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LIFE COMMITTED

Who has once committed her way unto the Lord shall not again walk ordinary paths. She grows to be sensitive, world-aware of others, their aspirations and heartbreak, keenly concerned that the people of the world, lost without Christ, number in the billions, not thousands or even millions. She knows that Christ's missionary program must have youth to take the gospel to the farthest places.

God calls for life commitment in days when lives are young and new, when aspirations and dreams are without boundaries, and the beckoning of the future is insistent and strong.

Adults, to whom God has committed young lives for molding, can determine their fulfillment as followers of Christ. It is in the home and in the church that women exert telling influence. April 9 is Life Commitment Sunday in our churches. At home and at church we can determine that our Adult lives shall be committed anew to helping young people heed and respond to the lost world as God calls them.



by Wallace Fridy

Men have always been interested in the question "If a man die, shall he live again?" There is that within us which longs for the continuance of life, if not for ourselves for those we love and admire.

Leslie Weatherhead tells that when missionaries went from Rome to England, they were asked by an Englishman. "Can this new religion tell us anything of what happens after death? The soul of man is like a sparrow flying through a lighted hall. It enters at one door from the darkness outside, flits through the light and warmth, and passes out at the farther end into the dark again. Can this new religion solve for us the mystery? What comes to men after death, in the dim unknown?"

Men have been asking that question ever since. To change the figure to that of Longfellow, we are:

*Ships that pass in the night, and speak
each other in passing,
Only a signal shown and a distant voice
in the darkness:
So on the ocean of life we pass and speak
one another,
Only a look and a voice; then darkness
again and a silence.*

But the question which will forever seek an answer is, "What about the silence? What about the darkness?"

There is a deep indwelling feeling within us that this is not all there is to life. There is an intuition that makes us surmise that death cannot be the end. Martineau said, "We do not believe immortality because we have proved it, but we forever try to prove it because we believe it." Even Mark Twain, whose general philosophy would logically exclude a belief in life after death, once said, "I have never seen what to me seemed an atom of proof that there is a future life. And yet—I am strongly inclined to expect one."

Why is it then that we have this surmise

what about LIFE after death?

that there is more beyond the grave? Why is this longing in our hearts?

For one thing it is because of the transiency of life, the incompleteness of life. These spirits of ours only taste of the riches of life. Many there are who are snuffed out long before their candle has consumed the wax. Even those who linger to ripen years find that one lifetime is not enough. Life is so transient.

John R. Mott was asked by Roy L. Smith just what his conception of the future life was. Mott replied, "I look on death as merely a time when I shall change trains, will leave the vehicle of this earthly body for my permanent body." Then he was asked what he was going to do when he got to heaven. He answered, "I am going to do the things I never had time to do here."

Yes, life was too incomplete for this man who lived more than eighty years. It is the transiency of life, the incompleteness of life, that makes us believe in a future life.

A second reason we have a surmise that it is true is not only the transiency of life but also the nobility of life. In the midst of the sordid there is the pure. There are people we know, love, and honor who deserve to

have an extension of life. This we know. It is impossible to think of their "spirits being blown out like a candle in the wind."

A friend of mine writing about her brother who had recently passed away said, "He has lived his life nobly. We could not ask him to stay."

Browning in a famous passage describes a man trying to give up faith and live contentedly without it. He says it cannot be done.

Just when we are safest, there's a sunset-touch,

A fancy from a flower-bell, some one's death,

A chorus-ending from Euripides,—

And that's enough for fifty hopes and fears

As old and new at once as Nature's self,
To rap and knock and enter in our soul.

Browning includes someone's death as a reason for hope. To be sure, it is, for to admire and love a noble soul makes us believe that that soul will live again after death. We cannot explain it by logic, arithmetic, or chemistry, but we have a deep indwelling feeling that it is so, that a person like that can never die.

Again the dependability of life—not only the transiency, the nobility, but the strong conviction that life can be counted on, can be depended upon. When we think of the desire for immortality, we are aware that the deep desires of mankind have a way of possible fulfillment. That is, the great hungers of the human heart find their answers in life.

For example, we come into this world hungry; we come crying for food. Life's answer to this hunger is food. To satisfy this deep-seated desire food is provided.

Again we are curious; we are seekers. Man finds his answer in truth, and the search goes on. As tiny children we explore, we tear up to learn. The answer is knowledge to satisfy this thirst.

Then, we seek companionship. Life answers by having men and women discover one another. We read in Genesis how God made man and woman and declared his handiwork good.

We want to create, to labor, to work. Life offers a world of work.

Then, we seek life after death. It is a universal desire of the human heart. Willfred Grenfell expressed it this way. "I am very much in love with life. I want all I can get of it. I want more of it after this incident called death." William James said that his interest in it was not of the keenest order until he grew older in years, and then the belief grew stronger and stronger. He said, "Because I am just getting ready to live."

With this deep-seated desire within the human heart, surely there is an answer for it. As the other desires of the heart are answered, it is only reasonable to believe that life is dependable enough to answer this one, too.

But we now come to the crowning truth of this hope within the heart. Not only do we surmise that it is so because of the transiency of life, the nobility of life, the dependability of life, but because of the resurrection of a life. Herein lies our greatest hope. In these words of Jesus lay our greatest assurance, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Surely if, as Jesus said, the very hairs of our heads are numbered and the paths of our feet guided, if around these mortal lives of ours is everlasting mercy, then surely God who cares like that is one who has plans for the silence—the dim unknown. Yes, if God cared so much for his children as to send a Son and permit him to suffer a cruel death upon a cross so that men might see the Light, then surely a heart which cares like that is one which gives Jesus authority to say, "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . Because I live, ye shall live also."

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COVER. As you read this issue of *Royal Service* and note the cover, you will know that this month in your missionary societies you will be studying about countries in which the Moslem religion is strong and where some women still carry water in water jars. These countries are Gaza, Jordan and Lebanon. Don't miss your society meeting this month.

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For the Up-building of Churches in **LEBANON**

Establishing Baptist churches is the aim of mission work in Arab lands as well as elsewhere throughout the world. Organizing a new church is a happy event. But it is like the conversion of an individual. After the happy beginning comes a long period of patient growth before the church or individual is mature and able to bear a full share of kingdom responsibility.

Two areas of work which contribute both to establishing and growth of churches in Lebanon are educational work and the publication of Christian literature.

With six classes the Beirut Baptist School first opened its doors in 1955. This year there are fourteen classes and a staff of well-qualified Christian teachers. Nearing the goal of a complete high-school course, each year the top class moves up. Next year we will have our first high school graduates.

by **Virginia Cobb**
Missionary in Beirut, Lebanon

Virginia Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon. She is chairman of the literature and publications committee of Lebanon Baptist Mission. She supervises translation and publication of literature for Arab missions.

To prepare students for useful living there is offered a strong home economics program for the girls and manual training for boys, plus an optional commercial course for those not desiring the difficult mathematics and sciences required for college entrance.

There is a consistent spiritual atmosphere in the school. All students participate daily in chapel services and Bible classes. Each year special services are held resulting in a number of professions of faith. Large numbers of students attend services of the church located on the school grounds and are members of its Sunday school and youth organizations. The school's influence is felt in the families of school children. Every home is visited by teachers and missionaries every year. Parents have been won and many others are showing interest because of what their children are learning at school.

In the future our graduates will be leaders and workers in the Baptist churches of Beirut and all Lebanon. Thus the school, through its dedicated teachers and under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. James Ragland, is making a great contribution to the total mission work of Lebanon.

A second educational institution is taking its place in Lebanon now. It also is vital in the process of building strong churches. The new Arab Baptist Seminary, serving the work in several Near Eastern lands, opened in October, 1960, with 22 students

from Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon. Dr. William Russell is giving his sabbatical leave from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth to teach here his first year. Missionary teachers are Rev. and Mrs. Finlay Graham, Rev. and Mrs. James Ragland, and Rev. John Turner. Trained leadership has been one of the pressing needs of Arab churches. Eager young men and women now beginning theological studies give promise of a bright future and a strengthened church leadership.

Another aid to up-building of churches is the publication of Arabic literature. From the start this work supplies literature for the churches, helping with development of Bible study materials for various age-groups. At first there was one leaflet for all ages but this has now expanded to materials for pupils and teachers on three levels plus an outline for adults. A full-graded curriculum has been drawn up and materials for the "gap" are being prepared.

Of course vacation Bible school materials early became essential to the work and a series of department books and pupil notebooks were prepared. At first these were mimeographed, but are now in revision for printing.

To aid the schools of Lebanon and Jordan in Bible-teaching, a balanced curriculum covering fourteen years from nursery through senior high school has been outlined. Books for pupils and teachers in every class are being made ready. Daily lea-

PUBLICATIONS



Rev. and Mrs. John W. Turner, Tripoli, Lebanon. Mr. Turner, field missionary for the area. Mrs. Turner is active in the women's work in Tripoli and surrounding villages.



FIELD MISSIONARY

sons for many classes require a tremendous amount of carefully prepared materials which are vital to the work of the schools.

Several years ago a few missionary programs were made available and their use was vigorously promoted in women's and young people's organizations. Now promotion is no longer necessary. Missionary education is an accepted part of church programs and the monthly programs are eagerly awaited by all age groups.

Last spring a new organization was presented to the annual pastor's and worker's conference—the Training Union, or as it is known here, the church's School of Training. This was enthusiastically received and the need for training in membership recognized. A manual is being prepared and the distribution of weekly programs began last January.

We are pioneering in some areas. To our knowledge there are no large class-room size Bible study maps in Arabic, and our

teachers have had to resort to English maps. Now we are preparing the first map—Palestine in the time of Jesus—and if it proves successful we may produce a series.

Because of high costs and a narrow market we have not felt justified until recently in entering the field of book publishing. Here also the few books prepared are being chosen because of their usefulness to the churches and suitability for study by the average church members. It is hoped that in 1961 a magazine directed to the teaching and training ministries of the churches will be published for all Arabic-speaking Baptists.

Organization manuals, church offering envelopes, study course books, record cards, plays, maps, certificates—growing churches require an ever-increasing amount of printed matter. The publications department, one step removed from direct contact with the people, supplies the "grist for the mills" of schools and local churches throughout the Near East.

Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Ragland, Beirut. He is principal of Beirut Baptist School, which goes through high school. Mrs. Ragland is active in young people's work in the church. Mrs. Mabel Summers, is on furlough. She is secretary for the Mission, teaches in Beirut Baptist School, is interested in publication work.



TEACHERS

Rev. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham, Beirut. He is president of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and treasurer of the Mission. Mrs. Graham is active in the local church and WMU work.



Rev. and Mrs. D. W. King, Beirut. The Kings are studying Arabic and Mr. King teaches New Testament in the Arab Baptist Seminary where he will become professor of New Testament.

WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant,
Editorial Staff, Baptist World Alliance

Aids to AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

Seven weeks before his inauguration, President John Kennedy named Michigan's Governor G. Mennen Williams as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. It was the first major appointment of his administration, even before a Secretary of State. But it was an indication of Mr. Kennedy's concern for the future of Africa. And, one might say, for the future of the world—for all peoples of the world will be affected by the course of events in Africa.

Sixteen African nations gained independence in 1960. Fifteen of them, all except for Congo, did so peacefully. The emergence of these nations constitute a new factor in international affairs. They have seats, and votes, at the United Nations.

These new African nations are lands of hope. Forty-three per cent of the African people are under 15 years of age. Sociologists tell us that the population is likely to double in the next half-century. These are a people who formerly found complete security in the tribe. They lived each for the other within the tribe, and isolated their concerns from events and people outside their borders. They had, until white men set different patterns, histories of permanent marriage and of general peace.

But then civilization knocked at their doors; in fact colonialism moved in to bring commerce that drained resources from their lands. These African people were fascinated by progress, and they came to think of the white man's riches as synonymous with free government and national independence. They were not educated to the fact that freedom brings responsibilities, and riches are for those who earn them. In their hopes for material progress, they are

swayed by the promises of Communism and other false messiahs.

It would be out of keeping with the very principles of freedom for the Free World to use Communist strategies—military aggressiveness and extraordinary material inducements—to win the minds of men. In such realization last fall President Eisenhower announced United States policy toward Africa in his appeal to the United Nations to protect the newly emerging African states from "outside pressures that threaten their independence and their sovereign rights."

Mr. Eisenhower then outlined a five-point program. The Kennedy administration is expected to honor these ideals. The program called for (1) non-interference in the African countries' internal affairs, (2) help (through use of UN experts to train national forces) in assuring their security without wasteful and dangerous competition in armaments, (3) emergency aid to the Congo through the UN, (4) international assistance in shaping long-term development programs, and (5) UN aid for education.

