

For, behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy, which
shall be to all people

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS November 27 — December 1, 1961



By **BAKER J. CAUTHEN**
Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

It is easy to express what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering means in terms of the work we try to do. One half of our missionary effort across the world is dependent upon it.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering walks hand in hand with the Cooperative Program. It is not and never will be in any sense competitive with the Cooperative Program. It is in every way supplementary because it recognizes that the Cooperative Program is the lifeline of all that we do in denominational work at home and overseas. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering recognizes, however, that the needs we face are so overwhelming that a love offering is vital in order that these needs shall be served.

We cannot measure the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering simply in terms of financial support. It brings the reinforcement of intercessory prayer to the work of foreign missions and this support is of incalculable value. We might have equipment, resources and personnel, but unless there is the power of God's Holy Spirit our work is ineffective and weak.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions which precedes the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering marshalls the spiritual resources of Southern Baptists for the strengthening of the hands of God's servants.

We always remember that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, by focusing attention upon the needs of the world and providing a season of study of those needs undergirded with intercessory prayer, opens fountains of compassion which continue to flow throughout the whole year. These flowing fountains are channeled into the support of all the labor at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program.

On behalf of missionaries across the world, my heart reaches out in thanksgiving to God and to all who share in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering with a deep conviction that this offering rests upon a monument of prayer, dedication and love, and that it is one of the most vital and constructive forces in Baptist life for everything we hold dear at the home base and across the world.

A MONUMENT OF *prayer*

"Good Tidings ... to All People"

"Good Tidings . . . to All People" is the theme for the 1961 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The spirit expressed in these words will surely motivate us to give \$9,390,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year.

During the week of November 27-December 1, thousands of churches around the world will proclaim the lordship of Christ. Through programs, in song, and in offerings we will reaffirm that He is "King of kings and Lord of lords."

People will bow in earnest prayer for the lost everywhere. This season's impelling concern—"to all people"—must inevitably bring results as God's children intercede on behalf of our world.



"Good Tidings . . . to All People"

by MRS. R. L. MATHIS,
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There are many articles in today's newspapers which Christian people dislike to read. Recently an editor wrote that communism is spreading faster day by day. He pointed out that the growth of the Communist movement throughout the world had become the most "dramatic revolution" in world history. He recounted some statistics saying that within the space of one generation the Communists have brought more people under their control than the number to be found in the membership of all the Christian churches of the world.

It is said that the Communists are out-distancing Christian forces by the rate of about 15 to 1. Of course, the Communists claim the entire population of a nation when they forcibly hold a people in bondage. We know there are thousands and thousands of freedom loving people in "Communist countries" today who yearn to be freed from this godless, evil rule under which they must exist.

I am not willing to say that we are living in a post-Christian age as many are saying. But I am saying that the most dangerous position for the Christian—and as an Anglican minister put it "perhaps the most sinful since it is a denial of the Holy Spirit" is to assume that there is nothing that can be done to stay the march of communism.

Jesus set the pattern for Christians to take the world captive when he laid the responsibility for evangelism upon the shoulders of individual Christians.

Woman's Missionary Union reaffirms the truth of the Great Commission in her choice of a theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. It is "Good Tidings . . . to All People." Think what it would mean if in Southern Baptist churches, during this one week, millions of people would stop to consider, to study, to pray, and to give. Perhaps such an experience

could become as serious a commitment for us as it did for that handful of unlettered disciples who turned the ancient world upside down as recorded in Acts 17:6.

This Week of Prayer in December is an inspiring season. From the beginning, this time was set aside each year for a full week of prayer for foreign missions. It is a week of study. It is a week of giving. Is it so with you? Is it so in your church?

You can make it so! It is not enough to meet together a time or so to sing:

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men,
Begin and never cease;
Begin and never cease!"

—Nahum Tate.

For such singing, however lovely, has little meaning unless it symbolizes a genuine attitude of mind and heart. In Luke 6:46 Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

He also said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" Matthew 28:19-20.

Complete dedication is the answer to the threat of a godless world in this day. For this cause the Lord himself saved us and called us to serve him. Let Woman's Missionary Union lead the way this Christmastime of 1961 in a great outpouring of prayer and gifts never before witnessed in the history of Christian missions.

Nine million, three hundred ninety thousand dollars will surely come if we love enough and if we pray. Set your goal higher than ever before (14 per cent more than your church gave last year is our Jubilee goal) so that many, many lost people may come to know our Saviour as Lord. We, too, may turn the world upside down for Christ in our generation.

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"Good tidings of great joy to all people" was the message of angels who rang out so long ago the glorious message to shepherds on a lonely hill. And today, men, one by one, must take this Saviour, born of a Virgin, into their hearts if they would find peace in a world gone mad with hate.

During the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Christmas season let us be grateful for the responsibility placed upon all Christians to publish the glad tidings that the Saviour is born!



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WHAT is Christmas at your house? The perfume of evergreen, gleaming colored lights, glistening ornaments, shimmering tinsel? Gifts gaily wrapped and piled under the Christmas tree?

Is Christmas the tantalizing odors from turkey baking in a glass-fronted oven, spicy fragrances? And loved ones at home to share in the special open house when friends drop by? And parties? And days filled and brimming over?

What is Christmas? It is the birthdate of Christ, God's Son. It is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for Him who, mighty in his creative powers, became a helpless Babe and grew as men grow—in wisdom and stature. And he grew in favor with God and man.

What is Christmas? Uneasily we stir within our souls over the self-centeredness of our Christmases. With troubled hearts we acknowledge that we are so engrossed in our days that we fail to pray together . . . and calmly visit together in Christian fellowship. That we fail to observe the lonely and dispossessed unloved at our door, that we really are unconcerned with the troubled, lost world so determined are we to have a gay holiday.

And so . . . Christmas comes and goes, year by year, and we do not change our ways.

What is Christmas? What will it be like

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at your house this year—1961? In a world on the brink of disaster we dare not observe it in only traditional ways. We feel urged to share good will and pursue it with purpose. Even these words in our vocabulary, good will, peace, love, thoughtfulness, kindness, a forgiving spirit seem to us to need to be reactivated. For these are times of grave demands upon the human spirit.

by *Ethalee Hamric*

What about these times? Do you recall what happened on October 4, 1957, only fifty-one months ago? That was the day Russia ushered in the Space Age with Sputnik I. Since that time words have new meanings and strange bodies have been hurled into space until today there are scores of satellites in orbit. And this year—the first astronaut orbited the earth in a space capsule.

This new age is wonderful indeed in its promise for expanding physical horizons. But man's launching and guiding force is not a space pad at Cape Canaveral. The guiding force of man is the love of Christ, the love of Christ which constrains us. That is what Christmas is. It is expressed in the constraining love of Christ.

It was Christ who said "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"—that is the way to communicate God's love—no words are needed, just love which has its own language. But after the years of living with the disciples, teaching them, going about loving people, Jesus made another observation which ushered in a new age. This truth which Jesus gave to those disciples gathered there and to disciples here and now explores new horizons of life. He said to his disciples, not only to love others as we love ourselves but he said to "love one another as I have loved you"—not as you love yourself, but "as I have loved you."

Thinking of the love which Christ has for stumbling, wayward man it occurred to me that God has given to Christians a new spirit, and only that Christian who is en-

dwelt of the Holy Spirit can probe the frontiers of today's world where man is seeking desperately a new dimension of spirit.

Spiritual horizons for today and the years ahead are largely unexplored, but the wonders which God has waiting for us are far more amazing than the possibilities of space exploration and man living in a space community in the outer atmosphere and beyond. "For eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Let us think again of the verse which was our watchword last year "For the love of Christ constraineth us." No doubt during the past year you have looked up 2 Corinthians 5:14 in modern translations. The first part of this verse is stated clearly—the love which Christ the Saviour has for us his children, that is the subject. Not the puny, variable, often lukewarm love we have for Christ, but the constant, dependable, immeasurable, guiding love which Jesus has for us. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are." It is not the love of Christ which we want to verify but the word constraineth in the King James Version. Just what does it mean? We feel we must have a new word here—and therefore we seek enlightenment from other translations in modern phraseology. Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Weymouth translate the verse:

"For the love of Christ overmasters us," Moffatt: "For I am controlled by the love of Christ."

The Amplified New Testament: "For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us."

All of these "new" words give light to the word constraineth.

Do you recall your adolescent years? Within your memory is the quiet assurance which glowed within you that you were loved by your family—your parents. Nothing so steadies and gives security to a young

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

person, I believe, as the sure knowledge of the love of family. The constraining, overmastering love which I knew my father had for me was an anchor in many a tempest. Often I was deterred from error because of this realization.

But this love which Christ has for us not only restrains our sinful natures because he has bought us at a fearful price and guides us by the endwelling Holy Spirit. This love also impels us. It has a positive effect on our natures. A realization that we are beloved of God causes us to look for ways to do good. It is God who makes us care that our neighbor is hungry, cold, distressed, that he is in bondage, that he lacks freedom and dignity, that he is lost for all eternity unless he has knowledge of Christ. It is the impelling love of Christ which impels our missionaries, which impels you to listen to God's call for service in Nigeria, in Indonesia, in Memphis. It is this impelling love which finds pure expression in the ideal of Christian living—not loving a neighbor as oneself—but loving him "as Christ loves us."

Then that other new word for constraint—eth—controls. The love of Christ causes discipline in a Christian's life. An undisciplined life is pitiable indeed. It results in ineffective living, dissipation of one's resources, unhappiness. But the love of Christ overmastering us, impelling us to ward off evil impulses, to realize the maximum in outgoing love for others, this love is the means whereby our highest potential is realized.

The love of Christ, planted, engrafted in our lives produces the fruits of the Holy Spirit about which Paul wrote in Galatians. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control."

The test of whether God's love resides within us is in the fruits realized in our daily walk. We must turn with purpose

away from contemplation upon Christian virtues and turn the full love-light of God upon ourselves. How serious am I about knowing and having compassion for the basic, divine longings of oppressed human beings? How careful am I to allow the constraining love of Christ to control my tongue, dispel my critical attitudes, my feelings of superiority because my skin is white? How thoughtful am I in treating every person with dignity, knowing he is as I am—of infinite worth to God?

And so the searching questions rise to our minds and we recognize that we not only need new words to express our new experiences in a new age, not only do we need a new mind stimulated by a realistic confrontation to the world as it is, but we need to allow this overpowering love of Christ to renew its meaning in our lives. It was said of David that "he served his own generation," but the latter part of the verse reads "by the will of God." So must all our service be—by the will of God, by direction of the Holy Spirit.

What is Christmas? Christmas is a realization that the love of Christ is a constant, stabilizing, living reality. That God's love revealed in Christ is not a variant. It is altogether steadfast. It is altogether adequate for any age. A Christian needs to explore the far horizons of this great love which impelled Christ to sojourn on the earth. And with an enlarging realization of the wonder of the Saviour's love, a Christian discovers within the recesses of his heart the abiding place of peace.

But Christmas means more than the affirmation of the Saviour's love for oneself. It must express itself "as Christ loves us"—toward all mankind.

What is Christmas to you in 1961? May the old word become new to you in a revitalized response to the constraining love of Christ.

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GOD has given his people in today's world the privilege and solemn responsibility of living in a crucial period of historical transition.

Christians during the period of the Renaissance and Reformation emerged from an era of so-called "Christendom" when the emphasis was on community, into the modern world of the last four centuries with emphasis on the individual. Today we are passing into a period when man either will find a way to preserve the value of the individual and at the same time recover the relations of community or will finally de-



stroy himself along with his world. Christianity is being put to the test in this crucible of world struggle.

There are sources of encouragement, some of which stem in a pragmatic way from the world of historical process. A clear understanding of history gives one heart when he recalls what the church has accomplished in its world mission thus far and especially in the last century and a half. When historical insight is coupled with the perspective of faith based upon God's revelation of His redemptive activity as recorded in the Scriptures, one can have a living hope. Finally, when history and revelation become personally real in terms of one's own salvation experience, one can walk by faith with a sense of direction and destiny. Then the people of God can be the "light of the world," regardless of en-

by *Mr. Hugo Culpepper*

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vironmental obstacles.

But there are also some very dark clouds on the horizon and to be realistic one must consider the forces in our world which threaten continued mission advance. Only a strong, living faith can give one the courage to be radically realistic in this sense. To this, let us set ourselves for a few minutes.

The most persistent, if not the most dramatic, challenge is the population explosion which is causing the world, percentage-wise, to become less Christian every day. Most population projections are understatements. What is certain, if peace continues, is that the population of the world will double in the next generation or so. Between 1950 and 2000, the underdeveloped areas of the world will increase by 180 per cent. Perhaps the most significant fact about the East today is its youth: in some areas, nearly half of the population is still of school age.

When this challenge is coupled with communism, the effect of both is enormously increased. Behind the bamboo curtain in the People's Republic of China population is now approaching seven hundred million, which represents a phenomenal increase during the last one fourth century. Effectively cut off from outside help, churches in China are gradually becoming a little weaker day by day. It is said that only four out of sixty-four churches in Peking remain open, and of all denominations in Shanghai less than twenty churches out of two hundred. It is becoming increasingly difficult to establish contact with people there for evangelistic purposes because they are preoccupied with political obligations. In varying degree all major areas of the world are affected by communism.

This week the writer received a letter from a former student who until recently was working on a doctorate in a major Latin American university. He stated that he has withdrawn and is seeking an opportunity for study elsewhere because the institution has become so thoroughly Communist.

WORLD CHALLENGES to Mission Advance

This is alarming when one considers that the outstanding impression of the mission task in Latin America today is the double challenge of population growth and the steady migration from rural areas to rapidly expanding cities and towns. Already more than one out of every four persons in Latin America lives in a town of 20,000 or more. By the end of this century the population of Latin America along with the West Indies will be double that of North America. If communism is so effectively becoming the dominant influence in a university center of an increasingly urban area, what does the future hold for Christianity there?

Perverted Christianity is a third major challenge to mission advance. There are various forms of perversion under differing circumstances. Three types concern us here: Roman Catholicism, "new religions," and paganism within Christian societies.

In areas where Roman Catholicism is dominant, as in Latin America for the last four centuries, it continues to constitute a formidable challenge to evangelical missions. The Roman Catholic Church is probably the system that first conditions the minds of young people in Latin America. It is mediated to them through the church in some cases but also through elementary schools. Through its form of pedagogical authority fastens itself on the minds and lives of masses of people. Most of them go through life with no evident manifestation of throwing it off but also with no indication of it affecting them spiritually. They neither find the spiritual resources needed for life's struggle nor bear the fruits of noble character and good works. This philosophical influence tends to make uninspiring conformists of the majority and to provoke a minority to conscious rebellion.

Many of the "new religions" in the world today are recognized as formidable challenges to mission advance. There is a perverted form of Christianity which attracts; it appears as "Christian" sects or is some-

times dignified by the term "separatist churches." Usually the followers lean heavily on the personalities of leaders. These groups are strong in West African countries such as Ghana. They call themselves Christian. However, in substance the religious content is quite different from historical, biblical Christianity. They offer a power for overcoming the difficulties of the everyday secular aspects of life. While they use Christian terminology, they are concerned really with the ills of this life in a superficial way. Requests similar to those brought to witch doctors are frequently submitted. Similar cultic practices are observed. They permit polygamy. In short, they represent a completely different understanding of the Christian religion. These aspects make it more difficult to reach with the gospel adherents to such beliefs.

The third form of perverted Christianity is that which is most obvious in our own country: paganism within a Christian society. Pre-occupation with material possessions and creature comforts throttles the life of the Spirit in many nominal Christians. This thoroughgoing secular spirit paralyzes the life of churches which are called to further the gospel. The time and energies of professing Christians are so pre-empted by the concerns of the world as to leave no resources for spiritual values in life. This makes Christianity seem to be irrelevant even to its adherents but especially to those without a faith.

Another major challenge to mission advance is the resurgence of old religions of the world. This is notable in Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and to some extent in Shintoism. Not only have they experienced remarkable growth in recent years—many times with the aid of methods adopted from Christianity—but they have regained a strong sense of self-confidence and resulting aggressiveness. In Burma the political leader, U Nu, has stated that it is

no longer a question of whether or not Buddhism will be the state religion, but of how it will be implemented. This has caused many to feel that non-Buddhists may be second-class citizens. It would discourage a positive response to Christian evangelism. In some Islamic areas of the world, such as Iran and Egypt, a Christian church is seen as a foreign institution of western origin, and some see it as a potential ally of Islam against communism.

The final world challenge to mission advance to be noted here is that of revolution and the related nationalism. The Congo is a notable example of the disruption of mission advance through internal dissension and violence following in the wake of revolutionary controversy. Further evangelization of this strategic area is contingent on the restoration of peace and order. In contrast stands experience in Nigeria. Independence was also the dominant theme. There are even more tribal divisions in Nigeria—over two hundred and fifty—than in the Congo. In reality Nigeria consists of three separate countries: the northern two-thirds of the country, with about 18 million inhabitants constituting half the total population. Islam is dominant in this area and the leaders recognize the inadequate training of their people. The western region is dominantly evangelical Christian in terms of its leadership. This has a positive leavening influence throughout the region among the common people. The eastern region is also under strong Christian influence, partly evangelical and partly Roman Catholic. Christian missions has raised up a constituency in Nigeria which has overcome tribal animosities and made for patient transition to independence.

The world challenges to mission advance can be met: "... not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." It requires Christians who believe that God's pervading Spirit transforms men, who will dedicate themselves, their means, their children to the task before us.



GOOD Tidings . . . to All People," is more of a challenge than a statement of fact, so far as Southern Baptist work in Africa, Europe, and the Near East are concerned. As can be seen from our missionary map, there are vast unoccupied areas. Although other Christian groups are giving good tidings in many countries in which we have no work, we are prayerfully concerned that other new fields might be entered by the Foreign Mission Board within the next two or three years.

It is hoped that Baptists may soon be able to enter into Uganda in Africa. A couple living nearby in Kenya are presently working in a school in Uganda, and it is hoped that they may soon take up permanent residence there.

A significant achievement in the fall of 1960

was the opening of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. Eighteen students from three countries of the Middle East were enrolled for the first session. Funds for constructing the first unit for the seminary, including classrooms, library, dining hall, and dormitory facilities for single men, have been provided from the 1959 and 1960 Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings. Funds are still needed for a dormitory for single women and for several additional residences for faculty members.

