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by Dwight D. Eisenhower

"We Pursue the Right..."



...all else, we seek, in our common labor as a people, the favor of Almighty God. And the hopes in our hearts fashion the common prayers of our people.

May we pursue the right without conformity.

May we grow in strength without pride of self.

May we be true in our dealing with all peoples of the earth, and serve justice.

...America—in the sight of all men of good will—prove true to the honorable purposes that bind and unite our people in all this time of trial through which we pass

We voice our hope and our belief that we can help heal this divided world. Thus may the nations cease to live in trembling before the menace of force.

Thus may the weight of fear and the weight of arms be taken from the burdened shoulders of mankind.

Thus, nothing less, is the labor to which we are called and our strength dedicated. And so the prayer of our people carries far beyond our own frontiers, to the wide world of our duty and our destiny.

May the light of freedom, coming to all darkened lands, flame brightly until at last the darkness is no more.

May the turbulence of our age yield to a true time of peace, when men and nations shall share a life that honors the dignity of each.

This is an excerpt from Mr. Eisenhower's second Inaugural Address.

WILL THE FUTURE REDEEM THE PAST?

Excerpts
from
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Western civilization is doomed until, jolted out of its complacency, self-satisfaction, and sense of apartness, it rediscovers and reaffirms what is genuinely human and universal in its own soul. This means not only economic and technical sharing with Asia and Africa, but intellectual, moral, and spiritual sharing. What is supremely good must be good for all.

Those who keep on repeating, as though they discovered a transcendental wisdom, that their ideas, their way of life, their civilization, is "not for export," but only their industrial products, do not know that they are thereby digging the grave of their

by Charles Malik

WILL THE FUTURE REDEEM THE PAST?

civilization and the grave of their way of life. Those who come to Asia and Africa and tell them, "you stay where and what you are and we stay where and what we are; we have nothing to give save our goods and gadgets," little know that the day will come, and perhaps is already here, when Asia and Africa will turn upon them and spit in their face.

Man can live without goods and gadgets but he cannot live without something human and universal that joins him to his fellow men. A civilization in which the human and universal has atrophied can relate itself to others only through force, and force is not an enduring mode of relation, and it can always be broken by force. I am not speaking of diplomacy and propaganda; I am thinking of a whole philosophy of history. I am saying that a civilization is doomed if it is not creatively conscious of something universal and human it can and must give; and I am saying that Western civilization need not be doomed because no civilization conceived and developed the human and universal more than it did.

Most certainly it is not a question of "imposing" anything on anybody; what is genuinely human and universal is never imposed; it is awaited, welcomed, and embraced. What is non-universal in your civilization you keep to yourselves: nobody wants it. Not until the businessman from Manchester or Detroit and the peasant from Iran or India can come together on a much deeper basis than the exchange of goods and money can the West really begin to have a chance in the ferocious competition going on at present for the heart and soul of Asia and Africa. Asia and Af-

rica do not want to deal only with businessmen: they crave for human and spiritual fellowship. There is no exchange of soul, there is no sharing of life and ideas, there is no community of spirit, there is no fellowship of man with man. This is Asia's and Africa's deepest challenge of the West: what have you to give me, not of your trinkets, but of your mind, not of the external husks of your life, but of the substance and marrow of your soul?

If there were no universal and human elements in Western civilization the thing would be hopeless. But it happens that the deposit of humanity and universality in this civilization is the richest in the world. The civilization at whose heart pulsate Aristotle and Augustine and Aquinas and Dante and Newton and Shakespeare and Pascal and Kant and Lincoln, the civilization which has been blessed and transformed by Christ, needs only a mighty hand to shake it out of its slumber. And once shaken, once really awakened to the world responsibilities which it and it alone can shoulder, there is nothing it cannot dare and do. . . .

Can the future redeem the past? I believe it can. Will the future redeem the past? That depends on four things: on depth, on wisdom, on daring, and on leadership. I believe without high leadership daring to act in wisdom and depth the future will not learn from the past. These are things for which we should yearn and work. But in our own effort we may not achieve them. It is only as God wills that depth, wisdom, daring, and leadership be granted the free world at this crucial hour in history, that the future will redeem the past.

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RESCUE MISSION Work

by Clovis A. Brantley

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The rescue mission is a place where human wreckage is salvaged through the gospel's power to make lives over. It is the redeeming ministry of the church at work every night of the year—downtown.

The mission is a spiritual awakener and also a crime preventer. This life-saving institution helps to change men from liabilities to assets, and from loafers to laborers. It helps men to help themselves.

Evil influences combine to cause men and women to need the service of a rescue mission. "Outcasts" usually result from evil influences, bad environment, press of circumstances, unavoidable disaster, unbridled appetites. Often these are classified: human instability, unhappy and unwholesome homelife, alcohol, gambling, lack of work.

I remember my first visit to a rescue mission where I was to preach. There sat men, and yes, women too from all stations of life, from good homes and from poor homes, some young, others older. All had come to the same realization of need for help—money gone, no place to stay, hunger gnawing, despair. They had, in the main, given up in defeat and ceased to struggle against life.

These men and women are typical of

thousands who having failed in their home communities, move on. Relatives usually are slow to help them again. Neighbors look on them with suspicion. They usually drift toward large cities where they hope to be lost in the multitudes. These friendless human beings seek help at a mission, often as a last resort.

How glad I was then and am now that I could tell them with loving assurance that Jesus cares, that he knows their need, and that He is waiting to relieve distresses.

Southern Baptists do rescue mission work because they believe in the power of the Gospel to change lives. No case is too difficult or hopeless for the redeeming love of Christ.

"Just bums," some may say. "Who cares where they sleep, the park bench, under the hedge, the city dump, or in an abandoned building? Why, even these are too good for bums."

"Just bums," others say. "Too lazy to work!"

"Just bums," some add. "Cold nights ought to teach them to be more diligent. Just bums! Why spend time and money on them?"

But we recall that the New Testament

speaks plainly. "If a fellow man or woman has no clothes to wear and nothing to eat, and one of you say, 'Good luck to you, I hope you'll keep warm and find enough to eat,' and yet give them nothing to meet their physical needs, what on earth is the good of that?" (James 2:15,16, Phillips).

The Program of the Rescue Mission

When a man is hungry and has not eaten a meal in several days, it is not easy to convince him that the Lord cares much for him. It does no good to say to a man, "Now you are warm and full" unless you do more than that for him. Before a sermon is preached a hot supper is provided for him. He is then in a better frame of mind to listen to the love message of Jesus the Saviour.

Each night after supper there is the evening worship service. Most rescue missions do not miss a night of religious service. The congregation has come by many different paths, from varied backgrounds educationally, economically, and religiously. Those who speak or preach to them are keenly aware of these differences.

All men are required to take a bath before bed tickets are issued to them. Sometimes a bath will do as much for a man as a meal. To be clean again is important. Today I was at one of the Home Mission Board rescue missions. A local pastor had found a man in need of help and brought him to the mission. He was dirty and cold. A bath almost brought about a miracle there was such a great difference in him.

Men are assigned to warm, clean beds. Often I hear one say, "The best thing here is a clean pillow slip! I can sleep clean and comfortable!"

Counseling is another important service of rescue mission work. You may think that since the men need help so badly they seek such help, but they are often suspicious of efforts to advise and assist. So many experiences and promises have proved false; they have been mistreated by many. The missionary has to learn to wait until a man is ready for help, especially in spiritual matters. To try to guide a man to make peace with God at a time which is too soon could close his opportunity. One of the thrilling experiences of rescue mission work is to watch a man who has lost confidence in others turn to God in sincere repentance for wasted years. This does not come easy for a man or for a mission worker. Both must rely on God's Holy Spirit for miracles!

Longer periods of reclamation are needed by some to move back into patterns of normal living. The worker tries to keep in mind the fact that the man did not come to his present state of need in a moment. Neither will full solution come in a moment. Victories won must be preserved. A period of readjustment requires help from many sources. Often a man's family at home is brought into the picture. Although most men who come to a rescue mission have many abilities, some have been out of work so long they have lost

Friends of the Baptist Center give used clothing which is distributed to meet needs of 1,000 articles per month

confidence in themselves and do not know how to find a job.

Ministries of a Rescue Mission

Many missions use some of the following in ministries to the folk who need help.

Radio work is a means of publicizing the mission, helps to get needed supplies and assists in securing employment for men.

Hospital care and visitation. Often men who are in need of a rescue mission are ill and nobody seems to care.

Convert clubs. Folk who have been won through rescue missions have many things in common and can help each other and others like themselves through convert clubs.

Employment assistance is very important if a man and his family are really to be helped. Unemployment wrecks many families.

Welfare instruction. Many needs can be supplied by other social and welfare agencies. An alert superintendent keeps this information at hand. While others may be able to help with the material

needs the rescue mission has spiritual responsibility to a man and his family.

Bible classes. The teaching of God's Word is important if lasting good is to be accomplished. A rescue mission knows that it is not enough to give a meal tonight, a bed, a bath, a suit. The great need is that a man be right with God and "then all these things shall be added."

No story of rescue mission work can be told without telling about unmarried expectant mothers who come to our doors for help.

I like to read over and over the Bible story of the Prodigal Son to hear and see the forgiving father as he welcomes his wayward son home for shelter and protection. Why is it that there is often no such forgiveness or welcome for a prodigal girl?

No estimate of the alarming number of illegitimate births in our country each year can begin to tell the story of sorrow, broken hopes, and shame. These cases need spiritual help, understanding, good medical attention, help in planning for the baby and their own future. There needs to be awakening responsibility for training of young men and young women in God's ways. A mother wrote to me the other day, "Through the years I had joyfully looked forward to sending my daughter to college. She is packed and ready to go now. But instead of going to college she needs to go to Sellers Home in New Orleans!"

There are many ways you can help in the redeeming work of rescue homes. If you live near one, you can do volunteer work. But all of you can pray for the missionaries and the homes. Through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering you provide salaries for missionaries, materials and buildings; also medicine, food, baby clothes, social workers, homes in which babies are placed. You can ask God about the amount of your gift in relation to what you have left. Do you intercede on our behalf each day? Please do—that we may turn many more to the Saviour.

"... MONEY, MONEY!"

by Lon Woodrum

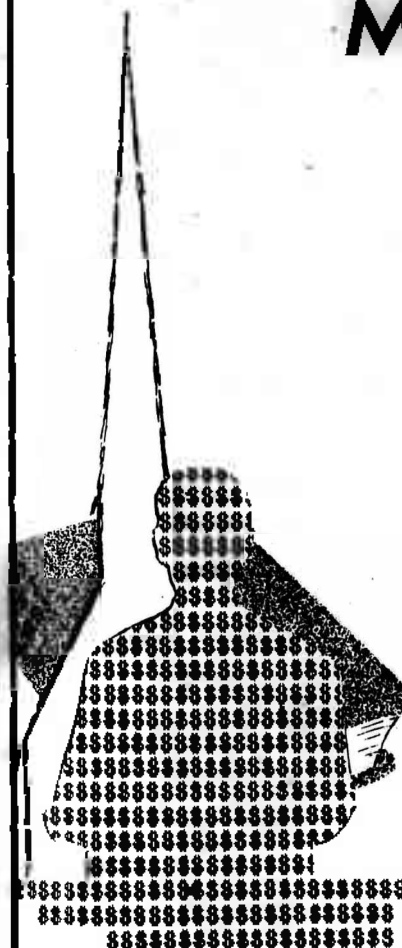
When I was getting an airline ticket in a midwestern city I invited the clerk to attend the church where I was speaking nightly. He shrugged and said, "I never go to church!" When my eyebrows cocked into question marks he added, "All they ever want at church is money, money!"

He put down my plane ticket and said, "That will be seventy-three dollars and sixty-two cents, sir." I eyed him a second and replied, "I just want to go along for the ride. All you people down here at this office ever talk about is money!"

He grinned rather sheepishly and said, "I see what you mean."

One wonders where anyone ever got the idea that all the church ever talks about is money! The fact is the church never talks about money half as much as its Founder did! It was one of his biggest subjects. He talked about it more than about getting drunk, fighting wars, or lying. Many of his finest parables have a dollar-sign tucked away in them.

The traveler in the Good Samaritan story is robbed of his possessions; the Samaritan pays cash to have the fellow taken care of. A man sees a pearl and sells all he has to get it. A man finds a treasure buried in a field. A disciple is likened to a householder who produces from his treasures things new and old. A husbandman hires laborers for his vineyard. A woman loses a coin and searches for it. A nobleman divides \$8000 among three servants, demanding they put



"... MONEY, MONEY!"

the money into operation. The prodigal wastes his inheritance. The rich fool loses his soul. The wealthy man is condemned for not feeding Lazarus. So it goes.

Several times in his Sermon on the Mount Jesus refers to money. Three times in that Sermon he uses the expression, "Your treasure." If some ministers brought up money in their sermons as often as Jesus did there would be an uneasy movement in the congregation.

Money affects people more than most things. Paul even went so far as to say that the love of money was the root of all evil. Well do I remember the little village in Oklahoma years ago where they struck oil. Before that they had all worked hard to dig a living from their poor farms. But the oil changed things.

Some farmers had several oil wells on their land. Others had no oil at all. Men had lived side by side, sharing a common poverty. Then one day some of them were rich, the others still poor. Some of the men with oil commenced to walk proudly. They bought expensive cars. They wore good clothes. They sent their sons and daughters to expensive schools; they returned sophisticated and some of them were rather arrogant.

The church had been like the Lord's family. But it changed with the oil-flow. The wealthier men tried to rule the church. Some of them forsook the church completely. They became engrossed in other things. Only a few survived the shock of sudden riches and remained as they had been when they scratched for a living on the rocky land.

