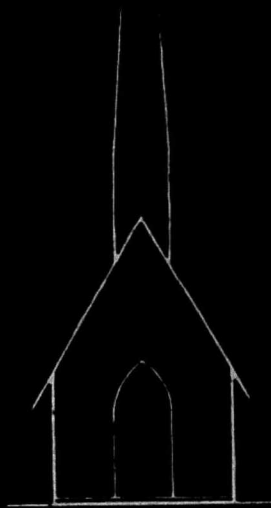




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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS,

MARCH 6-10

PRAYER IS A POWER

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" James 5:16, RSV.

These words are eloquent appeal for a life of prayer. James instructs and encourages his readers to resort to prayer under any and all conditions! As Dr. Phillips translates the verse, "Tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer." Prayer is a power!

It seems to me that there is, within Christian circles today, a marked resurgence of confidence in prayer, and a new awareness of its powerful results for the growth of the kingdom.

If you want a good example of the power of prayer, says James, consider Elijah, the Tishbite. This man's intercession not only removed a national calamity sent as punishment for national sins, but it also brought about national repentance issuing in divine pardon and restoration. Elijah was a great and good man but "he was a man of like nature with ourselves," and if he could bring about powerful results through fervent prayer, so can we.

Notice that Elijah prayed "earnestly" or "fervently" to God. There was nothing perfunctory or merely formal about his intercession! He meant what he said, and put his soul into the asking. He was in dead earnest. His praying was fervent. It was not casual.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, gives us another opportunity to claim God's promises "if we pray."

Don't let down in this effort to pray for our own land—for lost people—for new churches and missions—for missionaries—for a glorious offering.

Each word I have written here is full of meaning—for all of us—for the future of our children—for our world.

Will it be a full Week of Prayer in your church? Will you be a vital part of it? Will it be a time of fervent prayer? Will it? If you can answer yes—then, the outcome will be "answered prayer"—your church will be awakened—the offering will go beyond the goal—and Christianity will have a new day in America.

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

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OFFERING GOAL—
\$2,470,000

HOW LONG MUST WE



C by COURTS REDFORD
Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board

Jesus was constantly warning His followers against procrastination.

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work," he said.

That phrase, "the night cometh" continually rings in the ears of your missionaries. They are aware of urgent need all about them.

The night of lost opportunity has already settled down upon multitudes of people. The night of lost interest and concern darkens the pathway of thousands. The night of death forever closes the door of salvation to hundreds.

I was talking recently with a Christian who had wasted most of his life in sinful living. "No one ever told me of Jesus until our present Pastor came," said this man. "If it were not for him I would still be lost. I have wasted most of my life. I wish he had come sooner."

All around us are lost people some of whom can say with this aged man, "no one ever told me of Jesus."

Our first task is personal evangelism. How long must your neighbor wait for the good news of salvation? How long must the poverty-stricken family across town wait?

How long must those of minority groups, and those of false religions and false philosophies wait for the gospel message?

A woman stood in one of our Good Will Centers to tell how much the ministry of the consecrated workers in that Center meant to her. "It is so different from what it used to be," she said. "My husband is sober. My children are coming to the Center, and I am saved. I wish everybody could be happy like I am."

Yet, there are fifteen million and more who live in underprivileged areas and who have no ministry of a Good Will Center or Mission Center. How long must they wait?

Rev. Amelio Giannetta, who was until recently a missionary among the Italians in San Francisco, told of a man who asked him, how long he had known about Jesus

and the plan of salvation. Mr. Giannetta told him his father was a Christian, his mother was a Christian, and his grandfather had learned about Jesus when he came to this land from Italy. The old man then turned to Mr. Giannetta, and said, "Why have you been so long in telling me?"

Why have we been so long in telling the eighteen million people belonging to Language Groups about the new life in Christ Jesus? About 95 per cent of them are still uncivilized and many requests have come from them for missions and missionaries. Though Southern Baptists have greatly enlarged our ministry, there are more without the gospel than ever before because their rapid growth in numbers far exceeds our growth in mission outreach. How long must they wait?

I was present when the First Southern Baptist property in the New York area was dedicated. It is now occupied by the Farmingdale Baptist Church. A woman living in that community wept as she said, "I prayed and waited so long for this day." Then she made a gesture completely circling the spot where we stood and said, "there are 300,000 people in this area and less than 1000 of them are Baptists. Most of them make no claim to being Christians. Why have we waited so long to start this mission?"

In the ten states above New York and Pennsylvania there lives one third of the population of the United States. In this area there are about the same number of Baptist churches as Southern Baptists now have in North Carolina. This area would need nine times as many Baptist churches

as it now has to be as well church by Baptists as is the Tar Heel State. We must not delay in taking the gospel to these multitudes.

There has been a phenomenal growth in our urban centers in the past decade. It is anticipated that the population of our cities will be 180 million by 1975. That means an urban population fifteen years hence equal to our total population now. This tremendous increase in population in our cities presents a special challenge to Southern Baptists to buy new sites and to build new churches. For example, in Sacramento, California there is an area of three thousand homes in which there is no church of any kind.

A tremendous housing project is being planned near Bakersfield, California in which homes for sixty thousand people will be constructed. The promoters are planning several sites for churches. Those who are prepared to purchase those sites, when the project is opened, will have the privilege of witnessing to the incoming multitudes. Will Baptists be ready to embrace this opportunity?

There are at least sixty thousand places in the United States where Baptist churches are now needed. This number is increasing at the rate of 2,000 per year. Southern Baptists should organize at least half the total Baptist churches that will be started during the next decade. Are we prepared to meet this challenge?

Honesty compels us to admit that we are not ready to enter all of these doors of opportunity. We have the program and we have the message, but we do not have the personnel and the financial resources needed.

Through the 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering our churches can do much to supply the resources so urgently needed. When the

goal of \$2,470,000 is reached it will provide \$2,000,000 for missionary personnel and mission operation; \$220,000 for mission buildings; and \$250,000 to add to the Loan Funds for Church Sites. It is anticipated that all above the goal will be used for the Church Site Fund. The Home Mission Board at its mid-year meeting voted to give every possible support to Woman's Missionary Union in the promotion of this offering in the hope, and expectation, that the average above the goal would provide a total of \$1,000,000 for purchasing church sites.

No better contribution can be made at this time to the \$0,000 Movement, and to the Church Extension Emphasis, which will claim our attention in 1962.

However, we must have more—much more—than dollars and cents from the March Week of Prayer. It is hoped that each society and auxiliary will study in advance the mission study books for their respective ages and will make the week of March 6-10 a period of intensive study, participating fully in the plans prepared by Woman's Missionary Union, and will make it a period of prayer and heart-searching that each member of every group may be fully dedicated to the service of the Master.

During the past year the Home Mission Board has appointed about 45 missionaries per month. We are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain enough workers for certain phases of our work. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Let us hearken unto the words of Jesus, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

by Dorothy M. Burt

And God wept over the city
His tears fell on the hard pavements
And on the unfeeling hearts of people
Who knew Him not.
And God raised up a youth
Whom He entrusted with His message
For all the world.
Fair of countenance, tall of stature,
And firm of purpose
He came to the city.
Out of his mouth came words,
The very words that had been whispered softly
From obscure pulpits,
Words shrouded in mist and gone unheeded.
He ripped away the veil and the words were there,
Chiseled on the air.
Unpopular, unsightly, unfamiliar words
Like sin, Lucifer, blasphemy and hell, the breaking
of the law.
But there were other words like love, atonement,
Saving grace, faith, the Holy Spirit,
The sovereignty of God.
The people came and listened to the words,
Some understood, and drawing closer, turned their
lives about.
Some scoffed and went away unchanged.
And all the while God listened, too.
He heaved a mighty sigh that shook the pillars of
the churches
And left uneasiness in many minds.
The shadows that were people going into taverns
lessened,
Owners sent their help away,
For the ordinary rush of business almost ceased.
Decisions hung suspended on fine threads.
Perhaps it is not too late!
For even now the city listens,
The people have become alert, aware.
Earth could be fair!



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Are We Blind?

by GLENDON McCULLOUGH

The United States is a tremendous mission field. Most of us have not seen our country in this light. The tendency has

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been to think of missions as something "way out yonder some place." I have asked boys in Royal Ambassador camp what a missionary is and received the reply, "A missionary is someone who goes to another country to tell people about Jesus!"

Certainly this is true, but that is not the whole story. Some of our missionaries stay at home and need to. Many a girl in Junior Training Union joins in sentence prayer to "bless the missionaries on the foreign field." Others need daily to so pray, but we must not stop here. We also must undergird home missionaries with interest and daily prayer. Christ gave to us a missionary program: to win lost people to the

Lord Jesus Christ. It makes no difference whether that lost man lives across the street or across the ocean. He should be the object of our deep concern. How important it is that we help young people see our mission program as being all-encompassing, from a local community to the

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ends of the earth.

For administrative purposes Southern Baptist mission work is promoted by state mission boards, Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. Woman's Missionary Union works directly in the churches to advance missions. All are engaged in World Missions. I would direct your attention now to one part of this mission effort, the winning of America to Christ.

In the ninth chapter of John, there is the report of Jesus talking to a man who was blind from birth and to whom he gave sight. The comment which the Pharisees overheard Jesus make to the man was, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind." This was a strong indictment of the unconcerned, the blind spiritually. The response of the Pharisees to the statement of Jesus was "Are we blind also?"

Are we blind to the lost and unchurched on this mission field we call America? There are millions of lost people, approximately 70 million! Multitudes live in remote areas or belong to minority groups with no Christian witness.

Have you prayed that young people from your church family will be called by God to be missionaries right here in our country? Are you leading them to be sensitive to the lost condition of those such as the blind beggar whom Jesus healed? In John 9 there is the record of Jesus' dealings with this man. As he testified to the Pharisees that he was that blind man who now could see, he came to realize the great miracle. Later when Jesus identified himself, the man's response was "Lord, I believe!" Our youth must be challenged to see need and recognize that Jesus is the great physician, the Saviour.

Mr. McCullough is Secretary of the Personnel Department for the Home Mission Board. Write to him at 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

MARCH 1961

To meet enlarging possibilities for extension of the kingdom by Southern Baptists, we need hundreds of young people this year ready to go into active missionary service.

There is need for additional missionaries in the work with National Baptists. One area where our Negro brethren have been most responsive to Home Mission Board help has been in the training of leaders.

Posing a challenging opportunity are the thousands of foreign students in our colleges and universities. Many are from countries where we have no missionaries. Keen young people serving as missionaries to international students can lead numbers of them to Christ before they return to their native lands.

New frontiers call for pastors in hundreds of new churches and missions, men trained, experienced, answering God's call to pioneer areas.

Forty-five missionaries could be added during 1961 to those in Mission and Good Will Centers. Not at any time in the last two years have there been enough appointees to fill all the requests for missionaries in this area.

Most of us will never go "to the ends of the earth," but "the ends of the earth" have literally come to us. More than eight-

een million foreign-speaking people live in the United States. There are already this year requests for 85 additional missionaries to these groups.

It is a matter for real concern that after all these years more than one-half the American Indians are still not evangelized. There are more Jewish people in Chicago than there are in Jerusalem and there are more Jews in metropolitan New York than in Israel. There are thousands of deaf for whom no witness has been provided. Many over our land have never learned to read or write. Missionaries in the mountain areas and others are helping

them learn to read the Bible.

So what your eyes see in this country of ours is a serious question. Can we continue to be blind to such need? We have to look again at Jesus' words "For judgment I am come" and pray that he will help us to open our eyes and enlarge our perception.

Once we are sensitive to mission opportunities in the homeland, we can begin to pray and we can give with sacrifice. Many of us can examine our own lives. Perhaps we should be missionaries. Others can contribute influence to lead others into his service. "How shall they go, except they

be sent." It is a heart-breaking experience to talk with someone who has waited too long to do what God called him to do. It is important for us to counsel with and guide young people as they seek to find God's will for their lives. We need to know what the opportunities are and how they may prepare for them.

Basic qualifications for mission service include educational preparation, good health, practical experience, and emotional maturity. The necessity for a definite experience with Christ and a strong sense of God's call to mission service underlie all these. Standards are necessarily high.

Men and women are needed whose training matches zeal and who, with dedication, have answered God's call.

To meet educational requirements young people should be advised to get a degree from an accredited college or university and a degree from a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary or Carver School of Missions and Social Work. A young missionary couple who had served after college as missionaries resigned to go to a seminary. They wrote to say that in order to put the teachings of Jesus into simple language, easily understandable they must know it more thoroughly themselves. They

IS GOD CALLING

Your Son or Daughter?

To meet the urgent need of ministering to the world in our homeland?



To have the joy of carrying the water of life to the Spanish-speaking . . .



Or of teaching the Indians the one great God



To break the sound barrier to the deaf with His good news



Or to "go tell" the people of Alaska, Panama, and Cuba?

4 To know the soul-satisfying experience of reaching the multitudes in our great cities through mission center work



To bring hope and freedom from fear for the many nationalities that have come to our shores



felt additional training necessary.

The age for appointment in most areas is 24 through 35 years of age. This allows time for the candidate before appointment to complete training and get two or more years experience in his field. Where language study and adjustment to new living conditions are involved, it is much more difficult for those over 35 years of age.

To be certain that the applicant is in good health and emotionally stable, a physical examination and psychiatric evaluation are required by the Home Mission Board. Christian doctors and psychiatrists give orientation regarding the work of the missionary.

The missionary often lives in remote areas. Those doing work among the Es-

kimos in Alaska, on Indian reservations and Good Will Center workers live and work under conditions much different from those to which they have been accustomed. It is important then that a missionary be well adjusted and emotionally mature himself in order to adjust and serve Christ in a fine way. Of course, those in Cuba and Panama have adjustments to make as do others serving outside the United States.

Any person interested in the possibility of appointment as a missionary of the Home Mission Board should write the Personnel Department, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia. This of course does not involve any obligation on the part of the person

or the Home Mission Board.

The Personnel Department is interested in knowing of the mission volunteer's interest even though he may never actually apply for appointment. Young people should be encouraged to ask questions and read material concerning mission work. There are stories every month in *Home Missions*, *The Window*, *Tell*, and *Royal Service* to challenge their thinking. There are schools of missions to give them opportunity to know missionaries first hand. The state Royal Ambassador and Girls' Auxiliary camps and assemblies provide this same opportunity. For young men and women there are YWA conferences and BSU retreats.

College students should be encouraged to go as Student Summer Missionaries so they may see real needs in other sections of the country and at the same time make significant contributions. More than 800 students are needed during the summer of 1961. The student's expenses are paid to his assigned field. Here is unique opportunity for valuable mission service. Students acquire greater mission vision, practical experience, and helpful training.

Mothers and fathers would do well to follow the example set by the parents of Samuel. His mother said, "So long as he lives he is lent to the Lord." Such dedication and vision are imperative if young people are to see the challenge of our day.



"I will give him unto the Lord"
1 Samuel 1:11.

IS GOD CALLING *Your Son or Daughter?*

Mission volunteers are urged to contact the Personnel Department of the Home Mission Board for requirements



Training for missionary service begins in the home

The church furthers mission training through able counselors and in all of its organizations



College students receive valuable on-the-field training as summer student missionaries

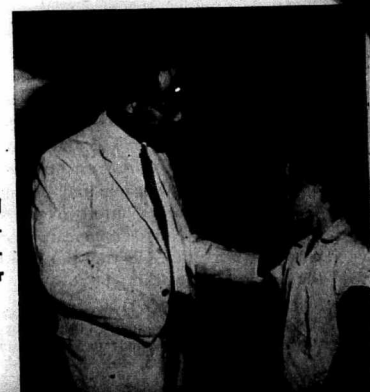
Mission study and missionary speakers inspire and guide young people to volunteer for mission service



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Elston, with their certificate of appointment from Dr. Courts Redford, have gone to the fields that are white unto harvest



Joy is in the heart of this young missionary as he wins this Indian lad to Christ



Yours, too, would share in these wonderful experiences in answering God's call for home mission service.

from

An intriguing quotation from a book often is the spur needed to stimulate us in adding another book to our personal bookshelves . . .



"a work that has continued..."

"Many years before, Luther Rice discovered that the carrying out of the Great Commission required an intensive work continually prosecuted in the homeland. He had an overwhelming longing to return to the foreign field, but he soon came to see that he could do much more to make possible the evangelism of the heathen if he gave his life to the building of a great denomination that could continue a mighty program of missions long after he was gone. Rice's greatest contribution was not the sums he raised for the foreign mission cause, nor the men and women whom he won to full surrender as missionaries. By arousing and organizing Baptists for a united effort in founding and nurturing New Testament churches he did a work that has continued to bless the whole wide world"

—*The Dreamer Cometh*, Carleton, 75c. (This is the 1961 Adult Home Mission Graded Series book you study in your society.)

"the law of kindness"

"The author of Ephesians made it clear to those to whom he wrote that kindness is one of the things that God expects of a Christian. 'Be ye kind one to another,' he said, 'tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you,' (Ephesians 4:32.) The author of Second Peter instructed the Christians of his day to add to their 'godliness brotherly kindness.' (2 Peter 1:7.) In his letter to the Romans Paul said, 'Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love.' (Romans 12:10.)

"The demand for kindness in human relations is based on the character and example of God himself. The author of First John says that 'God is love' "

—*The Fulfillment of Life*, Owen M. Weatherly, \$3.00.

"rise above criticism"

"Some of us need very badly the ability to rise above criticism. We are overly sensitive to the opinions of others. When people make derogatory statements about us, or find fault with the things we do, we get upset. We become discouraged, throw in the sponge, and quit; or we become resentful; or we retreat into self-pity. We just 'can't take it.' We purr like a kitten when stroked by praise, but criticism takes the heart out of us.

"If we are to achieve a full measure of healthy-mindedness, we must discover a technique for dealing successfully with the adverse opinions of others"

—*For the Living of These Days*, William M. Elliott, Jr., \$2.50.

"determined to be himself"

"It was a great thing that David did that notable day—refusing to wear Saul's armor. It was a great thing for David, and a great thing for Israel, when this young man determined to be himself.

"We desperately need in these days more of such wisdom and courage, for the world is full of unhappy people who are trying—oh, so hard!—to be somebody else. . . .

"How much valuable time is lost, and how much service to mankind is wasted, when people postpone being themselves! This world has been deprived of many services it might have had simply because so many have kept on trying to be somebody else, and so withheld their own unique and individual contribution"

—*Lift High That Banner!*, Elliott, \$2.00.

"how shall we answer the just God?"

"Job states that he has not mistreated his slaves, and gives us a most interesting statement of their position. He says if he had rejected their cause, how could he answer a righteous God who champions justice? Because, Job goes on to say, the same God who made me made my slaves also! This is one of the greatest arguments in the Bible against any theory of an inferior race or class. All men are made by the same God, and if we do not recognize the rights of all men, and give justice to all, how shall we answer the just God? The modern world has not yet reached this high ethical statement of Job. He says he has never rejoiced in the ruin of his enemies, . . . a difficult way 'of applying Jesus' command to love our enemies"

—*Out of the Whirlwind*, William B. Ward, \$2.50. (Answers to the problems of suffering from the Book of Job.)

"the Bible is the bulwark"

"Evangelical interpretation always assumes both the right and the responsibility of each Christian to understand the Bible for himself. This does not displace the importance of knowing about principles of interpretation or of studying what others have written about the Bible. In the final analysis, however, you do not understand the Bible until you study it directly. You must believe in its truth and seek guidance of the Spirit for yourself. This is the 'right of private interpretation.'"

"Individual lives are changed by the power of God's Spirit, and society itself becomes better because God works through his people, 'the salt of the earth . . . the light of the world' (Matt. 5:13-14)"

—*Faith to Grow On*, Joseph F. Green, Jr., \$2.50.

All books are available from Baptist Book Stores.

from WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant

Editorial Staff, Baptist World Alliance

A LOTTERY by any Other Name . . .

A bill which its sponsor, Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (D., Ill.), calls the Savings Bond Bonus Act, may be tempting to the 87th Congress.

The bill seeks to finance the tremendous federal debt with non-interest bearing bonds, purchased and held by the masses of America's population.

It is a pretty picture, one that doubtless may tempt a Congress hunting for an end to federal debt interest payments which currently gobble up \$9½ billion of government income every year.

But, the gimmick that is designed to persuade Americans to invest \$25 every three months in government bonds is a gigantic lottery.

Mr. Pucinski resents the word "lottery" and argues that his opposition is using the term only to cloud the issue.

Yet this bill calls for a national drawing every quarter, and the person owning a bond matching the first number drawn will receive a cool \$1 million, absolutely tax free. The second number will pay to its bond holder \$750,000, and the third, \$500,000. Another 1,000 numbers also will be drawn, each worth an even \$1,000.

People are expected to buy the bonds—Mr. Pucinski estimates 65 million people investing \$100 each, will buy \$6½ billion of them each year—in the hope of cashing in on these vast tax-free prizes.

The prizes could, according to Mr. Pucinski, "give America a new class of millionaires."

Fiscally, the plan would save tremendous sums for the government even the first year.

The government's savings would spiral to greater heights each year as the invest-

ments accumulate. (People are expected not to cash their holdings because all unredeemed bonds of any owner will have a chance in the drawings if the owner has purchased a new one within the last three months.) This savings would reach a fantastic \$2½ billion annually by 1970.

Holders of the bonds would simply be waiving the interest rate, or in dollars and cents forfeiting \$3 to \$4 a year in interest for every \$100 invested.

When I asked Mr. Pucinski about his proposal for "a national lottery," he replied that I had been misinformed about his bill. "I am confident," he said, "that after reading the bill and my speech explaining it to the Congress you will see it in no way resembles a lottery, for the bonds are redeemable at any time at face value."

From a gambler's standpoint, however, the bond holder would be staking 25 cents interest per bond per quarter in hope of winning a \$1 million jackpot!

Mr. Pucinski doubtless is disappointed in my inability to understand that his bill, "in no way resembles a lottery." I am convinced that his proposal is a lottery, because, to paraphrase, a lottery by any other name is still out-and-out gambling.