An inescapable responsibility of the Foreign Mission Board is to provide housing for its missionaries. In Africa, Europe, and the Near East the total staff now stands at 470 missionaries. The goal for 1964 is 600 missionaries in this area, leaving 130 to be added in the next three years.

by H. Cornell Goerner
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AFRICA, EUROPE, and the NEAR EAST

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1961 LOTTIE MOON *Christmas Offering*

GOAL \$9,390,000

Allocations for 1961 Offering

AFRICA, EUROPE, and the NEAR EAST

Ghana:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	14,500	
Property Operating Requirements for Direct Evangelism	1,000	
Kumasi, Sadler Baptist School, Current Expenses	20,000	
Kumasi, Ghana Baptist Pastors' School, Current Expenses	6,000	
Nalerigu Medical Center, Current Expenses	10,000	
Leprosy Work, Current Expenses	7,500	
Scholarship Fund, Current Expenses	1,000	
Baptist Press, Current Operating Expenses	1,800	
Tamale Pastors' School, Current Operating Expenses	4,000	65,800

Liberia:

Ricks Institute, Current Operating Expenses	12,000	
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	2,400	
Scholarships	1,600	16,000



Central Africa:

WMU Literature, Current Expenses	2,400	
Sanyati Hospital, Current Expenses	12,000	
Sanyati Central School, Current Expenses	12,000	
Gwelo and Gokwe Schools, Current Expenses	2,500	
Gwelo Seminary, Current Expenses	8,000	
Scholarships	1,000	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000	
Station Operating Expenses	15,000	
Publications and Literature, Current Operating Expenses	7,000	
Gokwe Medical Work	2,500	72,900

East Africa:

Church Community Centers, Current Expenses	15,000	
Literature, Current Expenses	5,000	
Mbeva Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000	
Station Evangelism (Pastors and Other Church Workers)	20,000	
Conferences and Retreats, Current Operating Expenses	1,000	
Baptist Seminars, Arusha, Current Operating Expenses	6,000	
Rufiji River District Clinic, Current Operating Expenses	3,500	79,500

Nigeria:

Abeokuta, Baptist Woman's Training College, Current Expenses	20,000	
Abeokuta, Baptist Girls' High School, Current Expenses	7,000	
Abeokuta, Baptist Girls' Secondary Modern School	4,000	
Ajgor, Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	7,000	
Benin, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	15,000	
Iwo Baptist College, Current Expenses	30,000	
Ogbomoso Seminars, Current Expenses	25,000	
Shaki, Elam Memorial School, Current Expenses	2,500	
Scholarships for Students Studying in America	15,000	
Ede, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	20,000	
Ilife, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	12,000	
Kaduna, Hausa Pastors' School, Current Expenses	10,000	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	45,000	
Minna, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	15,000	
Obinze, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	10,000	
Aid for Unassisted Primary Schools	5,000	
Eku, Hospital, Current Expenses	20,000	
Ogbomoso Hospital, Current Expenses	18,000	
Ogbomoso Health Service, Current Expenses	7,500	
Ogbomoso, Frances Jones Nursing Home, Current Expenses	2,000	
Ogbomoso, Kersey Children's Home, Current Expenses	4,000	
Eku, Baptist Nurses' School, Current Expenses	8,000	
Ire, Welfare Center, Current Expenses	4,000	
Igede Dispensary, Current Expenses	500	
Okuta, Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,500	
Kosofata, Hospital, Current Expenses	8,000	
Joinkrama, Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000	
Shaki, Hospital, Current Expenses	4,500	
Ire, Midwifery School, Current Expenses	2,000	
Lagos, Baptist House, Current Expenses	4,000	
Hausa Publication and Literature, Current Expenses	4,000	
Workers' Aid (Aged and Retired)	1,500	
Baptist Department of Architecture, Current Expenses	2,500	
Newton Memorial School, Current Operating Expenses	7,000	
Radio and TV, Western Region, Current Operating Expenses	3,000	
Radio and TV, Eastern Region, Current Operating Expenses	2,000	

Kano Primary School, Current Operating Expenses	5,000	
Visual Aids, Current Operating Expenses	2,500	
Associational Missionary Fund, Current Operating Expenses	2,500	
Training Union Department, Current Operating Expenses	6,000	
Okuta Primary School, Current Operating Expenses	5,000	
Evangelism Department, Current Operating Expenses	1,800	
Jon Baptist Boys' High School, Current Operating Expenses	4,000	389,300

General Europe:

Rusdikhon Seminary, Student Subsidies	17,000	
Salaries, Teachers and Other Employees	20,000	
Summer Conferences	4,000	41,000

Portugal:

Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	18,000	
Scholarship Fund	3,600	
Property Rental, New Work, Current Expenses	2,500	24,100

Italy:

Widows and Orphans of Pastors, Current Expenses	10,000	
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	27,380	
Young People's Work, Current Expenses	5,000	
Lay Evangelism	5,000	
Rome, Good Samaritan Dispensary, Current Expenses	2,000	
Pastoral Transfers, Current Expenses	2,000	
Rivoli, Philadelphia Institute, Current Expenses	20,000	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	40,000	
Property Operating Requirements, Current Expenses	18,000	
Educational Assistance for Pre-Seminary Students	6,000	195,380

Spain:

Scholarships (High School, University, Pre-Seminary)	2,000	
Barcelona Bible School, Current Expenses	10,000	
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	20,000	
Publications, Current Expenses	2,500	
Evangelism in New Areas, Current Expenses	7,000	41,500

Gaza:

Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	30,000	
Vacation Bible School, Scriptures and Sunday School Literature	1,000	31,000

Israel:

Pastors and Evangelists, Current Expenses	3,000	
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	6,000	
Yavnelet School, Current Expenses	25,000	
Peasah Tikva, George W. Truett Center, Current Expenses	34,000	
Israeli Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	7,000	75,000

Jordan:

Ajlun, Elementary School, Current Expenses	7,000	
Ajlun, Hospital, Current Expenses	40,000	
Tatibeh Clinic, Current Expenses	6,500	
Ajlun, Girls' Secondary School, Current Expenses	8,000	61,500

Lebanon:

Literature, Current Expenses	7,000	
Beirut, High School, Current Expenses	24,000	
Direct Aid to Churches, Current Expenses	15,000	
Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	12,000	58,000

Total for Africa, Europe and Near East \$1,078,480

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SOUTHERN Baptist foreign mission work is making rapid forward strides. Latin America shares in this remarkable growth. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gives greatly needed reinforcement of Co-operative Program funds.

The needs in Latin America are staggering. Although not nearly all of them can be met, through many years the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has enabled missionaries and national leaders to launch new programs and projects. The most urgent present needs can be met if gifts to this offering continue at the present gratifying rate of growth.

All mission work needs strengthening from year to year. If present growth among Baptists

in Latin America is to be maintained and accelerated, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering must continue to play its highly significant role. Churches and institutions with proper buildings and facilities increase the scope and effectiveness of mission work.

The missionaries receive a "morale boost" by the offering each year. People confronted constantly by desperate needs may be in danger of being overwhelmed by them. When your missionaries are informed of what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is making possible they gain fresh courage and renewed hope. This is one of the choicest blessings which comes from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

by Frank K. Means

Foreign Mission Board

Secretary for

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Argentina:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	33,400	
Convention Mission Board	260	
Mission Committee on Evangelism and Stewardship	2,250	
Provincial Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	5,010	
Cordoba, Encampment, Current Expenses	3,000	
Buenos Aires, International Seminary, Current Expenses	23,510	
Goodwill Centers (Buenos Aires, Mendoza, and Parana)	6,900	
Buenos Aires, Publication Board, Current Expenses	13,650	87,780

Bahama Islands:

Radio Evangelism	500	
Nassau, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	8,220	
Literature Needs	1,200	9,920

Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso:

Current Expenses	65,070	
Tract Publication	6,000	
Elementary Department Work	3,000	74,070

Equatorial Brazil:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	28,350	
State Board	8,400	
Radio Evangelism	2,000	
Belém, Para, Encampment, Current Expenses	1,000	
Ceara, W.M.U. Encampment, Current Expenses	1,200	
Teresina, Piaui, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	2,800	
Christian Education (Sunday School and Training Union)	2,000	
Student Aid	4,500	
Schools, Current Expenses	35,350	
Belém, Theological Institute	6,500	Santarém, Para 5,500
Fortaleza, Ceara	4,000	Sao Luis, Maranhão 4,200
Manaus, Amazonas	4,250	Teresina, Piaui 5,500
		Annex Schools 7,100
Publications and Literature		2,100
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses		8,400
Belém, Para	200	Santarém, Para 200
Fortaleza, Ceara	5,300	Sao Luis, Maranhão 1,500
Manaus, Amazonas	200	Teresina, Piaui 3,000
		96,100

North Brazil:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	42,000	
State Board	16,020	
Radio Evangelism	2,660	
Evangelistic Campaigns, State of Baia	1,600	
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	1,200	
Student Evangelism	1,500	
Goodwill Center, Carnauro, Pernambuco	400	
Schools, Current Expenses	62,600	
Aracaju, Sergipe	2,300	Maceio, Alagoas 5,800
Corrente, Piaui	7,400	Natal, R. G. de Norte 1,200
Foz de Santana, Baia	7,910	Recife Academy 10,540
Jaguapara, Baia	6,000	Recife Seminary 18,500
João Pessoa, Paraíba	3,000	Salvador Domestic 1,950
Publications and Literature		3,740
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses		5,150
Aracaju, Sergipe	500	Maceio, Alagoas 500
Corrente, Piaui	1,000	Pernambuco 700
Foz de Santana, Baia	500	Rio Grande do Norte 200
João Pessoa, Paraíba	1,050	Salvador, Baia 500
		137,720

South Brazil:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	42,600	
State Board	25,019	
W.M.U. Field Work, States of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo	750	
Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention	4,000	
City Missions Programs, Belo Horizonte and Curitiba	2,700	

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Student Evangelism	11,450
Rio de Janeiro, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	5,500
Schools, Current Expenses	68,843
Belo Horizonte, Minas	5,575
Campos, State of Rio	1,835
Curitiba, Parana	5,000
Gnias Agricultural	3,073
Espirito Santo School	1,000
Annex Schools	3,800
Minas Institute	300
Porto Alegre	5,760
Rio Boys' School	6,000
Rio Girls' School	5,500
Rio Seminary	27,500
San Paulo, Sao Paulo	500
Publications and Literature	85,543
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	2,400
Rio de Janeiro, Tomas Coelho Church	600
Campo Grande, Mato Grosso	1,000
Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais	800

Chile:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	21,500
Student Evangelism	500
Radio Evangelism	5,500
Tent Evangelistic Campaigns	200
Christian Education (Sunday School and Training Union)	750
Visual Aid	295
Encampments, Current Expenses	500
Local and Regional Institutes	1,050
Antioquia Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	4,240
Santiago, Baptist Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	18,300
Temuco, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	92,500
Publications and Literature	7,800
National Publication, "Voz Bautista"	2,800
Colportage	250

Colombia:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	25,600
Student Evangelism	764
Evangelism and New Work	7,428
Convention Mission Board	3,000
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	1,000
Pastors' Conferences	1,000
Calif. International Baptist Theological Seminary, Expenses	16,750
Elementary Schools, Current Expenses	27,265
Secondary Schools, Scholarships	12,610
Barranquilla, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	17,250
Barranquilla, Baptist Bookstore, Current Expenses	1,400

Costa Rica:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	23,456
Evangelistic Crusades	2,800
San Jose, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	900
Scholarships	4,000
San Jose, School of the Prophets for Pastors	750
Bookstore Fund	2,400
Tracts	120
National Magazine	500

Ecuador:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	11,485
Youth Camps, Current Expenses	600
Radio Evangelism	1,530
Evangelistic Crusades	1,200
Student Aid	1,500
Vacation Bible Schools	200
Quito, Kindergarten and First Grade School, Current Expenses	520
Gospel Tracts and Literature	600

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Guatemala School and Training Union Promotion	1,500
Guayaquil Medical Clinic, Current Expenses	775

Guatemala:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	5,085
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	900
Pastors' Institutes	360
Guatemala City, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	7,260
Guatemala City Bookstore, Current Expenses	120
Tract Fund	14,505

Honduras:

Evangelism and New Work	480
Radio Evangelism	400
Pastors' Institutes	300
Tegucigalpa, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	900
Scholarships	1,200
Tegucigalpa, Bookstore, Current Expenses	120
Tract Fund	4,500

Mexico:

Evangelism and New Work	7,827.84
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	200
Institutes and Encampments	4,760
Guadalajara, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	1,200
Student Homes, Current Expenses	21,804
Chihuahua	6,500
Guadalajara, Boys'	4,296
Guadalajara, Girls'	3,608
Iguala, Guerrero	3,300
Mexico City, D. F.	3,000
Mexico City, Student Center, Current Expenses	3,724
Guadalajara, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	28,510
Mexico City, Bookstore Stock	1,500
Torreon, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	14,164.16

Paraguay:

Asuncion, Kindergarten and Primary Schools, Current Expenses	2,750
Asuncion, Nurses' Training School, Current Expenses	4,560
Asuncion, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	1,670
Asuncion, Bookstore Stock	960
Asuncion, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	35,000

Peru:

Evangelistic Crusades	1,800
Radio Evangelism	3,480
Encampments, Current Expenses	400
Lima, Theological Institute, Equipment	1,550
Scholarships	4,000
Scholarships, Students in International Seminaries	1,800
Publications, Literature and Tracts	2,460
Bookstore Stock	2,970

Uruguay:

Radio Evangelism	1,650
Pastors' Retreat	200
Quarterly Pastors' Meetings	600
Visual Aids	1,000
Conchillos, Primary School, Current Expenses	5,000
Montevideo, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	6,500
Montevideo, Bookstore	3,000

Venezuela:

Evangelistic Campaigns	3,000
Radio Evangelism	6,000
Sunday School and Training Union Promotion	200
Bookstore, Current Expenses	2,882
Tracts	500

Total for Latin America \$1,078,252

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NOT only the greatest concentrations of people, but also the greatest concentrations of human need in all the world are found in Asia. Our minds and hearts cannot begin to comprehend even the physical needs of Asia's multitudes, much less the tremendous and all-important spiritual needs. But we can comprehend enough to know what Christian love requires of us, and we can feel the needs of the Orient deeply enough to do what love impels us to do.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will play a major part in making possible Southern Baptist missionary ministries in our Orient fields. It will support missionaries, put tools into their hands, strengthen the churches that are being planted, train preachers for the

spread of the gospel, offer Bibles and Christian literature to hungry minds, touch suffering bodies with healing care through Christian medicine, open doors of learning to eager young people, and in fact share in every good work designed to bring the nations of Asia to Christ. In addition to the funds provided through the Christmas offering for the operating expenses of our Orient missions, other amounts from the offering will buy the land and put up the needed buildings—homes for missionaries, schools, hospitals, publishing houses, but above all, churches and chapels to be lighthouses for Christ to multitudes in darkness. Our gifts will mean the eternal difference between darkness and light for many of Asia's people.



by Winston Crawley

Foreign Mission Board

Secretary for

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Hong Kong-Macao:

Language Study	12,000	
Children's School Allowance	1,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	16,000	
Travel for Mission Business	4,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	24,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	3,000	
Religious Education Promotion	2,000	
Summer Assembly	1,000	
Student Work	1,000	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,000	
Hong Kong Baptist College	18,000	
Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000	
Scholarship Fund	2,000	
Publication Work, Current Expenses	25,000	
Seminary Textbook Fund	4,500	129,500

Indonesia:

Language Study	7,000	
Children's School Allowance	2,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	6,000	
Travel for Mission Business	6,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	9,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	6,000	
Religious Education Promotion	1,500	
Youth Work	3,000	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,000	
Semarang, Seminary, Current Expenses	13,200	
Publication Work	9,000	
Literature Fund	3,000	
Kediri, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	18,000	84,700

Japan:

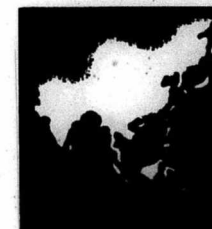
Language Study	20,000	
Children's School Allowance	15,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	30,000	
Travel for Mission Business	15,000	
Car Maintenance	25,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	30,000	
Department of Evangelism	36,000	
Department of Service Education	25,000	
Goodwill Center	2,000	
Department of Institutions	2,000	
Kokura, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Current Expenses	13,000	
Fukuoka, Seinan Gakuin, Current Expenses	20,000	
Fukuoka, Training School for Kindergarten Workers, Current Expenses	8,000	
Fukuoka, Japan Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	13,000	
Japan Publication Work, Current Expenses	20,000	
Literature and Evangelism Aids	5,000	
Kyoto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	12,000	295,000

Korea:

Language Study	12,000	
Children's School Allowance	3,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	6,000	
Travel for Mission Business	12,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	26,000	
Summer Camps	1,200	
Taejeon Seminary, Current Expenses	18,000	
Publication Work	4,870	
Pusan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	30,000	107,050

Malaya:

Language Study	4,000	
Children's School Allowance	3,000	



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Missionary Residence Property Operating	8,000
Travel for Mission Business	2,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	12,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	3,000
Evangelistic Work	1,500
Summer Camps	1,500
Penang, Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Literature Fund	1,200
Bookstore	1,000
	57,200

Pakistan:

Language Study	3,000
Children's School Allowance	2,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	6,000
Travel for Mission Business	4,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	3,000
Evangelistic Work	3,000
Primary Schools	1,000
Literature Fund	1,500
	29,500

Philippines:

Language Study	18,000
Children's School Allowance	6,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	20,000
Travel for Mission Business	18,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	20,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	15,000
Evangelistic Work	10,000
Summer Camps	1,800
Radio Work	1,200
Audio-Visual Aids	2,000
Baguio, Seminary, Current Expenses	15,000
Davao, Bible School, Current Expenses	7,000
M'lang, College	1,500
Manila, Publication Work	10,000
Literature Fund	5,000
Marikina, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	24,000
	172,800

Taiwan:

Language Study	12,000
Children's School Allowance	4,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	15,000
Travel for Mission Business	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	18,000
Summer Camps	2,000
Radio Work	6,000
Audio-Visual Aids	1,000
Student Work	1,000
Seminars, Current Expenses	25,000
Literature Fund	5,000
Bookstore	1,500
	111,500

Thailand:

Language Study	8,000
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Children's School Allowance	3,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	18,000
Travel for Mission Business	6,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	15,500
Evangelistic Centers	10,500
Student Center	1,500
Summer Camps	1,000
Audio-Visual Aids	500
Bangkok, Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Bangkok, Publication Work	4,500
	86,500

Vietnam:

Language Study	1,000
Children's School Allowance	1,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	3,000
Travel for Mission Business	1,000
Evangelistic Work	3,000
	9,000

Total for Orient **\$1,079,550**

GENERAL

Salaries of 125 Missionaries	\$125,000
Supplement to Salaries, Children's Allowances, etc.	125,000
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund)	34,000
Toward the Support and Maintenance of New Missionaries	300,000
Advanced Training in the United States of Experienced Baptist Workers from the Foreign Field	8,707
American Bible Society	20,000
Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, Current Expenses:	
Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, Italy	15,000
WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	17,885
WMU Training School, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil	17,810
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields	50,741

Central Africa	1,405	Costa Rica	500
East Africa	250	Ecuador	300
Ghana	1,450	Guatemala	600
Nigeria	6,000	Honduras	360
Italy	5,500	Mexico	2,200
Portugal	400	Paraguay	2,200
Spain	2,000	Peru	850
Israel	1,050	Uruguay	3,500
Jordan	800	Hong Kong/Macao	1,200
Lebanon	2,000	Japan	6,000
Argentina	4,400	Korea	1,000
Brazil	5,800	Philippines	1,000
Chile	4,200	Taiwan	500
Colombia	4,208		

WMU Publications and Literature		33,575	
Ghana	1,175	Mexico	1,500
Nigeria	2,000	Paraguay	300
Italy	1,800	Uruguay	300
Spain	2,500	Venezuela	300
Argentina	1,350	Spanish America (El Paso)	12,000
Brazil	1,500	Hong Kong/Macao	3,000
Chile	1,000	Japan	1,000
Colombia	100	Korea	1,500
Ecuador	150	Philippines	2,000
Continental Baptist Women's Unions		7,000	
Asia	2,500	Latin America	1,500
Europe	1,500	Africa	1,500
Total for General Work		\$765,718	

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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

Program Topic:

MISSIONS IN YOUR HOME

by Jane Ray Denny

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" 2 Corinthians 4:6.

Introduction: For the past two months in circles we have been considering the needs of international students. We complete this study with this program. Most of us who maintain homes will never be able to travel to the distant places of the world, but we can bring the world into our homes! Today this is a possibility because of the thousands of college and university students and other foreign citizens who are in our country on special missions. (*Review statistics, October Royal Service*, page 12.) As we approach the Christmas season we remember that these visitors in our country are too far removed from their own homes to return for the holidays.

A few years ago a Baptist student decided to give up Christmas holidays with his

family and stay on campus with twenty-two international students when he learned that they had no place to go during the holidays. Many, however, are invited into American homes by fellow students or interested families. What better way is there to experience the real significance of Christmas, as well as to widen the circle of your family?

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Because our Baptist students daily encounter overseas students in the classrooms, labs, and in dormitories they have opportunities to demonstrate Christian love, and to help these student guests adjust to life on campus. Wherever there is an active Baptist Student Union on a campus there is a specific program not only for Baptist students but also for international students on a person-to-person basis. Baptist students are challenged to cultivate thoughtful friendships, to help orientate overseas students to college and community life, to room with them, and to help them in

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making adjustments to college life. Overseas students are honored on special occasions—on their birthdays, at banquets, Thanksgiving breakfasts—and they are encouraged to participate in discussion groups.

In addition, international student retreats are held from coast to coast each Thanksgiving and a few are planned for Easter holidays. With American Christian students as hosts, they are invited to come together for serious discussion about the Christian faith. No pressure is put on them to accept Christianity, but in an atmosphere of mutual respect the claims of Christ are presented and they are given opportunities to ask questions. Some far-reaching results have come from these occasions. Woman's Missionary Unions in various churches and states have given generously to pay expenses for the international students to these meetings.

Some local Baptist churches provide special activities for international students. Families are encouraged to invite students to attend worship services with them and to stay for Sunday dinner. Much is being done by individuals who know the importance of having these guests in their homes. One Baptist woman who lives near the University of Maryland invites overseas students to her home twice a month for Saturday night dinner. After dinner and a period of fellowship, an invited guest leads a discussion. As many as fifty students have attended at one time. How does she accommodate them? Recently she built a large room on the rear of her home for the purpose of entertaining international students! Why did she go to so much expense? Perhaps she remembers how much it meant for her to be in a Christian home, for she herself is Chinese and was once a student far away from home.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

A few years ago a Baptist woman met a French student who was completing his final year of study at a university in her community. Both were at a tea given by a

woman's club. After listening to his accounts of sight-seeing trips to Miami and New York, she asked him what differences he saw in American home life and that in his country. Imagine her embarrassment when he replied that he could not answer her questions because, said he, "I have never been in an American home."

This is shocking, but it happens every year that overseas students return to their native lands without ever having looked inside a Christian home in this country. Many of them long for the opportunity to be invited through the doors of our homes instead of looking through the windows. For some this is their first time to be in a country where there are Christian homes. What better way is there to show forth Christ than in warm, friendly, thoughtful Christian fellowship?

One of the greatest ventures in world understanding can take place right in your own home! "There was a time when I could not understand why the Americans did not act like other human beings. Husbands washed dishes, which to my conventional idea was the natural duty of womanhood." This Japanese student admitted that he could appreciate these aspects of American home life after seeing the spirit of co-operation in several homes.

Some students come from cultures not influenced by Christian teachings and are impressed by the place women have in our society. Of course, they may also be shocked by the informality between parents and children and the lack of regimentation in family life. But the significant thing about the contact is that understanding results and a family broadens its appreciation for those of other cultures.

Holiday seasons are lonely times when away from family and loved ones. Weekends are sometimes long, especially when the campus is deserted. Whether you live in the country, small village or city, these students would delight in a visit with your family. Many of them come from a rural economy. Your son or daughter in college or college students in your church may

know international students who would like to be invited. (Contacts may be made through the Baptist Student director on a nearby campus or your state Baptist Student Union secretary at Baptist state offices.)