Jesus knew what money does to men. He saw how it affected the society, the politics, and the religion of his time. Because he saw the power of money for good or bad he warned his disciples about their attitude toward it. His warnings are pertinent.

We knew a man once who was humble and kind. He had a job that barely kept

his family from want. But he paid his tithe into the church, and gave to all worthy causes which his salary permitted. He was concerned about missions. He was faithful in his service to God and man.

But a dead relative left him several thousand dollars. He invested it in an enterprise and became a millionaire. He changed. He insulted his wife. He quit attending church regularly. He held back his tithe from the church. He became arrogant, and lost his friends. Finally he wound up an alcoholic.

One day, almost broke, he came back to church. He repented in tears. God healed his alcoholism. He began acting like a Christian again. But one day he said to us, "It doesn't take much to master a man. Just a few dollars in the bank can do it! God has forgiven my wickedness, but how can I ever forgive myself the wasted money and the wasted years?"

In the first five books of the Bible money is mentioned almost thirty times. As we have said, Jesus talked about it constantly. Run through the book of Acts and see how the primitive church referred to it. The Apostle Paul used money and possessions as a theme again and again. The two tall prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah and Jeremiah, preached forcibly on the subject. Isaiah shot a sharp question at his listeners: "Why spend your money . . . on what never satisfies?" (Isa. 55:2, Moffatt).

Jesus, in bearing witness to the truth, as he said, could never have left out the subject of money. The church, if it is to guide men into the right spiritual status, must not minimize the stewardship of money. The minister who is afraid to preach on money is usually afraid to speak on other important truths in the Scriptures.

So, the next time you attend church and your minister talks about money just say to yourself, "There is a man who not only knows what the Bible teaches, but he has the courage, the grace and the good sense to declare it."

WASHINGTON

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The Peace Corps

Even the name is enchanting in an age tired of war and scared to death of atomic weapons. The idea is a Peace Corps utilizing the technical skills of American youth and adults.

The plan is simple: send men and women armed with truth and know-how to the under-developed countries of the world. The idea stands in sharp contrast to the imperialism of men and guns and intercontinental rockets.

Recognizing the idea's tremendous popular acceptance, President Kennedy made the Peace Corps one of the first major new programs of his administration. He hopes that by the end of 1961 some 500 to 1000 trained personnel, mostly young people just out of colleges, will be at work overseas helping other nations "meet their urgent need for skilled manpower."

Mechanics of the plan are just now coming into focus. R. Sargent Shriver, Mr. Kennedy's brother-in-law, has been named director—serving without salary. Thousands of youth have flooded his office with telegrams and letters, wanting to be among the first to go on what is essentially a missionary task.

Those who are accepted—after careful screening—will be thoroughly schooled. They must learn the language of the area to which they go, and they must know the history, the economy and the culture of the people.

Once overseas they will fill a variety of jobs. Many of them will be teachers, technical aides in the field of education, agriculture, public health, urban renewal, public administration. They will add a personality quality to the technical assistance the United States has undertaken to fur-

nish to under-developed areas since the end of World War II.

"Life in the Peace Corps will not be easy," President Kennedy said. "Men and women will be expected to work and live alongside nationals of the country in which they are stationed—doing the same work, eating the same food, talking the same language."

In some countries this will mean living a rather primitive life. Nor are there other material attractions. The corps members will serve without pay, except for a living allowance. There is no indication that Peace Corps service will satisfy a draft board's claims upon young men for military service.

Why then this enthusiastic response of thousands of youthful volunteers?

American youth of this generation are a fine lot. They have come to believe the wisdom of the Golden Rule. They have come to see the world shriveling in size and to know that the economic, social and cultural future of all peoples is intimately entwined with their own. If they can help train the people of backward nations in techniques to improve their culture, health and national economy, they are anxious to do it.

The Peace Corps idea is essentially a missionary one. As these Americans work they also will plant in human minds and hearts the philosophy of their own lives.

Critics argue that those who are chosen may not be our nation's best representatives and that unfortunate incidents may occur. But the hope flourishes strong that some of our finest Christian youth may be chosen and that they will serve to the glory of our country and God.

Learn to listen understandingly to see and feel the other person's point of view!

COMMUNICATE!

Many of us have come home from some hectic meeting saying, "We weren't actually talking about the same thing. We seemed to talk past one another." Chances are we did! For effective communication has always been a problem for *Homo sapiens* (men). It is the rare not the typical group that really has good communication.

What is communication? It may be defined as "a process of interaction between persons in which an attempt is made to share experiences or ideas." Stated so briefly it sounds absurdly simple, but it isn't. For while there are thousands of persons who can speak fluently and think logically, there are but few who listen understandingly and are understood. In every group communication can be viewed in two ways—communication and the individual, and communication and the group. In each area there are "blocks" and "helps" to good communication. Let us look at some.

Communication and the Individual

One of the major blocks hindering the individual is the tendency to evaluate too quickly. We react by evaluating from one point of view, what we hear, not what the other person is saying. When we do, communication in any genuine sense is immediately cut off.

One contemporary social scientist describes additional blocks to communication in this way:

Misunderstanding results when one person assumes another uses words just as he does.

We sometimes take it for granted that anyone who does not see things as we do is a fool.

We tend to impose our private logic on others.

If it is natural for us to do these things when we talk together, can there be any way around such imposing barriers to effective communication? Just being aware they exist in ourselves and in others can help. We can learn not only to define our own terms, but also to ask others what they are talking about. We can remember that we see things only partially, and strain all our understanding through countless personal filters of experience, education, and values.

This suggests that the effective communicator will expect to be misunderstood, and to misunderstand! His success in anticipating what misunderstandings will arise can have much to do with his ability to communicate more effectively.

Communication and the Group

In the process of group communication we find all of the individual communication problems present—and more! For groups develop their own unique characteristics that further complicate communication. Some major blocks in group communication are:

"Handclapping." The guidance of the discussion by two or more persons joining together to formulate the direction the group will take.

Status-power. The use of one's prestige, either from within or outside the present situation, to get a hearing. This "I've got the answer, girls" attitude, however obvious to everyone else, often goes unrecognized by its owner.

"Silent-partners." Those quieter persons who from timidity or pressure, withheld

by Eli F. Wismer

contributions. They are a problem when communication is desired, but the cause is just as often a lack in the group situation as well as an individual problem. If everyone is to contribute, the group must establish the atmosphere of freedom for participation.

The "All-things-to-all-men-chairman" (or chairlady). The leader who acts as a one-man band, rather than the leader of an orchestra. If it needs doing, he does it!

Getting Around These Blocks!

There are no easy "how-to-do-it" steps. There are some specific objectives each of us can pursue. Let us review these:

Learn to listen understandingly. I can try to see and feel the other person's point of view. If each of us can sense the other's meaning, put ourselves "in his shoes," perhaps we can communicate with rather than at one another. "What does he mean?" is more important than "What do I hear?"

Maintain a searching attitude: Unless I am so desperate so as not to care about communicating, I must realize that I possess only a small part of any total perspective. I must search for more light. I do not surrender my values, rather, I open them up to new light. It just could be that other persons can provide that light.

Speak frankly and honestly. If I speak primarily to please, or veil my real opinions, I introduce insurmountable blocks to communication. It's hard enough to communicate when we try to say what we mean.

Speak to the group, not to individuals. This is a skill that can be learned. It comes in part from a deep respect for the contributions of all members of a group, not

just the few. When discussion moves only among the status-power figures, group communication has ceased.

Venture my contributions: Help others make theirs. So I'm not as fluent as the next person! Maybe I don't see the problem clearly—Who does? It takes courage to speak up.

Help the group consider our communication problems. To test the quality of your communication, you may want to try this little experiment. (With your friends!) The next time the discussion bogs down, stop for a moment and institute this rule: "Each person may speak only after he has restated accurately the ideas and feelings of the previous speaker to that speaker's satisfaction!"

You see what this would mean? It would be necessary to achieve the speaker's frame of reference. Sounds simple, but it may prove difficult.

Communication can be well done—and when it isn't, something is amiss. We church people are a noisy lot. Of what gets said among us, more goes unheard and unheeded than we imagine. But Christians, of all people with a Gospel to communicate, should become expert in this art. We must start where we are—in families, in congregations. For good communication is not a way of doing certain things, it is a certain way of doing everything with other persons.

Our church meetings and our personal lives, would be more alive and meaningful, if only we were to spend a greater share of them in the vital dimensions of thoughtful listening and sensitive speech.

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"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Our national hymn was written in February 1832 by Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist minister. It was first publicly sung in Boston at a Fourth of July celebration and later that same year by Sunday school children in the Park Street Church, Boston.

Under the white heat of inspiration, 24-year-old Smith seized a scrap of paper and in half an hour wrote out the stanzas that stand today with little change.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Harvard classmate of Smith, attributes the genius in "America" to its first word "My." "That little pronoun did it all, and will forever do it," said Holmes, celebrated poet and wit of his generation. "Why couldn't any of the rest of us have thought of that? That put 'America' in the hearts of the people and because of it Sam Smith will live when Longfellow and Whittier and all the rest of us have gone into oblivion."

"A Short Story of America"

Oscar Handlin, distinguished historian and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his book *The Uprooted*, sized up the people who have made America in this sentence: "Once I thought to write a history of the immigrants in America. Then I discovered that the immigrants were American history."

Our freedom month is an appropriate time to recall the past. Harry Golden, author of *Only in America*, recreates a scene in the main reading room of the New York Public Library in one of his most delightful essays. Golden's number flashed on the ground glass indicator to signify his books were ready for pick-up. He stayed on "watching the whole story of America. Within a half-hour I saw boys and girls go up to pick up books. Many of them were Puerto Rican boys and girls . . . and I thought how 'bad' news is really 'good' news. We read of the delinquency and the crime--but this is the real answer. It is that people are people and they reflect the environment and the conditions which surround them. In my day it was Jewish boys and girls who stepped up to that indicator counter. Jewish boys and girls, many of them still wearing the clothes their mothers had made for them for the trip across the ocean. And before the Jewish boys, the Irish boys and girls picked up their books, and after the Jewish boys and girls, the Italians did the same thing and then the Negroes, and now the Puerto Ricans. And what is going on with the Puerto Ricans is exactly what went on with all the others . . . all these made the headlines, but America was made in that library, and these same people helped make it."

Help for China

The Chinese Communists have admitted that their harvests have largely failed and that people are starving. The past year has been one of natural calamities--the worst for a century. Over half the farmland of China has been stricken by drought, floods, insects and other misfortunes. These are hazards that the Chinese have always had to face. But it has been pointed out that forced collectivization of farmland has usually led to bad harvests or even starvation for millions as in the Soviet Union.

There is no sign that the Chinese government is going to relax the commune system to meet the emergency. It is likely that both Mao and Chiang Kai Shek would not look with favor on help from the West. However, there are people in England and the United States who believe there should be "instant and massive aid" offered to

help the Chinese over their food shortage.

Politics should be kept as far away as possible, the sort proposed by Mr. David Lawrence in the *New York Herald Tribune*: "No grain without free elections." "The West cannot offer food as a demonstration that it can be more effectively grown in the free world than in communes," though people may have their own opinions about that. The primary purpose of the proposal is to feed the hungry. There should be no other consideration.

The Good Samaritan did not look into the politics or nationality of the man on the Jericho road. Is it an impractical Christian dream to imagine some of American farm surpluses being sent to where they are most needed?

The Humanitarians

"There is no cure for my kind of cancer. With luck I have a 50-50 chance to live six or eight months." Dr. Tom Dooley, medical missionary in the jungles of Laos, made that grim self prognosis in November 1959.

Now all the world knows his heroic story, for the plucky, frail young Irish-American told it eloquently and well over TV, on lecture tours, and in his best-selling books, *Deliver Us From Evil* and *Edge of Tomorrow*. He died quietly in his sleep on the night after his 34th birthday.

But all the world may not know the story of equally courageous Myrtle Williamson whose personal experience with cancer is told in a slender book titled *One Out of Four*. Dedicated and devoted to the Lord, this woman served in the mountains of North Carolina as a home mission worker; in other states as teacher of Bible in public schools and in a church-related college.

From the day she first suspected cancer, Miss Williamson lets us into the secret place of her fears, the pain she felt, the problems she faced and how she learned to walk "a very narrow razor's edge between false hope on one side and despair on the other."

Part of the secret of her victory over a cruel disease which destroyed her body but never her faith in God is revealed in her simple interpretation of prayer.

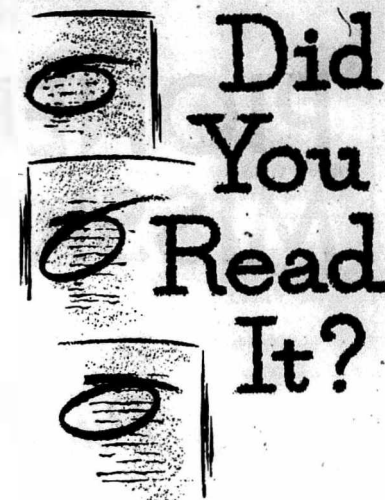
In her will she directed that her eyes be given to the eye-bank. This was done and today an Alabama sawmill worker sees to support his family through her eyes.

Myrtle Williamson and Tom Dooley shared an unquenchable spirit of the soul, possessed an inner citadel of peace which cancer could not touch or take. No person can read their stories without being moved by their triumphant walk through darkness into glory.

