

**HELP US, O GOD...
FOR THE GLORY
OF THY NAME**



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PIONEERING

"To open up (a way or the like) for others to follow" is Webster's definition for the word "pioneering." This word has come to be a challenge in Southern Baptist life. For we have set ourselves to the task of building 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964. This calls for real pioneering!

"To open up . . . for others to follow."

What a challenge—for the years to come. We are making history for the next generation of Southern Baptists who will record the story of these Baptist Jubilee Advance years 1959-1964. They shall surely say how dramatic, to dream of building 30,000 new churches and missions. Some think of history as the process of accumulating bundles of facts, dates, statistics. But it is a great deal more. Namely, the success or failure of man's outstretch to build Christ's kingdom while it is day.

To pioneer—to succeed—under the power of the Holy Spirit, is the goal of 1962. To build new churches and missions—30,000, by 1964. And 1962 is the year for Our Churches—Reaching Out.

Woman's Missionary Union has her part in the fulfillment of this dream. In our program of Community Missions there are many opportunities to begin mission work. Survey your town. You may be surprised to find many, many people who need a Bible class, a mission, a church. In the meetings of your church missions committee let it be known that WMU stands ready to "carry on" such missions.

Let us join in pioneering; let us give more to the Cooperative Program and to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Through gifts we can have a part in purchasing sites for new missions and churches; establish loan funds for church buildings. Our gifts will pay pastors' salaries in the beginning days of new churches.

In particular, at this season, we give for sites and buildings through the Annie Armstrong Offering for, all over the goal will be used for church sites, and in so doing, we shall "open up a way for others to follow."

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

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PAUL *to* *the* CHURCH *at Corinth*

ALREADY you are well to the fore in every good quality—you have faith, you can express that faith in words; you have knowledge, enthusiasm. . . . Could you not add generosity to your virtues? . . . here is a way to prove the reality of your love.

Do you remember the generosity of Jesus Christ, the Lord of us all? He was rich beyond our telling, yet He became poor for your sakes so that His poverty might make you rich.

. . . The important thing is to be willing to give as much as we can—that is what God accepts. . . . a spontaneous gift, and not money squeezed out of you . . . poor sowing means a poor harvest, and generous sowing means a generous harvest. . . .

PAUL to the *CHURCH* at Corinth

It is a task that brings glory to God and demonstrates also the willingness of us Christians to help each other.

Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, for God loves the man whose heart is in his gift. After all, God can give you everything that you need, so that you may always have sufficient both for yourselves and for giving away to other people.

The more you are enriched by God the more scope will there be for generous giving, and your gifts . . . will mean that many will thank God. For your giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow-Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God. Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practise the gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others.

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COVER

This is the month for Week of Prayer for Home Missions (March 5-9) when WMS members spend five days in meditation, thanksgiving and intercession for the world's home missions. Will you give careful thought to what you give to the Annie Armstrong Offering that our country may run quickly toward the ways of the Lord? Help us O Lord . . . for the glory of thy name!



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During the Week of Prayer for Home Missions we will study on Thursday concerning the power of God to save sinners, to minister to the neglected. Our beloved America must turn to God and meet his conditions for the healing of our land. Only then can we be a blessing to all mankind; only then will we move forward with all possible speed to tell the world of . . .

THE GOSPEL, THE POWER OF GOD

Scripture Passage: Romans 1:14-18

Text: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" Romans 1:16.

IN Hiroshima, Japan stands a museum in which is displayed the evidence of the destructive power of the first atom bomb exploded over a populated area. On one wall of this museum is a map showing in expanding circles the varying degrees of destruction wrought by this bomb. It covers a radius of about six miles. Superimposed upon this map is another depicting the estimated degrees of destruction that would be done by a cobalt bomb. The radius from the explosion center reaches out one hundred and twenty-three miles. Such is the power of man to destroy.

But Paul in Romans 1:14-18 is talking about God's power to save. And that power he identifies with the gospel of Christ. Few of us have ever seen an atom bomb. But we are told that it is very small in proportion to its power to destroy. As one looks upon it, it is difficult to realize that within it is so devastating a force. In like manner a casual examination of the gospel fails to reveal its potent force unto salvation. But experience tells us that within it resides the

message as to God's will and way of salvation. And its power to save extends to the entire earth.

The word gospel means good news or glad tidings. It is the glad tidings of that which God in Christ has wrought, thus making possible the salvation of all men. The probability of individual salvation is determined by one's response to God's offer of salvation. However, it is a mistake to think of the gospel only in the sense of good news. There is a dark side to the gospel also, which serves to set forth its bright side in more resplendent glory. In Romans 1:16 Paul declares the fact and efficacy of the gospel of Christ. But in verses 17-19 he defines the gospel in its two-fold aspect.

The gospel is "The wrath of God . . . revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. . . ." (v. 18). The key word in this verse is God's "wrath" as set over against His "righteousness." In verse 17, God's wrath is directed toward all

by Herschel H. Hobbs

ungodliness [irreligion] and unrighteousness [injustice] of men.

Now the wrath of God is not an emotion of God. It is the law of God in operation. God is a God of law. He has so regulated the universe that it operates by laws of God's own choosing. Every one of these laws is good, and is an expression of God's love. It is only when man ignores or violates them that they become to him wrath. Often we hear that man breaks God's laws. But such is not the case. *The truth is that man lives contrary to God's laws, and is broken by them.* But this is not God's intended will. It is His will that men live in accord with His laws that they may be blessed by them. How man relates himself to these laws is determined by man's free will. His response is not predetermined, but he must accept the consequences of his choices.

For instance, take the law of gravity. It is good in its purpose. By it man and all that he makes are held to the surface of the earth. But suppose that one man defies this law by leaping from a building. Does God in anger dash his body to the ground? Not so. The law of gravity which he has violated does so. Should God suddenly repeal the law of gravity to save this one man? Not if the law is to be an expression of God's love. God's love is such that He would do the most good for the most people. To repeal the law of gravity would be to destroy the many who live in accord with this law to save the one violator. Apply this example to the laws which govern the seasons, physical health, or moral conduct, and the answer is the same.

Now God has spiritual laws as well. Basically and on the negative side is the law that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Stated positively this law reads that "the gift of God is eternal life. . . ." Thus before man God sets the law of eternal life. Over against it He places the law of

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death. From his beginning the history of man is that he chooses to violate the former. As a consequence he is broken upon the latter.

But here again law is an expression of God's love. It is seen both in the offer of life and in the warning about death. The end result lies in the will of man. And because of his rebellious will man, in his own strength, walks the path that leads to death.

So we see the other side of the gospel, that which is good news indeed. For in the gospel "is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith. . . ." (Rom. 1:17). As the wrath of God is not an emotion of God, but the law of God in operation, so the righteousness of God as seen in Romans is not an attribute of God. It is an activity of God whereby He picks man up out of the wrong and places him down in the right as though he had never been in the wrong.

The word righteousness or justification is one of Paul's favorite words. Therefore, we shall do well to examine it. Basically it describes "the state of him who is such as he ought to be, righteousness: the condition acceptable to God" (Thayer). The Greek word is *dikaiosis*. In the Greek language nouns ending in the long "e" express a condition which is not necessarily true, but which is regarded as being so. So Paul uses this word to express a condition which is not necessarily true, but which God regards as being true. Actually "the righteousness of God" may best be rendered "a God-kind-of-righteousness." It is the righteousness which God has and which he bestows (Robertson).

Going back to the figure of law what do we find? For every one of God's laws He has a higher law by which man may be delivered from the basic law. For the law of gravity there is the law of aerodynamics. Thus man is enabled to rise above the law of gravity as a heavier-than-air object flies.

Aerodynamics does not repeal the law of gravity. But God has revealed this law that man might rise above gravity. The illustration is imperfect, but it is suggestive.

Because of his sinful nature man is bound by the law of sin and death. But God has revealed a higher law, that of God's righteousness in Christ Jesus (Rom. 10:1-12), which enables man to be rescued from the power of sin and spiritual death, to rise above it into a state of being acceptable to God. Paul calls it "the righteousness of God."

This word righteousness is an even greater word than remission of sin. Remission speaks of sins once committed but now forgiven. Righteousness is God's judicial decree whereby He regards a man as though he had never sinned. Simple? Not if we see what this righteousness cost God. Since God is righteous He could not ignore sin. "The wages of sin is death. . . . Having declared this righteousness of God, Paul proceeds to show how it is made possible. In Roman's 1:19-3:22 Paul shows how God is justified in declaring that all men are lost in sin. This reaches a climax in 3:25, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." But note the next verse. "Being justified freely by his grace [free for nothing] through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

In Jesus Christ God revealed Himself in saving love. He fulfilled the demands of His own law. On the cross He paid the price for our sins as "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself. . . ." (2 Cor. 5:19). This Paul declares in Romans 3:26 when he says, "To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." This is what the apostle means when in Romans 1:17 he speaks of "the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith. . . ." (author's italics). It is a matter of faith from beginning to end (cf. John 1:12-14). By his own works man cannot achieve the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:9). It is attained through his faith in Christ who is "the end

of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4).

Summing up this thought what do we find? Man who is under the wrath of God because of his sin is incapable in his own strength of being righteous before God. But God in Christ has revealed His higher law whereby He would pick man up out of his sin and put him down in a state of righteousness as though he had never sinned. And this God will do for every man who believes or trusts in Christ for salvation. In such a state when God looks at you He does not see your sin. He sees His righteousness which is in the full atoning work of His beloved Son.

What a gospel! No wonder that Paul is not ashamed of it or disappointed in it. But all men have not heard or believed this gospel. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? . . ." (Rom. 10:13-15).

Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks [learned], and to the Barbarians [unlearned]; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14). He was debtor, not so much for what he had received from them but for what he could give to them. He was a debtor because of what he had received from God. He was under a binding obligation to share it with others. And he was ready to do so (Rom. 1:15).

Southern Baptists are debtors. This wonderful gospel of the righteousness of God in Christ is the source of our life, personally and denominationally. "God . . . hath committed unto us this word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [lost men] by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:19-20).

This is our message to the lost people of America, yea, to the whole world. "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16).

WASHINGTON

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

International Co-operation: a PARTNERSHIP

There's a new word popping up in discussions of international co-operation these days. It is the word, "partnership." It comes at the time the world's formerly undeveloped countries grow toward maturity to become brothers in the fellowship of nations.

This partnership will be most observable in two realms of activity. There will be changes in our foreign assistance programs and there will be strong moves to remove tariff barriers that hinder international trade. Both proposals if realized, could advance Christian concepts of world brotherhood and understanding.

Erie Cocke, Jr., a Georgia Baptist layman who serves as alternate executive director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (popularly known as the World Bank), is a leader in projection of what he calls a "horizontal" rather than "vertical" approach to international assistance. The term "aid" is actually out-of-date, Mr. Cocke says. The United States will surely continue to pour money into foreign development projects, but the relationship between ours and other nations will be as partners. Future appropriations of money for foreign development can very well be termed "investment" in the world of Mr. Cocke's vision, and "there are responsibilities at both ends."

And he explains, "Nations and areas that are on the receiving end must assume increased responsibilities for translating development plans into direct and measurable benefits to social and economic life."

Proposed changes in approach to international trade promise to make tariff walls and reciprocal trade agreements one of the hottest issues in Congress this year. The

Kennedy administration will seek to promote international partnership by asking for lower tariffs and a more competitive trade. Certain American industries are expected, on the other hand, to plead for continuance of the tariff which has long protected domestic products from the competition of foreign imports.

George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, launched one of the opening blasts in the Kennedy administration program. He pointed to the developing European Common Market, wherein the producers and manufacturers of goods of many countries can peddle their products freely throughout the co-operating areas of that continent. Trade is expected to boom.

No longer, Mr. Ball said, is the United States the one dominant country of the trading world. This European Common Market will henceforth share with American producers the export trade of the free world, and between them they will handle perhaps as much as 90 per cent of the free world's total export business.

The manner in which American industry responds to the reality of this new trading world "will . . . be a test not only of our business leadership but of the sincerity of our commitment to the economic principles which we are constantly advocating," Mr. Ball said.

"In a world where we must all unite or perish there is no place for inward-looking economic nationalism," he continued. "We can no more retire into an economic Fortress America than we can retire into a political Fortress America. . . . The essential question before us is whether or not we really believe in the vitality of free competitive economy."

for Your Reverie

by Carolyn Rhea



The Rheas of New Orleans

MISSIONS

Such is my confidence

I am a missionary. My appointment came when I heard Him say, "Go and tell others." I feel a compulsion to share my joy in Christ with those who touch my life. Although my field seems very small, it does not lessen the glory of my calling. The Holy Spirit sharpens my vision, and beyond the fog which enshrouds my little world I glimpse unlimited horizons. My prayers can channel the impact of God's power into every corner of the earth. Through offerings invested in the lives of God's representatives, I can go into all the world preaching the gospel to the lost everywhere. Always there is the open door of opportunity and the confidence that Christ will go with me.

Such is my assurance

Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish. 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. Mark 5:19. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8. Ye also helping together by prayer for us... 2 Corinthians 1:11. 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.

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FORGIVENESS

Such is my confidence

Forgiveness is the fire in which I burn my neighbor's transgressions. Because our lives are so close, I cannot help seeing and feeling wrongs seemingly directed against me. In the ensuing combat, however, love proves to be stronger than injured pride, and I toss the hurt into the flames to be burned. Only then can I bring my own transgressions to God and ask that He too burn them in the blaze of His great love.

Such is my assurance

Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Matthew 18:21-22. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Colossians 3:13. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Matthew 6:12. Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. Luke 6:37.

GREATNESS

Such is my confidence

Only God's microscope discerns true greatness. Its lens brings into sharp focus one's total life. The deeds accomplished are seen within the context of one's heart, and the purposes which prompted them are laid bare. That life is magnified which seeks humbly to serve as God's communication upon earth, sharing with mankind the blessing of God's knowledge, wisdom, compassion, and love. Thus a man's own identity is merged with the greatness of God—outside which, isolated human achievement is dwarfed to insignificance.

Such is my assurance

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him? Psalm 8:3-4. And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not... Jeremiah 45:5. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5. Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. Matthew 23:11.

Excerpts from the lovely book *SUCH IS MY CONFIDENCE* by Carolyn Rhea. Order it for \$1.50 from Baptist Book Stores. You recall Mrs. Rhea has written *Call to Prayer* for us.

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HOME CONFRONTS MISSIONS CATHOLICISM

by M. Wendell Belew

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ON my street in a southern city there lives an interesting family. There is the handsome father whom I see leaving or returning from work, a quiet-spoken mother, and seven assorted children who look alike except for size and gender! In summer, with the first sweep of dawn on our street many mornings these seven erupt from the house with shouts of laughter, pain, or confusion—or just shouts. Sleeping neighbors can no longer sleep. Dogs bark accompaniment. Drowsing birds awake and add their notes to the din as they fly higher on tree limbs. The very earth seems to respond to these carefree children.

On these mornings my wife sits up in bed with a startled look, inquiring the size of the invasion force! At first—until I grew used to them, I somehow made it to the bedroom window and from that vantage point surveyed the invaders—seven scrubbed, gleeful, screaming, charming O'Brians (that's not really their name, of course).

The O'Brians seem to break rank to dis-

appear then reappear as individuals in 1, our dahlia bed, 2, the creek, 3, on the patio, and 4-7, trees. The day begins and will continue—filled with O'Brians—until daylight hides in the shadows of the tall pines and the disheveled children find their way home.

And who are these, the O'Brians? "Little Demons," some neighbors say. Others observe with not much love "those Roman Catholics." They definitely are Roman Catholics. To our family they are "the O'Brians." During school days, dressed in uniforms, they wait at the bus stop to be taken to St. Anthony's School. They are faithful in attendance at the Catholic church. And once when I surprised a regiment of them throwing my garden tools in the creek one shouted, "There's the preacher. He's a devil, they say at church. Run or he'll get you." And to be sure, in my favorite gardening attire, I am not exactly "celestial" in appearance, my wife would say.

I often pause to think about the O'Brians and the millions of other Roman Catholics

in our beloved country. In many cities they would not be a minority group as they are here. In Chicago, New York, or Albuquerque the Baptist family would be the "interesting" one on the street. The attitude toward the O'Brians would be different in different places. Their church would vary from the Roman Catholic concept in Boston to the primitive and superstition-filled church that dominates Indian pueblos of New Mexico. To many of us their church is frightening, and because of this we may be a little fearful.

The individual Catholic is likely to be very different in attitude and understanding from the ruling clergy of his church.

We know that the Roman church has announced its plan to make America Catholic. A 200-year program for taking rural America has been outlined. In strongly Baptist mountain areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia, Catholics have opened kindergartens, schools, hospitals, and churches, hoping to offset some Baptist and other evangelical influence.

Archbishop Ireland has set forth a plan which includes an effort to:

Rally the lay people in a united Catholic action

Win converts from non-Catholic churches
Obtain new members through mixed marriages

Win the laboring class

Gain support for Roman Catholic parochial schools

Have the United States establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican

Impress people and politicians by vast numbers—(having parades, Eucharistic congresses, etc.)