This program for helping the Africans to help themselves will depend largely on the progress in education of Africa's new leaders. The success of mission schools in training those now in positions of leadership is proof of this point. Mr. Eisenhower said that if the African states should wish to send abroad, large numbers of their citizens for training, the United States will co-operate fully. He observed that the program "could go far to assure the African countries a clear chance at the freedom, domestic tranquility and progress they deserve."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

**THEME: *Ye shall be my witnesses—in Jerusalem—
in all Judea—in Samaria—and unto the
uttermost part of the earth***
—from Acts 1

● MONDAY MORNING 9 o'clock

Call to Worship William Carey College Chorus
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Donald Winters, Director
Song Service Mrs. H. M. Grooms, Director
Birmingham, Alabama
Mrs. Donald White, Pianist
Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. Charles Walker, Organist
Miami, Florida

CHRISTIAN SHARING OF POSSESSIONS

Mrs. Gordon C. Usery
Reno, Nevada

Organization
Recognition of Hostess Committee
Business

The Story of a Church in Shaki Mrs. E. P. Doster
West Africa

Special Music Audrey Nossaman
Louisville, Kentucky

I Found Salvation—My Hope Don Brandin
Atlanta, Georgia

Meditation Julia Louise Hermann
Harpist, Dallas Symphony Orchestra

*Women who can go to the Convention need
to make hotel reservations at once. The*

● MONDAY AFTERNOON

Call to Worship William Carey College Chorus
Song Service
CHRISTIAN SHARING OF POSSESSIONS

Mrs. Gordon C. Usery
Audrey Nossaman

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS
Special Music James Butler
Birmingham, Alabama
30,000 Churches and Missions John Buchanan, Jr.
Birmingham, Alabama
A Church Extended Harry Wilde
Alaska

A Mission in Kwiguk Paul S. James
New York City

**The Story of the Manhattan Church
and Its Missions** Don Miller
East Farmingdale, Rhode Island

Churches Reaching Out—Our Hope Courts Redford
Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board

Meditation Julia Louise Hermann

*Statler Hotel is the official headquarters
hotel, but state papers will list many others*

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ANNUAL MEETING

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
OPERA HOUSE

MAY 22-23, 1961

● MONDAY NIGHT

Call to Worship William Carey College Chorus
Song Service
**Woman's Missionary Union Observing the
75th Anniversary of Sunbeam Band**

Alma Hunt,
Abbie Louise Green

**"He's Got the Whole World in His
Hands"** Mrs. H. M. Grooms
Robert Davis

The Story of a Church in Hilo Hawaii
Carlos Owens

The Story of a Church in Tanganyika East Africa
Audrey Nossaman

Special Music
The Hope for Changing Africa The Honorable W. R. Tolbert
Vice-president of Liberia, West Africa

Meditation

● TUESDAY MORNING

Call to Worship William Carey College Chorus
Song Service
CHRISTIAN SHARING OF POSSESSIONS

Mrs. Gordon C. Usery
Mrs. Anne Wollerman

The Story of a Church in Jacara Brazil
Hannah Plawden

Forty Years a Missionary Hawaii

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Special Music Audrey Nossaman
Hope of Every Nation John Soren

Meditation President Baptist World Alliance
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Julia Louise Hermann

● TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Call to Worship William Carey College Chorus
Song Service

CHRISTIAN SHARING OF POSSESSIONS

The Story of a Church in Baguio Mrs. Gordon C. Usery
Mrs. M. D. Olive

Business
Reports of Committees
Resolutions

Appreciations
Nominating

Special Music Audrey Nossaman
Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church

M. H. Hobbs
Pastor First Baptist Church

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Julia Louise Hermann

Meditation

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Present-day GAZA

• BY JIM AND JUNE YOUNG

There is much in Gaza today to remind one of Biblical times. In little shops along the narrow streets carpenters ply their trade much like Joseph must have done in Nazareth. Weaving is still done on hand looms in scattered areas throughout the city. Camels plod along carrying burdens, and the potter fashions water jars just as in the days of Jeremiah the prophet.

But Gaza is changing. Automobiles outnumber camels on the streets. Imported goods are replacing many things previously made locally by hand. And while the great majority of the people still wear local Arab costumes, western dress is making inroads, especially among the more educated and the younger generation. Not even Gaza

Dr. and Mrs. Young are missionaries to Gaza (Egypt) where Dr. Young is head of the Baptist Hospital

during our first term was too remote for an occasional "sack" dress and the ubiquitous hula hoop.

Nor has Gaza been without its political changes. Over a brief period of time we saw Gaza change in administration from Egyptian to Israeli to United Nations and back to Egyptian. With all this, however, two thirds of the people are still refugees from their Palestinian homeland.

Other important changes have been the building of better roads and schools. Perhaps that which affects the people most has been the opportunity of education for almost all boys and girls. These schools are run by the government and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees. A literate generation of young people, many of whose parents can neither read nor write, has grown up. This one thing is bound to result in sweeping changes, as hundreds and thousands of young people look for opportunity to put their education to useful purposes.

Southern Baptist mission work in Gaza has changed, too. From the beginning in 1954 with one missionary couple, we now have assigned to Gaza five couples and five single missionaries. These include a pastor, three doctors, and four nurses. Furloughs, of course, prevent all these from being on the field at one time, but a more adequate missionary staff has been an answer to prayer. Additions to physical equipment, made possible through Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings have aided our work. One of the most recent was a baptistry in a small chapel on the hospital compound. The first baptismal service for a number of national believers is anticipated in the very near future. People who live in America cannot know the difficulties that some of these new believers will face when they publicly follow the command of the Saviour in baptism. Their faith and courage in face of opposition and even persecution should be an inspiration to all Christians.

Each year sees changes in our hospital personnel as new students come to study

nursing and laboratory techniques. To some we offer opportunities for further training and a chance to serve fellow Arabs as nurses and laboratory technicians. Mohammed, a former student, is from a very poor family. As his name implies, he was Moslem. As a student in our laboratory class he attended church services and a Bible class in Arabic. He made no public profession of faith, but

Gaza, Egypt in the Baptist Hospital, Miss Cate directs the nurses' training program; Miss Lindsey is assigned to the hospital but will study Arabic in Beirut first

Carolyn Cate



Maxine Lindsey



Nurses



Frances Crawford



Ann Dwyer

Miss Crawford, acting supervisor of nursing services; Miss Dwyer is scheduled to leave New York on March 22 and arrive in Gaza about April 15 where she will continue her work in the hospital

Chaplain • Pastor



Rev. and Mrs. Edward Nicholas



Mr. Nicholas is chaplain of the hospital and pastor of the Gaza Baptist Church

he told the teacher that he believed in Jesus. After completing the laboratory course and receiving his certificate, he went at a good salary to work as laboratory technician in a hospital in Saudi Arabia. In his first letter to his Bible teacher he sent a gift of money for the church.

Lateefa, one of the first girls from Gaza to complete her nurse's training at our hospital, today proudly wears the pin from our nursing school as she goes about her duties as head nurse in a government hospital.

But in the most important respect, Gaza has not changed. Its thousands of people still walk in spiritual darkness, not knowing that Jesus said, "Except ye repent—change your way—ye shall all likewise perish." It is this change of heart when one accepts Christ as Saviour that we long for and pray for most of all for the people of Gaza.

One mother came to us bringing her two-year-old daughter almost dead. She had been run over by a train. An arm and a leg had been cut off, but the mother brought them along, hoping that we might be able to sew them back on. Of course we could not do that, but we told her there might be a chance of saving the child's life if we could get blood for transfusions. The woman did not hesitate in saying it would be better for her daughter to die than to go

through life with only one arm and one leg, and she refused to give her blood! She needed to know of the concern and love of Christ for each individual. She needed the change that only He can make in a life.

Another mother was brought to the hospital gravely injured. Her oldest son on learning that he had not passed his examination at the end of his last year of secondary (high) school had thrown himself in front of a train because of his failure and had been killed. His mother, grieving over the loss of her son, had thrown herself in front of a moving truck, trying to take her own life. Both this woman and this young man needed to know the One who can comfort and bear our burdens in times of disappointment and grief. Their lives needed the Light available only to those who know Christ as Saviour.

Day after day they come to the hospital seeking physical restoration. They do not know of that inward change which can give them a new life in Christ. For most of them this will likely be their only opportunity to learn of the love of God. While in the hospital the gospel that they read or the Bible story they hear may be their only contact with the Christian message. Pray that as they hear this message they may take into their hearts the gospel of Christ, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

DOCTORS

Dr. Jean Dickman Mrs. Dickman is a surgeon in the Baptist Hospital; Dr. and Mrs. Young are regularly assigned to the Gaza Baptist Hospital, they are now at home on furlough and Dr. Young is taking advanced courses in surgery, while he holds a residence at Confederate Hospital in Shreveport. He will not return until the summer of 1961; Dr. Dorr is serving as acting superintendent of the hospital and a surgeon. Mrs. Dorr is teaching her own children and helps in the local Sunday school and church services.

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Young, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. David C. Dorr



PROGRAM

FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

by Mrs. James L. Monroe

Circle Unit Theme: Prayer and Missions

Mission Study: *Intercessory Prayer, McClure*

Program Topic: Bible Study—Prayer and Missions

Program Chairman: Advertise this program as a Bible study. Each woman will need her Bible.

Promote reading of Resurrection story on Easter morning—John 20. Copies of special booklets with passages from the Gospel of John are available in either King James or Revised Standard Version from American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York, 3c each for quantity orders; single copies free.

Devotional Period: Group reading based on Matthew 6 and Luke 11.

READER 1 Jesus' life was dedicated to prayer. He gave to his disciples examples in prayer. Often they saw him leave the crowd, or their intimate group to seek solitude where he might talk with the Father. Later, as he rejoined them he gave evidence that he had been in the presence of God. He knew the importance of prayer, its transforming power. He knew his disciples would need this power. Even more, he knew that those who would seek to witness concerning his saving grace down through the centuries would be dependent upon this power of the Holy Spirit at work in lives given over to regular com-

munion with God.

One day after Jesus ceased praying in a certain place, one of his disciples made this request.

READER 2 "Lord, teach us to pray."

READER 1 Jesus's heart rejoiced! How glad he was that his disciples also felt the need for prayer. Therefore, he instructed them.

READER 3 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

READER 1 And Jesus continued—

READER 3 "And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. . . . Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

READER 2 "Lord, teach us to pray."

READER 1 This was the request of the disciples. Jesus instructed them and showed them that they must be doers and not hearers only. There was only one way really to learn to pray and that was actually by talking with God.

READER 2 This required time . . .

READER 3 Exercising faith . . .

READER 1 Learning to be submissive . . .

READER 2 Thinking of others . . .

READER 3 And listening to God.

READER 1 The Book of Acts gives evidence that the disciples learned this lesson.

READER 2 The Power at Pentecost came after prayer.

READER 3 The disciples prayed and prison doors opened.

READER 2 They prayed and they were able to face up to enemies.

READER 1 Through practice and faith, the first century Christians learned that prayer is the key to missions. We twentieth century Christians need to make the same request

READER 2 "Lord, teach us to pray."

READER 4 For prayer is an invitation from God, granting us permission to seek his help, wisdom, and power in every activity in life. May we come humbly to the Father and say . . .

READER 2 Lord, teach us to pray that we may fit ourselves into your plan and purpose.

READERS 1, 2, and 3 "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

PRAYER

Introduction: April is a month of showers and rainbows. One April morning, a small child exclaimed: "Look at the beautiful rainbow, Mother! It means God will always keep his promises to us, doesn't it?"

God speaks to us through his Book. The Bible is a popular book, filled with good news which has given hope to more people than all the promises of statesmen, politicians, and philosophers. Easter is a symbol of the promise of the resurrection. God's Word is filled with glorious promises. Let us discover anew some of these promises today. (If you ordered the Resurrection Story booklets from American Bible Society, pass them out and plan to use them. Make plans for members of the circle and their families to read the story.)

God Revealed Through His Book: As we read the Bible, we know that God is real in a personal sense. Children often experience an intimate relationship with God. One child was pretending to talk on the telephone. "Hello God!" he said. "How is Jesus this morning?" Then, after a pause, he turned to his mother and said: "Mother, God wants to talk to you."

It is true, God does want to talk with us, and through prayer and Bible reading he communicates with his children. Someone has said, "Prayer is not what we wish of God, but what God wishes of us." His message must be a part of our daily experience, his message must be shared, and "his message must be sent to millions dying in their sin to call them to repent." What is God's message in His Word? It is a message of love, such a love as will redeem the world. The very nature and character of God is love. The message of the gospel, the good news for all mankind, is that "God so loved the world."

The Bible is a missionary book, telling that God has an only Son—and that Son was a missionary. Understanding that a missionary is "one sent" we read "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

Bible Missions and Prayer: The prayerful reading of God's Word has made a tremendous difference in many lives. We remember the story of the voyages of Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice as they sailed in 1812 to India as Congregational missionaries. They were converted to the Baptist faith by reading the New Testament. Because of new faith, they were cut off from support, and turned to the Baptists for aid. To help meet that need, the Baptist Triennial Convention came into being.

The Bible is saturated with the missionary motive of God. His great concern is that all men everywhere might be saved. Through study of God's Word the missionary imperative is realized. We read: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," also, "for the wages of sin is death," and are concerned over man's lost state without God. The Bible is most explicit in the teaching that all are lost except they be redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. This demands of every believer a strong prayer life so that Power will come for witness.