Will you invite one or more international students to spend the holidays in your home. And if you want to know what not to do, what to do and how to do it, may we suggest that you merely use your imagination and decide how you would like to be treated in a similar situation. However, there are some rules of "international etiquette" which may be helpful as you anticipate and plan such an experience.

Hints for Hostesses:

1. Personalize your invitation either in person, by a phone call, or a brief note. Make it warm and sincere. You may want to invite more than one international guest so that both feel more at ease. Or you may want to have in other friends—people with similar interests or professional fields—while your guest is with you.
2. Before your guest arrives, learn to pronounce his name correctly and know something about his country. Make an effort to talk intelligently about problems his people face. Avoid any boasting about the USA which would reflect on your guest's underdeveloped country.
3. Do all you can to make your guest feel at home as quickly as possible, but do not be over solicitous of his welfare; just treat him as you would any other guest. Do not be alarmed if there are moments of silence.
4. Be unpretentious in your entertaining. Never apologize for the modesty of your home or make a "fuss" over your guest with elaborate entertaining. He wants you to be natural.
5. Provide the climate of acceptance which will nurture confidence. Let him become a part of your family life, not feel a specimen from another world "on exhibit." International students like to talk about their families and their home countries. Be an interested listener to ideas or questions he has.

6. Be considerate of his eating habits and do not urge him to eat if he refuses. Some of these students have deep religious convictions about eating certain foods. Moslems and Jews do not eat any form of pork, including ham. Hindus and Buddhists do not eat beef. Some Hindus are vegetarians. Rice, fish, fowl and fruit are usually safe to serve. It never hurts to ask. They will disregard our ignorance if we are eager to learn what their customs are.

7. Let your guest help—if he offers to. Some would like to and this is a good way of breaking barriers. However, in some countries it is quite beneath the dignity of the man to do household chores.

8. Take the time and trouble to show them the things you take for granted. Find out what your guest would like to do. Perhaps he would like to see places of interest, play with children, or just browse around through your bookshelves.

9. Invite him to go to church with you, and if he accepts offer to answer any questions he may have about the service. If he is not a believer but claims another religion, listen to what he believes. We must earn the right to speak by first listening!

10. Should you have opportunity to present the student a copy of the Bible, be tactful and discreet in offering it to him. (Copies may be secured in either English or his own language from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York at a nominal price.)

11. In short, try looking at this experience through your guest's eyes and try to feel as he must feel. Cultivate an understanding heart. Put yourself in his place. It is a real Christian virtue to be sensitive to the feelings of others.

12. Follow up the invitation soon. Let your guest know that he is welcome to come again. Convince him that he has real friends here in this country and that you are not merely being "nice." Keep in touch with him through cards and letters after he leaves.

Perhaps the most you can give any international student in the beginning is your-

self—your family, your home. Here is the natural climate to share what you are, what you believe, and how you feel about life. As you do this you will seek the same in return. Learn from him what he believes. If this kind of relationship is realized you may reach the point where spiritual values are shared.

Whether he is a Christian or not, by all means let your guest know your own relationship with Christ and what his teaching means to you. You can do this naturally in conversation. He must see the difference between being a person and being a Christian before he can believe in the God you trust or, if a Christian, grow in his understanding.

Such a direct approach as asking "Are you a Christian?" "Are you a church member?" or saying "let me tell you about the Bible," might seem rude to him until you have known him for several months and have established the right relationship. The most convincing proof of Christian love and compassion is your eagerness and sincerity in loving him, respecting him and his problems. Opportunities for sharing the Christian message may come.

Be constantly in prayer and let the Holy Spirit direct you in ways to communicate the gospel by sharing experiences. This can be done right in your own home!

A Buddhist young man found Christ as Saviour while he was in school in Nashville,

Tennessee. Friends on the campus had done things with him, had talked to him about Christ, and had showed interest in him and his thoughts. There was a student who invited him to his farm home during the Christmas holidays. This student's mother talked about her relationship to Christ and read God's Word as naturally as she swept the floor or cooked the meals. It was this home about which another student had said, "I hope someday J can have such a home, full of Christianity, like sunshine."

Close with prayer for all our contacts with international students. Should some of us invite these students into our homes this holiday? It may not be too late to do it yet. Pray for these young people and particularly for those in homes this Christmas that many may be influenced for Christ. Sometimes seasonal interest and activity we engage in merely makes us "feel good." Students far away from home have the same needs every month of the year. "Off-season" interest and love is much more convincing. Contacts need to be renewed again and again. Will you pray about all these searching thoughts? (Allow a minute or two for silent prayer.)

Order from Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee one copy of the pamphlet "Faces Have Names."

In Mission Study (*Hands Across the Sea*, Goerner 85c from Baptist Book Stores)

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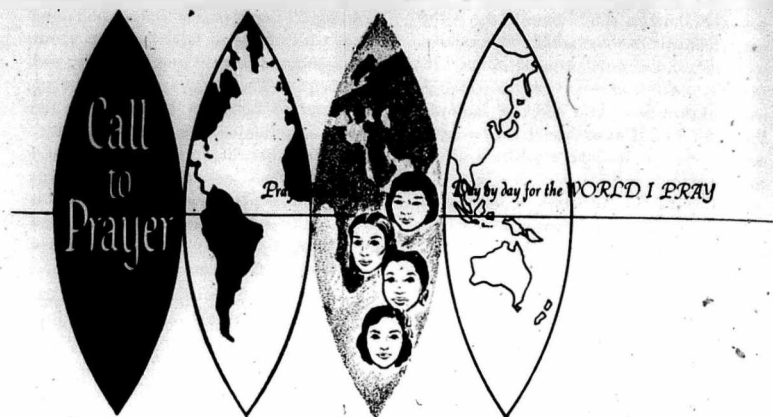
In the little town of Centocelle, Italy, the George B. Taylor Orphanage not only serves as a home for children, but it also houses the Baptist church in that community.

Approximately 100 young people live in the dormitories. The dormitories and chapel are the center of these young people's lives, and it is in these buildings that they worship, study, enjoy the recreation room, and are treated in the infirmary.

The Baptist church which meets in this building has weekly meetings of the Royal Ambassador chapter, Girls'

Auxiliary, and other church organizations in addition to the regular Sunday and Wednesday services. The other children of the neighborhood are told by some that the Baptists are "sons of the devil," but the children who live in the home have discovered that they are angels of love and mercy.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore are leaders in the life of the orphanage and the chapel. Mrs. Moore directs many of the activities of the orphanage, and Dr. Moore pastors the church and is very active in other affairs of the Italian Baptist mission.



Prepared by MISS HANNAH REYNOLDS

1 FRIDAY And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region Acts 13:49. (Read vv. 46-52.)

As we close this Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions our desire is strengthened that this Scripture verse may in truth be fulfilled in every "region" of our world where Southern Baptist missionaries witness. And so this week we have prayed and brought our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If you are within the age range for missionary appointment, could it be that God wants your family serving Him on a mission field? Does God want your son or daughter as His missionary? What about your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—was it given with thoughtfulness and prayer? Will you pray today about these questions?

PRAY for Mrs. C. R. Owens,* Tanganyika, RN; Mrs. E. D. Farthing, Tokyo, Japan, M. E. Pitts, Lima, Peru, Mrs. C. E. Harvey,* Brazil, ev.; Mrs. A. A. Moore, Flagstaff, Ariz., Mrs. Ted Trent, Shiprock, N. Mex., L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Ariz., Ind. ev.

2 SATURDAY Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus 2 Tim. 2:1. (Read vv. 1-5.)

"It has always been a very humbling experience that my birthday often falls during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions," writes Roy B. Wyatt, Jr. He continues, "We are living under very uncertain conditions in Spain today. There is a growing spirit of anti-Americanism and the missionary is not as welcome as he once was. We do not have government permission to operate and any day our seminary could be closed. Please pray that God will work in his mighty grace to keep it open. Pray for our eight students. Pray that 1962 may be a great year of personal evangelism among Spanish Baptists."

PRAY for R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Barcelona, Spain, Mrs. W. L. DuVal, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Bar-

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tolome Burquet, Las Villas, Cuba, Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Jr., Parana, Argentina, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, ev.



3 SUNDAY Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father John 14:12. (Read vv. 10-17.)

"As the Christmas season approaches and 'Peace on Earth' is heard, our prayer is for peace in our country of Nyasaland in Central

Africa. Above all there is need for the people of this country to make peace with God. With the strife and confusion that the past few years have brought, they have become distrustful and uncertain which way to go. They have been poor so long that they want wealth above all things. Pray that we may preach the gospel with love and truth" LeRoy Albright.

PRAY for LeRoy Albright, Lilongwe, Nyasaland, R. L. Harris, Lima, Peru, ev.; Harmon Popham, Whiterocks, Utah, Ind. ev.; G. T. Turner,* Argentina, lan: st.

4 MONDAY Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them Heb. 7:25. (Read vv. 22-28.)

"Missionaries in the Malaya-Singapore Mission have a wonderful opportunity among people of many nations, yet it is forbidden by law to give the gospel to the original people of this nation, the Malays. Only by the lives of the missionaries and other Christians may they be shown the beauty of Christianity. Pray that



Miss Hannah Elizabeth Reynolds was born in Anniston, Alabama. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of eight and united with the Parker Memorial Baptist Church of that city when she was nine. She was interested in the work of her church. She was

associational young people's leader for the Calhoun County Associational Woman's Missionary Union when she felt the call to full-time Christian service. She entered the WMU Training School, now Carver School on Missions and Social Work, at Louisville, Kentucky, and in 1921 became young people's secretary for Woman's Missionary Union in her native state. For six years she held the office and gave it up to return to the WMU Training School as a member of the faculty. In September 1929 she accepted the office of young people's secretary for Louisiana's Woman's Missionary Union, and was made executive secretary-treasurer for that state after a few months.

At the end of twenty-five years of WMU service as executive secretary, she retired from the Louisiana work and came to Greenville, S. C., where she now makes her home with her sister, Mrs. W. Lindsay Smith. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Greenville. She teaches a women's Sunday school class, and is presently prayer chairman of her missionary society.

barriers may be broken down and that the Malay people, all of whom are Muslims, may find Jesus as Saviour. Pray also that more young people may feel called to serve on this field.—Lydia Greene, retired missionary.

PRAY for Lydia E. Greene, China-Hawaii-Singapore, retired; Mrs. A. K. Bonham, Hoopa, Calif., Ind. ev.; Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Kediri, Indonesia, W. E. Grubbs,* Philippines, ev.; Mrs. W. D. Bender, Abeokuta, Nigeria, W. E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, ed.

5 TUESDAY 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.)

"Baptists of Hong Kong feel they have a ministry to the Chinese of Southeast Asia, and voted in 1960 to send a missionary couple to Chinese of Vietnam. Money was given at the Christmas season last year for this purpose and a young couple was selected to go. For several months visas were not granted and the door was closed to them. Pray that doors of witnessing will be opened for them. Pray also for our Chinese Baptists as they give again at Christmas for this missionary enterprise"—Miss Kathryn White.

PRAY for Kathryn White, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Oklahoma City, Okla., Ind. ev.; Cirilo Aleman, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. M. J. Bradshaw,* Japan, A. C. Scanlon, Guatemala, Mrs. E. E. Hasty, Torreon, Mexico, ev.; H. L. Willis, Bangkok, Thailand, MD

6 WEDNESDAY Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to-day, and for ever Heb. 13:8. (Read vv. 5-8.)

"Ralph's work at Nagalo was terminated last fall as he began a new mission in an area which has no Christian church. This city is located between the mountains and the sea, with a population of 330,000, and only three Baptist churches. We were made happy last Christmas Day when our first convert was baptized. We met in a public meeting hall. Pray that this may be a brightly shining light-house for Him"—Mrs. Ralph Calcote.

PRAY for Mrs. R. V. Calcote, Yahata, Japan, Carol L. Humphries, ev., Mrs. F. E. Runyan, ed., Kaduna, Nigeria; Mrs. R. F. Ricketson,* Philippines, ed.; F. D. Stull, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

7 THURSDAY They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in Psa. 107:4. (Read vv. 1-9.)

Wherever you go in the great southwestern

part of our country you see the Indian. He is colorful, romantic, and interesting to tourists. Yet, how few recognize that these wards of our government are spiritually the responsibility of Christians of America. Mr. Tony Jolola from Isleta, New Mexico, a Navajo Indian, and a second generation Baptist, received college and seminary training in Louisiana. He married a young woman from that state and they are now home missionaries to his people in New Mexico. Mrs. Jolola's radiant disposition and many talents are an asset to the Lord's work.

PRAY for Mrs. Tony Jolola, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Ind. ev.; Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif., Russian ev.; Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, W. P. Clemmons, Perugia, Italy, ev.; W. W. Donehao, Cali, Colombia, lan. st.

8 FRIDAY Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God Phil. 4:6. (Read vv. 4-9.)

Please remember the people for whom Mrs. Jerry Hobbs in Thailand feels personal concern. Pray that their interest may lead to full understanding and salvation. She writes, "There is our gardener, our wash-girl and cook. There is a nurse who was once an English student of mine. There are the young boys and girls who come Sunday morning to study English and hear the gospel message. And there are the government workers who find it so hard to take a stand for Christ, for when they do they are considered traitors."

PRAY for Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Nakorn, Nagoya, Thailand, Mrs. C. W. Whitten, Madrid, Spain, Mrs. M. F. Gilham, Nagoya, Japan, ev.; R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. O. W. Brady, Nassau, Bahamas, ed.; Mrs. Juan Acosta, Las Tablas, Panama, Sp. ev.; Susana V. Rivera, San Blas, Panama, Ind. ev.

9 SATURDAY Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Matt. 28:19. (Read vv. 16-20.)

According to figures of the Baptist World Alliance, there are 23 million Baptists in more than 100 countries linked together in fellowship, service, and co-operation. Twenty million of these are in North America, and 9 million are Southern Baptists. What a responsibility Baptists have toward the teeming host multitudes of the world! Pray that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may reach the Jubilee Goal of 13 per cent increase. Five of our missionaries for today are witnessing to Latin America.

PRAY for these: Mrs. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, J. O. Teel, Jr., San Juan, Argentina, J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, Mrs. J. E. Troop, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; R. C. Fricke, Florida, Carlos Carreon, Los Angeles, Calif., Sp. ev.; R. W. Terry, Accra, Ghana, ev.; Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China, Mrs. Rex Ray, China-Korea, retired



10 SUNDAY Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures James 1:18 (Read vv. 17-19.)

In 1962 the W. E. Allens will retire after many years of service in Brazil. For missionaries to retire is never easy. Remember them with special prayer. Mrs. Allen writes, "I'd like to ask that the distribution of Bibles here in Brazil be remembered in prayer. Pray for those who receive them. Many will read for the first time the Word of God. There is heart-hunger and seeking for what will satisfy, and many new converts will face persecution and outright rejection by relatives. Pray that with the Word to comfort and guide them, victory will come eventually."

PRAY for Mrs. W. E. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, J. A. Moore, Switzerland, T. W. Hill, San Jose, Costa Rica, ed.; Mrs. W. R. Hintze, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. J. W. Trimble,* Lebanon, Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Hubert Neely, Memphis, Tenn., Rescue Mission

11 MONDAY Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you John 15:16. (Read vv. 12-17.)

"She sang, 'Down at the cross where my Saviour died.' 'Do you believe that?' I asked. She nodded, but added, 'I am a follower of Islam and cannot be a Christian!'"

"This Indian girl is just one of many opportunities to be found in the town where I live.

Islam is not the major faith; Buddhism is Thailand's national religion. In South Thailand, however, there are many nationalities—Thai, Indian, Malay. A vast majority have never heard of Christ. Only four Southern Baptist missionaries are located in the South. Would you pray for our witness here?"—Fanny Starns.

PRAY for Fannie Starns, Bangkok, Thailand, pub.; S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Ark., Negro ev.; S. B. Sears,* Indonesia, Mrs. A. L. Nations, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. J. P. Smyth, Jaguaguara, Brazil, ev.; W. H. Ichten, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, B. R. Lawton, Rivoli, Italy, Mrs. M. T. Bond,* Hong Kong, ed.; W. H. Parkman,* Philippines, BA; M. G. White, Brazil, retired

12 TUESDAY But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life John 4:14. (Read vv. 5-15.)

Vena Aguillard is on our prayer list today. Bright should be the stars in Miss Aguillard's crown, for since her own conversion from Catholicism as a young girl, she has not ceased to share with her own French people in Louisiana the Water of life. Because of her faithful witnessing and her ability to present her people's needs to others, she has been employed for some years as a field worker of the Home Mission Board.

PRAY for Miss Vena Aguillard, La., Field Worker; Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Bernalillo, N. Mex., Ind. ev.; J. L. Nollette, Richmond, Italian ev., Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, San Ysidro, Calif., Sp. ev.; L. G. Legg, Kontagora, Nigeria, Mrs. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, T. L. Watson, Montevideo, Uruguay, ev.; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Eku, Nigeria, RN

13 WEDNESDAY For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 1 Cor. 14:8. (Read vv. 8-12.)

When Billy Graham preached on Sunday afternoon of the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July, 1960, the audience numbered nearly 200,000. Approximately 20,000 stood to accept Christ. It is no wonder some of those needing guidance were overlooked by the consecrated counselors. One couple sitting alone with bowed heads, as the crowd surged from the stadium, were approached by a Baptist layman from one of the Rio churches. Surely God led him to offer assistance, for after explaining the way of salvation, he prayed with them and guided them to a clear decision for Christ as Saviour. He

suggested they join a Baptist church near their home and find fellowship and a place of service there. Pray for all the new converts who found Christ at that meeting, and for Latin American Baptists.

PRAY for R. E. Pettigrew, retired, Anna M. Wolterman,* ev., Brazil; Mrs. J. B. Brasington,* Peru, Mrs. G. W. Pinkston,* Indonesia, W. S. Wester, Blantyre, Nyasaland, H. W. Barker, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Bonnie M. Moore, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed.

14 THURSDAY And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Hab. 2:2. (Read vv. 2-4.)

From the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, where literature is published for all Spanish-speaking fields, there comes this prayer request from Mrs. Frank W. Patterson: "Please ask the women to pray for WMU materials which are now being published for the first time in the Baptist Spanish Publishing House here. Pray for the editors and writers of these materials and for the WMU work in Spanish-speaking countries where these materials will be used."

PRAY for Mrs. Deusdedit Escobar, Panama City, Panama, Ind. ev.; Randall Thetford, Winslow, Ariz., Mrs. Daniel Sotelo, Los Angeles, Calif., Sp. ev.; A. J. Roddy, Bocas del Toro, Canal Zone, E. M. Howell, Yaba, Nigeria, Mrs. G. S. Lozuk, Maracaibo, Venezuela, ev.; G. A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain, ed.; Mrs. W. J. Gray, Jr., San José, Costa Rica, lan. st.

15 FRIDAY In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Psa. 71:1. (Read vv. 1-5.)

Herbert Caudill, superintendent of Home Mission work in Cuba, reports a 250 mile trip with a student-pastor during fighting on the island. He says: "We took with us a box of the Gospel of Mark to give out. We had not gone far when we were stopped by militia. They asked us to open the trunk of the car. We complied and gave each of the men a gospel. We were stopped more than 30 times and in each group there were from three to six men. Invariably they accepted the gospels. Several times we were asked for additional gospels for others nearby."

Dr. Caudill adds: "For about a week we could get no word out from Cuba, and no word came in. However, there was no shortening of the waves of prayer."

PRAY for C. E. Perez, Raul Gonzalez, Havana, Cuba, A. W. Coleman,* Liberia, G. D. Phillips, Shabani, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Lydia E. Whetzel, Louisville, Ky., GWC; D. L. Mitchell,

Djakarta, Indonesia, BA; L. R. Smith, Kowloon, Hong Kong, MD

16 SATURDAY Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. Psalm 139:23. (Read vv. 17-24.)

The Scripture verse given above is a favorite of Mrs. A. R. Haylock. She also sends the following prayer request from the language school in Costa Rica, where she and her husband were studying the language to prepare for their work in Honduras.

"Our Bible Institute in the capital city of Honduras presents a great need for prayer. Another need is for dedicated young men of this area to enter the ministry."

PRAY for Mrs. A. R. Haylock, San José, Costa Rica, lan. st.; A. G. Hamrick, Gallup, N. Mex., Ind. ev.; Mrs. G. W. Carroll, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Sr., Brazil, retired



17 SUNDAY Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand. 1 Cor. 15:1. (Read vv. 1-10.)

On a prominent street just outside the gate of Clark Field, US air base in the Philippines, stands the new building of the English-language Clark Field Baptist Church, dedicated February 26, 1961. The main speaker was Rev Billy B. Tisdale, Southern Baptist missionary working with the church at the time of its organization on December 13, 1959.

Choirs from the church, from the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, and the Manila Chinese Baptist Church provided special music, and Missionaries W. Bryant Hicks, Miles L. Seaborn, Jr., and J. Allen Smith, Clark Field pastor, brought evangelistic messages.