The original proposal, introduced last June as H.R. 12749, died as time ran out on the 86th Congress. It doubtless will be reintroduced this spring after the 87th Congress is organized. Mr. Pucinski was re-elected last November.

Perhaps we'll want to remind our representatives in Congress lest they might be fooled by pretty promises not to see this danger of our government entering into gambling devices.



Annie Armstrong

Allocations for 1961 Offering:

1. Language Groups, Salaries and Operations	10,000
(1) Chinese—11 Workers (Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco, California; El Paso and San Antonio, Texas)	30,000
(2) Deaf—17 Workers (Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas)	70,000
(3) French—180 Workers (Louisiana)	190,000
(4) Indian—124 Workers (Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah)	10,000
(5) Italian—8 Workers (Birmingham, Alabama; San Francisco, California; Tampa, Florida)	5,000
(6) Japanese—8 Workers (Los Angeles, Richmond, San Francisco, California)	2,000
(7) Korean—2 Workers (Greater Los Angeles Area)	4,000
(8) Russian—5 Workers (Los Angeles and San Francisco, California)	300,000
(9) Spanish—336 Workers (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, New Mex- ico, Oklahoma, Texas; also migrant work in Alabama, Ar- izona, Louisiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia)	



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and Paul Rogosin
serve in California

(10) International—4 Workers (Berkeley and Fresno, California; Austin, Texas)	4,000
(11) Migrant—10 Workers	25,000
	<u>450,000</u>

2. Outposts, Salaries and Operations

(1) Cuba—164 Workers	185,000
(2) Panama—87 Workers	90,000
	<u>275,000</u>

3. Work with National Baptists

(1) Teacher-Missionaries and State Directors—56	70,000
(2) Mission Centers—19 Directors	40,000
(3) Institutes, Conferences, Kindergartens, Extension Centers	44,000
	<u>154,000</u>

4. Missions in Urban Centers

(1) Missions in New York City—6 Centers	20,000
Special Missions—California and Washington-Oregon	10,000
(2) Juvenile Rehabilitation	5,000
(3) Goodwill Centers	
Arizona—1 Worker	2,000
D. C.—2 Workers	5,500
Florida—4 Workers	10,000
Georgia—4 Workers	7,500
Illinois—4 Workers	4,500
Kentucky—3 Workers	9,000
Louisiana—16 Workers	22,000
Maryland—4 Workers	8,500
South Carolina—3 Workers	3,500
Tennessee—4 Workers	6,500
Texas—12 Workers	8,000
Virginia—2 Workers	1,000
(4) Rescue Homes	50,000
(5) Jewish Work	10,000
	<u>185,000</u>

5. Missions in Pioneer Fields

(1) Area and Associational—37 Workers (Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Utah, Washington-Oregon, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming)	75,000
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Mr. and Mrs. Ned Brown, Fresno,
California, Miss Eunice Parker, Austin,
Texas

(2) Pastor Missionaries—24, Pastor Directors—2, Mission Pastors—125	95,000
(3) Special for Additional Pastoral Support in Church Extension Emphasis of 1962	40,000
	<u>210,000</u>

6. Associational, Rural and Mountain Missions

(1) Associational and Area Workers in New States (Arizona—5, California—12, Kansas—4, New Mexico—11)	65,000
(2) Mission Pastors—15, Pastoral Missionaries—7	22,000
(3) Rural and Mountain Missionaries (California—4, Kentucky—2)	5,000
	<u>92,000</u>

7. Alaska

Native Workers—15, General Missionary and Mission Pastors	60,000
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8. WMU Promotion

(1) Pioneer States (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Washington)	40,000
(2) Language Groups (New Mexico—1, Oklahoma—1, Texas—2)	10,000
(3) Promotion-Travel, WMU Conferences	10,000
	<u>60,000</u>

9. Student Summer Mission Program

	<u>100,000</u>
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Top row: David Espurra,
Mr. and Mrs. Demetrius Galt;
Mr. and Mrs. Connelio Rivera, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Susan Messinger, Arizona,
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Miller S. Leach, Sr., Texas



Abel Becerra
Pat Stein



10. Institutes-Conferences for Minority Groups, Goodwill Center Work- era, Kindergarten Workers	14,000
11. Mission Literature Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention	500
Spanish WMU Literature	5,900
Kindergarten-Spanish	800
Russian Periodicals	1,600
Publications	1,200
Salary (editor)	10,000
12. Scholarships Cuba	5,000
Deaf, Other Minorities—23	8,700
Indian—40	6,000
Negro—160	6,900
Spanish—144	8,000
.....	28,000
13. Evangelism—Pioneer Areas (Arizona, California, Colorado, D. C., Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, Washington-Oregon)	40,000
14. Equipment	70,000
15. Field Workers	25,000
Vena Aguillard	Bertha W. Lee
William E. Burke	Mrs. Sam Mayo
Irene Chambers	
16. Margaret Fund	22,000
17. North American Baptist Women's Union	2,500
18. American Bible Society	2,500
Total Allocations for Operation	\$2,000,000

Mrs. Thomas Lee (right), Miss
Irene Chambers, Miss Vena
Aguillard, Mrs. Sam Mayo



Confession of a Pharisee

The Pharisees are not dead. Three of them live in our neighborhood. I am one of them.

We are personifications of the priest and Levite who passed by on the other side. We are descendants of the men who accused the women taken in adultery. We are one with him who prayed within himself: "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men (or women)."

I say this because Ada is dead, and her passing has brought to us the full realization of our condemnation. It is not the mere beating of our heads against a wall, or an act of contrition for past failure; it is a startling awakening to how far short



*The neighborhood was very
respectable, and it was such a shock
when Ada and her family moved in*

greens and maples lining its route. We are ambitious for our children. Some of them have been cited for outstanding ability.

But always when describing our neighborhood we have moaned, "If only it weren't for Ada!" Let me tell you about her.

The first introduction I had to Ada was on a quiet summer night shortly after they moved into their new home. From my kitchen window I heard dogs barking excitedly, and I stepped outside to investigate. My ears tuned in on a terrible family brawl. It was the first of many. There were accusations and counter-accusations between husband and wife. The children were crying. The language was of a brand unheard of in our neighborhood. I was so glad my little ones were sleeping, lest they be contaminated.

With surprising regularity in the months that followed, the fights were resumed. All would be quiet for a week or two, but it was only the lull before a storm more fierce than before. And all the while we talked about Ada. What an awful person! We learned she had been married to a well-to-do man, but the marriage had been dissolved. The second marriage seemed also doomed, and would come to a violent conclusion if these awful arguments were not stopped. We learned that drink was

causing the trouble. And drink was master most of the time.

There is a Christian woman who lives next door to Ada. She is superintendent of her Sunday school and an active worker in the church. Across the street lives another Christian, a Sunday school teacher and an active witness for the Lord. I live around the corner. I am president of the Woman's Society of my church, a Sunday school teacher and one who often professes her love for the Lord. All of us talked about Ada.

The woman next door to her told about the day she met Ada in a store. She told how Ada, beaming a benevolent smile and smelling vilely of alcohol, greeted her loudly and introduced her to the clerk as "my neighbor." All the while, her "neighbor" was looking for a hole to crawl into! She was greatly embarrassed.

The woman across the street exhibited an equal distaste for Ada's company, mentally drawing her skirts aside to avoid the vulgar contact.

As for me, when our cars met and Ada gaily waved to me, I confess I looked the other way—that is, if I spotted her in time.

Not one of us called on her. Yet, all of us freely donated money to the missionary cause.

Last summer the rumor began to spread around that Ada was sick. The doctor reported, it was said, that she had indications of cirrhosis of the liver, and that if she did not leave drink alone her life would soon be over.

We Christians discussed it. The woman next door to her said, "I think I'll go over and see her, or maybe ask her to lunch." She never got around to doing it. The woman across the street bemoaned the fact that Ada was in no condition spiritually to die. I did nothing, except to keep on in the busyness of Christian work.

Then, last Sunday, one of those unexplainable things happened to Ada's across-

the-street neighbor. As she listened to an unusually fine sermon by her pastor on the subject of eternal judgment, a vision crossed her mind. She saw Ada cast into hell, and all the while Ada was pointing at her and accusing her with vilifying names. It was a horrible experience. So she resolved that during the afternoon she would invite Ada to go to church with her that evening. After returning home, however, she began to reason the thing out and came to the conclusion that she would be making a fool of herself to try to take Ada to church. She excused the vision away and did nothing.

On Wednesday morning following, this Christian woman looked out her window and saw a hearse draw up to the house across the street. Stricken, she called several people. Then she found out the grim truth. Ada was dead. Ada had tried to leave liquor alone, but she could not. And, true to the word of the doctor, it had cost her her life.

I don't believe that we will ever be the same again. The stunning finality of the hearse pulling up to our neighbor's door, and the silent witness of that body on the stretcher, will haunt us for a long time.

That's why I say that we three are Pharisees. Can one of us honestly say we cared for Ada's soul? If we had, we would not have rested until we gave the gospel to her. We were not responsible for whether she received it. What matters is that we never gave her the chance.

I am wondering as I write if there are women all over America like us. How many Adas cross our paths who, because of our failure, have never heard that Christ died for the ungodly? How many of our neighbors have we told that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"? We want to choose for ourselves what kind of Christian service we will perform, forgetting that "the field is the world." And that world begins right in our own neighborhood.

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of the "glory of God" we have come, as Christians.

We have been proud of our neighborhood, even smug. We who live here are eminently respectable. We keep our homes neat and our children under control. Ours is a middle-class community. No one is fabulously rich and no one desperately poor. Our road is especially beautiful, winding around a creek, with many ever-

Prepared by MRS. MARSE GRANT

1 WEDNESDAY Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22.

How important it is that our missionaries be provided with adequate equipment. Audley Hamrick, missionary to the Indians in Gallup, New Mexico, rejoices that the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions will provide a new station wagon for his work. The old 1950 automobile that he has been using "coughed to a standstill" so often he could never be sure of transportation which meant that plans often had to be rearranged or cancelled. Pray that through our giving, this and other mission needs will be met.

PRAY for Mrs. E. R. Conrad, Newkirk, Okla., ev. among Indians; J. R. Isaacs, Fairbanks, Alaska, ev.; A. G. Ortiz, Bishop, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; W. D. Lockard,* So. Rhodesia, J. W. Patterson, Cali, Colombia, ed.; Bernice Neel, Brazil, retired

2 THURSDAY The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. Ruth 2:12.

Soon after the turn of the century, Dr. George Green went to Nigeria as the first Southern Baptist medical missionary to that country. It was his dream to open a hospital and establish medical work in the Northern Provinces, but money and personnel were limited. Now, more than 50 years later, his dream has come true. A 32-bed Baptist hospital has

been opened in Northern Nigeria, a Christian institution in a predominantly Moslem land. Dr. J. Edwin Low, the only doctor on the staff, is operating the outpatient department with a small African staff. Let us pray for more workers so that the wards may be opened and the sick healed in body and spirit.

PRAY for Mrs. J. E. Low, Kontagora, Nigeria, Mrs. D. C. Dorr, Gaza, W. W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mexico, Mrs. T. S. Green, Anuncion, Paraguay, ev.; Mrs. N. A. Bryan, A. Y. Napier, China, retired; Mrs. J. P. Satterwhite, Kyoto, Japan, RN; J. E. Humphrey, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed.

3 FRIDAY Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isa. 12:3

"Of course I'm too old to learn to read," the 67-year-old Russian Jewess, mother of seven successful businessmen, told Miss Anne Grove. She had already expressed a desire to "know how to write my name—just to be able to sign checks." Twelve weeks later she not only could write her name, but she also had learned to read. Miss Grove is the first literacy specialist to be employed by the Home Mission Board. Pray for her contacts with Baptist associations and churches, and with local literacy councils, formed in communities and cities by civic and religious groups.

PRAY for Anne Grove, Pineville, Ky., literacy; Ruben Gonzalez, Las Cruces, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. C. L. Culpender, Jr., Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; J. E. Walker,* Taiwan-

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

yika, MD; J. C. Ware, Guadalajara, Mexico, BA; Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil, retired

4 SATURDAY The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11.

The Tijuca Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, had only 550 members but their goal for their home mission offering was 150,000 cruzeiros, about \$1,000. Never before had such a sum been given for any offering in the church, for there were no wealthy people among the membership. Only two of the members owned cars, one of them a taxi driver. But their love for the Lord and missions was reflected in what they gave. They went over their goal; more than 160,000 cruzeiros or an average of two days' pay per member! Pray that God will help each of us to love His work so much that we too will give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Offering in our churches.

PRAY for L. D. Wood, Balboa, Canal Zone, Mrs. Bartolome Barguet, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, Mrs. E. R. Martin,* Kenya, H. H. Holley,* Singapore, Mrs. B. E. Tower, Jr., Pingtung, Taiwan, Mrs. C. E. Eons, Uganda, ev.; Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Tex., E. O. Mills, Japan, retired; Mrs. J. D. Hughey, Jr., Ruschlikon, Switzerland, ed.

5 SUNDAY He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Psalm 145:19.

Twenty-nine persons accepted Christ as Saviour during a week of prayer sponsored by the Young Woman's Auxiliary in Ajloun, Jordan. Wonderful results, however, didn't come from a simple announcement. The girls planned devotions, posters, programs, and prayer reminders. And they spent sleepless nights in prayer for the lost—about three fourths of the 59 girls who had attended YWA meeting. An unbroken chain of prayer preceded the final service. "We will never cease to sing God's praises for working miracles in our midst!" writes Mrs. Russell Morris, their counselor.

PRAY for D. L. Jeater, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.

6 MONDAY Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17.

During this Week of Prayer for Home Missions, others are praying with us in other parts of the world. From So. Rhodesia, Mrs. Hugh McKinley writes: "We are joining with you in prayer for our homeland during this Week of Prayer for Home Missions. We are especially concerned about the incidents of racial conflict which we have been reading about. I am strongly convinced that this worldwide problem can be reduced only in proportion as people come to know Christ as the true Saviour and Lord of their lives." Mrs. Edwin Dozier writes from Japan: "A group of us are meeting with the wives of Air Force men to pray for the coming of His Kingdom there throughout the United States. We are lifting up our eyes and looking back home to see there too is a great need for evangelization." Pray without ceasing.

PRAY for Mrs. J. M. Goodner, San Leandro, Calif., ev. among Indians; Mrs. G. C. Prock, Berkeley, Calif., ev. among deaf; Mrs. Frank Ramirez, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; D. E. Merritt,* C. S. Ford,* Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. M. J. Anderson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; G. M. Faile, Jr.,* Ghana, MD; Mrs. J. R. Allen, Brazil, Anna Hartwell, China, retired

7 TUESDAY I . . . am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1:12.

In this time of crisis in Cuba let us be mindful of Cuban Baptists and pray for them regularly. Some of our missionaries have returned home, others are still there. Cuban Baptists report a revival of interest in kingdom work and a turning to the Lord by the unsaved. Pray that the Holy Spirit may have sway and that many may know Christ as Saviour now. At this writing the Herbert Caudilla (he is head of the mission) are remaining in Cuba.

PRAY for Mrs. Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. H. H. McMillan, China-Bahamas, retired; H. D. Martin, Oyo, Nigeria, ed.

8 WEDNESDAY This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

At no time in history has opportunity been greater for teaching little children that God is love—in any language! Scriptural teaching of little children has been at the center of South-

ern Baptist missions around the world and in the homeland. Yet, so long as one little child, one young person, or adult, remains who has not heard the Name of Jesus, our efforts must be doubled and redoubled. Today, let us pray especially for those who are telling little children about Jesus.

PRAY for Mrs. Merced Becerra, Yookum, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Abel Becerra, MF; W. P. Whittenburg, Greenville, S. C., ev. among Negroes; Donald Levy, Mrs. Felix Torna, Aguacate, Cuba, T. N. Clinkscales, Londrina, Brazil, Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, Mrs. G. C. Bond, Accra, Ghana, ev.; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Brazil, retired; Mrs. J. A. Roper, Jr., Jordan, MD

8 THURSDAY A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps Prov. 16:9.

Dr. J. B. Rounds is one of the interesting characters of our times. He was born in Canada and has given most of his life to work with the Indians. After graduation from Southern Seminary, he went with his bride to the pioneer country of Oklahoma as missionary to Indians. It is there he has given his life, and it is there and in other Indian sections that he still serves although he is now retired from the Home Mission Board.

PRAY for J. B. Rounds, Okla., retired; Frank Mendez, Phoenix, Ariz., Joshua Grijalva, Denver, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; David Richardson, Montgomery, Ala., ev. among deaf; Mrs. W. M. Dyal, Jr., Costa Rica, ed.

9 FRIDAY There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 14:12.

Miss Vivian Nowell, former missionary to Lagos, Nigeria, asks for special prayer for Nigeria which last fall became a free nation, now a member of the United Nations. "African hopes are soaring so high—in a materialistic way. So many long for cars, large houses, television, radios, and fine clothing, and to educate at any cost their sons and daughters. All are perhaps good, but should not come first," she writes. **Pray** for Nigerian Baptists, remembering especially leaders in the new government.

PRAY for Harmadio Viver, San Blas, Panama, C. B. Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. D. C. Johnson, Antofagasta, Chile, ev.; Mrs. L. F. Maynard, Ala., retired; C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taipei, Taiwan, ed.

11 SATURDAY Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart Jer. 15:16.

A little child wandered into the Judson Baptist Good Will Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Through him a destitute family was discovered, clothed, fed, and finally led to Christ. In Cloutierville a blind boy went to vacation Bible school. Our missionaries made special equipment for him and provided him with a Braille Bible. He felt he belonged. In the Baptist Center in Memphis a former prisoner whose hair was still prison-cropped, knelt with the missionary and prayed, "God, I'm sorry. I'm sorry about everything. God, forgive me." **Pray** for this man, for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions which provides funds for such work.

PRAY for Rafael Guillen, Panama City, Panama, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. O. Morse, Barranquilla, Colombia, RN, E. W. Mueller, Liberia, Mrs. T. S. Adkins, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.

12 SUNDAY Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. . . . God is not the God of the dead, but of living Matt. 22:29,32.

"We never knew the difference the risen Christ makes in one's heart until you missionaries came and taught us," a member of a Negro Baptist church in South Carolina told the director of the Good Will Center. Two years before, a crucifix had been nailed onto the pulpit in her church but the teaching of the Word revealed a living Christ. The crucifix came down. "Once more we witnessed the work of the Living Lord," wrote the missionary. **Let us pray today for Negro Baptists and for Good Will Centers.**

PRAY for Manuel Quintana, Mariel, Luis Napoles, Artemisa, Cuba, ev.

13 MONDAY I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye Psalm 32:8.

Baptist work in Panama and the Canal Zone is growing rapidly. From a beginning of ten churches, five missions and nine missionaries in 1953, the work has now grown to 28 churches, 36 missions, and 83 missionaries. From all indications, the people are very receptive to the work of Southern Baptist missionaries, with amazing progress having been made in the last seven or eight years. Needs are still numerous.

but there is every reason to believe that this progress will continue into the next decade. Let us pray toward that end.

PRAY for D. A. Morgan, Cristobal, Canal Zone, ev.; Georgia WMU Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 13-15

14 TUESDAY That servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes Luke 12:47.

Missionary Thomas Tipton in East Africa had a letter in his hands. It said, "I will have a holiday tomorrow. Use me where you wish to serve God." It was written by a young African businessman who, only a month before, had resigned his work and started preparing to preach. Soon his third study course book in one month would be completed. Now he was ready to spend his holiday helping the missionary. **Let us pray that in this land which is searching for new life, men will find it in the call of God.**

PRAY for S. T. Tipton, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Ghana, W. E. Emanuel, Kyoto, Japan, ev.; M. R. Demeree, Niceville, Fla., ev. among deaf; Mrs. Donald Weeks, Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. C. I. Dawson, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Juanita Johnston, Thailand, SW; H. E. Peacock, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed.; North Carolina WMU Annual Meeting, Winston-Salem, 14-16

15 WEDNESDAY It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful 1 Cor. 4:2.

Southern Baptists have more than 1463 missionaries in 45 countries around the world in addition to 2107 missionaries working on home fields. What percentage of the dollar given for missions actually reaches the mission fields? How much is retained for promotional, general and administrative expenses? The Foreign Mission Board reports that 93 per cent goes directly to the foreign field. The Home Mission Board figure is more than 96 per cent of every home mission dollar going directly to mission services. Of course all the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes only to mission fields. **Let us thank God for the good stewardship reflected in these figures and pray that we, in turn, will be good stewards of our money.**

PRAY for Mrs. R. L. Mefford, Philadelphia, Mrs. Mrs. C. M. Case, Gallup, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Jose Saenz, Port Lavaca, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Carta Lima, Remedios, Cuba, ev.; Blanche Bradley, China, retired

16 THURSDAY When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee Isa. 43:2.

The Rev. Tony Jajola, evangelist among In-

CHAIN GANG #2 and Answered Prayer

by GLADYS FARMER

That day I was on my way to exchange shoes for a barefoot child and my purse was stolen. Gone . . . my pen, precious photos and driver's license. Gone for the Lord's business, three checks and \$35 cash, envelopes of sacrificial small change for sewing materials which Center women had brought, 37 keys for three Centers, and the shoes.

My personal loss became as nothing to that entrusted to me of the Lord. Barely, do I claim answers to "materialistic prayers," but I prayed. "Father, preserve Thine own which I cannot replace. In Jesus' Name, Amen." It was not easy to practice. "Where ye pray, believe that ye receive."

Policemen guarded the Center in which Miss Stanford, associate director, and I live. We carried on the work with heavy hearts in the shadow of the State Penitentiary where 2200 prisoners are kept. One, two, three, four, five, nights passed. While I was speaking on missions, an officer left this message . . . "If you want your purse come to Chain Gang No. 2." It had been found by a "trusty." This was wonderful news.

