beams in the Russian language broadcasts to Communist countries. Several months ago a missionary here witnessed to him and told him of our church. Since that time he and his wife have been attending faithfully and are reading the Bible. In October they took their stand for the Lord Jesus. Now they are not simply opposed to communism, but are truly on the Lord's side. Already they are looking forward to

returning to Germany to share the good news of the Gospel with their friends there." Pray for this couple as they grow strong in Christ in a land that is not their home.

PRAY for Mrs. G. L. Hix, Mrs. J. H. Hammett, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. F. G. Ross, Durango, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. E. L. Oliver, Kagoshima City, Japan, med.

23 THURSDAY They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever Dan. 12:3.

Miss Alma Graves teaches English and religious education at the Baptist school in Fukuoka, Japan. For most of the years since her appointment in 1936, she has worked here among young people. "She has made for herself an increasingly large place in the life of the school," writes a fellow missionary. "Results are shown in students who throng her Bible classes and in those who come to faith in Christ. Pray for the youth of the world, that they may know Christ and turn to Him.

PRAY for Alma Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Lloyd Notah, Chandler, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. K. Edwards,* Nigeria, RN; Flora Dodson, China-Hong Kong, Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, China, retired

24 FRIDAY But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you Matt. 6:33.

The salutorian of the 1960 graduating class of Southern Baptist College in Mindanao, Philippines quoted the words above from Matthew. Tears came to the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lochridge, missionaries, as they listened. But they were not tears of joy. A heavy burden for lost souls is on their hearts. Forty young people recently made decisions for Christ, but thousands still are seeking to know Him. "As we begin another year of service for the Lord here in the midst of much religion, but spiritual darkness, we ask you to pray for us," write the Lochridges. Pray also for the young people in the Baptist College and especially for the salutorian who quoted Matthew 6:33. He is a Moslem.

PRAY for Mrs. J. T. Lochridge, M'lang, Philippines, R. B. Robertson, Mendoza, Argentina, L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, Mrs. J. K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.; Mrs. Ruth Rumphol, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, RN; Viola Campbell, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Mrs. R. T. Bryan, China, Lora Clement, China-Singapore, Mrs. R. L. Bausum, China-Taiwan, retired; G. R. Bausum, MF

25 SATURDAY In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good Eccles. 11:6.

"Have you ever heard anyone pray for a seminary professor?" the president of a seminary asked. My negative reply prompted him to continue, "The seminary is perhaps the greatest training ground for all our missionaries, home and foreign. The seminary degree is required of missionaries, yet the vital teaching role of the professor in preparing them for mission service is often not recognized. We also need the earnest and continuing prayer of all our people." Let us pray for our seminaries and those who teach future missionaries.

PRAY for Mrs. R. D. Gullatt, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, Mrs. B. E. Adams, Chile, Mrs. C. H. Lawhon, Sr., Manila, Philippines, ev.; Alice Huey, China-Hawaii, Jane Lide, China, retired



Call to PRAYER

26 SUNDAY Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass Psalm 37:5.

Two thirds of California's people belong to no church and less than three per cent are Southern Baptists. There are more lost people in California than there are citizens in Texas, but California Baptists are taking steps to improve the situation. By 1964 they hope to double their churches from 556 to 1112, and are well on their way. The Home Mission Board is also helping to change things by establishing work with many language groups throughout California. More than one third of the population is of foreign extraction and thousands more enter through Pacific Coast ports each year. Last summer alone some 200,000 Mexican braceros flocked into the state to harvest crops. More than 70 per cent of our missionaries in California work with language groups. Pray for them and for California Baptists as they seek to win these many thousands to Christ.

PRAY for Mrs. Donald Phiegar, Calexico, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; N. T. Tull, La., Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Brazil, retired; Mrs. R. F. Goldie, Nalerigu, Ghana, RN; Mrs. W. B. McNeaty, Volta Redonda,

Brazil, ev.; W. B. McNeaty, Jr., MF; J. W. Ross, El Paso, Tex., pub.

27 MONDAY If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free John 8:31,32.

By law there is religious freedom in Brazil but, especially in recent months, Christians have experienced persecution. In Sergipe, our school has fewer Catholics in it this year than formerly; the priest warned parents not to allow their children to attend. In the state hospital, the vice-director of the school of nursing was asked to leave because she accepted Christ and was witnessing to others. A missionary, Edward B. Trott, visiting a patient in the same hospital, was accompanied by a nun during his visit. Later she warned the patient that a Bible was prohibited in the hospital. Let us pray for Baptists in Brazil.

PRAY for S. P. Jackson, Manhuassu, Brazil, Mrs. E. L. Cole, Mexico, Mrs. W. D. Frazier, Nigeria, Mrs. C. W. Bedenbaugh, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Mrs. Lee Auld, N. Mex. A. W. Hancock, Okla., retired

28 TUESDAY In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths Prov. 3:6

The Rev. L. W. Crews was pastor of a church in Oklahoma and attending Southwestern Seminary. One morning at church he felt that God was calling him to dedicate his life to mission service. His wife, who had remained at home with a sick baby, also felt a call from God. God moves in a mysterious way to seek out and choose those whom He would have serve as missionaries. Later they were directed to work among the Indians in Oklahoma and Kansas. Pray that each of us will live so close to Him that there can be no doubt about what He wants us to do.

PRAY for L. W. Crews, Lawrence, Kan., ev. among Indians, Mrs. F. H. Linton, Panama, Mrs. W. E. Sallee, China, J. V. Dawes, China, retired; Francisco Morales, El Paso, Tex., Homer Yearwood, Mill Valley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed.; R. F. Goldie, Nalerigu, Ghana, MD, Mrs. Marcus Rodriguez, Marti, Cuba, Mrs. C. G. McCalmann, Campinas, R. E. Smith, Brazil, Mrs. B. T. Thorpe, Gwelo, So. Rhodesia, ev.