The father-in-law of Billy Graham, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, who for twenty years directed the largest Presbyterian hospital in Chicago,

says: "By the inscrutable provision of a loving God we know that he has ordained that his almighty power can be released through the prayer of his children. We have this Power within our grasp but we ignore the privilege and fumble the opportunities." Our prayer life can be transformed, and our entire life made different by a sincere study of God's teachings about how to pray. (Use references for discussion.)

God commands it	1 Thess. 5:17
Jesus practiced it	Luke 6:12
Early Christians received power from it	Acts 1:14
God's way for us today	James 4:2
Holy Spirit promised	Luke 11:13

Prayer in the Life of Jesus: Jesus was the perfect example. He prayed often. (Read John 14:16.) Not only did he spend time in secret prayer (read Matt. 14:23), but he prayed in public (read John 11:41). Jesus prayed for himself, that he might always glorify God (read John 17:1). He prayed for his friends (read Luke 22:32) and for his enemies (read Luke 23:34). Jesus taught his disciples to pray (read Matt. 6:9-13). This prayer, taught to those first learners, is known as the Lord's Prayer, or the Model Prayer. If only we could learn to pray "after this manner" we would go forth with great power to win the world for Christ. (Lead in praying thoughtfully the Lord's Prayer. As time permits, discuss the importance of not "repeating" this prayer, but of making it a personal petition. This would be a fitting time for discussion on the devotional reading at the beginning of the program.)

The Early Church and Answered Prayer: Let us look at the early church and see how it is a story of answered prayer. The first recorded act of the early disciples after Jesus left them was prayer in the upper room. The disciples had been entrusted with the gospel, but they were faced with severe testings and trials. Their prayer was concerned prayer, springing from the sense of urgency. Before, these apostles had been praying men who had kept the forms of prayer religiously. However, as we read of these early Christian experiences in the book of Acts, we find on this occasion the apostles learned really to pray, and to pray together. United prayer is a valued experience, as we have been promised "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are

gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:19-20). The apostles felt this power as they prayed with one accord.

United prayer gives strength to those who pray and reassurance to those who are the objects of such praying.

"Away in foreign lands they wondered how

Their simple words had power—
At home the Christians, two or three,
Had met to pray an hour."

Prayer and Missionary Paul: Paul was faithful in his writing and example before first-century followers of Jesus Christ. He pled with them and Christ's followers today to "strive" in prayer (read Rom. 15:30), to labor in prayer (read Col. 4:12), and to "pray without ceasing" (read 1 Thess. 5:17). In all Paul's writing, and in each missionary endeavor, we sense his closeness with the Father. This can be attributed to his strong prayer life and the power and strength that comes from divine guidance.

Prayer Promises for Today: As we read God's promises, we marvel at the love of God and his concern for every child who acknowledges him as Saviour; we are amazed at his grace in providing a Redeemer for every lost man. We believe the Bible to be God's Word. In it are promises He has made to us, if we pray. Let us look at some of them. (use Bibles):

FORGIVENESS	Isaiah 1:18
WISDOM	Ephesians 1:17-18
GUIDANCE	Acts 13:1-3
STRENGTH	2 Cor. 12:8
MATERIAL	
NECESSITIES	Matt. 6:25,26
STRENGTH TO WITHSTAND	
TEMPTATION	1 Cor. 10:13
COMFORT IN	
BEREAVEMENT	2 Cor. 1:3-5

Why have we not claimed God's promises? James tells us "ye have not, because ye ask not." We must pray believing! We must pray as individual Christians . . . We must pray as women and mothers . . . We must pray as members of a missionary organization . . . The missionary message of the Word of God is that we must pray for power—for he has promised, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Prayer: Season of directed prayer, remembering those on Call to Prayer.

Child Labor

Did you enjoy your strawberries for breakfast this morning? Or the vegetables you had for dinner? They may have been gathered from the field by hands that should have been holding a doll or a book satchel. Scores of children as young as four and five work for many hours in the hot sun without sanitary drinking water, or the benefits of rest periods and bathrooms. Children seven years old are in the fields with their parents from sun-up to five in the afternoon.

Today it is estimated that 1,500,000 youth from 10 to 15 years of age work on farms each summer. One third work for pay. These are not sons and daughters helping out on the farm. They are laborers hired by the day or piece to bring in the harvest. The most pathetic of this group are the children of migratory farm workers who travel from state to state following the crops. The estimated number of these nomad children is 100,000, but nobody knows for certain how many.

Today agriculture remains the last big business in the nation in which children form a substantial part of the labor force. Agriculture is the only remaining important industry which is exempt from federal laws designed to protect child workers.

More facts, stories and down-to-earth suggestions to help strengthen legal measures are graphically related in a shocking article in the November 1960 Good Housekeeping. Says the author, "In our affluent America with its tail fins, credit cards and suburban complacency, it is easy to forget that millions of us still, quite literally, eat the fruits of the work of little children." Look at the conditions of the migrant children near you. What are your state's child labor laws, if any? And are they enforced? Write to Senator McNamara of Michigan and his committee urging the passage of the bill applying to the 14-year-age minimum in agricultural work.

"It is high time we remembered these hapless youngsters who have been America's forgotten children." It is high time Southern Baptists remember the Home Mission Board's lonely missionaries who seek to bring hope into the emptiness of the migrant laborer's existence.

Threat to Jordan

While Nasser of Egypt was in New York last fall, he had a long talk with Khrushchev, both of whom were attending the United Nations.



by Mrs. William McMurry

The Russian told Nasser that any action by the United Arab Republic (Syria and Egypt) against Jordan would have the sympathy of the Soviet Union and that the Kremlin would not tolerate any further expansion of Israel. This conversation brought to mind a later speech broadcast from Damascus by Nasser, who said that Jordan was an artificial state and should never have been created. He charged the Arab kings, both dead and living, with treason and the responsibility for the loss of Palestine. Accepting Khrushchev's words at face value, Nasser took them to mean that in the event of a UAR attack on Jordan, if Israel moved in, Russia would side with the United Arab Republic.

As reported by reliable foreign correspondents, if a crisis were to rise in Lebanon where the balance between Christian and Moslem representatives in parliament is no longer equal, the UAR would support a Moslem revolt. In this event, observers say, the UAR has received some kind of assurance from Russia. No matter which turn events take, the opinion is that the Soviet Union wants a new major Middle East crisis by the early summer of 1961.

Communists in Middle East and the World

In the strategic Middle East, there are only about 12,000 hardcore Communists and about 15,000 others who will do their bidding according to William L. Ryan, Associated Press news analyst. He further stated that "events in recent years have made American prospects in the area far from glittering." In the thinking of many Arab leaders, the Russians have managed to separate acceptance of aid from the Soviet government from support of the Communist movement, a neat distinction to the obvious undermining of Western interests.

About 30 million Communist party members rule a billion souls, a third of the world's population. Five million more, outside the Red orbit, make up a disciplined fifth column. These Communists spend their energies in the uncommitted countries capturing the students, dreamers, intellectuals, and restless rising generation. They make false promises to the underprivileged, technical know-how for backward lands and punishment to those who have enjoyed the fruits of free enterprise.

The Communists envy the US and seek to identify it with every oppressive government throughout the world. They picture this country as a frightened giant bribing rulers to furnish military bases from which to set the world aflame in the hope of rescuing a dying capitalistic system.

The Associated Press analyst made the observation that "among the impatient, educated young men of this generation who will soon provide the world's political leadership, the Communists frequently enjoy a generous measure of success."

YOU Probably Elected the President

In many magazines of the nation there appears periodically an advertisement set to the tempo of the day. Recently attention was called to a woman's influence in national politics by citing the 56 million women eligible to vote in the presidential election. From 1948 to 1956 the number of women who exercised their right to vote increased by almost 40 per cent. Political scientists predicted that women would cast 2 million more votes than men in the national election because there are now over 3 million more women eligible to vote than men.

Did You Read It?

As influential as the American woman is nationally she is even stronger locally. More than 600,000 active members of women's political clubs keep a sharp eye on the actions of local governments. All in all there are an estimated 20 million women affiliated with 600 organizations dealing with all kinds of civic affairs.

The political maturity of the American woman is an asset to her family, provided she uses her voting power to enact legislation that will protect her home from evil influences. Federal laws relating to alcoholic beverages, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, child labor, are matters of concern to the Christian woman. When measures with regard to these issues are presented in Congress, state legislation or city council, she can express her opinion by letter, wire, phone or in person and exercise the privilege of the ballot.

Reasons for Praise

by the Near East Baptist Mission

Our Arab Baptist Seminary has commenced its first year of instruction in a rented building.

Twenty-two God-called men and women from three countries (Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon) constitute the student body.

God has sent out a dedicated professor (Dr. William Rossell, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas) to help during his sabbatical year.

Revivals in our churches have produced abiding results.

Stewardship progress in our churches is more and more evident.

The movement toward indigenous self-supporting churches is gaining acceleration.

Great victories have been won despite much opposition. A converted priest was baptized into one of our churches last week.

Requests for Prayer

For Near East
Baptist Mission Work

More workers, evangelistic and educational.

A building permit for our new seminary.

Our annual Pastor's and Worker's Conference, at Easter. Stewardship will be the theme.

The young people in our Beirut Baptist High School, who have made decisions for Christ, and whose families are opposed to their seeking baptism and church membership.

Our Arab young people, that more of them will answer the call to full-time service.

—Finley and Julia Graham, Beirut

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

Call to PRAYER

Prepared by MRS. CLAUDE RHEA

"I give myself unto prayer" Psalm 109:4

... For Our Own America

1 SATURDAY I give myself unto prayer
Psalm 109:4. (Read 108:1-4.)

"If you offered me either ten thousand dollars for the direct support of mission work here in Korea or ten people to pray faithfully for us, I would unhesitatingly choose prayer; for we know that prayer by Christians who pray consistently and intelligently for missions are an unsurpassable contribution to the advancement of Christ's kingdom"—Albert Gam-mage, KOREA.

Will you "give yourself unto prayer" for missions around the world?

PRAY for H. T. Gruver, Adrian, Michigan, C. H. Golden, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, L. N. Nelson,* Japan, ev.; Susanne Willis, New Orleans, La., GWC; Pablo Flores, Pharr, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Susan Anderson, Aheokuta, Nigeria, ed.

2 SUNDAY Lord, teach us to pray Luke 11:1. (Read vv. 1-4.)

"Lanterns light the way in Buddhist cemeteries for the spirits' return; favorite foods are placed on graves to feed them. In public parks thousands of faithful Buddhists dance to weird music and chants of priests in efforts to entertain these spirits. Such is the Bon Festival of Hawaii, celebrated during July and August by Buddhists, who believe the spirits of departed loved ones return then. One wonders if he is really in the fiftieth state of America or some pagan land"—Bertie Lee Kendrick, Wailuku, Hawaii.

Pray for our new states, HAWAII and ALASKA.

PRAY for S. L. Isaacs, Okla., retired; L. G. McKinney, Jr.,* Hong Kong, Mrs. J. A. Aber-

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

nathy,* Korea, eo.; Ruth Vanderburg, Kediri, Indonesia, RN

3 MONDAY I pray for them John 17:9. (Read vv. 8-10.)

"We don't have them in our section of the country," a fine young Junior boy told Rev. Bertis Fair, who was speaking in an RA camp about witnessing to MIGRANTS. After visiting a nearby migrant camp that same afternoon, the boy then remarked, "I didn't know migrants when I saw them. We have them every year to harvest our tobacco crop. I try to tell them about Jesus." Are there migrants in your own community?

Pray for our migrant workers throughout America.

PRAY for Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, Fla., ev. among migrants; J. C. Bridges, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. E. C. Morgan, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; M. L. Seaborn, Jr., Davao, Philippines, ev.; R. F. Starmer, Rome, Italy, pub.

4 TUESDAY I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also 1 Cor. 14:15. (Read vv. 15, 19, 20.)

"Appreciation for GOOD WILL CENTER mission work comes in small things . . . the picture of a baby born into a Christian home because his parents came to Rachel Sims Mission when they were children . . . a white-haired woman who shares her new-found joy in Christ by teaching little children at the mission . . . a deacon's testimony, 'I am in church tonight because when I was a boy I saw people at Rachel Sims Mission living for Jesus' . . ."—Jean Stamper, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pray for our 35 Good Will Centers throughout the United States.

PRAY for W. E. Johnson, Dallas, Tex., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. C. E. Clark, Valencia, Venezuela, RN; Florence Lide, China-Nigeria, retired; Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Colombia, D. R. Heiss, Aomori, Japan, Mrs. P. D. Rowden, Jr., Israel, S. S. Stover, Belo Horizonte, G. B. Se-right,* Brazil, C. H. Favell, Tamale, Ghana, ev.; Arkansas WMU Annual Meeting, Little Rock, 4-5; Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting, Mayfield, 4-6; William S. Stover, MF

5 WEDNESDAY If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us 1 John 5:14. (Read vv. 11-15.)

"Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Benld, Illinois, is testimony to prayer and PIONEER MISSIONS. A Christian couple in the small town of Mt. Olive felt the need for a Baptist church and prayed regularly for it. They helped the

missionary locate a vacant building where services could be held. As more people were enlisted, a larger building was rented. The members prayed earnestly for a church building. A good site was located and a lovely church erected"—Abraham Wright, Benld, Illinois.