Build hospitals (largely with government funds)

Increase the Roman Catholic population (through no birth control)

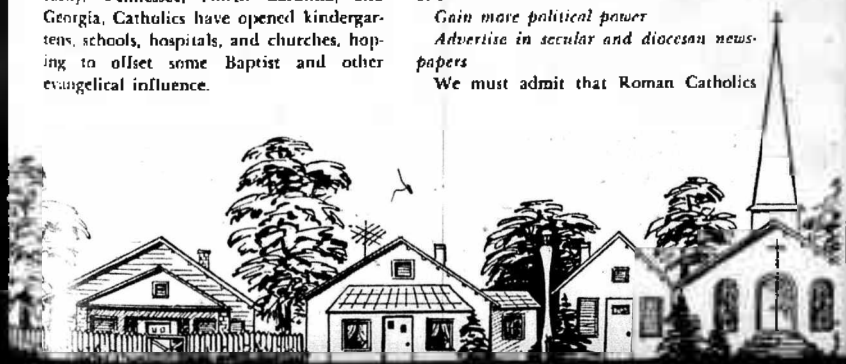
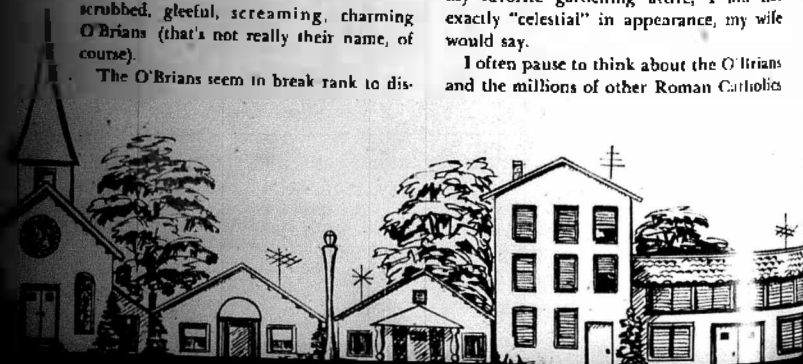
Win the Negroes and Indians

Increase immigration from Roman Catholic countries

Gain more political power

Advertise in secular and diocesan newspapers

We must admit that Roman Catholics





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are making progress in all these areas. But Baptists are also committed to taking our country for Christ, and our missionaries report success in winning Catholics to faith in Christ as Saviour. This depends almost entirely upon our ability to see the Catholic as a lovable individual and an opportunity for witnessing. We have the open Bible, and know God's plan for winning every person, and if we approach him in the power of the Holy Spirit we do not need to be afraid because he is a Catholic!

J. Truman Webb, an associational missionary in Coolidge, Arizona, relates, "Last year I assigned two of our student summer workers to Trinity Baptist Church in Globe, Arizona, to conduct a Spanish Bible school at the Miami Spanish Mission. As no regular services were being conducted at the time, it was necessary for the workers to go out and enlist children for the school. From the beginning, response was good. All seemed to be going well until the nuns at the Catholic school became aware of the success of the Bible school; almost all children attending were Roman Catholic. The nuns began to circulate among the children and discourage their attendance.

"Most of the children were too sold on the school to be taken in by their story of the devil in the mission.

"One little fellow, however, was a bit reluctant to come back. He did return for the play period and refreshments which were served outside. During this time, one of the girls talked to him about coming back to the school. He expressed his fear of what might happen. Upon the invitation of the worker he ventured to the door to have a look to see if there were demons lurking inside. From safety of the front door he drew back and looked up at the young lady

by his side and said, 'Why, the devil is not in there, is he?' The next day there he was with 71 other Spanish children who enrolled in the school before it closed. Twenty children made professions of faith!"

Associational missionary Major Mears of Flagstaff, Arizona, tells us that Rev. H. Atwood conducted a revival at Warren, Arizona. A young woman about 20 years of age was converted from the Catholic faith. She was won after much bitter opposition. On the night she gave her heart to Christ she asked to be baptized immediately. "The priest will be at my home when I get there," she said. "If I have already been baptized he will not bother me."

Missionary Amadée James of Lafayette, Louisiana, who has worked nine years among French-speaking Catholics, reports that in that time he has won 165 French Catholics, who have become dedicated and faithful followers of the Word.

T. M. Githman, an Arizona home missionary tells of winning Leo Pepping, a Catholic of Tucson. Mr. Pepping later received a call to the ministry and for several months has been serving at the Good Will Center in Tucson.

J. E. Goshoe is one of our missionaries in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I asked him about his way of soul-winning. "I have found that when I carefully explain that as Baptist people we are the products of the Bible I make real progress," he replied. "I explain that while others may follow the traditions of the fathers, or the authority of their great leaders, we as Baptists have insisted that we use the Bible as our guide. It is not difficult to show by the Bible that a sinner's only hope for salvation is Jesus—not the church or any sacrament. Many Catholics resent the necessity of

the confession and the many demands that accompany it and are not clear in their thinking about a lot of Catholic doctrine and practice, but they usually have a keen conviction of sin. The tragic thing is that they are misled in the matter of what to do about sin. Even when they have frankly confessed every sin that comes to their mind and have received from the priest absolution in the confession box, many do not have the assurance that the sin question has been adequately settled. A Catholic can be led to seek in Jesus Christ the forgiveness of his sins—all of them—and to receive the assurance of sins forgiven as he receives Christ Jesus as his Saviour and Lord of his life. Certainly the penitent sinner needs only to pray with utter sincerity, Lord Jesus, forgive my many sins and save my soul.

Sixteen years ago on the streets of Presidio, Texas, a Mexican boy was asked, "Would you like to have a book?" He inquired as to what sort of a book the man was offering and accepted an inexpensive copy of the Bible in Spanish. Later one of our missionaries met this boy, grown to manhood. He was intrigued by his eagerness to attend an Anglo Baptist church service even though he did not speak English. "Sir, are you a Christian?" the missionary asked him. "No, but I have a Bible," he replied, "and I've been reading it for many years!"

Felipe Valenzuela had kept that Bible. He has treasured it, read it, and memorized large portions of it.

After the service, as the missionary took Felipe in his car toward the ranch where he was working, Felipe told the story of how he received the Bible. But, he added he had not yet trusted the Lord for salvation.

The missionary asked him to go with him to the Spanish Mission in town. There Rev. Ruben Gonzalez, the mission pastor, carefully questioned Felipe to learn his knowledge of gospel truth. God moved in his heart and they rejoiced to see him make the final step of faith and receive Christ as Saviour.

The next day Felipe returned to Mexico, his work contract having expired. He was eager to tell his experience to his parents who, he said, are "just like I used to be."

The labors of many people entered into the conversion of Felipe Valenzuela: the publishers of the Bible, the mission agency which provided it, the Baptist ranchers who showed the man a fine Christian spirit, and made him welcome in their church, and all those who made it possible for the missionary and Mr. Gonzalez to serve in their appointed field.

It is important that we love every individual for his true worth, and that we seek to help every lost man experience the same knowledge of God's love in Christ Jesus as Senor Valenzuela knows.

Just yesterday I walked to church. On my way I passed the O'Brians. The seven were mounted on possibly a hundred bicycles. They circled, interrogated, "Where ya goin?"

"To church."

"Church is over."

"Not my church. I go to the Baptist church. Would you like to go with me."

"Whersyer car?"

"Lost the keys."

And above the screech of departing tires I heard a laughing voice, "Reckon we outa take him to church?"

Maybe one day I'll take them.

by
Courts Redford
*Executive Secretary
Home Mission Board*



EXCLUSIVE of building projects, it requires about \$8.65 per minute to support the work of the Home Mission Board.

That \$8.65 certainly does a great deal of mission work through 2,000 home missionaries who are paid in full or in part.

You and your missionary society have a part in the ministry with every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Offering. These

missionaries serve in all fifty states, in Cuba, Panama, the Canal Zone, and the San Blas Islands.

They are migrant workers, area and associational missionaries, student summer workers, mission pastors, evangelistic leaders, WMU workers in pioneer areas, and over 250 missionaries in Cuba and Panama.

Your Annie Armstrong Offering provides 183 scholarships for students in the United States, in Cuba, and in Panama, assists in conferences and in clinics in which workers are trained and inspired to better service.

Thus, \$2,250,000 of your dollars will be helping to carry on the operational missionary work of the Home Mission Board.

Dollars do even more. In your offering in 1962 \$100,000 will give assistance to an additional 80 or more mission pastors of new churches in pioneer areas. No finer assistance could be given to the 30,000 Movement.

Your offering contributes \$400,000 for mission buildings. In most cases some funds from the Annie Armstrong Offering and some from the Cooperative Program are used for each building project.

Finally, \$160,000 plus all undesignated funds above the \$2,910,000 goal, will be added to loan funds for the purchase of church sites in pioneer areas. This, too, is an excellent way to help in the 30,000 Movement and to participate in the Church Extension emphasis of 1962.

However, the Week of Prayer for Home Missions means more, far more, than the giving of money. It means that through your prayer and study and influence you give spiritual support to the missionary and his ministry. Money alone cannot do this. A full program of study and prayer during March 5-9 is so very important! Do your best to be at prayer every day. Your best is so urgently needed here in the homeland!

"Help us, O God
... for the glory
of thy name."

Goal: \$2,910,000

Annie Armstrong OFFERING

Allocations for 1962 Offering:

LANGUAGE GROUPS, Salaries and Operations	\$ 595,000
(1) Chinese—17 Workers (Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; Delta Section of Northwest Mississippi; El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, Texas)	\$ 10,000
(2) Gael—19 Workers (Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas)	30,000
(3) French—52 Workers (Louisiana)	15,000
(4) Indian—125 Workers (Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah)	190,000

(5) Italian—6 Workers (San Francisco, California; Tampa, Florida)	10,000	
(6) Japanese—8 Workers (Los Angeles, Richmond, San Francisco, and San Jose, California)	5,000	
(7) Korean—2 Workers (Greater Los Angeles Area)	2,000	
(8) Russian—3 Workers (Los Angeles and San Francisco, California)	4,000	
(9) Spanish—530 Workers (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas; also migrant Spanish-speaking work in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Virginia)	280,000	
(10) International—5 Workers (Berkeley and Fresno, California; Austin, Texas)	4,000	
(11) Migrants—15 Workers	25,000	
OUTPOSTS, Salaries and Operations		285,000
(1) Cuba—150 Workers	185,000	
(2) Panama—90 Workers	100,000	
WORK WITH NATIONAL BAPTISTS		170,000
(1) Teacher-Missionaries (32) and State Directors (7)	85,000	
(2) Mission Centers—15 Directors	40,000	
(3) Institutes, Conferences, Kindergarten, Extension Centers	45,000	
MISSIONS IN URBAN CENTERS		235,000
(1) Missions in New York City	20,000	
(2) Juvenile Rehabilitation	10,000	
(3) Goodwill Centers—85 Workers (Arizona, D. C., Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia)	135,000	
(4) Rescue Missions—24 Workers (Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas)	50,000	
(5) Jewish Work (California, Florida, Louisiana, Texas)	10,000	
(6) Mission Pastors—33 Workers (Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon-Washington)	10,000	
MISSIONS IN PIONEER AREAS		295,000
(1) Alaska—15 Workers (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ft. Yukon, Kiana, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Kwiguk, Selawik)	60,000	
(2) Area and Associational Workers—39 (Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri—1 for Iowa, Ohio, Oregon-Washington, Texas—1 for Wisconsin and Minnesota, West Virginia)	90,000	
(3) Pastoral Missionaries, Pastor Directors, Mission Pastors (Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon-Washington, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Wisconsin)	145,000	

Pastor Burgos (L) preaches for "The Lord's Hour," Cleveland, Mississippi



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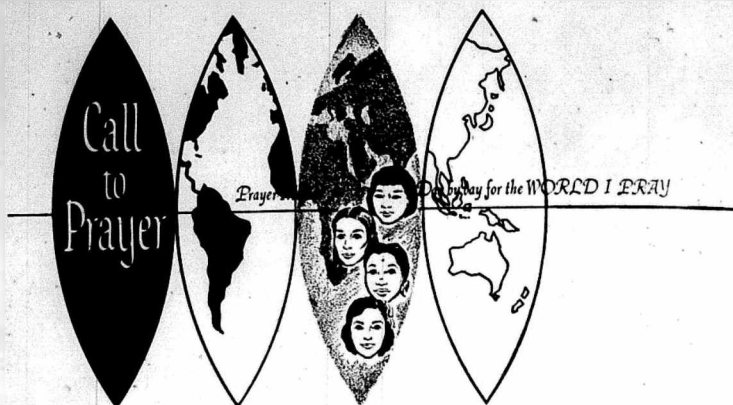


Spanish church, Cleveland, Mississippi, sponsored by other churches in the association, Pastor Burgos at right

GIVE MORE to the Annie Armstrong Offering

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR MISSION PASTOR SUPPORT (To implement 1962 emphasis on church extension and sustain new churches in pioneer areas started in 1961-62)	40,000	
ASSOCIATIONAL RURAL AND MOUNTAIN MISSIONS (1) Associational and Area Workers (92) (Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma)	65,000	110,000
(2) Mission Pastors and Pastoral Missionaries (85)	35,000	
(3) Rural and Mountain Missionaries and Literacy Workers (California, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee)	10,000	
WMU PROMOTION (1) Pioneer States (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon-Washington)	40,000	60,000
(2) Language Groups (Oklahoma—1 worker, Texas—2 workers)	5,000	
(3) Promotion, Travel, WMU Conferences, Field Worker	15,000	
STUDENT SUMMER MISSION PROGRAM		80,000
INSTITUTES AND CONFERENCES (Conferences for kindergarten teachers and Goodwill Center workers at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, WMU conferences and other leadership conferences for language work, etc.)		15,000
MISSION LITERATURE Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention	500	
Spanish WMU Literature	5,900	
Kindergarten-Spanish	800	
Russian Periodicals	2,800	
METHOD SHIPS Cuba (25)	5,000	30,000
Island and other Minorities (30)	3,000	
Indian (50)	6,000	
Negro (120)	2,000	
Spanish (150)	9,000	
EVANGELISM IN PIONEER AREAS		40,000
EQUIPMENT (For expendable equipment such as station wagons, cars, boats, visual aids, etc.)		50,000
FIELD WORKERS		15,000
MARGARET FUND		22,000
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION		2,500
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY		2,500
NEW WORK PROJECTS (Special emphasis on starting new churches and missions)		45,000

Total Allocations for Operations 51,100,000



Prepared by MISS HANNAH E. REYNOLDS

1 THURSDAY Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. *Isa. 41:10.* (read vv. 1-10.)

Next week Southern Baptists lift their hearts in daily petition for home missions and will give to the Annie Armstrong Offering with liberality that our land may truly be Christian in our day.

Rev. A. G. Ortiz, missionary in Texas among the Spanish-speaking, asks that we pray that more space be provided for Sunday school classes. "Our little church building is only one small room. We have rented a house and are using the parsonage for Sunday school classes. Average attendance is 50. It is impossible to teach all classes in one room."

PRAY for A. G. Ortiz, Bishop, Tex., Sp. ev.; Ruth S. Benter, Rio Grande City, Tex., Sp. kg.; J. R. Isaacs, Fairbanks, Alaska, ev.; Mrs. B. R. Conrad, Newkirk, Okla., Ind. ev.; W. D. Lockard, So. Rhodesia, J. W. Patterson, Colombia, ed.; Bernice R. Neel, Brazil, retired

2 FRIDAY But I would ye should understand brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel. *Phil. 1:12.* (read vv. 9-19.)

Pray for those pastors who on Sunday give emphasis that the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering may receive stimulating impetus from Southern Baptist pulpits.

H. H. Holley, of Malaya, says: "Several churches are without pastors and prospects are few. Many fine Christian young people are training to become doctors, teachers, lawyers. These are noble professions, but the need for trained pastoral leadership is so great for the winning of the people of Malaya. Pray for Christian young people of Malaya."

PRAY for Mrs. N. A. Bryan, A. China, retired; Mrs. J. P. Satterfield, Japan, RN; Mrs. J. E. Low, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. D. W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mex.; Mrs. T. S. Green, Asuncion, Paraguay, M. San Jose, Costa Rica, ev.; J. E. Humm, Nigeria, ed.

3 SATURDAY There hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. *1 Kings 8:56.* (read vv. 54-60.)

Ruben Gonzalez, home missionary in New Mexico, writes: "Las Cruces, New Mexico, is a rapidly growing city with almost 40,000 people, many new buildings, and a beautiful university. Fifty per cent of the population are Spanish-speaking. We have only one Spanish-speaking Baptist mission, with 99 members, and a Sunday school with from 125 to 140 in attendance each Sunday morning. We need your prayer that Almighty God will give us power, grace, words, and the Holy Spirit, that Christ, our Lord, may be established in the hearts of the people of our city."

PRAY for Ruben Gonzalez, Las Cruces, N. Mex., Sp. ev.; J. C. Ware, Guadalajara, Mex., SA; Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil, retired; Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Jr., Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; J. E. Walker, Mbeya, Tanganyika, MD



4 SUNDAY The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers unto his harvest. *Matt. 9:37-38.* (read vv. 35-38.)

Beginning tomorrow we will observe for five days the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Pray that Southern Baptists will become so burdened that we shall in repentance and faith pray, "Help us O God, for the glory of thy name." When we so pray, God will cleanse wicked hearts and make us fit vessels for his service. When we so pray young people will listen as God calls them. When we so pray we will give our money to the Annie Armstrong Offering.

PRAY for H. H. Holley, Malaya, Mrs. B. E. Towner, Jr., Kaoshiung, Taiwan, Mrs. C. E. Eron, Kitale, Kenya, Mrs. E. R. Martin, Arusha,

Tanganyika, I. S. Perkins, Brazil, Mrs. Bartolome Burquet, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; L. D. Wood, Canal Zone, Jan. st.; Mrs. J. D. Hughes, Jr., Switzerland, ed.; E. O. Mills, Japan, Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Tex., retired

5 MONDAY Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. *Psalms 79:9.* (read vv. 1-9.)

Last May a great Christian passed to her reward, Dr. Nannie Helen Burroughs, a charter member of the Baptist World Alliance and for many years president of the Woman's Convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA. A Negro leader of great intellect, rare insight into human character, unusual speaking ability, and Christ-like humility, she is sorely missed by those who came under her wise influence. Today let us include in our intercession all missionaries who minister to Negroes both in the homeland and in Africa.

Pray for D. L. Jester, Nigeria, ed.

6 TUESDAY And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book. *Isa. 29:18.* (read vv. 17-24.)

Mrs. G. C. Prock in California asks prayer for more and better ministry to the deaf. She writes, "Radio, television, telephones and other things that we take for granted mean almost nothing to our deaf people in presenting the gospel. Many groups of deaf people meeting in local Baptist churches are doing a good job at trying to present Christ to other deaf people. The key person is the interpreter, the one who listens to the pastor's message and translates it into sign language that the deaf may know the 'words of the Book.' Pray that God will raise up interpreters in more of our churches all over our convention territory."

