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Peasant girls of Portugal live in old world charm . . . a new world of challenge. Here Baptists link hearts and hands for Christ



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will you observe each day the
Week of Prayer
for Foreign Missions***



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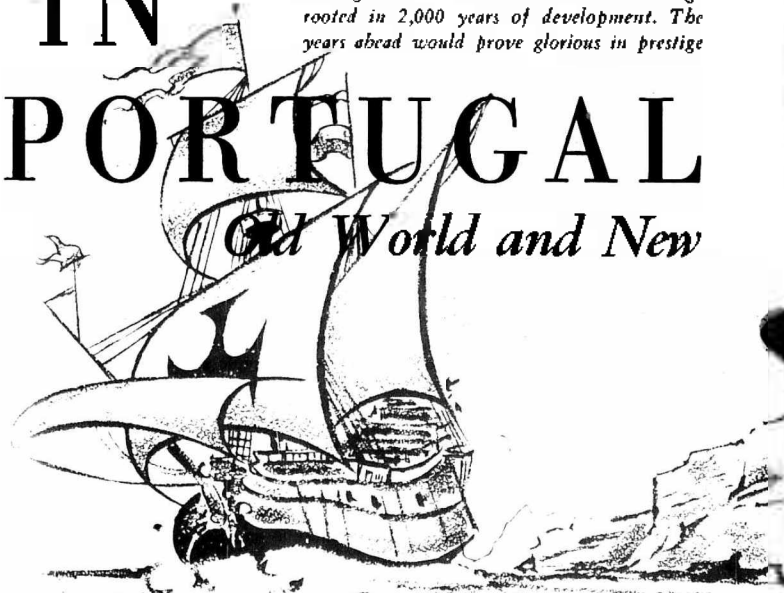
with all Southern Baptists

**Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
November 27–December 1, 1961**

Standing on the jagged rocks of Sagres, eroded by sea and time, a young man lost in thought strained to see across the endless azure waves that lengthened until finally they seemed to be one with the sky. How long before the billowing sails would reappear, sails which had carried away those men who dared brave unknown seas? Prince Henry the Navigator stood calmly waiting for the news that must surely come: new worlds discovered beyond the horizon, new treasures to enrich his land. His mind was as restless as the waves below. He sought illumination to repel the darkness that sought to drown his soul. His Portugal was a new nation with a heritage rooted in 2,000 years of development. The years ahead would prove glorious in prestige

IN PORTUGAL

Old World and New



by Grayson C. Tennison

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and power while her ships sailed the seas in conquest.

Today continental Portugal is slightly larger than the state of Maine but with ten times its population. Influences from many civilizations have affected her history. Blessed by a relatively mild climate, with abundant rainfall and industrious people, Portugal offers a rare quality of beauty that is adequate for esthetic hunger of any soul.

Drive through rolling hills of eastern Portugal and see ancient walled cities with stately castles towering above the landscape. See slow moving contented sheep, watched over by shepherd boys leaning on staffs, in long sleeveless, woolly sheepskin capes flowing from the shoulders. Pass through the cork forest with hared trunks blushing a dark red. Observe tall mounds of golden hay stacked to look like dwellings. Hear the slow, rhythmic plodding of yoked oxen. Wonder at the deceptively docile appearance of grazing black cattle with razor-sharp horns; generations of bull-fighting courses through their veins.

Along Portugal's coast mountains drop abruptly into the sea, revealing fascinating formations that boldly challenge the perpetual pounding of temperamental waves. To the north rugged mountains are covered with vineyards and swaying fields of corn. In the fertile valley of the Tagus, women bend their backs and stand ankle deep in the mud and water of rice paddies. Hills are covered with gray-green gnarled olive trees.

It is to this land of rare beauty and of noble history that we Southern Baptists have linked our hands and hearts. True,

Baptist fellowship is small and many difficulties face us daily. Compared to American standards, rather severe restrictions are placed on any concerted effort by evangelicals, though personal witnessing is not limited. Of the 10 million population in continental Portugal, no more than 12,000 are evangelical.

Officially, Baptist life in Portugal started in 1908 when the newly organized Brazilian Baptist Convention, through its foreign mission board, sent Baptist representatives to the mother country. During these 58 years Brazilian Baptists have maintained deep interest in Portugal even though circumstances within Brazil have often limited their foreign mission activities.

At the invitation of the Portuguese Baptist Convention, Southern Baptists in 1959 sent one couple as fraternal representatives to work alongside Portuguese and Brazilian brethren. This couple was Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree who were veteran missionaries of Brazil, now retired. Here this angle of co-operation promises most satisfying results. It is the practical outgrowth of mutual love of the Saviour, and the sincere desire to see His kingdom advance in the hearts of men, that Baptists of three nations—Portugal, Brazil, United States—unite in sharing the "Burden of the Lord." Truly we are laborers together with God.

Southern Baptists labor in Portugal in

co-operation with the Portuguese Baptist Convention. There are 21 churches and 16 missions affiliated, served by 18 pastors and lay workers who are giving good account of their stewardship. The membership of these churches is just over 2,000. Only two churches have more than 100 members and most have less than 50. Almost all are meeting in inadequate, rented buildings with little or no space for religious education. Besides the difficulties of finding adaptable property for church use, excessive rent makes them practically prohibitive. Already the blessings of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings are being felt in Portugal. Several places of worship have been constructed or

are being contemplated. Several cities have been entered for the first time due to your co-operation.

Somehow, God has seen fit to give Southern Baptists the unique privilege of sharing with our brothers around the world in their ministry to their own people. Joined with Portuguese Baptists, firmly implanted on the Solid Rock, unfearful of the crashing waves of doubt and unrest all about, we look searchingly into the future knowing that new worlds of spiritual blessings are before us here in Portugal. We believe that the incoming tide will reveal His power for we know that His Word will not return void.

*Women gather about
president of Baptist convention
Pastor Antonio, Mr. Crabtree,
missionary, and Dr. Lessa
pastor, building in
Lisbon, right, typical home
with tiled front*



COVER

Study this month about Portugal, one of five countries we will consider. The others are France, Obolens, Vietnam, Somalia. Dr. Crowley's article, page 6, will give you insight into how and why and when we enter our mission fields.



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Category 20

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis and Miss Alma Hunt

One of the very exciting aspects of life is the naming of a new baby. Southern Baptist women in every church will be happy to learn that Woman's Missionary Union has a new name. No, it is not a new baby—but it is a new pattern of work in our program of mission study. "Category 20" is the new term added to Woman's Missionary Union's vocabulary.

On October 1, WMU became a participant in the Church Study Course. Category 20 is listed in the "Church Study Course" called "WMU Principles and Methods." In this Category are listed certain of the permanent books for study in WMU organizations—*Woman's Missionary Union*, and methods books for young people; the new Aims series: *Christian Sharing of Possessions*, *Educating Youth in Missions*, *Christian Witnessing*, and those to come on Enlistment, World Awareness, and Spiritual Life Development.

The addition of Category 20 will enable WMU members to add credits on their Church Study Course record by the study of WMU books.

Read the 1961-62 Year Book for information and order from the Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, the pamphlet, "Trained Workmen."

We are happy indeed to make this announcement about our new term and our relationship of co-operation with the Sunday School Board, which will issue all the awards.

This means of course no change in our present methods of mission study—in circles and in one day classes for WMS and YWA, as presented in *Tell for Girls' Auxiliary*, and units of study for Sunbeam Bands as developed in *Sunbeam Activities*—or in any of the other approved plans. It does mean for credit requirements more time in classes or in home study with questions answered for those who want to receive awards through the Church Study Course.

Category 20 will become identified in all our churches as WMU study, and together with other groups we will share Category 10, which is missions.

Mrs. R. L.
Mathis
WMU
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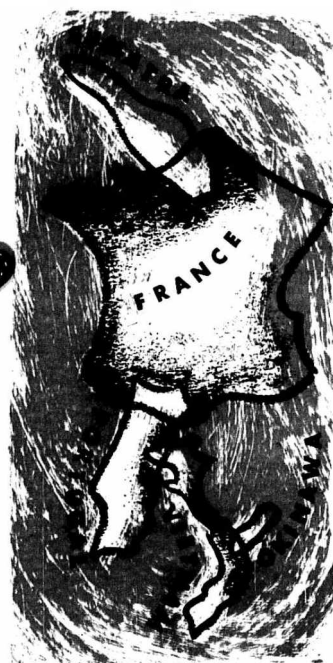


Miss Alma
Hunt
WMU
Executive
Secretary



by Winston Crawley

HOW FAR and HOW FAST?



*How do the Foreign
Mission Board and its
missionaries decide
when to move into
new fields? And why
is one field chosen
rather than another?*

*Dr. Crawley is Foreign Mission
Board Secretary for the Orient*

ABOUT the time you read this it is hoped that the first Southern Baptist missionaries for Sumatra* will be ready to move to that island. Sumatra is an important part of the promising young country of Indonesia. The island has about fourteen million people, about the combined population of New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Perhaps you are asking, why enter Sumatra now? Why not many years ago, or why do we not wait until a bit later? How do the Foreign Mission Board and its missionaries decide when to move into new fields? And why is one field chosen rather than another? These are all questions well worth asking.

Within the past two or three years Southern Baptist missionaries have entered a number of new areas—Vietnam, Okinawa, and Guam in the Orient; France, Portugal, and Germany in Europe; Liberia and other parts of Africa. Plans are now being laid for entering new fields in the Caribbean section of our Latin American work. It may be both of interest and of value to consider some of the guiding principles in how far and how fast we move.

There are several very important and very strong arguments for moving just as far and as fast as possible. One is the argument of human need. Most of the world's people have not yet heard the gospel of salvation. We rejoice in the fact that nearly

every land in the world today has missionaries of some Christian denomination. We are encouraged and stimulated by the marvelous victories in the missionary efforts of other denominations. Even so, in most mission fields more than 95 per cent of the people are yet to be won to our Lord. There is far more to be done than all of us together can do. Thus the appeal of human spiritual need pulls Southern Baptists on toward new mission fields.

An even stronger and more important reason for going just as far and as fast as we can is our deep conviction of the command and the personal leading of our Lord. It has been now nearly two thousand years since He commissioned His followers to take the gospel to every last person on earth. Surely no one would say that we have gone or are going too fast.

Still another reason for rapid advance into new areas today is the urgency of the world situation. We must enter doors while they are open. We must make the most of our times of opportunity. Thus we seek to go as far as we can and as fast as we can "while it is day" before "night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

If we could follow completely the logic of overwhelming human need, the clear command of our Lord, and the challenge of our day, we would go everywhere immediately. Actually, however, there are practical reasons why that is not possible. Christians live and work always in a tension between the divine ideal and the practical realities of the situation.

A major limitation on our possibility of doing now all that we should do to win our world to Christ is the limitation of resources available for world missions—resources of committed lives and of mission money. Sometimes we cannot go very far or very fast because of a lack of enough

Royal Service goes to press missionaries to Sumatra as yet have not been appointed. Your State Baptist paper may give this information soon. Watch for it

volunteers and enough funds. Then the Foreign Mission Board has to use its resources in such a way that we will not spread our efforts too thin. We have to concentrate our efforts enough to produce lasting fruit.

The spiritual principle of growth is another practical consideration in the matter of expanding our mission work. Jesus stated the principle: "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28). Often it is the lines of natural growth that lead us to expansion into new areas. We find the leading of the Lord as doors are opened or opportunities are presented.

The move into Sumatra at this time comes by a combination of these two practical considerations. We now have enough missionaries in Indonesia to begin reaching out to Sumatra without too much weakening of the work we are doing on Java, also a part of Indonesia. This is a matter of resources. It is also a matter of the time that has passed since we entered Indonesia and the natural growth and development of our work.

Missionaries on the field and Foreign Mission Board staff members give much time and thought to the best use of our resources of missionaries and funds. The growth of the work is evaluated carefully. Possible new fields are studied in order to see which are the most needy fields—that is, where there are the most lost people—and which fields give evidence of a responsiveness that will enable our work to bear more fruit.

In practice one of the main determining factors in the entering of new countries is the open door. Our Board has attempted to gain entry to India, the second largest country of the world in population. Some years ago applications for visas were turned down. We are praying that the Lord will open the door for us in order that Southern Baptists may share in the spread of the gospel in India. Recently we had missionaries in Guinea, one of the new countries of Africa, but the door to mission work in that land did not remain open and mission-

aries had to leave.

All of these very practical questions form the burden of much study and prayer. When it is a matter of entering a new part of a country where we already have work, it is usually our missionaries in that field, along with our Board's secretary for the area, who will share prayerfully in the decision. When it is a matter of entering an entirely new country, the decision is made by the Foreign Mission Board itself after a recommendation from the Foreign Mission Board's staff members and committees that bear such responsibility.

Really, though, it is often Southern Baptist church members who decide how far and how fast our mission work can expand. We can go no farther and no faster than our dedication of lives and financial support to world missions make possible.