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* no foreign	SA business administration
GWC Good Will Center	SW student worker
MF Margaret Fund student	MD doctor
FW field worker	RN nurse

Did You?

Did you? You could have in September 1960 if you read Home Missions magazine. In this issue is the 1961 goal of \$2,470,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering, an increase of 13 per cent. While there is rejoicing over increased gifts in 1960 to Home Missions through the Annie Armstrong Offering, there should be genuine regret over failure to reach the goal. Indifference and lack of spiritual concern must be the reason, for Southern Baptists have the means.

According to Survey of Current Business, the per capita income in the United States is \$2,057. On this basis the income of Southern Baptists is over 18 billion dollars. Did you read in the Special Issue for 1960 of the Southern Baptist Handbook that total gifts amounted to less than 1/4 of the tithe?

That among 9,485,276 Southern Baptists there are only 1,393,-247 tithers? That the Cooperative Program receipts going to SBC causes amounted to \$17,101,217? That out of the amount only \$2,655,304 went to the Home Mission Board?

The Annie Armstrong Offering is a symbol of the work we do in Home Missions--work that carries missionaries over the homeland, to the island of Cuba and the Canal Zone where millions of people need help and more important, hope.

Nobody can tell another what he should do with his money but no one is left in the uncertainty of silence. God has spoken about tithes and offerings, and his word is as near as your Bible. Have you read it?

The American Dream

What is it? The possession of liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are considered the highest good of human society. The United States is the first country in history with the physical means to achieve almost anything it wants. Though rich, powerful and well fed, her people are not all free or happy.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson in one of his speeches, now in print, reminds us that five million American families live in poverty; that Negroes in Southern states are still denied their constitutional rights. In the American dream of freedom lies religious liberty for all her people. The guarantee of this freedom is expressed in Article I of the Bill of Rights and was interpreted by Thomas Jefferson to mean building a wall of separation between church and state. This position has been supported by the United States Supreme Court in several decisions. "Neither a state nor the federal government can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No tax in any amount, large or



by Mrs. William McMurry

small, can be levied to support any religious activities, whatever they may be called. . . ." "Separation means separation," wrote Justice Felix Frankfurter. He further declared, "Jefferson's metaphor speaks of a wall of separation, not of a line easily overstepped. It is the court's duty to enforce this principle in its full integrity." To allow the individual conscience to sleep is to court the loss of collective freedom.

Slavery

This is the month when thoughts of Lincoln may arouse at least an academic interest in slavery. Headlines in London newspapers about Africans being offered to English farmers in Southern Rhodesia for \$420 down brought out the startling fact that a human being can still be bought in some parts of the world.

Slavery flourishes in the Arabian peninsula where an estimated 500,000 men, women and children now live and toil in bondage. In a single year as many as 10,000 Moslem pilgrims from Africa, Iran and Pakistan have been kidnapped by slavers, taken to the slave platforms, paraded often in chains while buyers compete madly.

The demand for slaves in the Persian Gulf area has increased in proportion to the growing oil wealth of the sheiks. In some sheikdoms, a man is known for the number of slaves he has rather than for his air-conditioned Cadillac.

At present there is little being done to stamp out slavery. When Western nations tried in 1956 to give UN members the right to search and seize slave ships, four Middle East countries blocked the plan. Their refusal was strengthened by Russia's negative vote.

Trip to the Moon?

The International Astronautical Congress was held in Stockholm the third week in August, 1960. While the delegates were ploughing through the theories and analyses of more than a hundred technical papers, the American and Russian "space Cinderellas" at home gave a practical example of what it was all about. Both countries successfully launched and recovered two satellites which marked advance toward man's space flight.

The Americans presented a possible time table for manned projects. At the present rate of progress it is almost certain that the United States will put the first astronaut in orbit around the earth during 1961. According to the schedule, in 1969 man will make a return trip to the moon and attempt flights beyond into inter-planetary space. The next Congress will be in New York in October.

Evangelicals in Cuba

Reliable sources such as World Vision Magazine, Christianity Today, and letters from missionaries claim that never before in its long history has Cuba been so friendly toward the ministry of evangelicals. They have been able to preach the gospel in parks and in open-air meetings without interference by the police.

Despite the deterioration of US-Cuban relationships, "it is a mistake to judge Cuba's revolution solely by what the Communists are making of it." Such an opinion was stated editorially in an issue of The Christian Century. There is agreement among citizens of this country that the US cannot allow a Soviet outpost in the Caribbean. Neither should they overlook the island's history, which underscores the fact that in the past the US has permitted and fostered conditions that could be reasons for the present acts of desperation.

We Failed!!

We failed last year to reach the goal
for the Annie Armstrong Offering!

But reaching a goal of 13 per
cent more than last year will
put the 1961 offering over the
\$2,470,000 goal!

PROGRAM HELPS

WITNESS WHERE WE ARE

WHAT SHALL WE DO?— AND HOW?

Here are some ideas:

1. For smaller groups, use Home Mission Map backed by posterboard, for larger societies, use wallboard from your lumber yard and sketch an outline map of the United States. If you have an opaque projector (check with Baptist Book Store for rental price) you can enlarge a map by throwing its picture on posterboard or wallboard—then, sketching around it.

2. At every 5c and 10c store in America you can find bags of plastic planes or cars for less than 50c. As you visit each state and city, let person taking part move plane or car or place different planes or cars on map. If you carry out "Jet-propelled" idea, you could create plane interior on platform and let each person "land" at different cities.

3. There are five states mentioned in program material. If you wish to have a very different program, you might take your group (if not too large) to five different rooms, each representing one of the states, and decorated accordingly. With large group, break up into smaller groups and station a woman in each room to give "tour" information.