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PIONEER MISSIONS

in the Pacific Northwest

by A. B. Cash

Baptist work in the West began one year before the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. West Union Baptist Church, not far from the present city of Portland, Oregon was constituted in May, 1844. Vincent Snelling of Kentucky served this church as pastor and helped to organize several churches on the Pacific Coast prior to his death in 1856.

Desire for direct contact with the Southern Baptist Convention was manifested from the early beginnings of this work in the Northwest. In 1894, the churches in this area unsuccessfully sought recognition by the Southern Baptist Convention. However, 55 years later in 1949, messengers

from the churches of the newly organized Oregon-Washington Convention were seated at the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City.

Home Mission Board Participation

Since 1949, the Home Mission Board has co-operated with the Oregon-Washington Convention in a program of pioneer missions. Financial assistance has been given to supplement salaries of the state superintendent of missions, area missionaries, pastoral missionaries, mission pastors, and the promotion of the work of Woman's Missionary Union. More recently the Home Mission Board has given assistance in

strengthening the program of city missions, language missions, and has made a special appropriation for the purchase of church sites in the Seattle area. The Home Mission Board also assists in the promotion of a program of evangelism and makes available to the churches all the ministries of the Division of Church Loans.

As of January 1, 1961, the Home Mission Board made appropriations to assist the Oregon-Washington Convention in the support of five area missionaries, two superintendents of city missions, two pastoral missionaries, four language missionaries (two Indian, two Spanish), and the state superintendents of missions and evangelism.

Many Needy Areas

Despite the splendid progress made in extending the witness of Southern Baptists in Oregon and Washington, there are many areas still unreached by Baptists. There are more than 800 communities where new work should be established. The present population of Oregon, Washington, and the Idaho Panhandle area (served by the Oregon-Washington Convention), totals approximately 4,900,000. Almost 3,500,000 or 70 per cent of these people have no church affiliation.

Dr. Roy L. Johnson, superintendent of city missions in Portland, Oregon, quotes a local newspaper to the effect that Portland needed 100 new churches in 1959. It still needs them. He further states there is less than one Baptist church per 10,000 population in the Portland metropolitan area. There are over 86,000 grade school children in Multnomah County, but only one out of six is enrolled in any Sunday school. Further, there are only three Southern Baptist churches within the corporate limits of Portland's 400,000 people. There are at least a dozen areas in the city with

NEEDS

in Pacific Northwest

If your Woman's Missionary Society wants more information (see page 14) about needs in the Pacific Northwest write to—

Pioneer Baptist,
First Baptist Church
1718 East Kessler
Longview, Washington

populations ranging from 4,000 to 22,000 without a Baptist church. There is no lack of need and opportunity for mission work.

Rev. J. T. Howard, Spokane, Washington, serves as area missionary in Northwestern Washington and the panhandle of Idaho. There are 17 Southern Baptist churches and four missions in this area. He reports 25 towns without a Baptist church.

Rev. B. E. Pitts, area missionary, Grandview, Washington, serves an area of 13 counties in Southeastern Washington and Eastern Oregon. Southern Baptists have 16 churches and 9 missions in this area. However, there are 15 towns without a single Baptist church. He further reports 21 other places where work should be established. Included in this number is Yakima Indian Reservation with some 4,500 Indian people.

Rev. Austin Lovin, Springfield, Oregon, and Rev. E. J. Cobb, Salem, Oregon, serve as area missionaries in a territory that comprises approximately 64,000 square miles. This is an area larger than any state east of the Mississippi River. Yet there are only 36 Southern Baptist churches in the area. Both missionaries report a number of towns without a single Baptist church and

Mr. Cash heads up Home Mission Board work in Pioneer Mission areas.

many places where at least one other Baptist church should be established.

Summary

Dr. Roland P. Hood, acting executive secretary of the Oregon-Washington Convention and superintendent of missions, sums up the needs in this way, "We need called, trained, and dedicated men of faith, conviction, courage, and consecration. We need funds now to buy church sites. We need strong churches to undergird the new fields with loans or underwriting of loans to new churches. We need assistance in supplementing the salaries of mission pastors for the first 12 or 18 months in the establishment of new churches. We need to open additional work among several Indian tribes, but no funds are available. We need assistance for opening student centers in connection with Baptist Student Union work." Dr. Hood pays tribute to the many pastors and their wives who have been willing to earn all or most of their living in secular work as they lead in establishing new missions and churches.

Growth in Pacific Northwest

Growth of Southern Baptist work in the Pacific Northwest during the past 19 years is reflected in these figures.

From	To	
15 churches	158 churches	
	45 missions	
	203 fields	
2,200 members	23,281 members	
	From	To
Sunday School Enrolment	2,600	26,394
Total Yearly Gifts	\$82,000	\$1,492,206
Yearly Mission Gifts	\$11,000	\$204,361
Value of Church Property	\$250,000	\$6,263,523
Convention Assets	0	\$136,097
Baptists over this period, approximately 18,000		

Southern Baptists in the Pacific Northwest have demonstrated that with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, they can grow a church anywhere there are people. The growth is greatly accelerated with trained leadership and adequate buildings.

Rev. Omer E. Hyde, area missionary, Olympia, Washington, testifies to what can be done as the work gains maturity. He states: "Southwest Association has five churches and three missions within a radius of 50 miles of Longview, Washington. First Baptist Church of Longview has a membership of 970, the largest in the convention. This mission-minded church is the mother of each of the other four churches in the association. Each of the churches has a good building and a full-time pastor. These churches report a membership of approximately 1800 members."

The prospect of an increase of more than 1,000,000 in population during the next ten years, and the presence of no predominant non-Catholic group, present Southern Baptists with an opportunity to become a major denomination in the Northwest by 1970.

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

Call to PRAYER

Prepared by MRS. CLAUDE RHEA

JESUS SHALL REIGN!

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" Rev. 11:15.

1 SATURDAY The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

Manhattan Baptist in New York City was organized in January 1958. Dr. Paul James, pastor, serves also as director of Southern Baptist work in Greater New York. Five hundred people have been members of Manhattan Baptist Church. One hundred twenty of these formed the Madison Baptist Church last year in Madison, New Jersey. A mission in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, became the Screven Memorial Baptist Church. Farming-

dale Baptist Church was constituted in January 1961. Currently Manhattan Baptist Church has nine mission chapels. Pray for this strategic witness.

PRAY for Mrs. A. V. Alvarado, Galveston, Mrs. Benito Villareal, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Earl Parker, China-Korea, retired; Mrs. W. H. Warren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, W. C. Ruchti, Jr., Rome, Italy, ev.



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

2 SUNDAY Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father. . . . For he must reign, till

he hath put all enemies under his feet I Cor. 15:24, 25.

"We marvel at the wonder of new church buildings along the western coast of Mexico, made possible by Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings. We would not have you think they are beautiful temples; most of them are very humble, but they are a place to worship God and were sorely needed by our Mexican friends. This year we have seen five buildings constructed and dedicated on our field"—Martha Walworth, Mexico.

PRAY for F. G. Ross, Durango, Mexico, D. L. Saunders, Nairobi, Kenya, C. R. Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, G. H. Clark, Malaya, ev.; Mrs. Epifanio Salazar, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. R. J. Green, Tuba City, Ariz., ev. among Indians

3 MONDAY Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations Psalm 145:13.

"Many of you have prayed with us for years that there would be advance in our mission work among the Indians at Ft. Yukon, Alaska. At last it has come! During our Simultaneous Crusade, five of our Sunday school boys came forward for baptism! The first Baptist Indians in Ft. Yukon are now members of the Mission here. Others need to make such a decision. Truly this is a land of wonder, but the greatest wonder of all in any place is the grace of God and the salvation of a human soul. To Him be praise and glory forever"—Oliver Marson, Alaska.

PRAY for W. L. Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. J. R. Gray, Eku, Nigeria, ev.

4 TUESDAY For he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth Psalm 96:13.

"During the 47th session of the Nigerian Baptist Convention the first Nigerian Baptist foreign missionaries were appointed and dedicated to work in Bumbuna, Sierra Leone. It was a high hour in the history of the convention when two of their own couples were set aside as their own representatives for foreign service. You will want to join us in prayer for them as they begin an entirely new work in that country"—Lena Lair, Nigeria.

PRAY for Mrs. L. C. Smith, Ogbomoshio, Nigeria, med.; Mrs. I. N. Patterson, J. E. Mills, Ibadan, Mrs. C. F. Roberson, Nigeria, Mary Alice Ditsworth, Bandung, Indonesia, T. V. Farris, Japan, ev.; Mrs. R. W. Fuller,

Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; Rosa Lee Frank, Miami, Fla., GWC; G. T. Martin, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Kent Parks, Cubero, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Anasile Janies, Lafayette, La., ev. among French

5 WEDNESDAY That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow Phil. 2:10.

"Our current church membership is 128. Organized 3 years ago with 50 members, we have been meeting in a rented house much too small. With help from the South Brazil Loan Board, which receives money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we were able to buy some property, and the members remodeled the house on the property. Already it is too small, and we look forward to the time when we can erect a church building adequate for our needs"—Shirley Jackson, Brazil.

PRAY for Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Jr., P. C. Porter, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. José Correia, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Carolyn Rae Royal, Dallas, Tex., GWC; Mrs. T. E. Lee, Birmingham, Ala., FW; Mrs. Burel Block, Portales, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Brazil, Anne Laseter, Chile, retired

6 THURSDAY When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory Col. 3:4

"As my little daughter Kay and I stopped momentarily for a red light, we saw the end of a Chinese funeral with all its mourners, gigantic flower sprays, and weird sounding bands. When the noise finally ceased, Kay commented, 'Seems like we sure are preaching slow.' Those words have burned like a branding iron in my heart"—John Raborn, Hong Kong.

PRAY for J. C. Raborn, Kowloon, Hong Kong, F. W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. J. A. Anaya, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Roger Baxter, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, WDP; Blanche Groves, China-Hawaii-Hong Kong, retired; Mrs. R. M. Willocks, Korea, Sistic Givens, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, W. T. Roberson, Saigon, Vietnam, W. C. Lanier, Israel, ev.

7 FRIDAY His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation Dan. 4:3.

"Last year the Pukalani Baptist Mission was organized into a church. A beautiful corner lot had been purchased and an army

building secured and moved to the lot. The mission then called a pastor and steadily the Sunday school grew so another 'second hand' building was bought. Through Lottie Moon Offering funds a new building will soon be in use. These monetary gifts of Baptists make it possible to start missions which grow into churches"—Alda Grayson, Hawaii, retired.

PRAY for Alda Grayson, China-Hawaii, A. E. Hayes, Brazil, retired; J. L. Prickett, Anadarko, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. C. E. Sanders, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; David Jemmett, Panama City, Panama, Stanley Crabb, Jr., Rivoli, Italy, ev.; Mrs. Milton Murphey, Petah Tikva, Israel, ed.; G. G. Pitman, Nigeria, MD

8 SATURDAY Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men Luke 2:14.

"In this city of half a million there are fewer Baptists than one would find in a large city church. This does not mean our work is not growing. On the contrary, we are growing by leaps and bounds. There are two organized Baptist churches and 10 missions in Guayaquil. There are many candidates for baptism, but they must attend doctrinal classes for about a year before they are baptized. The national workers are full of zeal and in many cases laymen will preach on the street before the church service begins. Continue to pray for our work, please"—Shelby Smith, Ecuador.

PRAY for Job Maldonado, Carlsbad, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. G. E. Robinson, Ft. Harcourt, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. John Mein, Brazil-Bahamas, retired; H. H. Pike, Vitoria, Brazil, Mrs. R. B. Fryer, Jr., Djakarta, Indonesia, J. W. Turner, Tripoli, Lebanon, ev.; Anne Dwyer, Gaza, RN



9 SUNDAY And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him Dan. 7:14

"Let us look at some of the things that

have been accomplished because people gave generously to the Annie Armstrong Offering last year. We were able to place missionaries among the Hoopa and Weitchpec Indians at Hoopa, among American Indians at Covelo, to begin new Latin work at West Richmond and at Dixon, to have available money with which to start new Japanese work in San Francisco and San José. Pray for further expansion of our language mission work"—E. J. Combs, Calif.

PRAY for Enoch Ortega, Salinas, Calif., Mrs. Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; A. C. Daniels, La., ev. among Negroes; Cirilo Mogena, Matanzas, Cuba, Leonardo Missel, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. T. O. Badger, Cavite City, Philippines, C. E. Compton, Jr., Dourados, Mrs. J. E. Musgrave, Colonia, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. A. H. Dyson, Jr., Iwo, Nigeria, ed.

10 MONDAY And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising Isa. 60:3.

Organization last year of the northernmost Southern Baptist church, Memorial Baptist in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, turned the wheel of mission endeavor to a full revolution. The mission called a pastor, and now the 125 members which constitute the church plan facilities for expansion. The pastor, a pastoral missionary, is jointly supported by the church and the Home Mission Board. Pray for this church.

PRAY for F. H. Walters, Paraíso, Canal Zone, Tom Law, Jr., Hawkins, Tex., Mrs. M. W. Rankin, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; J. B. Lawrence, Ga., J. A. Tumbler, Sr., Brazil, retired; W. R. Hintze, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

11 TUESDAY The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord Psalm 146:10.

"A new Student Center Building at Haskell, Kansas, was made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering. For 3 years we had held Sunday school classes and other meetings in our home. The new building has so enlarged the work that 40 Indian young people came to know Christ as Saviour and four young Indian students surrendered to preach the gospel. One young woman is dedicated to becoming a missionary to her own people. It is a blessing to have this place to minister to these Indian students. Pray for our witness to them"—Bill Crews, Kansas.