PRAY for W. B. Hicks, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. Randall Thetford, Winslow, Ariz., Mrs. Joshua Grijatva, Denver, Colo., Sp. ev.; Mrs. H. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

18 MONDAY Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. Heb. 13:13. (Read vv. 12-18.)

Two years ago the WMU of Nigeria sent to our Foreign Mission Board the amount of \$654.46 for the Baptist Hospital in Hong Kong. The money was from their special Christmas offering called the "Birthday Gift for Jesus Fund," and it is used each year for a particular project outside Nigeria and expresses their sincere concern for the extension of God's kingdom. Let us pray for the "Birthday Gift for Jesus Fund" today as we remember two missionaries in Nigeria.

PRAY for Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mazimo Vazquez, Havana, Cuba, E. B. Kimler, Jr., Caracas, Venezuela, ev.; Ottie L. West, St. Augustine, Fla., Negro ev.; Catherine F. Chappell, Rio de Janeiro, soc., Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, retired, Brazil; T. K. Edwards, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, MD

19 TUESDAY So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17. (Read vv. 12-18.)

On our birthday list today is one missionary serving in Argentina. As we pray for him let us remember also the Baptists of that country, who through their national convention are undertaking a major share in the responsibility for evangelizing their fellow countrymen and in the conduct of the work. Pray that through their faithfulness and ours the truth may prevail in Argentina. Pray that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may reach the goal of \$9,390,000.

PRAY for C. W. Shirley, Rosario, Argentina, Mrs. B. C. Porter, Campinas, Mrs. B. E. Cader,* Brazil, R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, Mrs. J. H. Rose, Alaska, H. L. Adams,* Nigeria, ev.

20 WEDNESDAY For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18. (Read vv. 17-21.)

The Japanese Baptist Mission is centrally located, with people coming from Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San José, Calif. We have had visitors from Capertino, Campbell, and Saratoga. Thirty-five are enrolled in Sunday School, and ten have membership in Baptist Temple. The Mission is now using the Intermediate Department of our sponsoring church for its services. My prayer requests are for the Mission's pressing need for more space, property, and buildings, and that my husband may enter Golden Gate Theological Seminary—Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto.

PRAY for Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., Japanese ev.; S. P. Howard, Jr., Shimo-

noseki, Japan, Mrs. G. A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain, Clarence Thurman, Jr., Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, ev.; Donald Phlegar, Calexico, Calif., Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Hatch, N. Mex., Mrs. Alexander Pasetti, Tampa, Fla., Sp. ev.; L. G. Breeden, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD; L. L. Johnson, Brazil, retired; Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, ed.

21 THURSDAY When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isa. 43:2. (Read vv. 1-7.)

Special prayer needs expressed by Missionary C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., are for: A deep moving of the Holy Spirit in Revival in Guatemala;

Indian Bible Institute which we founded this year;

Youth of Guatemala to answer God's call for full time service;

A doctor with his family to seek appointment to Guatemala;

Three more couples to be appointed as missionaries to Guatemala in 1962-1963.

PRAY for C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., Quezaltenango, Guatemala, Anna L. Cowan, Ajloun, Jordan, ed.; Mrs. J. L. Gebhart, Grand Junction, Colo., J. J. Horton, Santa Paula, Calif., Sp. ev.; Frances Horton, Tokyo, Japan, J. W. Trimble,* Lebanon, Mrs. T. E. Bryant, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. Raymond Jee, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home; Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Chile, RN; R. M. Parham, Jr., Jos, Nigeria, ag.

22 FRIDAY In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6. (Read vv. 1-7.)

"The members of our staff need your prayer that our Christian living may be consistent and that we may be able to help our girls to understand that Christ is the answer to their every problem. Pray also that in Christian homes family altars may be established and young men and women taught how to put on the whole armour of God and be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"—Mrs. Mallie Sweetnam, Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, New Orleans.

PRAY for Mrs. Mallie Sweetnam, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home; Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., Mary Virginia Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon, pub.; Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, W. A. Poe, Monrovia, Liberia, B. H. Wetmaker, Cali, Colombia, R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed.; J. L. Riffey,*

Brazil, H. W. Schweinsberg, Bogota, Colombia, ev.; Gladys McLanahan, Texas, retired

23 SATURDAY For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord Rom. 8:38-39. (Read vv. 35-39.)

"Please pray for more God-called young men to enter the Seminary for training to become pastors and leaders in God's kingdom work here. There is an urgent need for more national preachers. At present there is only one who is ordained to the ministry. Others of our Seminary graduates will be ready for ordination soon. Our prayer is for many more to be called"—Mrs. J. Glenn Morris.

PRAY for Mrs. J. G. Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, J. D. Fite, Romelio Gonzalez, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. M. L. Garrett, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, ev.



24 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. 7-10.)

"We are happy the Littletons returned from furlough. They will soon finish their Twi language classes, and we will all be glad to have them back at work. Remember to pray for our work here in Ghana. We desperately need a nurse for Nalerigu hospital. We are doing only a little work among our young people and we need a youth worker if we are to grow."—Miss Marjorie Jones, Ghana.

PRAY for Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.; Ruth Leung-Tak Wong Lowe, Los Angeles, Calif., Chinese ev.; H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ed.

25 MONDAY And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel Matt. 2:6. (Read vv. 1-6.)

This is Christmas day. Our prayer ascends to God in praise for the coming of Jesus to save the world. Our hearts overflow in gratitude and intercession for the missionaries who proclaim the glad tidings of peace and good will to all nations. Perhaps the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering awaits an additional gift from you to make it a worthy Christmas present for our Lord. Pray for new joy and courage for each missionary who was born on the birthday of the King of kings.

PRAY for Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Okla., retired; Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, ed., Mrs. J. N. Young,* ev., Brazil; D. B. Ray,* Korea, Mrs. R. R. Stewart, Chacheungsao, Thailand, T. W. McMillan, Mombasa, Kenya, ev.; W. J. Blair, El Paso, Texas, pub.

26 TUESDAY A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit Matt. 7:18. (Read vv. 15-20.)

We rejoice that in recent years of restlessness and rebellion in Africa, the fields of Southern Baptist endeavor on the "Dark Continent" have been expanded.

This word comes from the Foreign Mission Board concerning Liberia:

"The people of Southern Baptists' newest foreign mission field continue to express their appreciation for the coming of missionaries. One of the Baptist churches of Monrovia, Liberia, gave a reception to honor missionaries Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Poe, and presented to Mrs. Poe a locket in the shape of a heart, and to Mr. Poe a lapel pin in the shape of the open Bible. They explained the chain on the locket as the link between Southern Baptists and Liberian Baptists, and the heart as their love."

PRAY for Mrs. C. A. Tope, Mombasa, Kenya, Mrs. J. C. Abell, Jr., Eku, Nigeria, Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, ev.; N. H. Brown, Fresno, Calif., Sp. ev.; Valda Long, Shaki, Antonina Canzoneri, Eku, Nigeria, RN; J. B. Gaultney,* Nigeria, med.; J. D. Carter,* Brazil, ag.; Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Sr., Brazil, retired

27 WEDNESDAY The battle is the Lord's I Sam. 17:47. (Read vv. 44-47.)

"This land is called 'the Holy Land' but it is not. The majority of the people have no conception of Jesus Christ the Messiah and Saviour. Many are nominal Christians. The Moslems accept Jesus as only a prophet. The Jews are still looking for their Messiah. Will you pray that Jesus may become more than just a name to these people?"—Herman Petty.

PRAY for H. L. Petty, Nazareth, Israel, F. E. Runyan, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed.; D. C. Askew, Tokyo, Japan, M. M. Alexander, Jr., Parana,

Argentina, G. C. Tennison, Oeiras, Portugal, Mrs. R. H. Wolf, Iguala, Mexico, ev.; Ruth L. Ford,* Indonesia, RN; V. T. Yearwood, Panama, retired

28 THURSDAY Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it 1 Thess. 5:24. (Read vv. 14-25.)

"Since the opening of the Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay, the medical ministry has been saturated with prayer. The first two patients were critically ill and as the doctor entered the operating room he said, 'Pray as you never prayed before. Only the power of God can save this patient.' Our prayer was answered and has continued to be heard during these past eight years, as 20,000 people have received medical attention and have heard the gospel. Yet follow-up witnessing has been neglected, lacking personnel. Now, the department of evangelism is to be added to the hospital ministry, and my husband will be chaplain. Please pray that this hospital may be enabled to meet the spiritual needs of patients"—Mrs. Sidney Goldfinch.

PRAY for Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Sr.,* Paraguay, A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Vella Jane Burch, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, ed. (lib.); Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield,* Nigeria, J. D. Hollis, Jardine Lookout, Hong Kong, Mrs. K. R. Thompson,* Korea, ev.; J. B. Silva, Cuba, retired

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

"Soon after we moved to Tucuman, the boys were playing in the front yard while I was unpacking. Suddenly I heard 'Dame uno' (give me one) and I peeked through the window to see six-year-old Dan handing out his treasured Sunday school leaflets to the neighborhood children gathered around. They wanted to color the pictures on the back, but we prayed that they might also read the Scripture references and the story. Please pray that our entire family will witness effectively and that we may lead our church members to greater witness in the community"—Mrs. Davis H. Thompson, Argentina

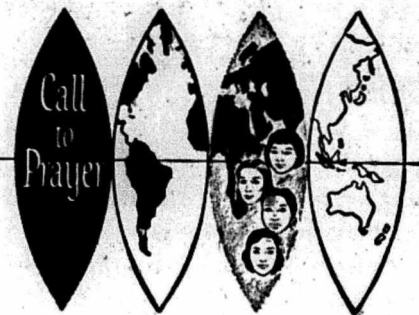
PRAY for Mr. D. H. Thompson, Tucuman, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. E. H. Walker,* Philippines, Marian Phillips, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed.

30 SATURDAY I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me Phil. 4:13. (Read vv. 9-13.)

Nurse Eva Sanders has been deeply inter-

ested in the Baptist Welfare Center at Ire, Nigeria, West Africa, since its beginning some 15 years ago. This center has had tremendous growth. Miss Sanders writes, "We cannot cope with the magnitude of the work and do it well with such a small staff. We have some wonderful workers but they are getting older and the younger generation seems more interested in other things. The scarcity of nurses for mission work and the magnitude of the need for trained midwives is appalling. Please pray that God will stir the hearts of consecrated, well trained nurses, both American and African, to specialize in midwifery."

PRAY for Eva M. Sanders, Ire, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. Ruth Tulley, La., Rescue Home; Mrs. H. D. Shield, Covelo, Calif., George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., Ind. ev.; Mrs. J. A. Solano, Panama City, Panama, Sp. ev.; Mary Sue Meuth, Djakarta, Indonesia, BA; J. T. Poe, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. J. H. Ware, China-Hawaii, retired



31 SUNDAY Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven Matt. 6:10. (Read vv. 9-13.)

The last day of the year is a good day for checking up on Christian progress and for rededication of time, talent, service, and money to Christ. What have you accomplished for the extension of His kingdom in 1961? Have other interests crowded out important Christian witnessing? Have you put aside time to pray faithfully every day for the missionaries listed in "Call to Prayer"? Because of such daily intercession do you feel a more personal concern for their work? Pray for greater dedication of all WMU members in 1962.

PRAY for E. F. Vickers, Panama, Sp. ev.; W. B. McNeely, Volta Redonda, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. I. P. Singleton, Jr., Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.; B. T. Griffin,* Nigeria, BA

Ind. Indian
ev. evangelism
RN nurse
ed. educational evangelism
lan. st. language study
MD doctor
Sp. Spanish
* on furlough

pub. publication
BA business administration
GWC Good Will Center
soc. social work
ag. agriculture
med. medical evangelism
lib. library

Journey to ISRAEL



ISRAEL has to be seen to be believed.

Thirteen years ago, May 14, 1948, a 2,000-year-old dream came true when David Ben-Gurion, now prime minister, read Israel's Proclamation of Independence in a Tel Aviv museum. From 85 countries the Jews have come, most of them in the last thirteen years, swelling Israel's population from 650,000 to more than two million. The land the early settlers came to before and after World War I was rocky, barren, and inhospitable after centuries of war and neglect. The one fertile area lay along the Mediterranean coast and near the Sea of Galilee. More than half the country was desert. The Negev, southern section, lay lifeless under the blazing sun, not a sprig of grass or a tree to break the ancient landscape.

Today all this has changed. The sands of the desert have been replaced by green fields of cotton, acres of wheat and pasture land. Pipelines carry water from the Yarkon River in the center of the country to the Negev in the south. Once brown hills are now green with orchards and vineyards. In the spring the great Esdraelon Valley is a mosaic of cultivated acres in shades of green, gold, maroon, and softest beige.

Millions of trees, shrubs, and plants cover mountain sides to hold back the soil and break the high winds. Fifteen thousand acres of fertile land have been reclaimed from the malarial Huleh swamp dating back to Biblical times.

Cities ancient and modern cover history from the time of King David's Holy City to young and constantly growing Tel Aviv, full of noise, automobiles, and plate-glass window shops. Beersheba, once a dusty caravan stop on the edge of the Negev, is now a bustling industrial town boasting a new chemical plant and research institute. Beautiful Haifa climbs in serried terraces from the shore of the sea to the summit of Carmel. Smoke from ships in the bay mingles with puffs from chimneys of factories where machines, tools, and food-stuffs are manufactured.

The Arab-Israeli cruce divided Jerusalem, Israel's capital, into two sections. This state of political affairs cut off the Hebrew University and the hospital, both on Mount Scopus, from the Israelis. So they built another university on the hills of Judea outside Jerusalem. The magnificent new home of the Hadassah Medical Center overlooks the Judean valley and is

At the invitation of the Israeli government Mrs. McMurry spent two weeks in that country last summer.

Mrs. William McMurry

near the birthplace of John the Baptist. The Center was opened in June of this year.

The Technion (Israel's Institute of Technology) in Haifa prepares engineers and technologists, and the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot is engaged in pure research. These institutions have produced brilliant scientists though small in number in comparison with larger countries. They are constantly pointing the way to new discoveries such as how to turn the salt sea into fresh irrigation water and trap the strong rays of the desert sun into steam.

More arresting than what the eye can see is what the senses feel. The spirit of Israel is not easily translated into words, for the vitality and resiliency of the people cannot be told in terms of textile plants, laboratories, and bustling cities. It is in the kibbutzim, the country's communal farms, that one begins to understand the enormous will to live of these people and their desire to go back to the soil for cleansing and liberation from their European backgrounds. At the beginning of the return to Palestine, small groups of European Jews who managed to make the pilgrimage settled on the land with the



Army girls at Gaza Strip border; UN post at border, and doors of wood from concentration camps

idea of becoming independent farmers. Out of the harsh conditions of life, they soon saw that no man alone could tame the barren, rocky, resisting land, but together they could and did. To work with one's hands became a sort of religious experience—out of love for the land of promise and not for duty.

On the Gaza Strip border, almost in sight of the blue flag that flies over the UN post, is the young frontier kibbutz called Nahal Oz. Only seven years old, its eighty members, both single and married, work several hundred acres of land on which grow wheat, cotton, tobacco, and sugar beets. Part of the acreage is used for grazing a fine herd of cattle. Living here last June were several girls in the agricultural division of the army which combines agricultural training with military service. The insignia of this branch is the sword and the sickle. In response to the statement, "You fight with the sickle as well as with the sword," the 20-year-old corporal smilingly replied, "No, we don't fight with these; we live by them." With that she detached the insignia and handed it to the guest. In her straightforward statement, this bronzed, quiet-talking young woman reflected the spirit of past and present pioneers who have wrested farmland from swamp and desert while keeping a sharp lookout against the enemy across the border. Suddenly one was gripped by the feeling that these young people had seen and suffered and laughed off much.

A visit to Degania, near Tiberias, the first kibbutz to be established (1910), is to see what three generations of kibbutz families can make of a Jordan marsh. It is a beautiful spot of groves, gardens, and fields; trim homes where hospitable families indulge visitors with prying eyes as they look at heat but unpretentious interiors. Here is housed one of the finest collections of books on agriculture in the world, a memorial to A. D. Gordon, one of the founders. At dusk the evening was soft and delicately scented. Flowers were everywhere—yellow and gold, crimson and pink.

Peace enveloped the village like an enchantment. Near the entrance stands a Syrian tank, mute reminder that the families at Degania have not always known *shalom* (peace).

By and large, Israel has to be experienced to be appreciated. Millions of words have been written about the Eichmann trial. Every correspondent "worth the carbon in his typewriter" has attempted to describe the insignificant-looking man in the bullet-proof glass cage. Many have written incisively and eloquently of the reason for his being brought to judgment. But a visit to Yad Vashem, memorial to the six million Jews who were victims of Nazi brutality, has to be experienced for the trial to take on proper dimensions before the world. Six million people perished in ghettos, in the underground, in extermination camps. They have no tombstones to mark their graves, no graves at all or their graves are unknown. Yad Vashem is gathering the memories of the sons and daughters of the Jewish people who suffered martyrdom, fought and rebelled against the Nazi and his collaborators "not only in order to perpetuate their names in the homeland but also in order to collect and publish all evidence on the great Disaster and so render a moral lesson to the nation." This memorial and the trial of Eichmann are Israel's historical reckoning.

Sitting in the courtroom, watching and listening to the proceedings, one becomes personally involved. There sits Eichmann, symbol of the world's unreasoning anti-Semitism. As the defense seeks to prove that the man being tried was only a cog in the great machine of death, a deep sorrow and a strange conviction fill the heart. This crime which defaced the very image of God in man was not committed by a Hindu or Buddhist nation. It was committed by an enlightened Christian nation and shared in by every other so-called Christian nation of the Western world. The unsuccessful efforts of Christian nations for the past 2,000 years to destroy the Jew and the recent trial in Jerusalem

JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

are reminders of the prophetic promise, "I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live" (Ezekiel 16:6).

But there is something else to be experienced in the state of Israel. Centuries old hostility between Jew and Christian is breaking down. The Israeli is ready and willing to talk to the Christian. His mind is open. Puzzled, yes, but he is seeking the truth.

The sensitive Christian is also re-examining his concepts and attitudes. Whatever

is the meaning of "the mystery of Israel," to some Christians the rebirth of Israel as a state has pressed him to look again at Christianity in relationship to Jewish faith and hope. How else can Christianity bear witness except in the context of Judaism for "Christianity continues, completes, and glorifies what Judaism began."

Here is the answer to the perplexed, searching Zionist idealist who cried, "O that we could only know of a truth who this Jesus is and what is his true relation to us wanderers."

PRESIDENT: You, of course, will be working with your Prayer Committee, but especially will you want to consult with your pastor, and together plan with the Sunday school, Brotherhood, and Training Union leadership about enlisting the entire church membership in participation during this week and in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Articles from December Royal Service and The Commission will provide informational and inspirational material for those who wish to use it in other organizations of the church. Provide these in sufficient quantity for Sunday school and Training Union departments to use on Sunday following the Week of Prayer which is Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday school.

Stand-up Prayer Reminder and Folder: Available for every church family are these two helps. The folder of suggestions is provided for the family to use as they pray together for missions during this week. Be sure every family has these and is told how to use them in advance of the week.

Eye-level Announcement and the Large Poster: Use them to make your church aware of this week so that personal and church calendars may be cleared. These should be posted before the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Filmstrip: If you will use the filmstrip on

Wednesday, order it early. (See "Alternate Suggestion," page 50.)

Interest Center: The small poster may be mounted on cardboard after you cut from it the words "To All People," which you will mount separately. Other objects are a large globe or a group of dolls. These may be dressed by Girls' Auxiliary members working on Forward Steps; a pulpit Bible, offering plate, and cloth for table. One interest center may be used by all Woman's Missionary Union organizations if you plan well for the room to be used each day during the week. The diagram, page 39, suggests how you may arrange the center.

Envelopes and Program Folders: Be sure these are in hand early enough for your needs and in sufficient quantity. The envelopes are free from state WMU offices. The program folders, at 2c each, are available from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Woman's Missionary Union with a day Society and a night Society will plan with both groups about time when members can gather for daily observance; also when there are morning, afternoon, and night circles. (In one church the night society members gather at 8:30 a.m. for 45 minutes of prayer, then have breakfast together before going to work.)

WEEK of PRAYER for Foreign Missions

NOVEMBER 27—DECEMBER 1, 1961

Theme for Week:

**"GOOD TIDINGS . . .
TO ALL PEOPLE"**

Luke 2:10



PRAYER CHAIRMAN: Read the paragraphs, page 37, addressed to the President and consult with her about implementing plans in ample time for maximum effectiveness.

Get together with chairmen of stewardship and enlistment committees, and any other committee chairmen you may need. Pray together regarding this week that it may be a time of spiritual renewal and joyousness in giving for foreign missions by members of Woman's Missionary Union and your church.

To Keep Your Church Aware: In the church entrance or in the auditorium or in some other prominent place have a large arrangement of Christmas holly or other greenery (be sure these are kept fresh). Place among the greenery red or white, silver or gold electric candles, each representing a certain amount of the offering goal for your church. On a glittering banner indicate your goal. As each amount is reached, light another candle and attach the amount given on a small ribbon. A spotlight will add beauty.

Challenge Women to Faithfulness: The Week of Prayer is not for just a few women Missionaries, nationals, the Foreign Mission Board tell of wondrous ways God blesses his work as we pray together faithfully. How can more of

your church members be enlisted to pray? All families can pray together each day, using the Stand-up Prayer Reminder and folder. Then for your Woman's Missionary Society have prayer partners; two women will come together each day, or remind each other by telephone or card that they will meet at the place where the Week of Prayer is being observed.