But the testing continued at four and one half miles seemingly were 15. Would the checks be there? Could the keys possibly be safe? As the "Annie Armstrong station-wagon" halted, the Holy Spirit became my Comforter. A sturdy Negro man came with the purse. What victory! Envelopes there but empty, checks untouched but money gone, and 37 keys intact. Photos and license—all safe.

The money was replaced by a good Baptist, pen purchased, and the shoes finally exchanged.

As I rethink this experience: all we trusted to the Lord "came to pass" plus effective witness to the trusty. My trip to Chain Gang No. 2 and a "materialistic prayer" turns my heart to Psalm 65:2 "Uphold thou shall all flesh come." The marvel with tangible answers and God's concern for the spiritual, why do we go so seldom to Him who answers prayer?

HOME MISSIONS NEWS

A medical team of five doctors will visit the San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama early this year. They will work under the direction of Southern Baptist missionaries. The project is part of a co-operative plan of the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board to use more laymen on missionary fields. The two agencies hope to use at least 400 men in the US next year who will travel at their own expense to pioneer areas to serve under the Home Board.

One home missionary and his family have left Cuba upon "strong advice" by the US Embassy there. Others have been given the option of staying as long as they think conditions permit. Tom Law, pastor of the English-speaking Baptist church in Havana, and his family are now in Dallas, Texas. Loyd Carter, secretary of the Department of Language Groups Ministries, said most of the members of Law's church had already left Cuba. Eight other home missionaries are remaining on the island. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in Cuba, wrote, "Churches of all denominations are wide open and hold all the services they have ever held." The Caudills have been in Cuba 30 years.

dians in Albuquerque, New Mexico, tells how much our prayer means to him. "Answered prayer brought me to this place of service. Hence, it is my conviction that if prayer could do all this for me, it can do great things through me, and this realization gives me renewed assurance that my labor shall not be in vain. This involves not only my prayer, but the prayer of so many of God's wonderful people. The burden is weighty, but word from our friends that they are praying for us makes us brave and renews our strength. Please continue to pray."

PRAY for Tony Jajola, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. B. Hipps, China, retired; Estelle Freeland, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. F. L. Lewis, Surabaya, Indonesia, ev.; Ohio WMU Annual Meeting, Hamilton, 16-17

17 FRIDAY Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do Heb. 4:13.

S. A. Lawoyin, president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, said recently: "I am a product of Christian missions. I am a witness of the tremendous achievements of Southern Baptist missionaries in my homeland. But the African is confused. 'What is wrong with Christianity?' he asks. The number of Christian converts rises almost every minute. Huge amounts of money are spent on missions. Yet the devil, our adversary, continues to employ differences of color and race as a bone of contention to perpetrate strife and disunity among the children of God." Pray for Mr. Lawoyin and other Nigerian Baptists as they assume leadership in their country which gained its independence last October. Pray that we will have right attitudes toward people of other races and color.

PRAY for E. H. Burks, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Juan Acosta, Las Tablas, Panama, Mrs. S. G. Rankin, Kowloon, Hong Kong. W. L. Walker, Oita, Japan, ev.

18 SATURDAY Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it Matt. 7:14.

Mrs. Paul Box writes from Penang, Malaya: "When you go to the beaches and see all the beauty before you, it is hard to look just behind and see the thousands of squatter shacks. Farther down the street the Chinese are packed into shop houses and hundreds of beggars lined on the streets. All along the sidewalks you find people making their beds, for it is their dwelling place! The odor is almost overpowering.

but worse than that, hundreds of Chinese stand all around, praying to their gods." Baptists have only 19 churches in Malaya with more than 1300 members in a total population of almost 8 million. Pray for Baptists of Malaya.

PRAY for Mrs. Paul Box, Penang, Malaya, Mrs. G. W. Schweer, Semarang, Indonesia, Mrs. D. N. Sharpley, Brazil, ev.; J. G. Sanchez, N. Mex., retired; J. K. Goodner, San Leandro, Calif., ev. among Indians; A. G. Johnson, Sacramento, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

19 SUNDAY Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it Psalm 37:34.

Imagine what your city would be like without a pastor, without even one church! This is the situation in many cities in Japan where the ratio of evangelical Christian workers, including Japanese pastors, is one for every 16,455 persons! After 70 years of prayer and labor, there are 70 Baptist churches in Japan, however, a new Five-Year Advance Movement launched by the Japan Baptist Convention calls for doubling this number by 1964. Let us remember in prayer this evangelistic program to win souls to Christ and establish churches.

PRAY for C. D. Clarke, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. E. M. Cross, Pasay City, Philippines, ev.; Ross Hanna, Quapaw, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. W. L. Jester, Oghomasha, Nigeria, RN

20 MONDAY And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient 2 Tim. 2:24.

In Southern Rhodesia our missionaries engage in regular and persistent visitation. A man had been visited for four weeks by the Gerald Harveys. Each time he promised to be at services but he did not come. Finally he asked, "Why is it that you visit every week and ask me to the church?" He was told, "It is because we want you to learn about Jesus." He replied, "If you think it is that important, I will come." And he did. Pray for him and many, many others; pray for patience and perseverance by missionaries.

PRAY for C. W. Shaw, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. M. E. Solorzano, Panama City, Panama, Elizabeth Hale, Alor Star, Malaya, T. D.

Gullatt, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, Mrs. P. H. Carter, Torreon, Mexico, H. R. Littleton, Ghana, ev.; Naomi Littleton, MF; Marvin Lytle, Tyler, Tex., ev. among Negroes; E. F. Day, Clayton, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, Brazil, retired; Mrs. W. C. Lewis, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; J. R. Gray, Shaki, Nigeria, med.; Louise Sparkman, Oyo, Nigeria, ed.

21 TUESDAY He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully Jer. 23:28.

"The crowds came and now they are gone," wrote the P. A. Clines from Haad Yai, South Thailand. An extra service had to be added each evening to accommodate large crowds during the week-long services. Many young people signed up for classes, but when time came, only a handful were there. "We will carry on with the few because we know that in due time the harvest is coming if we persevere and if you pray with us for the lost here and in all of Thailand. Join us in praying that revival will sweep the country so that no one shall be left outside the kingdom," they ask.

PRAY for Mrs. P. A. Cline, Jr., Haad Yai, Thailand, ed.; Benito Villareal, Tex., Elias Delpado, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; J. L. Galloway, Macao, retired; Mrs. L. H. Neil, Nigeria, RN; Leroy Benefield, M'lang, Philippines, agriculture; Virginia WMU Annual Meeting, Alexandria, 21-23

22 WEDNESDAY God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations Psalm 67:1,2.

When Missionary James E. Musgrave, Jr., moved to Ceres, Goias, Brazil, in 1950, he found great need for an agricultural school that would teach simple horse-and-plow activities and basic knowledge. A year ago, the B. H. Foreman agricultural school was opened in Ceres, and even before its official opening, one of its students accepted Christ. "Thus we have seen our first fruits," rejoices Mrs. Horace W. Fite, Jr., wife of the missionary director. "Our purpose is to show the boys how to become better farmers, to show those who are Christian how to be better stewards, and to show those who are not Christian the Way of life."

PRAY for H. W. Fite, Jr., Ceres, Brazil, agriculture; Mrs. J. W. Beam, Savannah, Ga., GWC; Lewis Grant, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, Ga., R. L. Baumum, China-Taiwan, retired; Mrs. C. B. Williams,

Bangkok, Thailand, RN; S. K. Wood, Tokyo, Japan, ev.

23 THURSDAY Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom . . . singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord Col. 3:16.

Picture 30 smiling and beaming Spanish-speaking kindergarten children dressed in white graduation gowns. No one could be prouder than Mrs. Bessie Harrell Negrin who has been a Baptist home missionary for many years seeing small children come and go. Since 1946, after serving in Cuba with her husband, the Negrins have been serving God among the Spanish-speaking in Key West and Miami, Florida.

PRAY for Mrs. Ismael Negrin, Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; G. W. Eiland, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Chinese; E. J. Palmer, Chilibre, Panama, Mrs. Pablo Martinez, Yaguajay, Cuba, Mrs. W. H. Ferrell, Thea, Argentina, F. M. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.; John Caylor, Sr., Ark., retired; Mattie Lou Bible, Recife, Brazil, SW

24 FRIDAY For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith 1 John 5:4.

In the city of a half million people, Surakarta, Indonesia, there is only one small Baptist church. Go a hundred miles in any direction to another Baptist church and in that radius of 100 miles live 15 million people, less than one per cent of whom name Christ as Saviour. Ross Coggins, missionary to Indonesia, says, "We are not winning our world to Christ. The sooner we understand this, the sooner we can stir ourselves to greater action. Christian converts do not keep pace with the birth rate which exceeds converts to Christianity by 30 million each year." **PRAY** for increased efforts for Christ in Indonesia where the government listens to Communist propaganda.

PRAY for Mrs. J. A. Jimmerson, Indonesia, Mrs. L. G. Lane, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev.; Grace Clifford, Okla., Ethel Pierce, China, retired; J. L. Gebhart, Grand Junction, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; C. J. Smith, Clinton, Okla., ev. among Indians

25 SATURDAY For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper Psalm 72:12.

Since World War II, 40 million people have been uprooted from ancestral homes. Today, two and a half million are still homeless, penniless, stateless refugees. Hong Kong has received a million of these refugees during the

past ten years with 300,000 still homeless, living in squatter shacks along the hillsides or on rooftops, or in some cases on the sidewalks of the business district. There are few Christians in this great city of three and a half million, yet every church is crowded. There is hunger for the gospel. **PRAY** for Hong Kong where the needs are too great ever to be solved without Christ.

PRAY for Elaine Hancock, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; R. L. Lyon, Mexico City, Mexico, SW; Victor Koon, Honolulu, Hawaii, BA; E. G. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; Mrs. W. H. Tipton, China, Mrs. Everett Gill, Sr., Europe, H. D. Stein, Fla., retired; Patricia Stein, MF

26 SUNDAY And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him Col. 3:17.

The first Baptist hospital in Brazil is now under construction. The cornerstone was laid last summer in Fortaleza, city of about 400,000, capital of the state of Ceara. The administrator, the Rev. Burton de Wolfe Davis and his wife were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to work among Ceara's three million people, going there in 1945. With the late Dr. Everett Gill they worked out mission strategy calling for a model church, a model school, and a model hospital in the capital. The church and college were soon established and now the third missionary goal is on its way toward completion. Hospital facilities in the area are "frightfully inadequate," says the missionary.

PRAY for B. de Wolfe Davis, Fortaleza, Brazil, Mrs. T. N. Callaway, Hyogo-ken, Japan, ed.; Mrs. Bibiano Molina, San Juan y Martinez, Cuba, J. R. Brunson, Singapore, Malaya, Mrs. P. E. Sanderson, Belem, Brazil, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Djakarta, Indonesia, ev.; Helen Lambert, Tucson, Ariz., GWC; Derrick Davis, MF

27 MONDAY I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest Gen. 28:15.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph L. Rummage were strangely moved when they saw the cover of the July 1958 issue of *The Commission*. It showed a young African seminary student, Simeon Sitole, with Bible in hand and suitcase

on his head as he left for a weekend of preaching. God spoke to their hearts and they answered His call to mission service in Central Africa. Recently they met the former seminary student, now a pastor in Gwelo, So. Rhodesia, and in their own words, "As we shook hands we could not speak words of greeting, but the tears spoke of our mutual joy in the Lord." God used a picture in his own marvelous wonderful way.

PRAY for Mrs. R. L. Rummage, Salisbury, Mrs. W. D. Lockard, So. Rhodesia, A. M. Arias, Entegra General, Panama, ev.; Marvin Sorrels, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; J. J. Johnson, N. C., retired; Frances Hudgins, Bangkok, Thailand, ed.; R. L. Fielden, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, pilot

28 TUESDAY I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food Job. 23:12.

Spanish-speaking countries to the south of the United States are not only witnessing an explosion in population but the literacy rate is likewise climbing. There are 178 million reading persons to be reached with the gospel right now, but within 20 years there will be 420 million. The Republic of Chile is 80 per cent literate and Argentina 90 per cent. The intellectual and spiritual appetites of these readers must be satisfied and we must make the gospel message available. Atheistic communism is pouring literature into Latin America. Will we let them win the struggle for men's minds and souls?

PRAY for Miss Ray Buster, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Toshio Sakamoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., ev. among Japanese; F. T. Fowler, Mexico, MD; Mrs. H. L. Willis, Thailand, RN; Mississippi WMU Annual Meeting, Tupelo, 28-29, Alabama WMU Annual Meeting, Tuscaloosa, 28-30

29 WEDNESDAY O give thanks unto the Lord: call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works Psalm 105:1,2.

The oldest Southern Baptist church in the Philippines is only ten years old! In that short time, however, it has accomplished more than many churches in America ever do. For the past eight years, half the budget has gone for missions. The church has organized two mission points, one of which has a full-time pastor. Of the original 12 members, one is now a pastor and three others are graduates of the seminary and have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. **PRAY** for this church and its members.

PRAY for DeVellyn Oliver, Mati, Philippines, RN; W. M. Parker, Sao Luis, Brazil, ev.

30 THURSDAY They cried unto thee, and were delivered; they trusted in thee, and were not confounded Psalm 22:5.

"Your prayers have reached their destination!" writes Mrs. Bill Andrews from Temuco, Chile. Answered prayer was evident on every hand when the people of Chile withstood grim hardship and devastation during the earthquakes of 1960. "Through it all we have been genuinely inspired by the attitudes of Christian people. Their faith has not wavered nor have they complained. Many have walked through the open door of opportunity to offer a helping hand, a word of comfort, a gospel tract or testimony. In areas where people slept in open parks and streets for several nights the young people of the churches preached all night. We have been keenly aware of the prayer and concern of Christian friends of many lands." Continue to pray for Chile, that all her people might know our God.

PRAY for Mrs. W. P. Andrews, Temuco, Chile, ev.; R. M. Douglas, Calif., ev. among migrants; David Trevizo, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Frances Crawford, Gaza, Mrs. H. W. Neely, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, RN; Illinois WMU Annual Meeting, 30-31

31 FRIDAY My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness 2 Cor. 12:9.

Recently a young mother-to-be wrote from our home for unwed mothers in New Orleans: "It took this shocking, drastic, and cutting experience . . . to make me realize that I had fooled people, but not God and not myself . . . I was a church-goer . . . my reputation was good . . . Once I prayed, 'God let me die; let me be rid of this burden that is far too great.' . . . Now I pray, 'God, there is so much to learn. Please help me to be strong.' As we thank God for the staff and facilities which are helping more than 100 young girls each year, let us pray that even more may be reached for Christ through our increased giving and praying."

PRAY for Fay Taylor, Bandung, Indonesia, P. S. Johnson, Ramna, E. Pakistan, ev.; Mrs. E. H. Burks, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. A. Y. Napier, China, retired

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FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Circle Unit Theme:

Alcohol and Narcotics Education

March Program Topic:

Safeguarding Our Youth

March Mission Study:

The Dreamer Cometh, Carleton

by Helen Ruchti and Elaine Dickson

In looking this month at the narcotics threat to our young people, we complete another unit theme in circle study—alcohol and narcotics education.

Program Purpose: To develop understanding of the problem of narcotics in our society, especially as it threatens youth, and to discover ways of combating this evil.

Advance Preparation: Watch newspapers and magazines for current articles about the narcotics problem. Clip articles for use with program. What does your library have on the subject?

INTRODUCTION

The following headlines were taken from US newspapers during the past several months: (add to them any current ones from your area)

"Bomb Threat Leads to Heroin; Airline Passenger Arrested"

"17 Seized at 'Goof-Pill' Sex Party"

"Police Hold 4 Juveniles, Dope Pills"

"3 Suspected Selling Marijuana to Children"

"2 Youths Get Topsy Sniffing Glue Fumes"

A headline often tells a story which seems incredible on the surface because it is far removed from personal experience. Drug addiction is such a story. The families—even the communities—of many WMS members have not been directly affected by this menace, yet it is one of the major threats of our day.

Drug addiction is both cause and effect in our age of moral decadence. It, like all insidious evil, makes subtle inroads, claims

its prey, and reaches "the point of no return" almost too quickly for detection. It thrives on ignorance of its true effect.

How much do we know about narcotics and drug addiction? What help is/ can be given our youth in facing this problem?

(Distribute copies of the following true and false quiz. After each woman has given her own answers, use the questions as a basis for group discussion. Answers follow the quiz.)

NARCOTICS QUIZ

- _____ 1. Drug addiction affects only a very small number of US citizens.
- _____ 2. The narcotics problem centers mainly around three plant families.
- _____ 3. All narcotics are not addictive.
- _____ 4. The use of narcotic drugs is always illegal.
- _____ 5. The primary cause of drug addiction is ignorance.
- _____ 6. Teen-agers are seldom victims of drug addiction.
- _____ 7. The most susceptible age for becoming a drug addict is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one.
- _____ 8. The addict receives no satisfaction from his use of drugs.
- _____ 9. The illegal use of narcotic drugs usually leads to other crimes.
- _____ 10. The drug addict can always be cured.

— Answers to Quiz

(The following answers have information content to help build an understanding of the narcotics problem. Some of the answers are followed by questions to stimulate group participation. The program leader might give the answers to all the questions or assign answers to several individuals for use in group discussion.)

1. **False.** Drug addiction affects many US citizens. There are about 60,000 known addicts today, more in the US than in all

other Western countries combined. The illicit drug traffic has tripled in the US since World War II.

To what extent does this problem exist in our community? Use newspaper and magazine clippings to assist with discussion.

2. **True.** The major source of narcotics centers mainly in (1) the opium poppy family, from which come morphine, heroin, codeine and lesser-known derivatives; (2) the coca leaf, which provides cocaine; (3) the hemp weed from which comes marijuana.

3. **True.** Some narcotics are not addictive, or not as addictive as others. But this truth requires understanding. Addiction is made up of three factors: dependence, meaning one must continue to take the drug to feel right; tolerance, describing the physical need for increased dosage of drugs; and habituation, a psychological dependence on drugs. Though marijuana, for example, does not produce physical dependence or tolerance, it does bring out psychological dependence. The addicting drugs, producing physical dependence are the opiates plus demerol, methadone and other synthetics. The use of marijuana, though it is not addictive in the sense of physical dependence, usually precedes the use of highly addictive drugs.

Addiction to narcotics follows a typical, brief cycle: experimentation with marijuana or immediate use of morphine or heroin, followed by regular use of morphine or heroin, leading to complete slavery. The only chance for prevention comes during the experimental stage.

4. **False.** The use of narcotic drugs is not always illegal. The distinction must be made between medical uses and illegal uses. The medical profession is licensed to dispense pain-relieving drugs. Ordinarily addiction is not a problem here, but patients have been known, sometimes through failing to follow doctor's directions, to form a habit.

What safety measures are taken by the doctor in dispensing habit-forming drugs? (Only the needed amount is prescribed and the prescription cannot be refilled.)

What about tranquilizers? Are they addictive? habit forming? Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn, medical columnist says: "Like crutches, when used for temporary disability, I think tranquilizers are all right. The trouble is that so many decide to 'lean on' tranquilizers long after they should have discontinued them." In 1959 more than 50,000,000 prescriptions for tranquilizers were filled.

5. **True.** Many reasons are given why individuals become addicted to drugs, but ignorance of the true effects of the drug has lured most victims into the trap of addiction. One doctor gives three major reasons: a desire for the effect of the drug or a willingness to experiment; access to a supply of the drug; ignorance or disregard of the harmful effects of drug use.

What provisions are made in our school system for narcotics education? in our church?

6. **False.** Teen-agers are increasingly involved in drug addiction. A set of research figures released in recent years reveals that those addicted to opium derivatives or to synthetic addicting drugs represent the following age-group breakdown:

Under 21 years—13.1 per cent

21-30 years—50.3 per cent

31-40 years—10.4 per cent

Over 40 years—17.2 per cent

In New York City one out of every 200 high school students is a dope addict.

7. **True.** The later adolescent age group is one of the most susceptible to use of narcotics. This is the age when youth strives for independence, seeks new adventures, looks for thrills. Among teen-agers there is sometimes the feeling their parents do not understand them, that life is futile, that they must "belong" to the gang.

Sometimes the use of narcotics begins as a fad. Washington Narcotics Newsletter tells of a nineteen-year-old boy in Oregon who says he got high on cough syrup fortified with a narcotic. Experiencing more exhilaration from this particular cough syrup than from marijuana cigarettes, he reported its sale at drugstores without a prescription, a fact alarming to police and health authorities. The use of such syrups, containing an opium derivative mixed with antihistamines, is increasing among teen-agers and young adults.

8. **False.** There is temporary satisfaction in narcotics: opiates reduce pain, offer some escape from reality, give a transient thrill. After these effects comes a sense of satisfaction, ease and freedom. Some addicts doze peacefully and daydream of wealth, power or social prestige. Others want to socialize. One significant effect some describe is the feeling of freedom with members of the opposite sex. But what appears to be satisfaction is really "death on the installment plan."

What are some other moral problems which might stem from use of narcotics?

9. **True.** Drug addiction almost invariably leads to more serious crimes. As drugs are used, the desire for them increases. Larger amounts are needed to bring the temporary satisfaction on which the addict is dependent. The cost is exorbitant, running from about \$3.00 per day when addiction begins to over \$100 per day in advanced cases. The physical need for the drug is so intense that users usually resort to theft and sale of stolen merchandise to obtain money. They beg, borrow, steal, cheat and lie.

Thousands of teen-agers seeking a thrill are not fully aware of seven basic facts of addiction and its ultimate end.

—You will become an addict if you use narcotic drugs over an extended period of time.

—You cannot break the habit when you want to. You become a slave.

—You must have dope continuously once you form the habit. Withdrawal pains are intolerable.

—You cannot control the amount you will need. You will have to take more as the body builds up resistance.

—You cannot afford the daily requirements on an ordinary income. You will be driven to crime.

—You will become increasingly inefficient in your work, less and less employable.

—You cannot be cured except through a long and painful process. The majority of addicts are never cured.

—J. A. BUCKWALTER
How much do our youth know of the harmful effects of dope?