PRAY for Eleuterio Figueredo, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; M. S. Leach, Sr., Kingsville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

12 WEDNESDAY And there shall be no night there . . . for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever Rev. 22:5.

"My greatest thrill during the summer conference program came the last night of the conference for young people when 30 or more of our "silent" (deaf) young people made profession of faith in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Three made dedication for life service and already one of them is "preaching" every Sunday night in our church to the deaf. Last Sunday 92 deaf children attended morning Sunday school and 37 blind children in the afternoon. So little is done for them that they are so responsive and grateful. Working with them makes me profoundly aware of the wonderful gifts of hearing and sight"—Martha Franks, Taiwan.

PRAY for Marie Conner, Chiayi, Taiwan, W. J. Webb,* Venezuela, ev.; W. B. Pearce, Mombasa, Kenya, pub.

13 THURSDAY And the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever Micah 4:7.

"Our hearts rejoice as we praise the Lord for his goodness. At our oldest church, San Carlos, we have been enabled through your contributions to construct a beautiful church. The first unit, the chapel, is now completed. We hope to build the educational annex this year and we continue to use our present chapel for classes. As we transfer to the new location we reach out to new homes and new hearts. It is as if we have a new mission point. Pray for us"—Margaret Collins, Philippines.

PRAY for H. D. Olive,* Philippines, ed.; Mrs. J. A. Parker,* Chile, ev.; Mrs. H. E. Williams, Bell, Calif., ev. among Japanese; Mrs. Celso Villareal, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mrs. E. F. Vickers, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

14 FRIDAY And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted Isa. 12:4.

Missionary Claudio Iglesias, educated in the US through the help of missionary-minded friends, in turn gladly helped his nephew, Carlos, through high school and

teacher preparatory courses in Panama. Through Mr. Iglesias' witness, Carlos has become a Christian. Pray for Carlos. San Blas Indian schoolteacher, who wants to live and witness for the Lord. Pray also for Mr. Iglesias, missionary on the San Blas Islands (Panama) to his native Cuna Indians.

PRAY for Napoleon Gomez, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. Cirilo Mogena, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. A. W. Gammage, Jr., Korea, R. E. Nicholas, Gaza, D. H. Thompson, Tucuman, Argentina, W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy, ev.; A. V. Alvarado, Galveston, Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. W. Adams, China-Manchuria, retired

15 SATURDAY And God himself shall be with them, and be their God Rev. 21:3.

Fruitfulness is evident here with more than 50 people making professions of faith, 33 of them aligning themselves with local Baptist churches. Through experiences that cannot be captured by statistics many people have found a new way of life: growth, as increasing numbers of people, both Negro and Caucasian, have found their way into the variety of activities here—music, drama, crafts, recreation and Bible study; adequacy, as God has led in enlisting scores of volunteer workers to augment that which a regular staff is able to do—Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans.

PRAY for Miss Jean Stamper, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. W. A. Poe, Monrovia, Liberia, Evelyn Owen, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; J. B. Hill, Igede, Nigeria, Mrs. L. C. McKinney, Jr.,* Hong Kong, ev.; Thelma Williams, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; Frances Greenway, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, MD



16 SUNDAY The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength Psalm 93:1.

"Our mission at La Junta is the only one of the five Spanish America congregations in Colorado without a place to worship. For over a year we have rented a downtown hall. Now the Home Mission Board has provided \$20,000 to help build our first unit. We thank all of you who share in the Annie

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Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director

THIS MONTH

President
Enlistment Committee
Mission Study Committee
Prayer Committee
All Officers and Committees
Community Missions Committee
Stewardship Committee
Publications Committee
Publicity Committee
Youth

This month as we observe the 185th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, we recall Peter Marshall's Prayer for Our Country, for it expresses the sincere desire of many Christian hearts.

"Lord God of Heaven, who hath so lavishly blessed this land, make us, Thy people, to be humble. Keep us ever aware that the good things we enjoy have come from Thee, that Thou didst lend them to us.

"Impress upon Our Smugness the knowledge that we are not owners—but stewards; remind us, lest we become filled with conceit, that one day a reckoning will be required of us.

"Sanctify Our Love of Country, that our boasting may be turned into humility and our pride into a ministry to men everywhere.

"Help Us To Make This God's Own Country; by living like God's own people. Amen."

enles, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Evangelina and Homer Barrera, MF; J. R. Saunders, China, retired; D. G. Hooper, Nairobi, Kenya, ev. (continued on next page)

Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. This play presents the challenge to give at least the amount of money necessary for one minute of missionary work.

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This Month

At WMS meeting have a brief presentation of WMU and YWA Conferences at Glorieta, New Mexico, and Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Have those who have attended tell some of their enriching experiences. Give information concerning 1961 conferences, program schedule, personnel, reservations, etc. (See June Royal Service and June The Window.)

Have WMS stewardship chairman give a quick introduction to the new book in WMU Aims Series, *Christian Sharing of Possessions* by Usery, price 35c from Baptist Book Stores. Give plans for study of the book by circles or as a society. Point up the fact that circle programs for this quarter are based on *Sharing Possessions*.

Lest We Forget

Recently a letter was received from a veteran in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. He wrote to express his appreciation for the March Royal Service which had been given to him by one of the chaplains. Then he requested our prayer.

During this month when we observe the 185th birthday of our wonderful country, let us not forget those who have given their lives that we might "live in the land of the free and the home of the brave." Let us remember those who are still giving their lives in veterans hospitals throughout our

country and those throughout the world who are in the service of our country.

One chaplain suggests that WMU members:

1. Secure information about servicemen who have gone out from the church.
2. Recognize servicemen when they leave the church, and when they return on furlough.
3. Assign servicemen to certain persons who will write to them each month.
4. Send boxes of cookies, candy, church bulletins or other remembrances.
5. Pray for them.

Out of the Mailbag

(If you have a question send it along and we will attempt to answer it.)

Q. How are WMS committees formed?

A. The president appoints all committees except the nominating committee. Small committees function more efficiently, therefore it is recommended that from three to

five members be appointed to serve on each committee. See WMS Manual, chapter 2 for full discussion of committees.

Q. Do circles have the same organizational pattern as the Woman's Missionary Society?

A. The circle may or may not have the same organizational pattern. In some situations it is wise for every circle member to be an officer or chairman. If circles are not organized in the same manner

as the WMS, the circle chairman delegates responsibilities to members for implementing society plans. See chapter 1, WMS Manual for discussion of circle plan.

Q. In checking the basic objective and elective concerning reading, Aim I, may WMS Round Table books be counted?

A. No. This basic objective and elective refer to books listed in *The World in Books* catalog.

☆ Enlistment Committee

FROM Joiners TO Belongers

In WMS Statement of Aims we pledge ourselves to bring others into the growing experience of missionary endeavor through sustained efforts to enlist all members in full participation in Woman's Missionary Union activities.

Have all joiners in your church developed into belongers?

Have they been visited and have they had Woman's Missionary Society work explained to them? (Order Membership Folder, containing Statement of Aims, 15c a dozen, packaged only as listed,

from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.)

Have you used the talent search plan to discover the place where each member can serve happily and well? (Mimeograph a card providing space for WMS members to check the committee on which they prefer serving.)

Guard against joiners becoming absentees. Give constant attention to them in order that they may have a part in the total WMS program of mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship, and missionary education of youth.

While You Eat

Learn about your world. Cartographic place mats provide on one side a map of the world as it was known in the time of Louis XV and on the other side a map of today's world. These are laminated in full color, heat resistant and easily cleaned. They are 11" x 17" in size. These conversation pieces help you learn about your world as you eat. Price \$3.00 for a set of six from Mail Order Division, C. S. Hammond & Co., Maplewood, New Jersey.

★ Mission Study Committee

LOST?

"For the want of a book—a reader was lost
For the want of a reader—a writer was lost
For the want of a writer—an answer was lost
For the want of an answer—a quest was lost
For the want of a quest—a dream was lost
For the want of a dream—a child was lost
For the want of a child—a generation was lost
For the want of a generation—a cause was lost
For the want of a cause—His kingdom was lost
All for the want of a book."
—March 1961 METHODIST WOMAN

Lost? No—for we have a book! *Christian Sharing of Possessions* by Usery (85c from Baptist Book Stores) is the book recommended for study and reading for this fourth quarter of 1960-61.

★ Prayer Committee

Ask Yourself—

"Has my prayer life been powerless because of some besetting sin?

"Has my prayer life been hindered by haste, irregularity or lack of system, unpreparedness of spirit or unbelief?

"Has my prayer life been fruitless? Have I really had such power with God that I have power with souls?

Teacher's Helps are available for 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. These point up the importance of the practice of tithing, the right acquisition of money, and the responsibility for the wise use of all material possessions.

Every Woman's Missionary Society should study this third book in the WMU Aims Series. Urge every WMS member to read this Bible study concerning a subject so vital to world missions.

After *Christian Sharing of Possessions* has been read by every WMS member, place it on your bookshelf for ready reference along with *Christian Witnessing and Educating Youth in Missions*, the other two books already published in the WMU Aims Series. Now you will look forward to the other three. (Available after May 15.)

"Has my prayer life been limited to my own life, to my own work, to my own service for God? Am I truly an intercessor after God's own heart?

"Has my prayer life been intermittent and starved?

"Has my prayer life been growing? Do I really know more of the meaning, efficacy and power of prayer?

"Has my prayer life been sacrificial? What has it cost me in time, strength, vitality, and love?

"To this end, like an earnest

wrestler, I exert all my strength in reliance upon the power of Him who is mightily at work within me' Col. 1:29, Weymouth."—March, 1961 Moody Monthly

The Intercessory Prayer League

helps develop intercessors. Do you have one in your church? Is it a power for Him? See discussion of Intercessory Prayer League, chapter 2, WMS Manual, 65c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.

★ All Officers and Committees

Some Attributes of Leadership

Understanding Others

An attitude of understanding and genuine interest in those with whom one works is imperative. The relationship of leader and follower should be based on mutual respect. . . . The leader must acquire the skill of understanding the viewpoints of others. . . . The leader must also develop the capacity to capture the total feeling of a group and grasp the currents of thought and purpose. . . .

Motivation and Drive

A person with average intelligence can often surpass an individual of brilliance if he channels his total abilities toward a definite goal. One with a goal or purpose in life can direct his entire personality and vitality toward reaching that objective. . . . A high I.Q. is not the total requirement for success, although diligent study points one toward leadership.

Ability to Be with the Group

The leader must not get too far ahead of those who follow. "The task of a leader is to think what the people think, but to think it first. He must seem to be out in front of the flock, but he must not get so far out that he suddenly looks back to find that the flock has gone elsewhere."

Ability to Express One's Self

. . . . The ability to intelligibly express one's self and the sentiments of the group is essential. The leader's ability to communicate includes more than just talking, it implies the ability to interpret what others mean when they speak or give instructions. . . . The art of expressing one's convictions clearly is a mark of leadership.

Abundant Vitality

A leader must have limitless vitality—not just physical prowess, for many leaders are physically handicapped. But he should possess a boundless enthusiasm of spirit. Constantly alert in mind and personality, leaders should express a contagious freshness and buoyancy. (From February, 1961 *Career News*)

To Develop Attributes of Leadership Go to

WMU Conference

Glorieta, New Mexico, July 28-29
For reservations write—Mr. E. A. Herron, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico

or
Go to WMU Conference
Ridgcrest, North Carolina,
August 18-19

For reservations write—Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgcrest, North Carolina

Community Missions Committee

★ Can You Answer Their Question?

From the study of our July program, "To Millions Dying in Their Sin," WMS members should be constrained by the love of Christ to answer the question of those who are asking "What must I do to be saved?"

Six words in the Bible, if heeded, can lead to the salvation of a soul.

Acknowledge—Sin blights, degrades and finally destroys. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" Ezekiel 18:4.

Repent—Be truly sorry for your sin against God and man. "Except ye repent," Jesus said, "ye shall all likewise perish" Luke 13:3.

Forsake—Sorrow is not enough. "Let the wicked forsake his way . . . and . . . return unto the Lord, and he . . . will abundantly pardon" Isaiah 55:7.

Believe—Christ died for sins not His own, but yours. "The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" Isaiah 53:5.

Accept—Receive Christ into your heart. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" John 1:12.

Dr. Harold N. Englund has said "The trouble with much of the church's outreach today is that it seems so impersonal. Some people may wonder if church members are interested in just their souls or in them as real persons. The blunt truth is that most church members simply do not wish to become involved with non-members in close personal relationships; it is so much easier to form all of life's friendships inside the 'holy club' at the church."

Order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, Gummed Sticker with Bible references presenting the plan of salvation, to be placed in your Bible or New Testament, 25 for 25c (packaged only as listed).

★ Stewardship Committee

ADEQUATE STEWARDSHIP — MISSIONS ADVANCE

What will be the outgrowth of this quarter's study of Sharing Possessions? The circle program unit is Sharing Possessions . . . for Denominational Advance, and the book to be studied is *Christian Sharing of Possessions* by Ussery, 85c from Baptist Book Stores.

This three-month emphasis on stewardship in Woman's Missionary Societies through programs and

mission study should result in:

1. More attention given to the right acquisition of money
2. An increased number of tithers
3. More WMS members concerned with the proper use of the nine tenths
4. Increased gifts through the Cooperative Program
5. Increased gifts to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Arm-

strong offering and to State Mission Offerings

6. More WMS members making pledges to church budgets

7. More Southern Baptist churches adopting a budget with increased Cooperative Program percentages

8. More Southern Baptists conscious of their responsibility for the support of world missions

9. More missionaries appointed (The Foreign Mission Board hopes to appoint 160 new missionaries in

1961 and the Home Mission Board is seeking to find 300 additional missionaries.)