In answer to the question as to how much money the Foreign Mission Board needs, Dr. M. T. Rankin used to ask another question, "How much is needed for what?" If Southern Baptists are not to do very much in world missions, if we are not to go very far nor very fast, then the Foreign Mission Board will not need so much money nor so many mission volunteers. But if we are determined to go just as far and just as fast as our Lord would have us to go, then a far greater commitment of life and of money will be needed. World need and the command of Christ and the urgency of this day tell us how far and how fast we should go. The practical answer to how far and how fast we can wisely go will depend on the answer to other questions. How missionary are Southern Baptists? How concerned and how committed are we?

We consider this whole question not just for its interest nor just for information, but for decision and for action. In the weeks leading up to the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, there are decisions to be made for life commitment and for sacrificial giving that will help us go much farther and much faster in world missions.



from WASHINGTON

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

The Catholic Church and Negroes

There once was a prevalent assumption across the South that "all Negroes are Baptists unless somebody has tampered with them." The assumption is no longer true unless you take into account the fact that the Catholic Church has been actively at work while Baptists took Negro loyalty for granted.

The truth is that 1961 statistics reveal Negro Catholics are increasing in higher proportion than white Catholics.

The word comes officially from the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, quoting the annual report of the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians.

There are more than 18,000,000 Negroes in the United States. This report lists 653,217 of them as Catholics. The figure itself is not particularly astounding. But listen: there was an increase of 37,000 in Negro Catholic rolls during the 1960-61 statistical year—and this is a 6 per cent increase in a single 12 month period!

We have talked before about the almost phenomenal gains in total Catholic membership, and as Baptists have sought to explain it by saying it is due to the fact Catholics count newborn and baptized infants. We simply were assuming that the normal (or above normal) birthrate of traditional Catholic families would account for much of the increase.

But the NCWC figures show us that the overall growth figures in Catholic membership, white, Negro and other, during

the year was only 3.4 per cent—just slightly more than half the Negro Catholic rate of increase.

And a third of the Negro gain is due to a record number of adult converts—12,248. There were remarkable numbers in previous years also: 12,066 in 1960, 11,802 in 1959, and 11,374 in 1958.

One out of every eight US converts to Catholicism in 1960 was a Negro. In the city of New Orleans, two out of five converts were Negroes. In St. Louis, the proportion is one out of five.

Statistics for the South, where Southern Baptists have chalked up record numbers of baptism of white converts, show that Catholic gains in Negro membership is a remarkable nine per cent, one and a half times that of the nation as a whole. While the increase in actual numbers, 6,345, is comparatively small, the percentage indicates a strong trend.

The Catholic leadership says that large parochial school enrollments of Negro students is a factor in the gains. A record high of 93,292 children were enrolled in 348 Catholic schools conducted for Negroes, non-Catholics outnumber the Catholic pupils. This is therefore a ripe ground for Catholic evangelism.

Other statistics out of the report: a total of 702 priests now minister exclusively to Negroes. Negro Catholic churches number 494, and the total membership, as stated earlier, is 653,217. These churches baptized 25,278 infants and 12,448 adults in the 1961 report period.

first to GERMANY



EDA Klarer Stertz believes that God wants every Christian to be personally involved in missions. She also believes that this involvement means one thing: to follow Jesus. For her this following began in a small Florida beach town where her parents had a seafood business, and now has led to West Germany. For this past August she

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and her preacher-husband and their four children arrived in Frankfurt to become Southern Baptists' first fraternal representatives to the German Baptist Union and the first Southern Baptist missionary couple assigned to English-speaking work in Germany.

You probably recognize Mrs. Stertz' name because she was the *Royal Service* program writer June-November 1959 and a Foreign Mission Week of Prayer writer for 1958. For three years previously she had written for *The Window*. She has also written for *Baptist Married Young People*, a Training Union publication, *Open Windows*, *The Baptist Student*, and several newspapers. Some of her fiction has merited the editorial encouragement reserved for serious writers.

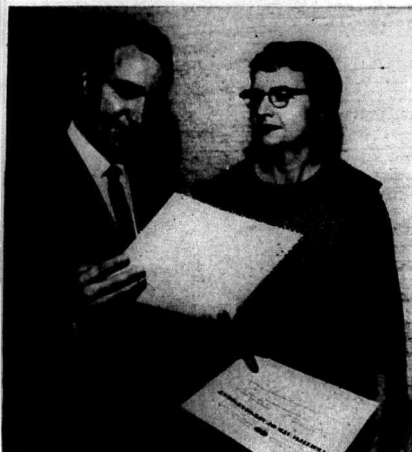
Until her recent departure for Germany, she and her husband, the Rev. James G. Stertz, lived in Bon Air, a suburb just south of Richmond, Virginia. Their children went to school in Bon Air and the whole family attended the Bon Air Baptist Church. Mr. Stertz, a candidate secretary for the Baptist Foreign Mission Board since 1957, was frequently out of town but Eda and the children were quite active in the church. In their four years at Bon Air, Mrs. Stertz was mission study chairman and president of the WMS, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the church council and chairman of the decorating committee



*The Stertz family, now in Germany,
came through many experiences to this
place of service for God
as his missionaries*

by Johnni Johnson

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The Stierzes hold appointment certificates from Foreign Mission Board

for the new building Bon Air Baptists dedicated late in May.

As she told the Foreign Mission Board about her stateside involvement in missions, Mrs. Stierz went on to say that she believes God always meant for her to be a missionary, and that she knows that nothing short of following his will brings peace.

In Germany she expects to be involved, with her husband, in helping English-speaking and German Baptist churches—in WMU, in Bible study, and in whatever ways become available to her.

"My job is to be there, and to interpret God's love by living it out in friendship to the people around me," she said.

Mrs. Stierz hopes to write, and of course, will continue the responsibilities already hers as a Christian wife and mother. Whatever specific responsibilities come to them, Jim and Eda Stierz know that they are going to Germany in response to God's specific leadership in their lives.

When the Southern Baptist Convention met in St. Louis late in May, James G.

Stierz—not the candidate secretary but the missionary appointee—spoke for himself, Eda, and 61 other new missionaries presented to the Convention. After recounting some of the experiences common to all missionary appointees, Mr. Stierz gave his own testimony of God's leadership towards missionary service overseas.

He spoke about the theological and social dimensions of his faith and then of "the growing awareness of the geographical dimension of the gospel ministry" which came to him. This awareness prompted him and Eda to attend the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest in 1956 and led them to leave there saying, "Lord, we are willing to serve anywhere in the world." But after a student ministry at Mercer University and pastorates at Newman, Georgia, and Deland, Florida, God led them—not directly to the mission—but to the Foreign Mission Board and now, after four more years, to Germany.

Though born in the United States, both Mr. and Mrs. Stierz have deep roots in Europe. Eda's grandparents were German and Swiss; Jim's parents were German. Mr. Stierz told the convention about his parents' arrival in St. Louis in 1905, seeking religious and political freedom.

"My wife and I want to go back to the land of our fathers," he concluded, "to share the fruit of our Christian pilgrimage which their faith and courage made possible. This is our deep desire . . . not for the glory of the fatherland but for the honor and glory of the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thus sixteen years after her husband's ordination to the gospel ministry and fifteen years after their marriage, Eda Klauer Stierz, in God's providence, is now fulfilling the call to missions which has lived in her heart since high school days.

In the interim she knew—and demonstrated—the truth of her husband's oft-repeated statement, "You can be a good missionary here at home working in the Woman's Missionary Union."

She could—until God directed otherwise.

Baptists in FRANCE

by Zahea Nappa

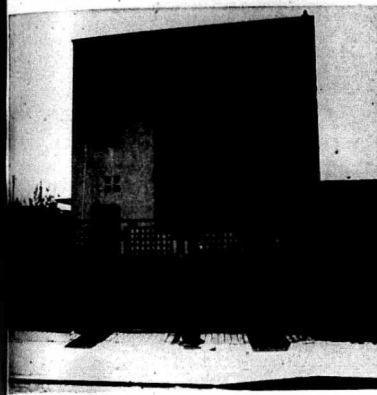


IN a big, rambling house on the edge of Orleans, France, five unusually handsome children live with their exceptional parents. These are the children of a Baptist pastor.

"I am a French pastor," their father is quick to declare, in Tennessee-flavored English. Jack Hancox, our Southern Baptist representative to France is indeed a French pastor, fully accepted into the Federation of French Baptists. He is a member of the French equivalent to our Home Mission Board, thus proving the unreserved acceptance of our representative to France by French Baptists.

Four years ago a group of Baptists stationed with the US Army in Orleans became concerned because there was no Baptist witness among the French in that city. Meeting first for prayer meetings in the homes of laymen, this group eventually grew into a Southern Baptist church. They

Rex Francis Cochran, pastor of Orleans French Baptist Church, France, and Rex Jack Hancox, Southern Baptist missionary in front of church building bought with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds; Mrs. Hancox at entrance to building in Paris (Antony) which serves as French Baptist Student Center, French Baptist Church and English-speaking Baptist church



contacted Dr. Henri Vincent, president of the Federation of French Baptists. Through that organization, the church began paying the salary for a French pastor in Orleans.

When the Americans located a suitable building for the French work, with Dr. Vincent's help, they asked the Foreign Mission Board to help finance its purchase. This building was bought in early 1960 with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Over 200 persons attended the dedication service.

The potential for the work among Americans was so great, the American church membership requested of the Foreign Mission Board a missionary couple to come to assist their church and to serve as liaison between French and Baptists of America. Jack and Doris Hancox were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. His experience as a Navy chaplain uniquely fits Jack Hancox for his work with military personnel.

Under Mr. Hancox's direction, English-speaking churches have been established in Chateauroux, and Evreux, and a Mission

in Paris. In each of these places, the Americans are channeling their resources and efforts through the Federation into local French Baptist work. No French Baptist work existed in Orleans and Chateauroux until the Americans offered their assistance.

The English-speaking churches are full members of the Federation of French Baptists. Americans living in France are considered a foreign language minority group. The Federation's constitution has long made provision for full membership into the Federation of foreign language Baptist churches. Actual membership in the English-speaking churches are as follows:

Orleans 140 plus 30 (Paris).....	170
Evreux	65
Chateauroux	80

for a total of 315 members. Total enrollment in the following organizations are over 400 in Sunday school, 350 in Training Union, 60 in WMU and 50 in Brotherhood. The churches have been blessed with many decisions for Christ and since September, 1960, there have been 55 baptisms.

On April 8, 1961, the above churches

formed a new French organization whose purpose it is to discover more effective ways to promote the gospel in France through the Federation.

Not many Americans realize that there are fewer Baptists in indifferent France than in persecuted Spain! There are approximately 2,000 church members in the Federation of French Baptists. These comparatively few Baptists operate 5 summer camps, a boys' home, an old folks' home and a program of mission expansion within France, as well as foreign mission work in Africa! These achievements are the more remarkable when one remembers that the average French Baptist's income is less than \$100 monthly. A married pastor receives approximately \$100 a month regardless of the size of his church. These sacrificing Baptist people of France are responsible for the remarkable advance in French Baptist work during the past decade.

The Baptist Federation of France has 70 preaching stations with thirty ministers (twice as many as fifteen years ago). Most of the churches are small. Baptists are def-

initely a minority group among the 45 million French people. They are evangelistic, but their expansion into more cities is limited by lack of funds and lack of preachers.

Today Roman Catholic influence is felt throughout French life, though it is limited in spiritual effect upon the lives of communicants. A small group of French Catholic leaders are seeking to inject more effectiveness into their churches by adopting Bible reading, preaching missions, and other non-Catholic methods. But, for the most part, the people's religion is formal or non-existent. Under the present government, the Roman Catholic hierarchy has regained some of its prestige by government grants to church schools and institutions. There is a great hunger for spiritual truth, especially among the disillusioned workers in northern France where Baptist work is strongest.

Missionary Hancox hopes to see two needs fulfilled in French Baptist life: (1) development in the religious education field. The French have very limited church literature and Sunday school materials. (2) a Baptist training school or seminary for French pastors and other religious workers. At the present, pastors must travel to England or Switzerland for training, or else they must study in a non-denominational Bible school in France. College training and English language are necessary before they may attend the Baptist seminary in Zurich. French young men must serve over two years with the Army in Algeria, in addition to their schooling, before they may serve as pastors.

From Southern Baptists France needs prayer, financial assistance to buy church buildings, and encouragement for English-speaking churches to expand.

The famous cathedral spires of France are souvenirs of an empty traditional religious life that has not satisfied. Let us hasten the day when Baptist church doors are open in all the towns and villages of France where our French friends may meet the Saviour.



Prepared by MISS HANNAH REYNOLDS

1 WEDNESDAY To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward Prov. 11:18. (Read vv. 12-18.)

Miss Ora Elizabeth Gray, missionary nurse now on furlough, served in China first and later in Malaya. Of her work in a Baptist Clinic she wrote: "We always endeavored to let our patients know that it was our Lord who gave the Board the vision for medical work and that our work was done in His strength and for his sake. How grateful I am that the new Good Will Center that now occupies the clinic building is carrying forward the work and following up with even more contacts. Yet, as a nurse, my heart longs for Baptist nurses and doctors to minister to the sick. How we do need dedicated leaders to take positions of responsibility in this nation of Malaya which is young in its freedom. Pray for those young women who are called and are now in training, that they may not lose their vision of service!"