WHO SHOULD DO IT?

Your program chairman, community missions chairman, and president should work together on this program. At the close specific plans for local witnessing—where you are—should certainly be presented to the group. You might have one or two of the foreign-speaking people from your area to come as your guests. Perhaps, you can make "assignments" for witnessing. Make this program your springboard for challenging your WMS to become real Christian witnesses.

For Your Program:

Order from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia

Tracts "Evangelizing the Minority Groups"
"Magnify the Ministries of Your Church"

"To Take Their Hands"

Home Mission Map

Order from Baptist Book Stores

Filmstrip "Home Missions in Action,"
\$3.50

Program Folders, Our American Flag,
\$2.00 per 100, \$8.00 per 500

Order from Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Road, Indianapolis 19, Indiana

Colorful Folder-mats with puzzle element and Neighbors Napkins, sets of 20 each,
75c plus 25c postage

PROGRAM HELPS



“Witness WHERE WE ARE”

(Among Spanish, Italians, and Russians)

by Mrs. Ned P. King

Theme for Quarter: CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

“He who saves his homeland saves all—
And all things saved bless him. He
whose homeland is lost loses all—
And all things lost curse him—”

—by J. H. Lawrence

PROGRAM OUTLINE (for Program Folder)

Song: “I Love to Tell the Story”	Miami
Prayer	Tampa
Call to Worship: Witness Where We Are	In Alabama
Leader’s Introduction: Our American Witness—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow	In Illinois
Witnessing	In Michigan
In Florida	In Texas
Key West	Love Constrains Us to Witness!
	Closing Meditation

“... WITNESS WHERE WE ARE”

Song: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Prayer: (Using calendar of prayer)

Call to Worship: “Witness Where We Are”

Duet (or Quartet)—“Christ for the Whole Wide World,” (first verse)

Verse Choir (*Six voices*) “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. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Low voices: “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:36-38).

High Voices: “And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Solo Voice: “And ye shall be witnesses”—in Jerusalem.

All: Witnesses—where we are

Duet: “Christ for the Whole Wide World” (third verse)

All: “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Mark 12:30-31).

1st Voice: I must give!

2nd Voice: I must pray!

3rd Voice: I must go!

All: For the love of Christ constraineth us to give . . . to pray . . . to go . . . to witness where we are.

Duet: “Christ for the Whole Wide World,” (chorus only)

Prayer

Leader’s Introduction:

OUR AMERICAN WITNESS— *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

“And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.”

Indeed, Ruth’s words could be the heartfelt refrain of 20,000,000 foreign-language people who live within our borders. We must bear in mind that possibly half of these who use foreign languages were born in this country. In this group we have the Indians, the French, and a big percentage of the Spanish-speaking people. It is sometimes hard for us to realize it, but many do not want to be like their American neighbors. They feel that they are superior. In this group you would find the Indians and also some of the Spanish-Americans. However, they do want the right to live with the same freedom that others enjoy: work, play, and to vote. Those who were born in our country are not adopted, they are citizens with as much right as anyone else. They are not immigrants and they want to be Americans but they do not want to be just plain Americans like the Anglo-Saxon population.

PROGRAM

In our early history, we all know the first European immigrants who touched the New World’s shores desperately were

seeking to escape the overpowering tyranny of established state religions. America offered them the precious pearl-without-price of religious liberty! Our early Baptist immigrants, such as Roger Williams and Rev. John Clarke, gave us a rich religious heritage to preserve and protect. Later, between 1820 and the early 1900's, 38 million immigrants flooded the United States—largely for economic reasons. They left their vineyards, shops and grain fields and turned their faces eagerly toward the new promised land of America—rich in honey and—money! Although they labored long and lovingly in their new homes, fields and factories, they did not always find American living the easy life they had anticipated. Along with these "economic" immigrants came scores of others who sought the refuge of America because of various ideological concepts.

Yesterday, they came—from all the countries of the earth—and helped to create the colorful mosaic that we call the United States of America. They are our forefathers.

President William Howard Taft once said, "We have taken millions of foreigners into our civilization, but we have amalgamated them, and . . . we have made them all Americans." Surely the diversity of culture, customs and languages has made us a more interesting and creative country.

Today, persons enter the United States at the rate of almost one half million per year. There are approximately 4 million Spanish-speaking people in our Southern Baptist Convention territory, 600 thousand Italians, 700 thousand French, 125 thousand Japanese, 200 thousand Russians. Many of these were born here however and are American citizens, although some still speak their "mother" tongue; others are naturalized citizens with all rights and privileges.

In New York, four out of five of all public school pupils in Manhattan are Negroes or Puerto Ricans. California is one third foreign background. Our newest states are predominantly made up of citi-

zens with foreign backgrounds. In all, approximately 45 nationalities live among us, scattered all the way from Baltimore to Honolulu and from Key West to Anchorage! And, of these 20 million, 95 per cent are unevangelized and fewer than one per cent are Baptists! America's Christian future depends on our ability to transform these seeking millions into Christian believers!

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, Southern Baptists have the God-given command to witness where we are to the millions, the multitudes, the masses in our midst who do not know the Saviour!

Today, we shall take a jet-propelled mission tour "here, there and yonder" to glimpse some of our work among the Spanish, Italians, and Russians. Of course, we won't be able to visit all the states where we have work, for our Southern Baptist territory has become too vast!

First, let's "wish" ourselves to the Sunshine State, Florida. We'll have to drive over the 35 bridges connecting the Florida keys, southernmost point of the United States.

WITNESSING IN FLORIDA

Key West is like a "little Havana." Everywhere you turn you will find the influence of the Spanish-speaking people. You will find them operating their own businesses. You will find them clerking under Civil Service—both city and government Naval bases. In fact, you will find them in all areas of the social, political and church life.