10. More adequate support for all mission causes

Stewardship committee, work with WMS program, mission study and publicity committees to make this quarter's stewardship emphasis meaningful in your church. (See Forecaster suggestions to publicity committee and mission study committee.)

★ Publications Committee

"Committee Cue"

We cue you.

Enthusiasm is an essential requirement for creating interest in *Royal Service*. Show your enthusiasm for our magazine as you:

Tell about an article you read—"How Is It with You?" Hastings "Smoking and Christian Influence," Hearn "We Had a Wonderful Time," Biggers

Report on number of subscribers as compared with number of members. (Do subscriptions equal 65 per cent of members, the Jubilee

Advance goal?)

Use opaque projector to project regular sections of the magazine (From Washington, Call to Prayer, Forecaster, Programs, picture sections, Did You Read It?)

Present the plan of the church budget providing WMU magazines as it does Sunday school and Training Union quarterlies

Use the telephone line—ask each WMS member to read an article or feature and recommend it to a friend by using the telephone line.

★ Publicity Committee

During July, August and September your church should be made conscious of its responsibility for the stewardship of possessions. In circle meetings WMS members will be discussing how sharing possessions is essential to denominational advance; in circle or in the WMS as a whole the new Aims book, *Christian Sharing of Possessions*, will be studied. The publicity committee can help with this important emphasis in the following ways.

1. Place placards throughout the church using these statements:

"Man is a steward of all or steward not at all"

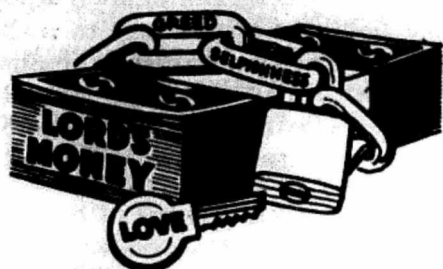
"Money is either a controlling or a controlled power"

"Wealth can go to our heads and harden our hearts"

"Adequate Stewardship = Missions Advance"

2. In the church vestibule or near the main entrance place a poster using the following idea or one of your own.

The Key to Stewardship
The Love of Christ Constraineth Us



The Key to Stewardship

(This poster could be animated by using play money and a real chain, lock and key)

3. Enlarge the WMS Stewardship Covenant Card (free from state WMU offices) and put it on a prominent bulletin board.

★ Youth

"U. R. V. I. P."

Youth directors, "you are very important persons." Your Woman's Missionary Society has entrusted to you and your committees the missionary education of youth in your church. You are the connecting link between the youth organizations and the Woman's Missionary Society. Your WMS looks to you and your committees to suggest ways in which your society can adequately foster the organizations for which you are responsible.

You will advise the WMS executive board of financial needs, leadership needs, and other needs resulting from efforts to cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth.

Lead your WMS to make it possible for some of your YWAs to attend Glorieta YWA Conference, July 27-August 2. See *The Window* for program plans and personnel. If there are those in your church or a nearby church who have attended the Ridgecrest or Glorieta YWA Conferences, have them tell

about the conference at a WMS meeting. Write to your state YWA director about travel plans and reservations.

July is the month for camps and conferences.

Be sure to see that GAs from your church attend associational, district or state Girls' Auxiliary Camps. Are Sunbeam Band Day Camps for eight-year-olds being held in your association? Then arrange for your eight-year-olds to attend or plan one for those in your church. See the leaflet, "Day Camping for 8-year-old Sunbeam Bands," free from your state WMU office.

Remember this is the last quarter of the 1960-61 WMU year. Check your organizations' Aims for Advancement. If there are Aims yet unattained, intensify your efforts. Your WMS depends upon you and your committees to help achieve Aim V, WMS Aims for Advancement, and to have an Honor WMU in your church.

Yes, U. R. V. I. P.!

Armstrong Offering, for you made this milestone in missions possible for us. Three of the ten churches in our association are without pastors as these lines are written. Please pray for our ministry"—Charles H. Rankin, Colorado.

PRAY for Miss Lelia Jackson, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Romelio Gonzales, Havana, Cuba, Neale Young, Ede, Nigeria, ev.; W. M. Moore, Kaduna, Nigeria, MD; Bonnie Jean Ray, China-Hawaii, retired

17 MONDAY Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever 1 Tim. 1:17.

Twelve sites for Southern Baptist missions in Seattle, Washington, were selected for purchase this year in the denomination's "big cities" program. Seven of the sites will be secured immediately for an expenditure of approximately \$68,000. Most of the city's 17 Southern Baptist churches will be sponsoring missions this year, which should result in at least ten new churches by 1962. It is estimated that Seattle should have between 35 and 40 churches by 1964. Pray for the "big cities" program of the Home Mission Board, directed by Fred Moseley.

PRAY for Mrs. E. F. Hallock, Jr.,* Brazil, Mrs. J. C. Pool, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed.; Ruth Pettigrew, China-Hong Kong, retired; Mrs. R. H. Lloyd, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.

18 TUESDAY And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust Rom. 15:12.

"We are working on literature production in addition to serving churches. Our first Sunday school quarterlies were completed last October. We are amazed at the overflow crowds attending the evangelistic services each Sunday evening; usually about 30 people have to be turned away because of limited space. From these meetings come many inquirers. There is an acute need for more missionaries. There are 10 of us among 45 million people. We covet your daily prayer"—Harold Cuppmins, East Pakistan.

PRAY for Mrs. Sinforoso Barrera, Gonzales, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Frangeline and Homer Barrera, MF; J. R. Saunders, China, retired; D. G. Hooper, Nairobi, Kenya, ev. (continued on next page)

CIRCLE PROGRAM

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missions. Everything has led up to this year being the greatest for the strengthening of the United States as the base for world missions. Our Foreign Mission Board, in implementing the continued goal of "the gospel to the whole world," gives emphasis this year to the requirement that only adequate stewardship will result in mission advance. Adequate stewardship of prayer, life and money, which will enable us to have 1800 missionaries on the foreign field by 1963, which will cause Southern Baptists to present to God a total tithe. This act of love and concern will lead Southern Baptists to urgent prayer for missions around the world, and give Southern Baptists a vision of world need and the dedication to meet that need that will compel our hearts to respond yet more.

Conclusion: God's Word has in it the principles and requirements of Christian stewardship. We have seen the needs of the world and found them to be tremendous. We have prayed that God will make us faithful stewards of all we possess. Now let us say, "I will be faithful—I will give—give sacrificially week by week through my church—as those gifts go through the Co-operative Program to the ends of the earth. I will with dedication plan now to give with thoughtfulness to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to the Annie Armstrong Offering, knowing convicting concern for a growing number of people without the knowledge of Christ." I will lift my voice with the hosts of others who sing "We will give, We will pray, We will witness every day, that the millions of the whole wide world May know our Saviour's love."

Prayer

Note: Order "Wait a Minute," 10c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. This play presents the challenge to give at least the amount of money necessary for one minute of missionary work.

19 WEDNESDAY And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude . . . saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth Rev. 19:6.

There are now fifty Baptist churches in Italy. More than fifty organized groups are growing toward church status and about 25 evangelistic stations are forming groups. However, there are in this country more than 12 million lost souls, a serious shortage of pastors to lead and nurture the young national churches, an unanswered call for a dozen additional missionary couples to help evangelize Italy, and active persecution against our Baptist minority. Pray for Italy.

PRAY for V. H. Moorefield, Jr., Rome, Italy; Frances Roberts, Buenos Aires, Argentina; W. A. Hickman, Jr., Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.; Mrs. R. L. Lindsey, Tiberias, Israel; Nita McCullough,* Nigeria, J. P. Smyth, Jaguaguara, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, MD; Mrs. James Minnis, Cuba, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Amos Mascarenas, Raton, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

20 THURSDAY For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works Matt. 16:27.

"During Religious Emphasis Week 130 at Baptist College accepted Christ. Forty of these expressed a desire to be baptized in the near future. Eighteen rededicated their lives. Three committed themselves for full-time Christian service. In Pui Ching High School and Pui To High School 471 decisions were made in the two-week simultaneous revival. Pray that our schools may continue to be effective as an evangelistic agency"—Maurice Anderson, Hong Kong.

PRAY for M. J. Anderson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; Hermelinda Hayans, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. C. D. Mullins, Waianae, Hawaii, G. M. Bridges, Compo Grande, Brazil, Ethel Harmon, Ibadan, Nigeria, T. E. Wiginton, Korea, ev.

21 FRIDAY But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor. 15:57.

"We have just graduated a senior class at Seinan Gakuin School. All of them have been introduced to Jesus Christ, yet so few have received Him. There is joy however over those who have found life in Christ: the young man and young woman who will be Christian schoolteachers. These and others

were won to Christ at Seinan. We look forward to the new school year. Pray with us that many will be won to Christ"—John Shepard, Japan.

PRAY for J. W. Shepard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. D. L. Orr,* Colombia, ed.; Pauline Cammack, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. L. D. Wood, Balboa, Canal Zone, Mrs. D. C. Askeo, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. J. W. Smith,* Israel, Mrs. Z. D. Reese, Enugu, Nigeria, ev.

22 SATURDAY Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords 1 Tim. 6:15.

"Baptist church expansion in Colombia has involved many people: a blind girl who insisted that her unsaved parents permit services in their home. A man who lost his job when he was baptized, moved to a new town and through his witness gathered together a band of believers. A group that met faithfully even when stones were thrown and roof tiles were broken. A man who gave his house as a meeting place, his time as a lay preacher, and founded a church"—Crea Ridenour, Colombia, South America.

PRAY for Jose Corrales, Matanzas, Cuba; Josephine Randall, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Raymond Jee, New Orleans, La., Rescue Mission; Mrs. M. D. Garbarino, Grand Isle, La., ev. among French



23 SUNDAY Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ Titus 2:13.

"Greetings from a brand-new, independent country! We feel that we've been living in a history book! Articles in papers and magazines have dealt with the role missions has played in helping toward independence status. Mission work has provided schools, stimulated the desire for freedom for the individual, new incentives and goals. Mission boards for years have supported institutions which have produced remarkable and capable leaders. We feel in a privileged place to be watching come into ripening some of the fruits of those labors."—Bill and Alice Gaventa, Nigeria.

PRAY for Mrs. W. C. Gaventa, Eku, Ni-

ger. A. E. Spencer, Jr., Naha, Okinawa, ev.; C. I. Culpepper, Jr., Taipei, Taiwan, ed.; E. I. Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, MD

24 MONDAY Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith Heb. 12:2.

The first unit of a Baptist chapel and educational building in Cana of Galilee was dedicated last year. For nearly 12 years Baptist services in Cana had been held in rented rooms, in a garden under a fig tree, or in a courtyard under a canopy of burlap sacking. More than 400 persons attended the dedication service, villagers from Cana, members of the mother church in Nazareth, and visitors from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. If funds are available, construction will begin this year on the chapel itself, designed to seat 100 worshippers.

PRAY for J. A. Monroe, Chandler, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Enrique Vazquez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, C. O. Griffin,* Indonesia, ev.; W. R. Norman, Jr.,* Nigeria, MD; Sue McDonald, Singapore, Malaya, ed.

25 TUESDAY God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness Psalm 47:8.

"Two remarks by young men in my class of teachers seem significant. One, a Christian, said, 'All other things will pass away, as other civilizations have done. Only God's Word remains. We need to spread it if our country is to endure.' The other, not a Christian, said, 'It is time for the people of Japan to turn from paying worshipful reverence to one man and his family and find the true, living God if there is one.' Pray with me that we shall be able to help the first young man in spreading the Word, and the other one in finding the true God"—Floryne Miller, Japan.

PRAY for Floryne Miller, Itozu, Japan, Mrs. Carlos Perez, Mrs. Peter Miller, San Blas, Panama, D. J. Spiegel, Teresina, Brazil, Mrs. M. E. Torstrick, Valparaiso, Chile, Mrs. C. F. Whitley, Kaduna, Nigeria, ev.; Jean Bach,* Nigeria, ed.

26 WEDNESDAY I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life John 8:12.

Another valuable week for our work was the time of Leadership Clinic. At that time the secretary of our Home Mission Board in Brazil made an appeal for home missionaries and seventeen went forward, fifteen of whom

were our students. It is for this we serve, and we praise God for such glorious dividends from your investment in missions. Pray for us as we work with students"—Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Brazil.

PRAY for A. I. Bagby, Rio Grande do Sul, Mrs. J. B. Sutton, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, M. H. Wilson,* Taiwan, Mary Brooner, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, ed.; Danny and Albert Bagby, MF; E. F. Hallock, Jr.,* Brazil, pub.; George Green, Nigeria, retired; Pearl Johnson, Chungli, Taiwan, Alma Oates, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, G. C. Bond, Accra, Ghana, ev.

27 THURSDAY But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever 2 Pet. 3:18.

"Distrito Este Church, where my husband has been serving as interim pastor since 1957, will have a new pastor soon. This is a big help as his responsibilities of teaching and of directing a building program at the Institute are too many to be shared with a pastor. We observed the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with meetings each day. For the first time the offering will be sent to Richmond to be used in a worldwide ministry"—Ruth Carlisle, Uruguay.