PRAY for Mrs. G. C. Prock, Berkeley, Calif., deaf ev.; Mrs. J. M. Goodner, San Leandro, Calif., Ind. ev.; Mrs. Frank Ramirez, Tampa, Fla., Sp. ev.; D. E. Merritt, Kaduna, C. S. Ford, Ogoja, Nigeria, ev.; G. M. Falle, Jr., Nalerigu, Ghana, MD; Mrs. M. J. Anderson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; Anna B. Hartwell, China, Mrs. J. R. Allen, Brazil, retired

7 WEDNESDAY But, thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. 15:57.* (read vv. 51-58.)

Mrs. H. H. McMillan, retired after years of missionary work in China and in the Bahama Islands, sends this request, "Pray with our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ for the Communists. Their prayer is that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Communists may have a change of heart and mind. When this

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

prayer is answered," says Mrs. McMillan, "not only will doors in our beloved China be opened for Christ's missionaries to enter again, but every part of the world, now under Communist subjection, will be open to his gospel."

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

8 THURSDAY For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. Heb. 8:10. (read vv. 9-13.)

Several Home Board missionaries have a birthday during this Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Today they are W. P. Whittenburg, working among Negroes; Mrs. Merced Becerra, among Spanish-speaking; and Mrs. Felix Torna, in Cuba. The verse from the Scriptures for today assures us that whatever the condition, whatever the environment of men, God wants to write his law in their hearts and to be to them their God. Pray for all the work of the Home Mission Board and for Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of that board.

PRAY for W. P. Whittenburg, Greenville, South Carolina, Negro ev.; Mrs. Merced Becerra, Yaukum, Tex., Sp. ev.; Mrs. Felix Torna, Havana, Cuba, T. N. Clinkscales, Landrina, Brazil, Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Medellin, Colombia, Mrs. G. C. Bond, Mrs. W. D. Richardson, Ghana, ev.; Mrs. J. A. Roper, Jr., Ajolun, Jordan, MD; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Brazil, retired

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

In earnest concern for our country's need of Christ, on this last day of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, let us pray the words of our program theme, "Help us, O God, for the glory of thy name."

Remember also the request of a Home Board missionary to the deaf, "Please pray for the 14 deaf groups in churches in Alabama. Pray that God will call dedicated Christians (hearing and deaf people) to work with these groups. Pray for God to give us more wisdom, power, and understanding of the people we work with, that we may be able to more effectively interpret God's ways to them."

PRAY for Frank Mendez, Richmond, Calif., Joshua Grijalva, Denver, Colo., Sp. ev.; J. B. Rounds, Okla., retired; Mrs. W. M. Dyal, Jr., Argentina, ev.

10 SATURDAY Finally, brethren, pray for us,

that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you. 2 Th. 3:1. (read vv. 1-5.)

Missionary Mrs. D. C. Johnson is located in what is known as the "Desert Region" of Chile. This northern area of the "Shoestring Republic" is a sun-baked region with an average of less than one half inch of rainfall a year. Here are located nitrate and copper mines which produce the chief exports of Chile. The people are friendly and easy-going, with a religion what is a combination of Catholicism and paganism. Many have come to distrust their church. Young people particularly are turning from it, and many claim to be free-thinkers or agnostics. In the port city of Antofagasta we have a Good Will Center in which kindergarten and three grades of school are provided. These are tremendously important for the future. Pray for them.

PRAY for Mrs. D. C. Johnson, Antofagasta, Chile, C. B. Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, ex. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taiwan, ed.; Mrs. L. F. Maynard, Ala., retired



11 SUNDAY Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy Micah 7:18. (read vv. 18-20.)

Liberia is a new field for Southern Baptists. This republic has opened wide its doors to our missionaries. Already there are 15,000 Baptists in Liberia. The field is a great challenge to these missionaries who work in co-operation with the "Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention." Dr. W. R. Tolbert, Jr., is president of this group, as well as vice president of Liberia. Pray for these Baptists.

PRAY for E. W. Mueller, Monrovia, Liberia, Mrs. T. S. Adkins, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ex. Mrs. J. O. Morse, Barranquilla, Colombia, ex. Rafael Guillen, Panama, Sp. ev.

12 MONDAY Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the

Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy Jas. 5:11. (read vv. 7-11.)

We pray for two missionaries in Cuba today. Baptists in Cuba have depended largely upon nationals to uphold the cause of Christ in that land. Cuba Baptists need our prayer. Missionaries to Cuba need our prayer. Thank God for those who have found the Lord, as you pray for these brothers in Christ that God will bless them with His unfailing presence.

PRAY for Manuel Quintana, Luis Napoles, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.; J. T. McGill, New Orleans, La., RM; Georgia WMU annual meeting, Tifton, 12-14

13 TUESDAY If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14. (read vv. 12-18.)

From the Brooklyn Baptist Chapel of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York, comes a request for prayer.

"Brooklyn Chapel is the only Language Groups Mission operated by Southern Baptists in New York City," writes Rev. D. A. Morgan. "Our greatest need is for a suitable place of worship. Please pray that the Lord will enable us to purchase one of the many church buildings now for sale; also that he will send Spanish-speaking Christians to help us witness for Christ to the 800,000 Spanish-speaking people who reside here, with 18,000 more arriving each year!" Pray that through the Annie Armstrong Offering this and many other needed buildings for worship may be supplied.

PRAY for D. A. Morgan, Brooklyn, New York, Sp. ev., L. M. Southerland, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.; North Carolina WMU annual meeting, Asheville, 13-15

14 WEDNESDAY Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding Prov. 3:5. (read vv. 1-7.)

Mrs. Donald Weeks writes from Colorado: "Our hearts are burdened for multitudes of lost people here. Won't you pray for us and Christian people that we will face discouraging times triumphantly; that the Holy Spirit will so permeate our lives that soul-winning efforts will bear fruit; and that we will have wisdom from God in guiding each convert in continuous Christian growth."

PRAY for Mrs. Donald Weeks, Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. J. Dawson, Phoenix, Ariz., Sp. ev.; M. R. Deming, Niceville, Fla., deaf ev.; Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Kumasi, Ghana, S. T. Tipton, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, W. E. Emanuel, Kyoto, Japan, ex. Juanita Johnston, Haadyni, Thailand,

SW; H. E. Peacock, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed.

15 THURSDAY For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost Matt. 18:11. (read vv. 10-14.)

A chief purpose in establishing the Home Mission Board was to evangelize the Indians. We are still working at the job. Mrs. C. M. Case writes from New Mexico: "Here at our Indian Center the great need is for Indian leadership. Of seven Sunday school classes, only one has an Indian teacher. There are those who are capable but do not accept responsibility. Please pray that God will burden the hearts of these Christian Indians that they may take responsibility of leading their own people. And that we may be able to reach unsaved parents of many little children who come to the Mission."

PRAY for Mrs. C. M. Case, Gallup, N. Mex., Mrs. R. L. Mefford, Philadelphia, Miss., Ind. ev.; Mrs. Jose Saenz, Port Lavaca, Tex., Sp. ev.; Casto Lima, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Blanche Bradley, China, retired

16 FRIDAY But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart: give ye them to eat Matt. 14:16. (read vv. 14-20.)

Mrs. F. L. Lewis of Indonesia asks us to share the burdens of her missionary heart. "When I think in terms of prayer requests, my mind is flooded: my class of teen-age girls in Sunday school, new Christians in our church, my Intermediate Training Union which boasts of 13 members. But most important—the majority of our difficulties stem from the fact that races feel superior one to another. Pray that Indonesian Christians will practice oneness in Christ."

PRAY for Mrs. F. L. Lewis, Surabaya, Indonesia, Mrs. B. J. Walsh, San Jose, Costa Rica, ev.; G. S. Williamson, San Jose, Costa Rica, Estelle Freeland, Nigeria, ed.; C. B. Oates, Calif., Sp. ev.; Mrs. Irene Turner, Nashville, Tenn., Negro ev.; Tony Jajola, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Ind. ev.; Mrs. J. B. Hipps, China, retired

17 SATURDAY Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance Psalm 89:15. (read vv. 11-17.)

Mr. W. L. Walker writes from Japan: "When the small Usuki mission heard recently that finally they were going to have not only a full-time pastor but also a permanent church building, they were overjoyed. They wanted to remodel their present temporary church building into a pastor's home, and began saving for this. One widow gave \$300 of her life's savings to build a pastor's study. With savings and borrowed money they expect to have an adequate

home for their pastor soon. Pray for Japan Baptists and for Christians in our rural towns. They are so bound down by old customs and traditions."

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



18 SUNDAY Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that know not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel: for he hath glorified thee Isa. 55:5. (read vv. 1-8.)

Mrs. D. N. Sharpley is a missionary in South Brazil. In this area is located the city of Rio de Janeiro, to which, in 1881, came Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, first Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil. "Oh, may God grant that his truth, as it is in Jesus, shall fill this land from north to south and from the Atlantic to the Andes," was Dr. Bagby's prayer. In this rapidly growing mission field, there are still millions of unsaved people. Pray for more workers, and for Brazilian Baptists who seek "to fill the land with his truth."

PRAY for Mrs. D. N. Sharpley, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Mrs. G. W. Schaefer,* Indonesia, Mrs. Paul Box, Singapore, Malaya, ev.; A. G. Johnson, Sacramento, Calif., Sp. ev.; J. M. Goodner, San Leandro, Calif., Ind. ev.; J. G. Sanchez, N. Mex., retired

19 MONDAY 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.)

Mrs. Eugene Cross gives testimony to the effectiveness of the WMS Call to Prayer. "Every time my name has appeared on the Calendar since I entered the mission field in 1947, the Lord has answered prayer or blessed me in some peculiarly wonderful way," she writes. "Please pray: that the Lord will call out more national preachers to declare his word in the Philippines, for our chapel in Quezon City where work is slow and difficult, for the three national preachers who are helping in Manila, for the vast number of college students in this city."

PRAY for Mrs. E. M. Cross, Manila, Philippines, C. D. Clarke, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Mrs. F. L. Jester, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Ross Hanna, Quappaw, Okla., Ind. ev.

20 TUESDAY Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, in walk in his statutes and keep his commandments, as at this day 1 Kings 8:61. (read vv. 54-61.)

The Foreign Mission Board brings an encouraging report of educational mission work in Nigeria, in which Miss Louise Sparkman has a worthy part. 85,710 pupils are enrolled in Baptist elementary schools which are the direct product of over a hundred years of missionary work, and are now under the proprietorship of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. Missionary support now centers upon a few secondary schools, seven teacher-training colleges, a theological seminary, and a Bible institute. Last year 354 completed the course at the Baptist teacher-training centers. National independence of Nigeria in 1960 highlighted the contribution Baptist schools had made to the training of present national leaders.

PRAY for Louise Sparkman, Ona, Nigeria, ed.; J. R. Gray, Eku, Nigeria, med.; C. W. Shaefer, Umali, So. Rhodesia, H. R. Littleton, Kumasi, Ghana, Mrs. P. H. Carter, Torreon, Mex., T. D. Gullatt,* Japan, Elizabeth N. Hale,* Malaya, ev.; E. T. Day, Trinidad, Colo., Mrs. M. E. Solerzazo, Panama City, Panama, Sp. ev.; Marvin Lytle, Taylor, Tex., Negro ev.; Mrs. W. C. Lewis,* Paraguay, RN; Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, Brazil, retired; South Carolina WMU annual meeting, Florence, 20-21; Virginia WMU annual meeting, Norfolk, 20-22

21 WEDNESDAY That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved Rom. 10:9. (read vv. 4-15.)

Missionary Leroy Benefield asks prayer for a primitive mountain tribe in the Philippines. "Last Sunday the leader from a mountain tribe in the Cotabato Province came for the third time to request that we bring the gospel to his people. They continue to make offerings of white chickens to their gods because there is no one to tell them that Jesus has already been offered as a sacrifice for sin to redeem us to Almighty God. Pray that God will call forth nationals from our churches to take the gospel to those who have never heard."

PRAY for Leroy Benefield, Cotabato, Philippines, ed.; C. E. Harvey, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; Elias Delgado, San Francisco, Calif., Sp. ev.; Mrs. L. H. Neil, Oshogbo, Nigeria, RN; J. L. Galloway, Macao, retired

22 THURSDAY Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever Amen Rev. 1:5-6. (read vv. 1-8.)

Mrs. John Beam asks our prayer for Good Will Center work in Savannah, Georgia. "One contact we have with lost people is through our kindergarten program," she writes. "Many children come from non-Christian homes or homes which lack Christian dedication. We have a boy and a girl from a Catholic home. Pray that we will find opportunities to witness for Christ as we work with children as well as with the parents."

PRAY for Mrs. J. W. Beam, Savannah, Ga., GWC; H. W. Fite, Jr., Ceres, Brazil, ag.; S. K. Wood, Kyoto, Japan, Mrs. H. A. Gable, Agana, Guam, ev.; Mrs. C. B. Williams, Bangkok, Thailand, RN; R. L. Baustum, China-Taiwan, retired

23 FRIDAY Both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together John 4:38. (read vv. 34-42.)

Dr. John Caylor, retired editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, sent greetings from Alaska, where he served as interim pastor in Anchorage. "Only eighteen years ago the first Baptist church in Anchorage was constituted with 17 members, 15 military and 2 civilian. Today that church has 1700 members and Anchorage has 14 churches and many missions. In Alaska there are 41 churches and missions with more than 5000 members. Eighty-five per cent are military on two-year rotation. Consecrated Christians gratify our hearts as we see them in action here, but thousands are not reached. Pray for pastors and missionaries."

PRAY for John Caylor, Sr., Ark., retired; Mrs. Pablo Martinez, Las Villas, Cuba, E. J. Palmer, Panama City, Panama, Mrs. W. H. Ferrell, Cordoba, Argentina, F. M. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, W. A. Pennell, Indonesia, ev.; Mattie L. Bible, Brazil, SW; Mrs. Ismael Negrin, Miami, Fla., Sp. ev.; G. W. Eiland, San Antonio, Tex., Chinese, ev.

24 SATURDAY Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him Acts 10:34-35. (read vv. 34-42.)

Rev. C. J. Smith asks us to pray for the Indians among whom he serves in Oklahoma: "That the Plains Indians who are already Christians may soon become faithful stewards of Jesus Christ, even to the presenting of their

bodies as living sacrifices in his service."

PRAY for C. J. Smith, Clinton, Okla., Ind. ev.; Grace Clifford, Okla., Ethel M. Pierce, China, retired; Mrs. Enock Ortega, Salinas, Calif., J. L. Gebhart, Grand Junction, Colo., Sp. ev.; Mrs. L. G. Lane, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. J. A. Jimmerston, Bandung, Indonesia, ev.



25 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. 9-20.)

Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world except Spain. More than 50 Indian dialects are also spoken there. Southern Baptist work was started in 1880. In three major institutions of learning in Mexico City, 92,000 students are enrolled. The Mexican government has as a major goal the education of its youth. Southern Baptists need more workers to promote Christian development of youth along with the education the government provides in this land where separation of church and state has been practiced since 1957. R. L. Lyon is at our Student Home and Center which is doing fine work in Mexico City.

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

26 MONDAY For thou art my lamp, O Lord; and the Lord will lighten my darkness 2 Sam. 22:29. (read vv. 26-29.)

The Foreign Mission Board reports 1,317 Baptists in Indonesia. This is a small beginning in an ancient, Oriental, island country. Today we pray for 64 missionaries with national Christians in 9 churches, with 12 national pastors, a hospital, a publishing house and a seminary. All are establishing a firm foundation for Baptist advance. We are grateful that though for more than a year visas were refused four appointed missionary couples to Indonesia, visas

were finally granted in 1960 and God's work is continuing to go forward.

PRAY for Mrs. J. L. Smith, Surakarta, Indonesia, Mrs. P. E. Sanderson, Brazil, J. R. Brunson, Malaya, Mrs. Bibiano Molina, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.; Burton de Wolfe Davis, Ceara, Brazil, Mrs. T. N. Callaway, Japan, ed.; Helen Lambert, Tucson, Ariz., GWC

21 TUESDAY The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Prov. 1:7. (read vv. 5-15.)

Many "firsts" in Baptist life in Thailand took place in 1960. Among these are the first ordination of a Thai preacher, the first church building dedicated, and the first use of new Baptist assembly grounds. Also, two new stations were opened and an intensive evangelistic effort was fervently conducted for six weeks. Southern Baptists began work among the more than 21 million inhabitants of this country in 1949. We now number 2,836 Baptists, and from a missionary there comes this appeal: "You could do nothing more important than to pray and lead others to pray for your representatives here."

PRAY for Frances Hudgins, Bangkok, Thailand, ed.; Mrs. W. D. Lockard, Mrs. R. L. Rummage, So. Rhodesia, R. L. Fielden, Brazil, A. M. Arias, Panama, ev.; Marvin Sorrels, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ev.; J. J. Johnson, North Carolina, retired; Alabama WMU annual meeting, Sheffield, 27-29

22 WEDNESDAY Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. John 17:20. (read vv. 15-21.)

Missionaries of our Home and Foreign boards carry great responsibility and need our prayer. We are grateful for them. Those who work with language groups in our own land have an especially important task, for many nationals will return to their countries to places of leadership. Will they go back as Christians or without Christ? Let us face our responsibility for the thousands from overseas who are visiting our country.

PRAY for Toshio Sakamoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., Japanese ev.; Miss Ray Buster, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. H. L. Willis, Bangkok, Thailand, RN

23 THURSDAY Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 1:21. (read vv. 17-21.)

In spite of growth of the work in North Brazil, approximately half of the counties of

this mission area are still without a Baptist witness. One of the missionaries says: "Thank God for what Southern Baptists have already done for the spread of the gospel in North Brazil. May we continue to give even more abundantly of our means, and may more young people heed God's call to carry the message of life."

PRAY for W. M. Parker, Brazil, ed.; Dr. Vellijn Oliver, Mati, Philippines, RN; Illinois WMU annual meeting, Anna, 29-30; Ohio WMU annual meeting, Cuyahoga Falls, 29-30; Missouri WMU annual meeting, Springfield, 29-31

30 FRIDAY Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. Luke 18:17. (read vv. 15-17.)

R. M. Douglas writes from California: "Our greatest need at the present is for financial support of a radio ministry to the thousands of migrants in our state. Many homes and labor camps are closed to other means of spreading the gospel. This radio ministry can be very effective."