To Remind You:

Plan to meet the goal which your church has adopted. It should be 14 per cent more than you gave last year—this is our Jubilee advance goal. Pray about it and the Southern Baptist \$9,390,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In the light of tremendous need this is a challenging undertaking. Women and others in your church need to give thought and prayer to the amount of their gifts. Magnify the bringing of gifts each day. Plan so that some will bring an offering every day.

Those who participate each day:

1. Need to come a little early, be seated calmly before the first woman arrives.
2. Recall these are days for Christian growth, meditation and prayer.
3. Begin and close on time. This is vitally important, therefore they need to be well prepared.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal
\$9,390,000**

Writer for the Week:

Mrs. Andrew Coltharp

Suggested Daily Procedure

Meditation Music
Leader for the Day
Hymn
Call to Prayer
Poem
Scripture Passages
Hymn
Missionary Experiences
Period of Directed Prayer
Appeal for Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Ingathering of Offering
Closing Meditation

4. Speak (do not read) in a conversational tone, quietly yet in a voice which will reach all present.

Every year we recall that this is a Week of Prayer, not a week of programs. Use material in *Royal Service* to bless the heart and spirit so that concern, love, and gifts will result. You do not need to "cover the material," so much as stimulate to prayer and dedication.

Each day at Call to Prayer time, you will use the brief story on the prayer calendar for that day and present names of missionaries who are listed on the days you are meeting.

There may be value in your varying the opening each day. Meditation music can be a quiet duet, a worshipful record, or quiet piano music. After the first song, Call to Prayer, the poem, Scripture reading and second song may be done as a unit with two or more women participating.

You will wish to maintain a spirit of reverence, therefore avoid unnecessary moving about by those participating. Everyone in your Society is no doubt acquainted, therefore each day can proceed without introductions or announcements. Help women to be prayerful as they speak. Tell each woman the number of minutes she is to use. Allow time for prayer and meditation.



MONDAY, November 27, 1961

Topic:

Tidings

REAT JOY"

"TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY"

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full

John 15:10, 11.

Meditation Music: "Silent Night"

Leader for the Day: This is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. As we meet each day we will be thinking about "Good Tidings . . . to All People" which holy angels brought from God to man when his Son was born on earth.

The theme for Monday is "Tidings of Great Joy," for Tuesday "Tidings of Peace," Wednesday "Tidings to All People," Thursday "Tidings of Redemption," Friday "They that Publish the Tidings."

If we are to be blessed this week, we must determine to put aside other plans, to block off this time each day to come with others in our church to pray, to dedicate ourselves anew, to give our money. Thus we shall be instruments which God can use for his glory to spread tidings of great joy. This is our theme for today—"Tidings of Great Joy."

Slag: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," verses 1 and 2

Call to Prayer for our missionaries for today (see page 23, November Royal Service.)

Poem:

"Tidings of great joy," the angels said—
And shepherds, fearful, yet with joy
Hastened to His manger bed
And saw God's light about Him shed.
The joy that filled the shepherd-hearts
O'erflowed. And in glad haste they went

To tell the news of the advent
Of Christ the Saviour, heaven-sent.

Scripture Passages: (Copy selected passages so they can be read from one page with references omitted) Luke 2:8-11; Acts 13:32-33a; 1 Peter 1:8; John 15:11; Psalm 16:11.

Slag: "Joy to the World"

INTRODUCTION: Southern Baptists came to Central Africa in 1950. At the tenth anniversary of the Baptist work in Southern Rhodesia, there were 19 organized churches, 84 preaching points, 2,214 members, and 24 national pastors. A well-equipped hospital was dedicated at Sanyati Reserve in 1953, and the theological seminary, near Gwelo, opened in 1955.

The work in Southern Rhodesia includes several major cities and some reserves. From the beginning of Baptist work in Southern Rhodesia, missionaries have felt the need for penetrating the cities for Christ. The young people are coming to the towns and cities in multitudes.

Baptist work in the cities began with churches and primary schools working together to influence the communities for Christ. But the government is gradually seeking to take over all primary education in the cities; thus Baptist schools are being converted into youth buildings with library and recreational facilities. This change is releasing money and personnel for

direct evangelism. This also has brought into focus the need for missionaries called and trained in student work and in religious education.

The church programs include activities for every day of the week. GA and RA groups are growing and youth choirs are developing. In some centers, the Baptist churches offer sewing and cooking classes for women and reading classes for all adults. Time lays heavy on the hands of the city Africans, and response of both children and adults to these activities has been very encouraging.

Southern Rhodesia is still a new Baptist mission field, and it has never yet been adequately staffed with either missionaries or African leaders. As in any new area, it is constantly growing out to reach more people and putting down foundations with training centers.

"TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY" (Story related by Dr. Wana Ann Fort, missionary in Southern Rhodesia, Africa.)

Dr. Wana Ann Fort is a missionary and so is her husband, Dr. Giles Fort. Both are doctors in our Baptist Hospital on the Sanyati (son-YA-tee) Reserve in Southern Rhodesia, Africa. Mrs. Fort bears a radiant witness for Christ, not only as a doctor, but in WMU work as well. She says, "Those who are called of God and yield themselves to His will know deep peace and abiding joy, surpassing all other human experience. It is this sense of joy which urges Christians to share His love with others."

Mrs. Fort begins her story: Let me tell you of two African Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Gwindi. They were married in 1951 and first came to this Reserve in 1954—he as a teacher and she a nursing orderly. They are an attractive, cultured couple with three daughters and a son. Both are the product of Christian missions and Christian homes.

Upon hearing of the great need for teachers and nurses at the Sanyati Mission Station they agreed to move there. Their description reveals the problems of living at a primitive station. Mrs. Gwindi said, "When we got to Sanyati, we were disappointed by several things, for the Mission was only a few years old. We lived in a pole and mud hut which had been used as a clinic. We were not able to get the food we needed because of distance and poor transportation. As time went on we got used to the place and stayed until the end of the year."

After one year Mr. and Mrs. Gwindi went back to Gatooma and there through the influence of a missionary who needed an interpreter, Mr. Gwindi understood the way of salvation

for the first time and made a profession of faith in Christ.

One day the missionary told about Zaccheus meeting Jesus and going out to tell others in his village. Then it was that Mr. Gwindi decided he too must witness for Christ among his people. "I decided to become a lay preacher," he said. "To this day I love to go and tell the people and the children about God's plan for saving man from his sins."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gwindi had grown up in another church and after Mr. Gwindi became a Baptist there was a struggle in Mrs. Gwindi's heart over the decision to leave her church and become a Baptist also. She says, "Inside I was impressed by the missionaries who worked with my husband. They taught me more of God's love through their deeds and their lives. I thank them for inspiring my husband to tell others about Christ. One day when an African pastor preached about how the Holy Spirit works in a person who is saved, I felt myself guilty and accepted Christ as my Saviour that day."

After the joyful experience of becoming Baptists, the Gwindis felt that both of them could serve the Lord at Sanyati. Early in 1958 they moved back to the Mission Station. By now there was a comfortable house for them and living conditions were much improved.

Mr. Gwindi served at several preaching points in the Reserve, teaching Sunday school, and preaching. At Mapani, he taught the Adult class, then preached at an early hour each Sunday morning. His genuine love for people and his approach to them was demonstrated one Sunday in the home of a woman whose young baby had died. It is the custom for men to go to one house to mourn, the women to stay at the mother's house with the body of the child. No man goes to the actual burial service of a baby. First Mr. Gwindi spoke of Christ to all the women. He brought comfort about the future life of the baby, and urged the women to accept Christ that they might go to heaven too. Then he went down to the swamp area where the men were digging the grave. Soon more than forty of them had gathered for another evangelistic service. Is it any wonder that he writes, "On Sunday I love going out to villages to tell people about Christ."

Yes, the Isaiah Gwindis were settled, happy, secure. Mrs. Gwindi worked at the Baptist Hospital where she had many opportunities to witness. Mr. Gwindi was headmaster of the day school and both were active members of the Baptist church. Their oldest daughter was doing well in school. Living conditions were comparatively comfortable. Transportation to town was better, and a small store at the station

provided a number of staple groceries. The station personnel had grown and the Gwindis had a number of friends of their own educational level and Christian faith. Life was good for them and they were happy.

But Baptist work was growing. For many years the burden of the hearts of the Sanyati missionaries had been the hundreds of Africans just across the river in the Gokwe Reserve. Many, many of these people traveled great distances to come to the Baptist Hospital where they heard the gospel for the first time. Over and over they said, "We hear about Jesus while we are at the hospital, but we go home and there is no one to tell us more. We have no preacher, no church. There is no school and none of us can read God's Word. When will you come and teach us? Our families and our friends do not know about Jesus and we know so little to tell them. When will you come?" Work was begun in one part of Gokwe and God had sent an African Baptist pastor and his wife to work at this station.

There was another area to the north of this station and nearer to Sanyati where preaching services had been held by missionaries from Sanyati. Now a school and clinic were needed. It was much too distant from the other Gokwe station for the people to go for services or medical help. Who was to teach in the school? Who was to work in the clinic? Our prayer was for choice Christian leaders. It would be tragic to begin work like this with people who were not burdened for the lost, who would not bear a Christian witness, even as they taught in the school or ministered to sick people who came. Our thoughts kept turning to the Gwindis and to their qualifications for the work across the river. We knew God must lead them if it was His will.

Mr. Gwindi writes, "At the end of 1960 the Mission asked us to consider this work in Gokwe. We would begin the school and the clinic. At first we did not know whether we should accept it or not. The first difficulty we faced was that of our first daughter. The school I would begin would have only the first year class and she would be in the third year. That meant we could not take her with us. We found it difficult to be separated from our daughter who is only eight years old. We knew the river would isolate us from all our friends because there is no bridge. The small mission barge had overturned once or twice and we knew it would be difficult to get our household furnishings moved across the river. Also we would be isolated from town and could not get the foods we were used to eating—bread, meats, fruits.

"This was really a trying time to our faith.

We began to pray and the missionaries prayed with us. We knew the people across the river were illiterate, and they needed to be taught to read the Bible; they were superstitious and they needed to know modern ways of fighting diseases and fear. We knew that they did not know Christ. Finally we decided it was God's will for us to go—and we would go!"

It was with great difficulty that the Gwindis got their furniture and goods across the flooded river the first week in January of this year, and Mrs. Gwindi says, "While I was in the boat I imagined all sorts of things to happen: a crocodile jumping over us from the deep pool we were crossing, the barge turning over and dumping us in the water with the crocodiles, all of our things slowly sinking into the water."

And now Mr. Gwindi adds, "The first day we got to Gokwe we saw a very small village of three houses in a tall thick bush country. One was the house we were to live in and the other two were the school and clinic buildings. When the school opened, the pupils who came were half-naked. The pupils helped in clearing the bush about our village. The people are all so illiterate that all they learn about Jesus is what they hear and see. A school in an area like this is very helpful."

Many people are coming to the clinic now. Many are hearing the Word of God. Already there are good prospects that one day some will accept Christ.

And the joy—yes, the joy is there. The little daughter left at Sanyati is adjusting well and is active in Girls' Auxiliary. Their hearts are lonely without her, but her mother took four GAs to the Associational GA meeting and saw her daughter get her green badge in the Coronation service.

Yes, the Gwindis are away from electricity and from supplies and from friends. But Mr. Gwindi testifies: "I know I am where I cannot get most of the things I need when I need them. This does not pain me much because I know I am serving the Lord. God has taught me not to count the cost, but to know that I am doing His will."

And listen to this Christian mother, "We are quite comfortable in a new beautiful house. Life is smooth and enjoyable. We like to work at this place and be friendly to these people. They show much interest. I am sure the Lord is blessing us in this new place. We have been here only a few months but there is progress. I strongly request many prayers from friends that I might be able to help and lead these people to know Jesus."

Our hearts rejoice in the peace and joy the Gwindis have found in God's service. When we ponder on how much they love the Lord and

the Lord's will, our hearts are challenged to love Him more and serve Him more effectively.

Period of Directed Prayer (One Woman):

In this stirring story of an African couple we have shared their joy in surrendered lives and answered prayer.

The missionaries prayed for the right couple to begin the new work, and God led them to one He had prepared.

The Gwindis prayed for guidance in making the right decision, and God let them know His will.

They prayed for His keeping power in the new work amid the many difficulties, and He made known His grace to them.

Has he not promised in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things." Let us sit quietly for a few minutes to think upon the things we have heard and pray silently concerning them (pause for prayer).

Now will you continue to pray for these specific requests?

First, for ourselves. We sometimes fail to find joy and peace in Christian service in the rush and bustle of living among comforts and conveniences (pause for prayer).

Now, pray for this courageous African couple and for their children that their joy might continue to overflow and bear fruit (pause for prayer).

Let us pray that their devotion may challenge us at this Christmas season to put Christ in the center of our Christmas celebration and in the center of our lives (pause for prayer).

Let us turn our thoughts now to the many, many people in every area of the world who know nothing of the angel's announcement: "I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . to all people." Will you earnestly pray that you may know a compelling sense of urgency to give your money, to spend time in prayer, and to share love and understanding with all people (pause for prayer).

Now pray for newly appointed missionaries and some who have worked many years whose responsibility it is now to begin work in new areas. These "modern pioneers" have great need for prayer; new languages must be learned, new habits of life accepted (pause for prayer).

Appeal for the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

As we bring our gifts today let us remember with gratitude the many needs which have been met by this offering in other years. Around the world today missionaries point out

a building, a home, supplies, a hospital, a clinic, a publishing house, a school which have been provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Mrs. Fort says that in the hospital and school in Sanyati they know firsthand how much of the mission work depends upon it. Again this year their current expenses and the operating expenses of the station are included in the offering allocations. Let us rejoice today that we will help the Gwindis with the school and medical work in Gokwe as we give and pray. They have been willing to give their lives. Let us give willingly our gifts. (Designated members pass the offering plates.)

Gathering of Offering as pianist plays "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Closing Meditation Soloist and Reader. (If possible use the same women each day):

Reader: Isaiah 52:7, "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!"

George Eliott said, "The joyousness of a spirit is the index of its power." Is my spirit radiant because of my joyous response in service to Christ? Does his joy give me victory over irritations, perplexities, disappointments, sorrows so that my life is a living witness to Him?

Will you be praying during these days that the Holy Spirit will cleanse your life of self-centeredness?

Am I seeking opportunities for vital Christian witnessing where I am? Am I letting God use me as a channel to reach my children, my grandchildren, the young people of my church with His purposes for their lives? Am I helping them to give themselves as God leads?

Will you be prayerful that your witness may bear fruit at home, in our church and community? Are you burdened for the lost of the world today? Will you continue to pray today, tomorrow, throughout the days with a growing awareness of the world's needs and a sense of partnership in the missionary task? Will you bring missions into the center of your daily prayer time with your family?

Christmas is the time of giving. The angel brought the glad tidings of the gift of God's love. Will you bring the gift of your life and your interests to lay on the altar at this Christmas, the year of our Lord, 1961?

Will you pray now silently a prayer of personal dedication (pause for prayer).

Soloist: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," verses 2 and 3

(Pianist continues to play softly as all leave the room quietly.)

TUESDAY, November 28, 1961

Topic:

Tidings

ACE"

"TIDINGS OF PEACE"

For unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

Meditation Music: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Leader for the Day: It was in Bethlehem that angels proclaimed long ago to all people the Tidings of Peace announcing the birth of God's Son.

In that same country three decades later a benediction of peace was heard. "Blessed are the peacemakers"—Jesus spoke the words when he had come full grown to manhood. He stood atop the mountain, godly in his deep compassion for the multitude looking up at him standing in silhouette against the sky.

Jesus, with whom the Holy Spirit dwelt, Jesus to whom the Father had spoken so that man could hear the wonderful word—"Beloved."

The angel voices filling the starry night—they knew him, beloved of the Father, they knew him to be the only way of peace for mankind. Our topic for today is Tidings of Peace which we must preach to all men.

Sing: "O Zion Haste"

Call to Prayer for our missionaries for today (see page 23, November Royal Service.)

"Behold—

Look with keen and penetrating sight—
At hating, fighting, frightened men.
Thousands and thousands, yea

More than two billion—
Still are "bound in
The darksome prison house of sin."
Two billion lost . . . two billion
Men, and women, and girls, and boys—
Blue eyed or brown, or green,
Blackened skinned or yellow or white—
Lost forever and ever and ever and ever,
Lost without God, undone in his sight.
To them must our sons and daughters
With great and urgent haste bring healing
Tidings of Jesus! Tidings of Peace!
For men and women and boys and girls
cannot wait—
For life so soon will cease!

Scripture Reading: (Copy selected passages so they can be read from one page with references omitted) Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:13-14; Ephesians 2:14-15; Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:7; John 14:27.

Sing: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

INTRODUCTION: Our story today is from Spain, probably the most solidly Catholic country in the world, with its 30 million people. In Spain the salaries of Catholic priests are paid by the government; difficulties and persecution are not infrequent for Baptists in Spain. Religious liberty in its fullest sense is unknown, and only a reluctant toleration of a minority group is protected.

Our work began in Spain in 1921. Today there are twelve missionaries (6 couples) working in co-operation with the 45 churches which have 3,296 members. Ten of these churches are self-supporting and there are 35 national pastors. Baptist work centers in Barcelona, Madrid, and Valencia. The seminary for Baptist workers is located in Barcelona, and publication work is done in the capital city of Madrid.

The national Women's Missionary Union in Spain has undertaken a home for the aged, graded study courses, regular weeks of prayer for home and foreign missions. WMU youth organizations are found in almost every church.

"TIDINGS OF PEACE" (Story related by Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary in Madrid, Spain.)

Egenio Lopez (Ah-HANE nee a Low pez) and his wife, Juana (wana), like to tell of their conversion because it is clear evidence of the power of the Saviour to bring peace to hearts and homes.

Egenio and Juana are in their middle thirties, and the story of their conversion is typical of many people in Spain. Both were Roman Catholics in name but in reality they never went to church.

Egenio's story begins in the city of Madrid (ma DRID). He never knew his father and at the age of five he and his twin brother were put in a Catholic boarding school. For ten years he was kept there. In such an institution it was not possible to give much individual attention to the children, and Egenio longed for family life. He later said, "Nobody ever taught me how to give and receive love. That I learned when I became a Christian."

At the age of 15 Egenio was taken to Barcelona at the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. His stepfather had to flee to France because he was on the "wrong" side politically, and Egenio's mother was left with four children to support in a time of great economic crisis. At first they heard from his stepfather in France and later in Belgium, but soon lost all contact with him.

Egenio went to work with an uncle as an apprentice bricklayer. The work was hard and the pay poor. In part Egenio blamed his mother for all that had happened to him and felt that he had inherited weakness of character from his father. Sometimes in the solitude of a starry night, Egenio went into the little back patio of their Madrid home and thought to himself, "There must be something in the world better than I know."

As a child Egenio had suffered an eye disease which left him almost blind in one eye and caused both eyes to be crossed. The girls he met laughed at him for being cross-eyed,

and that left him with bitterness in his heart for he dreamed of love and a home where he could experience family life, which he had never known.

When the time came for military service, Egenio had the choice of being exempt because of his eyes or of having a series of operations while in the service. He chose the latter, and the straightening of his eyes gave him confidence.

Egenio's meeting with Juana reads like a story book. One day he was in Retiro (re TEER o) Park in Madrid, and there he saw a young woman with a child in her arms, and a little girl was holding onto her coat. It was hard to think of something appropriate to say to her, so Egenio finally said, "The little girl is very pretty!"

Juana had come from Albacete (al bah THA tay) to Madrid to do domestic work. That particular day she was taking for a walk in the park the two children of the family for whom she worked.

Egenio and Juana began to go places together, and in 1952 they were married. Though Juana was not particularly religious, she made a vow to the "Virgin Mary" when she was expecting her first child. She promised that if the Virgin Mary would give her a little girl that every four years she would make the sacrifice of wearing a shapeless black habit for a year's time.

In 1955 in his work Egenio had contact with a Baptist. This man talked with him about Christ and the message of the Bible. Egenio's first expression upon seeing the Bible was, "If I read that big book, I'd go crazy."

In November, 1955 Egenio went for the First time to the First Baptist Church of Madrid and was profoundly impressed. Soon his heart was touched and the peace of salvation and the assurance of it came into his life. Juana liked what she saw at church but was hesitant about making a profession of faith. She was afraid that if she broke her vow to the virgin that she might lose her little girl!

The following year Juana accepted Christ and was freed from these fears. It was then that their home was really changed.

Since then the greatest desire of Egenio and Juana has been to serve the Lord. They have had problems of all kinds in their Christian experience, but have found God's grace sufficient.

They say, "We have been through tight times economically but we can say that we have not lacked bread."

This faithful Christian couple tell of an experience that took place very recently. Egenio had the opportunity to change jobs and receive

1,200 pesetas as separation pay. Expenses had been especially heavy and there was some question in their minds whether they would be able to tithe this extra money as well as their very modest salary. With determination and faith in God, they divided the tithe of 1,200 pesetas (\$20.00), putting it in two offering envelopes. This they brought to the church knowing that they had only about 25 pesetas (less than 50c) left at home for their expenses for the entire week.

Egenio says with great fervor, "I wish I were a man of pretty words to be able to tell how much the Lord Jesus has done for me. To have peace in my heart and my home is the greatest of all gifts."