PRAY for Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, G. W. Pinkston, Semarang, Indonesia, S. J. Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. Richard Sanchez, Richmond, Calif.; Pantaleon Molina, Westaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mary Etheridge, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Miss Nannie Bell Cowart, New Orleans, La., GWC; Hannah Fair Saltee, China, retired; W. H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; R. C. Bethas, Bandung, Indonesia, O. L. Butcher, Jr.,* Thailand, MD

28 FRIDAY I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last Rev. 22:13.

"Our little mission church is strategically located for reaching Air Force personnel who are transferred elsewhere. One sergeant, won to Christ in our church, is now struggling to keep the gospel doors open in a little Baptist church in Utah. Another young airman saved here felt the call to preach before he was sent to Germany. An officer rededicated his life and now in North Africa is witnessing for Christ. So it goes—local missions, home missions, foreign missions, all one—world missions"—Walter Agnor, Dover, Delaware.

**Missionary
Quotes
to Remember**

"Thank you for your faithful, daily prayer in our behalf. Because of your prayer, people continue to accept Christ, churches are begun, and God's kingdom is advanced"—Aletha Fuller, Nigeria.

"We are not so amazed at what must be done as by God's ability to do it"—Bobby L. Spear, Thailand.

"It is easy to take the blessings of Christianity for granted until you come to a land where Christianity has never had an opportunity to bless"—Buck Donaldson, Jr., Tanganyika.

"Being a missionary requires more 'becoming' than 'doing'"—Mrs. Hugh T. McKinley, Southern Rhodesia.

PRAY for E. C. Branch, Ariz., ev. among Indians; C. F. Whirley, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed.; Sarah Wilson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, soc.; Moises Gonzales, Las Villas, Cuba, Mrs. W. E. Haltom,* Hawaii, Mrs. J. R. Cheyne, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.

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

The little Baptist Church of Miraflores, Arequipa, in Peru has two missions—one in a residential area, another on a large farm in the Majes Valley. They helped the Majes Mission construct its own church building. Shortly after it was finished, there was an earthquake and houses around the church fell to the ground. But God saw fit to leave his tabernacle standing. Arequipa too has suffered from earthquakes, but the lives of the believers have been spared. God must long to use them greatly in this city filled with careless living and fear.

PRAY for Mrs. G. E. Kingsley, Limbe, Nyasaland, C. J. Dotson, Gutuoma, So. Rhodesia, J. M. Short, Jr., Chihuahua, Mexico, D. C. Johnson, Antofagasta, Chile, ev.; Reba Stewart, China-Manchuria, retired; J. S. Key, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.



30 SUNDAY Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:42, 44.

In 1957 the Wailuku Baptist Church moved into a beautiful two-story residence in one of the best locations in the city. It was a gift through Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Having worshiped in a club house, we can doubly appreciate it, and it has made witnessing more effective. One father had refused to let his children attend but gave permission after seeing the lovely church property. Today three of his children are Christians and members of the church. *Pray for Baptist witness in Hawaii.*

PRAY for Aletha Fuller, Enugu, Nigeria, RN; F. P. Lide, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. H. N. Lindwall, San José, Costa Rica, lan. st.

31 MONDAY Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22:20.

"In 1950 four missionaries began work in Thailand. A decade later the picture is this: 36 missionaries, 310 Christians, four national seminary graduates, a book store, publication work, one doctor on the field and two others coming, six churches, a student center, a conference ground. Emmanuel church has just been built. Now we are erecting a new seminary, five residences, and a publication building. *Pray for further progress*."—Denver Lawton, Thailand.

PRAY for Mrs. Minnel Graves, Elizabethton, Tenn.; GWC: Leoncio Vegailla, Cienfuegos, Cuba, R. C. Hill, Chonburi, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. E. M. Fine, Oyo, Nigeria, Mrs. J. E. Giles, Cali, Colombia, ed.; Antonio Castillo, Del Rio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. W. Enete, Brazil, retired.

MD doctor
ev. evangelism
ed. educational evangelism
FW field worker
* on furlough
GWC Good Will Center
lan. language study
MF Margaret Fund student
med. medical evangelism
RN nurse
pub. publication
soc. social work
WDP Week Day Program

PROGRAM

**FOR CIRCLE
OR
SECOND WMS
MEETING**

Mission Study: Christian Sharing of Possessions, Usury*
Theme for Quarter: Sharing of Possessions

Circle Program topic for July:

Sharing Possessions...for Denominational Advance

by Mrs. James L. Monroe

Introduction: Do you remember the story of the young girl who worked long hours in a factory doing very tedious work? The strain on her eyes caused her to have difficulty in seeing at all. With fear and dread she went to a doctor who gave her this advice: "Once every hour, just for a few minutes, lift your eyes and gaze far off. Focus on distant things. Then, your vision will become clear." This is good advice for one who is often concerned about her own problems, needs, and her own part of the world. Today, let's lift our eyes and clear our vision.

*This is your mission study book for this fourth quarter. Order books from your Baptist Book Store for 85c; 25c for Teacher's Helps, available after May 15 from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

World Population Mounting: "Population explosion!" These words are heard on every hand. The United Nations estimates that the world population is growing by 5,400 every hour, or 47 million a year. What does this mean? One result is that hundreds of millions of people are hungry. Growth in population is outstripping food production. It also means that hundreds of millions are illiterate. Where people are hungry and illiterate the march of communism is more rapid. In 1937 Communists claimed 8 per cent of the world's people. In 1957 the figure jumped to 37 per cent, and the estimate for 1977 is 66 per cent. In June, 1957 Khrushchev said: "I can prophesy that your grandchildren will live under socialism."

What does population explosion mean

HOW DO YOU FIGURE IT?

1960 Southern Baptist Statistics

Total gifts \$480,608,972
**Total gifts used in local
churches \$398,684,066**
**Percentage of total gifts used
locally 83%**

economically or materially? A former Premier of Pakistan said: "America cannot long remain an island of prosperity in a sea of poverty." Former President Eisenhower said: "Not even America's prosperity can long survive if other nations do not prosper."

Christian Population Lag: Although world population is mounting, the world's Christian population is losing ground. In 1959 the world's population increase was 48 million, while those converted by all Christian groups numbered 12 million less than those won in 1958. Can Christians afford to lag? Let us look at the religious population. The total number of Christians which includes 509 million Roman Catholics, is only 885 million. Only 225 million of these are Protestants. Compared to this number, there are today 150 million Buddhists, 424 million Moslems, 300 million Confucianists, and 325 million Hindus.

Concerned leadership tells us that the world crisis can be used accurately to describe current conditions in almost every nation of the world. Forces at work are deep and powerful—emerging from ideologies, some of which are demonic, reaching out for total slavery of every man's mind and soul. Ancient religions, semidormant for centuries, are active and gaining momentum as aggressive missionary move-

ments. Atheistic communism is forging its chain of dominion wherever there is concentration of human misery.

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins has said, "We are on the brink of the worst disaster that could befall our human race. How can we prevent it?" Trusting in God's power, we must bring to all people a knowledge of Christ, rededicating all we have and are to God. Dr. Dobbins affirms, "The implementation of this great doctrine of stewardship is the hope of our world."

Beginning at Home: The United States is today experiencing tremendous growth. *U. S. News and World Report* says that within ten years our country will add the equivalent of three New Englands or two Californias to its population. Based on the last census, it is expected that by 1970 there will be a national average gain of 16.8 per cent or 30.2 million people.

Are we in our churches keeping up with this population growth by winning more to Christ, and organizing new churches? A goal of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is to add 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964. Many churches are organizing missions and new churches in strategic places. Our church members are giving several million dollars for this work through the Home Mission Board's church loan fund, church extension fund, and new church site fund. By this means, percentage-wise, we may be keeping up with the population increase at home, but we must do more than maintain the status quo. We know that our witness around the world will grow as our home base is strengthened. Advance waits on sharing our possessions as individuals and as churches to greater measure than ever before.

Look at the Record: Acknowledge that the answer to denominational advance is increased sharing of possessions. But let us look at our record. Per capita income in the United States is \$2,057. Based on this figure, annual income of Southern Baptists is more than 18 million dollars. Have we been faithful stewards of this amount? Last

year's total gifts amounted to less than one fourth of the tithe. Of the nearly 9,731,600 Southern Baptists only 1,500,000 are tithers. God has blessed Southern Baptists immeasurably, yet we continue to rob him of tithes and offerings. Will a man rob God?

Increased giving through the Cooperative Program should result as we realize the seriousness of this statement. We lift our eyes and look on the needs of the world. The Cooperative Program is the plan whereby each individual Baptist can give through his own church to all denominational causes both at home and abroad to spread the gospel of God's love for lost mankind. As we join hands with other givers, other churches, other states, we circle the globe with missionary gifts. The Cooperative Program is our means of missionary advance and has been through the years.

There is an alarming trend, however, by which we are warned. Although we are growing and total gifts are increasing, mission giving percentage-wise is not keeping up with that growth. Southern Baptists' total gifts increased last year by 8 per cent, yet gifts for missions and benevolences increased only 4 per cent and the percentage of increase in giving through the Cooperative Program was less than in 1959.

We are aware of needs at home, in our association, and state, but it is imperative that we keep our eyes up and on the whole world. One state executive secretary says: "No day in history has ever seen as many lost, doomed people in the world as today. We professing Christians in the United States are winning to Christ the lost in proportion to our population growth, but in the rest of the world the proportion of lost people to population is rising. Compassion and the urgency of Christ's concern demand that we do more for lost men now than ever done before." Through the leadership of this executive secretary, his state has held to the 50/50 division of the Cooperative Program dollar: 50 per

cent for state and 50 per cent for Convention causes. When Cooperative Program receipts falter, our entire program of advance both at home and abroad is set back.

Advance Is the Answer: Baptists of North America are engaged in a movement celebrating the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America. This five-year Jubilee Advance has a yearly emphasis, with 1961 being a year of stewardship and enlistment. Already, we have heard much about the goals and objectives. Stewardship goals, special stewardship books, playlets, films and filmstrips have been prepared. Woman's Missionary Union is seeking to advance missions through prayer concern, a 13 per cent increase in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Offering, and also by an increase in the number of tithers.

Giving through the Cooperative Program continues a major emphasis. The 2-Plus Plan, a Convention effort for each church to increase the percentage of gifts through the Cooperative Program by at least 2 per cent of total budget, is meeting with cooperation from members of missionary societies. Many a church business meeting has found enlightened, concerned women speaking out persuasively for an increase in Cooperative Program percentage, even at the expense of curtailing local activities. During this quarter, our missionary societies are studying the new book *Christian Sharing of Possessions*, by Annie Wright Ussery. The playlet, "Wait A Minute," is being used extensively by churches to promote stewardship. As our denomination advances in the cause of Christ around the world, members of Woman's Missionary Societies must realize with renewed conviction that advance depends upon increased sharing of possessions.

The leadership of our Home Mission Board says history may record 1961 as the eve of the greatest period of mission advance Southern Baptists have faced in

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by ROBERT J. HASTINGS

how is it with you?

Mr. Hastings last year became secretary of the department of stewardship promotion for Kentucky Baptists. His new book, *My Money and God*, \$2.50 at Baptist Book Stores is fresh in approach and will supplement your study of *Christian Sharing of Possessions* (185c) this quarter. (See page 25.)

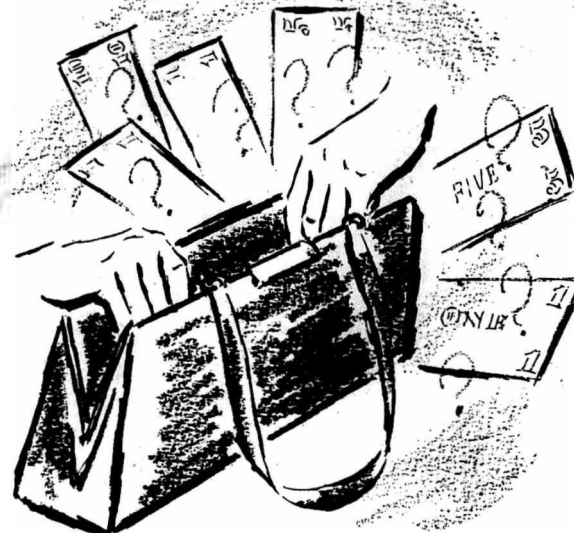
Every woman reading this article should go to the nearest public library and secure the February 4, 1961 copy of *The Saturday Evening Post*. Beginning on page 21, there is a most provocative article entitled, "Thieves I Have Known." It contains the true experiences of a store detective who in fifteen years has arrested 4,000 shoplifters. She claims that 83 per cent of these were juveniles and housewives, most of whom could afford to pay for what they stole.

In describing one of her suspects, the writer remarks, "Her husband was a bank executive . . . she had an A-1 credit rating. If she was like the others, she had a boy in high school, or a daughter in college. She would be a regular churchgoer, and

active in the PTA. She would not think of herself as a thief."

The last sentence is most important: Would not think of herself as a thief. But a thief is any person who takes what belongs to another without lawful payment. This could be a housewife who drops a stick of butter in her handbag at the supermarket as well as a convict who robs a bank. It could also apply to anyone who fails to give a fair day's work for his pay or salary, or who pays an employee less than he earns as prevailing wages indicate.

In other words, how we earn our money is just as important in stewardship as how liberal we are in giving it. God is interested first in how we get money, and secondly in whether we tithe and bring gifts to foreign and home missions. Moneymaking must have a conscience if money-giving is to please God.