PRAY for R. M. Douglas, Fresno, Calif., Mig. ev.; Mrs. W. P. Andrews, Chile, ev.; Frances Crawford, Gaza, Mrs. H. W. Neely, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, RN

31 SATURDAY They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psalm 126:5. (read vv. 1-6.)

From East Pakistan P. S. Johnson writes: "You cannot know how much it does for our morale here to know that our prayer requests will be known to so many people through Royal Service. Out of our opportunities in Dacca, the Provincial capital, there has grown a small group of 12 young men mostly university students, who have professed faith privately and desire baptism and Christian fellowship. Our real concern is to organize a church and develop a program of training for the spiritual growth of these young men and others. Baptism will mean for them rejection by family and former friends. Already several have been driven from home for spending so much time with us. We feel a terrific responsibility in this matter. With your earnest, prayerful consideration we are confident that God will prepare the way for His will to be done."

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

ag. agriculture	med. medicine	hangkong
BA business administration	Mig. migration	
ed. education	pub. public	
ev. evangelism	RM. Roman	
GWC. Good Will Center	RN. nurse	
Ind. Indian	Sp. Spanish	ter
kg. kindergarten	SW. student	
lan. language study	* on furloa	
MD. doctor		

... The confession of a WMS Stewardship Director—

"Why Don't You Practice What You Preach?"

by Mrs. Jean Coleman,
Stewardship Director, District 10, Borger, Texas

IT isn't very often that a homemaker has opportunity to practice sacrificial giving. With a fixed income and fixed expenditures there is very little she can do to give over and above the regular family tithe and offerings.

I have the wonderful privilege of serving as WMS Stewardship director and helping others realize the blessings both spiritual and material which come from giving the "first fruits" to the Lord and His work.

During the month of December our part-time church secretary found it necessary to take a leave of absence and I was elected to take her place. In the excitement of working, I thought very little about the salary which I would be paid, or even if I would be paid for that matter, but the church very generously voted to pay the same salary to the substitute as the regular secretary received! An enormous salary to me!

About this time our church seemed to be having a hard time meeting the goal which had been set for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Home Missions. We had studied the needs of the mission field and every Christian felt a deep concern for the people around the world, but . . . how hard it is for us to give our money to help further Christ's Kingdom when we have so many needs.

When someone expressed regret that our goal was yet unmet, I would smile and say, "Don't worry, the Lord will provide." Little did I dream just how he would provide. I really do not know when the idea first began to grow in my mind, "if we do not reach our goal for the foreign mission offering, I will finish it out of my pay check." At first I pushed this thought far back in my mind as fast as I could, because of all the little "extras" my four children would be able to enjoy with the added income.

Then I seemed to hear my heart say, "Why don't you practice what you preach?" For two years I have conducted a Stewardship workshop for our District and have "preached" stewardship with my whole heart. If I really mean what I had been teaching, now was the

time to prove it!

When the secretary returned I kept asking how the offering was adding up. How much did we lack? We still lacked \$120. I had already received my pay check and had spent around \$50 of it for "essentials." I had about \$100 left. I asked the church secretary to wait until the last day of the month and to call me before she made out the church check for the offering. I had figured it would be around \$50 or \$60 we lacked, but when she called she told me it was \$120! I was about ready to back out. It would take all of the money I had left, plus some of our nearly depleted checking account, and we had already given our regular mission offering.

Again I seemed to hear, "Why don't you practice what you preach?" Sacrificial giving is one of the main points of the stewardship emphasis I have believed in. But how easy to think of stewardship in terms of the other fellow. Who would have ever dreamed that I would be called upon to make the choice of self or Christ? Much prayer and soul-searching went into the final decision. Such a lot of money to a family with the average income that we have. There were so many things our family needed—really needed! Of course, if I had not received the extra money we would never have missed it. Somehow after we had prayed about it and our decision was made, I felt that the Lord had known all along what it would be. How happy I was when my husband said, "Go ahead and write the check for the full amount." And as I did so I prayed that many people would be helped to know the saving love of our Saviour.

And now—again the time comes for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. How can we ever hope to increase 14 per cent over our gifts last year? My mind says it is too much for a homemaker ever to accomplish, but my heart says the same Lord that helped me do it for foreign missions will help me this year. And I seem to hear again, "Why don't you practice what YOU preach?" for you see what I had been "preaching" all along was "Christian living means Sacrificial Giving!"

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Unit Theme: *Examining Roman Catholicism*

Topic for March:

How to Witness to Roman Catholics

by Frances and Carl Conrad

Program Outline:

Call to Prayer
Business Session
Sing "Rescue the Perishing"
Scripture Reading—Romans 10:1-15
Skit: How to Witness to Roman Catholics
Prayer
Informal Fellowship

Scene: Prepare a living room setting. Place a coffee service or cold drinks on a coffee table. Arrange four chairs in a semi-circle near it for the speakers. Mrs. Jones hears the doorbell and goes to the front door to greet Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Green. After exchanging greetings, they are invited to sit down and are served. Before each woman speaks, she places her cup on the table.

How to Witness to Roman Catholics

Mrs. _____: You are no doubt wondering why I have invited you here today. It is because each of you is a converted Catholic and I believe you can help me to know

how to witness to a Catholic friend. She is Mrs. Johnson. She is a friend of our family and we are together often. I did not think much about witnessing to her because I imagined it to be useless. She appears to be a devout Catholic. Recently she has been trying to witness to me and I feel rather helpless in answering her. She speaks of her priest and the mass and of the sacraments. I noticed that she places a lot of emphasis on the church.

When I spoke of my faith in Christ, she intimated that she felt that one needed more than this. I am not certain how I should talk to her. I have heard our pastor say we must distinguish between the Catholic system and the Catholic people. He said we should deplore the system but love the people. I know we must keep our hearts free from prejudice and win their friendship, love, and respect. But this is not enough. I want to help her know how vital a personal experience is with Jesus the Saviour. You remember how you were won to Christ and can help me to know how to approach my friend.

Mrs. _____: You are absolutely correct in your attitude toward Catholics. I believe we should be concerned about them as Jesus was over the religious people of his day who had no salvation.

I think it is important to know the Catholic mind. They believe in submission to authority as expressed by the pope, their priest, and the teachings of the church. They believe they have the only true faith and that what they are told by the church is final. They may read the Bible, if they desire, but they must not interpret one sentence of it except as their church requires it. They are told what books and other literature they may or may not read, their movies are selected for them and they are forbidden to participate in a Protestant service unless permission is granted by the priest.

The dread of a long stay in purgatory haunts sincere Catholics. The fear of being contaminated by Protestant teachings is constantly being instilled in them. They are prejudiced against all that is non-Catholic.

The person who would witness to a devout Catholic must recognize that he has to penetrate a thick wall of false teaching to reach him. Of course, many Catholics have become disillusioned. Some have begun to think for themselves and search for something to satisfy their troubled hearts. Much of the battle is already won when you witness to one like this. However, this is the exception rather than the rule. I believe your friend would be difficult to win, but it is not impossible to win her.

Mrs. _____: To witness effectively to Roman Catholics, one should know their doctrines. This is why converted Catholics usually are more effective in witnessing to them. They can discuss their discovery of error and the joy of finding the truth in God's Word when they were saved.

A person who works with Catholics should own a catechism, which is a question and answer book giving the chief beliefs of Catholics. Sometimes a Protestant

is mistaken about a Catholic belief and this book will give authoritative information. You cannot learn clearly what Catholics believe by the Knights of Columbus articles which appear in newspapers and magazines, because they are written to appeal to Protestants. Also you should own a Catholic version of the Bible—either the Douay (doo-aye) or the Confraternity New Testament, the latter having been published recently. Roman Catholic doctrines can be summarized in three words—the church, the priesthood and the sacraments.

Mrs. _____: What do Catholics believe about the church?

Mrs. _____: To them the Catholic Church is the oldest and only true one, begun by Christ and with a succession of popes from Peter; it is universal (or catholic) and unified; it is the channel from God and heaven through which all truth is given and can make no error. By the church is meant the pope and all other leaders including the priests, the system of organization, teachings and practices. To a Catholic his church is divine authority and the embodiment of God's kingdom on earth.

Mrs. _____: What do Catholics believe about the priest?

Mrs. _____: The priest is the agent with authority and power to dispense the benefits of the church. He has two special prerogatives, the power to forgive sins, and to achieve transubstantiation, that is, to change a wafer and wine into the flesh and blood of Christ in the service called the Mass.

The seven sacraments (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, penance, extreme unction, holy orders, and matrimony) are instruments, in the hands of the priest (or bishop). They are outward observances believed to have saving power or other spiritual benefits (See January Circle program).

These replace Christ and His Word, the Holy Spirit and the faith of the individual in Christ as Saviour. To be able to help a

Catholic and to have a clear conception of what to teach him, one should have a reasonable and accurate knowledge of his beliefs.

But this is not enough, Baptists should know their own doctrines well. There are many of our members who are uncertain about their own beliefs. How can they witness positively to others? 1 Peter 3:15 says that we should "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Mrs. _____: May I add a few more suggestions? I would say that one should use the positive approach. Do not criticize his church or its doctrines to Catholics. This will offend him. We would react the same way. We should use the "negative approach positively," that is, emphasize their errors by giving the Scriptural teaching of truth. For example, we can emphasize salvation by Christ alone over against the church, the priest, and the sacraments.

One must be able to use the proper Bible passages to make salvation clear. When I was saved, I saw for the first time the true meaning of Christ's love, atoning death and resurrection. It is sometimes difficult for Catholics to understand the meaning of faith and confession, baptism and church membership, the place of works, the Scriptures, democratic church government, and the Christian life because all of this is so radically different from the beliefs and practices to which they are accustomed.

Also, I believe it is important to be exceedingly patient. The way out of Catholicism is a long and difficult one. One of the biggest problems for a would-be convert is to face his family and friends. Their belief about being the only true church and their disbelief in religious freedom usually precludes any understanding on their part. In strong Catholic areas the converts are often persecuted.

One further observation. One who is interested in Catholics, especially those in Catholic areas should work quietly. Pub-

licity alerts opposition and throws up barriers. It may cause much delay in dealing with an individual or frighten him away. The best plan is to work privately and in the home, if possible. It may be that all one can do is to sow the seed. There are many cases on record of people who heard God's Word and expressed concern ten or twenty years before they accepted Christ. Abraham was called by God to become the father of a nation he never saw with his own eyes. But he performed the service God called him to do, which was only part of the great plan. Others were used later in the realization of the plan of God for Israel. I think we should remember that all our strategy in dealing with Catholics will be useless unless we pray earnestly and depend upon the Holy Spirit to do His work. The winning of the lost is the work of God and man, but man cannot supplant God in convicting and regenerating the heart. It is the Holy Spirit who wins the lost.

Mrs. _____: I am very grateful to each of you for your wonderful suggestions. I feel deeply that I am the key person to work with my Catholic friend. After talking with you, not only am I going to prepare better to refute the arguments she uses to win me but as tactfully and prayerfully as I know, I am going to give her Scriptural truths. I believe the Gospel is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Pray that we shall have courage to witness with tact and patience to Catholics.

NOTE: Have on hand Gummied Stickers with Bible references presenting the plan of salvation, 25 for \$1.00 from Woman's Missionary Union, 444 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama, and give to each member one to paste in her New Testament.

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ROYAL SERVICE

WMU Annual Meeting

San Francisco, California
June 4-5, 1962

by Alma Hunt

• Yes, this year the WMU Annual meeting is in San Francisco, California, June 4-5. Yes, that's Woman's Missionary Union's 1962 high light.

For you who live in the Far West, the location is perfect—it's near to you for a change. For those who live elsewhere, it isn't as far as it used to be. It isn't as far from Birmingham as it was last October—not in time distance, anyway. A jet flight now makes it possible for one to eat breakfast in Birmingham and lunch in California. And such is possible from other terminal cities. San Francisco is within fairly easy reach of Baptists everywhere in our country.

Some of you can arrange for a family trip or for enough time off to make the trip by car and attend not only the WMU Annual Meeting on June 4-5, but also the Southern Baptist Convention which follows, June 5-8. These meetings in San Francisco offer the blessing of seeing our beautiful country as well as mission stations along the way.

Some of the railroads have excellent service through the West. There are vista-dome trains in which skylights and "upstairs" seats enable one to enjoy mountain tops and the far horizons. There are all coach trains, all Pullman trains and mixtures.

A couple of friends told of their "package" bus trip to California. Neither the man nor his wife had ever had a bus trip and they were elated over the comfort and ease of it. Their busses were air-conditioned,

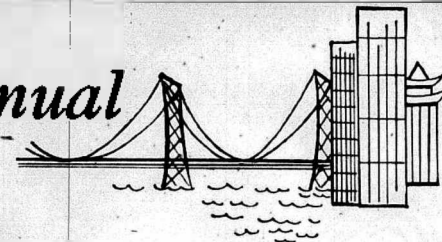
so they were comfortable while traveling through desert and other hot areas. Their hotel or motel reservations were cared for so they had to give no thought to lodging or meals. "Easy and delightful" they reported.

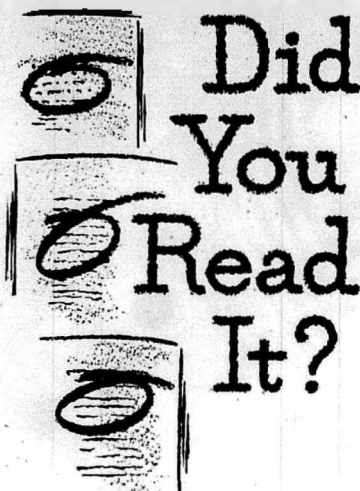
We hope getting around will be easy and delightful after you reach California.

Our Woman's Missionary Union meeting place is the Civic Auditorium in the heart of San Francisco. Our headquarters hotel is the Whitcomb. This hotel and its motel (if it is completed by June) are only a block or so away from the auditorium. Those who stay there can eliminate the bother and expense of taxicabs. The state papers will carry information about other hotels and motels. All reservations will be handled through the housing bureau. If you haven't already applied for a reservation according to directions in your state paper, please write immediately to SBC Housing Bureau, Room 300, 61 Grove Street, San Francisco 2, California. While you're waiting for a reply from the housing bureau you can accumulate information regarding the various transportation possibilities. And before you know it, you will be on your way to San Francisco.

The program promises to be colorful, stimulating and interesting. We pray it will prove to be inspirational and will bring an abiding blessing to every person present.

Oh! the starting time—nine o'clock on Monday morning, June 4.





by Mrs. William McMurry

TV IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

What effect does television have on children? How are they affected by violent or sordid scenes which they always seem to prefer? These and similar questions are asked by concerned adults when increasing delinquency and violent behaviour coincide with a television-saturated public. A wordy book, filled with tables, charts and appendices titled Television in the Lives of Our Children by Schramm, Lyle & Parker, reaches the conclusion that "we still cannot really tell if, at all, violence does affect children." An interesting point made in this survey is that deprived children who had no secure home life could be upset and made sleepless by seeing situations depicting a happy home life.

However, it seems that one hundred hours of weekday evening viewing of 12 murders, 16 major gunfights, 37 hand-to-hand fights, one stabbing with a butcher's knife, four attempted suicides and a general assortment of violence is a trifle too high.

For the sake of argument, let's say that children who watch all this are not frightened: they may still be acquiring blunted sensibilities and an impression that life is cheap and murder a mere incident. It is the ease with which all this can be turned on and off that is so alarming. As an English reviewer of a comparable study made in Britain in 1958 expressed it, "One is inclined to say that children should at least be made to work for their horrors."

A fact made obvious in the Schramm, Lyle & Parker report is "that children use television for 'fantasy' and the elements of fantasy in American television are weak if not positively harmful."

*Price \$6.00, from Baptist Book Stores

NEHRU IN SEARCH OF GOD

Sometime ago in one of the nation's magazines there appeared a quotation from a book about Mr. Nehru, India's distinguished premier and leader among neutral governments. The quotation is part of a conversation between the author and the Premier.

"Only a fully integrated man with spiritual depth and moral strength will be able to meet the challenges of the new times. Material advance without spiritual balance can be disastrous."

"What you say raises visions of Mr. Nehru in search of God in the evening of his life."

"If you put it that way," replied Mr. Nehru, "my answer is yes. I have changed. The emphasis on ethical and spiritual solutions is not unconscious. It is deliberate, quite deliberate."

CURRENT RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

Soon after the report regarding action on the use of alcohol was released by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, the press picked up the story. Among comments criticizing the action was an article in Christianity Today and reprinted on the editorial page of The Union Signal.

The author relates a conversation he overheard on a Sunday morning while waiting for a class of high school girls to be dismissed. Bubbled a young girl excitedly, "Did you hear that the General Assembly of our church, that's the assembly for the whole church, mind you, has said that it's all right to drink. So now we're allowed to drink at parties. What do you think of that?" The poor teacher was hard pressed for an answer. To teach abstinence to the class was not made easier by the action of the General Assembly.

The writer of the article concluded with this pertinent observation: "Moral laws are not divorced from absolute truth, always and everywhere applicable." A survey revealing that 58 per cent of Presbyterians serve liquor in their homes has nothing to do with the right and wrong of social drinking. "There are those who say that our laws ought to be rewritten to adjust to the behavior of men. The brakes on my car are related to some absolute laws, and I am happy that the laws are valid every hour of every day regardless of the weather or my feelings."

"LET OUR CHILDREN GO..."

Excerpts from a bitter, ironic letter written in the style of Jonathan Swift by James R. Newman, brilliant 54 year-old mathematician and editor of the "World of Mathematics" appeared in a late fall issue of Newsweek. Appalled at what might happen to children in a nuclear war, this American wrote a 1,200 word letter to the editor of The Washington Post where it first appeared. These are fragment sentences from the protest: "A nuclear war may well end human life. But suppose, more cheerfully, that only people of the Northern Hemisphere are exterminated; that in the Southern Hemisphere it will still be possible somehow for some persons to survive. Why should we not transport our young children to these regions? For first, war is not the children's concern. Secondly, the conduct of war would be so much less burdensome if the children were removed . . . without the distractions of their cries . . . we could give ourselves over completely to the serious business at hand. . . . Thirdly, we rid ourselves of the incubus of a shelter program. What a relief no longer to have to pretend! . . . even in a deep shelter the occupants will be quickly barbecued. . . . Fourthly, there is the grave moral issue of suicide. The law forbids it to the individual. On a national scale it is apparently acceptable. . . . Fifthly, there must be many who, like myself, have a weakness for children. In format and freshness they are much preferable to the larger editions. Children are unwrinkled, unwarped. They are healthy. They smell nice. They are not cynical. They suppose life to be an end in itself. Properly nourished and cared for, they grow up. . . ."