PEACE OUT OF HEARTACHE (Story told by Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary for Nigeria, West Africa.)

Miss Yancey was born in Camp Hill, Alabama. This year she succeeded Miss Neale Young as WMU executive secretary for Nigeria. For many years before Miss Young's retirement, Miss Yancey served as youth secretary.

Miss Yancey tells this story. A prominent Muslim leader in Nigeria, whom we shall refer to as Alhaji Shittu (al HA zhe SHE too), made several visits to Mecca. On every pilgrimage he stayed in the home of Asiawu (ah-se AH woo) who was twelve years old. Asiawu's father was very fond of Alhaji Shittu, and on his third visit to Mecca gave Asiawu to Alhaji Shittu as a "sara" (gift).

As a young girl of twelve Asiawu had no idea what was entailed in leaving her home country and going to Nigeria. She was excited about taking a plane trip. The Alhaji was very attentive to her and on the entire journey she was thrilled with the newness of travel by plane.

Upon arriving at the Yoruba town to which she was taken, she was surprised to find herself the third wife of the Alhaji. She was given her own room, parlor, and small courtyard surrounded by high walls, but she was never allowed to enter the family courtyard.

The other wives were very jealous of Asiawu because she was always the favorite of her husband. She was considered holy since she was born and grew up in the Muslim holy city of Mecca. Frequently the wives plotted against her. She had no friends and of course she was miserable. Although she lived there from 1953 to 1958, no one knew her because she was not allowed to leave her private quarters. When her life became unbearable because of persecution from the other wives, the Alhaji got rid

of these wives and took three new ones. Again these wives plotted against Asiawu. The Alhaji let these wives go and new ones took their places. There was no change in the mistreatment of Asiawu.

In 1958 Asiawu became very ill. Incantations from Muslim and pagan priests could not cure her. Finally in desperation Alhaji Shittu brought her to a Christian hospital. Surgery was needed to remove the tremendous tumor in her stomach. After the operation she needed blood, but no Muslim would agree to give blood for a transfusion. Asiawu's life hung in the balance. Without blood she would die. Christians hearing of her need gave the necessary blood. Before this time Asiawu had no use for Christians. She had no desire to hear the Christian message. But seeing the willingness of Christians to give blood to a stranger and to a Muslim caused her to question the motives of these Christians. When she was told they were prompted by love for Christ, she started listening to the gospel while she remained in the hospital. After many months she gave her heart and life to Jesus Christ.

As soon as the spirit of Christ entered her heart she started giving her testimony of salvation to all those who would hear. Word of her confession of Christ reached the Alhaji and his Muslim friends. Accusations of all kinds were leveled against Asiawu. Still, she clung to her faith in Christ. She tried to return to her old home but life was even more miserable for her now. She left and secured a job in a Christian institution.

During 1960 Asiawu was baptized. She wishes to be free of her Muslim husband. The Alhaji has tried in every way to force her to return to his harem but she has consistently refused.

Asiawu wrote to her husband, "You remember when I was a young woman you brought me from Mecca to your country of Nigeria away from my father, mother, and friends. You remember you kept me in a secluded place as one of your wives. I had indeed a very lonely life."

"After many years when I thought I was going to have a baby, it was a great disappointment when I discovered it was not a baby but a disease. I was brought to the Baptist Hospital where I received an operation for a tumor. What a terrible time because I knew not that I could live through it.

"As I look back it is unbelievable how I endured it all, and I am grateful to God to still be alive. Oh, I was never happy with the old life at your house among your other wives. I detest it and cannot again return to it.

"I write this therefore to tell you no more to seek me, to write me, or try to induce me

to come back to you. God forbid that I should throw away my present happiness for a life of bondage. I shall never revert to the wretched life I endured under your roof. Good-bye!"

Asiawu is growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. She is grateful for the peace which Christ has brought to her heart and she is eager to tell others of salvation through the blood of Christ.

Period of Directed Prayer:

In the historic old city of Seville (sa VEE ya), Spain, the small Baptist Church building was closed and sealed by the Spanish government on November 10, 1958. The Pastor, Senor Jose Luis (ho-za Loo EES) Barba, went to the police department to investigate, and he was told that the order had come from Madrid. No reason was given for the closing.

This church remained closed for over two years while the congregation met in private homes and borrowed church buildings. The work in that city was at a great disadvantage

and could scarcely be expected to grow under such difficult circumstances.

Yet Christian people around the world prayed and joined their petitions with the little group of believers in Seville. God heard, and on January 4, 1961, with official permission, the doors of the Seville Baptist Church were opened again for services. As a member of the church expressed it, "God sometimes answers our prayer in installments. The permission we have now is only for private worship. We still cannot open our building to the general public. Perhaps we are not ready to receive the full answer to our prayer yet."

We claim God's promise in Phillipians 4:6-7, "The Lord is near; have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God which is beyond our utmost understanding will keep guard over your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus" (New English Bible).

Period of Directed Prayer: (Ask three women

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMEN

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The new chapel building of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, was dedicated on March 18, 1959, in a service attended by 200 people from 20 nations. Guest of honor and one of the principal speakers was Mrs. George R. Martin, of Norfolk, Virginia, who served as president of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, from 1945 to 1956. Funds for the chapel, erected in memory of the service of Mrs. Martin, were provided by Woman's Missionary Union through the Lotie Moon Christmas Offering.

The chapel is built of concrete and stone in semimodernistic design. The

walls, in the form of an octagon, are surmounted by a sloping slate roof which symbolizes a tent or tabernacle. The pews, seating 223 persons, are arranged in a semicircle around the pulpit, allowing the members of the congregation to face each other as well as the speaker, thus reminding themselves that they are a part of a Christian fellowship gathered about the Word of God as the source of its life. The chapel is the meeting place of the Ruschlikon Baptist Church as well as for the seminary chapel.

The Ruschlikon Baptist Church, serving the local community, was organized January 11, with 53 charter members.



in advance to lead in prayer, giving each a written assignment for prayer.)

First Woman: Pray for these Christians in the Seville church that soon they may be entirely free to invite others to their church. Pray for Christian people in this land of tension that their lives may reveal to those about them the beauty and peace which only God can give.

Second Woman: Pray for lost multitudes in lands of great unrest. Pray that they may accept invitations to hear the gospel; pray that they may know the Prince of peace.

Third Woman: Pray for missionaries who serve in the areas where war could so easily come at any time; pray for great calmness of soul for them as they rest in the assurance of God's love; pray that the strain and stress of each day may be lost in quiet peace which God has promised to those who leave all to follow Him.

Period of Silent Prayer:

Let us all pray silently regarding the things we have heard and felt today (pause).

"O God of love, whose Spirit wakes

In every human breast,

Whom love and love alone can know,

In whom all hearts find rest,

Help us to spread Thy gracious reign

'Til greed and hate shall cease

And kindness dwell in human hearts

And all the earth find peace!

—Henry H. Tuodey

Missionary Hymnal, Friendship Press, 1932

Appeal for the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

There is no greater need on any mission field than for the adequate preparation of pastors and national workers. In Spain the 45 churches that make up the Spanish Baptist Union and the mission points look to the Barcelona Seminary to supply them with trained pastors and pastors' wives. An average of eight young men graduate from the Barcelona Seminary every three years and go out to pastorates in different parts of the country.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocation this year reads: "Barcelona Seminary, \$10,000." This amount of money is rather impersonal, but it represents Rev. Jose Nunez pastor in Madrid; it is Rev. Adolfo de Silva in his church in Turis in the Valencia Province. It is Rev. David Muniese beginning a mission work on the Island of Las Palmas in the Canary Islands. It speaks of Rev. Domingo Mallo as pastor in the textile center of Spain. This item comes alive in dedicated lives; \$10,000 represents the amount of money necessary to operate the Seminary in Barcelona for one year. It

will come from our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. It is an investment in the future as pastors and other workers are trained to win Spain for Christ.

In the offering allocations in every area there are items included for schools. There are schools for training national leaders and schools for children and young people. Peace can come as they learn the Truth and our offering today can help them to this knowledge. There are many allocations to hospitals and medical work which make it thrilling to have a part in this offering. We bring our gifts with gratitude for the Peace we have in our hearts and with a prayer that the Tidings of Peace may reach many who have not heard of the Prince of Peace, the gift of God's love.

(Place gifts in the plate on the table at front of room.)

Closing Meditation:

Reader: "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! Isaiah 52:7.

Will you look within your heart today and ask God to take from your soul strain and stress and let your ordered life confess the beauty of His peace? Will you ask God for courage to strive to live in peace and good will with all people? When the circumstances of your day stir you up to resentment or worry or fear will you take time to pray for peace within your own self?

Will you pray at this Christmas season that the leaders of nations in our world may be led to deal wisely and justly and in mercy with the perplexing problems of our day; that the nations may live together in peace. Will you pray that Christians may listen anew to hear from the giver of true Peace, "Peace I give unto you"?

As the Christmas season draws near will you determine to be finished with necessary preparations in your home so that there will be time to gather your family and listen again to the angels' song of peace?

Will you help those whom you move among to have a better understanding of the meaning of Christmas because the Tidings of Peace fill your heart? "The good will that conditions peace must be positive and active. Men of good will must be the instruments and agents of Him who is available to bless all the families of the earth." Does the peace you have mean enough to you to compel you to share it?

Soloist: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Stanzas 1, 3, 4 (Quiet music continues as those present leave quietly.)

WEDNESDAY, November 29, 1961

Topic:

Tidings

TO ALL PEOPLE

"TIDINGS TO ALL PEOPLE"

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved John 3:17.

Meditation Music: Use Christmas songs from hymnal.

Sing: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Call to Prayer for our missionaries for today (see page 23, November Royal Service).

"Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men"—
Has been man's treasure centuries through—

Since Jesus, born of Mary mild
Grew to manhood. The Holy child
Became the sacrifice for sin—
Man's Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.
And he who knows by second birth
Jesus the Saviour in his heart
Will by love be constrained

To proclaim

Tidings to all people

In his name.

Scripture Reading: (Copy selected passages so they can be read from one page with references omitted) Luke 2:8-11; Isaiah 61:1; Isaiah 9:2; John 3:16-17; 1 John 2:2.

Sing: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Leader for the Day: We sing today the moving words of this hymn written by Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, two great Methodist evangelists whose preaching in another generation brought thousands to reconciliation with God. But the nations of earth are not heeding the words of this hymn. They are not joining the angelic choir to proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Most of mankind still has not

heard the good news and has not turned toward God in repentance and love.

The purpose of our foreign mission work is to advance as rapidly as possible in every place so that we shall tell every person that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, is truly the Saviour.

Today we will hear reports from the Foreign Mission Board covering progress and need in the 40 countries where Southern Baptists have 1,539 missionaries. First we will hear from our nearest neighbors in Latin America; then about Africa, Europe, and the Near East, and finally, the Orient. Later we will hear from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board about the challenges to foreign missions in the years ahead.

IN LATIN AMERICA

(Remove oval of construction paper from map.) Latin America divides itself conveniently into two sections: (1) Portuguese America (Brazil) (indicate on map), and (2) Spanish America, which includes all Latin and Central America except Brazil (point to these on map).

Dr. Frank Means is secretary for Latin America and he reports to us: Let us look at Portuguese America (Brazil) first. The Tenth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in the summer of 1960. This great spiritual experience will continue to bless and stimulate Baptist work in Latin America for years to come. Many Baptists of North America saw their mission work

for the first time as they traveled throughout Latin America. Missionaries and nationals presented achievements and needs and gained inspiration and encouragement from their visitors. Small, struggling groups realized that the Baptists together are a major force in the world. The congress made a tremendous spiritual impact with the size of its constituency, the fact that it met in Rio, and in the election of Dr. John Soren of Brazil as the new president. Dr. Soren is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro.

There are now 1,519 churches in Brazil. This sounds like a large number, and it is for a mission area. When one realizes, however, that Brazil is as large as the United States, he begins to see how much yet remains to be done.

Let me give you a few examples of the way God is blessing the work of fellow Christians in Latin America.

Let us look at the three fields of Spanish America. In the North field we find the Publishing House in El Paso on the border of Mexico and the USA. This publishing house

serves approximately 110,000 Spanish-speaking Baptists in 41 countries. It performs many of the services for which our churches at home look to the Sunday School Board. The International Woman's Missionary Union publication program has been transferred to this publishing house and is developing rapidly.

From some of the countries in Central America comes these reports. (These may be typed on cards and read by members of the audience.)

Mexican Baptists show significant gains in evangelism.

A missionary couple has recently moved to the second largest city in Guatemala where a half-million Indians live within a radius of sixty miles.

Baptists now have work in six of the eighteen districts in Honduras.

Missionaries destined for Spanish America spend about twelve months in Language School in San Jose, Costa Rica. A thriving missionary program is maintained in San Jose, and it is entirely possible that church membership in this small republic may increase by as much

as 50 per cent by the close of 1961.

The Central Field for Spanish America includes the area of the Caribbean. In early 1961 a survey was made in this area and the Foreign Mission Board approved the opening of work in the West Indies, British Guiana, Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, and French West Indies (point to these on map). The Board also offered help to the Jamaican Baptist Union. There are other indications of growth in Baptist work in Spanish America.

Unusual interest has been shown in Venezuela in the development of English speaking congregations. This has also been true in other countries of Latin America.

The Forward Program of Church Finance has been tried in Colombia on a nation-wide basis, and the income of the churches has increased from 30 to 50 per cent.

Several new missionaries have been appointed for Ecuador and it is hoped the work will expand beyond the two centers thus far developed. The staff in Peru is growing rapidly. This is more than justified by the large population and the remarkable opportunities which now exist in that country.

Turning to the South Field, we think first of Chile. Severe earthquakes in Southern Chile produced dire consequences for Baptist work. Sixty Baptist churches and two thirds of Chile's Baptists are located in the wide area shaken by earthquakes and inundated by tidal waves in recent years. Damage to Baptist work was estimated at more than \$125 thousand. Southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board provided money from relief and capital funds to help our Baptist brothers in that time of disaster. "Out of disaster," writes a missionary in Chile, "have come unprecedented opportunities for preaching. Nothing seems to awaken interest in spiritual value like a threat to material security. When the earth becomes rubber under your feet and the heavens rain debris, indifference gives way to reality, and people group for the assurance of the 'house not made with hands.'"

Argentine missionaries feel that great steps forward are being made in the work there. Heightened interest in stewardship responsibilities of the churches and a new sense of fellowship and well being is evident in the work of the churches and the convention. Argentine Baptists are developing their assembly grounds at Thea. This will be an invaluable addition to the work.

Our hospital in Paraguay continues to minister in an outstanding way in that needy country. The Nursing School building has recently been completed. Five Paraguayan missionaries are studying an Indian language so

that in this bilingual country their effectiveness may be increased.

Current progress in Latin America is reflected in increases in the number of churches, number of national pastors, in baptisms and in Sunday school and church membership.

Everywhere in Latin America there are evidences that God is answering the prayer of North and South American Christians. With increased dedication Latin Americans are expanding God's work. This means they need more of our support, not only in intercessory prayer on their behalf, but with more missionary and larger financial investment.

AFRICA, EUROPE, THE NEAR EAST

(Remove oval from this section.) Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, gives the following information to help us understand Baptist work in Africa, Europe, and the Near East (point to these). Dr. Goerner says our theme for this week, "Good Tidings to all People," is more of a challenge than a statement of fact, so far as Southern Baptist work in Africa, Europe, and the Near East are concerned. As can be seen from our missionary map, there are vast unoccupied areas. We are prayerfully concerned that other new fields may be entered within the next two or three years.

Two fields recently entered are Liberia and France. We begun work in Liberia in July 1960. One couple went immediately and since then three other couples have been added to the Liberia staff. An immediate need was for missionary residences, and much of the money for these was made available through the Lottie Moon-Christmas Offering.

A primary need for the Liberian Baptist convention is in strengthening a secondary school—Ricks Institute, near Monrovia, the capital of that country. Funds from the 1960 Lottie Moon offering are making possible a new classroom building, a new dormitory, adequate water supply and electrical equipment.

In April, 1960, we began to help develop English speaking churches in France to serve American military personnel stationed there. We now have work in Paris and Orleans and there are two missionary couples there. The English-speaking group has served as a stimulus and encouragement to French language services also. The American military personnel give generously to the support of the local work. Many are titheers. The Foreign Mission Board has come to the aid of these groups with buildings. The plan is that when military personnel is withdrawn, there may be strong French language churches to carry on a permanent witness.

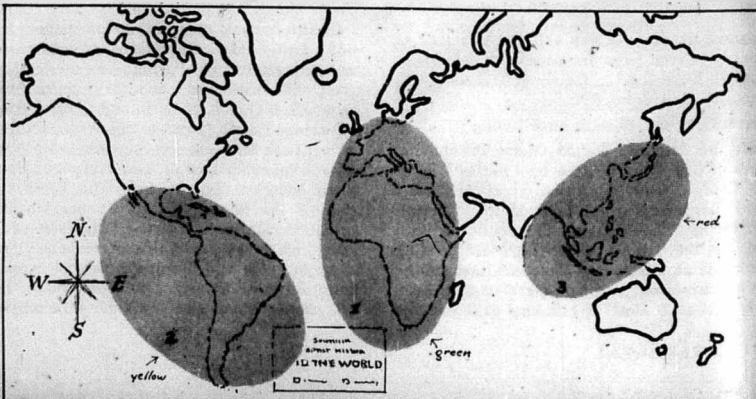
TO GET READY: Order world map, Southern Baptist Missions Around the World, from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia or use the one in your packet of mission study material on Europe.

Cut three ovals from green, yellow, red construction paper (see diagram) and place on map over the three areas of Foreign Mission Board work: (1) Africa, Europe and Near East (2) Latin America (3) the Orient. As speakers bring messages from area secretaries, each one removes the construction paper oval, revealing countries where we have Southern Baptist missionaries. (Countries colored pink indicate missionaries are no longer in residence because of Communist rule.) As Leader for the Day gives informa-

tion from Dr. Cauthen, she indicates vast areas (in tan) where there is no Southern Baptist work. Be sure that those using pointer can use it accurately and quickly.

ALTERNATE SUGGESTION FOR WEDNESDAY

Secure from Baptist Book Store filmstrip "Tidings to all People," \$3.50. Preview it before showing it. Perhaps you will wish to use Royal Service material down to "In Latin America," page 49 and conclude with "Period of Directed Prayer," page 54, using remainder of Wednesday material. However, after previewing filmstrip use most appropriate closing whether in your society or before the church assembled for prayer meeting.



Down in Africa it is hoped that Baptists may soon begin work in Uganda (point to it). A couple nearby in Kenya are working in a school in Uganda, and it is hoped that they may take up permanent residence there soon.

Construction was scheduled to begin during 1961 at Arusha, Tanganyika (point to it) on the new buildings for the seminary to serve the East Africa Mission. Neither East Africa nor Central Africa has a Baptist secondary school. In both areas there is urgent need for a Baptist school to provide pre-seminary training for young men and young women who will be future leaders in Baptist churches. In Mombasa, Kenya land has been promised by the government if Baptists will establish a secondary school open to people of all races. There are schools ministering to Asians, and schools for other special groups. There are inadequate facilities for Africans who desire secondary education, and Baptists are encouraged to offer a school appealing primarily to Africans, but open to those of other races as well. A considerable capital outlay would be necessary for establishing this secondary school.

The Central Africa Mission also feels the need of a secondary boarding school which can serve as a center for training promising young people. Definite plans for this school are not developed as yet, but if such a school can be provided it will bridge the gap between the elementary schools which are fairly adequate and the theological seminary. At present the seminary is our only institution for training leaders for Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland (point to these).

Nigeria (indicate) has several splendid secondary schools operated by the Nigerian Baptist Convention. Several of these have fairly adequate buildings but still lack a chapel. The mission strongly recommends funds to construct a Baptist chapel on each secondary school campus, so that the evangelistic opportunities furnished by these fine Baptist schools may be developed to the fullest possible extent.

A significant achievement in the fall of 1960 was the opening of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon (indicate). Seventeen students from three countries of the Middle East were enrolled for the first session. Classes were held in rented quarters pending the construction of a new building. Funds for constructing the first unit for the Seminary, including classrooms, library, dining hall and dormitory facilities for single men, have been provided from the 1959 and 1960 Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings. Other funds are needed now.

In Roman Catholic countries such as Spain and Portugal, a definite need exists for funds

for the purchase of strategic properties. Often a building becomes available, which could be used for religious and educational purposes by our Baptist people, if only funds were in hand to make the purchases quickly and quietly before local opposition is aroused. Opportunities to acquire property must be seized when they are available, otherwise they often are lost forever.

The construction of a new church building on a mission field is always a strain upon the resources of the membership. In the United States a congregation may borrow money for building. In most countries overseas no such facilities are available, and often the Baptist congregation is too weak to carry the burden of a loan. A relatively small amount of money made available to a group will often make possible adequate quarters when otherwise they might not have a building for many years. On every field in which Southern Baptists have work, larger amounts of money could be wisely invested in church buildings, and in almost every case buildings could be rapidly filled with eager disciples.