10. **False.** The cure for drug addiction is exceedingly difficult. There is no sure cure, and relapse is frequent. Young people and those addicted a short time are the best prospects. The best cure for addiction? Never let it happen!

There are two Federal narcotics hospitals, one located in Lexington, Kentucky and another in Fort Worth, Texas. Both of these will receive those who are convicted and sentenced by Federal law, those who are placed there under probation by the courts on the condition that they will take the cure, and the voluntary addicts who go of their own free will. Information relative to admittance to these hospitals may be secured from the Surgeon General of the US Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C. (As a conclusion to the group discussion, someone

might tell the story "Betty, a Teen-age Drug Addict" which appeared in *Royal Service*, June, 1960.)

Summary and Action

In order quickly to summarize the discussion, print on a large piece of paper and review for group the following points:

The Problem: 60,000 known addicts; number increasing

Major Causes: Willingness to experiment; desire for effect of drugs; access to supplies of drugs; ignorance or disregard for harmful effects of drugs

The Threatened: Our youth

What can we do?

Ask circle members to respond to the question "what can we do?" Allow time for sharing ideas. (Suggestions might be: educate youth about harmful effects of drugs, encourage better narcotics education in our schools, watch for danger signs among young people, provide wholesome outlets for teenage spirit of adventure and thrill-seeking, pray for young people as they face temptations.)

Since so much depends on education, perhaps your circle would like to do something definite in this area. You could give a book or a subscription to a periodical dealing with narcotics to the church library (see below).

From your Baptist Book Store:

Drugs Destroy, Virginia Ely, 15c

From *Narcotics Education, Inc.*, P. O. Box 4380, Washington 12, D. C. (a catalog of material will be sent free upon request):

Merchants of Misery, J. A. Buckwalter, \$1.35, (clothbound, \$2.50; *Reality Living*, clothbound, \$2.50; *Listen*, bi-monthly journal of scientific education for the prevention of alcoholism and narcotics addiction, yearly subscription, \$2.00; *Washington Narcotics Newsletter*, a quarterly service available for \$2.00 per year.

THE VOCABULARY OF DRUG ADDICTION

weed or loco-weed—slang for marijuana
horse, H, stuff, junk—words for heroin
caps—capsules of morphine
fixes—drug doses as taken by addicts
skin-pop—injection of drugs under the skin or into muscle
mainline—injection of drug into vein; one who does this is a **mainliner**
hooked—addicted
junkies—confirmed addicts
pusher—one who sells dope illegally

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Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director

THIS MONTH

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Mission Study Committee
Prayer Committee
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Publicity Committee
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Youth Committee

for March

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Week of Prayer for Home Missions and
Annie Armstrong Offering, March 6-10, 1961
Goal \$2,470,000

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!
—E. F. SMITH

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the formidable forces clamoring for energies and loyalties today.

Beverage alcohol, out to win youth, is emblazoned across youth's pathway in an

of youth's making. Adults have created the situation. A noted British authority recently stated that much concern is registered over the threat of communism while

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What Do You Desire?

What do you desire most that the Week of Prayer, March 6-10, shall do for home missions? This week offers those in your church an opportunity to influence for Christ all fifty states, and Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone. What you and the other women in your WMS do or do not do during this tremendously important week may determine whether or not "they may be saved." In these significant days may the sincere desire of your heart be that your Woman's Missionary Society through prayer and gifts will help America be Christian. "Desire shapes empires, molds characters, alters the course of events."

Recognize the power of prayer and lead your Woman's Missionary Society to experience its full potential in turning America to

Christ.

Have you led your church to accept a goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions which is a 13 per cent increase over the amount given last year? Make certain that every WMS member has an envelope for her offering. Challenge each woman to make a self-denial offering.

Last November the twelfth annual campaign for Religion in American Life was held. On billboards throughout the country there were posters with the words "Worship Together This Week." The purpose of the week was to encourage church attendance by people of all faiths. Encourage every woman in your society to worship together March 6-10 and to bring a worthy Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

President

Today's WOMAN

"It seems very possible today that unless the church is alert to the changes which are taking place in the lives of women, the message and ministry of Christianity will seem more and more irrelevant to an increasing number of them."

—October, 1960 Church Woman

Woman's Missionary Union is alert to the changing times and is making efforts to structure an organization to fit women in every location and situation. Some women work at night, some during the day. Some women have small children with no baby sitter. Some societies have grown too large for

individual participation and fellowship. In such situations more than one Woman's Missionary Society in a church has proved helpful in enlisting women and in overcoming difficulties caused by these changing times.

In the WMS Manual, Plan A (for

churches with one society) and Plan B (for churches with more than one society) are discussed. Read about these plans and have your WMU executive board consider the need and possibility of more than one WMS in your church.

Mission Study Committee

Want to Know?

Recently a college president said, "I have to keep alert. I read a book each night if possible, and read at least one book each week." WMS members want to be alert too; they want to know our Baptist heritage in missions. This they have learned from the study of *The Dreamer Cometh*. As you come to the close of this interesting study encourage every woman to read this book if she has not already done so.

Have WMS members been introduced to the Annual Report of the Home Mission Board? If not, use it in connection with the closing sessions of your mission study class. Help them see the new plan of organization of the Home Mis-

sion Board, its plans for the future and its different departments of work.

Use the folder, "Do You Know?" which gives pertinent facts about home missions.

There may be those in your WMS whom God is calling to a mission field at home or overseas. Use the new pamphlet, "Is God Calling You?" It gives areas of home mission opportunities. It tells the qualifications for appointment by the Home Mission Board and the procedure for appointment.

The Annual Report, "Do you Know?" and "Is God Calling You?" may be secured free from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

TEN ACTION WORDS FOR MARCH

- F eature purpose of Woman's Missionary Union
- O bserve the Week of Prayer for Home Missions
- R each goal of 13 per cent increase in Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions
- E nlist women in missions
- C heck progress on WMS Aims for Advancement
- A ccept responsibility for fostering WMU youth organizations
- S ecure subscriptions to ROYAL SERVICE
- T ell others of the plan of salvation
- E mphasize Jubilee Advance Goals
- R ead the Home Mission book, *THE DREAMER COMETH*.

Prayer Committee

15 Questions

Concerning the Week of Prayer
March 6-10

Read carefully the instructions in March Royal Service addressed to prayer chairman. Emphasizing some of the words on that page, "pray with burdened hearts" as you complete plans for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering so that those in your church will "give with thought and sacrifice."

Ask yourself the following questions and let there be no slip-ups in your five-day observance of the Week of Prayer.

1. Have opening meditation periods been arranged with selected prayer hymns?
2. Have plans been made for closing meditations based on the hymn, "How Long Must We Wait?" and statement of an unmet need appealing for personal commitment?
3. Have assignments been made for reading Romans 10:1-15a in a different way each day? By one person, by two or three or more, or responsively, or from different translations?
4. Have WMS members been asked to bring their Bibles each morning so that they may follow the Scripture reading?
5. Have those leading in Call to Prayer each day been secured?
6. Have missionary hymns been selected and the special music arranged?
7. Have those who will give the information concerning home missions and those leading in prayer been properly instructed concerning all plans?
8. Have plans been made for the reading of 2 Cor. 8:2 at the close of each day's service? A hidden voice, choral reading, male voice, in unison?
9. Have members of the stewardship committee arranged for each day's ingathering of the Annie Armstrong Offering? (See Forecaster suggestions to stewardship committee.)
10. Have offering envelopes been distributed to each WMS member and others in the church desiring them?
11. Have members of the publicity committee used all materials provided and other means of communication to inform the whole church of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering? The streamer carrying the words "My prayer to God . . . that they might be saved," the colored poster, the adhesive telephone stickers?
12. Have plans been made to use the program folders with poster design (2c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.)?
13. Have enough illustrated folders (to be used each day) been secured for every WMS member, giving daily topics, pertinent facts, and prayer reminders?
14. Have efforts been made to get every woman interested and concerned in the observance of the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering?
15. Have you and the other mem-

bers of the prayer committee prayed earnestly for this Week of Prayer for Home Missions?

If you can answer yes to these 15 questions a great spiritual awakening should result.

Community Missions Committee

TELEVANGELISM

For the third year the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is presenting dramatic films which will be helpful in winning souls to Christ.

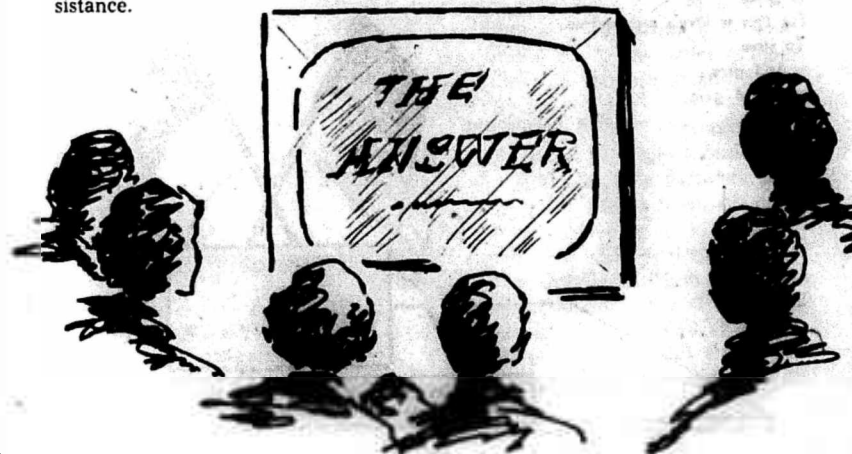
During the first thirteen weeks of 1961 a new series of "The Answer" is being televised. Check the time and day these films are shown by your station. If your pastor does not have the information write to the Radio and Television Commission, Box 12157, Fort Worth 16, Texas.

On March 19 "Project: Brother's Keeper" will be presented. This is a documentary world survey by six Christian doctors who toured four months—over 45,000 miles, touching 32 countries. They surveyed medical needs, assisted in operations and offered medical assistance.

Use the individual visit method or viewing party method to bring television and evangelism together in your community.

Following the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and learning of home mission needs, WMS members, by love constrained, will seek opportunities to: serve in Good Will Centers in their communities, help migrants in their areas, witness to the deaf, the blind, and to other racial groups among whom they live.

The March circle program, "Safeguarding Our Youth," may also result in a community missions response. From the Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th St., New York 16, N. Y., Pamphlet No. 186, (25c) "What We Can Do About the Drug Menace," gives ideas for stamping out this threat.



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Stewardship Committee

WITH OPEN HANDS

The love of Christ constrains us . . . to give! It is our privilege this month to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. . . that they might be saved." You will remember that our goal is \$2,470,000. In order to reach this large amount you must lead your church to give at least 13 per cent more than was given last year.

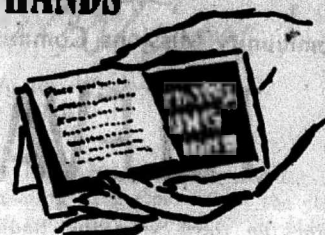
Work with the publicity committee in keeping your goal before the entire church. Give every individual an opportunity to have a part in our 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Before distributing envelopes mimeograph the following note and attach to Annie Armstrong Offering envelopes and give to each WMS member.

Place Your Hand in the Picture
for

Love ever gives
Forgives—outlives
And ever stands
With open hands
And, while it lives
It gives
For this is love's prerogative
To give
And give
And give.

—John Oxenham



For Ingathering of Offering

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions is "My prayer to God . . . that they might be saved." Continually remind WMS members that they give to the Annie Armstrong Offering in order that the unsaved in America "might be saved."

Arrange an attractive table for ingathering offering. Enlarge an Annie Armstrong Offering envelope, then cut a space in which offering envelopes may be dropped. Behind enlarged envelope cross an American and Christian flag as shown in diagram. Under envelope place streamer with the words, ". . . that they might be saved!"



"... THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED!"

For Showing Progress of Offering

Make a large shield of blue cardboard on which are printed in white ink the words, "Annie Armstrong Offering" and your church goal. As certain amounts are given place a star representing that amount on the shield. For instance—

white star, \$5.00
red star, \$10.00
dark blue star, \$25.00

Keep shield on easel in vestibule of church.



Publicity Committee

LOOK

Look at all the publicity aids provided for keeping the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10 before the entire church. You may see these in the package of materials sent your WMU president.

Look at the streamer carrying the theme of the week, "My prayer to God . . . that they might be saved."

Look at the beautiful colored poster to be used in publicity and during each day's prayer period.

Look at the small adhesive telephone sticker provided as a prayer reminder for WMS members. The sticker has the words, "My prayer to God for America is . . ." It is to be dampened and pressed in the center of the telephone dial.

Look at the free leaflet, "Week of Prayer for Home Missions." One

was included in the president's packet and one sent to your pastor.

Look at the Annie Armstrong Offering envelope, enlarge it and place one on different bulletin boards throughout your church.

Look at your state paper for the article written by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and other articles. These should be clipped and placed on bulletin boards.

Look at your February and March copies of *Royal Service* and *Home Missions*. Clip pictures, facts and articles, mount them on cardboard and place on tack boards.

After you have looked at these publicity aids, use them to inform every person in your church and community of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering, March 6-10, 1961.

Publications Committee

CHAIN REACTION

Complimentary comments about a recently read book or article start a chain reaction and cause others to want to read the book or article.

Publications committee, start a ROYAL SERVICE chain reaction which will result in women reading ROYAL SERVICE. By conversation and through the church bulletin you can refer to ROYAL SERVICE and cause others to want to read what you have read.

Recently here at "600" subscriptions were received from a barber shop and from a doctor's office. That indicates that some publications committees are "on the ball."

Youth Committee

Organize-Foster

Aim V in WMS Aims for Advancement is a mighty important one. In Statement of Aims WMS members pledge themselves to cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth by organizing WMU youth organizations and fostering them.

1960-61 will soon be half over.

Have three or more WMU youth organizations been organized in your church? _____

Are there WMU youth organizations for all age groups in your church four years and above? _____

If you cannot answer yes to both of these questions, **then organize!**

Is there sustained fostering of

all WMU youth organizations by your Woman's Missionary Society? _____

Is your WMS providing assistant leaders for each youth organization as needed? _____

If you cannot answer yes to both of these questions, **then foster!**

This month your fostering will include help (as requested by the Sunbeam Band, GA and YWA committees in their organizations) with observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10, and promotion of the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Be sure that your youth organizations have also completed the study of their respective Home Missions book.

Mrs. Curtis is National General Secretary of the Youth Temperance Council with offices in Evanston, Illinois

SAFEGUARDING

"I took a piece of living clay,
And gently pressed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art
A young boy's eager, yielding heart."

by Irene Long Curtis

Not by turning a key can youth be locked in safe from life's dangers and pitfalls. Neither can one determine for any individual his course to follow, for good or evil. However, adults do create the climate which surrounds youth and bear responsibility to furnish sound guidance by Christian precept and example, fortifying the inexperienced to choose wisely.

Youth must be strong and fully equipped with a frame of reference for evaluating the formidable forces clamoring for energies and loyalties today.

Beverage alcohol, out to win youth, is emblazoned across youth's pathway in an

annual \$400,000,000 advertising thrust. Fifty per cent of our 14-year-olds are said already to have tasted their first drink. Seventy per cent of our 8,000,000 pathetic alcoholics and heavy drinkers started drinking while in their teens. Many say they learned to drink in their own homes.

Glamorized social drinking is practiced by church members and people in places of responsibility. America's number one social problem, the alcohol problem, is not of youth's making. Adults have created the situation. A noted British authority recently stated that much concern is registered over the threat of communism while

there is a lethargy in relation to the threat of alcohol. Still far more church members are lost to the cocktail than to communism.

When enough Christians care, drinking will be deglamorized. Even without full scientific knowledge, one cannot help but observe the deterioration of Christian concern and usefulness produced even by moderate social drinking. Crime, highway slaughter, disintegration of home life, wasted energy and God-given abilities—all speak unmistakably to those who will be realistic.

There is no dearth of resources for safeguarding youth. They must be won to Christ and helped to know that their bodies are to be kept as worthy temples of the Holy Spirit, that their best efforts are needed for the opportunities and challenges of our day; that there is a worthy place for the alert, dependable young person.

It has been aptly stated that no other adult generation has had as effective methods for guiding youth. As recent as 1960 the nation's child welfare experts were called together by President Eisenhower to consider the needs of children and youth and to re-evaluate resources for meeting challenges. Youth publications, organizations, programs are multiplied. The spotlight is on youth.

Churches have marvelous resources. Paramount is the opportunity for Bible teaching. Prayer is ever available and the Holy Spirit has been promised. Sunday school, Training Union, Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, choir, recreation facilities, Student Union, and, yes, prayer and worship services are vital to Christian growth of Southern Baptist youth. Superb publications are provided especially for the home. These resources need to come alive in the daily experiences under the gracious and steadfast leadership of mature Christians.

Surely parents must be helped if youth is to be conserved and developed for God.

Beverage alcohol has no place in the Christian home, in any Christian's life. Abstinents can demonstrate the positive joy and security of Christ-centered lives, free from alcohol and other artificial props. By example the art of saying no graciously and of taking no for an answer must be instilled. Children need to learn early in life how to make choices. Right and wrong must be taught winsomely by adults who love and who have a zest for life. A real understanding of the times and of the pressures youth faces in refusing a drink is essential. It is bracing to youth to know adults who are really taking life in stride with its joys and sorrows, not trying to escape from life.

To be assured of the loving concern and confidence of those who are important to youth, can serve young people as a challenge. Child welfare authorities assert that the most powerful deterrent from delinquency is a child's awareness that someone loves him dearly and would be deeply pained if he hurt himself by delinquent behavior.

Youth, safeguarded and guided into creative paths are rewards for those Christian adults who care enough never to give up.



PLAN WITH PRAYER AND PURPOSE FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

Prayer Chairman: Pray privately and with your committee about this 1961 Week of Prayer for Home Missions, with burdened hearts about the goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering. It is \$2,470,000 this year and will require our best efforts to meet the goal. Help your members to see the challenge of giving with thought and sacrifice.

You will want to recall that this should be a week of prayer and not of programs. Use whatever you need to make your meeting place each day a place of worship. But avoid too many gadgets. You want each woman to hear of need and pray concerning her part in meeting it. We failed to reach the 1960 Annie Armstrong Offering goal. Let's never be guilty of that again!

Work together as a committee. Delegate responsibility and you will cause more women to be concerned about needs. Carefully work out what you will do after all materials have been studied.

Set out to each WMS family an Annie Armstrong Offering envelope, a copy of the announcement folder about the challenges and needs of Home Missions. See that every telephone has a sticker to moisten and press on the dial center. Each woman will bring each day to the church the announcement folder and her Bible.

For full church participation in this offering you will need to enlist more in prayer, so announce and publicize in advance both the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering. Use your poster (sent to your WMS president with other supplies) and other prepared materials for display. Program folders (2c each from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama) are available for use in publicity or to feature each day's theme.

Interest Center: Avoid a showy interest center. Use only what is necessary to challenge women to pray and give. You may wish to be more elaborate and drape a table with a white sheet, and add red and blue as desired. Use the streamer with the week's theme on the wall over the table. Feature the fact that "barriers separate people in the United States from the Gospel" in one of these ways:

1. Place a large Bible in the center of the table. Mount the large poster on cardboard, cover it with cellophane, then place it next to the wall behind the Bible (see diagram 1). Write the barriers discussed in each day's program on separate strips of cellophane. (A Magic Marker, a felt tipped pen, or a marking crayon, not a crayola, will work well.) Pin the strips to the cellophane-covered poster; change the barrier strips each day. Place the daily theme on a placard to the left of the Bible, put an offering plate on the right. Leaflets, envelopes, may be in front of these.

2. Cut a large box (see diagram 2) and cover attractively. Brace a large Bible at an angle inside. Glue cellophane across the front portion of the box. Barrier strips are pinned to the cellophane each day. Mount the large poster on heavy cardboard and cut around silhouettes of people. Glue a cardboard flap to the back to make it stand. Stand the figures in the foreground, with the barriers separating them from the Bible. Add daily theme placard and offering plate.

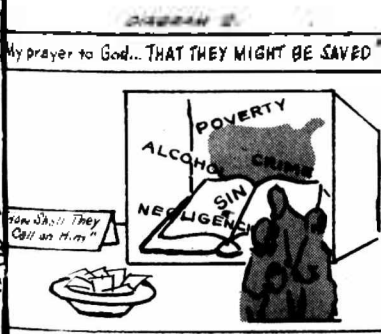
Thursday and Friday require a map. Feature it by putting it over one side of the table, and the large poster for the Bible with the cut-out figures on the other side.

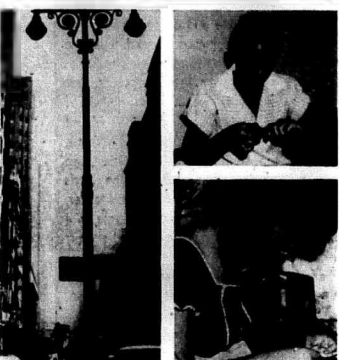
Music: Meditation music, played quietly for several minutes before time to start, helps prepare hearts and minds for messages. Women will be quiet and worshipful as they enter if you request it. The theme song, "That They Might Be Saved," could be ready, written on chalkboard or shelf-paper. Ask song leader to memorize the words. Ask musical reader to practice with the pianist a few times to help her read with feeling and understanding the closing meditation.

Each Day: Select those to participate with prayer and care; make assignments early. Personal testimonies and stories need to be read and reread so that the teller knows them as her own. The storyteller for Thursday will know her story so well she can give it as a personal experience.

Prayer Periods: Each day's suggestions are varied. Choose those who pray aloud ahead of time. Ask that each one pray briefly, but with concern, petitioning for specific needs.

Annie Armstrong Offering: Make the receiving of the Annie Armstrong Offering a time of worship for all. Be sure that each person receives an offering envelope. The one unmet need and the closing meditation each day should challenge to personal commitment and liberal giving.