Early Latin immigrants settled in distinctive groups, but as they have increased in number they have spread. Fifty years ago they numbered several hundred. Today, there are 12,000, almost half the total population of Key West.

Although the religion of the Spanish-speaking people is predominantly Roman Catholic, they are receptive to the gospel. Many Spanish parents send their children to the Baptist kindergarten. This activity alone gives our missionaries a wonderful entrance into the home.

The Latin American Baptist Temple is a beautiful church building designed by one of its Latin members who is a retired preacher and also a civil engineer for the United States government. This church is a great attraction in Key West and one for which Southern Baptists can be grateful.

Our home missionary, Rev. S. A. Candal, who is pastor, says, "With the help of the Lord we plan to begin a teaching program that will guide our members into a deeper Christian life. We are also planning to reach them with a regular Spanish gospel radio program, *La Hora Bautista* (The Baptist Hour). The devil uses every means to keep the gospel from the lost. In Key West, the life of pleasure and ease is a real temptation."

Won't you pray for the Candals that they may effectively witness where they are—among the Spanish in Key West?

Miami resembles a fairy story come to life! With its gorgeous profusion of flowers, castle-like hotels, white sandy beaches and sapphire blue ocean, it is a sight you have to see to believe. Eventually, however, you turn your eyes to the people around you. Then you realize that there are milling multitudes in Miami who need to hear the gospel of Jesus.

Rev. Milton Leach, Jr., our missionary to the Spanish-speaking people, reminds us that Miami is the Gateway to Latin America with over 200,000 Latins entering through this port each year. He points out that thousands of Cuban tourists have spent \$10 million yearly in Miami. "Think," Rev. Leach says, "how many Christian missionaries would have returned to Cuba if we had won the tourists for Christ!"

Recently, we studied Southern Baptist witness among 150,000 Russians on the West Coast under the capable direction of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Rogosin. Many of us, however, do not realize that thousands of Russians are scattered throughout our land. Over 50,000 Russians and Poles live in Baltimore. There are Russians in Illinois, Michigan, and New York, and there are

Russians in Miami. Rev. and Mrs. John Sylvester began our Miami work among the Russians in 1955. Under their direction the first small group of converts grew steadily. Finally, with financial assistance from the Home Mission Board, the Slavic Baptist Church, as it is now called, purchased a building.

At present, we have no home missionaries serving the Russians in Miami. Mrs. Sylvester, now a widow, still works with the Slavic Baptist Church although she is not employed by the Home Mission Board.

Does this mean that we have failed in our mission task? Quite the contrary is true! It is the expressed purpose and policy of our Home Mission Board to sponsor mission points until they can become self-sustaining.

Some of our missions will never be able to become independent due to the nature of the work where population shifts rapidly. The Home Mission Board realizes this, and through co-operative ventures with state conventions, it plans to sustain that which needs continuing assistance. Sometimes, it might appear to some that the Home Mission Board has forsaken a field! Never! As our language groups gradually become independent and self-supporting, or become assimilated into existing local churches, the Home Mission Board seeks out new fields to harvest and new vineyards to plant.

Tampa's population of 124,700 includes approximately 35,000 Latins: Spanish and Italians. Years ago it was necessary because of the language problem for the Latins to organize "societies" for the purpose of promoting a medical and social program. In

Spanish-speaking migrants and missionary



recent years, however, the language problem has practically disappeared. The movement of the population plus the assimilation of the Italians with the Anglos has resulted in closing of some Baptist work and relocating of other work, for, Italians here do not wish to remain a "separate people," but rather quickly to become a part of community living.

In the Ybor City area a few years ago, the Clark Memorial Church membership combined with that of the Ybor City Baptist Temple at a new location, and continued under the name of Ybor City Baptist Temple. Recently the Cuscaden Park and the Ybor City Baptist Temple were combined into a single congregation meeting in the property used by Ybor City Baptist Temple and continuing to use the name of Ybor City Baptist Temple for the combined congregation. The property formerly used by the Cuscaden Park Church is being sold and the proceeds from the sale will be applied on further development or improvement of the property of the Ybor City Baptist Temple. Rev. Alexander Pasetti is the pastor.

The Armenia Baptist Church, now in its fiftieth year, recently has been relocated. The new edifice was made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering. Rev. C. R. Murphy is pastor. Mr. Murphy reports that the local priest repeatedly warns the children attending the Catholic schools that attendance at the Baptist services will cause them to go to hell. Such fear propaganda must be overcome before many Italians and Spanish Americans can be won to Christ.

WITNESSING IN ALABAMA

Birmingham, the Magic City, has often been called the Pittsburgh of the South. Its iron and steel mills have drawn workers of many nationalities to Alabama.

Rev. A. Pucciarelli, now retired, was at one time Good Will Center missionary and pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Ensley for 22 years. He remembers when most of the community there was Italian.

There are hundreds of Baptist Italians throughout our country who will proudly say, "I was won through the ministry of the Ensley Good Will Center and Emmanuel church in Birmingham.

Ensley has changed! Today, the church consists mostly of Anglo-Americans. There are about three Italian families who still attend regularly. The community is fast becoming Americanized. The functions of the Good Will Center and the church have been combined into a single operation carried on by the church and is now self-supporting except that the Home Mission Board provides the property and buildings. An Italian Sunday School class is maintained at Emmanuel for those who do not speak English. Yes, Ensley has changed! But, there are still older Italians who cling to their old ways and some younger ones who say "If it was good enough for Mother, it is good enough for us."

Rev. Oliver Thomas Eason, present pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, tells us:

"The Catholics do not strongly oppose our work here in Ensley, unless pressure is put on them. The main problem most of us have in witnessing to the Catholics is that we tend to criticize their church before we show them the better way. It takes much patience, love and understanding to win a Catholic into a saving knowledge of Jesus.