Pray for pioneer mission work in the U.S.
PRAY for R. L. Kolb, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, ed.; H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile, T. E. Savage, Kitwe, No. Rhodesia, ev.; Louisiana WMU Annual Meeting, West Monroe, 5-7

6 THURSDAY Making mention of you in my prayers Eph. 1:16. (Read vv. 16-20.)

"Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Bonham work with some 10,000 Hoopa and Weitchpec Indians in California. The Bonhams, together with a student missionary couple, are the only missionaries among the native California Indians. This new work, made possible through Annie Armstrong Offering, evidences the concern of our Baptist people for the evangelization of these first Americans"—E. J. Combs, Fresno, California.

Pray for our Christian witness among LANGUAGE GROUPS of America: Indian, Spanish, Italian, French, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, deaf, Korean

PRAY for Mrs. George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., ev. among Indians; C. T. Gunn, Marksville, La., ev. among French; Mrs. L. E. Lee, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. S. K. Wood, Tokyo, Japan, RN; Mrs. R. Z. Chambliss, Jr., Trujillo, Peru, E. L. Oliver,* Japan, Mrs. M. A. Sanderford, Montevideo, Uruguay, Mrs. W. R. Hull, Nyeri, Kenya, ev.; Indiana WMU Annual Meeting, 6-7, Missouri WMU Annual Meeting, Columbia, 6-8

7 FRIDAY Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need Heb. 4:16. (Read vv. 14-18.)

"Within the metropolitan area of Miami, Florida, the JEWISH population numbers more than 100,000. At the height of the tourist season another 50,000 become a part of the 'World of Miami.' For a number of years Baptists in Miami have co-operated with the Home Mission Board in seeking to witness to Jews. Baptisms are few but efforts are being intensified and need the undergirding support of your earnest prayer"—Morris Elliott, Miami, Florida.

Pray for the salvation of Jewish people of your own community and throughout the United States.

PRAY for Daniel Gomez, Hatch, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Mildred Smith, Fla., Mrs. W. B. Glass, China, retired; E. O. Day,

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Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director

THIS MONTH

President
Secretary
Mission Study Committee
Prayer Committee
Community Missions Committee
Stewardship Committee
Publications Committee
Jubilee Committee
Youth Committee

Here it is, spring again!
God has come to bring again
Like a sower, planting flowers,
Pouring urns of silver showers
Over all the wayside bowers,
Into all our lonely hours;
Sweeping 'round the mighty girth
Of this eager, swinging earth
With a testament of mirth
And a cycle of rebirth!

—William L. Stidger*

And "His Harbors Will Proclaim" this wondrous rebirth
of the soul through Jesus Christ the risen Saviour.

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10 MONDAY If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you John 15:7. (Read vv. 7-10.)

13 THURSDAY For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers 1 Pet. 3:12. (Read vv. 12-15.)

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President

Catch Up With

Forecaster reminds you that the 1960-61 WMU year is half over. While you still have two quarters left, catch up with basic objectives and electives which may help your WMS become an Approved, Advanced, or Honor society. A little extra promotion may be all that is necessary.

April is important because it is the halfway month and also because of the important emphases it presents—

Life Commitment Sunday, April 9

Jewish Fellowship Week, April 17-23

Birthday Parties commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Sunbeam Band during the spring quarter

Second quarter reports due April 5

"Intercessory Prayer" by McClure, (39c from Baptist Book Stores) to be studied this quarter

For ANSWERS to Your QUESTIONS

See the following pages of the WMU year Book:

- Q—What is the WMU plan of promoting members?
A—Page 15
- Q—What are the requirements for an Honor WMU?
A—Pages 21 and 22
- Q—What is Church Night of Stewardship?
A—Pages 24 and 25
- Q—Where can I find a discussion of the Cooperative Program?
A—Pages 23 and 24
- Q—What should be included in the WMU budget?
A—Pages 25 and 26
- Q—How may I learn to preside?
A—Pages 126-128
- Q—Where can I find my duties?
A—Pages 31-34
- Q—How may I qualify for a WMS Leadership Card?

- A—Pages 34 and 35
- Q—What constitutes the WMS Refresher Course for 1960-61?
A—Page 35
- Q—Why do we need WMS circles?
A—Pages 52 and 53
- Q—Is it possible to have more than one WMS in a church?
A—Pages 116-117
- Q—Where may we secure information concerning YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band work?
A—Pages 62-114
- Q—What is the Church Council?
A—Pages 125 and 126
- Q—Where do we send subscriptions to WMU magazines?
A—Page 133
- Q—Where may we find help with associational WMU work?
A—Pages 122-125

Secretary

Indicators

Reports are indicators. They point up weaknesses and strengths in organizational work. They indicate progress on Aims for Advancement. They contribute to a feeling of togetherness of Woman's Missionary Union in the church, the association, state, and Southern Baptist Convention.

Be prompt in reporting

By April 5 the second quarterly report of your Woman's Missionary Union should be sent to your associational president, accompanied by quarterly WMS report on mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship; also YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band quarterly reports.

Be accurate in reporting

By using the Monthly Record

Sheets for WMS Members, price 25 for 25c; 50 for 50c; 100 for 75c, and the WMS Circle Report Book, price 20c (both from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.) the secretary can have accurate information to transfer to the blanks provided in the WMS-WMU Report Book (distributed according to state plan.) Secure from YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors complete reports from each youth organization to transfer to the WMU report and to forward to associational president.

Do your reports indicate that WMS members are making progress in promoting Christian missions through study, prayer, service, and gifts? If so, you'll be glad to report!

Mission Study Committee

Largest Needs

"One of the largest needs of our time is intercessory prayer," says J. G. K. McClure in the introductory note of his book, *Intercessory Prayer*, 39c from Baptist Book Stores. This is the book to be studied this quarter by Woman's Missionary Societies. It is a book that may be studied effectively by group discussion under the guidance of a group leader.

The following suggestions are from ideas based on Group Pro-

cesses for Adult Education by Paul Bergevin and Dwight Morris, © 1954 by The Seabury Press, Inc.

Keep the purpose of your study constantly in mind and seek: to create an awareness for the need of intercession to encourage and stimulate women to learn more about intercessory prayer to assist women to express their opinions concerning intercessory prayer

to help women become intercessors for missions

PLANNING THE STUDY

1. Room arrangement

(a) Arrange to seat the group comfortably around a table or tables in a rectangular position (b) Secure a blackboard, chalk and eraser, or an easel with printers' paper and large black crayon

2. Group leader

(A presiding member of the group, chosen for her training and experience in leading, developing, and encouraging group participation)

(a) Study *Intercessory Prayer* by McClure

1. Write principal ideas on paper
2. Get as much other information as possible on the subject

(b) Plan the procedure

1. Prepare an outline as a guide
2. Prepare to stimulate discussion and direct the group

(c) Prepare introductory remarks
1. Present briefly and logically the topic to be discussed

2. Introduce the topic by using sentences from the book, (written on cardboard or chalkboard), globe or map of the world, Bible or New Testament

(d) Plan for group participation

1. Explain discussion method

2. Select a person in the group to start

3. Guide the discussion. Do not teach, answer questions or dominate the discussion in any manner. Submerge self if the discussion is progressing satisfactorily

3. The discussion group members:

(a) Prepare for the discussion by studying *Intercessory Prayer* prior to the meeting

(b) Contribute to the discussion

(c) Ask questions

(d) Stay on the subject

(e) Listen, consider other opinions

(f) Assist timid members.

Supplementary books: *A Practical Primer on Prayer*, Haskin, 30c, *God's World Plan*, Aulick, 50c, *Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World*, Laubach, \$1.00, from Baptist Book Stores.

Baptist Book Store, price \$3.50, *The Commission, Home Missions*.) Ask the women to pray each day for the missionary assigned to them, remembering the time of day in their mission field (see Tell Prayer Time).

2. Ask WMS members to send a birthday card to the missionary for whom they are praying, assuring them that they are remembering them daily during their birthday month.

3. Write a note to each WMS member urging her to follow *Royal Service Call to Prayer* daily. Include Tennyson's poem in your request.

"More things are wrought by prayer

Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore let thy voice

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

For what are men better than sheep or goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain,

If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer

Both for themselves and those who call them friends?

For so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

4. At WMS meetings pray for the missionaries having birthdays on that day. If possible, learn in which state the missionaries were born. As names are called place the flower of their state in a container with green foliage, then have sentence prayer for the missionary. Encourage women to follow the Call to Prayer each day in their homes and in meetings and "Lay hold on man in his need and on God in his power, and pray a blessing down." This month urge every woman to read *Intercessory Prayer* by McClure and to attend the class where it is to be studied.

Prayer Committee

Call to Prayer



In WMS Statement of Aims we pledge ourselves to "seek to strengthen the spiritual life of members through use of the calendar of prayer." Prayer committee members, promote the continuous use of the *Royal Service Call to Prayer* in meetings and in homes this month.

The following suggestions will help your committee in the promotion of the Call to Prayer.

1. Assign to each WMS member one of the missionaries having an April birthday. Ask the women to learn all they can about the missionary. (See *Missionary Album* in your library or from your nearest

Community Missions Committee

WORDS TO REMEMBER

On an April day nearly one hundred years ago Victor Hugo in a letter to "My Fellow Citizens, the World," said "America has become the guide among the nations . . . the nation pointing out to its sister nations the granite way to liberty and to universal brotherhood."

Community missions committees will remember these words as they promote Jewish Fellowship Week, April 17-23. Secure information on Jewish Fellowship Week from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, for plans for observing this important week.

One of the best ways to observe the week is to promote the use of the Bible in evangelism. We suggest three plans from the leaflet, "Workable Plans for Using the Bible in Evangelism" (free from American Bible Society, 310 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Illinois).

1. Use of the Scripture Portion

This plan provides for placing booklets with Scripture portions in bus stations, railway or airline terminals, in banks, in grocery stores, hospitals, doctors' waiting rooms, and other public places.

2. Lay Witnessing With a Hand-marked New Testament

In this plan the witness refers to marked verses which present (a) man's condition apart from Christ; (b) what Christ has done for the lost sinner; (c) how to receive what Christ has done; (d) how to make confession of faith; (e) how to live with and for Christ.

A Bible in Every Home

This plan consists of visiting every home, offering a Bible for

every home and urging the family's use of the Bible. The American Bible Society helps meet the cost of promoting Bibles for this project.

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name"—John 20:31.

Remember these words and help every individual believe them.

Stewardship Committee

'Wait a Minute'

Have you presented the play, "Wait a Minute," which was produced by Woman's Missionary Union as a part of the 1960-61 Jubilee Advance emphasis on Sharing Possessions? You will recall that using the play is one of our Jubilee Advance goals. If you have not ordered your copies, you may secure them from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., for 10c each. You will need twelve characters and 12 minutes to present the play. It is a simple presentation with an appealing message.

We believe that Christians seeing the play will want to provide the \$37.37 required to finance worldwide mission work for one minute.

Usually the stewardship emphases for April-May-June are: a study of the right acquisition of money and a study of God's Word concerning the tithe. Your WMS will study *Christian Sharing of Possessions* by Ussery (watch Forecaster for exact release date) the

fourth quarter which is a Bible study of the tithe. So we suggest that the fourth quarter's emphasis—the Cooperative Program—be exchanged with the Bible study of the tithe, making your emphasis this quarter: a study of the Cooperative Program and the right acquisition of money.

See pages 23 and 24, WMU Year Book (25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama).

From your state convention office secure information concerning the distribution of the Convention-wide Cooperative Program dollar and about the amount kept in your own state.

Look at your church budget. How much of your money goes to the Cooperative Program? Are you satisfied with the amount? "Wait a minute," at the rate of your present giving, how long will it take to go into all the world and preach the gospel?

Publications Committee

RS QUIZ

1. What does Wallace Fridy say about life after death? Page 1
2. List prayer requests of Finlay and Julia Graham for Near East Baptist mission work. Page 18
3. What is the last big business in our nation today in which children form a substantial part of the labor force? What can we do about "America's forgotten children?" Page 16

Keep informed about and interested in missions—read **Royal Service** regularly each month—only \$1.50 a year from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Jubilee Committee

HALF OVER

The 1960-61 WMU year is half over. Mimeograph the following chart, one for each WMS member. As you present the 1960-61 Jubilee

Advance goals ask each member to place a star in the block representing the goals which your society has reached.