Woman's Missionary Union has long stressed the stewardship of acquisition, that is, being Christian in the way we earn money. At this point, we note three significant facts:

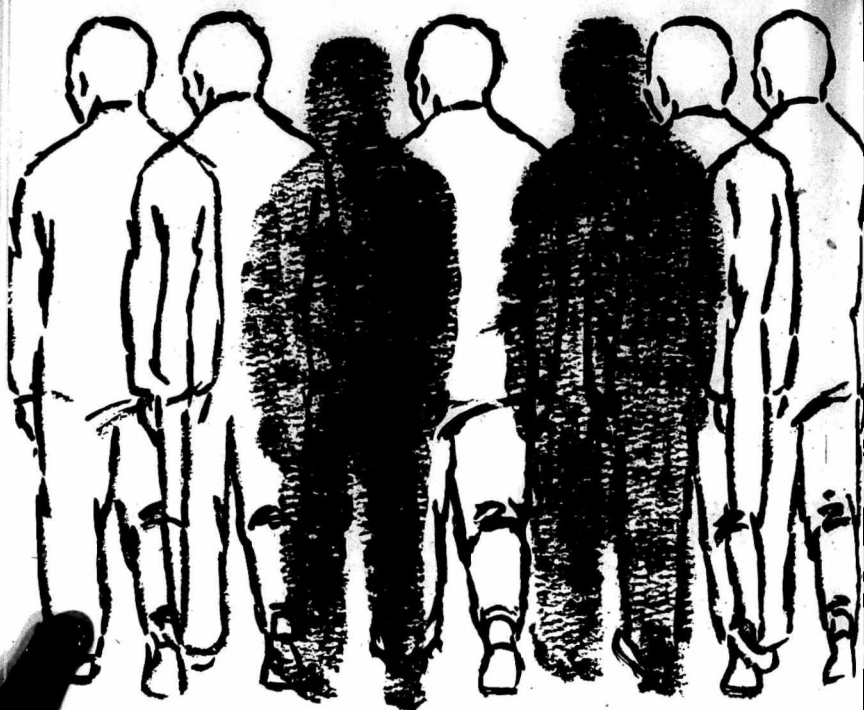
1. There is nothing evil or wrong with money. Money is not tainted or sinful. We may have a wrong attitude toward it (materialism), or use it for wrong purposes (selfishness), but money itself is not harmful.
2. Man is expected to earn money, to make a living for himself and his loved ones. "This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thess. 3:10).
3. God will hold responsible those who cheat and defraud in earning their living. "Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by

wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work" (Jer. 22:13).

An anonymous writer uses poetic style to remind us of this ageless truth:

You'll pay. The knowledge of your acts will weigh
Heavier on your mind each day,
The more you climb, the more you gain,
The more you'll feel the nagging strain.
Success will cower at the threat of retribution; Fear will fret
Your peace and bleed you for the debt;
Conscience collects from every crook
More than the worth of what he took,
You only thought you got away
But in the night you'll pay and pay.

How is it in your home? Are you a good steward in the earning of money, as well as in giving? What about your husband? What about your children?



"To Millions Dying in Their Sin"

RESCUE MISSIONS

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Sing: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Devotional thoughts

They Did Not Fail to Care

Interviews

Not a Church

A \$10.00 Cup of Coffee

A Home for Homeless Men

In the City That Care Forgot

Meditation

by Sibyl Brame Townsend

"TO MILLIONS DYING IN THEIR SIN"

SING: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS:

Voice 1—Every twelve seconds we count off there has been a major crime committed in America. The people who commit these crimes become "social outcasts." What should be the attitude of the Christian toward them?

Voice 2—(*Sung softly*)

"Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying.

Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;

Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen.

Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save"
("Rescue the Perishing").

Voice 3—"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Rom. 5:8. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" James 5:20.

Voice 1—There are millions of misfits roaming our fair land. Some of them never mature. Some cannot make decisions. Often they are at the mercy of those with whom they associate. Is there any hope for them?

Voice 2—(*Sung softly*)

"Down in the human heart, Crush'd by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touch'd by a loving heart, Waken'd by kindness,

Chords that are broken will vibrate once more"

("Rescue the Perishing").

Voice 3—"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion" Matt. 9:36.

Voice 1—There are eight million alcoholics in the United States and that number is rising at the rate of 450,000 a year. Day after day they sink lower and lower into hopeless existence. Some are placed in welfare homes and others are buried in unmarked graves. Some of them live in my neighborhood and yours. No one seems to know what to do for these who are bound by chains to the habit of drink.

Voice 3—The Scripture says: "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body" Heb. 13:3.

Sharing the gospel with them does not mean condoning crime or justifying men in ungodly acts. But it does mean helping them to see themselves in the light of God's love and expressing Christian love by showing concern.

"Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth" 1 Cor. 13:7, 8.

Voice 2—(*Sung softly*)

"Somebody needs your love, Somebody needs your love,

Someone in sadness, yearning for gladness,

Somebody needs your love"

("Somebody Needs Your Love").

Prayer for millions doomed now and eternally, dying in their sin.

THEY DID NOT FAIL TO CARE

(*New Orleans Rescue Mission*)

Some years ago a businessman who was

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a deacon in a Baptist church in New Orleans was persuaded by his wife, an enthusiastic member of Woman's Missionary Society, to accompany her on a tour of mission points in New Orleans. This city, known especially during the Mardi Gras season as "The City That Care Forgot," could often be more accurately described as "the city that forgot to care." Fortunately, however, God has not left New Orleans and other cities without a witness. Such is the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans.

As the visiting couple entered the mission at 740 Esplanade Avenue, the superintendent, Rev. Raymond Jee welcomed them cordially. With his usual enthusiasm he showed them about the building. To the left was the attractive assembly room where services have been held each night since the mission opened on February 11, 1927. Here most of the professions of faith

are made. They average 300-400 a year.

As the visitors mounted the stairs to the sleeping quarters and entered the bright room with its row on row of neatly-spread beds (many of them covered with patch-work quilts), it was easy to see that this rather indifferent businessman was impressed. He began to ask questions about the more than 30,000 men who come to this mission for help each year, about the evidences of the lasting benefits and permanent changes for good in the lives of the men. He listened attentively as Mr. Jee told of the heartwarming letter from one wife whose husband had returned home a changed man, of her gratitude and of her prayer that theirs would now be a Christian home.

Finally the visiting deacon turned to his wife and said, "You mean to tell me that those Home Mission offerings you women get so excited about are paying for work like this? Why I never dreamed they were so important and so worthwhile!"

Nothing in New Orleans so impressed this layman as the effectiveness of this one mission center. In fact there are those in his home church who go so far as to say that his spontaneous testimony at prayer meeting the next week was the most convincing Home Mission message they had ever heard!

Millions are dying in their sin right here in our American cities. The Home Mission Board, state Baptist conventions, Baptist associations, and Baptist churches are co-operating to enlarge and make more effective our ministry to these millions through a program of City Mission Centers.

INTERVIEWS

NOT A CHURCH

(An interview with Dr. Clovis A. Brantley, director of rescue mission work for the Home Mission Board.)

Reporter: Mr. Brantley, I understand that you direct the rescue mission work of Southern Baptists. Will you please define

a rescue mission for us. Are they all set up to do the same things?

Mr. Brantley: Let me answer your last question first. All rescue missions have the same purposes, I believe. They are places of refuge for drifting, wayward, and rejected men and women. As you know our objective is not only physical and mental rehabilitation, but also to provide an atmosphere and opportunities for the lost to encounter the claims of Christ on their lives.

Reporter: Then a rescue mission is a sort of reclamation center, isn't it?

Mr. Brantley: Yes, that is one way of saying it. These centers are located in cities where insecure human beings seek to lose themselves in the crowds. Southern Baptists have rescue missions in such cities as New Orleans, Memphis, East St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth.

Some people have asked us whether the rescue mission is a church.

No, the rescue mission is not a church, but rather it is church members working to win unbelievers to faith in Christ and to Christian living those who have wandered into sinful living. In our country an estimated 5 million men and women are in need of the rescue mission type of service. These are the responsibility of churches. The rescue mission is an arm of service for churches. A mission in a city is part of the responsibility of every church in an association.

The actual follow-up of cases in rescue mission work is not always easy. If a person is won to Christ as Saviour and Lord he does not stay in the rescue mission environment. He gets a job and moves back into more normal society, joining and working in the church of his choice. It is estimated that there are about 300,000 rescue mission converts now active church members. No, the rescue mission is not a church, and it has no church roll.

Reporter: If a church or an association sees the need for a rescue mission, how do the leaders go about beginning such work?

Mr. Brantley: First, determine the actual needs, checking with social agencies and police department to see what already is being done. Of course you will engage the interest of missions committees in churches. They will be your key people to secure witnessing support necessary for maximum service in a city.

A building must be located in an area easily accessible to drifters. As initial steps are taken in opening a rescue mission such obvious needs as a budget, adequate personnel and furnishings will have to be considered.

Often a beginning appears slow, but experience has proved that a rescue mission is a powerful witness to the love of God as Christians provide such havens. There Christians have opportunities to be neighbors to those in desperate need.

I believe you plan to interview two of the directors of rescue missions. They can give you information out of their experiences of many years.

A \$10.00 CUP OF COFFEE

(An interview with Director Hubert A. Neely, Baptist Center, Memphis, Tennessee.)

Reporter: Yes, our first interview is with Director Hubert A. Neely of Baptist Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Neely, I am very much impressed with the Baptist Center's location in this brick church building so near Main Street and the bus and train stations here in Memphis. Was this once a Baptist church?

Mr. Neely: No, this building has a century-long history as the Linden Avenue Christian Church. Federal troops made their quarters here during the Civil War. Today it serves well our purposes. We use the side entrance, as you see, with a glass cage just inside for the registrar. My office is conveniently located nearby. We have only 86 beds in the dormitory, but often house as many as 100 men, and serve almost 1,000 meals a week.

Reporter: I read that this mission was

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Devotional thoughts—The sound of a ticking clock or a woman out of sight saying "tick-tock, tick-tock" may be used to dramatize the first statement. Use three voices: a commentator for news items and statistics, a solo voice for the phrases from hymns, and a low solemn voice for the Scripture passages.

Interviews—The same "roving reporter" interviews each director. The setting need not be different but a card indicating the person interviewed and his location should be changed each time.

Program Helps—"The Rescue Mission," pamphlet from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Ways of Witnessing, 75c, book by Caylor, from Baptist Book Stores. Leaflets or information from any missions in or near your community.

opened in January 1954 and that as director you succeeded Dr. Clovis Brantley. Tell me more about yourself. What training and background do you have for this work? Do you and your family live at the center?

Mr. Neely: Well, I was born on a farm near Water Valley, Mississippi, the eldest son of sharecropper parents. My three sisters, two brothers, and I shared the farm work. When I was 14 we moved to Tennessee. At 16 I accepted Christ and surrendered to preach. I graduated from Whitehaven High School at 17, entered college and accepted my first pastorate at 18, attended Union University in Jackson, Tennessee and worked at a dozen different jobs from truck driver to laboratory technician.

In 1955 I was called to work here at the Baptist Center. Before that time I had two good years on-job training with Dr. Brantley. My wife, three small sons, and I live in a comfortable home provided by the Shelby County Association.

Reporter: I notice from your "home rules" that visitors here are expected to attend nightly Bible study. I understand that God's Holy Spirit has blessed the personal work of your staff with 1,768 professions out of 22,691 in worship services last year.

Will you tell me a little more about what is offered these men and the results you experience.

Mr. Neely: Each day at 4 P.M. registration begins. A man may register for supper, bed, and breakfast if he is not under the influence of alcohol or dope. He can within any 6-month period receive 3 days service free or he can rent a bed for 25¢ a night. He is required to attend the evening services, take a bath before retiring, and be in bed by 10 P.M.

After services we leave it to a man to take the initiative in counseling. Follow-up is difficult because most of them are transient, often here for only a night. We want to devise a plan for dealing with converts over a longer period of time. This we feel to be necessary for rehabilitation.

Our rewards come in hearing a man say "Thank you for the meal," or a once wayward Christian singing a solo in the preaching service, and to see almost one hundred hands lifted each month indicating a hundred hearts turning toward God's ways.

Let me tell you of a recent experience. A man came into the Center one day and said, "Preacher, could you let me have a place to stay and my meals for a few days? I have some money coming, but it will take a while to get it."

The Baptist Center is here for the purpose of helping those in need whether they have money or not. We assured him he was welcome to stay.

A few days later this man, clean, with a bag in his hand stopped in the vestibule and said, "I finally got my money so I'll be leaving. Thanks for everything." Then, to my surprise he mentioned the men who work with us here, and placing a \$10 bill into my hand, said, "Take this and buy the boys a cup of coffee."

I call this story "A \$10.00 Cup of Coffee." Not all men who come our way express gratitude for the Christian concern which makes such a refuge possible. Not all of them are helped, but this man gained stature in his own eyes by expressing his appreciation in a tangible way.

A HOME FOR HOMELESS MEN

(An interview with Rev. J. T. (Jim) McGill, superintendent of Rescue Missions, East St. Louis, Illinois)

Reporter: I'm happy to find you here, Mr. McGill. I know you are a busy man, but I wonder if you have time to give me some information about this mission on Collinsville Avenue here in East St. Louis, Illinois. What are some of the needs of the area, the facilities and program you provide?

Mr. McGill: Indeed I do have the time though we may be interrupted by men coming off the street. Some of them will be looking for a preacher or a friend who will listen to their troubles. Others will

ask for a coat, a meal, or just a cup of coffee.

During the day and in the evenings until 9 or 10 o'clock I try to greet all who come. There are times when I am away speaking to churches or other groups about our work, then the clerk is in charge. Often at night when I am in town he finds it necessary to telephone me or the police for help.

As you came in I am sure you noticed that we're in a slum section. Most buildings are old, unpainted, and poorly maintained. In the winter we often see a mother and child gathering bits of coal or a group of men finding the sunny side of a building to talk and whittle. These are all poor, low-income people.