PRAY for Elizabeth Gray,* Malaya, Helen Ruth Masters,* Nigeria, RN; Marian Marjorie Young, N. Mex., Ind. ev.; Oscar Hill, Alamogordo, N. Mex., Sp. ev.; M. E. Solorzano, Panama City, Panama, Mrs. Antonio Ramos, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. D. L. Mills, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oleta Snell,* Chile, ev.; Shirley Jackson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA; L. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, retired

2 THURSDAY And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works Heb. 10:24. (Read vv. 22-25.)

Missions is missions wherever there are lost souls to be saved. In our Call to Prayer today we have, among others, two missionaries to Brazil and one who serves with our Home Mission Board. An inspiring link between these fields came last spring when a check for \$16.50 was received by the Home Board in Atlanta from a vacation Bible school made up of missionaries' children of the South Brazil Mission. The missionary who mailed the check wrote, "It is the children's desire that the offering taken during their vacation Bible school shall be sent to help in seeing our own homeland won to Christ."

PRAY for Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Brazil, retired; Mrs. R. P. Bellington, Porto Velho, Brazil; Mrs. Adriano Robles, Balboa, Canal Zone, ev.; W. L. Smith, Buenos Aires, Argentina, BA; Pearl Todd, China-Japan, retired

3 FRIDAY But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint Isa. 40:31. (Read vv. 28-31.)

Rev. Burley E. Cader writes from Brazil, "The one big problem weighing upon our hearts is the lack of trained ministers. The North Brazil Mission is composed of six and

one-half states and around four hundred organized churches. Our institutions that furnish us workers are the North Brazil Seminary and Training School in Recife and the Baptist Bible Institute here in Feira de Santana. We are happy to report a large number of young girls preparing for the Lord's work, but for some reason our young men are thinking of other professions and few are surrendering to the ministry. Pray for us that God may call young men from North Brazil into his service; that God will send us more missionaries for this field; that God will supply us with the strength to keep on keeping on."

PRAY for B. E. Cader, Feira de Santana, G. A. Canzoneri, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, Hannah Lee Barlow, Hakodate, Japan, ev.; Mrs. Mario Grimaldo, Texas, Sp. ev.; Mrs. G. H. Kollmar, Barranquilla, Colombia, Mrs. W. E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, ed.; Mrs. Stanley Crabb, Jr., Rinali, Italy, med.; Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Ill., GWC; Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, Okla., retired

4 SATURDAY In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world John 16:33. (Read vv. 29-33.)

From Southern Rhodesia a missionary wrote requesting prayer, "These are difficult times in Africa. . . . We must be compelled with great urgency to give needed spiritual food. We ask you to pray that we may know God's leading each day and that money will be provided for us to continue the work we are doing. Political unrest thrives when people lack the basic needs of life. Hungry people will do almost anything for the promise of enough food to eat. Pray for the people here and for the government in these difficult days."

PRAY for S. R. J. Canmata, Jr., Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, MD; J. U. Moss, Valencia, Venezuela, Mrs. T. S. Berry, Recife, Brazil, ev.; Beryl Flanagan, Macon, Ga., GWC



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

5 SUNDAY Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward Gen. 13:14. (Read vv. 14-18.)

Mrs. Milton S. Leach, Sr., serving among Spanish-speaking people, in Kingsville, Texas, inspires a prayer of thanksgiving for her loving ministry through the years. Winning Latin American people is slow, and the rapidly increasing population makes missionary work among them a challenging task. Texas Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board are uniting their strength to win the Spanish-speaking people. Pray today for the group among whom Mrs. Leach labors.

PRAY for Mrs. M. S. Leach, Sr., Kingsville, Tex., Sp. ev.; J. M. Conley, Tenn., Negro ev.; Mrs. M. A. Calteira, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. J. H. McTyre, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Leroy Benefield, Cotabato, Philippines, Mrs. R. H. Fannoni, Shaki, Nigeria, ev.; R. D. Hodges, Jr.,* Nigeria, K. W. Balyeat, Argentina, Mrs. A. P. Pierson, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Mrs. S. A. DeBord, Arusha, Tanganyika, RN; Myrtle Selters, Atlanta, Ga., GWC

6 MONDAY For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth you Deut. 12:9. (Read vv. 9-12.)

An unusually urgent appeal comes from our Foreign Mission Board for more nurses and doctors for medical missions. The enlarging opportunities for a healing ministry on foreign fields is being slowed down because there is not enough personnel for this work. Pray for nurses and doctors in your community to heed God's call.

PRAY for Frances Hammett,* Nigeria, RN; J. H. McTyre, Santiago, Chile, BA; Mrs. John Lake, Honolulu, Hawaii, Richard McKindo, Bocas del Toro, Panama, Reinaldo Machado, Cuba, ev.; Texas WMU annual meeting, Austin, 6-7

7 TUESDAY And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it Psalm 90:17. (Read vv. 12-17.)

Radio is a mighty means of communication on mission fields. Baptist broadcasts in many countries are bringing evangelistic results. The Chilean Baptist Convention maintains its own Baptist Hour. A weekly 30-minute program is prepared and tape-recorded at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago and sent to ten stations scattered throughout

Chile. Bible study courses are conducted over radio, devotional messages are given, and the question and answer method is sometimes used to present truth. *Pray for this ministry.*

PRAY for Georgia Mae Ogburn, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. E. W. Glass, Singapore, Malays, Mrs. W. T. Moore, Faridpur, E. Pakistan, Heriberto Rodriguez, Las Villas, Ernestina Mesa, Havana, Cuba, ev.; M. D. Garbarino, Redell, La., French ev.; H. E. Williams, Bell, Calif., Japanese ev.; L. J. Harper, Asuncion, Paraguay, BA; Mrs. H. D. Olive, Philippines, ed.; N. A. Bryan, China-Korea, retired

3 WEDNESDAY I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Thess. 5:23. (Read vv. 12-23.)

In early December each year we observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is brought to our churches. In Brazil this is graduation time for Baptist schools. Many young people, trained in Christian service graduate this year as usual. Let us pray for these young people as they prepare for this milestone in their lives. Let us pray that they may be radiant witnesses for Christ in the years ahead. Let us also pray for WMS presidents and prayer chairmen as they prepare for the 1961 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

PRAY for Mrs. W. H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. D. G. Hooper, Nairobi, Kenya, Mrs. R. L. Locke, Owerri, Nigeria, Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Jr., Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. C. R. Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Mrs. Tom Law, Jr., Hawkins, Tex., Sp. ev.; Stephen Gover, Wash., Ind. ev.; M. K. Wasson, Oshogbo, Nigeria, med.; Mrs. Martin R. Hicks, El Paso, Tex., pub.

9 THURSDAY Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come Heb. 13:13-14. (Read vv. 9-18.)

"English-speaking churches overseas are growing in number. This is a recent development in foreign mission work. It grew out of need: a church home for the hundreds of thousands of North Americans who are living and working abroad." So writes Rev. Howard Knight from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He continues, "Our ministry is directed toward families living in Buenos Aires working for the more than two hundred North American company subsidiaries located in

Buenos Aires. They are well educated, technically skilled, and high salaried. Pleasure makes a bid for every minute of their uncommitted time. Many have had little or no previous church background, and come from our big cities. One father said: 'I have no objection to my children coming to your church if you want to come and get them. But I am not going to take them and I have no time for the church.'

"This work is a little over two years old. We have sixty-six on roll. There are many physical needs but the greatest need is the leadership of the Holy Spirit in knowing how to minister to these people and to make them aware of their need of God."

PRAY for H. C. Knight, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. W. L. Medcalf, Bangkok, Thailand, Maurice Smith, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.; A. T. Bequer, Cuba, retired; Hawaii WMU annual meeting, Kailua, 9-10

10 FRIDAY Trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy 1 Tim. 6:17. (Read vv. 13-19.)

Missionary Laura Frances Snow, Santiago, Chile, wrote of the conversion of an Intermediate GA. She was thrilled to witness her baptism. "This confident, happy Eliana is so different from the shy, unkempt child who drifted into the Girls' Auxiliary about two years ago. She is the only Christian in her family. On Monday after Eliana was baptized her older sister came to the church office and said to the secretary, 'I would like to be baptized too. Eliana is so cheerful now. She sings about the house and is always talking to us about Jesus. I would like to have that joy that she has found.'" Pray that Eliana's sister may find Christ as Saviour.

PRAY for Laura Frances Snow, Santiago, Chile, Andres Rodriguez, Mrs. Anibal Estipinosa, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Andres Viera, Roswell, N. Mex., Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Tex., Sp. ev.; H. E. Fisher, Ariz., Indian ev.

11 SATURDAY Fear thou not; for I am with thee be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness Isa. 41:10. (Read vv. 8-13.)

In Taiwan, as on other mission fields, our missionaries often labor seven days a week. About a year ago with the Raleighs at home for furlough, Gladys Hopewell and Pearl Johnson were the only missionaries in one

large area left to carry on the work. "Send us more missionaries" is the heartfelt cry of those who understand the challenge. Pray that more laborers may be sent into this field that is white unto harvest.

PRAY for Gladys Hopewell, Tainan, Taiwan, SW; H. T. Cummins, Faridpur, E. Pakistan, ev.; Mrs. Lewis Grant, Planada, Calif., Sp. ev.; Sam Aucoin, Evangeline, La., French ev.; Alma H. Rohm, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; D. F. Stamps, China-Hawaii, retired



12 SUNDAY And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment Phil. 1:9. (Read vv. 9-14.)

Rev. Aurelio Hurtado at Taos, New Mexico, asks prayer for the Penasco (Payne-yas-co) mission work. Within a radius of six miles there are five towns served by Mr. and Mrs. Hurtado. In a vacation Bible school the average attendance was 30, half of whom had never been in Sunday school. Some of them are now coming. Pray for this work.

PRAY for Aurelio Hurtado, Taos, N. Mex., Sp. ev.; Mrs. Lok-Tin Cheung, Houston, Texas, Chinese ev.; Mrs. Enrique Larralde, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Mrs. W. A. Hickman, Jr., Asuncion, Paraguay, Marion A. Mobley, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; H. B. Boone, Mbeya, Tanganyika, MD

13 MONDAY All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies Psalm 25:10. (Read vv. 1-10.)

James M. Young, Jr., missionary doctor to Gaza, writes: "One of our greatest prayer needs is for our nursing school and more student nurses. Nursing in Gaza is not yet a respected position. One of the wards of our hospital had to be closed because of the nursing shortage. This condition can be changed when we can have enough fine qualified students for our school."

PRAY for J. M. Young, Jr., Gaza, MD; D. C. Jones, Korea, E. R. Martin, Tanganyika, J. A. Poe, Santa Catarina, Brazil, H. A. Gable, Agaña, Guam, ev.; Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Marka-

ullife, La., French ev.; Bailey Sewell, Oklahoma City, Okla., Indian ev.; A. L. Nations, Tokyo, Japan, ed.; Mrs. W. W. Graves, Buenos Aires, Argentina, pub.; Mrs. J. T. Williams, Robert E. L. Meadows, China, retired; New Mexico WMU annual meeting, Farmington; Oklahoma WMU annual meeting, Tulsa; California WMU annual meeting, Santa Monica, 13-14

14 TUESDAY Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword Rom. 8:35. (Read vv. 35-39.)

Missionary Marjorie Jones, of Ghana, has written of an experience at a leprosy settlement which she visited with retired Miss Neale Young. It was at Christmas time, 1960. They were asked to hold services in the Yoruba language, and Miss Jones describes it thus, "The old man who is the leader at the settlement is not long for this world. He went to the front of the chapel to help one of the men find the Christmas story in Luke. After a long time, I went to see why they had not found the passage, and when I looked I saw that neither of the men had any fingers, and were having trouble turning the thin pages of the Bible. I found the place for them and the man read it aloud. I am sure it never meant more to me than it did that day. I taught them a song in Yoruba, which says:

I can never forget what God has done for me.

I can never forget what God has done for me.

He saved me, He heals me.

I can never forget what God has done for me.

"As we all sang together, I was reminded again of God's blessings, family and friends whom I love, the protection and care, and peace of mind and heart. He makes all these possible." Pray for this work in Ghana.

PRAY for Marjorie Jones, Kumasi, Ghana, Jennie Alderman, Keelung, Taiwan, Mrs. Lillian K. Isaacs, Fairbanks, Alaska, ev.; S. W. Vance, Ghana, MD; R. S. Franks, Mexico, SW; Clovis Cole, Maringowin, La., French ev.; Mrs. E. O. Roy, Nassau, Bahamas, Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. Melvina Roberts, New Mexico, retired; Arizona WMU annual meeting, Phoenix 14-15

15 WEDNESDAY And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation Psalm 107:7. (Read vv. 1-8.)

The African man bashfully slid over to the

missionary, proudly held up the Sunday school leaflet picture he had just colored, and asked how it looked. "What could I do but praise it—red legs, blue hair, and all!" says Rev. Davis L. Saunders.