Week of Prayer *That They Might Be Saved* for

MARCH 6-10, 1961

Annie
Armstrong
OFFERING GOAL:
\$2,470,000

DAILY SCHEDULE

Meditation Music (as women gather)
President calls meeting to order and presents chairman
Reading from Scriptures: Romans 10 1-15a
Call to Prayer, including calendar of prayer
Hymn "That They Might Be Saved"
Introduction by prayer chairman
Presentation of Home Mission Work
Closing Meditation:
Sing "How Long Must We Wait?"
An unmet need presented
Musical Reading—"No Longer Need They Wait"
Ingathering of Annie Armstrong Offering
Group standing while 2 Corinthians 6:2 is read

Theme for Week:

"My Prayer to God..
That They Might Be Saved

That They Might Be Saved

(Romans 10-1, 14-15a)

(True same as "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

by Floyce Moon

How shall they call on Him
In whom they've not believed?
How can He fill their hungry hearts,
Unless He is received?
Now millions in our land
Need Him with power to save.
My heart's desire and prayer to God
Is that they might be saved.

How to believe in Him
Of whom they have not heard?
How can He calm their doubts and fears
Unless they hear his Word?
The Master calls to them:
"Repent, believe, obey!"

My heart's desire and prayer to God
Is that they might be saved.

How shall they hear, our Lord,
God's own anointed One?
Someone to preach thy Holy Word,
To tell them of thy Son?
'Tis not thy will, O Lord,

That they be lost, depraved.
My heart's desire and prayer to God
Is that they might be saved.

How shall they preach, O Lord,
Except that they be sent?
O, how can sinners know Thy will
And of their sin repent?
Help me, O Lord, this day
To give, to work, and pray
That all may know Thy blessed will
And that they might be saved.

"NO LONGER NEED THEY WAIT"

Musical Reading

(Pianist plays "How Long Must We Wait?" Broadman Hymnal, 131, as the following words are spoken, not sung. Reader should emphasize the italicized words. Lines two and three are read as one, rather fast and with feeling.)

Long have they sought eternal life!
Can I sit idly by and say:
This is no concern of *mine*?
Souls are lost, sin is rife;
Millions know not our Friend Divine.

(Chorus)

No longer,
No longer need they wait.
Our *own* actions
Can *change* their terrible fate.
We can do *God's will* today;
We can *grieve, work, and pray.*
No longer need they wait.

Writer for Week: Mrs. N. B. Moon
Writer for Wednesday: Mrs. Ned P. King

MONDAY, March 6, 1961

How Shall They Call On Him?

Meditation Music: "Teach Me to Pray" and "Near to the Heart of God"

Call to Order

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-15a. Women seated reading silently, each from her own Bible.

Call to Prayer: Sing "Jesus Calls Us" Calendar of Prayer, page 22 Prayer

Hymn: "That They Might Be Saved," first stanza, page 37

Introduction by Prayer Chairman:

As two Russian boys waited on a street corner in Fort Worth one of them said, "You have a good idea, Pal. Let's go to a movie this Sunday afternoon."

"Sure. Nothing else in Ft. Worth for fellows like us." As they waited for the streetcar two well-dressed women walked up and one, knowing who the boys were, handed them gospel tracts in Russian.

"You have a special invitation to come to Sunday school this afternoon," one of them said. One of those boys became pastor of a small church in Fort Worth. Now his son is a missionary in South America.

Our task at home is near to us, as near as a lost person and as far away as the farthest outpost of Home Mission Board influence. The theme for this Week of Prayer for Home Missions is "My Prayer to God . . . That They Might Be Saved." This prayer should become personal and individual to every member of Woman's Missionary Society. Day by day we will consider barriers and hindrances to the gospel. We will be moved to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering, sharing in the work of 2107 missionaries. Our dollars, by the power

of the Holy Spirit will help us to pray that we may always keep mission work strong here in the homeland! Today we consider Good Will Centers, Rescue Homes, Sellers Home, and work with the migrants.

THE WISTFUL ONES

Millions of people are separated from the gospel by barriers of circumstances. Poverty, illness, alcohol, immorality, boredom, divorce, multiple marriages, desertion, and delinquency are only a few that face those who work in our Good Will Centers. "Peace on earth, good will to men" was the message of the angels long ago. In many of our blighted city areas there is neither peace nor good will toward men. Thousands call Christ's name only profanely; unwholesome homes breed unhappy, poorly-adjusted children.

The week-day program of our centers offers a great variety of opportunity for witnessing. Ninety thousand dollars of the 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering have been designated for Good Will Center work. Last year over a thousand people were won to Christ through 45 centers.

Rev. Duane Highlander became a pastor-missionary in Chattanooga, Tennessee two years ago. He ministers to people living in a Federal housing project, where the average family income is not more than \$150 a month. The housing area includes about four blocks of family apartments, with a population of 1,500, more than 1,000 of whom are under 20 years of age. This is in reality a 7-day-a-week program, combining regular church services with Good Will Center activities. Summer offers the "extras" of vacation Bible schools and day camps.

The Anna B. Johnning Christian Center in Washington, D. C. is a reality because of prayer

and money. It also ministers to people of low income, with poor health, some of whom have a record of low morals. Miss Edna Woolfer, our missionary at the center, reports that their new building is a "dream come true." One mother said she thought her young son had counted every brick in it, because he was so anxious for the Center to open.

It ministers to 14,000 people living in an eight-block-square housing project. "Walls look good from the outside, but there is great need inside," one man remarked. "But there is always sinful living within any walls unless people are changed from the inside by the love of God."

When Mrs. Minnell Graves went to the Good Will Center in Elizabethton, Tennessee, the good mountain folk told her, "We have been praying so long for a missionary to come and love us and tell us about Jesus." One of the few Christian mothers said, "Now we will have two full-time workers, for I will be the other one." She has literally kept that promise. Mrs. Graves reports, "She has gone with me into every home up the hills and down the hollows."

"During our Week of Prayer for Home Missions," the missionary says, "my people, who are so very poor, set a goal of \$75.00 for the Annie Armstrong Offering. The children were challenged to do without candy, ice cream, and gum. At the close of the week \$76.75 was counted!"

"Pray for the transforming power of the gospel in the lives of the children and parents in this needy Center in the mountains of east Tennessee," is the missionary's request.

Prayer Period

Pray for additional equipment for our Good Will Centers.

Pray for the man from Africa, a Moham-medan on a ship docked in New Orleans, who was given a Bible at Carver Center. Pray that through him God's Word may reach others, "that they might be saved."

WAIFS AND HOMELESS ONES

Nearly 2,000 waifs or homeless ones, found Christ last year in our Rescue Missions. When Grace, a typical example, and her husband de-partured of finding work in the state of Virginia, her son-in-law said, "There's plenty of work in New Orleans. Why don't you go there?" But in New Orleans they soon were stranded, without funds and a place to stay. In desperation Grace went to the Good Samaritan Home and her husband to the Men's Rescue Mission. There, at least, they had beds and meals for a brief time. Mrs. Leslie Borey, superintendent

of the woman's home, reported: "A few days later while talking together, Grace said, 'Wonder why we ever came to New Orleans; my husband can't seem to find work.' Shortly thereafter Grace's husband called to tell her that he had been saved the night before at the Men's Rescue Mission. Soon after this Grace, too, gave her heart to Christ. On Sunday, March 27, we watched both of them follow the Lord in baptism. Sitting in my office, Grace said, 'My husband still hasn't found work, but we've found something more important.'"

Prayer Period

Pray for Grace and her husband, for Clovis Brantley, superintendent, and Mrs. Noble Beall, field worker for mission centers.

Pray for Mr. Raymond Jee, at the Rescue Mission in New Orleans.

Pray for Mrs. Leslie Borey and co-workers at the Good Samaritan Home in New Orleans.

THE WOEFUL ONES

Malissa was one of the woeful ones who did not know how to call on Christ for help. When she was thirteen her quarreling, drinking mother deserted the home. This only child had to assume the mother role. Though her father loved her dearly, he did not guide or supervise her choice of companions. The lonely girl blindly sought love and affection. At seventeen, when she found that she was to have a child, a Christian friend helped her to find refuge at the Sellers Baby Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans. The Christian atmosphere was entirely new to the unhappy, unfortunate girl. She left her baby to be adopted. Sometime after her discharge she wrote that she had found the happiness she had always sought. This former, woeful, wretched girl became a willing follower of Christ's way of life.

Girls who seek help from the Sellers home are from all over the United States; some even come from foreign countries. The age range is from 13 to 40 years. Our missionaries make Sellers Home far more than a refuge for unwed mothers; theirs is a rehabilitation program. Prayerfully and patiently they guide in decisions. Last year 76 babies were placed in adoptive homes; only three girls chose to keep their infants.

Through the Annie Armstrong Offering a few years ago, a beautiful air-conditioned Baby Building was erected at this home. It was to house 26; already it has been "more than full" with 28 at one time. Through the offering this year we hope to complete the new Woman's Home unit.

The length of time a girl stays at this Home varies from three or four weeks to seven

SELLERS HOME



Capable personnel contribute greatly to efficiency of Home. Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie (top), Mrs. Lillian Robertson, Nannie Belle Cowart (center row), Mrs. Mallie Swatnam and Lucille H. Ladd (bottom row)

months, but up until now there has been in one dormitory one bath for ten expectant mothers! As many as six girls have been turned away in one week because "there was no room in the inn." The new unit will allow other unfortunate to receive Christian help when they are unwanted elsewhere. Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, director, says: "We offer a religious program that is conducive to helping the girls do something about the time they spend in our maternity home; and also to rebuild their lives in such a way that they will become happy, useful citizens and Christians who will really work for the Lord. . . Many girls have been able to rebuild their lives."

Prayer Period

Pray for Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie and her staff of workers, for the girls there now, for the babies and the homes to which they will bring fulfillment. Pray that God will cause us to be concerned to provide the things needed for maximum efficiency and blessing there.

THE WANDERING WAYFARERS

Not long ago Christian friends assembled for a unique home dedication. The Andrew Foster, veteran missionaries to the migrants, dedicated their new trailer house provided by the Annie Armstrong Offering. This is really a mobile mission center, as well as a home. It will travel thousands and thousands of miles, helping these two of our eleven missionaries to the migrants in their service for the Master among seasonal wanderers across our land.

Reuben Rios is a crop gatherer. After Reuben became a Christian he began teaching a class of Mexican Junior boys at a mission in Holla, Oklahoma. The preacher noticed their class offering was high. Reuben's envelope contained \$11. "Did you make a mistake, Reuben?" the missionary inquired. "No sir, that was my tithe from cotton picking," replied the young convert. After the service the preacher was getting clothing for a Mexican woman from the store-room. Reuben asked if he might have a pair of work shoes, "mine have holes in them." The missionary remembered the \$11 in Reuben's envelope. "How many Christians would give a tithe if he needed shoes?" the preacher wondered.

Since they were appointed in 1957, Rev. and Mrs. J. Ed Taylor have seen over 2000 wayfarers call on the Lord for forgiveness. "We find so many in need physically, too," Mr. Taylor says.

"They have no Social Security or unemployment compensation; neither do they have hospital insurance. Many do not have any type life insurance. We have had to help get the sick in hospitals and the dead buried.

Rev. Edward M. Straner, mission pastor in Florida, and his wife became intensely interested in migrant missions. Mrs. Straner says, "If you ever plan to spend a day following migrant missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bertis Fair, you'd better wear your comfortable shoes, and take a deep breath, for you'll have a busy day! The road may lead into the middle of a bean field where Brother Fair will hand out Gospels or tracts and answer questions about salvation as workers go about filling hampers with beans.

One year a young Brazilian student from Southwestern Seminary helped Mr. Taylor in his work. More than 40 cotton pickers in O-

hion fields made decisions for Christ. This zealous young student wrote: "One of the Mexicans who became a Christian told me one day, 'I am planning to go back to old Mexico to tell my folks about Jesus.' How marvelous are God's ways! He used a Brazilian to win Mexicans in the United States!" They, in turn, win others in their own country.

Mrs. Fair says, "Our very definite need is for greater support and co-operation from states, associations, and churches in a spiritual ministry to the migrants in their areas." Too many times they are as welcome in the community, and even in the church, as poison ivy! This is sometimes true of the welcome given to industrial migrants, also oil field workers, construction crews, pipeline workers. In many trailer camps there are hundreds of lost people. How shall they call on Him unless we go where they are and tell them of Christ, bring them to our churches or provide a mission for them?

Missionaries to the migrants can use material help, as well as prayer. One said, "You can help by sending good, clean clothing, new or used (no shorts, hats, or pocketbooks). We can use many health kits, too. They should contain: towel, washcloth, bar of soap, comb, toothpaste and toothbrush. A good way to pack them is in plastic bags. We can also use toys, recreational equipment, dress goods (yardage), Bible school supplies, Bibles and Testaments in English and Spanish.

Note: Send boxes to—
Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Fair, c/o Northside Baptist Mission, Belle Glade, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramirez, 6712 Tenth Street, Tampa 4, Florida.

Prayer Period

Pray for these missionaries to the migrants. Many times we feel that we have gone as far as we can go. Suddenly new strength comes to us, and we know that somewhere our friends are praying for us," they testify.

Directed Prayer: (The prayer chairman will present each request, then pause briefly as each person prays silently.)

1. Missionaries in Baltimore invited the three children of a Jewish merchant to vacation Bible school, but they were informed that the youngsters would be in camp all summer. Each time the missionaries went into the store they tried to be friendly, but they met coldness, aloofness. After several months the merchant began to talk and even to smile a little. One day the missionaries went into the store to buy some things for a baby in a needy home. As he wrapped the articles the Jewish man said, "I want to tell you something. We ap-

preciate what Canton Mission is doing in our community, and we will let you have anything you want at a 10 per cent discount."

Pray for these friends.

2. Pray for Marie, a Russian child in Miami, who has accepted Christ as her Lord. She was reached through kindergarten training at the Good Will Center; later as a Junior girl she made a profession of faith.

3. One young woman became interested in the Good Will Center through handwork. Her brothers had been attending Junior Boys Club. She accepted the invitation to join the Mothers Club, and enrolled her son in the Beginners Club. As she came each week for the handwork she heard Bible teaching. It was very difficult for her to make a decision for Christ, however. But after a whole year of struggle, she yielded her life to Him. Her ten-year-old daughter became a Christian, too. The mother is teaching a Sunday school class at the Center, and has already won several people to Christ. Pray that this Christian home may be completed when the father comes to know Christ as Saviour.

4. Pray for Mr. Daniel Golden and his family. This Jewish man, his German wife, and their five children attend the Mission in Baltimore. The mother was saved, but the father clung to his Jewish beliefs. A few years ago everyone in the family became ill; for an entire year one or the other of the family was in the hospital. Baptists responded to their need. Dur-

Look Toward April

Your missionary program topic for April is "His Herald's Will Proclaim." We will use this phrase from our hymn for the year "Christ for the Whole Wide World" as the name of the topic when we study Southern Baptist work in the countries of the Near East (except Israel), which includes Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza.

Begin now to collect materials from the Embassies of Lebanon and Jordan in Washington. At public libraries investigate the possibility of recorded music from this area of the world. Check in back issues of popular magazines such as NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.

ing the Christmas service at the Mission a film-strip about the birth of Christ was shown. The preacher asked if anyone was ready to give Christ the best gift—his life. David and Jean Golden, the oldest children, went forward. Mr. Golden saw them, stepped out in the aisle and almost ran to the front, tearfully accepting Christ as his Saviour. Pray for this family and their Christian witness; pray for thousands of Jews who do not know the Saviour and need to be won and trained for the Master.

Sing: "How Long Must We Wait?"

AN UNMET NEED

Mrs. Leslie Borey, superintendent of the Good Samaritan Home in New Orleans, says: "We desperately need more space if we are to reach more of these needy ones. We know that if Southern Baptists pray earnestly the

Lord will give us a new, adequate place to serve him. At the present time we can care comfortably for only 13 or 14 guests at a time. Several times during the last few months guests slept on mattresses on the floor. We simply will not turn anyone away who needs our help. We are leaving the source through which our needs will be met up to the Lord. As we well know, He is the real source through which all of our needs are met, material as well as spiritual.

"Pray that we soon will have a new building. Please pray for us, and we know the Lord will provide."

Musical Reading: "No Longer Need They Wait," see page 37.

Gathering of Annie Armstrong Offering, prayer of dedication of offering

Dismissal: (Group standing. Hidden voice reads 2 Corinthians 6:2.)

God's Way WITH US

by A. V. PICKERN, JR.

Home missionary in Espanola, New Mexico

While we were living in Louisiana our youngest boy, Mark, developed bronchial asthma and sinusitis. We carried him to the doctor almost constantly. Some months our drug bills ran to more than \$100.

Doctors told us that since he was not responding to the medicines a change to a high, dry climate was the only way to bring relief to him.

While we love our two boys very much, we also love the people of the steamy marshlands of Louisiana. To leave the great oak trees, the water, and the boats, and our french-speaking Indians!

But finally we communicated the doctor's advice to the Board and asked for a transfer to the West.

We prayed that He would find a way and that His will would be done. We asked that He might cure our child if He wanted it that way, and if not, to send us westward.

Immediately from Atlanta came protests. The Board said we were needed in Louisiana. We knew the work and the

people. For many reasons we should stay.

Weeks turned into months and almost a year passed. One morning as we talked about it we decided to wait one more week for the Board to act. We were leaving the next day for Florida where we would serve in Schools of Missions. If we had not heard when we returned we would know that we were not going to be transferred. My wife and I arose from prayer with our minds made up.

She made up a list of things that she needed from the grocer. I prepared to go for them. Before I could get out of the house the telephone rang. Mr. Gerald Palmer, director of missions in New Mexico, wanted us to come to his state. We have been here for almost a year.

Mark is well now. He has roses in his cheeks. He has not coughed or choked since we moved. Our drug bill has all but vanished. Each time we look at him we know that God answers prayer.



TUESDAY, March 7, 1961

How Shall They Believe in Him?

Meditation Music: "Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer" and "Have You Prayed It Through?"

Call to Order

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-15a. One woman reads aloud, the others following in their own Bibles.

Call to Prayer: Sing "I Would Be True" Calendar of Prayer, page 22 Prayer

Hymn: "That They Might Be Saved," stanzas 1, 2, page 37

Introduction by Prayer Chairman: We are looking at need today, using the topic "How Shall They Believe in Him?" There are those living among us who are isolated from a feeling of belonging because they are separated by barriers of religion; others are handicapped, like the deaf and blind; or they cannot communicate because of race or language. Recall the Jew, or the Mormon, the deaf or the Negro. All are sometimes "strange" to us and we do not know how to treat them—or knowing fail to do so.

Today we are going to hear the personal story of a former Mormon, a converted Jew, a deaf young man, a young man separated by language and race. Let us examine our attitudes as well as our efforts to witness to all lost people separated from God by barriers.

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

My Name Is Frances

My name is Frances. When I tell you that I live in Salt Lake City, you will not be surprised that at one time I was a Mormon. In our home my mother was a Latter Day Saint

(Mormon) and my father claimed no religion. His parents were Christian Scientists. I was sent regularly to Sunday school, and was baptized as a Mormon at age eight. As I grew older I was confused, insecure, and dissatisfied; no one had told me of Jesus and His saving love. How could I believe in Him?

"In young womanhood, I met and married a fine Christian. Even after we had three children I was still searching for something to make my life complete. Then tragedy struck our home. Our small son, nearly three, lost the sight of one eye and was faced with the possibility of losing the other.

"The doctors said that there was no record of a child with his disease living beyond 14 years. Perhaps that was what I needed to realize I must have Divine guidance.

"My husband helped me to find the Lord; then came the sudden realization of how many there were all around me in a lost condition. Years of my life had been wasted, for I had not been told of the saving power of Jesus. I knew that the Lord wanted me to serve him by working with youth. A Southern Baptist church was started in Salt Lake and we soon became active members.

"When a mission was located at Kearns, a few miles away, our family joined there. At first, meetings were held in the pastor's home; attendance increased so much that we knew we had to secure a larger place. My children offered their three bicycles and a \$55 savings account, their most cherished possessions, as collateral for a church loan. They even volunteered to contribute if necessary the family lawn mower, with which they made practically all their money. God answered our prayer and the church has prospered. Now we have a

beautiful sanctuary, not very large, but an attractive place to worship.

"A great joy of my life has been seeing young people accept the Saviour. We have seen all three of our children make professions of faith, and one to dedicate her life to vocational Christian service. Our son attended a boarding school for the blind for a couple of years. I studied very hard and learned Braille right along with him. Gradually the sight in his remaining eye became stronger; then he attended public school again, and made A's in his studies! Now he is 18, with sight fully recovered in his 'good eye.' He wears glasses, but that is about the only visible result of the disease. Our boys vie with each other for 'top honors' in school. Our daughter is active in Girls' Auxiliary and will soon be a Queen Regent."

Prayer Period

Pray for Frances and her family. Pray for her mother, sister and family who are still Mormons. She says, "It is so very hard to reach the ones you love most. They seem to have no respect for my religion. They have not persecuted me in any way, but still they have not believed in Christ. My sister is strong on genealogy; her four children have been baptized dozens of times for dead relatives, just in case they had not cared for the matter themselves! Please pray for my family and the thousands like them who are lost without Christ."

Pray for the work which Southern Baptists are trying to do; that we will send missionaries with adequate living salaries to lead in sponsoring missions in more than 100 cities without a Baptist witness.

My Name is Marcia

"My name is Marcia. I am a Jewess who has accepted Jesus as my Messiah. I grew up in a Jewish home and attended a Jewish Temple, but I learned early that the Jewish religion had nothing to bring peace to my heart. This was emphasized at the death of my father when I received no comfort from the Rabbi."

"At his work my husband knew a young man who belonged to a Baptist church. He invited us to attend with him. After we went several times, I began to read my Bible, especially the book of Isaiah. It made me realize that Jesus was the Messiah. We visited Rev. Edwin Hewlett, pastor of that church, and he explained the plan of salvation. It was then, June of 1959, that I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. Since that day my heart has been filled with great joy except for the fact that my family, especially my mother whom I love dearly, will not speak to me or have anything to do with

me because I have forsaken the Jewish religion. My prayer is that some day my family will have the joy and assurance of eternal life that I have found in Jesus. Perhaps the Lord will allow our baby to be the door that will open the hearts of my family."