1960-61 Jubilee Advance Goals			
1 Study Bible, How Christians Share Possessions	2 Missionary Work	3 Evangelism Work	4 Christian Living
5 Education Work	6 Cooperative Program	7 Christian Living	8 Christian Living
9 Christian Living	10 Christian Living	11 Christian Living	12 Christian Living

Turn the page to find the Jubilee Advance goals which you will use for your check up

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1. Study book, *Christian Sharing of Possessions* (fourth quarter)
2. Use stewardship play, "Wait a Minute"
3. Increased gifts through the Co-operative Program
4. Increased number of tithers
5. Increase of 13 per cent in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
6. Increase of 13 per cent in Annie Armstrong Offering
7. Assist associational WMU in organizing WMU organizations in

churches

8. Set a worthy goal for increasing membership
9. Subscriptions to *Royal Service* equaling 65 per cent of members
10. Train WMU leadership
11. Co-operate in church plans for establishing missions
12. Work to be an Honor WMU

We hope that by the end of September, 1961 you will have attained each of the 12 Jubilee goals.

Youth Committees



Let's have a party! A birthday party for the Sunbeams. Sunbeam Band birthday parties are to be promoted during this spring quarter. The children will bring birthday gifts for an individual, or institution, as decided by the local Sunbeam Band committee. See *Sunbeam Activities* for suggestions.

GAs and YWAs will want to have a part in all the 75th Anniversary plans. They can help in reaching the enlistment anniversary goal as they bring little brothers and sisters into the membership of Sunbeam Bands. The goal is: the enlistment of 50 per cent of the children eligible for membership or a net increase of 25 per cent in membership.

YWA summer service opportunities for 1961 could also include work with Sunbeam Bands, if re-

quested by Sunbeam Band committee.

Two other anniversary goals are: (1) the leader and/or assistant leader completing during the year the basic Sunbeam Band Leadership Course, or if previously completed, the Sunbeam Band Refresher Course; (2) the leader and each assistant leader receiving *Sunbeam Activities*.

Sunbeam Band directors and leaders will want to attend the Sunbeam Band workshop held in their association.

See pages 110-111, *WMU Year Book*, for new materials available for Sunbeam Bands.

Now that the Sunbeam Band is 75 years old in 1961, let's all promote this missionary organization for children.

Nassau, Bahamas, J. E. Giles, Cali, Colombia, ed. Kathleen Jones, Kediri, Indonesia, MD; Z. V. Moss, Kitwe, No. Rhodesia, ev.; Karen Anne Ray, MF

... For Latin America

8 SATURDAY I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting 1 Tim. 2:8. (Read vv. 5-8.)

"During the last school term of 1960 the Baptist family of missionaries at language school in COSTA RICA numbered ninety-one, 45 adults and 46 children. It is both a tremendous responsibility and a great joy to work with missionary students, for they are our future representatives in all of Latin America. Please remember them in your praying" — Laverne Gregory, San Jose, Costa Rica.

PRAY for J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired; Mrs. C. T. Gunn, Marksville, La., ev. among French; Evelyn Stanford, Columbia, S. C. GWC; Mrs. V. O. McMillan, Jr., Nagasaki, Japan, P. S. Moody, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.



9 SUNDAY O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come Psalm 65:2. (Read vv. 5-9.)

"Everything was quiet; no insulting shouts were heard; no stones were thrown. The room was crowded and through a loudspeaker people for blocks around could hear the gospel. When the invitation was given, six people accepted Christ as Saviour."

The Orvil Reids of MEXICO were attending in Guzman an evening service at the Baptist church organized three years before. While still a mission, it had been a target of persecution, on one occasion attacked by some 2,000 people; soldiers dispersed the mob.

PRAY for Mrs. C. L. Neal, (MD), Mexico, retired; Mrs. R. L. Lyon, Mexico City, Mexico, Mrs. J. A. Poe, Santa Catarina, Paul W. Stouffer, Campinas, Brazil, C. R. Crowder, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. H. C. Brent, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

10 MONDAY If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you John 15:7. (Read vv. 7-10.)

"VENEZUELA is heavy upon our hearts. Our church has organized two missions this year, one in English and one in Spanish. We have just begun the first Baptist work in Maracay, a city of 100,000. Our little church, with its 15 members and about 60 in Sunday school supports two missions. We covet your prayer"—Don Smith, Valencia, Venezuela.

PRAY for Mrs. David Espurvoa, La Feria, Daniel Cantu, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. D. Luper, Fortaleza, Brazil, M. J. Wright, Jr., Japan, ev.; Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting, Knoxville, 10-12

11 TUESDAY But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering James 1:6. (Read vv. 3-7.)

Cienfuegos, with its 90,000 people is one of the largest cities in CUBA yet has only one Baptist church. This church, however, has big plans for mission stations. Although at present they have only one mission in a nearby town, they anticipate ten. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Leoncio Veuilla as they lead in this work.

Let us pray earnestly for the Christian nationals and the almost 200 missionaries in Cuba who carry on the work.

PRAY for Mrs. Cleofas Castano, Guanabacoa, Cuba, Mrs. C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala; R. L. Locke, Owerri, Nigeria, Faye Tunmire, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. Abraham Wright, Benld, Ill., retired; H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, dentist; Maryland WMU Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 11

12 WEDNESDAY Ye also helping together by prayer for us 2 Cor. 1:11. (Read vv. 11-14.)

"Along with our monetary request of \$125,000 from the Foreign Mission Board for earthquake-torn CHILE, desperately needed to help alleviate human suffering and rebuild damaged churches and pastors' homes, we make this prayer request also: Pray that we missionaries may be equal to the task of ministering spiritually to many people who for the first time have become aware that material things are temporary and that evangelical Christians have a message of hope in dark times"—Cecil McConnell, Santiago, Chile.

PRAY for Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Temuco, Chile, T. C. Bennett, Pakistan, Mrs. C. H. Morris, Singapore, Malaya, ev.; Bertis Fair, N. C., ev. among migrants; Maurice Aguiard, Church Point, La., ev. among French

13 THURSDAY For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers 1 Pet. 3:12. (Read vv. 12-15.)

"Over 100 students are enrolled this year in

the International Seminary in Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA. Plans are under way, through Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds for construction of a much-needed apartment building for married students. Pray that God will continue to call other young nationals of Argentina to His service in their own country"—Frances Roberts, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

PRAY for Mrs. R. F. Elder, Argentina, retired; Camara Guerra, San Benito, Jose Saenz, Port Lavaca, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Marcellus Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians; Betty Jane Hunt, Korea, Mrs. L. G. Keyes, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, ev.; Irma Camara, MF

14 FRIDAY Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest Matt. 9:38. (Read vv. 35-38.)

"It is inspiring to know the 15 students who have studied in our Bible Institute in Honduras since it began in February 1959. Each serves actively in his own church, and some go out on weekends to villages where the gospel is sorely needed. Such a small number of students, however, cannot possibly evangelize Honduras; please pray with us that more young people will recognize God's call to serve"—Harold Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

PRAY for Mrs. W. C. Parker, Margarita, Canal Zone, Mrs. C. W. Shaw, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Burel Block, Portales, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Sr., Argentina, retired

... For Africa

15 SATURDAY And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications Dan 9:3. (Read vv. 3, 20-22.)

"Beside the road near Kefti, NIGERIA, hung a dead chicken mounted on a five foot pole. Superstitious hunters in the surrounding area had driven arrows into the chicken's body to chase away evil spirits and insure good hunting"—Dewey Merritt, Nigeria.

Pray for the many pagan Africans of Nigeria and our teaching ministry among them. Of 208 missionaries on the Nigerian staff, 71 are engaged in teaching at some level. The Baptist Seminary at Ogbomoso had 168 students enrolled during last year.

PRAY for Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; R. E. Beatty, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Edna Teal, China, retired; Mrs. Pantaleon Molina, Westaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking



16 SUNDAY The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much James 5:16. (Read vv. 7-11.)

Forced to leave GUINEA (a new mission field opened in 1959) because the government refused to renew their visas, Missionary W. A. Poe and his family have discovered an open door of opportunity in LIBERIA, where he was asked to serve as educational advisor at Ricks Institute, a Liberian Baptist Convention school. Pray for the Poes as they begin this work in Liberia and that doors may open again for Baptists in Guinea.

PRAY for Mrs. C. W. Wiggs, Korea, Mrs. J. L. Riffey, Niteroi, Brazil, Mrs. Reinaldo Medina, La Palma, Elva Chavez, Havana, Cuba, M. L. McKay, Anchorage, Alaska, ev.; Crea Ridenour, Cali, Colombia, E. B. Dozier, Japan, ed.; Darline Elliott, Cali, Colombia, lib.; A. H. Foster, Pollock, La., ev. among migrants; Mrs. Laura May Whitfield, E. M. Treadwell, Las Vegas, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Charles M. Dozier, MF

17 MONDAY O Lord God of Abraham ... prepare their heart unto thee 1 Chron. 29:18. (Read vv. 15-18.)

"In EAST AFRICA today one is impressed by the deep sense of responsibility and devotion to duty among government officials. They are fine people indeed, yet, with few exceptions all are pagans and lack the spiritual power of Christ. Today KENYA teeters on the edge of a precipice, for those holding the helm, both black and white, are pagan. Kenya, like so many other emerging African nations needs Christ and the power of prayer"—Eric Clark, Kisumu, Kenya.

PRAY for Mrs. C. E. Perez, Tapaste, Cuba, F. A. Hooper, III, Petah Tiqva, Israel, H. L. Shoemaker, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.; Cora Ann Davis, Lexington, Ky., GWC; A. H. Urbina, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Johnny Wang, Mill Valley, Calif., SMP; Mrs. Roy Muncy, Ignacio, Colo., ev. among Indians

18 TUESDAY The prayer of the upright is his delight Prov. 15:8. (Read vv. 3, 8, 9, 29.)

"Mbeya, TANGANYIKA is our assigned field of service as of January 1961. It was decided

also at our annual mission meeting that one missionary couple would begin work with Asians, of whom there are thousands in East Africa with very little Christian witness. There is also an opening for Baptists into Uganda, which has previously not welcomed us. Please pray with us about this possibility"—Buck Donaldson, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika.

PRAY for Mrs. R. B. Wolford, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. D. W. King, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.

... For Europe

19 WEDNESDAY Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word John 17:20. (Read vv. 18-23.)

"Enza and Maria, students at Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome, ITALY have long felt called to vocational Christian service. The Italian Baptist Evangelism Committee, comparable to a home mission board, asked them to work in communities without a resident pastor. Pray for these two new young home missionaries"—Virginia Wingo, Rome, Italy.

Pray for the work of the Training School in Rome and the Seminary in Rivoli.

PRAY for Virginia Wingo, Rome, Italy, Mrs. E. G. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. A. M. Lugo, Edinburgh, Mrs. Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Tex., E. R. Hill, La Mesa, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. S. T. Mayo, Atlanta, Ga., FW; Mrs. C. R. Bumpus, Campina Grande, Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Turner, Tripoli, Lebanon, ev.

20 THURSDAY Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified 2 Thess. 3:1 (Read vv. 1-5.)

The Baptist church of Seville, SPAIN, closed and sealed by order of the Spanish police since 1958, has been refused by the government its request for reopening. The Second Baptist Church of Madrid continues closed as it has been since 1954. Don't stop praying for the members of these churches.

In spite of persecution some 3,000 Baptists in the 44 churches of Spain had a ratio in 1959 of one baptism to every eleven church members.

PRAY for Phillip Aaron, Perrine, Fla., Mrs. S. P. Mireles, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

21 FRIDAY We ... pray for you, and ... desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom Col. 1:9, 10 (Read vv. 9-12.)

"There are probably 1,500 Baptists in PORTUGAL. Begun by Brazilian Baptists some 50 years ago, the Baptist witness in Portugal desperately needs support and encouragement. We spent almost a year there surveying opportunities for mission work. The Grayson Tannisons have been assigned to Portugal, but they are just on tourist visas and have not been able to secure permission from the Portuguese government for permanent residence. Pray that this new field will open"—A. R. Crabtree, retired from Brazil and Portugal.

PRAY for Letha Saunders, Sao Paulo, Mrs. J. S. Oliver, Belem, Brazil, Elizabeth Watkins, Mary Neal Morgan, Osaka, Japan, ev.; Mrs. P. S. Moody, Bangkok, Thailand, RN; Rose Marlowe, China-Japan, retired; Mrs. E. W. Nelson, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Victor Koon, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed.; Mrs. Sarah Lou Rogers, Miami, Fla.; GWC; Radion Beresov, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Mrs. Stephen Gover, Washington, Mrs. L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Winifred Johns, MF

... For the Near East

22 SATURDAY In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God Phil. 4:6. (Read vv. 6-9.)

The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary began its first term last October with 22 students enrolled from EGYPT, JORDAN, and LEBANON. The Seminary is the first sponsored by Baptists in the Near East and will meet in rented quarters in Beirut, Lebanon until buildings can be constructed on its permanent site just outside the city. Pray for this new undertaking.

PRAY for Ismael Negrin, Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; A. Pucciarelli, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Italians; Mrs. W. W. Logan, Enugu, Nigeria, Mrs. W. H. Parkman, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. C. S. Boatwright, Sendai, Japan, ev.



23 SUNDAY Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss James 4:3. (Read vv. 3, 8, 10.)

"Just after completing our move to Nazareth we settled down to one of our most concentrated evangelistic efforts here. Our Baptist

Look Toward May

In May and June we study Africa. May is the month for considering West Africa—Nigeria, Ghana, also Liberia. In June we look at Central and East Africa. Your files should be bulging with good pictures and articles for supplementary reading and study.