Mr. Saunders and Missionary Samuel A. DeBord had climbed up on the slopes of Mount Meru to a village a scant five miles from the site of the East African Baptist Theological Seminary to be erected near Arusha, Tanganyika. Stopping under a tree, Mr. DeBord had beat with a rod on a piece of iron hanging there. People had appeared one by one. They colored pictures during the Sunday school lesson taught by Mr. DeBord. That's when the man offered his picture for appraisal. They appeared not to be listening, but at the conclusion of the service two men and a woman said they wanted to be Christians. Give thanks to God for the wonderful way he is blessing the work of missionaries in East Africa.

PRAY for Ammon Bradford, New Orleans, La., Negro ev.; J. E. Ibarra, Fort Worth, Texas, Sp. ev.; J. C. Willard, Austin, Texas, ev among deaf; Mrs. Harmon Popham, Whitecliffs, Utah, Indian ev.; L. E. Brown, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, MD

16 THURSDAY Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:11. (Read vv. 1-11.)

Soon now we shall have the great blessing of being a part of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. This is a glorious heritage of laboring together with God. Since its beginning in 1892, the best thinking, the most devoted planning, and truly cheerful giving of our women have been dedicated to God's mission program. It was said of Miss Kathleen Mallory, beloved WMU executive secretary for 36 years, "Her tithe went into her church regularly. Love prompted her to give far beyond the tithe. Whenever particular projects were presented in her church she made a generous gift. To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering she carefully brought her first Christmas gift, and her largest gift—equal to all she gave to the loved brothers and sisters and the adored nieces and nephews." Pray that members of our churches will give this year with sacrifice to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Increasingly large and urgent needs on our foreign fields go unmet.

PRAY for J. O. Lumpkin, Alexandria, Va., Mission Center; Ernelle Brooks,* Nigeria, RN; Mrs. C. H. Golden, Tegucigalpa, Hon-

duras, Helen Nixon,* Argentina, ev.; Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Romania-Paraguay, Bertha Smith, China-Taiwan, retired

17 FRIDAY The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it Psalm 68:11. (Read vv. 7-11.)

From Trujillo, Peru, Mrs. John D. Ratliff sends this request, "I have been thinking of students studying in our Institute. They will be finishing their second year of studies as the Call to Prayer for November is being used. With just one more year of study these dedicated, talented young people will be taking their places in our churches as leaders. This will be our first graduating class. Pray that we may have more and more young people dedicated to serve our Lord. I think of nothing that would please me more than to have the women of Woman's Missionary Union remembering these young people in prayer on my birthday."

PRAY for Mrs. J. D. Ratliff, Lima, Peru, Mrs. S. J. Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. L. A. Lovegren, Ajloun, Jordan, T. O. Badger, Cavite City, Philippines, Mrs. F. M. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.; R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, ed.; Mrs. F. L. Hawkins, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; Mrs. Peyton Stephens, China-Manchuria, Mary Headen, Ill., retired

18 SATURDAY Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth I give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid John 14:27. (Read vv. 25-31.)

Mrs. Greene W. Strother, now retired, spent many years in China and later in Malaya. She asks that we pray for China—"that the Christians who are cut off from open association with brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, near and far, may look up with clear vision and determine faithfully to witness to Him who sees, understands and cares—even to death." She asks that we pray for Malaya—"that the seeds of Christianity planted may bear a glorious rich harvest of Christians, who in turn will plant again. Pray for all missionaries and nationals as they labor side by side in love."

PRAY for Mrs. G. W. Strother, China-Malaya, C. H. Westbrook, Mrs. E. M. Bostick, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Morgan, China, retired; C. F. Yarnell, Jr., Penang, Malaya, S. H. Cockburn, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; J. D. Crane, Torreon, E. H. Walworth, Hermasillo, Mexico, Antonio Martinez, Matanzas, Mrs. Hilan-

Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director

THIS MONTH

President
All Committees
Enlistment Committee
Mission Study Committee
Community Missions Committee
Prayer Committee
Stewardship Committee
Youth Committees

Remember God's Benefits

This prayer of Thomas a Kempis calls us to remember God's blessings at this Thanksgiving season.

"Give me to understand Thy will, and to remember with great reverence and diligent consideration all Thy benefits, as well in general as in particular, that so henceforward I may be able worthily to give Thee thanks for them. . . . All things that we have in soul and body, and whatsoever we possess outwardly or inwardly, naturally or supernaturally, all are Thy benefits, and do proclaim Thee bountiful, loving and good; from Thee we have received all blessings."

—From *Of the Imitation of Christ*
Permutation, The Newness Press

Working to create among these people a desire to read and write and to make Christian literature available to them. These Indians are heirs of an ancient South American culture which for many years has resisted all

Mrs. Ernest R. Hill, serving among Spanish-speaking people in New Mexico. She writes, "Ask our Lord to make it possible for us to continue work with the Mexican labor force coming into our country every year to har-

them. They own land—just twenty acres—has been theirs since they and their fathers received it. Pray

Sao Paulo, Gallup, N. M., Tex., Sp.

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President

Suggested Agenda for WMS Executive Board Meeting

Call to order—president presiding or vice-president, when requested by president	by committee since last executive board meeting and committee plans for month or months ahead
Bible meditation and prayer—praying for missionaries on Royal Service Call to Prayer	Co-ordinate Committee reports
Reading of minutes of last executive board meeting	Formulate recommendations to WMS and plan for promotion of work at missionary program meeting
Approve minutes as read or corrected	Reports of special committees, if any
Reports of officers	Check program on Aims for Advancement
Reports of circle chairmen	Announcements
Reports of committee chairmen—summary of plans implemented	Prayer and adjournment

Leadership Training

In order to keep an accurate leadership training record of all WMS members you may wish to mimeograph a chart similar to this one.

Record of Leadership Training

Name	Name of Course Completed	Date Card Issued	Date Card Renewed	Date of Advanced Leadership Training

All Committees

Evaluate Your WMS

Does your Woman's Missionary Society exert a vital missionary influence in your church and community? When WMS members practice missionary principles in daily living, it does!

Is your WMS well accepted by

the pastor and other members of the church? Where there is good communication between all organizational leaders with no misunderstanding and no misinformation, it is!

Does your WMS function effec-

tively and efficiently? When WMS leaders are women of sincere Christian convictions who have had adequate leadership training, it does!

Are there society and circle meetings held at a time convenient for all the women of your church? When meetings are planned for the woman employed outside the home, for the mother of the young child, for the bride, the retired woman, for every woman, there are!

Do the members of your WMS

participate in enrollment visitation to enlist the disinterested, the newcomer in the church and community and to enlist the absentee in full participation in society activities? Yes, when visitation day is scheduled regularly!

What is your evaluation of the WMS general and circle meetings in your church? When the program committee functions properly, there are enriching experiences, resulting in enlarged vision, concern, dedication, and missionary action.

All Committees

Yes

stewardship committees in publicizing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Social Committee—

Assist prayer committee in creating an effective atmosphere in the room where the Week of Prayer is to be observed.

Enlistment Committee—

Contact every WMS member and enlist each one in the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band Committees—

Plan for each youth organization to have a part in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Publications Committee—

Urge WMS members to study Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocations printed in December Royal Service in order to have a better understanding of how the offering is to be used.

Music Committee—

Assist the prayer committee in making each prayer period a worshipful experience of intercession.

Prayer Committee—

Plan with WMS president, pastor, and other committees for five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 27-December 1.

Stewardship Committee—

Keep the 14 per cent increase in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal before the entire church and urge every member to give liberally.

Publicity Committee—

Co-operate with prayer and

Do you have questions concerning WMS? If so, send them along and we will try to answer them.

Q. Our church provides *Royal Service* through the church budget for every WMS member. Have we achieved the elective—Every member receiving *Royal Service*?

A. Yes. If every member receives *Royal Service* regularly regardless of who subscribes for the magazine the elective has been achieved.

Enlistment Committee

How to VISIT for Your Church

Be Friendly—You are about to present the world's greatest Friend.

Be Cheerful—You are the messenger of faith, and the world hears its share of defeat and gloom and fear.

Be Tactful—Choose the best time; be considerate of others. Guard your words—this visit may be your last. This may be your

Q. How are WMS activities of YWA and GA counselors and Sunbeam Band leaders and their assistants reported?

A. When youth leaders and assistants are members also of the WMS, their membership, attendance at society meetings and participation in society activities are counted in WMS, as well as in the youth organization they lead.

last testimony for Him.

Be Brief—Not hurried, but budget your time, so you may accomplish the maximum.

Be Prayerful—The Holy Spirit can work before even you make your appearance, and the one visited may already be spiritually prepared. Be sure of your spiritual preparation.

—Copied

Order Doorknob Calling Card (2c each; \$1.60 for 100) from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

6 Ways Better

Circles are units of the Woman's Missionary Society and function as a part of the society and never apart from it. The circle plan is advantageous to the small society as well as the large society. This plan is six ways better for the society.

1. Enlist members

2. Develops leadership
3. Distributes responsibility
4. Provides fellowship
5. Stimulates participation
6. Implements society plans

EXTENSION CIRCLE

The extension circle is a means of enlisting women who cannot

attend WMS meetings because of personal illness or confinement to the home by illness in the family.

Extension circle members can be enlisted in many society plans. Some can read mission study or WMS Round Table books or can have them read to them. They may follow the calendar of prayer in

their daily prayer periods. They may pray for the unsaved in the community. They may give their tithes and offerings. They may help with telephone enlistment. Whatever WMS plans extension circle members enter into, their participation is reported just as is every other WMS member.

Mission Study Committee

Which?

Lecture, relay, extensive or intensive—which type class are you using with the study of *Hands Across the Sea*? Whichever plan you use, help WMS members to learn about the Baptists of Europe and the work of Southern Baptists and of other Baptist bodies in Europe. Urge every woman to read the book and to attend the class sessions. Lead WMS members to extend helping "hands across the sea" by praying for European mission work and by supporting it in every way possible.

The lecture course is under the direction of one teacher. A mini-

mum of three hours is required for teaching.

The relay study course totaling three hours is taught by two or more teachers, depending on the type of book.

An extensive course uses five hours in the presentation of the book. All members of the class read the book and participate in class discussion and in activities.

An intensive course uses ten hours. All members of the class must read the book, prepare outside assignments, and participate in class discussion.

WMS Round Table

For a wider understanding of the peoples, conditions, forces and ways of life with which the Christian missionary in Europe must live and work, read the following WMS Round Table books in connection with the European study, *Hands Across the Sea*:

To Moscow—and Beyond, E. Salisbury Harrison, \$4.05
My Russian Journey, Santha Rama Rau, \$4.50

Dependent Baggage, Marie Di Mario Wann, \$3.50
Spain's Struggle for Freedom, Lawrence Fernsworth, \$4.00
The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, William L. Shirer, \$10.00
No Garlic in the Soup, Leonard Wibberley, \$3.75
The Undefeated, George Palocsi-Horvath, \$4.50
(available from Baptist Book Stores)

Do you have a WMS Round

Table in your church? Is it functioning in a maximum manner? See pages 61-63, WMS Manual and if you do not have one or more WMS Round Tables, begin this plan of reading which encourages

women to purchase and read books of biography, fiction, travel, and human relations. Secure the WMS Round Table Booklist free from State WMU office or Baptist Book Store.

Community Missions Committee

Internationals

The two community missions emphases for 1961-62 are:

- (a) assisting churches in establishing missions
- (b) working with international students

The quarterly unit theme for circles this first quarter is "Ministering to International Students." Since Thanksgiving holidays come in November, the community missions committee may lead WMS members to invite some of these students to their homes for Thanksgiving. Read the article, "A Week-

end of Friendliness," by Marjorie Moore Armstrong, in October Royal Service.

Read again the circle program material in October and November Royal Service and remember the writer's caution "Before you begin to make personal contact . . . pray faithfully that God will guide your words and deeds and cause you to keep the student's needs in mind as you try to help her."

The little book, *I Was a Stranger*, by Mrs. Anna Mae Smith of Georgetown, Kentucky, tells of the

Prayer Committee

pray
for
world
missions

URGENT

IT IS URGENT that the members of the prayer committee plan for a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 27-December 1.

1. Urge WMS members to keep these days free from other engagements and make it a week of prayer.

2. Promote the plan, "Our Family Praying Together."

3. Encourage the entire church to enter into the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

4. Study carefully all plans for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions given in December Royal Service.

INTERNATIONALS

(Continued from page 6)

fifteen young people who have come into her home to live. This WMS member speaks of these experiences as a "missionary investment . . . far-reaching, more than enjoyable, and certainly reward-

ing in Kingdom results." Order the book from

Mrs. George N. Smith
315 Montgomery

Georgetown, Kentucky
price \$1.50 and it will help in your understanding of internationals and your efforts to help internationals.

Stewardship Committee

Limited—Unlimited

At Christmas time women often feel the pinch of the budget with Christmas shopping, baking, entertaining.