In the first few days more than 100 approving letters and half as many telephone calls came from people in all walks of life. Including Supreme Court Justices and members of Congress. Asked what he wrote the letter, Newman replied, "Do you have kids?"

foreign missionary to OUR TOWN



THE speaker mounted the platform. One was reminded of an English butler by his courtesy, yet he had the bearing of an ambassador at large. Delivered in beautiful British English, his dynamic message captivated the audience. His name is Dr. John N. Thomas, formerly of England, now a Southern Baptist missionary to Colombia, South America.

Many friends in Colombia were introduced to us by Dr. Thomas and we felt that we wanted to pray for them as persons whom we knew personally.

He told of Florencio Barrera, who after fifteen years of selfless ministry as a Catholic priest, came to the Baptist church in Barranquilla. Following the service, the priest waited to talk with him about Jesus as a personal Saviour. He told Dr. Thomas of his fruitless search for peace of heart through work, service, and from counsel of superiors. At the close of the second service

he attended, the inquirer publicly accepted Christ. Soon he was imprisoned by civil authorities influenced by Catholics. Later, as he walked along in a procession with other prisoners, he was able to make a miraculous escape. Florencio Barrera attended the Baptist seminary at Cali. It was exceptionally hard for him to stay in school, so eager was he to be on the field in full-time preaching.

Teaching us to pray more definitely and intelligently was a valued contribution which Dr. Thomas made to the lives of members of our church.

He, with his wife and four children (two were already in the states for schooling) came to our town to spend their furlough year. As we look back on their stay we cannot express adequately what they have done for us spiritually. We recognized again, because of them, that consecration is made up of many things—great faith, hard

by FRIEDA SILER

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work, love, and unselfishness but also a sense of humor, winsome personality, and understanding of all kinds of people. They contributed to our concept of today's missionaries and their problems.

Just before the furlough year ended, we had a chance to share in a unique witnessing experience. The associational Brotherhood wished to express in a tangible way an interest in Dr. Thomas' welfare. The men had learned that he had a keen desire to go to England to visit his elderly parents. These men gave generously and in many cases, unsolicited.

So it was that a plane ticket plus extra cash were presented to Dr. Thomas. At first, he was utterly speechless. When able to gain some composure, he told what the trip would mean: not only a visit with his family whom he had not seen for many, many years but much more—the chance to once again ask them to accept Christ. None

of his family, including father and mother, had made a profession of faith.

He returned from England after a visit of nine days. What a message of answered prayer he brought back to us! Eighteen persons had been won to the Lord, including his father, mother, sister and brother-in-law. He had the opportunity to preach at a little mission where he himself had accepted Christ thirty-three years earlier. The house was filled to overflowing, and as he preached he said that he felt that many back in the States were praying for the success of his mission. At the close of that service twelve came forward to confess their faith in Christ—and in a place where an altar call was seldom given!

As we heard Dr. Thomas speak again, at the close of the furlough year, we rejoiced that the Lord had sent him and his family our way for they had greatly extended our spiritual horizons.

"It seems so cruel,"

said the wife of the funeral director as he and I carefully placed the casket inside the hearse. Within the casket lay the body of a young Navajo woman.

Two days before the girl had died at the hospital. Her husband was away from home working on a ranch when she became ill, so her father-in-law took her to the hospital. After her death, the father-in-law signed the papers giving permission for an autopsy to be performed. The father-in-law also spoke for the woman's husband when he told the hospital authorities to arrange for the funeral because none of the family would attend it.

As we drove to the cemetery, I thought about the tremendous need of Navajo people on our field for a knowledge of the truth concerning the meaning of death. Most of them still retain their fear of being contaminated by the evil spirit which supposedly lingers near a dead body. Among "The People," as the Navajos call themselves, there is little or no concern for life after death. To them, death is the inevitable fate of every person, after which his good spirit or "spirit of life" leaves the body to join similar spirits, losing individual identity. I thought of the missionary's responsibility to proclaim the promise of personal immortality and eternal fellowship with God which lies in store for those who trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.

After we arrived at the cemetery, it was extremely difficult for me to prepare for the moments ahead which I faced some-

what fearfully. What could he said at a time like this? A few words of comfort accompanied by proper Scriptural selections would ordinarily seem appropriate for such a service, but none of the members of the family were present. Those attending were the funeral director and two men who had dug the grave.

While I stood at the head of the casket and read from God's Word, I realized anew that, as a Christian witness to lost people, I needed a firmer conviction concerning the seriousness of this sacred task.

During the closing prayer I prayed earnestly that God would teach us the meaning of life through this experience with death. I did not pray for the soul of the woman whose body lay before us, because her destiny had already been determined, but I prayed for her people, for those who remained alive physically but dead spiritually. I prayed for those to whom I must return from this sober experience and to whom I must patiently minister the Word of God as a faithful witness of His, depending upon Him to bring forth the fruit of His Word in due time. I prayed that God would use me to make His Word real to the people and to bring the power of that Word to bear upon their lives. I prayed that the fears, superstitions, and uncertainties which permeate their lives because of false religious beliefs would be dispelled by the light of the Gospel and by the words of the One who asserted, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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by Delbert G. Fann

●What is gambling? Gambling is an attempt by chance to gain ownerships of that for which one has neither attempted any productive work nor offered anything in exchange. Henry Ward Beecher said: "Gambling is the staking or winning of property upon mere hazard." The element of chance is present always in gambling. The gain of one is balanced by the loss of another, chance being the deciding factor.

How prevalent is gambling today? Senator Estes Kefauver estimates that gambling activities gross \$30 billion a year in the United States. This amounts to \$743 per family. He adds, "It means that for every dollar spent for education, \$2.73 is spent in gambling. For every dollar contributed to churches, \$15 is spent on gambling. For every dollar that is spent by public and private social agencies, two dollars go to gambling."

What are the most common forms of gambling? Among them are betting, lotteries, roulette, playing the horses or the dogs, the numbers racket, slot machines, bingo, and punchboards.

Why do people gamble? Some of the reasons are: ignorance, instability, recklessness, lure of quick wealth, following the crowd, superstition and a desire for a thrill. One authority gives three reasons why people gamble: just plain acquisitiveness, boredom, and sheer desperation.

Is gambling a disease? The famous newspaper columnist, O. O. McIntyre, believed it is. He once said, "I have a number of friends who are washed up with drinking, haven't touched a drop for years, and are not likely to again. The same is true of smoking. But I have never known a person addicted to gambling giving up that vice. It's a most difficult bad habit to shake." Many a gambler has been swept off his feet, both mentally and financially, by the gambling urge.

Is it true that "a little gambling is a good thing"? An English bishop said that gambling confined within rigid limits is not necessarily harmful. A Catholic priest

declared that gambling is an innocent and agreeable pastime. To such statements *The Christian Century* once replied: "Gambling, like theft, is not something which can be virtuously and properly practiced in moderation. If anybody ever did say, which we doubt, that 'some people improve spiritually by a little good gambling,' he said something false and meaningless. There is no 'good gambling.'"

What does gambling lead to? Gambling leads to crime, suicide, immorality, and a whole train of other evils. It is the leading cause of embezzlement. It is the cause of much human misery and wretchedness.

Is life a gamble? This is an oft-heard remark. A newspaper affirms that our whole lives are a gamble. But from a Christian standpoint, this is nonsense. Every man's life is a plan of God. If we acknowledge him, he will direct our paths (Prov. 3:6). Life is not controlled by chance but by God. A Christian, conscious of his obligations to God and to others, will look upon life as a trust and not as a gamble. He knows that life is a great adventure with God when man invests his personality in things which are eternal. Such a man lays up for himself everlasting treasures.

WHAT IS GAMBLING

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by C. Aubrey Hearn

Help Us, O God

TO PLAN PRAYERFULLY FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

Prayer Chairman: Have you received your packet of material for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions? Study each piece of material. Although this reaches you without charge, every piece costs money. Before your prayer committee gets together with stewardship and publicity committees be sure you, as chairman, are thoroughly familiar with all available material and that you have suggestions to make which may or may not be followed as you meet together. Encourage everyone who comes to your planning meeting to know plans also. They should study the Week of Prayer material and especially read the suggestions in Forecaster to prayer, stewardship and publicity committees.

Use all material to best advantage in enlisting every member of your church in the spiritual blessings of this week of praying and giving to home mission work through the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Study carefully this copy of Royal Service, February and March Home Missions. How will you use the leaflet "Week of Prayer for Home Missions"?

Wednesday will need special consideration. Ask one member of your committee to read and study that material carefully and bring definite suggestions about how you will observe that day.

You should have on hand sufficient quantity of: the illustrated prayer folder, Annie Armstrong Offering envelopes, and the program folder (2c each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama).

The illustrated folder is for use each day in the beginning and closing meditation periods. Will you use the streamer at the front of your church? in a hallway? How and where will you use every piece?

Plan carefully and be sure that everyone knows exactly what she is to do: soloist and pianist, meditation readers, others so that there is reverence and quiet as everyone listens and prays. **This is a week of prayer, not of programs so make this a different experience from your monthly programs.** It should be characterized by prayer and worship.

You will guard well every minute and be careful not to exceed the time limit. Whether this is a week of high spiritual experiences depends upon your prayerful preparation and execution of plans in which you have followed the leading of the Holy Spirit. Your purposes are to engage as many members of your church as possible in hearing and knowing of need, in responding to need with prayer and concern and gifts. God will bless your efforts if they are done in his name.

SUGGESTED DAILY PROCEDURE

Prayer Chairman Presiding

Meditation Music
Prayer Hymn
Leader for the Day
Prayer for Missionaries of the Day
Responsive Reading
Sing: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Guided Meditation
Whitened Fields
Presentation of Goals
Prayer Needs
Closing Meditation
Prayer of Dedication of Self
Presentation of Gifts
Prayer of Dedication for Offering
Sing Chorus: "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"

ROYAL SERVICE

Theme for

"Help us, O God
... for the glory
of thy name."

Psalm 79:9

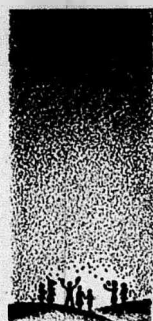


WEEK OF PRAYER for Home Missions

MARCH 5-9, 1962

GOAL • \$2,910,000

MONDAY
March 5, 1962



For the Day: "We have turned every one to his own way" Isaiah 53:6.

Help Us, O God to Send Forth Our Youth as Heralds of the King ... for the Glory of Thy Name

MEDITATION MUSIC: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (Women use illustrated folder given to each one as she enters to spend a brief time in prayer.)

PRAYER HYMN: "Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer"

LEADER FOR THE DAY:

STORY: At a home for refugee children the worship bell rings at certain intervals throughout the day. Whenever the bell sounds boys and girls pause—in school, in the fields, at play. They fold their hands and bow their heads for a moment of prayer.

A visitor asked a frail-looking little girl, "What do you pray about?"

"First," she said solemnly, "We thank Jesus because we've been found, and we have a home. Then we pray for all the poor little boys and girls who are lost like we were, and don't even know about Jesus!"

During our season of prayer we shall not have the ringing of a bell to remind us to pray. But can we not pause, as did the refugee children, to thank God that we have been found and are safe in the fold... then pray for all of those in our country who are still lost, and do not even know about Jesus! That is the essence of home missions. Let us dedicate ourselves to faithful praying each day during this Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES of the Day (see page 19)

RESPONSIVE READING by Two Women (Used below are Psalms 121:1-3; 146:5; Hebrews 13:6.)

READER 1: Today from Alaska to Florida, from New England to Texas, Southern Baptist women are gathering. Thousands upon thousands of them are making their way to appointed meeting places. They come in limousines and they come afoot. They are young, they are old; they come from palatial residences and from small modest homes. Some are brilliant scholars and others cannot read and write. Some live in small towns or open country areas; others reside in the city. The blood of many nations flows in their veins. Some have only lately become a part of our country. Others proudly trace their heritage to those who first came to American shores. These are our Southern Baptist women.

READER 2: There will be only three, or perhaps four in some places who pray together. In other localities there will be a room crowded with dedicated members of missionary societies. One force has motivated this throng; one purpose unites them. It is the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

And, wherever women meet, their theme for this week will be the same. Shall we read it together? (Turns to where theme is hanging.)

Writer for Week: MRS. J. C. LEDBETTER

ROYAL SERVICE

and lead: all in reading it then readers continue.

READER 1: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

READER 2: "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber."

READER 1: "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help."

READER 2: "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Readers in Unison: "Help us, O God... for the glory of thy name."

SING: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

GUIDED MEDITATION

Isaiah, the prophet of Israel, speaking to us from the long ago, says, "We have turned every one to his own way." From earliest childhood we resist the efforts of those who love us to control our lives.

A few years ago a fond grandfather took his small granddaughter to the Washington zoo. She was fascinated by the lions, and returned again and again to their cages. He tried to keep hold of her, but she protested vigorously. Finally she escaped him and found a place where she could crawl into a cage. In a tragic few seconds a fierce lion had destroyed the life of the child. Her last words were, "I don't want you to hold my hand. I want to hold my own hand!"

Often children come to grief because they will not heed the counsel of parents and others. It is a far greater tragedy when men say to the Heavenly Father, "I don't want you to hold my hand!" For God's Word, and the experiences of life, reveal that the safest guidance is by the strong hand of the Lord.

"We have turned every one to his own way" says Isaiah.

The Psalmist warns: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help." Please turn in your Bibles to the Psalms, and read with me Psalm 135:15-18 (read together).

You may ask "Why should we be concerned with these idols of the heathen? We would not worship idols in this day, and in our world." We find our key in that last verse "So is every one that trusteth in them." Our idols of today differ in form from those of the heathen, but they are alike in that they are a substitute for God in our lives.

We women long in our hearts to come apart from the world this week, to pray for our home mission work. We feel the urgency of witnessing to all multitudes, and earnestly desire that they should know the joy of salvation in Christ.

But idols of our day, which are the useless pleasures and weaknesses of our lives, tempt us to turn away from God, even as did the Israelites of Isaiah's day. And even as we meet we shall be tempted to let our thoughts and the words of our lips stray from the purpose for which we have gathered.

So help us, O God... to turn away from the idols of our world, which loom so large, and to give to thee pre-eminence

... for the glory of thy name.

WHITENED FIELDS

Our Student Summer Mission Program

Introduction (by leader of the day): Clint Ashby was a 1960 summer student missionary. To Dr. Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board he wrote, "I had the most joyous experience of my life last week as I worked in the North Toledo Baptist Mission. I taught Juniors, and during the week won four of them to Christ—two boys and two girls. A great thrill came to me as they gave testimonies the following day in Bible school as to the change Jesus made in their hearts."

ALTERNATE SUGGESTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

You may wish to use this Call to Worship instead of that suggested for each day.

First Voice: Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy (Psalm 99:5).

Second Voice: Help us, O God.

First Voice: The Lord reigneth: let the people tremble (Psalm 99:1).

Second Voice: Help us, O God, for the glory of thy name.

First Voice: Who is so great a God as our God? (Psalm 7:13).

Second Voice: Help us, O God.

First Voice: He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence... the rock of my strength, and my refuge (Psalm 62:6-7).

Second Voice: Help us, O God, for the glory of thy name.

First Voice: O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name (Psalm 105:1).

So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever (Psalm 79:13).

Second Voice: Help us, O God.

First Voice: For this God is our God for ever and ever (Psalm 48:14).

Unison: Help us, O God, for the glory of thy name.

Each summer Southern Baptists send out an army of carefully selected, joyous young college students. In 1961 we sent 676 college men and women to help Southern Baptist missionaries on their fields. These volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and have completed at least two years of college or one of seminary training. They serve for a ten-week period, and receive \$25 a week and expenses. Before receiving assignments they are prepared for their work in intensive training programs. Besides students from the United States there are others from the Philippines, the British West Indies, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Japan, Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, South America, and Jordan. They are requested to include with their monthly reports to the Home Mission Board a recent experience. Today we shall hear some of these.

SUMMER MISSIONARIES in Vacation Bible Schools

Sue Chumley, from Attalla, Alabama, reports, "Many mothers came every day, bringing babies. The babies cried and created confusion, but the mothers were faithful! At the end of the school one of them told me how much she had learned in our Beginner Department! She had not known there was any difference between God and Jesus, and she wanted to learn how to be a Christian."

Mary Ann Ellis reports, "I arrived at the church on Sunday morning, and many of the members tried to talk me out of having a Bible school. Nothing had been done about it, they said, and no one would come. When I discovered that my only helpers were to be two teen-age girls who were not Christians, I began to waver myself."

"But we enrolled 35 boys and girls and God gave me strength and wisdom to direct it. I have never seen such a deep desire to learn about Jesus. There were 18 Juniors and Intermediates, all unsaved. On Decision Day I professed faith in Christ as Saviour. This was a marvelous experience."

Good Will Center, El Paso, Texas for Latin Americans is directed by Miss Aileen Williams; a student teaching in Chinese church, Los Angeles, California



Marie Borst, working in South Dakota, finishes her report thus, "After two weeks I saw eight of our nine Juniors accept Christ. God's holy presence was very real and strong."

"But . . .
"We had to leave the boys and girls in such a wicked town of temptation and low morals such as I had never seen. There was no church no preacher, and only one Christian family that I discovered. They were Baptists. I pray constantly for them. They want to hear the Gospel. They need the Saviour. But how shall they hear without a preacher?"

SUMMER MISSIONARIES in Other Phases of Work

These young ambassadors also make religious surveys, visit, start churches and missions and good will centers.

One tells that "During practically every service in our camp, just when everyone was deeply interested, it seemed the devil sent distraction. There were mice, big bugs, creaking seats, crying babies. One day a bobcat came within a few feet of us! But God's Spirit overruled. That week six girls accepted Christ as Saviour, several volunteered for mission service, some for other Christian work, and many rededicated their lives. Christ was truly the victor!"