Be a good filer and your future will be enriched.

high school held its annual Religious Emphasis Week, resulting in some fifty decisions for Christ. Pray for our work here day by day and year by year"—Herman L. Petty, Nazareth, Israel.

PRAY for Augusto Martinez, San Blas, Panama, W. H. Jackson, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, J. L. Smith, Jakarta, Indonesia, ev.; F. H. Heiney, Hammon, Okla., ev. among Indians; F. L. Hawkins, Jr., Brazil, pub.; M. F. Moorhead, Itozu, Japan, Mrs. B. H. Wetmaker, Cali, Colombia, ed.; S. G. Rankin,* Hong Kong, MD; Blanche Rose Walker, China, retired.

24 MONDAY Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17. (Read vv. 1, 17, 22.)

"When Dr. Billy Graham saw the large crowd seated and standing in the lovely outdoor amphitheater in Nazareth, the city of our Lord's childhood, he was deeply moved. He preached that morning with great power. For many it was their first time to hear such a message.

"A large number responded. What a varied group it was—villagers wearing the Arab head-dress, cripples hobbling on canes, and young people in modern dress. But they all had found the same Saviour.

"Large crowds of Jewish people also came to hear Dr. Graham in Haifa, Jaffa-Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. Many of them responded to the call to accept Christ, showing the deep heart hunger in this country. How we need your prayer as we follow up and minister to these seeking souls"

—Herman L. Petty, Nazareth, Israel.

PRAY for A. E. Coragado, Matanzas, Cuba, Blanche Simpson, Estado do Rio, Brazil, Mrs. E. C. Smith,* Indonesia, ev.; N. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Lena Lair, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, W. C. Hunker, Taipei, Taiwan, J. R. Estes, Ruchlikon, Switzerland, ed.; W. J. Williams, Eku, Nigeria, MD; Michigan WMU Annual Meeting, Pontiac, 24-25

... For the Orient

25 TUESDAY Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Rom. 10:1. (Read vv. 1-4.)

"Pagan animism, the worship of spirits, is still prevalent in JAVA though most of the people are Islam. Recently in a sugar mill we saw seven water buffalo heads, miniature bamboo and paper houses with food inside, and many stalks of ripe bananas all offered to appease the spirits so there would be no accident in the factory. A man who owns even one buffalo is considered well-to-do in his village—and seven were offered to non-existent pagan spirits"—Elton Moore, Surakarta, Indonesia.

PRAY for Mrs. A. B. Scull, Bandung, Indonesia, Marcos Rodriguez, Marti, Cuba, Mrs. Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. D. C. Jones, Korea, Mrs. D. J. Richards, Recife, Brazil, Mrs. M. A. Mobley, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. H. P. Reeves,* Thailand, ev.; Mrs. Antonio Castillo, Del Rio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Lawrence Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Florida WMU Annual Meeting, Orlando, 25-26

26 WEDNESDAY Praying always . . . that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. Eph. 6:18-19. (Read vv. 18-20.)

"In 1959 our family left our beloved homeland to come to VIETNAM, a land of twelve million people where Baptists had no work. During 1960 three more families joined us. Before we can begin to make a real contribution to the spiritual lives of these people we must learn their language. Pray for all of us as we study the Vietnamese language"—Herman Hayes, Saigon, Vietnam.

PRAY for E. C. Smith,* Indonesia, J. D. Ratliff, Lima, Peru, ev.; H. L. Sinclair, Thailand, dentist; Merna Jean Hocum,* Brazil, Soc.; L. G. Fielder, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. D. E. Kendall, Semarang, Indonesia, RN; Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, retired

27 THURSDAY These all continued with one

accord in prayer and supplication. Acts 1:14. (Read vv. 8-14.)

Clark Field Baptist Church organized at the US Air Base near Manila in the PHILIPPINES ministers chiefly to military personnel and their families. Plans are underway for the construction of a sanctuary to seat about 800. Pray for this church under the leadership of Missionary J. Allen Smith. Among our Orient fields, the work in the Philippines was outstanding in 1959 in gains shown in number of baptisms, new chapels, and mission points.

PRAY for J. T. Lochridge, M'lang, Philippines, Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Mrs. Jorge Martinez, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking

28 FRIDAY And Mattaniah . . . was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer. Neh. 11:17. (Read Psalm 28:5-7.)

After ten years in THAILAND, Southern Baptist missionaries have finally been permitted to buy land for church buildings. The first church to be erected will be for the sixty member Thai-speaking Immanuel Baptist Church, organized in 1953. Missionary pastor is S. Judson Lennon. Let us rejoice in the Lord for this victory and undergird progress with prayer.

PRAY for M. L. Pratt, Washington, D. C., Sarah Diaz, Granite City, Ill., GWC; Mrs. Leoncio Veguilla, Cienfuegos, Cuba, Mrs. H. E. Renfrow,* Brazil, ev.; W. E. Wyatt,* Nigeria, dentist

29 SATURDAY God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. 1 Sam. 12:23. (Read vv. 22-24.)

"JAPAN has proved one of the hardest countries to Christianize in Asia; despite an all-out effort, only six tenths of one per cent of the 92 million population are members of churches, split about evenly between Protestants and Roman Catholics." It is a time for much prayer. Never has our work load been heavier, nor the rewards greater; in city and village we are carrying the message of Christ"—Worth Grant, Urawa, Japan.

PRAY for R. D. Hardy, Kyoto, Japan, D. J. Richards, Cathryn Smith, Recife, Brazil, ev.; Rosemary Limbert, Kokura, Japan, Onis Vineyard, Recife, Brazil, ed.; Miss Colleen Crawley, New Orleans, La., GWC; Cornelio Rivera, Cameroon, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; L. N. Carlson, Bridge City, La., ev. among French; Victor Kaneubbe, Farmington, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Margaret Collins, Dagupan City, Philippines, RN; Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Argentina, retired



30 SUNDAY If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray . . . then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14. (Read vv. 14-15.)

Christians are losing ground in winning the world's people to faith in Jesus Christ. It is estimated that only one fourth of the world's population increase in 1959 was led to faith in Christ.

It is imperative that we humble ourselves and pray that the people of our world may know Christ as personal Saviour. Will you continue to "give yourself unto prayer?"

PRAY for Sarah Lou Henley, Shaki, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. P. H. Hill, Oshogbo, Nigeria, Mrs. R. A. Fowler, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; T. S. Adkins, Kowloon, Hong Kong, BA; J. B. Payne, Oshogbo, Nigeria, architect

ev. evangelism	SW student worker
ed. educational evangelism	MD doctor
* on furlough	RN nurse
GWC Good Will Center	Soc. social worker
MF Margaret Fund student	pub. publication
FW field worker	lan. language study
med. medical evangelism	lib. librarian
BA business administration	SMP student mission pastor

MISSION WORK IN JORDAN

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and distant villages and towns asking the mission to send someone to begin a preaching service, to open a small school or to operate a medical clinic. Missionaries thank the group for their interest but must say there is no one to send! Each time as we say no to these who open doors of opportunity we recall that it was only four years ago that Southern Baptist missionaries were ordered out of Jordan during the time of destruction of Baptist property. Now we hear some of these same people invite us to their villages and homes.

How long will Southern Baptists have opportunity to enter open doors into the Moslem world? Some think we may one day find them permanently closed, perhaps in our generation. Are there those in your church whom God is calling to come to Jordan to help us? Is he calling you?

No other city in the world has a history to compare with that of Jerusalem. And none has so certain or crucial a future. Today Jerusalem is an armed camp, occupied by Israel on the west and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the east. The United Nations has voted to internationalize it for Jew, Christian and Moslem alike,

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but both countries have steadfastly rejected this principle. Barbed wire barricades still remain at strategic places, and the only point of passage from Jordan into Israel is through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Most of the sites of special interest to Christians are in the old city, which is held by Jordan. This section is surrounded by a wall about five feet thick and ranging from fifteen to seventy feet high. Now Jerusalem lies to the north, west and south, outside the walls. It has been the capital of Israel since 1949.

The remains of the Jerusalem our Lord knew lie somewhere beneath the present city. At one place in the old city visitors

may descend below street level and see part of a very old street which archeologists believe dates back to Christ's first advent.

One of the nine gates in the walls of the old city is sealed shut, providing a striking fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel 44:1-3. This prophecy concerning the Eastern or Golden Gate which, according to

the new Jewish nation halted its drive toward historical Jerusalem. Commenting in 1950 on this prophecy that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

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City of Destiny

the Word of God, is to remain shut awaiting the prince, was partly fulfilled 600 years after the prophecy at the triumphal entry of the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem just before His crucifixion. Soon after, Jerusalem was destroyed. When Sultan Suleiman rebuilt the wall, he made the gate presumably as an entrance to the Dome of the Rock which Mohammedans had built on the site of Solomon's Temple.

Suddenly the Sultan had the gate walled up again with blocks of stone and so it stands today.

Mandelbaum Gate, the one point of entrance from Jordan to Israel, is likewise prophetically significant as the point where

Whatever the future of this city, there still clings to it such ties with the past that veiled women are commonplace



HIS HERALDS WILL PROCLAIM



by Sibyl Brame Townsend

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymns: "Come Women Wide Proclaim" and
"O Zion Haste"

Prayer

Sing: "Christ for the Whole Wide World"

Introduction

Think!

Bible Stories Relived Today

The Road to Jericho

The Borders of Tyre and Sidon

Down to Gaza

Devotional Conclusion

Benediction

HIS HERALDS WILL PROCLAIM

SING: "Come Women Wide Proclaim"
(first verse) and "O Zion Haste" (third
verse).

PRAYER: Use Call to Prayer

SING: "Christ for the Whole Wide World"
(third verse). (A herald in Bible costume
might pose with a silent trumpet while
soloist sings.)

INTRODUCTION

Today we follow the steps and listen to
the words of Christian heralds who pro-
claim the gospel in one of the world's most
strategic spots—an area designated by mod-
ern writers as the "cradle of civilization,"
"the navel of the world," "the geographical
pivot of history." Can you name the area?
The answer of course is the Near or Middle
East.

We look today at the Arab people.
Though the seriousness of strained rela-
tions between Arabs and Jews in this area
demands our deepest concern and most
mature judgment and our heralds might
well sound an alarm, we trust none of the
urgency of the message will be lost as we
present information by games and stories.

THINK! (spontaneous discussion
prompted by flash cards)

For a review of what we already know
about these countries we will play a game
called Think. Look at the words on a flash
card, then call out the ideas or thoughts
this word suggests to you.

For instance, the word Egypt immedi-
ately suggests pyramids and camels. Some-
one might think of Moses in the bull-
rushes or the flight of Mary and Joseph
with the baby Jesus. Someone else might
think of Gamal Abdel Nasser and the prob-
lems he faces as President of the United
Arab Republic, which includes Egypt.

We hope that at the close of our pro-
gram these same words will have new sig-
nificance and a deeper, more personal
meaning to us.

(As many members as possible should be
encouraged to participate; but, as the va-
rious ideas are called out, the leader or
other designated persons should be pre-
pared to add the information given below.)

Flash Card Number 1—THE NEAR EAST
(allow time for answers)

CROSSROADS Where three continents
merge and three oceans meet, the cross-
roads of travel and trade by land, by sea,
by air.

CONFLICT An area so strategically lo-
cated and so rich in oil that the powers of
the earth have sought through the years to
gain control of its leadership and its re-
sources. A tiny land in which Arab and
Jew lived peaceably for many years but

PROGRAM

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

1. Since most of us are beginners when it comes to
studying the Near East, we have decided to use flash
cards and stories. Some groups might like to carry the
idea further and set up school room procedure.

2. Be sure to order one copy of the following free
materials from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597,
Richmond 30, Virginia, and use them to supplement the
discussion. Display:

Map—Southern Baptist Missions in the Near East
Pamphlets (one each): "Know Your Baptist Missions
—Africa, Europe and the Near East"; "Horizons of Ex-
pansion in Africa, Europe and the Near East"; "Leb-
anon: An Open Door"; "Moslem Teen-Agers' Today."
Annual Report: "The Field Is the World"

3. Prepare an attractive bulletin board with current
news items related to this area.

4. Prepare flash cards by writing the words suggested
—in capital letters—under the topic "Think" on cards
or paper. At the proper time hold these up for reaction
from the women. You may wish to give out bits of in-
formation to several people for response.

which, with the return of a million and one half homeless Jews, has been split into a sort of jigsaw puzzle.

Among the Arabs there were one million who lost their homes and possession at the time Israel became a state in 1947-48.

HOLY LAND An area holy not only to Christians, who cherish the paths their Saviour walked, but to Moslem and Jew as well. To the Jew Jerusalem is still the city of Jehovah, and to the Moslem it is the most sacred place on earth next to Mecca. It is the holy city to the Christians because of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

But what do we actually mean by Near East? Is it to you a vague blur somewhere around the eastern end of the Mediterranean? We are concerned in our program today with the critical area of the Arab countries which were a part of the land once called Palestine. Today we look at Egypt, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan.