Though funds may be limited they become unlimited when given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. To see what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering does for missions around the world inspires WMS members to give liberally and to encourage family and friends to give.

Stewardship committee, inform the members of your church about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and inspire them to give worthy offerings.

Inform by:

Preparing informative church bulletin inserts (giving goal—14 per cent increase over amount given last year—and other information in Royal Service, The Commission, and state Baptist paper)

Stewardship Committee

IMPERATIVE

IT IS IMPERATIVE that the members of the stewardship committee promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

1. Keep the Jubilee goal of 14 per cent increase in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering before the entire church.

2. Use the appeals of the area

secretaries given in December Royal Service.

3. Watch for information concerning the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in The Commission and your state Baptist paper and use it in promoting the offering.

4. See December Royal Service for Week of Prayer plans for "In-gathering of Offering."

Keeping Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal before entire church
Writing letters and cards about the offering

Using "minute-men" speakers to tell about the offering to every member of the church

Inspire by:

Pointing up reasons for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—

Love of Christ

Proof of Christian's faith, knowledge, zeal, love

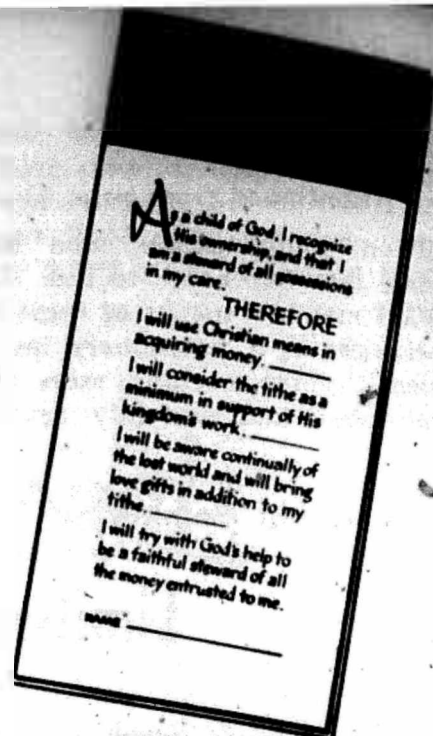
Blessings received by givers

Approval of God

Joy of helping promote Christian missions

Limited funds become unlimited when given to missions

A covenant is an agreement, a promise, a solemn compact. . . .



Encourage WMS members to agree to tithe and to use "My Stewardship Covenant" (Stewardship Covenant Card) free from state WMU office.

Youth Committees

Graded?

There are three committees responsible for Aim V of WMS Aims for Advancement—the YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committees. The WMS depends upon these committees to lead the society in achieving this important Aim.

To provide adequate missionary education for youth there should be WMU youth organizations for all age groups in the church four years and above. And to enable mothers of young children to attend society meetings there should be a Sunbeam Nursery or Nursery during these meetings. In order to have a graded WMU in the church there must be sustained fostering by the WMS.

The first step in sustained fostering of all WMU youth organizations in the church is securing

leadership for each of the organizations. The WMU nominating committee is responsible for nominating the youth counselors, leaders and their assistants. Whenever possible there should be Beginner Sunbeam Bands, Primary Sunbeam Bands, including World Friends, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries for each age group.

See the leaflets, "The Sunbeam Band," "How to Organize a Sunbeam Band," "Let's Organize a Girls' Auxiliary," "How to Organize Your YWA," free from your state WMU office.

November 4-10 is RA Focus Week. Your WMS will want to cooperate in carrying out the Brotherhood plans for RA Focus Week.

Valdez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Stephen Corradi, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sp. ev.; Charles Horton, Fort Worth, Tex., ev. among deaf. R. J. Glasco, St. Louis, Mo., Negro ev.; Lucy B. Wright, * Korea, RN



19 SUNDAY *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not* 2 Cor. 4:1. (Read vv. 1-7.)

This is a favorite Scripture verse of the Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Home Mission Board worker among Negroes. His headquarters are in Nashville. Mr. Grinstead writes, "Pray that I may be used as a channel of Christian understanding during these changing times. My great need is for financial assistance in expanding our building here to meet the needs of the ever-expanding work." Mr. Grinstead's chief service is with college students, and he says, "We have 52 colleges with organized BSUs, and we need adequate office and mailing space. We are purchasing an additional lot at this time to expand our present building." *Pray that this need may be met.*

PRAY for S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tenn., Negro ev.; Vada Mace Waldron, Mendoza, Argentina, ev.

20 MONDAY *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ* Rom. 5:1. (Read vv. 1-5.)

In the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each year, there is an allocation for the American Bible Society. The chief business of the Society is to provide Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels in many languages for many people in many lands at a reasonable price. The need of the people of this world to be able to read God's Word for themselves is overwhelming. There are still hordes of unevangelized people who cannot read or write. The Aymara Indians in South America are among these.

Christian Literacy Mission, composed of missionaries of several denominations, is working to create among these people a desire to read and write and to make Christian literature available to them. These Indians are heirs of an ancient South American culture which for many years has resisted all

efforts of conquerors to assimilate them. They have clung tenaciously to their own language and traditions. During the past twenty years the entire New Testament has been translated into Aymara and primers have been printed. There is great hope that they may be taught to read the Word and receive it as God's own message of salvation. *Pray for these Aymara Indians.*

PRAY for Mrs. W. L. Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Gilbert Ramos, Gallup, N. Mex.; David Espurva, Crystal City, Tex., Sp. ev.; Lee Aufill, N. Mex., retired

21 TUESDAY *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world* 1 John 2:2. (Read vv. 1-6.)

Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, a pastor in Mexico, gives a stirring account of seeing God at work in Africa. He was on a mission tour. In Africa near Johannesburg bandits were endangering lives and property. At this time an African Baptist evangelist was conducting a revival meeting. His condemnation of sin was powerful and his call to repentance urgent. One night a young man in the congregation started sobbing and approached the preacher, exclaiming, "My sins! my sins! Can God save a sinner like me?" Later he confessed Christ as Saviour and admitted to the assembled people that he was the leader of the gang who had come to kill the preacher. He placed his dagger on the altar and called on others to do the same. The entire gang of 13 came forward and placed their daggers on the altar. God is able to cleanse the vilest sinner. We must tell them so! *Pray for this young man and his 13 companions.*

*PRAY for Mrs. Victor Kaneubbe, Farmington, N. Mex., Indian ev.; D. L. Baker, * Israel, H. B. Mitchell, * Brazil, Mrs. F. M. Horton, * Japan, Mrs. S. B. Sears, * Indonesia, Mrs. G. W. Doyle, Quito, Ecuador, ev.; David Mein, Recife, Brazil, ed.; Lawanda Couch, Eku, Nigeria, RN; Marjorie L. Stephens, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA*

22 WEDNESDAY *Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly* Heb. 13:18. (Read vv. 15-18.)

This suggestion from Hebrews comes from Mrs. Ernest R. Hill, serving among Spanish-speaking people in New Mexico. She writes, "Ask our Lord to make it possible for us to continue work with the Mexican labor force coming into our country every year to har-

vest our crops, that our own people here in this valley will respond to Christ as Saviour; that our church members shall be examples to those around us, a living testimony; that we may truly lead our people; that we may have an adequate building, and that we may be worthy of our calling."

PRAY for Mrs. E. R. Hill, Las Cruces, N. Mex., Sp. ev.; James Minnis, Cuba, N. Mex.; Mrs. T. J. Wamego, Okla., Indian ev.; Mrs. A. G. Johnson, Sacramento, Calif.; Reynaldo Gurule, Cashion, Ariz., Sp. ev.; Mrs. David Torres, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Alcides Lozano, La Chorrera, Panama, Mrs. V. H. Moorefield, Jr., Rome, Italy, Mrs. D. E. Smith, Kaduna, Nigeria, ev.; J. F. Baugh, Jr., Romna, E. Pakistan, ed.

23 THURSDAY And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins Matt. 1:21. (Read vv. 18-25.)

"He shall save his people from their sins." Who are his people? All men everywhere who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Among his people saved from their sins is Rev. Don M. Kim home missionary in Los Angeles, also Costa Ricans who are being introduced to Jesus by Mrs. L. LaVerne Gregory, Cubans who hear the gospel from Mrs. Donald Levy in Havana, Spanish-speaking people being reached by John Arnold, San Pablo, Calif., and by Eugene L. Sloan, El Rito, New Mexico; people of Paraguay, being healed by the skill of Dr. William Skinner, Indonesians to whom Ross C. Coggins is dedicating his life and many Argentines won by Mrs. Erhardt S. Swenson, now retired. *Pray for these in thanksgiving and intercession.*

PRAY for D. M. Kim, Los Angeles, Calif., Korean ev.; Mrs. L. L. Gregory, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. Donald Levy, Cuba, Mrs. H. C. Starnes,* Korea, ev.; E. L. Sloan, El Rito, N. Mex.; John Arnold, Oakdale, Calif., Sp. ev.; William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD; Mrs. E. S. Swenson, *Argentina, retired

24 FRIDAY For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace Isa. 55:12. (Read vv. 5-13.)

A total of 154 professions of faith in Christ were registered in seven Baptist churches of Spain as a result of experimental stewardship-evangelistic campaigns. Decisions for Christ came during the period of preparation, the week of special services, and the follow-up efforts. At least two of the churches had passed through long periods without significant evangelistic results.

Some financial gains were noted in all the churches; and in three where a thorough study of finances could be made there was an average increase of 65 per cent in monthly offerings.

Leadership in each was provided by a team—a Spanish Baptist and a Southern Baptist missionary. *Pray for Spanish Baptists.*

PRAY for Francisco Diaz, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. A. F. Garner, Santa Fe, Argentina, ev.; L. H. Gunn, Jones, Okla., ev. among deaf; R. M. Wright,* Korea, MD

25 SATURDAY Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness Col. 1:11. (Read vv. 9-17.)

Mrs. Hartmon Sullivan, and her husband are doing publication work in Ibadan, Nigeria. She writes, "It is hard to realize the potential of the printed word in Nigeria." She continues, "We are convinced this is the work the Lord has laid out for us. We publish literature in five languages regularly, and others occasionally. Thousands of adults are learning to read in literacy classes. They are eager for anything to read. A tract is kept and passed on to as many as a dozen people. Please pray for this new nation, so recently independent; that Christians will use every opportunity to witness through their lives and through the printed word to tell of the grace and power of God."

PRAY for Mrs. J. Hartmon Sullivan, Ibadan, Nigeria, Lois C. Glass, Keelung, Taiwan, G. S. Lozuk, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Humberto Dominguez, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; A. H. Dyson, Jr., Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; Gertrude Hart, Jackson, Miss., Negro ev.



26 SUNDAY How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth Isa. 52:7. (Read vv. 6-10.)

Mrs. Miles L. Seaborn writes from the Philippines, "We will be entering for the first time towns accessible only by boat, along the

east coast of Mindanao. The people there have not had an evangelical witness. Please pray for the beginning and growth of a Baptist witness in these places." *Pray also for your pastor and others of our land that on this Sunday their preaching may open eyes and hearts and pocketbooks to needs around the world. Pray for a glorious Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions which begins tomorrow.*

PRAY for Mrs. M. L. Seaborn, Jr., Mati, Philippines, Emiliano Miranda, Anton, Panama, Mrs. Maximo Vazquez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; B. J. Yelvington, Santa Fe, N. Mex., Indian ev.; Mrs. W. H. Carson, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Soc.; Mrs. O. W. Taylor, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; J. L. Hart, Argentina-Chile, W. W. Enete, Brazil, retired

27 MONDAY Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people Luke 2:10. (Read vv. 8-11.)

Today women all over the world are meeting together to begin this Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. An appeal from Japan says how great the need is for more missionaries, more financial support, and more prayer on that mission field. Let us give and pray this week as never before, and, as a result, Japan and all other foreign fields will be helped. *Pray that the spiritual impact of this week on Southern Baptists results in greater dedication to the cause of world missions.*

PRAY for Bertha Marshall, Kyoto, Japan, Miriam Willis, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN; F. C. Parker, Kanazawa City, Japan, Mrs. R. T. Plampin, Curitiba, Brazil, S. L. Goldfinch, Sr.,* Paraguay, Mrs. Nelson Rodriguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.; Minor Davidson,* Malaya, ed.; Mrs. S. L. Watson, Brazil, retired

28 TUESDAY But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus Phil. 4:19. (Read vv. 9-19.)

A check for \$6,000 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board helped the little Baptist congregation in Helsinki, capital of Finland, secure its meeting place, which it had been in danger of losing unless it could raise funds by the first of May.

In a letter to Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, A. E. Nybacka thanked Southern Baptists for this help. "We have got help by the Lord through you. . . . We confess that without your help it would have been an impossible situation for us here."