"There are more than 5 million Jews in America today. Most of them are separated from the gospel by the barrier of religion, even as I was. Many are separated by barriers of unfriendliness and neglect, also."

When Miss Margaret Laswell, director of Jewish work for the St. Louis Association, was helping prepare for Jewish Neighbor Night in a church, she tried to convince the Baptists that they should invite Jewish friends. One woman said, "I have lived next door to a Jewish family for five years. We are very good friends. We talk about everything, our new hats, our homes, our children, but we do not discuss religion; she has hers and I have mine."

"What is the most important thing that ever happened to you?" Miss Laswell asked. Without hesitation the Baptist woman replied, "The day Jesus came into my heart."

"Yet you talk with your Jewish neighbor about your new hat and your children, but you never discuss the most important event that ever happened to you. Why is that?" Humbly the neighbor replied, "I will go now and invite her." When the invitation was extended, the Jewish friend replied, "For five years I have known you had something I did not have, and I've wondered why you did not tell me about it. Will I hear about it in your church?"

Mr. William B. Mitchell, director of Jewish work for the Home Mission Board says, "These people are lost, just as lost as the people in darkest Africa, benighted India, or Communist China who have not accepted Jesus as Saviour. There is an allocation of \$10,000 for Jewish work included in the Annie Armstrong Offering."

"I am just one example of a Jewess who has found the Messiah," says Marcia. "It has been my privilege this year to grow in grace, in knowledge of the Lord, and to serve him as a GA counselor. There are many Jewish people who feel as I did, that their religion has nothing to offer. Many are waiting for some Baptist friend to invite them to attend their church."

Prayer Period

Pray for Dr. William B. Mitchell as he leads in our work with Jewish people. Pray that we Baptists may be more friendly to our Jewish neighbors and try to influence them for Christ.

My Name is Billy Bob

"My name is Billy Bob. I am the only deaf student attending California Baptist College in Riverside, California. Though I was born in Oklahoma, California is really my home, for my parents moved here when I was small. At first I had normal hearing. I played with friends, attended public school. Then at six I became deaf. My parents could not understand this at all. They took me to California School for the Deaf at Berkeley. I was afraid of the boys and girls there; slowly I made friends and was happy."

"One day I received a letter that was to change all my life. It was an invitation to attend Calvary Baptist Church in Berkeley. Rev. and Mrs. Glen C. Prock were teaching and interpreting for the deaf there. When I asked my father's permission to go to the church he said, 'Yes, you may go.'"

"Everything was entirely new to me. I had to learn the route to the church; I had to find the room for the deaf class. A kind man introduced me to Mrs. Prock. Mr. Prock was away in the northern part of the state doing other work with the deaf. I became interested in the church, but I also became very puzzled. I did not understand what 'being a Christian' meant. I really tried to understand, but at first it meant nothing at all to me. Later when Mr. Prock came home he explained salvation to me. He had helped his own daughter and many other deaf people to be saved, so he knew how to help me. When I understood, how happy I

was! I wanted everyone to know that I knew Christ as my Saviour."

"Mr. Prock must have had a lot of confidence in me. He asked me if I would preach to the deaf at Calvary Baptist Church. I replied, 'Yes, I will be glad to preach.' It was a very nervous Billy Bob that spoke that day."

"Deep in my heart I felt God had called me to preach to deaf people. That night I could not sit quietly; I just had to tell Rev. James Ray Reach that God had called me to be a preacher. I could tell that my father was proud of me and that his tears, too, were for joy. Most of my friends were surprised that I was to be a minister."

Rev. Jackson Roddy, superintendent of missions to the deaf prior to his going to the Canal Zone, says that there is probably no greater missionary opportunity than in the teaching profession among the deaf.

He says, "We need at least one state worker with the deaf in each state, a person who can give full time to the particular needs of the deaf. These workers not only preach to the deaf; they discover where the deaf are, find a church willing to sponsor work with them, find interpreters and try to make the work an integral part of the church."

"Please pray for me and other young people like me," is Billy Bob's request. Pray that God will call more people into very definite service with those who are separated from the gospel by physical handicaps.

WORKERS WITH THE DEAF

Teaching the deaf to hear with their eyes is challenging work for Mr. Joseph Porter Newton (far r), Mr. and Mrs. David Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Prock



My Name is Hattie

"I am Hattie, a Negro girl who found Christ in a yard in Miami. Miss Rosa Lee Franks, director of the Baptist Good Will Center, was teaching vacation Bible school in a backyard. Often she and her helpers win people to Christ on porches and yards or streets, wherever they hold meetings. Now classes for Negroes are provided regularly at the Center on certain days of the week. During a revival at the Center I publicly professed Christ, was baptized and became a charter member of my church, organized from the first converts of that revival. I had the great privilege of attending the Florida State YWA Assembly. Prayerfully and tremblingly I gave my personal testimony there."

There is an allocation of \$154,000 of the 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering for work with National (Negro) Baptists. The Home Mission Board co-operates in their organized work in 15 states, 47 cities, and the District of Columbia. This includes stewardship, Christian education, and evangelism, vacation Bible schools, kindergartens, Good Will Centers, summer camps, scholarships, and simultaneous revivals. Negro students participate in the Summer Mission program on the same basis as white students. At a recent meeting the Home Mission Board voted to establish a fund of \$100,000 for loans for Negro churches. One of the major works of the Board with Negroes is through teacher-missionaries.

JUVENILE WORK ADVANCES

Southern Baptist juvenile work is expanding and the Home Mission Board again meets the need of the day. A characteristic of Home Mission Board work is that it changes to meet need. This is splendid for it means the personnel of the Board must examine and re-examine their program continually.

Whenever a field can be more fruitfully handled by state, association, locally, the Board is often the first to recognize this need and suggest changes.

Because of this line of co-operative spirit, juvenile work is taking a new turn. Lincoln D. Newman was appointed as the first state juvenile missionary and he is not only employed by the Home Mission Board but the state of Mississippi and Hinds County Baptist Association in that state where the rehabilitation program will be set up. Mr. Newman will serve as liaison between the court, the church, and the child. He will follow the pattern already established by the Board in thirty cities of the Convention: sponsorship of juveniles by Christian families who seek to enlist the child and his family in church life.

Prayer Period

"Pray that I may know and do God's will for my life," Hattie requests. "Pray that many of my people will find Christ." Pray for Mr. Guy Bellamy and Mr. Victor Glass as they work with National Baptists.

My Name is Juan

"My name is Juan. I go to Friendship Center in Tucson, Arizona. Perhaps I am typical of the millions in the United States who are separated from the gospel by barriers of background, language, and race. Our Center ministers to many. There are some Chinese, Polish, Italian, French, Dutch, German, Czechoslovakian, Spanish, Mexican, Indian, as well as Anglo folk here too. A year and a half ago Miss Helen Lambert, who was for many years at the Baltimore Good Will Center, and Mrs. Mildred Ritcheson started classes for boys and girls in our neighborhood. Some of us really gave them a bad time, for at each meeting a large group of boys, Junior and Intermediate ages, refused to go inside. We yelled, threw rocks at the building, and even inside, too! I'm ashamed to tell it now, but we kicked the doors, spat on them, called the missionaries ugly names, and wrote terrible words on the building. Miss Lambert and her co-worker asked people to pray that we would be saved. We continued that terrible disturbance and destruction for two months, making the work as difficult as we could. Miss Lambert said later, 'But we knew those boys were going to be won for Christ, because the people were faithful in praying for them.' And she was right about me.

"Finally we decided to go to the boys' meetings. Now I have accepted Christ as my Saviour. Why could I not believe before? I had not heard. Now that I have been saved I am truly sorry for all the trouble we caused."

One day a Mexican plastering contractor went to the Friendship Center to ask if he might get water to do some work at the warehouse next door. The missionaries were happy to give him permission, and, thinking he was in a hurry, they just gave him a couple of tracts in Spanish and in English, but he began to talk. He asked what our buildings were used for, and inquired about the various activities of the Center.

Miss Lambert says, "The Holy Spirit spoke to us. 'He is not in a hurry. Talk to him about his soul,' so we began." He said he was not a Christian, so they invited him to sit down and read from the Bible. He immediately reached for a chair and sat down. The missionaries pointed out in the Scriptures the plan of salvation, and he read eagerly. Often he would

stop and inquire, "What does that mean?" It thrilled the hearts of the missionaries to see his great eagerness to be a follower of Christ! After they had read and discussed the Scriptures at length, she asked "Would you be willing to pray and ask God to forgive you of all your sins, and trust Christ as your Saviour and Lord of your life?" He replied unhesitatingly, "As we have been reading, I have been praying: I have already turned my life over to Jesus. Thank you for showing me the way." They rejoiced together and had a prayer of thanksgiving, asking God to help him grow strong in service. "But I have no Bible," he said. How thankful the missionaries were that people had given them new Bibles, and they could present one to him. As a result of this man's witness, one Mexican family comes regularly.

Millions in our land are separated from the gospel by language barriers. Southern Baptists have work among many nationalities. Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Fail work at La Vida Chapel in Redlands, California primarily with Spanish-speaking. In reality it is international. They have brown, black and white all working and winning together.

Rev. Joshua Grijalva's work with the Spanish-speaking in Colorado is typical of those separated from the gospel by both the barrier of language and the barrier of religion. In a recent letter he says, "Slowly but firmly he tore the heavy crucifix from his neck, and as he placed it in my hand he said, 'I guess I won't need this any more, Brother Grijalva. You see, from now on I'll trust Jesus to bear my burdens.' This was the climax, the hour of salvation for Mr. Valdez, who with his wife and four others followed Christ in baptism at the close of our revival last Spring."

Prayer Period

Pray for Juan and the other boys who once were disturbers instead of helpers.

Pray that the parents of boys, girls, and young people who have been saved, will permit them to be baptized and that the parents will soon be won also.

Pray for Miss Lambert, Mr. Grijalva and others who work so sacrificially for the Lord. Pray for the Mexican plasterer and his family. Pray that the Chinese groceryman and wife, who live across the street from Friendship Center, will soon be saved.

Sing "How Long Must We Wait?"

AN UNMET NEED

Friendship Center in Tucson, Arizona, needs a new building. They are using an old, very small one, next door to a warehouse. The base-

ment has already been condemned.

"Please pray that soon we can get a larger building," Miss Helen Lambert says, "so that we can take care of more people and do better witnessing for our Lord. The Lord's work is hindered by lack of room!"

Musical Reading: "No Longer Need They Wait," page 37

Ingathering of Annie Armstrong Offering, prayer of dedication of offering

Dismissal: (Group standing. Hidden voice reads 2 Corinthians 6:2)

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Wednesday:

THE SAME LORD OVER ALL

last spring with a degree in elementary education. This would not have been possible except for the generous hearts of Baptist women.

I hope and earnestly pray that I shall be able in some small measure to repay the trust and love placed in me through the teaching of little children. I want to be the kind of Christian teacher who—by my influence—can be a light for Jesus. (Stands by Japanese)

(Mr. and Mrs. Envelope come quickly up on the platform as soon as Latin American is in place. As the Envelopes arrive, the Brown family stands. This puts six language characters on stage right—the offering envelopes in the center—and the family on stage left—all facing congregation.)

MR. ENVELOPE: Tonight, we have given you a quick glimpse of your Home Mission Board's program among language groups in America. You and millions of other Southern Baptists are helping to send the glad tidings of Jesus Christ to them through tithes and offerings you are giving through your local churches to the Cooperative Program and to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Doesn't it thrill your hearts to realize that you are having a part in such a marvelous witness? Our offering goal this year is \$2,470,000. This is 13 per cent more than was given last year. Will you help us to reach this goal?

Our prayer to God is that Southern Baptists will so give, so witness, so pray—that the day will surely come when all America shall call upon the name of Jesus Christ: the same Lord over all!

(The Envelopes join hands with the language groups and the family)

Special Music: "That They Might Be Saved," page 37

Ingathering of Annie Armstrong Offering
Closing Prayer by Pastor

WEDNESDAY



The Same Lord Over All

Song: "From Ocean Unto Ocean," No. 450, Baptist Hymnal

Introduction by WMU President

Scripture Reading: Pastor reads Romans 10:1-15a

Prayer: Use Call to Prayer

Solo or Quartette: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Playlet: "The Same Lord Over All"

Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Ingathering of Annie Armstrong Offering

Closing Prayer by pastor

CAST OF CHARACTERS

MR. BROWN—father

MRS. BROWN—mother

SALLY—Junior girl

JUNIOR—Primary boy

MR. ENVELOPE—in dark suit, with regular church and Annie Armstrong envelopes pinned all over it.

MRS. ENVELOPE—in dark dress, with regular church and Annie Armstrong envelopes pinned all over it.

CONY MICCO—woman in Seminole Indian costume

IRENE ONG—woman in Chinese costume

REV. JOHN O. JOHNSON—missionary to French

ANNA LOU ZERBA—Latin American girl in sweater and skirt, carrying books

ANGELO FORTI—Italian man in business suit

YOSHIKO SHICA—girl in Japanese costume

Note: Costumes will make the playlet much more colorful.

STAGING DIRECTIONS

Adapt this playlet to your needs. You may want to omit one of the language groups or use women instead of men. This can be done without too much difficulty. If you use this program Wednesday morning, adapt the family group into a group of women discussing what they are going to give and have someone wonder about the use of the offering, etc.

On Platform: A dining room. Dining table is set for four on stage left—flowers in center of table.

Properties: Four pairs of frames for glasses without lenses, family Bible, bowl of flowers, dining table—set for four, soup tureen or covered vegetable dish.

In Congregation: During prayer or from beginning of service, language characters should be seated scattered through auditorium. Seminole, Chinese and Japanese on right side (introduced by Mr. Envelope), French, Italian and Latin American on left (introduced by Mrs. Envelope). They move to platform and speak on stage right—then, remain on platform until all speakers are through and Mr. and Mrs. Envelope join them.

THE SAME LORD OVER ALL

(Scene: A dining room. Dining table is set for four. Bowl of flowers in center of table. Family Bible at Father's place.)

(Mother enters carrying a soup tureen or covered vegetable dish. After placing it on table, she arranges table.)

MOTHER: Everybody to the table! Supper's ready!

(Junior enters at a run)

JUNIOR: Here I come! (As mother starts to ask) Yep, they're clean. Boy, am I hungry!

(Sally enters)

SALLY: Oh, goodie, Mother! I saw the chocolate cake I asked for in the kitchen (Hugs her mother.) Thanks, Mom! (Calls off stage) Come on, Daddy, we all beat you to the table.

(Daddy enters, smiling)

JUNIOR: (To Sally) You're a slowpoke! (All sit down—Daddy opens Bible and turns to selected passage)

JUNIOR: Uh! Daddy, uh, would you kinda pick something short, tonight? I sure am starved!

SALLY: (Disgusted) Junior!

MOTHER: That will do, children. (Children settle down) Now, I believe we're ready, Bill.

DADDY: Tonight, I am going to read Romans 10:12 through 15 (He reads with expression—they all listen—Mother leans forward listening keenly)

MOTHER: You know, Bill, it is strange that you should choose that passage to read tonight. It is our Scripture meditation each morning this week at the church. It's been on my mind all day!

DADDY: This Bible passage is certainly appropriate for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, isn't it? (Mother nods)

MOTHER: (Reaches for open Bible) We have studied the foreign language groups living right here in America. As we read this Scripture passage (points to Bible) I asked myself if first of all, I really believe that the Lord is the same Lord over all who call upon Him!—the Greek—and the Jew? We all quickly answered, "Yes!" Then, we read these verses again silently, and were asked, "How shall the Italians who live in our midst, the French, Germans, Russians, and Indians here in the United States call on the Lord of whom they have not heard? And, how shall they hear, unless we, as Southern Baptists, realize our God-given responsibilities and take them the glad tidings that Jesus is the same Lord over all who believe and call upon Him!" Finally, we were asked, "What have you done to tell your foreign neighbor about Jesus?" I have been burdened all afternoon by that question! (Sally looks at family) I want us to give more

than we've ever given before to the Annie Armstrong Offering this year. Do you remember that last verse? "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace." . . . I want our family to take the gospel to those in our own land who don't know the Saviour. That's one thing we can do for our foreign neighbors.

SALLY: Oh, Mother, I would love to feel that we had a part in winning someone—like Jose (Ho-ray), the Mexican boy in my class.

JUNIOR: Remember that Chinese man in the restaurant downtown where you always eat, Daddy? Do you suppose he's a Christian?

DADDY: Son, I am ashamed to tell you that I don't know. Mary, I think it will be a fine thing for all of us to give more to the Annie Armstrong Offering this year. As you all know, we also increased our church pledge when I received my salary increase in January. I will admit that I have sometimes wondered why we give offerings to win people right here at home. With all the churches in America, it seems that anybody could become a Christian if he wanted to.

JUNIOR: But, Daddy, didn't God's Word say they can't believe 'cause they haven't heard—and, they won't hear until we send them a preacher?

DADDY: Yes, Son, that's exactly what it says! And, it is clear to me now that he meant in America as well as across the sea! Your mother is right in feeling that God has placed the responsibility of witnessing to these foreign language groups squarely upon us. I am going to ask Mr. Chen tomorrow if he is a Christian, Junior. And, our Annie Armstrong Offering, along with the Cooperative Program, will take the gospel to those we do not know.

SALLY: Wouldn't it be fun to follow our offerings? I wish we could see where our money goes—and meet somebody who has been won through our Home Mission program.

(Mr. and Mrs. Envelope enter quickly and stand behind family at table.)

MR. ENVELOPE: Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Brown! Hello, Sally and Junior! Thank you Sally, for asking us to come!

DADDY: (stands up puzzled—Sally is amazed, as is everyone) Who are you? W-Where did you come from?

MRS. ENVELOPE: We're the offering envelopes—Cooperative Program—and Annie Armstrong!

MOTHER: And, you say Sally asked you to come?

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Remont (top row), Mr. and Mrs. James Phelps work among French, Rev. Chester Murphy ministers to Italians, Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Kim lead Korean church



FRENCH-SPEAKING and Other Language Groups



MR. ENVELOPE: Yes, when she wished she could follow your offerings!

JUNIOR: You sure have funny names—and clothes! What's in all those envelopes?

MRS. ENVELOPE: Your family's tithes and offerings, Junior. Through us, the money you give to your local church goes all across America and all around the world.

MR. ENVELOPE: You wondered how your Home Mission Board is winning and witnessing to the foreign language groups in our land; and you wished you could meet someone who has been won to Jesus through Southern Baptist home missionaries.

MRS. ENVELOPE: So, if you will sit down, Mr. Brown, we want to show you some direct results of your Home Mission dollars!

MR. ENVELOPE: Now, so you can see properly, we've brought you some "far-vision" glasses. Will you put them on?

(He hands family four pairs of glasses without lenses which they put on.)

SALLY: Are they magic?

JUNIOR: They look like plain old eye glasses to me.

MR. ENVELOPE: You wait and see, Junior. Ready? First, look—and follow me as I go to sunny Florida!

(He walks out into congregation—on right side—to place where Seminole Indian is seated. When he is opposite her, she stands—when she is introduced she quickly moves up to platform to opposite side of family and speaks, where she remains standing. Mr. Envelope follows her down the aisle but he remains on floor level at his side of platform. This same procedure is true for Mrs. Envelope and the speakers on her side. These "language characters" should walk quickly to platform.)

(As each speaker finishes, Mr. or Mrs. Envelope should move, while talking to next speaker.)

MR. ENVELOPE: In the mysterious Everglades of Florida live one of the most colorful tribes of Indians in our land, the Seminoles. Junior, do you remember studying about them?

JUNIOR: Yes, sir! Am I going to see a real live Indian? Oh, boy!

MR. ENVELOPE: You surely are! With dollars you are sending through the Cooperative Program, and the Annie Armstrong Offering, you are sending missionaries to more than 25,000 Indians in Southern Baptist Convention territory. I want you to meet Miss Cody Micco, a Seminole Indian. She will tell you her story.

(Seminole, who stood when Mr. Envelope reached her, now moves quickly to platform and gives her speech.)

SEMINOLE INDIAN, CODY MICCO: I am grateful for the opportunity to tell Southern Baptists how thankful I am for the Annie Armstrong Offering which made it possible for me to receive a scholarship to Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida.

What have Southern Baptist offerings meant to me? Through your gifts, Seminole Indians were sent a missionary who explained John 3:16 to people like me "For God so loved . . . that he gave . . . that I, Cody Micco, might be saved!"

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, Christmas Day, 1952. Since then I have been busy in my church working as Sunday school superintendent, vacation Bible school principal, Training Union leader, and GA and Sunbeam director.

If you had not cared enough to send me the gospel of Jesus, I would be lost today. Now, I am trying to stay with my people so I can teach them more about God's love. Won't you pray for Indians all across our land—that they shall hear the name of the Lord and be saved?

MRS. ENVELOPE: (Walks to place where French missionary is seated on left side.)

Mrs. Brown, you asked how the French would hear unless you sent a preacher. Let me introduce to you one of the missionaries you are sending to the 700,000 French: Rev. John O. Johnson from Belle River, Louisiana.

MISSIONARY TO FRENCH, REV. JOHN JOHNSON: (Moves to platform.)

When my wife and I were sent by the Home Mission Board to Belle River, a French community of about 6,000, there were no Baptists there at all. One day we met Ernest Breaux (Brough).

Mr. Breaux owned and operated a dance hall. Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux (Tih-o-dough) had talked with him some years before about trusting Jesus, but he would not give up his dance hall business. However, the words of Mr. Thibodeaux stayed in his heart.

Mr. Breaux began visiting the mission occasionally. Because he was a deputy sheriff, the people said that he came to watch the Sunday traffic at the ferry across the road from the mission. Although he came often, he did not make a profession of faith in Jesus.