In many, many places the schools and surveys of the young people led to the organization of Sunday schools which will become strong churches.

For the young missionary, the summer is filled with hard work! Kenneth McLeod tells of a busy week in Potsdam, New York where he worked in the mornings in vacation Bible school, in the afternoon in a census, and in the evenings in revival meetings.

Sam Jones, after spending four weeks in a good will center, decided, "One does not wonder why juvenile crime rate here is so high, after seeing the home environment. In visitation I discovered that most of the people were lost sinners with no religious preference."

"I might tell you this," we read in a letter



from Norma Smith, "we had never been able to see whether our census taking helped a church, because we moved on to the next place every Friday. One week we stayed over Sunday. Attendance doubled over the previous Sunday, and many gave our census visit as their reason for coming. We thanked God we had been good witnesses."

THE EFFECT on the Missionaries

Southern Baptists may well be grateful for the dedicated service of these young people. We cannot measure the influence in communities where they go. Important also are the effects on the young people.

The dominant note in their reports is the wonder and glory that God used them to win souls! For all of life they will have a broader vision of mission challenges. One writes, "Thanks so much for sending me, a very small person, to have a part in building a greater kingdom for Christ."

Barbara Schooline sums it up this way, "I am no longer a summer missionary, but a lifetime missionary."

Clint Blue says, "In the camp at Cathedral Pines, Idaho, I fully realized the need for missionary work in my own country, as 21 young people accepted Christ. I have surrendered my life to missions and the ministry."

Nancy Morris confesses, "After a month of work as a summer missionary, seeing terrible needs, I hear myself petitioning with more humbleness than I knew I had, 'Send me, O Lord, send me!'"

Cora Farmer and Jo Ann Adams, while counselors in a camp, accepted God's call as missionary nurses.

Our gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering send out these splendid youths. Many women who are participating in this Week of Prayer have each summer sons or daughters in this great company of young missionaries. Let us join in prayer of thanksgiving for this wonderful work.

Pray that God will continue to work in the lives touched by these student summer missionaries in their many fields of labor.

PRESENTATION OF GOALS: The Convention-wide Annie Armstrong Offering goal is \$2,910,000. The goal of our church is \$ _____

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray that these goals may be reached, and even exceeded to meet the great needs of our Home Mission work (pause for prayer).

Pray for God's blessings on new student missionaries who have already signed up for work this summer that God will guide and protect

them in trials and temptations, difficulties, loneliness, and separation from home and loved ones. Pray for them to witness convincingly as they are directed by the Holy Spirit (pause for prayer).

Let us pray for our Home Mission Board. Pray that they may be guided of the Heavenly Father in selecting young people for summer mission work (pause for prayer).

Let us pray earnestly that God will use young people from our homes and church in this work (pause for prayer).

Pray for the YWA Conference this summer at Ridgecrest and for camps which are supported by our Annie Armstrong Offering. In these many young people hear God's call (pause for prayer).

Among summer missionaries are Margaret Fund students, children of missionaries. Many are far away from their parents. Pray for them (pause for prayer).

Special Music: last verse of "O Zion, Hasten" (without announcement)

Pray that the young people to whom a definite call has come for vocational Christian service as a result of their experiences last summer, may follow through in preparation. Pray that we may encourage young people in our own church to heed God's call (pause for prayer).

CLOSING MEDITATION

A certain church gave many missionaries and ministers to the cause of Christ. "That speaks well for your pastors," said a visitor.

"Our pastors have been splendid men," was the answer, "but the one who laid her hand on the shoulders of these young people is the superintendent of the Intermediate Department. She lays God's call on their hearts."

Let us search our hearts today, and ask God to use us in helping youth to abundant living.

Read together from folder the verse under Monday's "Closing Meditation."

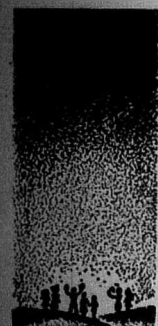
PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF

Let us commit our ways unto the Lord in an act of dedication. (Silent prayer time. Each in her own way makes a personal commitment.) Our gifts will reflect the degree of our dedication. Let us bring offerings worthy of redeemed children of the King that those whom God calls may be sent bearing the Word of life.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING
SING softly the chorus of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

TUESDAY
March 6, 1962



For the Day: *"The way of peace have they not known"* Romans 3:17.

Help Us, O God

to Minister to the Afflicted, the Wanderers, the Jews

... for the Glory of Thy Name

MEDITATION MUSIC: "Jesus Calls Us"
 (Women use illustrated folder given to each one as she enters to spend a brief time in prayer.)

PRAYER HYMN: "Teach Me to Pray" (solo or group)

PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONARIES of the Day (see page 18.)

RESPONSIVE READING by Two Women
 (Used below are Psalms 90:1; 103:17; 91:1, 2, 4, 11; 37:25; John 14:2. Reader 1 reads very slowly. Reader 2 with quickened tempo.)

READER 1: O God, our help in ages past,
READER 2: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

READER 1: Our hope for years to come,
READER 2: But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

READER 1: Our shelter from the stormy blast,
READER 2: I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

READER 1: And our eternal home.
READER 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.

READER 1: Under the shadow of Thy throne
READER 2: He that dwelleth in the secret place

of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

READER 1: Thy saints have dwelt secure;
READER 2: I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

READER 1: Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
READER 2: He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

READER 1: And our defense is sure.
READER 2: For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

MUSIC: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Two readers or soloist sing verses 1, 2.)

MEDITATION PERIOD:

Newspapers, radios, television, and governments are with excellent reasons concerned about the problem of world peace. But peace can never come among nations until it comes with all its transforming power into the hearts of men.

In the book of Romans we have a vivid description of repulsive evil in the lives of those who fail to trust in God, and the sad conclusion is: "The way of peace have they not known." The writer is not referring to strife in the natural world, but of eternal warfare in the hearts of men.

We pray that peace shall come into the hearts of lost multitudes of our nation, but millions do not know Christ as Saviour. God has provided joyful release in men's hearts from the bonds of sin. He made this provision when he sent his Son to earth to provide pardon. It is the job of the Christian to deliver the information and the news of the Saviour.

Our theme for the week is "Help us, O God . . . for the glory of thy name." We pray from silent hearts today; "Help us, the women gathered here today, to be faithful in proclaiming the gospel through our lives and through our missionaries." Let us not neglect either . . . "for the glory of thy name."

A couple adopted a baby boy. They agreed in not wanting him to know that he was adopted. All possible precautions were taken to keep the secret. But when he was in his early teens he learned the truth. That was a sad day in the home. The boy was shocked, grieved, puzzled. His parents went to sleepless pillows.

In the early morning hours there came a knock on their door and the boy entered. Seating himself at the foot of the bed he spoke eagerly. "Dad and Mother," he said, "I've been thinking all night about this adoption business. I got to thinking of the good things you have given to me all my life, and how you have loved me. Then I thought of something else. You gave me your name! That is the finest thing you could give me. I want to promise you now that I will take care of it. I am proud of it, and I will make you proud that you gave it to me!" What a wise young man!

We are children by adoption of the Heavenly Father and are called Christians. We bear Christ's good name wherever we go. For the glory of that name, we must be faithful in proclaiming his message of pardon for sin to lost sinners.

Our God is sufficient, all-powerful. The Holy Spirit is our guide. Will you turn in your Bibles to Psalm 103, and let us read it responsively (read together).

Close with: Help Us, O God,
 to lead others into the way of
 Peace,
 for the glory of thy name.
 Amen.

Sing "To God Be the Glory," First verse (soloist or group)

LEADER FOR THE DAY:

A Baptist woman attended the Southern Baptist Convention for the first time, and on her return her husband asked, "What did you enjoy most?"

She pondered for a moment. "I saw and heard a great many wonderful things," she answered slowly. "But I'll tell you what touched my heart.

At the first session I sat just behind a large group of people who were deaf. Seated in front facing them was an attractive young woman. As each speaker spoke her fingers moved fast to translate to the deaf the words which we were hearing.

"I saw joy on the faces of those who watched her hands so closely and I thanked God right there," she continued, "that someone had made plans to provide that opportunity. I am glad to recall that Southern Baptists have missionaries among the deaf. That experience made real to me my part in this work financed by the Annie Armstrong Offering."

Dr. K. Owen White tells this experience in the church where he is pastor—First Baptist in Houston, Texas.

"The work of the Silent Department in our church was begun in February, 1924, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Michaels with the Home Mission Board. There were five members at first, now 117 are enrolled. We have three deacons in the department, and also a silent choir. Mrs. Louis Beard is the chief interpreter, and has been from the first. Mrs. Carey Shaw, wife of a silent deacon, is the only living charter member of the group.

"They conduct Sunday school and Training Union, but attend the worship services with the church and give wonderful support to the entire church program.

Mrs. Virgie Smith, who has been a member of this Silent Department for many years, writes: "We have a wonderful Sunday school. It is a great joy to everyone who is in it. We have teachers meeting on Wednesday night, and then we all go upstairs for the prayer service. When our pastor preaches, Mrs. Beard interprets for us. She is not deaf, but is the adopted child of deaf parents. All of us in the Silent Department thank God for this great blessing provided by Southern Baptists and our church."



"When Jesus was here he opened the ears of the deaf. If Southern Baptists realized the happiness and help their work with Silent Friends make possible, they would pray more for it and would have many more missionaries engaged in this work." Many churches are becoming aware of the need for a ministry to the deaf and are providing workers.

A monthly bulletin published for deaf in Texas is filled with news of work among the deaf in that state. These news items encourage others to undertake a similar work in their churches.

News items tell of activities in which silent department members participate. From Little Rock, Arkansas "We are expecting a big crowd to come from many states to attend the National Basketball Tournament for the Deaf."

Southwest Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri reports: "Our pastor's daughter has graduated from college, and is now back at home with us. She is teaching part-time at Central Institute for the Deaf, her alma mater, and is enjoying her work among lip-reading children. We still have our sign language classes and several young people in the church have shown interest in learning the language. We presented a Christmas play, 'Joy to the World!'"

In Dallas, Texas, the Silent Friends Brotherhood and their wives went on an encampment.

An unusual news note was: "January was the third anniversary of the Silent Friends as a mission. There has been deaf work in our church for 37 years. January, 1958, it became a mission of First Baptist Church."

From another church: "Fifty-four deaf people have joined our church in the past two years. Many confessed Christ as Saviour, others came by letter."

From these reports we can see that the extent of work with the deaf is only limited by the resourcefulness of those who love them and witness with them in a church. Any church can provide such a ministry where there is need.

PRAYER CHAIRMAN: (Three people lead in prayer)

Let us pray for the 24 Southern Baptist missionaries to the deaf, thanking God for them and asking his guidance as the work is expanded.

Let us pray for churches where there are departments for a silent group.

Let us pray that God will put it into the hearts of many more churches to provide the ministry to the deaf in their vicinity.

ONLY A MIGRANT (Ask a guest reader to present this story.)

I met Rosa Galicia when the migrants came back to pick strawberries. That was when I was visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. He was pastor of the church. It was a difficult time for the migrants, and the Baptist churches nearby were providing help with food and clothing. When the Jacksons went to the migrant camp, I went along, and Mrs. Jackson introduced me to Mrs. Galicia and said, "Mrs. Galicia is a real missionary."

While the Jacksons visited other families, I learned from Mrs. Galicia what it means to be a migrant.

"I've always been a picker," she told me. "My folks were before me. I couldn't tell you how old I was when I began to pick beans and strawberries and such; youngsters start early. They have to—to help the family."

Judging from her bent and weather-worn skin I thought her much older than 36 years. "I was married when I was 15," she confided. "Pickers marry pickers because they don't have a chance to get acquainted with anyone else much, and they marry young. There ain't no other future. Soon there is another generation of pickers." It was easy to sense her deep-seated feeling of futility.

She lifted a fold of her dress, and said, "I've always wore given clothes and glad to get them for me and my kids. I've give birth to eight

children, but I didn't keep but six of them. Two of them died when they was babies. Now two of my girls are married; they married pickers."

Abruptly Mrs. Galicia changed the subject. "Ain't the sunset pretty tonight!" and she lifted her face to the flaming streamers of color descending into the far horizon. For a moment we watched it in silence. "God made a mighty pretty world," she confided.

"I don't want you to think I'm not happy," she spoke gently and her smile was serene. "Those last years it's been better since the missionaries are helping us. They treat us like we are as good as anybody and then we like ourselves better. They bring us preaching services here where we are. We don't fit in with the other folks to go to their churches, but we get hungry for the Word of God just like everybody else. It makes us want to be cleaner when we know we will go to meeting and worship God, but it's hard to keep clean when things ain't handy for it."

"It used to be that the only time we heard the name of God here was when some man would be drunk and cut a shine, or maybe his wife would fuss him out. Or maybe some of the teenagers would use bad words to sound smart."

"I'm a Christian and I have been for five years now. It is my hope and prayer that some day I can live in a place where I can belong to a church and go to it all the time. Joe, that's my man, he's a Christian too. Every night we read the Bible and pray with our kids. They have to change schools a lot, and it makes it hard for them to get their schooling, but we are trying to keep them interested. Joe, Jr. he's 14, and he is the smartest one we've got. The missionary says if Joe will stick to his books he will try to help him get an education and stay in the same school all year. I've got another hope and prayer," she shyly admitted. "It's for Joe to be a preacher. Wouldn't that be wonderful?" Rosa's dark brown eyes were deep pools of faith as she looked at me.

"I'm doing all the talking," she said apologetically.

cally. "I wish you could visit us when we are having vacation Bible school," she went on. "The folks from the church come out and teach, like the Jacksons do. Usually we have it at night. It is wonderful for the kids, and they have Bible classes for grown folks too. Sometimes we have a revival. It's a sight to see the difference it makes in folks when they take the Lord, ain't it? My Joe used to drink, but he don't touch it now. Last year we had a couple living in our camp that was living common-law, and everyone knowed it. They got converted and the first thing they did was to get married. They're holding out for the Lord. Sometimes they come to our shack and we read the Bible and pray together."

"The preacher who did the preaching came with his wife in a trailer they called the Annie Armstrong. I don't know why they named it for a lady I never did think to ask them."

"But they really knew the Lord and they sowed seeds for the Lord in our hearts and the reaping day is coming. That is what the preacher told us to keep the seed watered with the Word of God and the sunshine of Jesus, and keep the weeds of sin out. Here comes Preacher and Mrs. Jackson to get you. It has been a real privilege to visit with you tonight."

"The privilege has been mine," I assured her. The joy and faith of this Christian woman, living under great difficulty, was a blessing to my life.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Let us pray for the Home Mission Board workers with migrants, for many more dedicated Christians to serve this group.

Let us pray for churches in communities where migrants are employed, that they will not neglect these workers.

Let us pray for migrants themselves, especially those who are Christians.



Trailer camp for industrial migrants; agricultural migrant leaves baby at sack while she gathers potatoes

CLOSING MEDITATION

Our Saviour chose to be born to a lowly maiden of Jewish blood. His foster father was a Jew and Jesus spent his childhood and youth in Hebrew surroundings, nurtured in the faith of the living God.

A young Jewish mother who was won to Jesus by a neighbor said, "I had built up in my mind a picture of the glory, the power, the majesty, the love which would be in our Messiah when he came. Jesus far surpasses all I ever dreamed of for my King! He gives me a peace and a joyful satisfaction such as I did not know I could possess. If only I could convince every Jew in the world that this is true!"

Of all the Jews living today nearly half make their home in the United States; most of them live in our larger cities. They are a mission opportunity of great magnitude. Paul the Apostle, writes that the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;

to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). Our Jewish neighbor shares with us the knowledge and full belief in God the Father as revealed in the Old Testament. On this foundation can be built a strong faith in Jesus as the Messiah, promised through the ages. Southern Baptists have very few missionaries for this challenging work.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us dedicate ourselves to meeting the needs of lost people in our community. Some of them may be deaf, others migrants, others Jews. Let us ask God to show us our opportunities (silent prayer).

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS to the Annie Armstrong Offering

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

SING chorus: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION HAS A PLACE FOR YOU

by Wilma Peters, Dayton, Ohio

A woman in our Woman's Missionary Society often says, "We must give of ourselves in WMS." How true. The satisfaction makes it more than worth while. One who is willing can grow.

Being a prayer chairman will help you pray more faithfully. Working on a program committee will cause you to keep your eyes open for interesting photos and up-to-date information. You either learn the art of poster making yourself or the art of getting someone else to make them for you!

You may be surprised to find that behind your shyness lurks the ability to speak fluently.

Serving in community missions will add to your love and understanding of people. For one who loves books, the ideal job is mission study chairman. A president, vice president, a circle chairman learns

to depend more fully on the Lord and receive many blessings. Secretary or treasurer—each task carries a peculiar blessing. No work is more satisfying than that with youth—in Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls Auxiliary or Sunbeam Band. There are, of course, some women who prefer not to hold office but attend faithfully, pray, and invite others. These also are vital to this mission organization for Southern Baptist women.

As the Lord reviews WAMU work in our churches there is much he can commend. I am sure. Haven't you been glad when a child learned to share willingly and lovingly some gift or toy? The Lord is glad when he sees us willingly sharing his salvation with others. To the large number of women who are still new he must remark sadly, "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few."

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ARE YOU FILLING YOUR PLACE IN WAMU?

WEDNESDAY
March 7, 1962



for the Day: "Our need of his help"

Psalms 79:9

Help Us, O God

to Witness Lovingly to the Stranger that is
Within Our Gates

... for the Glory of Thy Name

MEDITATION MUSIC: (Play "Close to Thee" as women enter quietly and are seated using the prayer reminder for the day printed in the illustrated folder; for spiritual strength, and awareness of God's nearness in temptation.)

PRAYER HYMN: "Send the Light" (All verses)

PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONARIES of the Day (See page 19.)

INTRODUCTION by Prayer Chairman

A missionary on an Indian reservation was reading a letter when an old, illiterate Indian man who stood nearby said, "I wish I knew what the little black marks on paper say."

"This is a letter from my Father," explained the missionary. "The black marks tell me what He says to me." Later when the missionary read again from the Bible, he told the old Indian, "This Book brings me news from my Heavenly Father."

The next day the missionary again was reading the Bible and the Indian inquired, "Do you have good news today from your Heavenly Father?"