"We had a meeting when we specially thanked God; and when I gave the check to

our treasurer he did burst into tears, and many with him. . . . Now we have a place for work and worship. I am sure that this is the beginning to a new revival time here." *In understanding and love pray for Finnish Baptists who have suffered oppression.*

PRAY for Mrs. H. O. Hurt, Bolboa, Canal Zone, D. G. Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. R. E. Shelton,* Uruguay, Mrs. H. C. Knight, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. Eddie Sanchez, San Antonio, Tex., Rafael de Armas, Knightsen, Calif., Sp. ev.; A. K. Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. D. A. Dalby, Hollydale, Calif., Indian ev.; Martha Morrison, Penang, Malaya, C. W. Fenner, Tokyo, Japan, ed.; R. L. Lambright, Kediri, Indonesia, MD; Lucille H. Ladd, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home; Mrs. Allen Seward, Roanoke, Va., GWC

29 WEDNESDAY Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not Jer. 33:3. (Read vv. 1-6.)

The verse above from Jeremiah is a favorite of Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, serving in Rosario, Argentina. She requests our prayer "that God will call leaders to fill vacancies in the churches on her field, from pastors to Sunbeam Band leaders. *Pray also for children's leaders, for missionaries and evangelists to serve vast regions still untouched by the gospel. Give thanks for those who are now leaders and pray that God will make them adequate for every task.*" *Pray especially today that midweek prayer services in our churches may result in renewed dedication to foreign missions as we pray together during this Week of Prayer.*

PRAY for Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, R. T. Plampin, Curitiba, Brazil, Mrs. W. S. Wester, Blantyre, Nyasaland, ev.; Nannie B. Owens,* Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. A. T. Cabrera, Belen, N. Mex., Pedro Carranza, Douglas, Ariz., Sp. ev.; J. O. Johnson, Marksville, La., French ev.

30 THURSDAY Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings Eph. 1:3. (Read vv. 3-7.)

Often women come together in large numbers from Monday through Wednesday the Week of Prayer, but crowds dwindle on Thursday and Friday. *Pray that this year women and young people may be faithful to pray through the entire week, that every member who is providentially kept away on*

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PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Theme for Quarter: Ministering to International Students
Mission Study: *Hands Across the Sea** H. Cornell Goerner

THE EYES OF THE WORLD

by Jane Ray Denny

Interest Center: *A large pair of eye glasses constructed of black paper with lenses made of maps; or, draw a large eye with a blue globe representing the center of the eye.*

Leader's Introduction

Recently our government has become very concerned about the image of our country abroad. What do people think of us? What can we do to improve relationships with foreign countries?

Last month we studied about the presence of a strategic group of visitors in our country—approximately 48,000 students who come from every major political area of the world to study in our colleges and universities. Some from this group will doubtless hold places of responsibility in their governments when they return home. What kind of experiences do they have while here? What do they expect before they come? How do they want to be treated? What adjustments do they face? What do they see?

Answers to these questions are as varied as the number and names of students. We are responsible for the "image" these students take back to share with their families and friends. Much can be done on a personal basis by Christian people that our government cannot do. But first, we need to learn what we can do by listening to a few international students who have been

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frank to share their honest impressions with us.

Listen . . .

Leader: The eyes of Germany are sometimes only as far away as the nearest German student. A young girl who graduated from a Baptist college in the States sends this message from her Berlin home.

Speaker for German Student

I am now many thousands of miles away in my home country, Germany. Perhaps the moment you read this some of my student friends in Berlin are asking me about my experiences in the United States. They are eager to know about this strange country they have heard so much about and would love to see.

Can I honestly advise my Baptist friends to go to your country to study? You might be surprised that this can be a question at all. Yet, in all seriousness, it is. There are many disappointments which young Baptists would face. We don't have any existing Baptist schools in Germany and we expect Baptist schools in other countries to be ideal for witnessing for our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you look deeper, they actually are, but everybody sees first the outside. Sometimes you find a very forceful trend to materialism among Baptist students of America.

But then comes immediately to my mind a long line of my American friends who

have shaped my life in the last years with their genuine Christianity. I am sure many of them do not realize this. I would like for my German friends to meet them, and participate in the wonderful organization called BSU, to collect memories that I have from international student meetings, Bible discussions, campus singing, outings, hall devotions, a college Training Union group—all the little friendly things I received from American students which helped me overcome my hate of Americans. And they succeeded to help me forget that I was a member of the Nazi Youth Organization, that my home was destroyed by an American bomb, and I am sure that there are thousands of young Germans who need this Christian help too.

Leader: Now let's get acquainted with an Arab Christian who knows what it is like to be a foreigner.

Speaker for Student

When foreigners like me come to your country, they get the impression that America is a Christian nation. It is natural for a foreigner to interpret what he sees as a direct representation of what Christianity actually is. You and I know better than that. All America is far from being Christian.

Americans think that foreign students are far superior to themselves intellectually. And foreigners are scared to approach Americans because of language barriers, so what happens? Neglect. We ought to have an open mind toward those about us observing their manners and interests. Be inquisitive about other cultures and let your questions be other than, "How do you like America by now?"

Whether you want it or not, world leadership has come to the United States! You can no longer sit back and let the rest of the world think what it will about your lack of interest in world affairs. Nor can you fail to learn as much as possible about students who will return to their respective countries and to their religions. You are fortunate to be a missionary to them while

they are in your land.

Go out of your way seeking those who need you. Give the foreigners the impression that Americans are friendly and not people who rush around and work and have no time to stop and talk. Foreigners also think that when they come to America they don't use the proper English. I will never forget when I landed in New York and was admiring the skyscrapers and suddenly I heard someone say, "Hi," so I looked at the building and said, "Yes, extremely high." Then he explained that he was greeting me.

How would you have felt had you been in my place in California and after I ate at the restaurant (not hot dogs, mind you, for I was shocked to death when I was asked to have my first meal of hot dogs; I protested saying, "Arabs don't eat dogs")? When I paid the cashier she said, "Come back," so I immediately went back. Then she explained that this was just an expression of American hospitality.

Concluding, may I sum up the things that you already know but neglect to do for foreigners? Invite students to your homes. Let them take their shoes off and forget the institutional life of the campus. Stay with two or three at one time, for the establishing of friendships is one of the leading steps toward conversion. Students do not have an easy time here, you know. You could help either in assisting them with their English or in finding a job or a housing unit. A visit to your church and a followup may gradually win them. Pray for these students. Show interest in them as individuals. Students have the sense of feeling alone.

Leader: All of us know this feeling of being alone, but I wonder how well we know it. Some of these students who come to our country might be able to give us real lessons in loneliness. Listen to a student from Nigeria tell how he felt and what he saw through his eyes.

Speaker for Student

Before I came to the United States I had

a mixed feeling of courage and fear. Of courage, because I had reason to believe that America is a Christian country, and being Christian myself, I should be quite at home among the people who are also Christians. Of fear, because I had read and I had been told by some friends of the racial segregation which limits the power of the black race in America. In my mind I knew that Christianity and racial persecution can never be compatible. I came in spite of my fear, willing to sacrifice my liberty, if need be, for the knowledge which must be gained to help my own people.

In moving among and discussing with people—especially students—I could see that to some a black man is merely to be tolerated, probably because of racial intolerance. But to many that I have met, and thank God there are many, a black man needs to be helped. This convinces me of the fact that America knows her duty to a black man.

The African needs to be studied, understood and helped. The fact is that an African does not think of himself as inferior today. He is not jealous of the white man either. Racially, he has no inferiority complex except that amount thrust upon him by the tyranny of history and historical complication. He wants to be a friend and an ally of the white man. He can never be, as long as he remains fettered by illiteracy, superstition, and animism. Africa's backwardness is merely a face of the historical evolution through which all developing nations must pass. If you, as Christian people will play your part in showing Christian love and will help emerging nations such as ours, you can easily beat sense into that war lord who wants to govern our world.

Surely I have a message for my people back at home. I hope to go back to practice religious writing such as Christian magazines, tracts, journals and periodicals in answer to the urgent need for Christian literature for thousands of my people who are becoming literate year by year. In addition, I must tell my people of your friendship.

Leader: Listen now to the words of an Indian student, a Hindu, who had pleasant experiences while a student here.

Speaker for Student

Looking back to three years I feel proud and happy of what I have gained and learned by coming to the United States. I consider myself very fortunate for having had this opportunity to learn more about geography, history, cultures and traditions of different people and lands, than by merely sitting in the classroom enclosed by four walls.

There are many problems one has to encounter when thrown away in a distant land in a different culture and surroundings, away from all that he knew in the past. I was very much excited and enthusiastic about my trip to the United States. At the same time when I used to think of problems, it shook me up a little. I thought I would get homesick often. But frankly, I don't know how my three years of stay in the United States have passed so quickly. Sometimes I feel as if I have come to the United States last month only. This feeling I owe to the kind people of this country, who have welcomed me wherever I have gone. In fact, if I make a statement I'm sure I won't be wrong—that nowhere in the world so much has been done for foreign students on such a country-wide organized basis as in this country. As a result when I will be leaving the United States I will probably be much more hesitant and more sad than I felt when I left India. For when I left India I had a bright hope of returning after a few years to my friends and relatives. But when I leave the United States I will be leaving thinking I'll never get a chance to come back and meet the friends I have made here. Even now the mere thought of it makes me sad. When I get back to India of course I'll be telling my friends about you and the first thing I'm going to tell them is—go to the United States to see the hospitality of American people.

Leader: A graduate student from the Phil-

ippines, a Catholic, shared these impressions about his experiences in our country.

Speaker for Student

Another year is coming to a close. To many, it will have been just another year. But to us foreign students it will be one of the most significant years of our lives—a year fraught with memories and experiences.

The first attempts of many of us at using and understanding the English language—especially the Southern brand were very frustrating. There were times when the most we could do was point our fingers at the hot dogs in the cafeterias not knowing what to call them, the worn and tattered pages of dictionaries in different languages to which most of us appealed in our painful and very frustrating attempts at understanding the lectures of professors, the barrage of questions, wise and otherwise, that we get from our American friends like, "What part of Hawaii is the Philippines?" "Does the moon shine over Iraq?" or "How many wives do you have in your country?" and the misunderstandings we get into because of the idioms.

There is in many a boy and girl abroad a dream to come to your country to see the cowboys, the Indians and Marilyn and Elvis. I did too. But even after two years' stay in the United States, I still haven't seen the live Marilyn Monroe or Elvis Presley. Neither have I come in contact with genuine Indians in full regalia of tomahawks and all or cowboys lassoing errant cows. Yet, this was the America I knew. This is the America that thousands of my kind know—glittering, glamorous and cold. I learned about places in America tracing the trail of wanted criminals while reading detective stories. American family life was portrayed by Hollywood—scandalous and cheap.

Our relatively short stay in this country has given us the chance to see a different America—serene, beautiful, and warm. There is especially one aspect of America that her visitor does not fail to notice—

her warmth, her generosity, her hospitality. These are the instances that make us love America and her people.

It is true we have had some experiences which are not entirely palatable. I mention this to you not because we are bitter about them but because we are better for them and because we want our American friends to know that we have had our eyes open to both sides of American life.

Just as we have come to know America better in our stay and as you have come to know and appreciate our countries better in your associations with us—to know, for instance, that the moon also shines over Iraq, that the Philippines is not in Hawaii, nor do all of us have many wives at home.

As a little boy some of my friends and I would often go to the beach and watch the ships leave port and wish we were going in them to America where they said the streets were paved with gold. Then I grew up to realize that there are really no such things as gilded streets or highways. But now, after two years' stay here in the United States, I've found gold somewhere and I'm sure my colleagues from overseas have too. True, not on America's highways, not on America's skyscrapers. We have found gold somewhere else. We have found it in America's hearts—in your hearts.

Close with prayer for the international students in our midst, asking God's guidance in opportunities for building friendships and sharing with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

NEXT MONTH: The big question following our study of international students is, "What can I do?" Be assured you can do something! What to do (and not to do), how to do it and suggestions for home hospitality will be the subject of our December something! What to do (and not to do), cover where overseas students are studying nearest you. But we warn you, get ready to become involved. Christmas is a time of giving!

Give Thanks

The first national Thanksgiving was proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln in 1863 in the midst of Civil War. The president gave thanks for "the gracious gifts of the most high God who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

Thanksgiving is an American tradition older than Lincoln. Every school child knows that the first thanksgiving feast was held in the fall of 1621 in Plymouth, Mass. But the first thanksgiving feast was celebrated on Clarks Island, Dec. 21, 1620. Here the pilgrims offered thanks to God for their safe deliverance over the "Sea of Darkness."

These Pilgrim Fathers were roughhewn men concerned with the life of the new nation "conceived in liberty." They had contempt for those who could not meet with courage the challenge of the frontier. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony, having heard that some Englishmen were reluctant to come to these shores because the land was infested with mosquitos, retorted: "We would wish such to keepe at home, till at least they are muskeeto proof."

Bradford led the pilgrims in expressing gratitude to God for bringing them to these shores and "delivering them from the hand of the oppressor."

Carl Carmer in Christian Heritage pays tribute in verse to the Pilgrim Fathers and calls present day Americans to remember who they are:

"We turn our faces to the sunlight of dawn
And like those men of long ago . . .
We praise Him for his matching us
Against the challenge of this hour.
To Him, upon the threshold of new life, we raise
Our hymn of deep Thanksgiving."