An inescapable responsibility of the Foreign Mission Board is to provide housing for its missionaries. In Africa, Europe and the Near East the total staff now stands at 454 missionaries. The goal for 1964 is 600 missionaries in this area, leaving 146 more to be added in the next three years. If these missionaries are appointed, about 75 new residences will have to be constructed, in order for them to have suitable places to live. A mission home varies in cost from about \$10,000 to more than \$15,000 in other countries. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an important source of funds for the construction of homes for our workers. There is no doubt that Southern Baptists will want to put a roof over the head and tools in the hands of every missionary who is sent to a foreign mission field.

THE ORIENT

(Remove oval from map.) Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient tells of accomplishments and needs in the vast areas of the Orient (indicate).

The Orient is the home of more than half the people of the world and the scene of about one third the missionary labors of Southern Baptists overseas. In the Orient our Southern Baptist mission work is giving encouraging evidence of advance. A major part of the advance is outreach to new areas. The recent addition of Baptist work on Okinawa and Guam brought to fourteen the number of Orient nations and territories in which we now carry on mission work.

Other advance has come through the actual beginning of mission work in new fields where our missionaries have up to now been largely engaged in language study. In Pakistan, which our first missionaries entered in 1957, new outreach has come as missionaries have been able to move on out into the work.

English language church work in our Orient fields also is expanding notably. This type work ministers primarily to American military and civilian personnel stationed overseas, as a means of reaching also many other persons in Asian lands who are English-speaking. Much of the expansion is carried out by the Asian Baptists with whom we work in co-operation. The Baptists of Japan (indicate), for example, during 1960 completed their part of a plan for planting Baptist work in every one of the prefectures of Japan.

Japan Baptists have voted to take Brazil, with its many thousands of Japanese people, as their second foreign mission field to be entered as soon as possible. (Okinawa is their present foreign mission field.) The Baptists of Taiwan (Formosa) during 1960 sent out their first foreign missionary to serve as pastor of a Chinese church in Bangkok, Thailand (tie-land). The Baptists of Hong Kong have designated a couple to serve in Vietnam. All this gives evidence that the spirit of mission outreach is contagious and is characteristic of Baptist people everywhere.

Simultaneous evangelistic crusades were significant in Hong Kong and Macao and in the Philippines (indicate). Decisions recorded from Hong Kong and nearby fields numbered more than 2,600 which was about equal to 20 per cent of the membership of Baptist churches in the area. In the Philippines where the churches are much younger, smaller, and more scattered than those in Hong Kong, the results in decisions for Christ equaled almost 50 per cent of the present church membership.

Unusual progress is being made in Baptist radio work in the Orient and studies have been begun looking toward the possibility of the use of television. Student work offers one of our best opportunities. During 1960 the first experienced student worker was appointed for student evangelism in Manila. This was the first appointment specifically for this type of work. Late in the year a Baptist student center building was dedicated in Tokyo.

For high level preparation for Christian service the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary actually began work in 1960. This school is to provide advanced training in an Asian setting for persons who have already completed college and seminary but who need further training for service as seminary teachers or in other spe-

cialized places of Christian leadership. At present the administrative headquarters are in Hong Kong (indicate).

While we rejoice in all these victories, we realize that they are only prelude to the great things we expect from God and the great things God expects of us in the years just ahead. Two words—dahger and promise—are most representative of the entire Orient today. Which will win out may well depend largely on whether the Orient is brought to Christ in these years of crisis.

Always in the Orient we feel the burden of the masses. Much thought and much prayer centers in the question as to how the gospel's impact on Asia's multitudes can be multiplied and magnified. Programs of lay leadership training are being developed in most lands. Increasing use is being made of radio and literature. Committees are at work preparing for mass evangelistic campaigns like the great Tokyo city-wide effort being projected for 1963.

There remain several emergency needs of reinforcement. Macao (indicate) stands at the head of the list. Also most urgent is a second couple for Indian work in Malaya (indicate). New missionaries will enable us to continue expanding our work into new areas.

A major area which we hope to see entered in late 1961 is the island of Sumatra (indicate) in Indonesia. It has a population of about 14 million and without any Baptist mission work whatsoever. When missionaries are available our work in Pakistan will be expanded into new areas.

There are also further needs and plans for strengthening work we are already doing. We need mission candidates for student evangelism and religious education work in every field. Nurses are urgently needed in Thailand and Pakistan. Dr. Crawley says, "We are praying—and we trust that Southern Baptists will pray with us—that God will send us more missionaries and will show us new ways, so that every last person in Asia may have an opportunity to hear the Good Tidings of the Gospel of Christ."

From Dr. Baker James Cauthen: Let us look at this map with our Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, Dr. Baker James Cauthen. In regard to missionary challenge Dr. Cauthen probably knows this map better than any Southern Baptist. He says, "Two things are apparent as one looks at the map of the world from the standpoint of Southern Baptist labor."

In the first place, Dr. Cauthen continues, one is grateful for the wide extent of the work. Much progress has been made in recent years. Many new countries have been entered and existing fields strengthened.

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TIDINGS OF REDEMPTION: (story told by Mrs. Robert Hardy, missionary in Japan.)

Mrs. Hardy writes: In the state of Niigata (knee-gah-tah) there lives an old man with one ambition—to begin a church in his little village. His story is a thrilling one that we wish could be duplicated many times.

As a youth he left his native village to go to Hawaii to make his fortune. There he earned money, but much more important, he found the Lord. Through the witness of preaching he heard the gospel and gave his heart and life to the Saviour. As he grew older it became the dream of his heart to return to Japan and to start a church in his native village. And so he came home.

Because our Baptist work in that state is so new and so small at present he did not know how to find a Baptist church. He wrote to Mrs. Maude B. Dozier, whom he heard about in Hawaii and asked her if there was any Baptist work in Niigata. Her reply directed him to the small, struggling mission nearby. How delighted he was to find a friendly young Japanese pastor who agreed to come once a month on Sunday to hold services in this man's home.

This elderly gentleman talks to his neighbors continually, inviting them to the services. Often they have twenty adults in attendance, which is wonderful indeed.

Recently he said to this young pastor, "I have told the people that when you come to Niigata to work with us, you will be able to come and preach to them, too, and perhaps a church will be born."

TIDINGS OF REDEMPTION in Taiwan (Formosa)

The island of Taiwan, about a hundred miles off the southeast coast of China, is better known to most Americans as Formosa. Still another name at present is Free China, as Formosa became the seat of government of nationalist China when the mainland was overrun by communism. Taiwan is about the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The 10 million people of Taiwan are basically Chinese. Something over six million of them are Taiwanese, descendants of immigrants over a period of many centuries from the neighboring China coast. Probably more than two million are "mainland"

Chinese who moved to Formosa after 1949 in connection with the transfer of the nationalist government and armed forces. Chinese and Taiwanese (a dialect of Chinese) are spoken. There have been recurrent political and military crises involving nationalist China and its relationship to the Communist government of mainland China. In the midst of these crises and uncertainties, Taiwan has been the most responsive to the gospel of all our mission fields. Taiwan offers one of the world's prime evangelistic opportunities. Our mission work was begun in 1948 and the Mission was organized in 1950. This year's report shows 43 missionaries, 24 churches with 8,013 members, 3 self-supporting and 66 national pastors.

Miss Gladys Hopewell, missionary in Taiwan, writes of how the Tidings of Redemption have made a difference in the lives of two with whom she works. She says, "It is one of the greatest joys of the missionary to hear conversion experiences of new Christians. It is an added joy to watch these new Christians grow and take places of service. Each time I sit with the Church Committee to examine candidates for Baptism, I am grateful that God has permitted me to be a missionary and given me the opportunity to see the power of the gospel in individual lives. Recently as I sat with this committee composed of the pastor and several deacons and deaconesses I heard a simple woman of humble circumstances tell of the joy that knowing Christ had brought to her."

Miss Hopewell writes: This woman, like many others here on the island of Taiwan, fled the mainland of China because of communism. She came with her husband who was in the Army. Because of unavoidable circumstances they left several children on the mainland, expecting to go back to the mainland within a short time. How could they know that the months would stretch into years! For years this woman's pillow was wet with tears each night as she wept for her children.

Her husband is now retired from the Army and has the job of collecting garbage. They live very simply, yet her face radiates an inner joy as she tells of their faith in the Lord Jesus. Her first contact with the gospel was several years ago when a faithful woman of the church taught a literacy class and she came to learn to read and write. This Christian teacher visited and witnessed to her. A great joy now is that she can read her Bible.

Period of Directed Prayer:

Mrs. Hardy writes about answers to prayer

in Japan. We have prayed daily that our home would become a place of positive witness for the Lord. For almost a year this prayer has been answered. We now have groups in our home for Bible classes and other study groups several times each week. Out of these meetings have come deep, spiritual results.

The Tuesday night group is made up of people who can neither hear nor speak. They come faithfully and joyfully and seem to be especially glad to meet together. During the year seven from this group were baptized into the church after making a decision for the Lord. The Christians are witnessing faithfully to those not yet Christians.

In another group there is a fine young man, Mr. Ogawa (o-GA-wa). He attends Bible class. During this year he has openly accepted Christ and is a faithful, growing Christian. He is now serving each week as interpreter for the missionary at a mission. Before they go for this service the missionary spends time with Mr. Ogawa going over the sermon, and answers his questions until he learns the sermon well. After supper they go to the mission point where Mr. Ogawa then translates the sermon from English into Japanese so those who come can hear God's Word preached. At this meeting each week come thirteen to twenty people—some Christians and some seekers. It is such a wonderful opportunity for publishing the tidings of redemption! Please pray for the home in which they meet and for our home, for the young man, for the missionary preacher, for Christians and lost who come to this home (pause for prayer).

Miss Hopewell tells an experience of answered prayer in Taiwan. Each year during the winter vacation and Chinese New Year the schools have a three- or four-week vacation. We had thought and prayed about the possibility of having during this time a Student Retreat for our college students. There seemed to be many difficulties. It was cold in the conference ground buildings. The students would have to bring bedding. The winter months are our rainy season. If it were cold and rainy what kind of spirit would this give to the meeting? Student workers were already over-loaded. How could we find time to plan and promote such a meeting?

But in faith and prayer we proceed with the plans. The Lord answered our prayer far above what we had asked or thought. In spite of the rain which continued for the entire time, the students were there and there was a wonderful spirit. The Lord worked in their hearts. On the last day of the retreat more than twenty indicated they had accepted Christ as Saviour or dedicated their lives to the Lord. Students and workers agreed that we wanted to have a re-

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The Foreign Mission Board elected Dr. John D. Hughey, Jr., as president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich in 1960. He succeeded former president Dr. Josef Nordenham, who assumed his post as general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Hughey, a native of South Carolina, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1943. During World War II he was a relief worker with UNRRA in Egypt. From 1947 to 1951 he was a Southern Baptist representative in Spain, and since that time has been professor of church history at the seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich.

During the past summer Dr. Hughey taught a course on Baptists of Continental Europe at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky.

treat each year and requested a longer time next year. Our hearts overflowed with thanksgiving to the Lord for answered prayer. Pray for the youth of Taiwan where the gospel is being heeded (pause for silent prayer).

Today we hear His word and claim God's promise—"Persevere in prayer, with mind awake and thankful heart; and include a prayer for us, that God may give us an opening for preaching" (Col. 4:2-3, New English Bible). "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day" (Exod. 14:13).

We come now to pray for the work of evangelism as it is done in all the mission areas. Dr. Cauthen has said, "The basic task of every missionary is that of witnessing in his Lord's name and leading people to become His disciples. Evangelism is the heart of our mission task. Every missionary is an evangelist and considers his work incomplete until he sees people follow Christ as Saviour." Let us pray first for our 1539 overseas missionaries. Let us ask God to give to each of them the power to witness through every activity (pause for silent prayer).

Let us pray now for the special evangelistic campaigns—for those who plan and direct them, for those who will come to hear, for those who will preach the good tidings of redemption (pause for silent prayer).

Let us also pray for those who witness through radio evangelism and through the

printed word. Pray for those who prepare materials for publication. Pray for those who will read the leaflets, programs, and articles, that their hearts may be convicted of sin as they read. Pray that these seed may fall on good ground and bear much fruit (pause for silent prayer).

Think of the students in every land who are the leaders of tomorrow among their own people. How important that the good tidings of redemption reach these young people. Pray for all those in our schools that their future contribution to their countries may be basically Christian (pause for silent prayer).

Let us pray now for a renewed urgency in our own thinking that salvation may be proclaimed until earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's name! (Ask one woman to lead in prayer to close this period.)

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

It has been the goal of the Japan Baptist Convention for many years to have a church, a pastor, and a missionary in the capital of every state. In 1960 Japan Baptists placed their "home missionaries" in the last two states. But Southern Baptist ministers have not offered themselves in sufficient numbers for us to keep up our part of the plan. We still have missionaries in less than half of the 46 states. However in all but two of the states entered, the church or mission point, missionary home, or the pastor's home, and in some cases two or more of these, have been built with money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings of the past years. Recently the contract was signed for a missionary home in the state of Niigata (knee-gah-tah) where the Hardys will live as the first Southern Baptist missionaries to serve there. Step by step over several years, investment has been made in property and buildings for the Lord in that city.

On the Island of Taiwan (tie-wan) where people are so willing to hear the gospel and where the saved are hungry to learn and serve, the great need has been for church and chapel buildings and conference grounds. These two needs have been met by Lottie Moon offerings. In Tainan (tie-nan), Taiwan all the buildings are the result of this offering. First there was the church and chapel building. This year the

church observed its eighth anniversary. It has a membership of more than 300 and expects this year to become completely self-supporting. Then there was an educational building for the above church. Later a residence for the missionaries was built. Then there was added a student center, an attractive building near the large University of 3000 students. The people praise the Lord for the buildings provided (prayer of thanksgiving).

Gathering of Offering (follow same procedure as on Monday and Tuesday for taking the offering)

We bring our gifts today with gladness that other needs will be met this year: operating expenses for schools, publishing houses, radio work and student centers, roofs over the heads of missionaries and tools in their hands. Dedicated lives must be matched with resources. The blessings which grow out of missionary giving cannot be measured.

Closing Meditation: Reader and Soloist

Reader: Isaiah 52:7, "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!"

"I know a soul that is steeped in sin,
That no man's art can cure;

But I know a Name, a Name, a Name
That can make that soul all pure."

—Unknown

Does my salvation mean enough to me to make me aware of a compulsion within which urges me to share the knowledge of Jesus with others? Am I as missionary where I live as I expect those who go overseas to be where they live? Does it give me deep concern that there are people in my family, at my work, and among my acquaintances who are not Christians? Will I make time during this Christmas season to tell these of the greatest gift—God's gift of a Saviour? "God still imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven" but he depends upon me the great glad tidings to tell. Will you seek, as never before, this Christmas to share the Tidings of Redemption?

Soloist: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," verses 1, 3, 4 (quiet music continues as those present leave quietly).

CHRISTMAS GIFT Gift book suggestion for
"special" people (both women and young people)
SUCH IS MY CONFIDENCE by Carolyn Rhea
\$1.50 from Baptist Book Stores

FRIDAY, December 1, 1961

Topic:

"THEY THAT PUBLISH

Tidings

"THEY THAT PUBLISH GLAD TIDINGS"

The Lord gave the word: grant us the company of those that published it

Psalm 68:11.

Meditation Music: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Opening Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell"

Call to Prayer: (Using Calendar of Prayer in ROYAL SERVICE, page 26)

Poem:

LOVEST THOU ME?

by Elizabeth Reynolds
Salem, Virginia

"Lovest thou me?" asks the Saviour today,
"More than your holiday parties and play?
Feed then the hungry millions I love.
It was for them that I came from above."

"Lovest thou me more than comfort and ease?
Heal then the ones who are cursed by disease.
You who have homes filled with treasures of worth,
Succor the homeless, the outcasts of earth."

"Lovest thou me, O redeemed ones from sin?
Seek the lost lambs, and O, gather them in!
You who are loved, love the friendless, the lost.
For them I died, paid redemption's high cost."

"You say you love me. How can I know?
What have you given, your love to show?
Millions are waiting; I'm waiting, too.
Give in the manner that I gave to you."

Scripture Passages: Luke 2:15-18; Psalm 68:11;

Acts 13:48-49; Romans 10:14-15 (To be copied and read without references)

Sing: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Leader for the Day: As we come to the closing day of the Week of Prayer, we remember that this is the Day of Prayer among Baptist women around the world. Somewhere all during this day, as the sun moves steadily across the heavens, there will be women—red, yellow, black, white—pausing to pray. We dare not break this golden chain of prayer as our time for prayer draws nigh.

The year 1961 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance which is made up of 23 million Baptists in more than 100 countries. In the Woman's Department ten years ago the Baptist Woman's Day of Prayer was inaugurated. Mrs. Edgar Bates, chairman of the Women's Department, has said, "Wherever Baptist women meet in observance of this Day of Prayer, their hearts are lifted to God. They are linked together in a great fellowship in Christ, and their hearts go out to God's people in every land."

Mrs. R. L. Mathis wrote of this significant day, "While the women of the Southern Baptist Convention do not observe the program, as is done by other groups, we join in this closing day of our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions as we remember that Baptist women are observing this day in prayer. Today let us pray for these women who serve Christ in many instances, under great difficulty."

Pray for Baptist women of the world, for their families, their churches, their witness to the saved and to the multitudes of lost people (pause for prayer).

A NEW ERA IN CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

Most women who regularly attend Woman's Missionary Society know that there has developed within recent years a new dimension in foreign mission work.

In practically every country in which missionaries are working there are now Christian churches which are independent and self-supporting. These and other churches are developing capable leaders who are native to the lands. In increasing numbers churches are engaging in evangelistic and home mission projects, and in some cases there are foreign mission endeavors.

It is not possible today for a missionary from the USA to work effectively in Africa or the Orient, or elsewhere, if he has a feeling of superiority toward national leaders—able leaders who are sometimes his equal or even superior to the missionary in natural capacity, education, and ability to witness successfully among his people.

"The mission task has become a co-operative enterprise, with missionary and national Christians laboring together as equals, committed to the same task, working toward the same goals," says Dr. H. Cornell Goerner of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Goerner continues, "The deepest impression which came to me from visiting thirty countries in which missionaries are located was the prominence of national leadership in Christian work. Somehow, I had expected to find more missionaries serving as pastors of churches on mission fields than is actually the case."

At the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis this year, the Foreign Mission Board reported that out of 3,399 churches overseas, 2,170 were self-supporting and 2,447 national pastors were serving in the churches and the 6,522 chapels and mission points.

The wealth of responsible leadership on mission fields is a tribute to the fine work which missionaries have performed among God's people through the years. It speaks of fine Chris-

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tian attitudes as they have trained well national leadership and then stepped aside to encourage nationals to take over the work while they serve as advisers and helpers. In an uncertain world, this is good news indeed, for in some countries the day may come as it did in China, when missionaries can no longer serve because of political unrest.

A NEW ADVENTURE IN SHARING

Dr. Dwight L. Baker, missionary in Nazareth, Israel says, "I believe that many of our old terms do not represent what Southern Baptists are trying to do on most fields of the world today. If we are seriously to talk of sharing our responsibilities with national Christians we cannot continue much longer using terms such as missions and missionary. To me, the term world evangelism seems more adequately to convey the idea that we are in partnership with our national Baptist leaders outside the USA in winning the lost and establishing new churches."

"In this day of new nationalism the old terms circumscribe and limit us. They speak of the white teacher and healer going among the grass huts with his Bible and bandages calling the natives to follow the Jesus Way. In most of the places where we work this is about as effective as a circuit riding preacher on his horse would be in downtown Birmingham."

"The new day before us in world evangelism is challenging and exciting. I am anxious that we take fullest advantage of opportunities God is setting before us."

Dr. Baker tells this story: Twenty-three years is a long time for a church to be virtually pastorless, and very few could survive that many leaderless years. With the exception of short intermittent fill-ins by Southern Baptist pastors who scarcely knew the language, and who left shortly after they learned it, that is the story of the Nazareth Baptist Church in Israel.

Twenty-five years ago, the last Arab pastor left the Nazareth church and moved to America. Then began a series of troubles in a troubled land. During the years 1836-39 the tiny land of Palestine was wracked with Jewish-Arab riots; the early 1940's added to the leaderless years for World War II prevented Baptists from America from coming and no nationals could be trained; 1948-49 were most disastrous as Arabs and Jews fought over Palestine, and the State of Israel emerged. During these years Southern Baptist pastors came, were forced to leave, and there was not time nor facilities for training national Baptist leaders.

In the 1950's a semblance of calm rested over the Middle East, though smoldering hatred was always seeking for a spot to erupt. During these years under the direction of trained per-

sonnel, a few select young Baptists were given religious training courses and a few were sent to Baptist schools out of the country to prepare to lead their people.

The first significant milestone was reached for this Nazareth church two years ago when the Rev. Fuad Sakhmini was called as pastor. This meant a new day in Nazareth. The young pastor and his lovely family, products of the Zurich Baptist Seminary in Switzerland, are making significant gains in leading the congregation toward becoming a self-supporting New Testament church.

Already feeling her responsibility to the numberless souls scattered throughout the villages of the Galilee, the Nazareth church, co-operating with Southern Baptists, is sending other national leaders to newly opened chapels and Sunday schools nearby. Cana of Galilee has Mansour Incir a shepherd-boy-turned-evangelist living in the village and directing the church's activities there. Acre, or old biblical Ptolemais, has Edward Soutis leading a thriving round of activities in that ancient Phoenician city on the Mediterranean.