Flash Card Number 2—THE ARAB (allow time for answers)

How many of you think of shicks riding across the desert? Of thrilling tales of Arabian Nights? How many think of gypsy-like nomads living in black tents on barren hills? How many think of thousands of refugees crowded into inadequate concentration camps?

All these pictures contribute to our general idea of the Arab people, dark-skinned descendants of Abraham's outcast son, Ishmael. Reports from our missionaries describe outstanding qualities:

"Perhaps the thing that strikes you about the Arabic people is their hospitality. They treat you like dignitaries in their homes . . . they serve you first a cool drink if the weather is hot . . . cakes . . . fruit . . . and lastly tea or a small cup of Turkish coffee.

"Their dignity and pride contribute to a self-confidence that is sometimes hard to take. Very proud of their station in life, they are careful not to be caught doing anything beneath their dignity—especially carrying things. There are notable exceptions—especially in Christian communi-

ties."

There are many evidences of western influence among the 130 million people in the Near East. One traveler reports seeing a ragged Bedouin boy standing beside the road. Suddenly he blew a big bubble with bubble gum. Another tells of watching a Moslem woman "enveloped from crown to toe" in the customary black "abba" pause long enough as she boarded a plane to toss the abba to a friend below as she proceeded on her way in a modish traveling ensemble.

Extravagant living is seen in high places yet there are thousands of Arabs who still live in poverty and squalor. To many even clean water is a luxury and existence is so difficult that they have reached a state of hopelessness. The number of schools, colleges, and libraries, though increasing year by year, is unbelievably low.

Realizing that such conditions provide good soil for the seeds of communism, our government as well as others is sending millions of dollars in technical aid and agricultural commodities into this area. Surely we as Christians, believing in the worth of individuals and the power of the gospel, should be challenged to an all-out missionary effort.

Our Secretary for this area says: "Nowhere else in the world is the task of bearing effective witness to the Christian gospel more difficult." And the reasons he offers for the challenge? Islam—the religion of Mohammed the prophet.

Flash Card Number 3—ISLAM

Does this word suggest mosques lifting their beautiful minarets skyward? muezzins (*mu-EHZ-in*) calling people to prayer five times a day? and dark-eyed women peeping from behind black veils? This is all a part of the religion known as Islam.

Today more than 1300 years after Mohammed's flight from Mecca, the religion he established ranks third in followers in the religions of the world, with one out of every seven persons counted a Moslem. The ratio among Arab peoples is much, much

higher. The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of only one of Islam's seventy or more sects, claims twenty million followers!

Perhaps it was this religion and its seventh century conquest of an empire wider than that of Rome at its zenith which carried the Arabic language and culture so far beyond the borders of Arabia. In the Near East, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, Iraq, Iran are predominantly Moslem. At present our Arab Baptist Mission includes three of these countries and assists with work in a fourth. The next three flash cards will give you opportunity to tell what you know about these countries.

(Use map "Southern Baptist Missions in the Near East" and call attention to the fact that the fourth country is Egypt. The work there has been associated with our Board since 1955 and the centers at Cairo and Fayum are assisted periodically by missionaries from Lebanon.)

Flash Card Number 4—JORDAN

The present state of Jordan is about the size of Virginia with a population of one and a half million people, one third of whom are refugees living in camps supported by United Nations Relief and Work Agency (point out Jordan on map).

Its economy is largely agricultural and pastoral with small landowners raising grain, fruits, and vegetables and wandering Bedouin tribes tending sheep and goats.

Flash Card Number 5—LEBANON (show on map)

Lebanon is slightly smaller than Connecticut and borders the Mediterranean Sea just north of Israel and west of Syria. It is known as a liberal country and affords a higher degree of religious freedom than any other nation in the Middle East.

Flash Card 6—GAZA (show on map)

The Gaza Strip, a little parcel of land about five miles wide and 25 miles long, is an Egyptian protectorate, sandwiched in between the new nation of Israel and ancient Egypt and is ruled by an Egyptian governor. Most of the area is flat, rolling

sand. From early spring until late fall there is absolutely no rain, but the winters are cold and wet. The rainy season, irrigation, and heavy dews keep the crops and trees alive.

The population is made up of approximately 300,000 Arabic-speaking people, about 240,000 of them refugees located in the nine refugee camps. Continued existence of these thousands of refugees after more than ten years away from "home" is made tolerable because of shelter, food, clothing, and schooling provided by the United Nations. Patrolling the border continually are the United Nations Emergency Forces.

Ninety-eight per cent of Gaza's 300,000 people are Moslem. Southern Baptists are the only evangelical group in the Strip.

BIBLE STORIES RELIVED TODAY

Leader: Now we turn to some stories. Surely the well-known tales of Arabian Nights have made this people famous for their story telling talents. For, whether it was Ali Baba, Sinbad, or Aladdin, the tales are typically Arabian in temper and spirit. But these were fictitious. The stories that we tell today are true stories of souls won by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Though we cannot know all the answers to the serious problems which face these little lands today, there is no doubt in our minds that these stories hold the answer.

Story 1—THE ROAD TO JERICHO

(Read Luke 10:30-37.) "Many changes have occurred," says Dr. John Roper of Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, "since Christ first told the parable of the unfortunate man who fell among thieves in these barren hills. Today we can make the trip from Jerusalem to Jericho in thirty minutes by car."

On the modern road to Jericho there are no lepers such as Jesus healed, but down the unpaved road leading to the Kedron Valley all known lepers in Jordan live in a barracks-type building.

Back on the highway a sign in Arabic and English points to Bethlehem 18 miles away. Ten minutes later we are passing through Bethany.

After leaving Bethany we find that all signs of life disappear except an occasional Bedouin tent. The road descends and is one winding curve after another through rocky, desolate, sun-parched hills. A small boy alone beside the road holds two eggs, hoping to sell them. Beyond are young girls dressed in black, drawing water from a cistern and pouring it into goatskin bottles tied onto a donkey. Others are filling five-gallon tin cans with water and perching them on their heads.

At the crest of the hill a soldier signals for us to stop. Opposite is the traditional Good Samaritan's Inn.

The air becomes hotter as we begin to descend. Another sign reads Sea Level. Suddenly before us there is Jericho and the Dead Sea, resembling a lovely carpet with the groves of orange, banana, and date trees. The temperature has been climbing steadily to 110 degrees. Our skin is dry and we feel we're being roasted in an oven.

On the shore of the Dead Sea there is the luxurious, air-conditioned Dead Sea Hotel, where we escape temporarily from the oppressive heat and eat fine Swiss food as we listen to music by an Italian ensemble. Continuing from this restful interlude toward the Jordan River to the traditional baptismal place of Jesus, we again are stopped by soldiers at a military check point. Our minds begin to draw some comparisons of the contrasts seen during this journey. We think of the rich host of Christian witnesses to Jericho in the past, including Jesus himself, and the lack of Christian witness today. We still must travel an additional three hours before reaching the nearest point where Southern Baptists have work established. The early disciples were instructed to begin at Jerusalem, but leaving the city we have no established work within four hours of the city. Because of lack of missionary evangel-

ists, it is unlikely that work in this area can be started before 1962 at the earliest.

Traveling north for three hours to the hills of Gilead you will find there the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, seeking to perform Christian deeds of mercy and compassion as characterized by the first Good Samaritan.

Part 2 of Story 1

The patients welcomed to this Christian hospital are not victims of thieves and robbers but of tuberculosis and malnutrition due to droughts and food shortages.

Two young brothers were found almost dead of starvation in a tent in a nearby valley. Despite six weeks of constant care the younger one died and the other required a plaster cast for the treatment of tuberculosis.

But at such a place there can be a note of victory in even the saddest cases as Dr. Roper testifies.

Early one Sunday morning a young Bedouin woman who had been in labor for three days was brought to the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun in critical condition. She needed an immediate operation, but blood transfusion was necessary before surgery could be done. Since no suitable blood donors could be found, two missionaries—the doctor and the evangelist—each donated blood and the operation was successfully performed.

Later a Christian woman reminded the patient that her life had been saved by the blood of the doctor and the evangelist, but Jesus Christ cared even more than they—enough to die that she might have life forever. The sick woman was deeply touched and God's Spirit opened her heart miraculously.

Some three hours after her conversion she suddenly became worse and died. Medically speaking, this had been a failure, but spiritually a victory, for in those few hours of prolonged life she had found a far more precious possession—eternal life through Jesus.

Surely our missionaries in the hospitals,

schools, and churches of Jordan, in Ajloun, Debbin, Taiybeh, and Irbid, Jordan, are giving real meaning to the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Story 2—THE BORDERS OF TYRE AND SIDON

(Read Mark 7:24-30.) Even as Jesus went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon when He was here on earth, so He is there today. Virginia Cobb, one of our "heralds," continues with us on our journey.

"We will not enter Lebanon" as Jesus once did, moving north from Galilee, for those borders are now bristling with barbed wire and are carefully guarded—because Lebanon, like other Arab states, does not recognize the existence of Israel and there is no passing back and forth.

"We would more likely enter the country at Beirut, our lovely city crowding a large peninsula and the mountain rising abruptly behind it. The shores of the city are ringed with modern apartment houses and hotels of all hues and colors. Alighting at the busy international airport, we are at a crossroads of the world. Planes from three continents bring a variety of people—Indian women in bright saris, Africans, Orientals, Europeans.

"On the other hand if we chose to enter Beirut by its wide modern highways we might suppose it to be a rich western city. But we would not tarry long before seeing the other side, the crowded tenement-like houses, with whole families to a room; the narrow, twisting back streets filled with ragged children playing in wild droves. We would learn that the large hotels are night spots where gambling and other evils are uncontrolled, that all the evils of an eastern port city are found in abundance here.

"Beirut is a city of many peoples where Armenians, Moslems, Jews, Druzes, Catholics and Orthodox each has a section of town, and the tents of Palestinian refugees cluster on the nearby beaches. Behind Beirut there rise the slopes and heights of Mt. Lebanon and its sister peaks stretching

north and south, the great heart of the land. And there, where unnumbered villages perch on its ridges and nestle in its valleys, is the real Lebanon. In the villages life has not changed as rapidly as in the city and many things remain almost as in Bible times."

In only a few of these villages have Southern Baptists been able to start churches, but with the coming of the Finlay Grahams to Beirut in 1948 our Foreign Mission Board began to help those few churches expand programs of evangelism and education. In less than ten years the number of organized churches doubled and the number of baptized believers more than tripled.

It is here that we have opened our seminary for students from the Arabic countries. On last October 25 in four apartments on the top floor of a new building in Beirut the seminary began its first year of teaching with 22 students coming from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon. Mr. Graham and other missionaries will be relieved of some of their teaching load by Dr. William Rossell, who is spending his sabbatical leave from Southwestern Seminary in order to help train these workers, many of whom are experienced pastors with no seminary training.

Part 2 of Story 2

To help us understand how Christ is using our "heralds" in the modern Tyre and Sidon borders to meet the same kind of needs He met when He visited this area, we have but to hear stories like the following.

There is an old woman who lives only a few blocks from the Baptist church. She supports four orphaned grandchildren, 6 to 11 years of age. She suffers from high blood pressure and is now gradually losing her sight. She scrubs floors to buy clothes and food for these children.

Because someone had brought a Christmas box of groceries, she first attended church after Christmas 1958. From that time she never missed a service, and still

comes except when sickness prevents. Her comment, "When we come to this church we understand—we are enlightened." She had been accustomed all her life to a ritual in an ancient language. She has put her trust in Christ and loves Him.

Surely the "crumbs" that fall from Southern Baptist tables upon the work in Lebanon will save lives for all eternity!

Story 3—DOWN TO GAZA

(Read Acts 8:26-39.) Of course today we could not go "down to Gaza" along the road that Philip did, for only armed troops are allowed near the border between Israel and Gaza. Nor could we witness openly on the streets and highways because of certain present-day restrictions. But even as God called Philip from the great city of Samaria where people "with one accord" were giving heed to the gospel and sent him to contact a lone traveler on the desert road, God has called his heralds from crowded churches where the gospel is well received to go witness to lonely seekers among the thousands of lost souls in the desert outpost known as the Gaza Strip.

When in 1954 an English group offered our Board the medical work which it had begun a hundred years before, it seemed to be God's voice saying "Go near and join thyself to this opportunity."

When a hospital patient reading the gospels of Matthew and Luke stopped one of our workers recently with the words, "I don't understand what I'm reading. Where can I find someone to explain this to me?" a modern Philip was happy to "preach to him Jesus."

And when the baptismal font left by the Anglican Church seemed to prompt the question "What doth hinder me to be baptized," the WMU of Japan designated part of their 1959 Lottie Moon offering to provide a very Baptist baptismal pool for them.

With Dr. Jean Dickman and Mrs. Anne Nicholas, wife of the pastor evangelist, we visit the Gaza Strip.

The first scenes that greet us are typical

Biblical scenes—flocks of sheep mixed with goats, a camel hitched to a plow, a donkey unequally yoked to an ox, or at harvest season a threshing floor with men tossing grain; lovely girls walking with erect posture as they carry their water jars on their heads; a vineyard with vines of sweet, juicy grapes growing in sand so hot it would blister your feet; and date groves with brilliant orange clusters and graceful green palm fronds silhouetted against a vivid blue sky!