Becoming Educated in Our World Today

Margaret Mead, well-known anthropologist writing in The Unesco Courier, jabs the average American out of his complacency about education. She reminds her readers that "becoming an educated man does not depend, as it once did, on using the plastic years of childhood to accumulate a vast static body of information, of names of things, of forms of spelling and rhetoric, but rather upon the way in which a child learns to approach change itself."

Children will have to learn that their own language is one among many, their own alphabet only one of the ways of writing down speech, their own system of mathematics not the only system. Childhood learning, reminds the author, was once devoted to memorizing such matters as

Sixty seconds in a minute
Sixty minutes in an hour
I wish I were a little linnet
Singing in a leafy bower.

Instead of committing to memory this duke's mixture of the unchangeable and the trivial, children will be required in the future to learn about the nature of numbers, the nature of time, ways of thinking about space.

"This shift in what the young need to be taught will have a profound effect on the ability of adults, whether adult members of a New Guinea tribe, adult peasants, adult migrants to a big city, or adult scholars who haven't looked at science for forty years, to learn completely new things."

Book Friends

The Board of Education in Bridgeport, Connecticut, declared The Three Musketeers and Les Miserables unfit for their children to read. Two of the members protested that the books were on the Vatican index of immoral writings. The idea that reckless swordsmen, D'Artagnan and the galley-slave, Jean Valjean, were immoral never entered the minds of youthful readers of another generation, now adults. Immortal, yes, but hardly immoral.

What might happen if every Board of Education banned every book that any member might object to? The Bible itself would not last long. Once this sort of thing is started there is no place to stop. You can find immorality in anything or anyone if you have a nose for it. But it does seem unfair to go all the way back to Dumas and Hugo for a horrible example while there's such a fine parading of moral lepers and obscenity in our present day novels and on our modern movie screens.

The preceding paragraphs are, in the main, a reproduction of an editorial which appeared in Christian Herald twenty-five years ago this month. Book banning in the United States is not of recent origin and current trash continues to roll off the presses and come out of Hollywood.

Cocktail Culture"

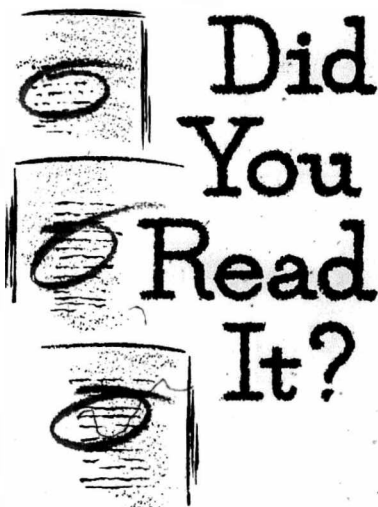
While Americans watched with thrilling pride the space flight of Alan Shepard and thanked God for his safe return to earth, the liquor industry lost no time in capitalizing on the historic event.

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Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy

The president's union of idealism and realism shines brightly in these stories of historic Americans. The young person as well as the adult will find great reader interest in the purely personal touches which make dramatic these stories. To illustrate there is John Quincy Adams's letter to his father when he was nine and the scene where Calhoun slips tardily into his Senate seat "in a black cloak . . . trembling." Parents may purchase a junior edition, though an abridged version is hardly necessary for the adolescent in search of his own values.

by Mrs. William McMurtry



RUSSIAN BAPTISTS

at Worship



THE side street lies off the main boulevard. People out walking in the heat of a Moscow summer Sunday morning pass by the houses, unconcerned, and the three men standing on the steps of No. 5 do not get a second glance. Yet within the last hour some 1,800 people have crowded down that street and through that unassuming doorway and are now at worship in the Baptist church. They are deacons who wait outside on the steps to welcome strangers and newcomers.

This scene will repeat itself three times during the day: there is a 1 p.m. service for those who make the journey from the surrounding districts; and again on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings each week. Every time the church will be crowded.

The hall leads you to the foot of the gallery stairs. On the right is the door into the church, but there is no means of entrance, the solid press of those standing inside overflowing as it does into the corridor. The western Baptist visitor, used to having a choir of several hundred seats, has to be specially catered to here, and two pews at the front of the side gallery are consequently permanently reserved. To get to them you are conducted past rows of packed benches, out by the upper landing, behind the organ, behind the choir, anywhere within earshot of the service.

Taking your seat you are aware that behind you, all along the gallery, people are standing, tightly packed five to six deep and on the opposite gallery, you realize, it is the same. There are no aisles to be seen,

by Rev. J. Martin Preston

no foot of floor visible. The only difference when all the congregation is standing for a hymn is that down the center and along the sides the heads are more densely massed because you can get more people in when there are no pews in the way. The side doors open on an outside court and ten deep the people overflow into the sunlight. Many come knowing full well the service will last two hours and there will be no seats for them. These are the young people and the men. The older women occupy the pews until the end of the first sermon when, all over the church, women of 70 and over get to their feet and give their places to others who have stood for the first hour.

Back home we are embarrassed on the rare occasions when we run out of hymn books. Here where barely one in 50 has a book, the limited edition of 1957 barely touches the problem; they simply commit hymns to memory, assisted by the minister reading out each verse before it is sung. The singing is massive and slow, not the slowness of inertia but rather the deliberate retention

of word and music to enable the maximum depth of feeling to find expression through them. The choir, taking up the service from and for the congregation, intensifies this mood. For once music is not the extraneous adjunct to the act of worship, a polite, formal decoration inserted with no reference to, or continuity with, the rest of the service. Rather the anthems, four or five in number and lasting up to eight minutes each, articulate for the congregation those deep joys and sorrows of these people. The singing then becomes a means of leading the congregation into the reality of the Eternal and opening their hearts before His Presence. Already, with individuals, the quiet tears have begun to flow and this will continue, spreading among many in that great congregation, tears springing not from morbid, false emotionalism but from those profound places where "deep calleth unto deep."

The reading of the Scriptures is the signal for a strange ritual. All over the church the privileged produce small parcels. As the odd collection of scarves and old news-

papers are painstakingly unwrapped, so the prized content is revealed, a Bible or a New Testament, or, perhaps, just a word exercise book into which chapters or a whole book have been carefully copied. The Word of God is not a book to be banished to the bookshelf or to leave gathering dust on a guestroom bedside table. It is the revelation of the living God, the Bread of life without which men perish. The woman caretaker of the Leningrad church to whom I had delivered the Bibles we had brought for them from England, drew me aside the next day and, rather embarrassed, confessed that she had not handed them all over to the minister. Her brother had no Bible and so she had quietly kept one back for him and said nothing. Would I forgive her? And so at the end of the Scripture reading the Bibles are carefully, lovingly, wrapped up once more. They may have to last a lifetime, who knows, or perhaps for several generations.

The two sermons at each service dwell on two main themes: patience, faith, endurance amid suffering and difficulty, never forgetting the glory to be revealed, and secondly, our calling as witnesses to be light in a dark world. In a society where verbal testimony or proselytizing is forbidden the spread of the church depends on the quality of its life. On this account a two- to three-year probationary period is required of any prospective church member, at the end of which time a relative or close friend must accompany the candidate to the church and confirm that his conduct and character is worthy of the Christian community. The figure of 10,000 new members in Russian Baptist churches last year is therefore considerably more significant than it would be in England.

The rapt congregation have long since forgotten their cramped discomfort and with the preacher's "Amen" thunder back their own and immediately the sermon is taken up into prayer.

In Leningrad, individuals in the congregation break in without pause, fervently and rising in emotional intensity, yet never

becoming artificial or uncontrolled. And now a whisper is heard through the church like the rustling pages of a thousand Bibles and suddenly one realizes it is the congregation at prayer. Each is silently echoing the one who leads, making the prayer his own, but the movement of lips and the sighing of hearts have become amplified in the mass until the movement of the Spirit has become something audible. At the minister's prayer for forgiveness the whisper breaks into great waves of sound from every part of the church. The prayer draws to a quiet close and the worship is coming to an end.

In the closing moments greetings are expressed, the main notices and church news announced, and the prayer requests, which throughout the service have passed from hand to hand from every part of the church, are gathered up into the pulpit, a sheaf one to two inches thick. Briefly and simply they are committed to prayer, to be examined in detail after the service and followed up, where possible, with pastoral visits by the ten preachers and thirty deacons. And so the service is over. Each turns to his neighbor on each side and exchanges the kiss of peace, and then slowly joins the long shuttle out through the door of No. 5, back into a life from which God has been officially banished, but where He still seems strangely and embarrassingly oblivious of the fact.

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CALL TO PRAYER (continued from page 23) any day may in private devotions follow the prayer information and requests as given in Royal Service. Pray that we reach the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$9,390,000.

PRAY for J. C. Abell, Jr., Eku, Nigeria, MD; Mrs. E. O. Bonnette, E. Pakistan; Andre Garcia, Havana, Lucille Kerrigan, Pinar del Rio, Cuba; E. L. Holloway, Jr., Japan; Mrs. C. A. Allen, Jr., Guatemala, ev.; J. D. Hopper, Berkeley, Calif., Sp. ev.

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DID YOU READ IT?

Cocaine Culture (Continued from page 29)

United Press shocked even the indifferent with this blatant news item—

A Chicago hotel's bar started serving "astronaut" cocktails soon after Alan B. Shepard made his space flight. The bartender reported that the drink contained various types of rum and was "guaranteed to send anyone into space."

Commented Mrs. Glenn Hays in *The Union Signal*: No alcoholic beverage could become an appropriate symbol of scientific accomplishment. It is in especially poor taste when allied with the first American space man who with his family is an active member of a church in which abstinence is a cardinal religious principle.

PROGRAM PLANS

"It Pays to Advertise"

Clip familiar advertising slogans from magazines or newspapers without the identifying product: "When it rains, it pours," "Never scratched yet" etc. Slip these in an envelope with instructions to bring them to WMS meeting with the name of the product attached. Pass these envelopes out in all the women's Sunday school classes.

Or draw a large teapot with the announcement, "Something Brewing at WMS" or "Come to a Teaparty." Then put time, place, and date. Plan for an informal get-together before or after the program.

If you choose to follow ad idea, at the beginning of your meeting take turns reading the slogans and see if those present can guess the product. If the group is small, these could be pasted on cards, the leader reads the slogan and hands card to the one who guesses the product. The one with the most cards wins the game.

Use Brand Names.

brand new prospects, that is, and mail special invitations to them. Help the enlistment

committee as they do not want to "go out of business" this early in the year.

Special Sale

might be arranged if a kind-hearted furniture dealer would display a breakfast room set of furniture for the stage setting. All due credit would be given, and you might save on back "wear and tear." If not possible, use folding table and two chairs with breakfast cloth, teapot, cookies or an electric pop-up toaster (for a little more action)! The lady of the house will have on cotton dress and apron. Other properties include two cups and saucers, salt and pepper shakers, newspaper, two current magazines other than *Royal Service*, oriental vase, and several cloth napkins. The notes for parts can be concealed in the magazines.

Hidden Interest

can be provided as the different objects are picked up from the table. An amplifier concealed under the cloth could carry the message of the devotional period and information from the new fields. Or the two at the table could do it all. Or individuals could take these parts and stand to one side of the scene.

Please Ma'am: Program chairman, please read articles on pages 1, 6, 13 before you plan your program. You may add to information in program.

"I AM THE WAY"

*New
Foreign
Mission
Fields
FRANCE,
PORTUGAL,
OKINAWA,
VIETNAM,
SUMATRA*

program

"That Thy Way may be known"

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Ad Identification Game

Introductory Skit

Devotional Period

France

Portugal

Okinawa

Vietnam

Sumatra

Prayer: Calendar of Prayer

Hymn: "O God, We Pray for All Man-
kind"

Mrs. Lamar Jackson

"I AM THE WAY"

AD IDENTIFICATION GAME (see page
33. "It pays to advertise")

INTRODUCTORY SKIT

*Scene: Breakfast room. Rumpled news-
paper in chair and magazines on table with
other articles suggested in program plans.*

First Woman: Now that the family is off to
school and work, I think I'll drink a cup of
tea. I wish _____ hadn't read those news-
paper headlines at breakfast (*folds paper
left in chair*). It looks like nothing this
country does turns out right. Foreigners
used to criticize us for being boastful and
overconfident. Now we seem bewildered
by self-doubt and criticism. We may not
be in an economic depression, but believe

me, we are in a morale one. Hmmm, that's
a good line. I better remember it for that
devotion I'm to give at WMS next week.

Look at this ad about that new subdivi-
sion. "Prestige homes in prestige locations."
We're just a bunch of status seekers! Or
even worse, we've become shallow and lost
our sense of values and direction. (*Looks
at back of magazine.*) Wonder how long
we're going to be told that "men of distinc-
tion" drink a certain kind of liquor. (*Sits
in chair and flips through magazine.*) Here's
a two-page ad for hair rinse. (*Reads.*) "If I
have only one life to live, let me live it as
a blonde!" And this, "Abandon your
cares"—to a perfumed bath oil. "You get
a lot to like"—in a cigarette. "Your dreams
come alive"—in a new car.