As Christians good news is available every day of our lives from our Heavenly Father. Sometimes we are not aware of it! Let us consider our ministry to the language groups of America. Our message from God will be on that (the...)

RESPONSIVE READING by Two Women: (Used below are Col. 3:11; Acts 17:25, 26; 10:35; Deut. 28:10; 4:6; Isa. 66:18, 26:2; 62:10; Jer. 50:2; Daniel 12:3; Psalm 33:12.)

READER 1: There is neither Greek nor Jew, . . . Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

READER 2: He . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.

READER 1: All people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord.

READER 2: I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

READER 1: Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

READER 2: In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

READER 1: Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

READER 2: Lift up a standard for the people. Publish, and set up a standard.

READER 1: They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

READER 2: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

MEDITATION: Our Need of His Help As We Witness

Our theme for this week is taken from the seventy-ninth Psalm, the ninth verse. Let us turn to this Psalm, reading from that verse to the closing of the chapter, then keeping our Bibles open as we meditate on the last verse.

Let us consider first the last portion: "We will shew forth thy praise to all generations." All generations! We are astounded at the magnitude of the task. "All generations" knows no boundary of age or race, of learning or locality, of sex or possessions. It includes all.

We are enjoined to "show forth." This means that we are to use our own lives as a medium, as examples in attitudes and actions.

It is "we thy people and sheep of thy pasture" who are to be the bearers of the message. In all the animal kingdom there are few less capable of aggressive action than the sheep. He is wholly dependent upon the shepherd for leadership. We, the "sheep of His pasture" cannot accomplish our mission unless we follow the Heavenly Shepherd.

A few years ago the simple story of a missionary made bestseller book lists. It portrayed vividly the story of a servant girl from London. Feeling indelibly impressed that God was calling her to be a missionary to China she made a down payment on a ticket. Month by month she added a payment until the purchase price was paid. Then, with only a few pounds of reserve cash, she set forth to China. In the eyes of practical, common-sense men she was plainly a lamb headed for slaughter.

But the Heavenly Shepherd led her. After meeting incredible obstacles, she arrived at her destination to fulfill many years of valiant service.

A similar analogy might be made of our verse. We, the sheep of his pasture, are to accomplish our task with the power of love. Only that. We are assured of victory if we follow our Shepherd faithfully, and his strength is channeled to us through prayer.

WHITENED FIELDS (Leader for the Day):

Every thinking person is deeply concerned over the condition of our world. No nation wholly trusts another. All are suspicious and watchful. The arms race is driving world powers farther and farther apart.

There is a power which could and would weld the nations together, if only it was applied. That power is the law of God in Jesus Christ. There is only one nation in the world that is in a position to tell the world's people of this power. That nation is the United States.

We hold this strategic position because God has given it to us at this time in history. Our country is composed of people from many nations. More than 20 million of our people speak a language other than English. We are absorbing them into our economy, into our educational system. But we are not winning them to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let these facts challenge us.

(At front have displayed large map of the world. On a sheet of paper have written the facts below. One woman may read all the facts and place all the flags; or prepare numbered slips of paper on which the facts are written and distribute to ten persons who will rise and read them distinctly; then she places a red flag in the proper place. Leader calls the number.)

Make from construction paper ten red flags and ten white flags. The red flags represent the national flags of each country. The white flag represent the Christian flag. Number the flags to correspond with the number of each statement. Tenth flag can be used for Spain in statement No. 17. See page 51 for flag pattern.

Pin flags at the proper place on the map as each statement is read. If there is possibility that there may be error in placing the flags write on the map in pencil small numbers to correspond with each statement.)

1. The American Indian is found in almost every state . . . more than half a million of them. We have 163 home missionaries working with Indians in 13 states. For them we will plan a red flag (No. 1) in Oklahoma where today many live.

2. San Francisco has more Chinese than any other city in the world outside China. We have 16 workers serving 80,000 Chinese (place flag No. 2 on California).

3. Located in Louisiana are our French-speaking citizens and we have 45 workers scattered widely among 800,000 French people (place flag No. 3 on Louisiana).

4. Many Italians are located in Tampa, Florida. We have six workers for this group (place flag No. 4 on Florida).

5. There are an estimated 125,000 Japanese on our west coast, among whom we have only five workers (place flag No. 5 on California).

6. Mr. and Mrs. Don Kim work with the 4,500 Koreans living in the area of Los Angeles (place flag No. 6 on Los Angeles).

7. Our largest language group is the Spanish-speaking, with more than eight million scattered over many states. Each year an estimated 15,000 Mexican harvest workers come to our country, and we have work with them in many places. These present a challenge. Estimated. We have 580 workers to

states. We will place our flags for Mexico and Spain in Texas (flag No. 7).

8. In Panama there are 105 workers serving four types of population . . . San Blas Indians, Panamanians, West Indians, and North Americans (place flag No. 8 on Panama).

9. Although Cuba is an independent nation our mission work there has always been under our Home Mission Board. We have 168 workers there, serving 90 churches and 150 missions (place flag No. 9 on Cuba).

What a staggering challenge! Every minute and a half another immigrant enters our country. We must present Christ to them.

Let us pray for these of many races, many faiths, who are our spiritual responsibility (prayer).

LEADER FOR THE DAY: Let us hear the story of a little Cuban girl, and the Sunday afternoon mission she remembers in Cuba. She is one of these to whom someone ministered in Christ's name.

NOEMI DOMOKOS AND THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Noemi Domokos is a woman from Cuba who lives in Westminster, Maryland. A new mission is located in that town. The membership of this mission is small. They meet on Sundays in a Seventh Day Adventist church building, and hold prayer meeting on Thursday evenings in homes. One of their most faithful members is a mother of three babies who speaks with a delightful Cuban accent. Her name is Noemi.

On a recent Thursday evening, when the members talked of the possibility of a building of their own, someone said, "Maybe the Home Mission Board could help us."

Noemi Domokos, spoke up promptly, "They will help you. The Home Mission Board will always help you if they have the money." Noemi should know, for she had experience with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board when she lived in Cuba.

Noemi Miranda Domokos was born in Cruces, Cuba, which is about 143 miles from Havana. Her father is a county agricultural agent. "My papa was a Catholic until he was 17 years old," Noemi says. "He was converted and became a Baptist, and found my mama in the Baptist church." Noemi received her education in a Baptist parochial school, sponsored by her church, and supported by her parents.

The church has about a hundred members, but there are 200 students in the school, many of them Catholics. Boys and girls want to study the English language so they can get good jobs, and then come to the Baptist school. A missionary started this school.

The church which Noemi's family attends was organized under the direction of the Home Mission Board and is still partially supported by it. Her father is a deacon and president of the Brotherhood, her mother is in the missionary society.

Noemi tells us, "Every Sunday afternoon some of the members go about 15 miles out in the country to work in a mission. Other members work in the city. These were held in homes, or if we had to rent a place the Home Mission Board helped us pay for it. We always had plenty of singing. My cousin, Elsa Miranda, and I would be outside. The children gathered, and we would say to them, 'Would you like to go inside and sing?' In they would go, and they would come every Sunday and maybe bring the whole family."

In 1954 Rev. J. C. Ray, pastor of the Severn Baptist Church in North Carolina, went to Cuba with a group of other pastors to hold revivals. The next year he returned, and preached in the same church. He showed moving pictures of Chowan College, located near his home. Singing in the Cuban choir and president of the Young Women's Auxiliary was Noemi Miranda, an enthusiastic witness for Christ through her church. She was entranced by the Chowan pictures and Pastor Ray was deeply impressed by the possibilities of the intelligent, dark-eyed girl. He promised to do all he could to secure her entrance in the college. The next January Noemi, her cousin Elisa, and seven other Cuban students were registered at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

"We thought we knew something about the English language until we came to a USA school," she says. "It was hard for us at first but everybody was very patient. I remember particularly how my religion teacher, Mrs. Mixon, worked so kindly with me."

Each summer the girls worked in Caswell Summer Assembly for two months, earning money to go home for a visit. "We heard some wonderful missionaries and other speakers at school," Noemi recalls. "They made you feel very close to God."

It was in Chowan that Noemi met Martin Domokos, who came from a Hungarian Baptist home in Virginia. "The first place Marty took me," Noemi says with starry eyes, "was to a Billy Graham meeting." Two years later they were married.

The Domokos family now lives in Westminster, Maryland. Martin is field representative for General Motors in three counties. On Sundays he teaches Intermediate boys and girls in the Baptist Mission, and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. Three tiny little girls, Patricia, Judith and Dale, complete this lovely family. Each baby started Sunday school

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Let us pray with Armondo, for the salvation of his wife, who is not a Christian. Let us also remember in prayer the radio ministry to Spanish-speaking (prayer).

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Speaker: In his younger years Leon Trotsky spent several months in our country. At that time he was not yet a Bolshevik. Upon his return to Russia he came under the influence of Lenin. In the opinion of many students of history Trotsky was a more influential man than Lenin. Together they formed a combination that was ruthless and formidable.

Suppose . . . just suppose . . . that when Trotsky was in this country he had been won to Christ! Stranger things have happened. How it might have changed the history of the world?

Is it too much to suppose that among the thousands of young people of Russian blood who are in our country, there are those who have equal leadership ability?

Let us pray that our home missionaries may discover and train potential leaders among language groups. With this prayer in our hearts let us transfer this flag representing Russia from our country to the USSR and add to it the Christian flag thereby symbolizing the possibility of Christian influence of Russians won to Christ in this country and who might go back to Russia to witness to their people.

Pray for the spiritual condition of our own nation. We must seek to win all language groups in our country for Christ; for Russians in our country that some may have opportunity to carry the banner of the cross to the land of their fathers (pause for prayer).

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11 So shall we place in Oklahoma this symbol of the Christian flag beside the red flag which represents our country's flag. These represent the Indians all over our land. Many Christian Indians today are witnessing to their brothers (flags Nos. 1 and 11).

12 The flag of China, with the flag of Christ, cross to the South Pacific where there are so many Chinese living today. Even in Communist China many are serving Christ under great hardship (flags Nos. 2 and 12).

13 We send the message of salvation to France where today there are 2000 Baptists; many servicemen and their families are work-

ing alongside French Baptists (flags Nos. 3 and 13).

14 Let us move the flag representing Italy and with the banner of Christ move them to the shadow of Rome in Italy (flags Nos. 4 and 14).

15 Let us pray to God that Christian Japanese Americans, trained by our Home Mission Board, will cross the Pacific with the Bread of life for growing Japan where Baptist work has advanced rapidly since the War (flags Nos. 5 and 15).

16 May Korean heralds of the cross go to the land of their fathers with the gospel for their people (flags Nos. 6 and 16).

17 To our next-door neighbor, Mexico, representing Latin America, we send her flag and the Christian flag (flags Nos. 7 and 17). (Let us also place a flag for Spain and the Christian flag in that country with a prayer for those of her people who are in darkness.)

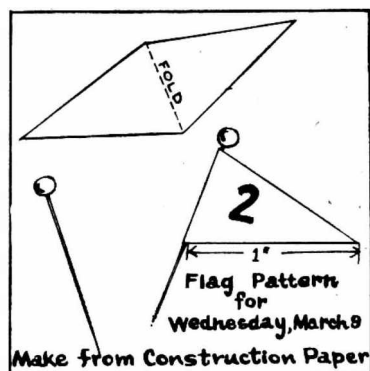
18 For Panama, another neighbor, we pray for her sons and daughters that they may know the message of salvation (flags Nos. 8 and 18).

19 To Cuba, we have sent many of her own who have studied in our country. Let us hold firm our Christian love for Baptists of Cuba (flags Nos. 9 and 19).

With this vision of a world hearing the good tidings of salvation in Christ, and with the weight of responsibility for winning the lost to Christ, let us bring our gifts for the Annie Armstrong Offering.

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Prayer of Dedication (Before final Amen group sings quietly the first verse of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go")



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Pray for international students and for Christians that we will show interest and friendship

for them while they are studying in our country; pray for all language groups and for the home missionaries who work among them; for the large number of Christians among many groups that they shall witness faithfully to their families and neighbors (pause for prayer).

Speaker: In his younger years Leon Trotsky spent several months in our country. At that time he was not yet a Bolshevik. Upon his return to Russia he came under the influence of Lenin. In the opinion of many students of history Trotsky was a more influential man than Lenin. Together they formed a combination that was ruthless and formidable.

Suppose . . . just suppose . . . that when Trotsky was in this country he had been won to Christ! Stranger things have happened. How it might have changed the history of the world?

Is it too much to suppose that among the thousands of young people of Russian blood who are in our country, there are those who have equal leadership ability?

Let us pray that our home missionaries may discover and train potential leaders among language groups. With this prayer in our hearts let us transfer this flag representing Russia from our country to the USSR and add to it the Christian flag, thereby symbolizing the possibility of Christian influence of Russians won to Christ in this country and who might go back to Russia to witness to their people.

Pray for the spiritual condition of our own nation. We must seek to win all language groups in our country for Christ; for Russians in our country that some may have opportunity to carry the banner of the cross to the land of their fathers (pause for prayer).

(On sheet of paper have written the facts below. One woman may read all the facts and place the flags or prepare numbered slips of paper on which the facts are written and distribute in ten persons who will rise and read them distinctly; then she removes the red flag and places it with the white flag representing Christianity at the place indicated.)

11. So shall we place in Oklahoma this symbol of the Christian flag beside the red flag which represents our country's flag. These represent the Indians all over our land. Many Christian Indians today are witnessing to their brothers (flags Nos. 1 and 11).

12. The flag of China, with the flag of Christ, cross to the South Pacific where there are so many Chinese living today. Even in Communist China many are serving Christ under great hardship (flags Nos. 2 and 12).

13. We send the message of salvation to France, where today there are 2000 Baptists; many servicemen and their families are work-

ing alongside French Baptists (flags Nos. 3 and 13).

14. Let us move the flag representing Italy and with the banner of Christ move them to the shadow of Rome in Italy (flags Nos. 4 and 14).

15. Let us pray to God that Christian Japanese Americans, trained by our Home Mission Board, will cross the Pacific with the Bread of life for growing Japan where Baptist work has advanced rapidly since the War (flags Nos. 5 and 15).

16. May Korean heralds of the cross go to the land of their fathers with the gospel for their people (flags Nos. 6 and 16).

17. To our next-door neighbor, Mexico, representing Latin America, we send her flag and the Christian flag (flags Nos. 7 and 17). (Let us also place a flag for Spain and the Christian flag in that country with a prayer for those of her people who are in darkness.)

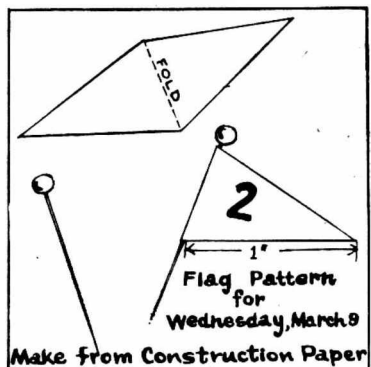
18. For Panama, another neighbor, we pray for her sons and daughters that they may know the message of salvation (flags Nos. 8 and 18).

19. To Cuba, we have sent many of her own who have studied in our country. Let us hold firm our Christian love for Baptists of Cuba (flags Nos. 9 and 19).

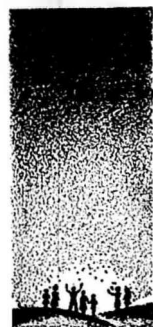
With this vision of a world hearing the good tidings of salvation in Christ, and with the weight of responsibility for winning the lost to Christ, let us bring our gifts for the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Bring Annie Armstrong Offering

Prayer of Dedication (Before final Amen group sings quietly the first verse of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go")



THURSDAY
March 8, 1962



For the Day: *"The gospel is the power of God
unto salvation"* Romans 1:16.

Help Us, O God

to Minister to the Lowly, the Poverty-Stricken,
the Neglected

... for the Glory of Thy Name

MEDITATION MUSIC: "Have Thine Own Way"
(Women enter quietly and are seated, using the
prayer reminders for the day in the illustrated
folder; pray also for spiritual strength, and
awareness of God's nearness in temptation.)

PRAYER HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES of the Day
(see page 20.)

MUSIC: Entire group sing first two verses of
Hymn of the Week, "O God, Our Help in Ages
Past." If duet was used on Tuesday have soloist
sing.

RESPONSIVE READING by Two Women (Read
in same manner as on Tuesday. Used below are
Psalm 18:7; Gen. 1:9, 10; Psalms 90:2, 4; 102:27;
139:12; 2 Peter 3:8, 2 Samuel 23:4.)

READER 1: Before the hills in order stood,

READER 2: Then the earth shook and trembled;
the foundations also of the hills moved and
were shaken

READER 1: Or earth received her frame,

READER 2: And God said, Let the waters under
the heaven be gathered together unto one place,
and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And
God called the dry land Earth.

READER 1: From everlasting Thou art God,

READER 2: Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and

the world, even from everlasting to everlasting
thou art God.

READER 1: To endless years the same.

READER 2: But thou art the same, and thy year
shall have no end.

READER 1: A thousand ages in Thy sight

READER 2: Beloved, be not ignorant of this one
thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thou-
sand years, and a thousand years as one day.

READER 1: Are like an evening gun.

READER 2: The darkness hideth not from the
but the night shineth as the day: the darkness
and the light are both alike to thee.

READER 1: Short as the watch that ends the
night

READER 2: For a thousand years in thy sight are
but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch
in the night.

READER 1: Before the rising sun.

READER 2: He shall be as the light in the morn-
ing, when the sun riseth, even a morning with-
out clouds.

SING: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
(verse)

GUIDED MEDITATION: His Promise to Help

Turn in your Bibles to 2 Chronicles 7:14, and
keep them open. (Read this verse together.)

Long ago an old philosopher said, "What will
you have?" quoth God, "Take it, and pay the
price." In this verse from Chronicles God lays
down the conditions for his blessings, and he
promises a marvelous reward. He will heal our
land!

Not one of us will deny that our country,
much as we love it, is filled with open sores
which need to be cleaned out and healed. Sores
of crime, poverty, ignorance, alcohol, supersti-
tion, racial prejudice—the list is endless. Per-
haps the deepest wound is the indifference to
God which Christians practice.