"There is still work to be done here. We are laboring to carry for Christ that which was started many years ago. With Paul, may we say, 'I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.'"

WITNESSING IN ILLINOIS

Southern Baptist witnessing has reaped a valuable harvest in Bensld, Illinois. Through the consecrated witness of Rev. and Mrs. Abraham Wright, our home missionaries, many fruitful lives have been won among the Italians living in this area.

In July, 1946, Mr. Wright and his daughter conducted a vacation Bible school in a village schoolhouse. Among the six professions of faith were Juanita and Kathle-

Petaldotte. These two sisters became faithful members of the Sunday school in Bensld. Through our missionary's help, they both received a higher education. One became a registered nurse and the other a high school teacher. Today, both are wives of preachers.

Juanita, who is a wonderful organist, is the wife of Rev. Lee Rule, pastor of the Pastfield Baptist Church in Springfield. Not long ago the Wrights received a letter from her. She told of great appreciation for the help and guidance she had received from them.

Andy, a jovial tavern owner, read one of our Home Mission Board's tracts which are distributed in many languages. This written gospel message brought him under conviction, and Mr. Wright was able to lead him to Christ. Later, his wife also was converted! Andy quickly got out of the tavern business! When the Southside Baptist Mission in Litchfield became a church, Andy was named a trustee. He was also a member of the building committee. His wife became president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

These are some of the fruits in God's vineyard of Illinois. This question should haunt us: If Southern Baptists had not heeded God's call to send missionaries to Illinois, would Juanita, Andy, and many others like them have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ? And, would they be witnessing for Him today where they are—in Illinois?

WITNESSING IN MICHIGAN

Our work among the Spanish people in Michigan began spontaneously when a small group of Mexican Baptists from Texas, who had come to Adrian, Michigan, felt the need for a place to worship and

began holding services. They struggled along without a full-time pastor until January 1, 1960. At this time the Home Mission Board sent Rev. and Mrs. Harold T. Gruver, who had just returned from Panama, to pastor the church at Adrian and open up other work as opportunities afforded among the Spanish in Michigan.

A survey has been made to locate the concentrations of Spanish people in the state. So far, seven other communities have been found with 500 to 3300 Spanish people. The Detroit area has approximately 50,000.

Last April, a Spanish mission was started in Detroit. On July 17, it was organized into a church with 39 charter members.

Mr. Gruver states: "The Spanish people in general do not seem to mingle readily with others, but tend to stay apart. It is not merely a language problem, as the younger adults and the children speak English. In fact, the work among the children is conducted in English, as that is the language they best understand. Nevertheless, to work effectively among them, it is necessary to speak Spanish, for the sake of adults, and for psychological effects. They are slower than some to accept the gospel, because of their traditional Catholic background and their total lack of Bible knowledge. They are a lovable, warm-hearted people and are appreciative of sincere efforts to help them. They can be won by patient, loving effort."

WITNESSING IN TEXAS

"The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas are engaged in a tremendous, co-operative mission venture," states Dr. Charles McLaughlin, director of the Missions Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.



Spanish-speaking in Arizona and New Mexico, French-speaking in Louisiana in vacation Bible school



Mrs. Ned King

Mrs. King wrote both January and February programs, also the Wednesday play for the Week of Prayer. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, educated in Florida, she now lives in Dallas where her husband is vice president of an insurance company. They have one child, 8-year-old David. Both Mr. and Mrs. King are workers at First Baptist Church, Dallas.

The rapidly growing Latin American population is the outstanding challenge.

This challenge is made very real by reports which declare the Latin population will have been doubled over a 25-year period from 1950, and will constitute more than 25 per cent of the total white population in Texas by 1975. Less than one per cent of the denomination's membership is found in Latin churches and missions.

To help meet this challenge the two mission agencies share in a unified program approach. The Home Mission Board contributes 28 per cent and Texas Baptists contribute 72 per cent toward a budget which supplements salaries, establishes new congregations and strengthens existing churches.

Winning Spanish-speaking people in Texas is always slow. This was especially true in the little rural town of Floresville just 30 miles south of San Antonio in dry sandy land where they are proud of their watermelon and peanut crops. After years of lonely struggle to keep a Baptist witness alive among some 1500 Spanish-speaking people, Calvary Baptist Mission in 1955 had a congregation of only 9 discouraged members, meeting in a run-down building in a poor location.

Under the leadership of their sponsor pastor, Rev. Dayne Freeman of First Church, Floresville, there began to develop a new vision of the missionary opportunity upon the First Church doorstep. The church joined hands with the State and Home Mission Boards to plan not only a

beautiful and practical pink brick building but to organize a complete worship and training program. An adequate salary for a competent pastor was made possible through the supplement provided for this purpose from mission funds.

In 1958 there were about 48 attending the services and 13 converts were baptized. In 1959, there were 24 baptized. In late Spring 1960 close to 100 were attending services. The mission now has its own budget, gives regularly through the Co-operative Program, and has a planned program of stewardship training. The present pastor is Rev. Ignacio Palomo.

Another interesting event in this co-operative venture took place in the Primera Iglesia Bautista in El Paso, the largest American city on the Mexican border. This strategic church under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. R. B. Alvarez, entered a building program to remodel and expand its facilities.

They secured a \$500 gift from Texas Baptists through a "Small Gift Fund" administered through the Direct Missions Department.

Rev. Roy Lambert said, "This helped the church to enlarge its organization by four departments and eleven classes. The result of this added space was that the church continued its rapid growth and expansion.

"The gift also helped the church to realize that they are an important part of the Southern Baptist family and gave them spiritual encouragement as well as financial assistance."

The denomination, the local church, the mission and individual Baptists all grow when we witness where we are!