These young men have already spent a year in special studies set up by Dwight Baker in Nazareth and will continue studying until the church feels they are ready for ordination. Israel Baptists have no Bible training school and courses must be planned by Southern Baptists who work in partnership with these enthusiastic young nationals.

By far the most effective avenue of service open in this day of an awakened nationalism in the Arab East is in the field of Christian education. Given the proper training, national leaders are far more effective than foreign personnel in leading churches and promoting extension work in villages. The limited effectiveness of American personnel can best be imagined when we try to conceive of an Arab or Italian Baptist who speaks a heavily accented English, trying to pastor even one of our smaller Southern Baptist churches. It means just as much to the younger churches on the various fields of the world to have pastors and leaders from their own ranks.

The term, "older sisters," is sometimes used to describe Southern Baptist women who are actively engaged in world evangelism. Not necessarily older from the point of age, but older in training and experience. In Nazareth these women consciously remain in the background and encourage Arab women to assume places of leadership in the Sunday school and Woman's Missionary Union. Each of the five Girls' Auxiliaries is sponsored by one of the young women of the church. Their American sisters assist in program planning and arrangements, but par-

ticipation in the program is usually limited to attendance, backed by words of appreciation and encouragement at the close of the program.

It would be a mistake to compare the work of nationals in their home churches to the highly developed activities of Southern Baptist churches, but in terms of training, facilities, and understanding of their responsibilities, their efforts are commendable and their contribution significant. The big plus is rated when we observe that the message is conveyed in terms understood and appreciated by the participants and those receiving the ministry. It comes out a much less foreign "made in America," product and more of the Eastern design that appeals to and captures the mind and heart of the Arab Baptist.

A Southern Baptist working abroad in world evangelism has the happy privilege of sharing the great certainties of his faith in Christ with national Christians. While we are able to make certain contributions to the progress of the younger churches, our own lives and the church life of Southern Baptists in the USA are enriched by sharing these Great Commission activities. Sharing and growing together in Christ around the world provides some of life's most rewarding experiences.

Does this suggest a New Day in world evangelism? I believe it does and if we accept it and join with our world friends in Christ, it could be our finest for Him.

THEY THAT PUBLISH GLAD TIDINGS

Miss Ann Wollerman, a pioneer missionary in interior Brazil is a splendid example of a missionary who rejoices as she trains and guides new converts in an area still largely undeveloped. Most Baptist work in Brazil has flourished along the coastline and it is in this area that mature, self-supporting churches are working together. In fact, the president of the Baptist World Alliance is Dr. John Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro. He, like many other Brazilians is highly trained and serves God in many capacities. But Miss Wollerman's work is in small, rural, interior villages.

She writes: "I thank God for my Brazilian brothers and sisters in Christ—these who have found Jesus as Saviour and have joined their hands and hearts with mine to help win this country for Christ."

She continues: A Primary School was begun in a small village in 1847 for the purpose of winning and training young people. There are now nine of these schools in that vast interior state, all under the direction of young Brazilian

women, most of whom have been won and then sent all the way to Rio to the Training School for their education. All of them had opportunities to work in larger and more developed centers, but all, with unmatched dedication, have chosen to return to the interior. They live in a primitive environment on meager salaries.

Dedication of nationals is a challenge to us missionaries. One man who lived out from town on a small isolated farm, came in contact with the Bible and through a study of it, found "the true religion" as he described it. He was wonderfully converted and now is so anxious that others who are living out their lives in those isolated villages and farm homes with no knowledge of the Truth have an opportunity. He has given himself as a volunteer worker. With no thought of remuneration, he fills his saddle bags with Bibles, tracts and Gospels that the missionary can furnish him, and goes off for horseback trips that last sometimes ten days, spreading the good tidings in areas where it would be impossible for the missionary to go.

One of the newly organized churches, cared for by the missionary until a Brazilian pastor could be secured, was ready to call a pastor. The people were poor and could not offer a worthy salary to a man, but one of God's servants, a fine Seminary trained pastor and his wife felt the burden of the vast interior and were willing to leave the more progressive part of Brazil to go out to this area.

The little church raised what money it could for his travel, but it was not enough. The pastor, who had spent 15 years accumulating a small library—and he loved his books almost as much as he did his family—sold his library. The wife, knowing that her life in the interior would be difficult, matched his dedication, for she sold most of her household and personal possessions, so that they could supplement the travel funds sent them.

For 21 days, he and his wife, and five children crossed Brazil on wood-burning trains (second class) and on big trucks. When they were obliged to eat or spend the night in inns along the way, the wife would go into the kitchen and ask that only five plates be served with beans and rice and all seven would then share the food. They paid for three narrow beds, with straw mattresses, and all doubled up to sleep. Counting every penny, they arrived and are radiant as they see the field and the harvest where already they are reaping a harvest for Christ.

The hope for winning Brazil is in the lives of nationals who alongside your missionaries are publishing the glad tidings.

The "go ye" of Jesus is an imperative to Brazilian Baptists. The churches poor and struggling as many of them are, show the most zealous missionary spirit. Through the Brazilian Home Mission Board, they support a large group of Brazilian missionaries in interior regions where no American missionaries work and also send missionaries to Bolivia and Portugal through their foreign mission program. And their yearning for souls is manifest in the sacrificial way in which they witness to family, friends, and neighbors.

Period of Directed Prayer:

Let us labor for an inward stillness.
An inward stillness, and an inward healing;
That perfect silence where the lips and heart
Are still, and we no longer entertain
Our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions.
But God alone speaks in us, and we wait
In singleness of heart, that we may know
His will, and in the silence of our spirit
That we may do His will, and do that only.

As we come to this time of inward stillness today we feel "so many hearts have need of prayer" we must be still and pray. We are grateful for the silence that lifts our hearts to God. We are grateful for the closeness we feel to those friends around the world today who gather about God's throne in prayer. We are glad to feel that we are all close to Him and that He is as near as breathing to them and to us (pause for prayer).

We remember that James said, "A good man's prayer is powerful and effective" and Samuel cried out, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." We are conscious of the women of the world who at various hours in this day will be voicing petitions for work in their lands and for us here. We pause to thank God for women of every continent, organized that their work may be more effective and far-reaching. We pray for the leaders in every organization that wisdom and strength may be theirs to lead in the best possible work in God's plan (pause for prayer).

We pray for world missions, for Baptist nationals and missionaries. God knows each of them by name. We praise God that he is sufficient for all needs of the great host of His servants (pause for prayer).

We pray for many, many more missionaries to go—786 of them requested for 1961! We pray that missionaries who have made these requests out of the great desire to meet the needs that press them every day that they may not be disappointed because some of us fail to go and pray and give as the Lord puts it into our hearts to do (pause for prayer).

We pray today for wisdom to help get ready

other recruits for the years ahead as that potential lies in the young people in our homes and our churches today. We pray that Christian mothers may "keep their children where God can find" them if he has a special missionary task for them to do (pause for prayer).

We pray that our own church may be more faithful in publishing the tidings around the world (pause for prayer).

We pray that our giving at this Christmas time may be in keeping with the things we have heard and felt during this week (pause, then close the prayer).

Appeal for the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

It has not been possible during the days of this week to look at every need which will be met by our Lottie Moon offering this year. However many missionaries have often expressed appreciation for specific needs met through this offering. There are homes in places where adequate living facilities are not available; cars where there is no transportation; hospital equipment; churches, and school buildings. Yet the needs of the future are overwhelming as the urgent requests come from every field. Allocations have been made and still there is the hope on many fields that there may be large gifts "beyond the goal" which will provide for still other needs (a chart showing some of the allocations on pages 16-21 may be shown).

As we bring our gifts today let us remember Miss Lottie Moon's words as she suggested to Baptist women that a week of prayer and offerings be observed at Christmas time. She said, "Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

Let us bring with joy our gifts, giving until hurts are healed with love, let us give with thanksgiving that we are privileged to bring offerings and be counted among those who publish good tidings.

Gathering of Offering: (Let us bring gifts to the table at front.)

Closing Meditation: Soloist and Reader

Reader: Read Isaiah 52:7.

"I wiped a tear from off my brother's face,
And suddenly God spoke, and gently smiled,
"Thank you, my child,
Someday I'll wipe the tears from every face;
Till then, you take my place!"

Now since that day, these hands of mine are His.

Who formed the world, the stars, and all that is.

My hands, so frail, and weak, O wonder grand!

Are deputy for God's almighty hand."

—Annie A. Ziedman

Deep within me this week has come a new awareness that God's good tidings are for all people and that I am here to go for Him until all people know His love. Am I really his representative?

Is God calling me and my family to some far off or nearby mission field? I know God is calling me to serve Him wherever I am.

Have my hands been too full of other things, many of them good things, but things in which He had no share? Am I deputy for His hands? Has my love been so shallow that I have drawn a circle about those who love me and shut out unloved and unlovely ones?

Has my faith been so weak that I have not ventured out to speak for Him to that lost friend?

Christmas—the time of His coming first to earth—comes so soon. Will I make a place for him in the midst of all my plans so that remembering I can be quite glad that I have shared in a way pleasing to Him the good tidings of His love for all people?

Soloist: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Stanzas 1, 3, 4. (Soft music will continue as those present leave the room)

As you studied
HANDS ACROSS THE SEA
You learned about

BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE
Rome, Italy

Rev. Roy F. Starmer (black tie), in speaking of his work in the Italian Baptist Publishing House, said, "We Baptists have been in Italy since 1870, but we feel we have only planted the seed. We hope within the next fifty years to have a real beachhead in Italy."

Dr. Starmer heads the Italian Baptist Publishing House with headquarters in Rome. The publishing house edits and prints all Sunday school lessons and other religious material used by churches in Italy.

In the summer of 1960 work in the publishing house was accelerated by the installation of a Heidelberg (German) press which can print publications at the rate of 5000 an hour in either black and white or color.

The printed word and the work of these dedicated missionaries sow the seed for future evangelism in Italy.



WASHINGTON

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

THE GOSPEL'S POWER IN EVIDENCE

Please allow me the privilege of two personal stories this month. Both happened in Washington and they stand in contrast to the staccato pitch of politics and commerce and military preparedness so characteristic of this capital city. I tell them in the hope they will bring you the same thrill that came to me, and because they are appropriate just now as we think of Christmas giving for foreign missions.

The first concerns a young man who works for the company that prints the magazine I edit, *The Baptist World*. He is not the regular delivery boy, but he brought our office supply of the new issue directly to my office. I started to ask him to take them on to the circulation department, but he spoke first. "Here are your magazines," he said, "Don't you want me to open them for you?"

I was busy, and I told him it was not necessary. But even then he was sliding his pocket knife along the strip of tape that sealed the package. He pulled a magazine from the box, commenting, "This certainly is a pretty cover." The picture was an aerial view of Beirut, Lebanon.

"I like it especially well," he continued, "because I was baptized right out there." I looked at him in amazement.

The story he told was one of World War II, when he was a military man stationed in Lebanon. He was converted at a Baptist service in Beirut, and was baptized by a Southern Baptist chaplain in the waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

I marveled at the incident, yet casually labeled it a coincidence. It won't happen again in a thousand years, I mused.

A few weeks later I went to the Jordan Embassy here, belatedly seeking a visa for

entry into the Near Eastern country which now includes the larger part of Jerusalem. When I had completed the necessary forms, the receptionist told me to come back in three days. "But I can't wait three days," I protested, "I plan to leave tomorrow."

The receptionist explained that the only way to break the three-day rule would be to appeal to the visa department. That is how I met Miss Nadia Saffouri, a young Arab woman.

"I see you work for the Baptist World Alliance," Miss Saffouri said. "Do you know Dr. C. Oscar Johnson?" I did not know whether such knowledge would hurt or help my cause, but I told her Dr. Johnson is a past president of the Alliance.

"His church in St. Louis paid my educational expenses in America," Miss Saffouri continued.

My senses tingled. "Tell me about yourself," I urged her. "Where did you come from—Jerusalem?"

"My home was Haifa," she started. "But when the Jews came to Israel I was a refugee and fled to Beirut."

Then with a glow of new excitement: "Do you know Miss Summers—Miss Mabel Summers?" I confessed I had only heard the name.

"You ought to know her," Miss Saffouri spoke with such enthusiasm I knew Miss Summers must be the most important person in the world.

And then she explained, "She is a Southern Baptist missionary in Beirut, and she led me to Christ!"

I learned she is an active worker in Washington's National Memorial Baptist

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for Foreign Missions

Will you and your family pray together about these questions:

If you are within the age range for missionary appointment, could it be that God wants your family serving Him on a mission field?

Does God want your son or daughter as His missionary?

What will your family give to the Lottie Mopn Christmas Offering this year?

"Our Family Praying Together" with dedication and faithfulness will know and heed God's answers to life's vital questions.

Use your family Stand-Up Prayer Reminder and folder of suggestions during Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. These will be provided by your Woman's Missionary Society.

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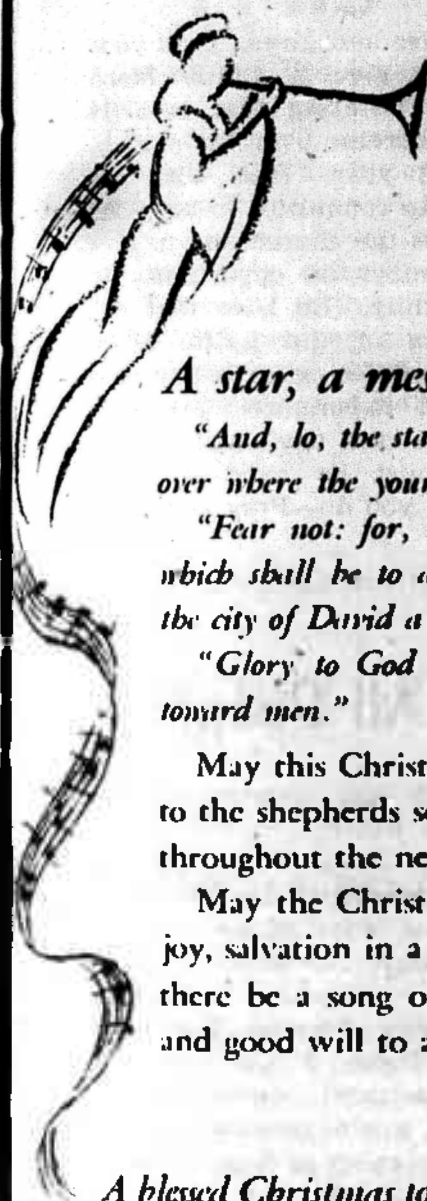
Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director



THIS MONTH

President
Prayer Committee
Community Missions Committee
Stewardship Committee
All Committees
Enlistment Committee
Mission Study Committee
Jubilee Chairman
Program Committee
Publications Committee
Youth



A star, a message, a song—

"And, lo, the star . . . went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

May this Christmas of 1961 bring new light to you, as it did to the shepherds so long ago—a light to guide you step by step throughout the new year.

May the Christmas message bring to your heart new peace, joy, salvation in a day of frustration and uncertainty and may there be a song of praise in your heart that will bring peace and good will to all people!

A blessed Christmas to you from the WMS Department at "600."

President

Love Lived

"Love is not something to be talked about, but to be lived. Love is something you do."

At this Christmas time help WMS members see that their love and gratitude for the Christ child who has brought new life to them may be expressed as they pray and give.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 27-December 1, is a time set apart by Woman's Missionary Union to show love and concern for a lost world. Plan with the prayer committee for this important week and urge every member of your church to have a part in it. Promote "Our Family Praying Together" and use wisely all of the Week of Prayer materials. See page 37 for instructions concerning their use.

In some churches the five-day observance of the Week of Prayer

is held each morning, in some churches each night or in the afternoons. In some churches there is a prayer service at 6:30 or 7:00 o'clock each morning, thereby giving everyone an opportunity to participate each day in the Week of Prayer.

Love lives and gives. Lead your church to give a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that is a 14 per cent increase over the amount given last year. Plan with the stewardship committee to keep the goal before the church and to give every member an opportunity to give worthily. Be sure that the ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each day is a worshipful experience. See suggestions in each day's material.

Love must be lived—Love is something you do—Pray and Give.

Prayer Committee

Good Tidings . . . to All People

The theme for the 1961 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, "Good Tidings . . . to All People," expresses the real purpose of the Week of Prayer with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The prayer committee will plan prayerfully with the president, the stewardship committee, the publicity committee, the enlistment committee, and others that the week of November 27-December 1 will have far-reaching influence in

the church, the community, and around the world.

Pages 37-39 of *Royal Service* give the procedure for the week and suggest ways of using all of the available materials. Study these very carefully. Promote "Our Family Praying Together." Read Dr. Baker J. Cauthen's appeal for faithful intercession on behalf of world missions on the inside front cover of *Royal Service*. Use the articles in your state Bap-

tist paper and *The Commission* in your promotion of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Plan carefully for a five-day ob-

servance of the Week of Prayer which shall result in dedicated lives and worthy offerings that good tidings may be proclaimed to all people.

Community Missions Committee

Bring the World Into Your Home THIS CHRISTMAS

During the Christmas holidays there will be thousands of overseas students who cannot spend Christmas at home. What will they do? Many, many will have to make arrangements to stay on the campus, some will take the opportunity to visit other parts of this country, some will have friends or relatives they can visit.

The community missions committee can plan for some of these students to be entertained in the homes of WMS members. See "Hints for Hostesses" in the circle program, page 24 *Royal Service*.

As WMS members give of themselves, their family, and home to overseas students this Christmas they may bring the world into their homes and proclaim "good tidings . . . to all people."

Stewardship Committee

Expect a Glow

When You Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" are thoroughly understood by the one who gives joyously and abundantly to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. And the glow which results



from such giving is a blessed and heartwarming experience.

The stewardship committee will lead the church to accept a goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which is an increase of 14 per cent over the amount given last year. Follow the suggestions given each day in *Royal Service* during the Week of Prayer for ingathering the offering. Be sure that enough of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes are available for all to have one. Make good use of the offering allocations in *Royal Service* and the appeals from our Foreign Mission Board area secretaries.

All Committees

Your Committee Meets

Each member of the committee (not just the chairman) must feel responsible for the work assigned to the committee. When each member of the committee attends committee meetings regularly and participates in the discussion and planning, then committee work is worthwhile.

Committee members must be familiar with all WMS materials, particularly the *WMS Manual*, *WMU Year Book*, *Royal Service*, and other priced and free materials relating to the committee's work. See pages 54-56, *WMU Year Book*, for a listing of these.

The committee needs an agenda for each meeting which is deter-

A special leaflet concerning the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been sent to your pastor. Encourage him to publicize the information in it. Watch your state Baptist paper and *The Commission* for information to use in promoting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. See page 38 in *Royal Service* for ways to keep the goal before the church and to show progress toward reaching it.

As the offering grows hearts will glow, realizing that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enables people who sit in darkness to see a great light—Jesus the Light of the World!

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A PLUS for women

A missionary meeting is a plus for Christian women, for they need what they can receive at a WMS meeting—Christian fellowship, mission awareness, spiritual development, impulses to pray, to share, to serve, and to live for Christ.

The enlistment committee must recognize these needs in women and encourage every woman to attend meetings where these needs may be met.

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All Committees

Your Committee Meets

Each member of the committee (not just the chairman) must feel responsible for the work assigned to the committee. When each member of the committee attends committee meetings regularly and participates in the discussion and planning, then committee work is worthwhile.

Committee members must be familiar with all WMS materials, particularly the *WMS Manual*, *WMU Year Book*, *Royal Service*, and other priced and free materials relating to the committee's work. See pages 54-56, *WMU Year Book*, for a listing of these.

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Very Special GIFT IDEAS for Very Special PEOPLE



Dickens once said, "It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty founder was a child himself." Perhaps that is one reason that children and young people are such special people.

At this special season of the year you are wondering what special gift you can give these special people. Suggested below are some things which will not necessitate your going up and down the store aisles, hoping for some inspiration from the glitter and glamour of store displays. Order from WMU, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.

For YWAs

A subscription to *The Window*, \$1.50

A new YWA Manual, 65c

A YWA pin, gold-plated, enameled in YWA colors, 75c each; \$7.50 dozen to one address

10K gold pin set with five pearls, \$5.00

YWA dedication for framing (5"x7"), 25c each; \$2.50 dozen to one address

For GAs

A subscription to *Tell*, a missions Magazine for girls, \$1.50

GA pin, emblem enameled in colors, 75c each; \$7.50 dozen to one address

GA Manuals (Intermediate or Jun-

ior), 25c each

GA membership bracelet, polished chrome, GA emblem in colors, \$1.00

Autograph book with GA design, 75c

For Sunbeams

Sunbeam Band pin, gold-plated with white enamel, 75c each;

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The Story of Cousin George, \$2.00

For 8-year Old Sunbeam Bands

World Friends felt emblem, 35c

World Friends booklet, 25c

At this Christmas season the best gift that Woman's Missionary Union can give to these special people will be an impressive observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Plan well for this week that it may be one long remembered by the young people.

Help promote the plan, "Our Family Praying Together." Additional copies of the stand-up prayer reminder and folder will be available to youth leaders for young people in homes that would not receive them otherwise.

Keep the goal of a 14 per cent increase in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering before your young people. Encourage them to give a very special gift to a very special person on His birthday.