It was not until June, 1953, that a revival was held at Belle River Baptist Mission. Mr. Breaux attended the meeting one night, coming moments before the invitation hymn was sung. During the invitation he came forward professing Jesus as his Saviour. During the week he came forward three times. He really wanted a better way of life. Mr. Breaux was our first convert.

Much has come to pass during the following years to bear out his conversion. His wife and two older daughters are now Christians. His wife teaches in the mission. He is a faithful tither and supporter of the mission in every way.

Christ in his life made the difference! "For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him!" (Stands next to Indian.)

MR. ENVELOPE: (moving quickly to place where Chinese is seated, Chinese stands):

Now, let's go across the country to Arizona! Mr. Brown, you wanted to win your Chinese friends—you are doing just that—through your tithes and offerings. In Phoenix, Irene Ong is waiting to tell you about your Chinese work. (Chinese moves quickly to platform.)

CHINESE, IRENE ONG: "How beautiful were Southern Baptist feet . . . the day you first brought the gospel to the Chinese in Phoenix, Arizona!"

How would we have heard about Jesus if you had not brought us the glad tidings of salvation?

I am a member of the First Chinese Baptist Church. Over 20 years ago our work was organized. First, we met on Sunday afternoons in the Central Baptist Church, which supported our work. In 1949 home missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Stanley came to lead us. They are the finest Christians in the whole world!

In 1951, with funds made available through the Annie Armstrong Offering, the Home Mission Board purchased a building which had been a Jewish synagogue. I still remember how large the building seemed to all of us. But not for long! As the Sunday school grew, we began to need every available space. Even hallways became classrooms. In May, 1958, our new educational building was dedicated. We were given money once again from the Annie Armstrong Offering to purchase the land and finance half the construction. Our Chinese people gave the rest.

Missionaries to our homeland have always remarked how difficult it is to win Chinese adults. We also have been grieved here in America that so few Chinese adults seemed interested in hearing the gospel. In recent years, however, many of those added to our church are adults won through our Chinese-speaking revivals.

We are deeply thankful to you who have given sacrificially through your Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Offerings, and for your devoted praying. (Takes her place next to French.)

MRS. ENVELOPE: (Walks to place where Italian is seated, Italian stands): In Birmingham, Ala-

bama, many Italian Americans have heard about Jesus through your Southern Baptist missionaries at the Good Will Center and now, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Angelo Foti, would you tell the Brown family how you were won?

ITALIAN, ANGELO FOTI (Moves to platform to give speech):

Through the Good Will Center in Ensley, Alabama, I was won to Christ.

Although the Catholic Church would never allow its members to go to a Baptist mission or church, Italian children did attend the Good Will Center in Ensley.

I doubt that I ever would have known Jesus as my personal Saviour if it had not been for the patient witness of Rev. A. Pucciarelli, who was then the Southern Baptist missionary to the Italians in Birmingham. Four or five times a week we studied the Bible together. We became close friends, the missionary and I.

Your tithes and offerings have blessed me personally in many ways. First, of course, you sent Mr. Pucciarelli. My own family was won in the Good Will Center and the Emmanuel Baptist Church! Then, through your Cooperative Program, I also was privileged to witness for Christ to my Italian friends.

For many years several of us went with the missionary to different Italian communities in the Birmingham area. We would string up some lights, place chairs out in the open and start preaching! It was strictly mission work for Christ, made possible by Southern Baptists who wanted Italians to be saved.

Thank you, with all my heart, for sending the Good News to me. (Stands by Chinese)

MR. ENVELOPE (walking down aisle to where Japanese is seated): Next, to see your mission dollars in action, we'll go to California. Miss Yoshiko Shiga is a summer worker in the Baptist International Mission in East Fresno. She wants to tell you about a family that has yet to make a decision for Christ.

JAPANESE, YOSHIKO SHIGA (moves to platform): How I thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to tell the greatness of a true and living God to my own Japanese people! Over 140,000 Japanese live in this country.

May I please tell you of a Japanese family who attends the Buddhist Temple here in Fresno? The father came to the United States from Fukuoka, Japan, in 1900. His wife joined him in 1919. During the war they were interned and often forced to separate.

This is a family of the old and the new! The parents speak almost no English, but the children, who are all grown, speak little Japanese. Grace, their daughter who works in an Orient-

tal shop, gradually has become my friend. We visit together and occasionally attend a Japanese movie.

Paul, her brother, plays his Japanese records for me. As we listen, I often tell him about the mission. He attends the Buddhist Temple sometimes, but not so much to worship as to have social contact with other Japanese young people.

George, the oldest brother, heard about the gospel when he was in the armed services. I can tell that he is very interested in Christianity, but he is not a Christian—yet!

The little mother and I have spent precious moments together. One day, as I was talking to her about our homeland, I mentioned that I had some slides of Japan. She was so thrilled! "Perhaps, I can invite all my children and their families here so you can show them. They've never seen Japan, you know," she said.

Always, in all ways, I am praying and seeking opportunities to witness to this lost Buddhist family. How they need Jesus!

Won't you pray that this family and all of my beloved people may hear the message that Christ is our Saviour, if we accept Him as our Lord—over all! (Stands next to Italian.)

MRS. ENVELOPE (walks to place where Latin American is seated. She stands): Now, we are deep in the heart of . . . Texas! Sally, many Latin Americans like Jose (Ho-zay), who is in your class, have been won already by the witness of our Home Mission Board. And through the love offerings of Woman's Missionary Union, many of our language groups receive scholarships. For a last look out in the field, we want you to meet Anna Lou Zerda who has just graduated from the University of Corpus Christi. She is one of the 4 million Spanish-speaking people in our land.

LATIN AMERICAN, ANNA LOU ZERDA (moves to platform): I am of Latin American descent and I was reared in Breville, Texas. Since my father is dead, my mother has had to support her six children alone. Although she has not complained, she has had many difficulties. But, how good God has been to me!

In the First Mexican Baptist Church in Breville, I was converted on February 5, 1948. Rev. Jonas Gonzales was the pastor at the time.

How my life changed when I met Jesus! Soon after I joined the church, I began teaching a Sunday school class; I became a Sunday worker; a choir member and a YWA member.

The most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me was the scholarship I was awarded by the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas to the University of Corpus Christi. I graduated

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THURSDAY, March 9, 1961

How Shall They Hear?

Meditation Music: "Lord, for Tomorrow and Its Needs" and "Breathe on Me" as women pray regarding information for Thursday printed in folder.

Call to Order

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-15a. To be read responsively.

Call to Prayer: Sing "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart"

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Prayer

Sing: That They Might Be Saved," stanzas 1, 2, 3

Preparation for Today: Use the best storyteller available. She sits at the front holding a large book which has been covered with a paper jacket and the title, "How Shall They Hear?" printed on the jacket. She seems to be reading a story. Two hidden voices read letters included in the story. Distribute as women enter written prayer requests. Women will pray unannounced as the story progresses.

Story HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?

"He made it, Mom! He was appointed!" Jan's flushed face spoke much more than her words. Pam Craddock's flour-covered hands were carefully placing rolls in a gleaming glass baking dish. She always prepared a special dinner on her day off from the office.

"Do you mean Dink, dear?"

"Yes, of course! He's been accepted on the Mountain Youth Team for this summer. His letter about it is most interesting."

"Glad she's reading that shrimp's scribbling. I couldn't," Les interrupted. Jan disregarded her brother's remark.

"That's wonderful! What kind of work will

he do, Jan?" asked Mother.

"He's the evangelist for the team; there will be an advance worker, a song leader and a pianist, too."

"Hope the pianist is a dazzling blonde!" Jan's eyes sparkled as she laughed at her brother.

"Wrong this time, Les! He is a big husky brunet." There was good comradeship between these two despite the fact that their interests had been so very different for the last few years. Jan was entering Georgetown College in the fall; Les was to attend the University of Alaska all summer, then back to graduate at Georgetown in the spring.

"This will be one dull place this summer, with Les in Alaska and Dink up in the mountains."

"Remember, Jan, you will be quite busy getting ready for college this fall," consoled her mother.

"You're gonna miss me when I'm gone," chanted Les.

Soon Mr. Craddock came home from the office.

"Jeepers, Dad! Who do you know in Cuba?"

Les had hardly given his father time to wash for dinner. "You have two letters from there."

"That's easily explained, Son. I just wrote two Cuban pastors whom we met when we visited Havana."

"Don't we have some colored slides of Cuba, Dad?" Jan asked.

"Yes, I have very good pictures of our mission work there taken three years ago. I plan to use them in our Brotherhood meeting. Here's what Dr. Caudill's letter says. You remember he's superintendent of Cuba work."

Hidden Voice: "Conditions are very favorable for mission work in Cuba. We have never had more freedom than we do now, and the work

is going forward. I wish you could have been with me sometime ago for a service in the Perez home. Maria Perez first became interested in the gospel through the radio ministry of the Baptist Hour from Havana. We planned to have that service outside, but the weather was drizzly and cool, so more than 70 people crowded into her small house. Now Maria, her husband, and several of her children have been converted. This section of town has been neglected. About 30,000 people live here, so the Home Mission Board has built and equipped a small, thatched chapel.

"Our greatest mission field is Havana where the work is growing, but buildings are inadequate. As soon as workers are available we want to get new missions started. We need to enlarge the Seminary. Pray that adequate dormitory and library space may be provided.

"At the Cuban Old Folks Home we have a new chapel built with Home Mission Board funds. Because of the generosity of the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are to build what we hope will be the first unit of a great hospital.

"Another need of Baptist work in Cuba today is for more ministers to preach the gospel."

THE NEXT DAY at lunch Jan told Leda about her excitement over Dink's appointment, and about the letters from Cuba.

"It's a real pity for people to waste their talents as missionaries. Nobody appreciates them," was Leda's caustic remark. A startled Jan finished her sandwich in silence, not knowing what to say.

"It's nearly one o'clock," Leda said. "I must hurry back to the office, Jan. Please excuse me."

As Jan walked slowly back to work she prayed, "Please, Father, give me another chance with Leda and help me to know what to say to her."

It was hard for the other Craddocks as time drew near for Les to go to Alaska for the summer.

"You'd think I was going to Africa or Malaya instead of the 48th state! Hand me those books, Jan, and I'll have everything." Soon they were headed for the airport.

Les flew to the West Coast; at Seattle he boarded a plane for Anchorage where he visited the Baptist headquarters, as he had promised his parents he would do.

In his first letter home Les sent information on Alaska for Jan's Training Union.

Hidden Voice: "Pastors come and go in Alaska. They miss the fellowship and encouragement of other pastors—distances are so great and transportation very difficult. The nearest Bap-

tist pastor to Ketchikan is at Sitka, 200 air miles away and the village of Kwituk is 530 air miles from Anchorage, the closest town with a Baptist church. It costs a lot to live in Alaska. One pastor in Fairbanks is paying \$170 a month for a small one bedroom apartment. Most of the groceries have to be shipped in, so food prices are high, too. Pastors have to work at other jobs to make ends meet. Almost every church is built with volunteer labor, with the pastor as construction engineer.

"It is discouraging too to keep on preaching without seeing results. The missionary at Fort Yukon labored three years without one baptism. Our mission at Haines was started more than four years ago, and until a recent revival there had been little response.

"When pastors resign, it is sometimes years before another can be secured.

"Baptists have all kinds of church buildings in Alaska. They have lovely ones, Quonset huts, barracks, and log chapels."

Several weeks later Les wrote that he had joined a Baptist church.

Mother held back the tears as she thought of Les so far away. His letters did not sound homesick, but she was anxious for him to be home again. He wrote:

Hidden Voice: "I visited 34 Mile Mission recently. There were about 50 people there. The North Pole church recently acquired a Quonset hut. All these contacts have caused me to examine my own life and my own future. Do you remember the Willie Johnsons, Mom? I believe you met this Eskimo couple at the convention in Miami last May. Sometimes I think God wants me to serve him here. Really though, I know he can use another good Christian lawyer in Kentucky!"

ONE Wednesday night after prayer service the three Craddocks were discussing their vacation.

"Daddy, do you and Uncle Frank still want to be missionary medics? I think that's a selfish idea, don't you, Mom, for them to go off without us? You and I probably couldn't go along."

"Daddy and Uncle Frank want to help the Cuna Indians on the San Blas Islands, Jan. As a dentist your father would find plenty to keep him busy there, I am sure."

"Remember when that doctor and dentist went to those islands a few years ago? In one week Dr. Sawyer pulled 650 teeth and Dr. Miller performed many operations. The dentist left 150 people he knew about who needed help."

Dreamily Dad said, "We'd see primitive people living as their ancestors lived for cen-

ALASKA



Rev. and Mrs. Willie Johnson serve at Native Baptist Mission in Selawik. Oliver W. Maraca is missionary to Indians, Fort Yukon (top row); Miss Valeria Sherard and Rev. and Mrs. John R. Izacc are effective witnesses.

turies ago on those coral islands of swaying palms, coconut trees, and yellow bananas. We'd see women wearing huge nose rings, beautifully handmade blouses, colorful skirts, and necklaces of money. The men wear bright shirts; little boys run around without any clothing. We'd probably eat food cooked over a campfire, and sleep in hammocks inside thatched roof houses."

"You'd have to go from island to island in dugout canoes. There are sharks in the water, too, Daddy."

"But Jan, these people do not have medical care. Most of the islands have no visit from a doctor for many months. Naturally, the people use native medicine men.

"Those poor people do not even have proper drinking water," commented Mother.

"Most of our missionaries still use river water as their forefathers did. Imagine living under the beating sun of the tropics, and a drink of cold water being a luxury. At our circle we were asked to pray for water tanks to hold enough pure rainwater to last through nine months of rainy season and three months of dry. Friends have given three such tanks, but that is only half enough. We were asked to pray, too, for a Baptist high school. We have three elementary schools on the islands, but the sixth grade graduates have to go to the government high school. In our circle we studied about Margaret Iglesias, our missionary. She is so very grateful for what the Annie Armstrong Offering means to their people."

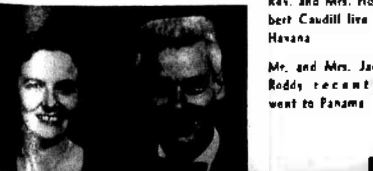
"Must have been a good missionary program, Honey! Tell us more!"

"Wish I could remember all of it. I told the information from Mrs. Wendall Parker, so I can share that with you. She and her husband are home missionaries on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus of Panama. Her husband is pastor at Margarita, the youngest of the three churches in the Canal Zone Association. I was truly amazed to learn that there are three cities in Panama with more than 20,000 people where there is no Baptist church, not even a mission! We must pray about that! Panama is one of the richest evangelistic fields anywhere. During the Parkers' ministry most of those baptized have been servicemen. Sometimes entire families are baptized. Two years ago a young Navy man accepted Christ as Saviour, at the

CUBA



Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill live in Havana.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roddy recently went to Panama.

PANAMA

same time his wife came by letter. Now this young convert is Sunday school superintendent and RA counselor."

"Are the servicemen single, Mom?"

"You would ask that! A lovely new camp site on the Pacific Ocean was purchased by the Home Mission Board. There are several cottages and a tabernacle there but they need improvements. They have no kitchen or dining area, so they need all the necessary equipment for that. Space is available to build a home for the Parkers as soon as funds are in hand."

"Sounds familiar!" Dad remarked. All of them laughed at that!

A FEW evenings later Leda Lenoir again was a guest in the Craddock home. Mother and Jan prepared a big birthday dinner for her, complete with cake and candles. Table conversation centered on the latest bits of news from Les in Alaska. Dad told of wanting to go to San Blas Islands.

"Jan, what about Dink?" Leda queried. "How is he enjoying playing evangelist this summer?" Tears rushed to Jan's eyes; her lips formed a straight line as she bit her lip. She did not like the slur, intended or not.

"Guess I can give you news from our mountain missionary," Mother interrupted. "He sent to Jan glowing reports of the revivals."

"We'll see him the Fourth of July," Jan had regained her composure by now. "Mom and I plan to spend a week with Grandmother in Williamson, West Virginia. That isn't far from where Dink is. There's a picnic planned there on the Fourth of July."

"Jan is her grandmother's pet," Mother volunteered.

"Dad is saving his vacation time to go to the San Blas Islands off the Coast of Panama."

"You are entirely right. Frank and I will need all the time in the San Blas we can get. He has written to L. D. Wood, the new superintendent of missions in that area."

"You and your missionary ideas!" Leda laughed as if she were joking. "It's getting late. My boss does not want a sleepy secretary tomorrow."

Jan opened a closet door then and brought out a gaily-wrapped package. "Leda, we saved our birthday surprise until last!"

It was hard to read Leda's thoughts as she unwrapped a beautifully bound Bible. The guest murmured a polite "Thank you," then rose to go.

"We had hoped that you'd stay for our family devotions tonight," Mother's voice showed her disappointment.

"I'm sorry, but I must get my beauty sleep. Thanks for the delicious dinner. It's been years

since I've had a birthday cake."

A few minutes later Jan in her room spoke aloud. "Lord, sometimes Leda seems entirely deaf and gets farther and farther away from being a Christian."

WHEN Jan reached Grandmother's she found the Fourth of July celebration great fun. Mountain folk brought baskets of delicious lunch to the mission. The youth team invited other mountain workers and friends. After the meal everyone gathered inside the dilapidated share building which the mission used for worship. Eddie Henson, the pastor, took charge. First he introduced each one on the youth team. Then he said, "Folks, I understand this fellow is called Dink because he's so small. Really, a fellow just needs to be short enough to keep his feet on the ground, and tall enough to reach heaven when he prays. And I want you to know the leader of our work here. Folks, this is Rev. J. E. Cunningham, director of the Kentucky Baptist Mountain Mission program. He lives in Lexington and he's holding a revival at Pikeville. That's why he could come today."

There was a glow of pleasure on Mr. Cunningham's face as he spoke. "No missionary has more scenic surroundings than I; no missionary has better co-workers than I. It is a joy to serve the Lord and to be in Meta, deep in the heart of Kentucky mountains. Others here can tell you about the work better than I. James, wasn't Phelps Mission started in 1957?"

"Yes, the first of February."

Then the sharing began, as one by one the pastors told of the difficult, yet rewarding task of organizing churches. The census, visitation, revivals, eventually the erection of buildings—the steps involved in pioneer work for God's kingdom.

Mr. Cunningham stood again as he asked the pastor, "Eddie, what is your biggest problem here?"

Both pride and love were in the faces of the mission members as their pastor stood to speak. "Even our visitors today could probably tell you our greatest need, preacher. An adequate building is our greatest problem. We hesitate to spend any money on this dilapidated place when we need every penny for our new building. I hope you inspected the first unit now being constructed. We'll invite you back when it is finished. People will hardly believe that we are averaging 115 in Sunday school and church. They don't think we can get that many in here."

A middle-aged man remarked that he had heard he was more attending than he had

room for, so since he did not want to add to our problem he would wait until we had more room. I recently baptized him, his wife, and son. Now they will help us solve our problem. About two thirds of our present membership of 75 have been baptized since the mission was organized a little over two years ago. I am thankful that the Lord called me to preach here."

"Amen, Preacher," shouted a big, husky mountaineer.

After they were dismissed people did not seem to be in a hurry to leave. Mr. Henson visited Dink and his guests out under the spreading trees. Jan said, "Mother Nature gave you beauty in abundance here, but she did not make mission work any easier. You're so isolated."

"Well, we're the only work for a 20-mile strip all right. There are several hollows running off these roads where we hope to establish missions. We've had two vacation Bible schools in one section. We met in a two-room schoolhouse. The first year eight children were converted, but not one of them could be baptized. Their parents did not believe children could be saved. I drive out every Sunday and pick up all the children that can come to our Sunday school. There is no place too isolated to try to reach for our Master."

When they were ready to leave, the zealous young preacher looked straight at Jan's mother, "Our God is able, and Southern Baptists are a people of prayer, Mrs. Craddock. How shall they hear in the mountain and pioneer areas? They shall hear because Southern Baptists have vision of lost and unreached people."

AFTER vacation Mother and Jan settled back to regular summer routine. Dad could talk of nothing but the need he had seen among the San Blas Indians. All three were anxious for the day to come when Les would be home. Alaska was so very far away! One Sunday evening when they had just come in from church Jan answered the phone. "Mom, it's Leda," she whispered.

Hidden Voice: Leda's gentle happy voice came clear over the telephone, "Jan, I could hardly wait to tell you. Something wonderful has happened to me! I went to church tonight. I haven't told you, but I've been reading my birthday Bible for several weeks now—in fact I took it with me to church. Right along with the preacher, I read Romans 10:1-15. All during the sermon I was utterly miserable. When the invitation song started, I left, but once at home, I read that Scripture again, then it happened! Christ came into my heart. I can never thank you enough for being patient with me."

AT THE office one day Dr. Craddock's assistant brought him a special delivery letter. "Must be from Les," he thought. "Probably needs money for his fare home." But it was from L. D. Wood. He had it all set for him to go to Panama again next summer for two weeks.

Not many days later the looked-for letter from Les arrived. It was addressed to all the family. "I'll not be coming home at the end of this summer session. If I am to preach to these people, this is a good training ground. Last Sunday night at the church as we sang 'I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, O'er mountain or plain or sea,' God spoke to my own heart. How shall they hear without a preacher? I'll stay here a while longer and then come home to go to finish college and a seminary." Dad and Mother and Jan smiled at one another, and if one looked he could see tears of joy in some eyes.

Prayer Period: Remember all the areas mentioned today—Alaska, Panama, Mountain Missions, San Blas Indians, the lost in your community, your friends.

Sing: "How Long Must We Wait?"

AN UNMET NEED

Several years ago Mrs. Ivanoff, a native from Unalakleet, was in the hospital in Anchorage. Rev. Mike L. McKay, our missionary, visited her and won her to Christ. Some time later Rev. L. A. Watson, executive secretary for Alaska, was in her home town awaiting a flight to the Yukon Delta. Following Mr. McKay's suggestion, he called on Mrs. Ivanoff. He met her lovely children, very courteous and polite. Eagerly she asked if he were there to open Baptist work. "Something wonderful happened to me in Anchorage. Please start a mission here. You may meet in my home." Mr. Watson was sad, indeed, to tell her he had no funds and no missionary available.