It's no wonder we have to have ads like

this too. "What do doctors do for tense, nervous headaches?" Take a pill. This one says, "Get fast, fast, fast relief."

I must clip that medical column in this morning's paper. It said, "Last year Americans used 45 million aspirin tablets daily, took 20 million sleeping pills and the next morning chased them with as many million wake-up pills. American doctors are writing 40 million prescriptions for the new anti-worry pills called tranquilizers, for those hoping to stave off anxiety, depression, and fear which grip our modern way of living." (*Knock on door.*) Come in, _____. You're just in time for a good, hot, strong cup of tea.

Second Woman: We'll need it if we're to get this WMS program worked out for next week. I wish I had time to just sit around and read new magazines! (*Picks up one and turns pages.*)

First: Oh, I wasn't really reading them—just looking at some of these ads. Remember when we used to play our "reading ad game" as kids?

Second: Haven't thought of that in years! You'd read the first part from your magazine—

First: And you would finish with part of an ad you were looking at. Try this pill ad. "Get on the spot relief."

Second: "Does she or doesn't she?"—hair color rinse.

First: This one's about travelers' checks. "The nicest things happen to people who carry."

Second: "Men who keep cool under pressure," a shirt ad. After that kind of pairing we always got the giggles.

First: I feel like we could get some good ideas from these ads. Our program is about five new countries our missionaries have entered. Why are we going there? Not just to add another country to our mission map, but because of the people—because of these babies who are being born faster than we can keep up with them.

Second: I read the other day that the world

population will nearly double by 1975—from 2.8 billion to almost 4 billion people.

First: If we could just get that idea across to our women—the idea of a world in terms of billions of people rather than maps—then they wouldn't feel so smug about our 1539 foreign missionaries. They would feel the urgent necessity for sending more and giving more so we could at least hold our own. The truth is, the world is growing more non-Christian every year.

Second: I've read that too. Asiatic nations are out-racing us in population. Asia has more than half the world's people. It's predicted that in another fifty years, half the world's people will be Chinese! Think of that!

First: I wish we could make these facts come alive in our program. Then I feel we would have a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that was really sacrificial. (*Pause.*) Think of the money that is spent on these ads!

Second: And many of them sound like sermon topics. Look at this cheese ad, "Spread the News!" That would make a good mission sermon.

First: And of all things, this ad, "Treasure it, but do not hoard it" recalls the Scripture "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Second: Have you noticed how some of those radio announcers sound just like preachers? After watching a TV commercial the other night the preacher's wife said "Everybody's trying to get in on the act!"

First: That certainly zies in with my devotional thoughts (*picks up ROYAL SERVICE*).

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS: (*Use hidden voice or individual standing to one side of scene.*)

There is no problem today about whether there will be missionaries. Every radio broadcaster, every soldier, every traveler, every newspaper man, every diplomat, every aviator is a missionary. Especially is every salesman a missionary, carrying his

ideals and the ideals of his firm and his country in the convincing language of life and example. To deny the validity of worldwide missions is to deny the validity of the law of cause and effect. By political, military, economic, and cultural forces worldwide missions are at work, urging, persuading, and compelling changes in the whole structure of life, using the arguments of starvation, torture, self-interest, pride, and competition. And are the arguments of reason, betterment, and hope offered by Christian missionaries meanwhile to be neglected or forbidden? I repeat, there is no problem about whether there will be missionaries; there is only the question of what kind of missionaries.

All the world is actually a mission field today for every faith and unfaith. Those who are too delicate to see the facts and face them are doubtless too delicate to be of much value to society either at home or abroad. Rugged fact-facers are needed—men and women not afraid of danger or responsibility; modern Lutherans with a mission to "this world, with devils filled"; modern Wesleys for whom the world is their parish; modern Careys who will "expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

The emphasis of going into all the world has been widely accepted by Baptists in a geographical sense. What our generation is called to is what might be termed "dimensional pioneering" as distinguished from the strictly geographical pioneering of the past: the attempt to convert every dimension of human living the world round, to obedience unto the will of God revealed in Christ. The missionaries of yesterday took the earlier clauses of the Great Commission as their charter. They went forth to preach the gospel to every creature and to baptize all who might believe. But there is a later clause in the Great Commission yet to be heeded: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"—applying the mind of Christ to every dimension of life until we have a world

Christian civilization organized about Christ as its center.

First: We certainly need depth in Christian experience in our land when even whiskey ads speak of "the American quality of greatness" and "the responsibility of being the best!"

Second: That sounds like German sentiment before World War III. And did you notice where the James Stertz family was sent by our Foreign Mission Board? to Germany. France has had missionaries for two years now. And speaking of France, this cup is Haviland China from France and these napkins from Portugal. We have evidence right at this table that we have gone into the world in an economic way.

FRANCE

We can learn a lot from the condition of Christianity in Europe. One lesson is a warning to us: the possibility of the relapse of a Christian culture to paganism. Paganism is not "another religion" which disappears when Christianity takes its place, but is an ever-present potentiality of the human soul, ready to appear wherever an empty space is open for it. Paganism is the idolatrous power in man and society which can use anything as its idol but which in our time appears predominantly in the guise of national self-adoration. Contemporary history has shown that the pagan principle becomes flesh in our day as nationalism and racialism.

Another lesson is that Christianity has the power of resistance against paganism only if it is rooted in the message that Jesus is the Christ. In Europe, it has been the dominant pattern to be born into the church and received by infant baptism. Membership in that church was a matter of course and not of decision. One could leave it only with legal difficulties and social disadvantages.

Little denominationalism could develop in such a situation. Baptists were hardly noticed and had no influence whatsoever upon the general trend of church life. So

the influence of denominational competition, as it exists in the United States, has been entirely lacking in most parts of Europe.

In France, out of a total population of 45 million, some 800,000 are Protestants. Half of these are Presbyterians, and there are half again as many Lutherans (250,000). There are only some 2,000 Baptists in 50 churches located for the most part in the industrial North. The American Baptists have given assistance to the French Baptist Federation for many years. Southern Baptists are not attempting to duplicate their work.

Our missionaries were sent at the request of the French Baptist Federation to help with English-speaking churches. All other assistance has been of a fraternal nature in co-operation with established work. One of the most successful undertakings has been with students in the Paris area. The suburb of Antony has a population of 60,000 with 3,000 college students living in skyscraper apartments. Last February, a three-story Baptist student center was dedicated. This has encouraged other work in the great European capital. Four new churches have been started there in recent years. An estimated 150,000 English-speaking people live in the Paris area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hancox, our missionaries in France, have been so successful that the Federation has requested additional personnel. There are 15 English-speaking churches and missions in Germany and France. (For additional information see article on page 13.)

PORTUGAL

Beautiful Portugal is a land whose people have been described as being "kindly, hospitable, artistic, sober, and patriotic." A casual glance gives one the impression that the entire country is one of gaiety and charm; but a closer look reveals a heart-hunger, an innate longing for an inward peace which Catholic teachings have failed to give.

Portugal is strongly Roman Catholic in every area of life, including government. There is ecclesiastical resentment toward any efforts to nurture Protestant missions in that country. The government of Portugal finds it convenient to rely on the approval and support of Catholicism as the religion of the State while at the same time it joins other nations of the world in proclaiming approval of religious freedom.

There are two thousand Baptists in this country. It is believed that there are sixty thousand or more who are interested in the gospel or sympathetic toward evangelical Christianity. With the organization of the First Baptist Church in Porto fifty-three years ago, Baptist work was begun by Z. C. Taylor, a pioneer missionary of Southern Baptists to Brazil. Since the organization of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in 1907, Brazilian Baptists have given financial and missionary support to the work in Portugal.

In recent years, because of the pressing needs of the rapidly expanding work in Brazil, it has not been possible for that convention to meet the growing demands of the Portugal Mission with the needed financial and missionary help. However, in spite of handicaps and restrictions, Baptist work has been firmly established in Portugal, and this is indeed a worthy achievement of Brazilian and Portuguese Baptists.

There are twenty-one small churches of the Portuguese Convention which co-operate with Brazilian Baptists. About the same number of churches work with the Baptist Association represented by a group of Texas Baptists. Only two of the convention churches own their houses of worship. Only two have more than 100 members.

For a while the condition of the convention churches was discouraging. The coming of the Brazilian missionaries brought new hope, but the Brazilian Board has not been able to do much more than pay the salaries of their missionaries. For this reason, Southern Baptists have offered some financial assistance and support one missionary couple to Portugal. They have not

been able to establish residency in the country, however, but are granted only six month visas at a time. (For additional information see article on page 1.)

Second: Your Haviland China and these Madeira napkins reminded you of Europe. What about this pepper, tea, and oriental vase?

First: They take us day dreaming to the Orient! I was impressed to read about the growth of our work in this area. Royal Service quotes Dr. Winston Crawley, Secretary for the Orient, as reporting: "Christianity is gaining ground in Asia. This is notably true of our own Southern Baptist work, which has been characterized by remarkable spread, growth, and strengthening. During the past 10 years, we have entered 11 new lands in Asia, lands with a total of about 265,000,000 people. Our missionary staff in Asia has increased over 80 per cent. Two new colleges, seven new theological seminaries, five new publication centers, and four new hospitals have been developed. Within the past three years, English-language Baptist churches have been organized in more than half a dozen of the major cities of the Orient."

OKINAWA

The vase would call our attention to Okinawa, a mission field of the Japanese Baptist Convention. The island was a part of the Japanese empire and has a population of 710,000. Our missionaries are working with the United States armed forces and dependents stationed on Okinawa, with emphasis also being placed on a witness to the nationals. The work has been going on since early 1960.

Later that same year, a similar work was started on Guam. There are around 30,000 Americans on these islands with fewer than half having an active relationship with either the military chapels or existing churches.

VIETNAM

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Southeast Asia. For many years this was a part of French Indo-China. Although new as an independent nation, Vietnam is old in race and culture. Her distinctive history can be traced back to before the time of Christ. During succeeding centuries, they had to struggle always against subjection and absorption by the stronger Chinese Empire to the north. For much of the time they were not able to retain political independence, but they did succeed in maintaining their distinctive race, culture, and language. In all these respects they show kinship with and influence by the Chinese.

France conquered Vietnam through a

series of bloody wars against stubborn resistance, beginning in 1858 and ending in 1883. This and the course of subsequent events are typical of the rise and fall of colonialism throughout Asia. After World War II the anticolonial struggle in Indo-China was complicated by communism, leading eventually to civil strife and the partition of the country. Vietnam today, like Korea, is a divided land with North Vietnam under Communist control and South Vietnam free.

The basic religion of Vietnam is Buddhist, but underlying animism is still quite evident and even predominant in the tribal areas. Roman Catholicism claims about 10 per cent of the people. During the period of French rule, any mission work by non-Catholic groups was seriously restricted or even well nigh impossible. The major exception was the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, which had its great strength in the hill provinces. Since Vietnam gained its independence, the restrictions on mission activities are no longer effective. The country wishes to maintain religious freedom. This new day should mean an open door for evangelical missions, and Southern Baptists have now entered that door.

After an initial survey trip was made in May, 1958, the Foreign Mission Board began to publicize the needs of Vietnam. We now have ten missionaries under appointment. The couples on the field have been engaged in language study and are now ready to begin a pioneering type of mission work. The first approach will probably be the renting of a meeting place in one of the cities where the missionaries will begin a program of evangelistic services, Bible classes, and other activities to bring people into touch with the gospel. It will be several years before there are any Vietnamese Baptist preachers to share with our missionaries in their work.

SUMATRA

Tea, rubber, oil, and spices have made

nations look with envy at the East India. Sumatra is the second largest island in the Republic of Indonesia. Our missionaries on Java have longed to start work on this great island, but are finding difficulty at the present time getting re-entry permits even to old fields of service.

Moslem influence is very strong on Sumatra. However, women are the rulers and chief property owners among some of the tribes. Christian missionaries have achieved one of their most conspicuous successes among the Bataks where the Lutherans claim 350,000 converts.

First Woman: Our mission work is certainly expanding in a marvelous way. And yet these everyday objects on my table are a reminder that others are going into all the world too, and the world is coming to my doorstep. You know, we are really living in that proverbial glass house.

Second Woman: And every group thinks it has the answer, each thinks it knows the way. Look at this hotel ad: "The way to world peace through international trade and travel" in "the wonderful world of

Hotels." A luncheon club states as one of its objectives: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service." A teacher dedicated his autobiography "to those who believe that the struggle for a better world will be won or lost in our schools." Christians must show that there is no substitute for bringing the world to acceptance of Christ's ways. Jesus is the only way to bring men to become peacemakers. He must live and rule in men's hearts so they will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting. Our task is to show men that Jesus is the way.

First: Reads John 14:1-6

PRAYER: Using Calendar of Prayer

HYMN: "O God, We Pray for All Mankind"

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