Love Constrains us to: WITNESS

"Our WMS program was 'far-fetched this morning," complained Marie Harkness to the women in her car on the way home. "How can I witness to foreigners? I don't know any! How can I witness to somebody I never even see?" Marie thought she spoke the truth! But, she is "mission-

blind."

On her way to the church, Marie had stopped at the service station she patronized José, the Mexican boy who always waited on her, serviced her car.

Last Thursday she had met her husband in town for lunch. They went to Antonelli's Restaurant. Mr. Antonelli called them by name, for they came to eat his famous spaghetti often.

On Saturdays, Marie usually went to the beauty shop to allow Celeste's deft fingers to perform their usual magic! Celeste is a French Canadian who moved to town six years ago. The beauty shop is owned by Mr. Marx, a Jew.

Three times a week the milkman comes into Marie's spotless kitchen. He is Hungarian. Last week he gave her a recipe for stew. "From the old country," he said proudly.

A mile and a half from the Harkness home is the University campus. Marie knows that several hundred of the 47,000 foreign students studying annually in the United States are enrolled there for she met several at the Christmas party her WMS gave for international students.

Marie Harkness has come into close contact with all these people. She has not witnessed to even one of them!

Are any of us "mission-blind" like Marie Harkness? Do we fail to see the marvelous foreign mission opportunities on our own home mission field? Lost, lonely souls are all around us. We need only to look to see where we must witness.

A busy pastor's wife met a lonely international student on a Baptist college campus. She was captivated by the young Chinese student and touched by her loneliness. When she returned home, she wrote to her. In the next few months she met other foreign students and her heart opened wider and wider to them.

Today, she writes to nineteen international students per week! Sometimes she jots them a note before an important test; sometimes a brief letter of encouragement. Sometimes she "fusses" just a bit—as she feels a good mother should! Sometimes it's a humorous greeting card—always the message is clear, "I care about you!"

And, the blessing for all concerned is: she does care! She began to ease lonely hearts. She continues because she loves them!

The parsonage is always a busy place, but now on Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays, it bulges with happy international students who have found the meaning of Christian love in the open heart of a Christian woman.

"For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us. . . ." (2 Cor. 5:14, Amplified New Testament)

To give—to pray—to witness every day
To witness where we are!

Closing Meditation:

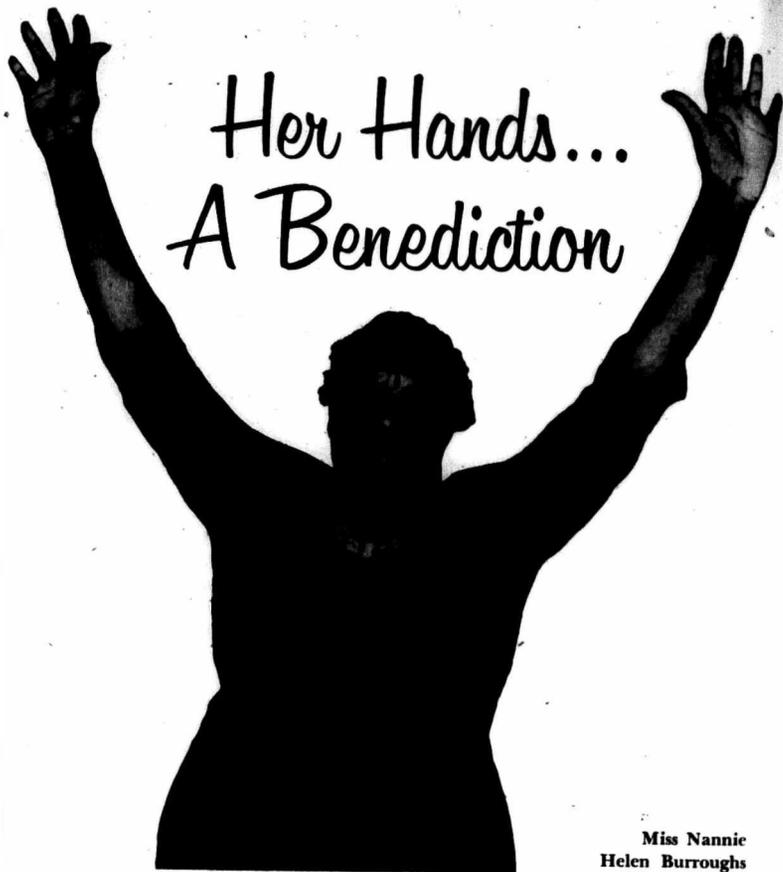
Will you bow your head? (Soloist sings chorus of "Christ for the Whole Wide World" or "Lead Me to Some Soul Today")
Then, Leader voices closing prayer.

THE FINGER FONO

The Finger Fono and Set of Six Records have been used by the American Bible Society for the purpose of putting the Word of God to those unable to read. Missionaries among those who speak Spanish, Navajo, or who can use these From your HOME MISSIONS magazine (Leadership Edition) see names of missionaries to these language groups, write any of them and ask if they can use the Finger Fono; then have sent to the missionary the Finger Fono and Records. In Spanish No. F1 (1A-6B), in Navajo No. F2 (7A-12B), in Apache No. F3 (1A-6B). One Finger Fono and Set of Six Records of Scripture, 70 from American Bible Society, P. O. Box 98, New York, New York.



Her Hands... A Benediction



Miss Nannie
Helen Burroughs

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

The four instruments played as one, and the music director led the choir and audience in singing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

Almost without movement the president of the group stood, lifted high her hands, and with a quiet signal toward the rear of the auditorium, directed a large throng of women to leave their seats and move but into the aisles singing softly as they

went. If any seemed disposed to linger or say a word, again and again Dr. Nannie Burroughs signaled with her hands—the benediction.

It was an amazing sight. It was a worshipful experience. It blessed my life.