Prayer Period

Pray for Mr. Watson, this woman that her faith may be rewarded, that soon the Home Mission Board may have funds and personnel available to establish new missions in these areas in Alaska where there is no Southern Baptist witness. Our Annie Armstrong Offering will help.

Musical Reading: "No Longer Need They Wait," see page 37.

Gathering of Annie Armstrong Offering, prayer of dedication of offering

Group standing while 2 Corinthians 8:2 is read

FRIDAY, March 10, 1961

"Except They Be Sent"

Meditation Music: "More Holiness Give Me" and "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit" (Women read from folder and pray.)

Call to Order

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-15a. Group reads in unison.

Call to Prayer: Sing "America the Beautiful," stanza 2
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Prayer

Hymn: "That They Might Be Saved," all four stanzas, page 37

Introduction by Prayer Chairman

Today let us figuratively hold a candid camera to the conditions in our country as we try to see ourselves as a foreign student might see us. Yesterday our topic was "How Shall They Hear?" Today we want to use the remaining part of that question—"Except They Be Sent?" Indeed how shall the lost hear unless we send God's messengers?

Our special guest today is a foreign student, and for guest panelists we have
We wish to welcome you to this day of prayer.

Foreign Student: It is an unexpected pleasure to be here representing more than 47,000 overseas students studying in colleges and universities in the United States. I thought being in America would be "heaven on earth." Our missionaries were so very good and kind, so thoughtful and helpful. I had hoped that every American would at least try to imitate them! I was quite shocked to find that many Americans never go to church!

Prayer Chairman: We shall have to admit that millions in our nation are far from being like your good missionaries. Actually no religion

or church affiliation is professed by 75 million people. Forty per cent of the remaining 100 million are Catholics; 61 per cent Protestants with 5 per cent Jews. Let us hear from our guest panelists concerning spiritual conditions in our beloved America.

First Panelist: Yes, only one out of every dozen Americans attends church. The Lord's Day is flagrantly desecrated. A small minority are vitally concerned over conditions in the world today. Just after the historic failure of the Summit Conference last year, President Eisenhower spoke to the nation on the current state of foreign affairs. A TV survey proved that the program, Wagon Train, on at the same hour, had three times as many viewers as did the President! Lethargy and indifference are evidenced in political, civic, as well as in religious matters.

Second Panelist: Too frequently members of churches in our land are "going about to establish their own righteousness" (Rom. 10:3). A certain pastor was the evangelist for a revival in a neighboring state. The Church people sang his praises, lauding him with numerous compliments. One night he preached on the Christian home, its sanctity, against divorce, and challenged his audience to establish family altars. He noted that, cold and uncomplimentary the crowd left the sanctuary that night; the guest preacher was "meddling!"

Third Panelist: Prejudice is an embarrassing barrier to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A Christian examined the attitudes and conduct of her friends and neighbors in the light of the gospel message of love. Her comment was "Sometimes I am fearful that we make a mockery of 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' We love ourselves so but not our neighbor!" Pride

and self-seeking fail to be adequate reasons for a Christian to excuse her lack of concern for others who are economically, socially, racially in a position of disadvantage. Surely the Lord will require of us a reckoning of our influence in word and deed during these crucial days in which we live.

Second Panelist: False religions and philosophies are getting deep roots in the United States. Expensive temples and mosques are silent witnesses of non-Christian tenets and teachings, symbols of growth of heathenism in the United States! There are over 10,000 Buddhists and over 160,000 Spiritualists, along with innumerable other "isms" . . . "that have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Rom. 10:2). One Intermediate vacation Bible school group made plans to visit a Buddhist temple in their city. The priest was a courteous, gracious host, eagerly showing them the place of worship. "Not in America," they exclaimed later. "Surely this cannot be real in America!"

Third Panelist: There is also exploitation of faith through mail-order religion, with coupons similar to those used by soap companies. If you want to be saved, just sign a faith coupon and mail it to the evangelist; if you have a prayer request, sign the prayer coupon and mail it to the evangelist. One Baptist leader, in order to learn more about this group, sent in a coupon, checking "unspoken request" for prayer. He received in return a six-inch square healing cloth which he was to fasten to his clothing, a cheap New Testament, several written testimonies, other pieces of literature, and requests for donations!

Foreign Student: That sounds more like my country! Another thing that surprised me here is the prevalent use of alcohol, even among women!

Prayer Chairman: It is a sad fact that there are more bar maids than girls in college in our country. One man serving a prison sentence said, "Whiskey was the cause every time I got into trouble!"

Leaders of the brewery industry advise their retailers: "Go to church; take an active part in civic affairs. You must be important in your community and church, so that other citizens will not fight your business." Money spent in the US each year for alcoholic beverages would build a city for a million people, equipping it with post office, schools, libraries, office buildings, transportation terminals, public buildings, hotels, department stores and churches. There would be a house and an automobile for every family. Still, nearly a billion dollars would be left for an operational budget

for that city! Alcohol is a flagrant yet subtle enemy to gospel gains in our country. Most church leaders, from pastors to missionaries, constantly fight this crafty enemy and are confronted almost daily with the broken homes and lives which result from the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

First Panelist: I read about Dora, who is an alcoholic. She is well-educated; from a prominent New Orleans family. She sought help at the Good Samaritan Home there. Mrs. Leslie Borey, superintendent, says: "Because of drinking, Dora lost custody of her three children (now teen-agers) when they were quite young. Her father was the only member of her family who did not disown her. Dora was in the habit of calling her father's office regularly. One day she took courage and called him at home. Her brother answered and she asked for her father. 'Yes, he's here,' the brother said and hung up. She learned later that he was dead!"

"Brokenheartedly Dora came to the Good Samaritan Home. God was able to reach her through this tragedy. She had no one to rely on but Him. Now after many months of suffering she is a Christian, studying the Bible through the extension course at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. She wants to help other alcoholics to break the chains which bind them so securely to destruction. Dora has won to Christ other guests at the Good Samaritan Home in the intervening months."

Prayer Chairman: We know that God has power over the forces of evil. Shall we pray for Dora as she studies and is working with alcoholics?

Let us pray that millions of others will turn away from this abominable habit of drink?

Pray that God will help our country free itself of this blight of drink before it is too late. Pray that people of our nation will realize our precarious spiritual condition and return to Christian principles.

Prayer Period

Foreign Student: Many people in my country think America is a land of hoodlums and gangsters. Movies and news reports from your country give this impression.

Second Panelist: Yes, news reports often make the United States seem to be a land of criminals instead of Christians. According to J. Edgar Hoover, crime is increasing each year. We are spending almost five times as much on criminals as we do on education. Drug addiction is on the increase, the number increasing at the rate of 1,000 a month, 13 per cent of whom are under 21 years of age! Our nation has more addicts than any Western country. Many so-called "respectable people" get mixed up in

the narcotics traffic. One man in a southern state made trips by air to a large city to get heroin to sell at great profit. He had his own private plane.

More adults, including an increasing number of women, are behind prison bars than ever before. A newscaet reported four women burglars, three in one group. One was a teen-age mother, carrying her child in her arms! Such stories make us fearful of the future.

Third Panelist: Lawless parents are responsible for thousands of lawless children. Many fathers are too occupied with business matters, and mothers too interested in other things to properly train their children. Working mothers do not make adequate provision for their children. One facetious remark was: "What do today's children learn at mother's knee? Not to snag her nyons!" Often the TV becomes the babysitter. A recent survey in a certain area proved that children watch TV around 20 hours a week. On programs supposedly wholesome they witness killing, torture, crime, violence. Police report that numerous crimes committed by children closely resemble TV shows. One third-grader completely destroyed by fire a school building worth a quarter of a million dollars. Why? "To keep the principal from seeing my spelling test." Two girls, eight and nine years, went inside the house of a woman away at work. First they fried eggs, threw others on the walls, smeared jelly and peanut butter all over the house. The total damage was estimated at \$1500. One of the children said later, "The devil got hold of me."

Prayer Chairman: What is to be done? What can we do? The answer is complicated of course. We surely must help more and more boys and girls to develop wholesome patterns of conduct. Our churches have responsibility to challenge and guide parents in establishing Christian principles of conduct and responsibility for their homes and children.

But our first responsibility is to introduce men and women, boys and girls to the abundant life found only in Christ Jesus.

Our Home Mission Board has a program of Juvenile Rehabilitation doesn't it? How does it work?

Third Panelist: It works as a part of city missions. Dr. J. V. James is director. It is church-centered. They suggest that churches work with the association and with local courts to reclaim errant youth. Five thousand dollars of the Annie Armstrong Offering this year is allocated for Juvenile rehabilitation.

First Panelist: What about Good Will Centers like Carver Center in New Orleans which the Home Board directs? I read the other day

that Miss Johnnie Hobbs, missionary there said that Lionel, the leader of a gang of boys is rather typical of what happens when the Center can win a boy away from unwholesome influences. Nothing was too bad for Lionel's gang to do. But she says God often performs miracles right before her eyes. Lionel accepted Christ, of course after much love and friendship was shown him.

About three months after his conversion, one day he looked up at the missionary and said, "Miss Hobbs, you've changed." She knew what he meant. When he was in sin they could not have Christian fellowship together. "No, Lionel, I don't think so. You've changed," she replied. He thought for a minute, then beaming all over himself, said, "Yes, I've changed!"

Foreign Student: Are most juvenile delinquents from broken homes?

Prayer Chairman: Thousands are. Some however, are youngsters who have no Christian home life. Some are children of wealth and influence. In recent years about a fourth of our marriages end in divorce. We know that God himself established the home as the place for children to be nurtured in the admonition of the Lord. Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life magazine says, "If wholeness is not achieved in our homes there is no hope for America."

Let us pray for parents and for the youth in our homes; that parents may heed God's Word.

Pray for Dr. J. V. James as he directs the Home Mission Board's juvenile rehabilitation program.

Let us pray for Lionel and for George, a 13-year-old who has been in a state reform school seven times for as many different offenses. He became a Christian when on Christmas vacation. The missionary at the Baptist Center saw him go back with his new Bible for his "last term" at the reform school. Pray that he will be able to witness to the hundreds of other boys there.

Prayer Period (Requests above)

Foreign Student: You have made your country sound like it is a mission field, too.

Second Panelist: Yes, the candid camera does not flatter. A Japanese Christian leader was quite disillusioned after studying for a few months in one of our schools. With real harm in his voice he said, "Some day we may be sending missionaries to America!"

An average of more than 517 Southern Baptist missionaries have been on the field every day since the Home Mission Board was organized

in 1845. But millions still walk in darkness without the Saviour. A tremendous task is before all Christian churches if we are to continue and increase our mission program at home.

Third Panelist: Many Southern Baptists are not aware of critical needs about us. The 100 largest cities in our territory have a total population of over 52 million! 6 out of every 10 persons are unchurched, and only one in thirty is a Baptist. There are over 6,000 suburban communities where there is no Baptist church. The eight states in the Great Lakes area have nearly 67 million people, but only one tenth as many white Baptist churches in proportion to the population as do the southern states. The spiritual condition of the teeming multitudes challenges our prayer and concern.

There are today, however, many encouraging

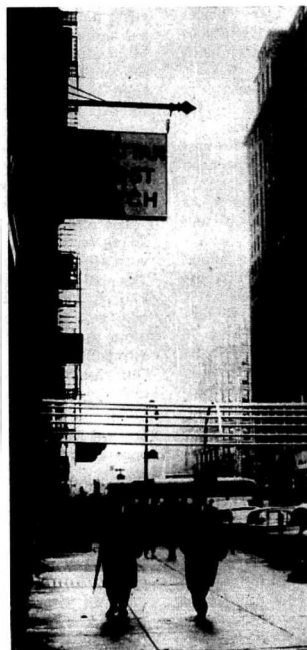
signs all across the country. New vision is resulting in great blessings from the Lord.

First Panelist: For instance, there is London, Ohio, a county seat town of 7,000. The pastor of the Southern Baptist mission there is Rev. Carl Stringfield, a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He has to make a living for his family as a printer; the mission pays his house rent. They now average around 60 in Sunday school; in a recent revival 19 people were saved and baptized. They still meet in a store building, but are planning for a building. It took a tremendous amount of faith and sacrifice for that well-trained young man to move his family and start work there.

Second Panelist: I know of a consecrated young layman who "preached" in a small church in Wyoming for several months "between pastors." His wife said, "It certainly was hard for



Rev. Paul James (top left) is pastor of the fast-growing Manhattan church, New York City; missionaries in Colorado, Pennsylvania and Delaware report enthusiastic response to Southern Baptist expansion in their area.



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him to work at his regular job, prepare two sermons, then drive many miles to preach every Sunday! But how the Lord blesses and encourages us! There is a continuing need for more pastors in the pioneer areas.

Third Panelist: Jesus told about the good Shepherd who left the ninety and nine to seek one lost sheep. A Cincinnati pastor recently left his 100 members to become the pastor of one member and with him to seek the needy multitude of Lockport, New York. This mission is in a county seat town with 30,000 population. A strong church in Tennessee will pay rent on the building used for services. The pastor will do secular work to care for his wife and two children. He says with the Apostle Paul, "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Prayer Chairman: Here is a portion of a letter from Dr. Paul S. James, director of Southern Baptist work in New York City. The situation in New York where there are unreached multitudes could be multiplied in many places of the United States. Will you pray silently as I read each request? (Pause briefly after each is read.)

"These are some of our specific needs:

"Enlargement of the witness in the Northeastern area: more chapels and churches

"Men who will become pioneers in the vast unevangelized sections of America. We need the strongest, best pastors available.

"The challenge of the city multitudes. As America becomes increasingly urban it will become increasingly pagan.

"The need for established churches to 'adopt' missions on the pioneer fields, supporting the work until it can become established.

"We are just beginning a ministry to language groups. In the New York City area 70 languages are spoken. We need prayer support as we embark on this challenging venture.

"The work with students is challenging. Already we have organized a BSU which is growing. There are 1,000 international students on the campus of Columbia University alone. Recently in our home we had the president of the Moslems on that campus. He came with other Moslems. How much it would mean to reach these friends for Christ!

"Our second evangelistic crusade in New York City will be this spring. Pray for the men coming to lead these, and that our people will have courage to press the claims of Christ on the hearts of the lost."

Close the prayer time.

Prayer Chairman: Thank you for being with us. Our panelists have presented an unvarnished, untouched picture of America today. Let us pray for Dr. Courts Redford as he leads

in all home mission work. He calls on "Baptists throughout the convention to recognize the size and urgency of our home mission task, and to pledge anew prayer and support in meeting the challenge of this crusade in home missions."

Sing: "How Long Must We Wait?" page 37

AN UNMET NEED

Dr. Daryl F. Stowe, missions superintendent in Ohio, says, "Our constant call is for mission pastors. The unmet spiritual need in our area is tremendous. In Ohio alone five or six million of the nine-million population have no church affiliation. In one survey we found more than 900 cities and towns without a Baptist church.

"Recently I was in a revival at Huber Heights Church in Dayton. This is located in a new housing project where thousands of new houses are being constructed. The church there is three years old and now, with a membership of 208, has launched a tremendous building program in an effort to meet the needs in this growing community. The large majority of the members have been won to Christ since the church started. Last year, without advertising, their vacation Bible school enrolled 250 children. We need more pastors like the Rev. Dolan Henry, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. The challenge for more preachers is tremendous and Southern Baptists must rise to meet it."

The allocations of the Annie Armstrong Offering for missions in pioneer fields is \$210,000 with \$40,000 more for evangelism in those areas. The call is for prayer, money and men! Dr. Paul S. James puts it, "The call is for men who will leave comfortable pastorates to become uncomfortable pioneers in the vast unevangelized areas of America's great cities." Our "heart's desire and prayer to God . . . is that they might be saved" (Sing all of "That They Might Be Saved," page 37.)

Musical Reading: "No Longer Need They Wait," page 37.

Gathering of Annie Armstrong Offering, prayer of dedication for offering

Dismissal: Choral Reading of 2 Corinthians 6:2 (Use two voices different in tone quality.)

- (a) "For He saith
- (b) I have heard thee
- (a) In a time accepted,
- (ab) And in the day of salvation
- (b) Have I succoured thee:
- (a) Behold,
- (ab) Now is the accepted time;
- (b) Behold,
- (ab) Now is the day of salvation"

Did You Read It?

by Mrs. William McMurry

The Census Bureau shows that there are fewer clergymen than bartenders in the United States. The figures are 193,467 bartenders, 167,471 clergymen.

A report from the same source gives the figure of nearly 3 million mothers with children under twelve who hold full-time jobs outside the home to help supplement family income. This is the largest number of working mothers ever reported. Thirteen per cent of all children between 6 and 11 must fend for themselves while their mothers are on the job.

One out of every seven girls between 15 and 19 who has a baby is not married; teen-agers have at least 40 per cent of all the illegitimate children born in the US.

Commenting, the executive director of the White House Conference on Children and Youth said, "Is it any wonder that people keep asking what has happened to our values? To me, the real crisis is the sad state of the family. The home is not performing the basic role it did a generation ago.

More than 1.5 million serious crimes were committed in the US last year according to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The report indicated that for the first half of 1960 there was a sharp rise of 9 per cent in serious crimes over the same period a year ago. "Immediate prospects for a change in the trend are dim. Crime has been rising four times as fast as population," the FBI director said.

Most alarming is the major increase in juvenile offenses. The seriousness of the juvenile delinquency problem is pinpointed by these figures showing the involvement of young people in certain crimes. In auto theft, persons under 18 made up 64 per cent of all arrests. They represented 52 per cent of arrests for burglary, 49 per cent for larceny and 26 per cent for robbery.

Hoover commended local law enforcement agencies for keeping pace with the 60 per cent increase in crime since 1950 by arresting 58 per cent more offenders.

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Four cities in California, Kentucky, Georgia and Texas plan to start Southern Baptist juvenile rehabilitation programs in 1961 according to Dr. J. V. James, of the Home Mission Board. This work will be a part of the city mission program in Covington, Kentucky, Fresno, California, San Antonio, Texas and Macon, Georgia. The idea is to enlist sponsors in local churches for children who are in trouble. The sponsor gives guidance to the child, ministers to the spiritual needs of the family and seeks to draw the entire family into the church and its activities.

Intelligence Digest, a review of world affairs published in England, carried a revealing set of figures relative to moral standards based on answers given by men and women in both Britain and the United States. To the question, "Do you think that the standard of morals and beliefs which children are brought up to respect is going up or down?" Sixty-four per cent of the Britishers between 16 and 64 years of age answered that the standard is going down. In the United States the answer was 38 per cent for the same age group, but significantly 51 per cent said they did not know! The answer to the same question in France showed that 71 per cent did not know. To the second question, "Would you say that the teaching and practice of Christianity has or has not declined in recent years?" Fifty-seven per cent in England said that the practice of Christianity has declined, but that it is very important that a high standard of teaching and practice be maintained. Some people say that if Western civilization fails, it will be due to lack of spiritual and moral development. Among Britons 16 years and over, 58 per cent agreed. There were no figures showing the reaction of Americans to the last two questions.

Reader's Digest reports that Castro is rewriting the school books of his country. The Spanish-American War, fought to free the island of Spanish tyranny is now recorded as an act of "criminal aggression." Raul Castro, his brother, calls the Spanish-American War "an act of international piracy."

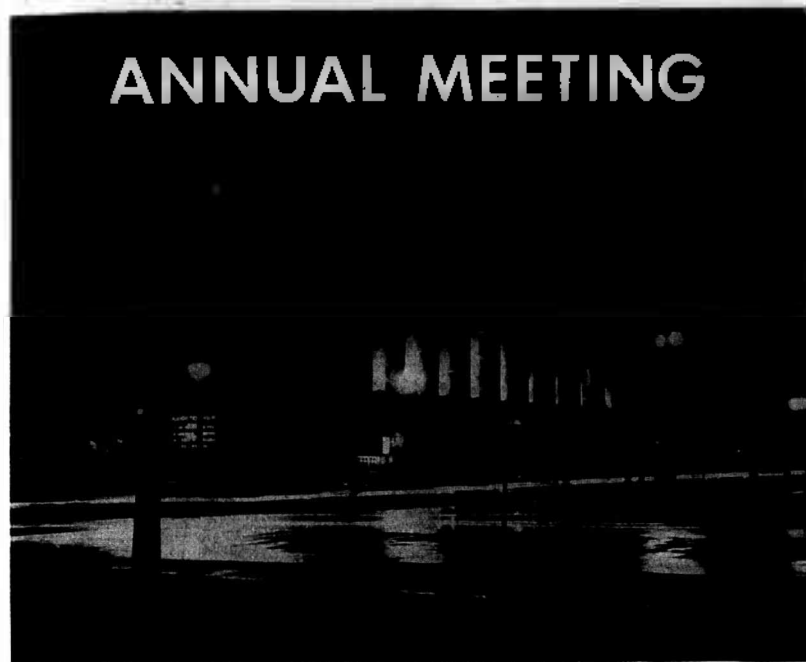
Christianity Today reminds Christians in both countries that the union of the state with the Catholic Church had prevented any significant Protestant work in Cuba until after the Spanish-American War.

Not all Cubans share Castro's gospel of "hate the Yankees," nor do the people in this country hate Cubans. Sometime last year The Miami Herald launched a "Friendship Letter" campaign. With its large Cuban circulation, The Herald sought this way to get through to the Cuban people. Readers were invited to write friendly letters to unknown Cubans, and send them to The Herald to be addressed or forwarded. The daily paper calling this dime-diplomacy (the price of a postage stamp to Cuba) suggested that it might succeed where million-dollar diplomacy had failed. The State Department described the campaign as commendable and worthy of support.

"Love unites people and makes them happy; hate divides people and destroys them," concluded one of the letters. Let Southern Baptists seek to neutralize this hate with love through prayer.

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