Our two-story brick building is almost 75 years old. The white paint makes it stand out and look clean.

At present the mission serves each month from 2500 to 3000 meals and provides a place to sleep for 800-900 men. Last fall we added a new operation at the mission. Old furniture is donated by churches in the association and repair work on the furniture keeps 4 or 5 men in work. There is nothing like work in helping a man regain self respect. This furniture is sold to our low-income neighbors who need it badly. The profits are added to the mission treasury.

Our daily schedule is very much like that of other missions with a 7:30 evening service that the men must attend. Our means of publicity is simply "one-tell-another."

We do follow-up work whenever possible. If we know where a man is going from here we write letters to a local pastor informing him of the man's needs and telling him whether he has made a profession while at the Center.

When we obtain a larger building we hope to expand our ministry to include daily Bible study and recreation.

Reporter: Mr. McGill, how did you become interested in mission center work and just

what do you think are its difficulties and rewards?

Mr. McGill: I am 34 years old, married and have one daughter 15 years old. I grew up on a farm in Arkansas and entered the Navy at 16 during World War II. In 1948 I surrendered for the ministry and continued my education, attending several Baptist colleges and Midwestern Seminary.

I had known first-hand the effects of drink and was influenced and called to this particular kind of work by having a special interest in the poor, unfortunate, and underprivileged. On October 1, 1959 I was appointed as a home missionary and until May 1960, my family and I lived above the mission. The Home Mission Board and the association now share in a housing allowance that provides a home for my family.

I suppose our greatest difficulty is limited space. And the greatest reward comes when we see a man trust Christ. We have from 30-35 professions a month. There is joy, too, in reuniting a father or a son with his family or in looking at the face of a man who came in hungry and lost without Christ as he tries in his weak way to say, "Thank you, Southern Baptists, for food, shelter, clothes, and the gospel!"

This story will show you what I mean. Bob York had been on the road since 1950, always on the move, drinking anything he could get his hands on from canned heat or paint thinner to "raisin jack." He slept in box cars, under bridges, in jails and missions from Canada to Mexico—always looking for something, not knowing what it was. He reached East St. Louis in October of 1959 and asked to stay one night at our center. I offered to let him stay longer and work for his board and room. He says that kindness got him started to thinking about all the years he'd wasted living in sin. He says he found here what he had been looking for. On October 19 he made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and on November 1 he was baptized and became a member of a Baptist

church.

He is still here with us. "I have seen some come in," he says, "with dirty minds and leave the next day with clean minds, new men in Christ. That makes me feel real good." He is so happy to give his testimony as one of many men who, as he says, "come in here seeking shelter and food and find an eternal home with food they knew not of."

IN THE CITY THAT CARE FORGOT (Good Samaritan Home in New Orleans)

Indeed we are grateful to God for "fruits of salvation" in these Centers where men can find help. Now let us return to the city of New Orleans. It is sad indeed but there are also women who need rescuing.

As you know, the Home Mission Board has operated for some 28 years the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center to help unwed mothers "plan soundly for the future lives of their babies" and with God's help to rebuild their own lives as they return to their homes. Through the years 1400 girls have been cared for by this program.

For our last visit, however, let us interview Miss Joyce Carmichael, superintendent of the Good Samaritan Home, a rescue home for women and children.

Miss Carmichael is a native of Florida, has a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. For five years she was a recreation director in the armed services. Soon after she came to direct this 8-year-old home on Dauphine Street, she was interviewed by a reporter for a city paper. In that feature story he quotes Miss Carmichael:

"I do not know whether we can carry out my plans, but I have a recreation program in mind. We plan fishing trips for the girls, picnics, visits to Audubon Park, to the zoo, and on birthdays a cake with her name on it for every girl.

"We plan sightseeing trips. Some of the girls have lived in New Orleans for years

and the inside of bars is what they know best about our city.

"At the present time there are 14 girls in our rescue home. Half of them are alcoholics. Among the other seven are two moral cases, two transients, one has no place to go and no food. There is a woman with two children whose husband has deserted her."

Miss Carmichael hopes to work out a rehabilitation program in which she seeks to discover the vocations women at the home can enter. Christian education and Bible classes will be continued. Aid of agencies will be sought in helping educate the woman who can be helped. Crafts will be taught, such as copper enameling, making of wire jewelry, and ceramics.

Impressed as the reporter was by the program, this secular reporter seemed even more interested in a person whom he met. Dora had opened the door for him. She had been described by Miss Carmichael as "a very valuable assistant." Dora was a wonderful help with alcoholics even when they had the terrible D.T.'s. Though not a member of the staff, she had because of good work been permitted to stay now two years rather than the customary 10 days.

"Dora," said Miss Carmichael, "is a well educated member of a wealthy, prominent family."

"What is Dora's trouble?" asked the reporter.

"She is an alcoholic."

When she returned, Dora, a stout woman in her early 40's with black hair turning gray, spoke freely:

"I don't know what made me an alcoholic," she said in a refined, cultured voice. "Alcoholics don't know what makes them alcoholics. Perhaps they feel inferior, inadequate. All I know is I started drinking when I was a teen-ager. I felt naked when I did not have a glass in my hand. I have been in jail many times."

She remained silent for a moment. "Do you know what I would like to do?"

she said. "I want to buy an apartment building. It would be only for alcoholics. I want so much to help them."

This young woman is just one of thousands of homeless women who have been helped by our rescue missions and one of the hundreds who have been won to Christ through this ministry. This work is financed through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering. It needs the undergirding of our faithful praying. It needs our concern.

MEDITATION

Leader: Is there a rescue work for us to

do in our community? How can we help? Will you pray from this day forward for the directors of these missions, for the Home Mission Board, state Baptist conventions, the associations, and local churches that we may strengthen support of this ministry?

As we sing "Christ for the Whole Wide World" let us also remember that the sinner in our midst must be witnessed to. Sing: "Christ for the Whole Wide World"

Closing Prayer: Let us pray for the drifters, the alcoholics, the mothers with small children, for the criminals who pass through these missions day by day.

Above all things, guard your inner self

Proverbs 4:23, Moffatt

by LON WOODRUM

Well, we don't usually need too much advice about guarding the outer man, do we? We feed him, clothe him, wash him, give him rest and sleep, and try to see that he doesn't get overheated, too cold, and suchlike. We keep doctors around to watch over him. Millions are busy daily arranging comforts for him.

But the outer man is, really, not as important as that fellow inside you. He's the one to keep an eye on! What he does, rather what he is, determines your final destiny. If he's a heel you're

on a dead-end street. If he's what God intended him to be no power on earth will finally defeat you.

Better post guards over the inner man! Guards like prayer, right thinking, Bible reading, church attendance, spreading the gospel. Keep out the riff-raff. Bar the way to all subversive agents such as anger, malice, envy, sloth, cheapness, falsehood, hypocrisy, jealousy. Better still call in the agent from God's headquarters—the Holy Spirit. He's the true Guard.

Smoking

and CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

In his inspiring book *What Christ Means to Me*,* the famous medical missionary Willfred T. Grenfell tells of using tobacco to lure men away from the vessels which sold rum to sailors. He defended this fighting of one evil by means of another because, he said, "A man does not beat his wife, wreck his home, fight his neighbors, or part with his reason and his money because he has been smoking tobacco." Many another person, while recognizing tobacco as an evil, has sought to rationalize his use of it.

Smoking has taken some hard licks from medical authorities in recent years. One aspect of this habit, however, has been neglected, and that is the effect of smoking upon a Christian's influence. To test the opinion of a number of laymen and ministers on this point, I sent a questionnaire to about two hundred outstanding Christian leaders. Two questions were asked:

*Out of print.

Can smoking by a Christian be justified, or is it a harmless practice like chewing gum? Does the use of tobacco interfere with a Christian's influence and service? The great majority answered the first question in the negative and the second in the affirmative. Typical replies to the questions are given in this article.

Maxey Jarman, chairman of the board, Genesco, Nashville, Tennessee, wrote: "Personally, I quit smoking quite a number of years ago based on the conviction that any habit that acquires such a strong control over a person as smoking does is very likely to be so important in a person's life that in reality it takes precedence over things that should be done to glorify the Lord."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*, said: "I could not justify smoking for myself as a Christian, but this is a matter for personal decision. Some of the finest Christians I have known

by C. Aubrey Hearn

have used tobacco. I think that they would have been even finer, had they not used it."

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, wrote: "I think that the question of smoking is on the same plane as Paul's problem of eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols. I am sure that the Christian who smokes hurts his influence with some people. I believe that he would have a better physical fitness and a larger influence with more people if he abstained."

Dodie D. Bell, an official of the Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Company, Fargo, North Dakota, answers: "Smoking cannot increase the influence of any Christian. That it is harmful we all know. Therefore, since it is harmful and it cannot add to anyone's stature, why indulge in it?"

The late Dr. M. T. Rankin, while executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote: "Our Foreign Mission Board frankly advises our appointees that they will be handicapped in their usefulness as missionaries if they smoke." Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, agrees: "I think that the use of tobacco never helps one's Christian influence and that in many communities and among many people, it certainly discredits

our Christian witness. . . . In many areas preachers will not be invited to hold revivals or to participate in denominational activities in any form if it is known that they use tobacco."

Dr. Frank Howard Richardson, well-known child specialist and author of *Black Mountain*, North Carolina, writes: "Whether the use of tobacco interferes with a Christian's influence, I can only say that I cannot see how it would make it better. It must also be a little difficult for a man who smokes to counsel other Christians against the use of a drug which may be hurting them. However, this is something for each Christian to decide for himself."

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, former pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, answered positively: "I think a Christian, to be a clean, worthy Christian, cannot justify smoking in any form. It definitely interferes with a Christian's influence. A boy, seeing a Christian man, especially a minister, smoking, feels that to be a man he must smoke. And a great many have begun for that very reason."

In like manner, Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, writes: "Though many Christians smoke, no Christian can honestly justify such a habit. . . . Smoking

SMOKING AND CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

definitely interferes with a Christian's influence and service. . . . Multitudes of Christians spend more for tobacco than they spend for the cause of Christ. This must break the heart of God and retard the coming of the kingdom."

Dr. A. L. Crabb, prominent educator and novelist, of Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, writes: "I do not think smoking can be justified at all. It is a great and, in many cases, a wholly unjustifiable expense. Smoking does, I think, help to create a sort of commitment to bad manners. The smoker throws his stubs or ashes wherever he happens to be—not everyone, of course, but many. I do not think a teacher ought to smoke. I certainly do not think that a preacher ought to smoke."

Dr. John C. Slemm, editor of *Missions*, New York City, writes: "In my judgment, smoking cannot be justified on the part of a Christian, or anyone else. It is a useless, dirty habit that contributes nothing to human welfare or happiness. A person who does not smoke can be a better Christian than one who does."

A prominent manufacturer, W. C. Ayer, of St. Louis, Missouri, answered succinctly: "I would not be impressed very favorably if a person smoking a cigar or cigarette attempted to interest me in some Christian service."

The opinions of these interrogated may be summarized in the statement of Dr. Chester A. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, Mississippi: "I unquestionably and unqualifiedly believe that a Christian's influence is hindered by smoking. I personally believe that any Christian leader who does indulge in tobacco has somewhat of a sense of guilt concerning the practice that will not only take spiritual power from him but will take from him some of the joy of his Christian life."

We Had a Wonderful Time

Do you sometimes wish that your husband was a little more understanding about the time you spend on mission activities? You can easily make this wish come true, as I did last summer, by asking him to go with you to WMU Conference. We not only enjoyed the scenic trip up, but the program was so well planned it has been an inspiration to both of us this entire year. Here is my husband's experience in his own words:

"As Virginia discussed with me her plans for attending WMU Conference at Ridgecrest, I decided that Western North Carolina would be the ideal spot for me to vacation at that time and engage in my favorite pastime, fresh water fishing. I did plan to go to night services with her, but had no idea that the day programs would be of much interest to a man.

"Welcome to Ridgecrest" read the sign as we arrived to register. The white columned buildings with green lawns in the midst of tall pines were beautiful to behold. That night Miss Alma Hunt spoke on 'What This Con-



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ference Means,' and Dr. George Faile told about his work in Ghana. I decided that this conference planned primarily for WMU members had perhaps even more to offer a Baptist layman, such as I.

"I was not to be disappointed during the week. I went each morning to conferences illustrated with slides by many of our foreign and home missionaries. After each missionary conference, I was able to talk informally with each speaker, while all the women went immediately to methods conferences. So I really enjoyed the 'treats' with little work! What a blessing it was to me as I heard from missionary doctors first-hand information about our many phases of medical work in various parts of the world. Never during the entire week did I hear one of them complain about the many hardships which I'm sure they encounter daily in their work. For the first time I fully realized what a small amount of my time and talents I had given to the Lord's work in comparison to the full-time service our missionaries give daily. *

"The morning assembly programs were of prayer, Bible study, and talks on the various phases of WMU work. The most delightful of all to me were remarks on current events by Mrs. William McMurry. We stayed in a motel nearby and ate lunch each day in the Assembly dining hall so we could talk with the women from different states. Needless to say, we made many new friends this way, and our exchange of ideas was most satisfying.

"What a joy it was each night to join with almost 3,000 women in singing hymns of praise as the night services began! Then after an inspiring message by one or more missionaries, the program came to an end with our eyes focused on the lighted outline of the world as Sarah Harvey sang so beautifully 'Christ for the Whole Wide World.'

"I now realize how very important the Woman's Missionary Union is to our church, and I am proud my wife is a part of it. But even more so, I see how Southern Baptists need to do even more for the cause of missions."

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