The meeting was the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, held in Philadelphia last September. I represented

our Union in this large gathering of Negro women who dedicated themselves in this 1960 convention to the theme, "Battle Against Satisfied Ignorance, Ungodliness, and Injustice."

Dr. Nannie Burroughs, the president, was the moving spirit of the convention throughout its sessions. Her voice, her hands guided hour by hour. Every speaker expressed appreciation for the long years of leadership of this dedicated woman, and the audience joined in approving all that was said.

This love affair has been going on for more than half a century. It is far from the traditional kind. It is a love affair between an organization and a woman. The organization is The Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. The woman is Dr. Nannie Helen Burroughs of Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C. Her leadership of Negro Baptist women began when she was a young woman. She has never left them. Year after year she guides them to support Christian education and every phase of missionary endeavor. Year after year she guides them to ever strive for better living, for better relations with all people.

It was no wonder that speaker after speaker arose to praise this leader. Over and over again she was accurately described as one of the great leaders of our time.

Dr. Burroughs is a great leader in the Baptist world. She was present at the first Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1905. Today she is still a member of the BWA Executive. Had she been physically able to attend the Tenth Congress in Rio this past summer she would have been one of the principal speakers.

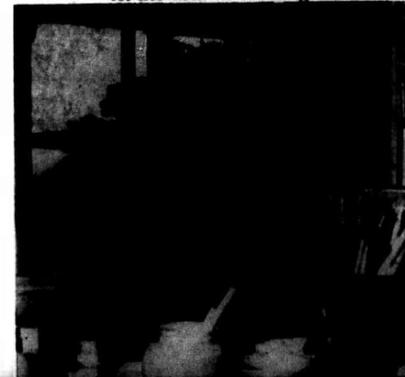
Between this leader and Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, the bond of friendship is strong. Often at the annual meeting of the Women's Convention, we are represented on the program and are warmly received. Dr. Burroughs tells of the very

first such meeting. Our representative was none other than Miss Annie Armstrong. Sensing the young woman's fright and uncertainty, Miss Armstrong stretched out her hand to pat her reassuringly and say "Everything's going to be fine." Dr. Burroughs says her friendship with Woman's Missionary Union dates from that incident.

In the 1960 Annie Armstrong Offering, the Home Mission Board approved an allocation of \$16,000 to help the Women's Convention build a youth camp in Michigan. By this we participate in a dream of twenty-five years. How eager those women were as they asked me to express their appreciation to all of you. And I now express their gratitude to you. It is with a sincere prayer in my heart that I hope we shall continue to help them as they build that wonderful encampment which will mean so much to the future lives of young Americans.

It seemed to me as I listened to Dr. Burroughs tell of this beautiful youth camp, its site, its buildings to be erected, its future, that she was writing her last will and testament for her people. And as I listened I prayed along with a host of others that the Lord would help her and all those who dream and work with her to achieve this "magnificent obsession." Truly, her hands have been a benediction to her people and will continue to be through the lives of those she has touched.

At her desk in Washington, D. C.



RETREAT or ADVANCE?

A CALL TO ACTION

by **Thomas A. Bland**

A wise and renowned social scientist, a teacher of the writer, used to say to his classes that when one is confronted with a personal or social problem three questions should be asked and answered: (1) What are the facts? (2) What do the facts mean? (3) In the light of the facts and their meanings, what shall I do? The resourceful teacher was saying that information, evaluation, and action are necessary in meeting life's problems.

An examination and appraisal by an unprejudiced mind of the facts concerning beverage alcohol will lead to certain conclusions. One is that alcoholic beverages make no positive contribution to human personality. On the contrary. Scientific findings reveal that the use of alcohol decreases human efficiency, diminishes vital intellectual and motor skills, impairs health, and shortens life. Another conclusion is that alcohol is associated with divi-

sive and destructive forces in group life. Divorce and other symptoms of family disorganization, crime and delinquency, poverty, traffic accidents, and enslavement to alcoholism are only a few of the tragic consequences of the use of alcoholic beverages on the individual, the family, and the community today.

Thoughtful Christian citizens, reflecting upon such facts as these, are asking, "What can I do?" The time is at hand for Christians to apply convictions in positive action upon the problems of a drinking culture. There are at least three things which consecrated, intelligent Christians can do.

In the first place, men, women, and young people in our churches can demonstrate the power of personal example in life free from alcohol.

In view of the alarming fact that approximately two thirds of the total adult population in the United States are con-



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sumers of alcoholic beverages, church members have opportunity to provide a witness in which the attractiveness of living without alcohol is set in sharp contrast to the way chosen by the majority of Americans. The commitment of self to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord should result in an awakened conscience on the stewardship of personal and social life. Voluntary association in the church as the covenant community of the people of God includes the willing acceptance of the duty "to refrain from the sale and use of alcoholic beverages."

All over this nation Christian young people and adults in quiet dignity are proving by the wholesome influence of their choice not to drink, that personal example is a significant factor in shaping and reshaping individual and group practices.

A second line of action which Christians should explore more fully is in the field of education. Knowledge is an important factor in the formation of intelligent convictions. Our churches must give more attention to instruction of a generation which has been bombarded by powerful propaganda that alcohol is an acceptable part of "normal" living. Biblical, theological, historical, and scientific information should form the bases of a program of education in the churches which is designed to teach persons the truth about alcohol. Special weeks of intensive study are being offered in some churches to supplement periodic

emphases in Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Training Union, and Sunday school.

It is also important to remember that the family is the first teacher of each new generation. Therefore, alcohol education in the church should seek to reach into the homes of the community to modify attitudes and behavior and to create proper convictions.

Since many public school systems are required by law to include alcohol instruction in their curriculums, Christian citizens should look into the amount, kind, and quality of teaching which is done in this subject in the schools of their communities.