But as we enter the town of Gaza the scenes begin to change—cement block houses with tile floors are going up on vacant lots. There are modern movie theaters and coffee houses where idle men hang out, sipping coffee or smoking the hubbly-bubbly (*a long Arabic pipe*). And some of the teen-age girls are quite stylish in pointed-toe shoes, crinoline petticoats, and modern hair styles. The market is exciting, with shops of all kinds. And the United Nations headquarters, the central park, the Mediterranean Sea beyond make an impressive sight!

Here is our Baptist mission.

Part 2 of Story 3

Even as we view with pride the hospital, the residences, the garden area, we are conscious of desperate need for improvement, for a nurses' home, for a building to house the 150 to 200 children who attend Sunday school and vacation Bible school. Missionaries tell of hundreds they pass each day who hardly know the name of Jesus and of others who know His name and bear the title "Christian" but the ritual and formalism of their ancient church have missed the life and joy of His saving grace. We long to make Christ real and see these lives changed for Him!

Though overworked and understaffed and faced with opposition, our "heralds" thrill to tell of the triumphs in His name. There is George Wasily, a Baptist ministerial student from Egypt, who with three other fine young men spent many hours last summer in vacation Bible school work.

There is Saad Zarefa studying engineering in the University of Alexandria, and his brother, a dentistry student. These young men, converts of less than a year, were used of God to win seven boys to the Lord last summer.

There is Samera, the intelligent, pretty president of the Girls' Auxiliary. At first, in the spirit of nationalism that so imbues Arab youth, she would say, "I used to think it would be good to be a nurse, but now I think the best thing of all is to be a teacher. Just think I could teach these children how their parents were driven out of their homes." But something happened to Samera this year. She was truly convicted of her need of a Saviour and surrendered her life to Christ. Now she is bubbling over with more enthusiasm than ever—the welfare of the Arabic people is still her aim, but she has a new vision, one which will substitute love for hate.

We meet Arlette, a graduate of our nursing school. She is from a "Christian" home in Lebanon and this past year along with her Armenian friend, Vera, made profession of faith in Christ. They suffered ridicule at the hands of friends for their faithfulness in prayer and Bible study, but they are growing daily in Christ. Vera is no longer at the hospital. After graduation she fell in love with a fine young Canadian soldier who married her and took her home to Canada with him.

Even as we thrill to the challenge of reaching such young people as these for the cause of Christ, we hear doctors and nurses describe the critical need for more personnel. In 1959 we had to cut back bed capacity from 92 to 70 because of the shortage of nurses. The nursing supervisor, although accepted for postgraduate work in the United States, was not able to take her furlough on schedule because of critical need. Others on the medical missionary staff have had no opportunity for language study in the rush of attending to some 2500 in-patients, 10,200 different out-patients and about 2300 operations in one year's time. Such handicaps make the work

both difficult and frustrating, but in patient, courageous faith they still declare: "We do not doubt that the Lord has in mind somewhere the ones whom He will send to fill these gaps." Are these young people in your church, in your home? Is God calling you and your husband? Your children? or grandchildren?

May we join them in the prayer that the modern Philips he is calling today may hear his voice and be willing to go join themselves to this Christian mission on the Gaza road and to others in the Near East.

DEVOTIONAL CONCLUSION

Perhaps the last story we should read is the story of Ishmael as told in the book of Genesis. (Read Gen. 21:14-21.)

This tragic story of a mother and son who were sent away to wander in the wilderness has its parallels today among the descendants of Ishmael. But the phrases that stand out as we read the account are these: "God heard the voice of the lad" (v. 17), "God opened her eyes" (v. 19), and "God was with the lad" (v. 20).

Just so each of the Bible stories we have used today with modern parallels are proof that God still hears the voice of those who call upon Him. God still opens eyes that Christians might see tremendous need. God in Christ is with the Arabs to heal wounds, answer prayers, and save them.

As we pause for prayer and meditation the flash cards will be held before your eyes again. This time may these have new meaning and may each suggest a special object of prayer.

(Hold up all cards, then add one with HERALDS on it.)

A new word has been added. This little word means "one sent." May we now pray first that God will bless the "ones sent" to serve in the Near East, second that he will call out others, and third that those of us who cannot go in person may be "heralds" through gifts, prayer, and witnessing. Play softly "Christ for the Whole Wide World"

BENEDICTION

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, SBC

Proposed by WMU Executive Board, October 28, 1960

..... To be voted on in WMU Annual Meeting,

May 22-23, 1961

Substitute for Section 1, Article VI, the following:

Section 1. The nominating committee shall be composed of the Woman's Missionary Union presidents from states qualifying for representation on boards and committees. The executive secretaries or elected department directors shall serve as alternates. The committee shall nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the next annual meeting.

(Present Wording: A nominating committee shall be named at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the next annual meeting. This committee shall be composed of one member, or her alternate, elected by her respective state. If a vacancy occurs in this committee, the executive board of the union of the respective state shall determine the manner in which the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.)

Substitute for Section 2, Article VI, the following:

Section 2. During the first business session of the annual meeting the recording secretary shall call a meeting of the no-

minating committee for the election of a chairman, a co-chairman, and a secretary.

(Present Wording: Prior to the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union the executive secretary shall secure from the state executive secretaries the names of nominating committee members and alternates, and compile the list to be read by the recording secretary in annual meeting. During the first business session of the annual meeting the recording secretary shall read the nominating committee, including both members and alternates, and call the meeting for organization as hereafter provided.)

Strike out Section 3, Article VI.

(Present Wording: The nominating committee shall meet during the annual meeting at the call of the recording secretary for the election of a chairman, a co-chairman, and secretary. A copy of the Bylaws of Woman's Missionary Union and the Special Rules of Order shall be given by the chairman to each member of the committee.)

Amend Section 5, Article VI, by striking out the two references to resident members and adding a footnote, making the section read:

Section 5. The nominating committee

shall elect by ballot the following nominees each year: president, recording secretary, and two members at large. In the event of a vacancy among members at large, a nominee for the unexpired term shall be elected.*

(*Footnote: The fifteen members at large and resident members elected prior to 1961 will complete their five-year terms. Vacancies occurring within this group will not be filled.)

(Present Wording: The nominating committee shall elect by ballot the following nominees each year: president, recording secretary, two members at large, and one resident member. In the event of a vacancy among members at large or resident members, a nominee for the unexpired term shall be elected.)

Amend Section 2, Article VIII, by striking out the reference to resident members and adding a footnote, making the section read:

Section 2. The officers and ten members at large shall constitute the executive board.* The executive secretary shall be ex officio a member without vote.

(See footnote to Section 5, Article VI.)

(Present Wording: The officers, ten members at large and five resident members shall constitute the executive board. The executive secretary shall be ex officio a member without vote.)

Amend Section 3, Article VIII, by striking out the two references to resident members, making the section read:

Section 3. Two members at large shall be elected at each annual meeting and shall hold office for five years, or until their successors are elected. No member at large shall be eligible for two consecutive terms.

(Present Wording: Two members at large and one

resident member shall be elected at each annual meeting and shall hold office for five years, or until their successors are elected. No member at large and no resident member shall be eligible for two consecutive terms.)

Amend Section 4, Article VIII, by striking out the reference to resident members, making the section read:

Section 4. The members at large shall not be employed by Woman's Missionary Union or Woman's Missionary Union of any state concurrent with their term of office.

(Present Wording: The members at large and the resident members shall not be employed by Woman's Missionary Union or Woman's Missionary Union of any state concurrent with their term of office.)

Strike out Section 5, Article VIII.

(Present Wording: The resident members shall be members of Woman's Missionary Unions in churches of the Birmingham Association.)

Amend Section 1, Article IX, by striking out the word "nine" and inserting "seven," making the section read:

Section 1. The executive board is authorized to have an executive committee composed of the president, the executive secretary, and seven other members.

Amend Section 3, Article IX, by striking out the word "four" and inserting "three," making the section read:

Section 3. The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president, or upon the request of three of its members. It shall make a complete report at the next meeting of the executive board.

Mission Work in JORDAN

by John Roper

Dr. Roper is presently on furlough in the United States. When he returns to Jordan he will continue his association with the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun.

The Kingdom of Jordan is regarded with special interest by three major religions of the world: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Each group holds in esteem certain historical sites such as the Temple area in Jerusalem for peculiarly different reasons

Jerusalem has attracted foreigners since the days of the Crusades. In no other city can one find such an assortment of cultures and religions as one finds along the Via Dolorosa of the Old City on Friday afternoons. Here in the crowded narrow streets of the "souk" (market area) one sees a live drama in action as two throngs of people try to move in opposite directions at the same time. The first group, mostly foreign pilgrims, try to follow the Stations of the Cross while meditating, engrossed in thoughts of the Jerusalem of long ago. The

second group consists of impatient local residents, occupied with problems of present-day Jerusalem, usually women wearing black flowing dresses, shoving along with filled market baskets gracefully balanced atop their erect heads. One hears the sound of "O-Wah, O-Wah" from young boys and older men serving as burden bearers, warning the people to clear a passage for large objects being carried such as a refrigerator, a stack of hides, or a desk strapped to the man's stooped back.

For centuries foreign religious groups

Rev. Russell Morris is treasurer of the Jordan Mission and field missionary for Ajloun and surrounding villages. Mrs. Morris is quite active in work with young people and women in the Ajloun church. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Couch, Irbid, Jordan, are completing language study and will begin active duty as field evangelists

Field Missionary and Evangelist



have come to Jordan. Strange methods have been used to gain entree into the country in order to spread beliefs. Some have used a mercenary or monetary approach. They have come into a village, built several houses, a school and a church. Poor families were allowed to move into the houses provided they first joined a certain religious group. Others followed the humanitarian approach such as distributing clothing to Palestinian refugees, establishing feeding centers and well-baby clinics, making no effort to evangelize. A third group has tried evangelism aimed toward converting Moslems to Christianity which is contrary to Moslem law. The latter have usually been forced to leave the country.

How have Southern Baptists been able to establish a mission program in Jordan where the population is 90 per cent Moslem?

Medical missions served as an effective wedge for Baptists beginnings in Jordan with the opening in 1951 of the Ajloun Baptist Hospital. After three years of endeavor converts among hospital staff and patients served as a nucleus of Christians for the formation of the first Baptist church in Jordan. Primary and secondary schools, organized early, also serve effectively to reach family groups in neighboring villages. Religious meetings were begun in nearby villages, often in homes of families contacted through the hospital and the

Southern Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan—Dr. and Mrs. John A. Roper, Jr., both are doctors now on furlough. Dr. L. August Lovgren is now acting superintendent of the hospital. The Lovgrens are quite active in the Ajloun Baptist Church

Doctors





Maurine Perryman,
Ajloun, Jordan,
teacher at Baptist
Girls School

Teachers



Anna Cowan is
principal of the
Baptist Girls School
at Ajloun

schools. A three-fold ministry became a reality in 1956 when the first missionary evangelist began serving in Jordan. As the work was co-ordinated, fruits were evident from the earlier years of labor.

At the same time, opposition also was experienced as anti-western feelings increased in the country. In January 1956 Baptist property was attacked in Ajloun where mob action destroyed the Girls' School, damaged the clinic building and other hospital installations.

But God brought blessing from the attack on Baptist property in Ajloun. From publicity the hospital and mission became known all over Jordan. Even the King paid a visit to the hospital. Later, the Jordanian Baptist group was officially recognized by the Jordanian government as having the right to own property, operate hospitals, schools, and organize churches.

Since 1957 various phases of the work



Nurse

Violet Popp is supervisor of nursing services at the hospital in Ajloun.

have continued to develop. There are now three organized Baptist churches with Jordanians as pastors. Meetings are held regularly in seven other villages, two groups of believers are in the process of being organized into Baptist churches with buildings now under construction. Auxiliary organizations in the churches have been organized.

There are now four mission schools with a total enrolment of 341 students. The curriculum includes daily chapel services and instruction in the Bible. Many of the students have been won to Christ. Medical work has been expanded to include a clinic equipped with X ray to serve the Taiybeh village area.

Thus far the work has been limited to northern Jordan because of lack of missionary personnel. The largest town with established work is Irbid (population 30,000). There has been no one to send to such population centers as Amman, the capital city; Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Medaba, the Port of Aquaba.

Jordan has urgent need for additional personnel in all phases of missionary activity. Almost every month missionaries in Jordan receive official letters or visits by groups of influential men of neighboring

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Mr. William O. Harn's work is mainly in the Old City of Jerusalem, Jordan, where he is planning to open a bookshop and also begin services

Bookshop

Mrs. Harn, Ramallah, Jordan, will help him in both ventures—bookshop and witnessing



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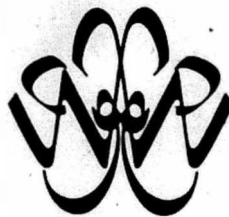
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April: Bible Study—Prayer and Missions

May: Prayer and the Modern Missionary Movement

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