A third significant avenue which must be entered more realistically by Christians is legal action. Legislation designed to curb advertising of alcoholic beverages has been proposed more than once in the United States Congress in recent years. Legislation restricting the serving of alcoholic beverages in passenger air transportation has also been introduced. Both types of legislation are needed. However, powerful and highly skilled lobbyists have prevented the enactment of any such legislation. If the concerns of Christian people in these matters are mobilized and effectively communicated to legislators, needed laws would be enacted in spite of the well paid lobbyists.

Christian citizens also participate from time to time in local, county, and state-

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wide elections on the sale of alcoholic beverages. The results of these campaigns in recent years offer both satisfaction and disappointment to persons who are interested in these issues. Some key campaigns have been won. This brings joy. On the other hand, it is disappointing to see the lack

of concern of many Baptists when such issues are at stake.

The field of action is on three fronts—personal commitment, continuing education, and legislation. Responsible Christian living rules out retreat. Now is the time to advance on all fronts!

FEBRUARY 12-18

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YWAs in Your Church

Each February members of Women's Missionary Society look forward to Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week. This year it is scheduled for February 12-18. This "sighting" of young women in your church and coming to focus on their activities is an inspiration to both women and girls. What can your society do?

Find out what YWAs are planning and show interest in them by thoughtful, helpful participation. If no plans are made, perhaps you can read *February Window* and see what the suggestions are for the week—then help in planning.

What about YWAs entertaining international students in your locality? The WMS could help.

What about a play? *Wait a Minute, We* from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, is a new stewardship play. WMS could help.

Do you have a Business YWA? Do you need one in your church? High school and business women work heat divided into two groups even if both are small. WMS can help organize.

What about showing your interest and concern by being friendly and interested in whatever YWAs are doing? WMS members are very good at friendliness.



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY is February 8. *At the BWA Congress held in Rio last summer a missionary reports that in spite of their fears, visiting Baptists were a blessing to Brazilians and missionaries. In this modern age more and more of us travel at home and overseas; our deeds and words are vitally important in the missionary enterprise as well as for the cause of freedom among nations*

Happy to Report...

It was with a good deal of fear and trembling that many Brazilian leaders awaited the coming of their North American brethren to the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio.

Some leaders feared that Baptist messengers would be seen smoking in or around the Congress auditorium and that this would scandalize the Brazilian Baptists who feel that this is one of the vices that should be given up before one is accepted for church membership.

Others wondered how American Baptists, used to efficiency and good organization, would react to the inevitable slip-ups, delays, in a city with inadequate transportation and hotel facilities and where getting things done on time is not one of the most common occurrences.

Still others harbored certain fears with reference to the race problem; and some, thinking of Baptists of North America as being immensely rich, feared that there

might be a display of wealth and a tendency to look down upon their poorer brethren.

We missionaries also awaited opening day with great trepidation because we felt sure that some major difficulty would arise at the last moment in spite of the most carefully laid plans. We felt that when and if this happened our brethren from the states would not be prepared for it. Sure enough, it seemed that our worst nightmares were to be confirmed.

A couple of weeks before the meeting was to begin a representative from the firm that had been contracted to set up the public address system in the huge covered stadium came to the Baptist Publishing House and, with a long face, reported that they would be unable to get the system ready in time. A few days later the governor of the state of Guanabara sent word that he would like to use the stadium on Tuesday night, when an Amer-

by Gene H. Wise

MISSIONARY IN RIO

HAPPY TO REPORT . . .

ican jazz singer was scheduled to be in Rio. Then on the eve of the Congress the

Still Learning at 86



by
Mrs. D. M. Aldridge
*Clear Creek Baptist School
Painville, Kentucky*

Mrs. R. Y. Chappelle

"I know I'll be a better worker after taking this WMS Leadership Course," Mrs. R. Y. Chappelle remarked to me after we had taught the seven and one half hour Course in one day, starting at 9:00 in the morning and continuing until 5:00 that afternoon with only 30 minutes for lunch.

There is nothing unusual in Mrs. Chappelle's remark except that she is 86 years old. She is still one of the most active members of Woman's Missionary Society at Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Kentucky.

"I have been a member of Woman's Missionary Union since I was 22 years old," she recalled, "and have held just about every office in the organization." Along with offices in her local church, she has been superintendent of the association and president of Southeast Region.

In a letter written to me later, Mrs. Chappelle said, "I learned a lot."

special manila folders for the messengers' guide book, program, etc., did not materialize, although they had been ordered several months before.

However, I am happy to report that all of these fears were laid to rest by the marvelous way in which the messengers from the United States and other countries adapted themselves to conditions in Rio and by the way in which they conducted themselves during the entire Congress. I can say definitely that Southern Baptists from the United States, the largest group from outside Brazil, left a good impression not only on our Baptist people who attended the Congress but also upon hotel managers, businessmen, taxi drivers and people generally. They were friendly, polite, unassuming and extremely patient.

Only one complaint was made about smoking in the vicinity of the stadium, and the person involved was not a Southern Baptist. As far as I have been able to determine, there was no indication of race prejudice.

Perhaps the thing about Southern Baptists that most won the hearts of their Brazilian brethren was their genuine interest in Brazil and in the Baptist work in this country. One man said to me, "We Brazilians are sensitive to criticism, but I was happy to note that the messengers showed a real interest in us and in our work. We appreciated this very much."

Of course, there were individual cases in which people did not leave the best impression. One tour leader told a missionary who had taken time out to show the group our Baptist work in the city of Sao Paulo that they were not interested in seeing the churches. (He later apologized.) One messenger became greatly agitated because he had to stand in line to register, and a number undoubtedly became highly exasperated over traffic conditions. All in all, however, we can say that Southern Baptists were good visitors and contributed to our mission work, although they were unable to speak the Portuguese language.

What did YOU do ?

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