God promises healing—what a beautiful word!
The conditions? "If my people..." One of the
first words in a child's vocabulary is "mine,"
and that tendency toward self-centeredness
continues through life. But we belong to God.
This is true of the Christian even the one who
is rebellious.

"Which are called by my name..." A certain
large family came from a long line of godly,
distinguished forefathers. When the sons and
daughters left home, the father said to them,
"remember that you carry with you, wherever
you go, the good name of your father." So it is
with Christians. We bear the name of him who
bought us with a price.

"Shall humble themselves..." Here we have
the Christian's most difficult test. We say we
give to God our hearts, our talents, our time,
our services, even our money. But when our
precious feelings get hurt... there's the rub!
If in any way someone belittles us or our ac-
complishments, we show scant humility. Our
resentment flares immediately and fiercely. In
honor preferring another this is the Christian
way. Can we give this costly gift to our Lord?

"And pray..." We seldom take time to push
the world completely away from our conscious-
ness. Watching the waves of the ocean, we mar-
vel at this unused, mighty power. If we would
allow God to channel the unused prayer power
of Southern Baptist women beginning this week,
the results would be measureless and ever-
lasting.

"And seek my face..." The word "seek"
implies an overt act, not a passive acceptance.
"And turn from their wicked ways..." This
includes our sins of the heart, unseen by men,
and our glaring sins of omission. When we
acknowledge and ask forgiveness for our sins of
materialism, selfishness, and sloth, then God
says,

"I will hear... I will forgive... I will
HEAL"

Our country gravely needs God's healing.
God is longing to use us in helping to close open
sores. Hear his promises as I read from the
Lamentations of Jeremiah (read Lamentations
3:22-23)

Help Us, O God
to meet Thy conditions, so that thou
can heal our land
For the glory of Thy name
Amen and Amen!

MUSIC: Sing for special music! "O Master, Let
Me Walk with Thee"

WHITENED FIELDS (Leader for the Day)

MIAMI BAPTIST GOOD WILL CENTER

"The gospel... is the power of God unto
salvation," writes Paul to the Romans. Nowhere
has this been more dramatically proved than in
the Home Mission Board Good Will Centers and
rescue missions.

In impoverished, crowded slum areas of our
large cities sin and crime are rampant. To give
aid to people in congested areas we have Good
Will Centers, staffed by 65 workers, located in
14 states. In rescue missions for wayward men
and women there are 24 missionaries serving in
five states. A large proportion of the support of
these two fields of work comes from our Annie
Armstrong Offering.

Through the ministry of Good Will Centers
large numbers of sinful lives are changed, and
lost souls are reborn through the love of the
Saviour. In the Good Will Centers boys and
girls of all ages find joy and satisfaction in
worthwhile activities. These are truly light-
houses, but the sad part is that their numbers
are not multiplied many times.

Paul James Jacobs, missionary at the Miami
Center says: "My heart has been thrilled to
witness the response to the gospel of scores of
precious boys and girls. Many of them are from
homes where drink, poverty, and sin prevail.
One cannot but marvel at how eager and
hungry their hearts are to learn of Jesus and
his love for them. Their faces beam at the
slightest indication of love, concern, and atten-
tion. I have been made keenly aware of what
Jesus meant by his words, 'Suffer the little
children to come unto me.'"

It is difficult to imagine the terrible condi-
tions which exist in scores of crowded apart-
ments surrounding this Good Will Center.
Living expenses are so high that often both
parents must work sometimes seven days a
week, to make enough for the barest necessities.
So many times weekly expenditures includes
alcoholic drinks. The families are usually large,
homes crowded and children are forced into the
streets and alleys where they care for them-
selves.

We conducted four Negro vacation Bible
schools in which there was a total enrolment of
more than 700 children. Every morning the boys
and girls paraded. As the marchers passed by
saloons, bars, stores and apartment houses many

onlookers watched and listened to them singing "Jesus Loves Me." Often children came as much as an hour early, and shouted over and over, "Mr. Paul, bring the flags!" I prayed continually that those who watched and listened along the streets might realize that Jesus loves them too and died for them. The seed is sown in so many hearts. If only we had the workers to gather the harvest!

Day by day the parade lengthened until by Friday it included many happy children. Every day new boys and girls came running, often shoeless and shirtless, to sing lustily. "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children!" I explained as simply as I could God's way of salvation through his Son. More than 60 of them invited Jesus to come into their hearts. If only these decisions could be followed up, and the new lives in Christ receive nourishment!

THE FOOTPRINTS OF MISS GRACE

"If you would know a man," said an Indian sage, "you must follow in the prints of his mocassins for one day." Let us follow, for a day, in the footprints of Miss Grace who directs the work in another Good Will Center.

The first telephone call of the day thrilled into the ears of Miss Grace before she was half awake. There were three other calls, and two letters, which needed attention before she could go downstairs to greet the nursery children. As usual, there were several children whose mothers brought them far ahead of time, and later other mothers who tarried to chat. They were so hungry for a friendly word from someone who cared!

At least Miss Grace had help today. Her assistant had been called out of the city by a death in the family, but two volunteers, knowing that she was alone, had come to aid her from the Woman's Missionary Society of her sponsoring church.

Usually Miss Grace found sheer delight in the little children. But there had been a long, unbroken heat wave in the city for several weeks. Sultry days and stifling nights were beginning to tell on even the liveliest of the children, and they quarrelled easily. The handwork had not gone well, and singing dragged. Finally the last one waved good-bye. The missionary tidied up a bit and walked slowly up the stairway, brushing aside the damp, greying hair from her forehead.

Reaching the kitchen she dropped into a chair, and with a tissue wiped the perspiration from her glasses. Her bright blue eyes had lost their usual gay twinkle and slim shoulders slumped forward. She spoke aloud, "I just don't believe I'll go visiting this afternoon. There is plenty

of work here I can do on records. It is so terribly hot." But when she had eaten a sandwich and sipped a glass of buttermilk she showered, changed clothing, checked her visitation book, and started out, just as she knew all along she would do.

Her first visit was to a feeble, bedridden old man confined to a stuffy bedroom opening on to a noisy alley. "I felt it in my bones, Miss Grace," he said quaveringly. "From the minute I woke up this morning I just knew you would come to see me today. I almost forgot how hot it is thinking about you a-coming. I been a-laying here waiting for your knock on the door." She had read to him from the Bible and talked to the Heavenly Father about him.

The second stop was at the home of two teenage boys. Their mother greeted the visitor joyfully. "They're just not the same boys since you got them at the Good Will Center, Miss Grace! The games in the gymnasium, and the carpenter work in the evenings, and just being with nice folks and off the streets was what they needed. They're good boys. They don't run with that wild gang any more, and they won't be getting in trouble with the police now, either. Every day I thank the Lord for the Good Will Center. I look forward all week to the day when the mothers meet, Miss Grace, and the services on Sunday, too. I wasn't on speaking terms with him before you came and introduced me to him."

A third visit brought Miss Grace to a home where there lived a large family of her Sunday school children, some had been absent last Sunday. "They just don't have shoes, Miss Grace," the mother explained. "With their daddy drinking up so much of what he makes, and the rent always to pay. And Kerry with no pants fit to wear. I hate to bother you, Miss Grace, but I don't have anywhere else to turn."

"How about food, Mrs. Kelly?" the missionary asked kindly.

"We're making out now, Miss Grace, but I don't know what I would have done last month if you hadn't helped." The visitor promised to see what she could do about clothing, and made a note to remind herself.

Then she went to see Mabel, a very new, very young mother, who was fearful that she did not know how to take care properly of that fragile, precious little baby in one crowded, stuffy room. Mabel had come through her teens in the Center. "We're starting right away with a health class for mothers with babies," Miss Grace assured her. "It will be taught by a trained nurse, and she'll tell you what you need to know. I'll let you know when it starts. The baby is a darling! He looks just like his daddy."

Out on the street again, Miss Grace consulted her book. "I believe the Johnsons live near here."

"I've never visited them." The Johnson family she discovered lived on the fourth floor of a building where several small stores were operated on the first floor. As she slowly climbed the steps the heat seemed concentrated into an inferno which left her gasping. At the end of a long hall she found a door with Johnson on it. Her knock brought the mother and four-year-old Terry, who promptly gave a whoop of delight, and threw his arms around her, his shrill voice saying over and over again, "It's my teacher!"

"I'm sorry to invite you into such a steaming hot place," apologized the weary young mother. "Timmy has the measles. That's why he hasn't been to nursery school. He wouldn't miss for anything if he could help it!" She wore the briefest of shorts and the narrowest of halters. "Please excuse me while I slip on a dress. It is so fearfully hot up here."

When she returned she said, "I can't begin to tell you what the Center means to me. My husband got a job here, and this tiny, little apartment is all we can afford until we get caught up. He was out of work for so long! I hate to leave the Center and come back here when I take the boys in the morning. And the Sunday school and all the other services! I just live for them."

"They close up all the uptown churches, in places like this, and move them out to the suburbs. They forget that there are folks like us who don't have cars, and we need a church, too. I love the Good Will Center, of course, but what we need is a church and a preacher. I am beginning to learn lots of people around here who do not go to any church. I just know I can get some of them to come with me on Sundays to the Good Will Center, and they will love it like I do."

Reluctantly Terry and his mother said good-bye to their visitor. "I'll make just one more visit," she promised herself. "I do want to talk with Mrs. Lansing. She seemed so interested in the Bible study last Wednesday evening, and said she wanted to talk with me about it."

Mrs. Lansing lived alone with the accumulations of a long life crowded into two tiny rooms of a basement. She had passed her seventieth birthday and was frail-looking and timid. Miss Grace found her reading her Bible, which she held close to her eyes. She greeted her with,

"I'm so happy you came! I know God must have told you to come today. My heart has been acting up, and I wanted you to explain to me what you meant last Wednesday night when you talked about being born again. I've always had to work so hard that I never thought I had time to go to church, or learn much about Jesus. I know I cannot be here much longer, and I'm not ready to go."

Simply and lovingly Miss Grace explained the plan that God made to save lost sinners through the gift of his only Son. "I had a son once," Mrs. Lansing interrupted. "He died when he was only a little boy."

"God loved his Son, too," the guest explained to her hostess, "but he was willing to make the sacrifice for us because he loved us so much." The missionary left Mrs. Lansing with the gleam of glory on her face. In her hand she was holding a tiny picture of the little son who had left her so long ago, which she had taken from her Bible to show the visitor.

Miss Grace forgot all about the heat as she turned toward home. "What a wonderful privilege it is to lead a person to the Saviour," she whispered to herself. Her mind raced ahead to the sewing class for little girls she would have that evening . . . to the big boys and their carpenter work, and the men who came so faithfully to help them . . . to the men and women and boys and girls who came on Sunday to worship and praise. . . .

Two days afterward, just as Miss Grace was drifting into sleep, the telephone brought her back to reality. As she raised the receiver an unfamiliar voice said: "I am Mrs. Lansing's neighbor. She died just a few minutes ago. The last thing she said was, 'Telephone and tell Miss Grace I died satisfied and happy. I'll see her in heaven.'" The voice paused for a moment, then went on in a subdued tone, "Miss Grace, when she passed on there was a look on her face like an angel. I want to be ready like that when it comes my turn. I want to come to your Good Will Center and learn how to die . . . and how to live."

Soloist: Sing second and third verses of "O Zion, Haste."

Let Us Pray: (Led by Prayer Chairman)

Juvenile crime and delinquency are steadily on the increase in America. One person in every

Good Will Center,
East St. Louis,
Illinois



six who is arrested is under age 21. Baptists now have juvenile rehabilitation work in 22 cities, with the Home Mission Board assisting financially in nine of these. Interest is increasing. Many more programs should be started. The ultimate aim in this work is to guide the delinquent and his family to the influence of a church, to know Christ as Saviour and find a life of service in a church.

Let us Pray for disturbed youth in our land, in our community; those who are engaged in this work, and for financial ability to greatly enlarge this service (pause for prayer).

Let Us Remember in prayer the 47 Good Will Centers, mission centers, and Rescue Missions now supported or partially supported by our Home Mission Board. Let us pray for the dedicated persons who are serving in them and for those whom they serve (pause for prayer).

Let Us Pray also for the rural and mountain missionaries, many of whom labor in discouraging situations, where results come slowly in Kentucky, Tennessee, California, Illinois, North Carolina, and Oklahoma (prayer).

Our Home Mission Board shares with other Southern Baptist agencies in the Advisory Council of Southern Baptist Work with Negroes. In these days of tension let us earnestly pray for the 71 persons now engaged in Home Mission Board work with Negroes. There are teacher-missionaries, directors of mission centers, state directors. Through this program approximately 100,000 persons are reached yearly. Over 60,000 of these are students in college and extension classes; 10,000 are ministers. Through their in-

fluence churches are strengthened, church leadership developed, college students are trained, missionary vision is enlarged. Many scholarships are awarded to worthy students. In all of this we have a responsibility (prayer).

CLOSING MEDITATION

Beside the Sea of Galilee Jesus said to his disciples, "Follow Me." Just as urgently today he calls us to follow in his footsteps. "Though they lead o'er the cold, dark mountains." In the same gospel song we sing, "If they lead through the temple holy, preaching the Word, or in homes of the poor and lowly, serving the Lord."

Let us bow our heads as we hear this prayer poem:

Look from thy sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might;
In pity look on those who stray,
Benighted, in this land of light.

Send forth thy heralds, Lord, to call
The thoughtless young, the hardened old.
A scattered, homeless flock, till all
Be gathered to thy peaceful fold.

—Poet Unknown.

Heralds cannot go unless they be sent. Southern Baptists with our offerings this week, will send out in our beloved homeland many heralds of the King. With love and prayer, with dedication of self, let us bring our gifts today.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING: (Piano played quietly while offering is received).

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERING

AWAKE

"Do you remember how the prophet Elisha took refuge in a village, and his servant saw that the forces of the king were set all around that village to take him captive? Yet Elisha was serene, and when God opened his eyes the servant saw that horses and chariots of fire were round about Elisha. God needed Elisha, so He gave him the strategy by which he misled the enemy, and went gladly on his way to fulfill his purpose.

"Let us take heart in these troubled days. God 'has got the whole world in His hands.' The government is upon His shoulder. Let us be more than ever active in pouring prayer

into all points of need, in undergirding all right efforts toward peace, in laboring without haste and without rest to bring in the days of His peace. Let us give ourselves more fully than ever before to this task, never failing to remember we are working with Him."

With these words a woman of our day challenges all Christian women to renewed prayer-dedication. If we pray faithfully day by day, believing, then all things are possible with God. All the resources of his glory come to focus on man's entreaties to bring them to fruition in His name.

FRIDAY
March 9, 1962



for the Day: *"I will be their God; they shall be my people"* *Jeremiah 31:33.*

Help Us, O God

to Gather People Together in Missions and Churches

... for the Glory of Thy Name

MEDITATION MUSIC: Play "Breathe On Me" as women enter quietly and are seated for prayer using as prayer reminders for the day those printed in the folder.

SING: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONARIES of the Day: (see page 20.)

INTRODUCTION by Prayer Chairman:

With other Baptist denominations of our continent we opened, in 1959, a five-year period of BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE. We stressed, in

1959 Cooperative Witness
1960 Bible Teaching and Training
1961 Stewardship and Enlistment
This year, 1962, our emphasis is on Church Extension, spearheaded by the 30,000 Movement. Southern Baptists are striving to organize at least 30,000 new missions and churches by 1965. Today, Friday, is the climax of our Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Beginning with responsive reading, our study and prayer will be centered on these tremendous challenges in our day. Thirty thousand new missions and churches will mean thousands more reached for Christ in this generation.

RESPONSIVE READING by Two Women: (Used in two are Psalm 122:1, 9; 1 Chron. 22:11, 14; Psalm 27:4, 135:2, 3; 1 Chron. 16:28, 29; Ezra 7:2; Deut. 31:12.)

READER 1: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

READER 2: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

READER 1: The Lord be with thee; and prosper thee, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee.

READER 2: Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord.

READER 1: One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

READER 2: Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good; sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

READER 1: Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

READER 2: Give unto the Lord the glory due his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

READER 1: Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven.

READERS 1 and 2: (Read slowly, in unison)

Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law.

SING: "Rescue the Perishing"

GUIDED MEDITATION: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27.

Cecil had grown up in the church. As a teenage boy he made a profession of faith, but had never united with the church. From time to time the pastor and others spoke to Cecil about the matter of church membership, but he laughed it off. "I don't see that it is necessary to tie myself to any one church. The preacher himself says that the important thing is to be saved, and I believe that I am a Christian. I go to church regularly."

Then Cecil was away at college for four years. Shortly after graduation he brought home a lovely bride, and proudly took her to his church on Sunday morning. "Bring Ardis around to see us," invited the minister's wife. "We want to get acquainted with her."

When the young couple came to visit, the pastor and his wife found Ardis as delightful in manner and personality as she was in appearance, and Cecil beamed his approval. In the course of the evening the pastor remarked casually, "I never see a happy young bridegroom and bride but that I think of how Christ says that the church is his bride, and of how he loves his church."

A few days later the pastor met the young husband on the street. "Did Jesus really say what you said?" Cecil inquired bluntly.

The minister was puzzled. "Say what?" he queried.

"About the church being Christ's bride. I've been thinking about it ever since we were at your house. If Jesus thinks about the church as I do Ardis . . . well, it's mighty precious to him! I didn't know he cared so much!"

The next Sunday morning Cecil and Ardis came hand in hand down the church aisle to unite with the church.

Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that Christ wants his beloved church to be a glorious church, holy and without blemish. A church can be no more glorious than the members of which it is composed. In another letter Paul says, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

Suppose this is changed to read, "Christ in ME the hope of glory." In other words, to use a familiar couplet, "If every church member was just like me, what kind of a church would my church be?" Glorious? Holy? Without blemish?

Does my church gain or lose by my witness
For lost souls in the community?

In concern for indifferent members who
never attend?

In yearning for the gospel to be preached
to the ends of the earth?

In the early days of the Christian church the

disciples went from house to house preaching the word. America is forgetting God, and he is calling Southern Baptists to see and heed the desperate need, by the opening of new places of worship. Christ's hope of glory is through my church, and through me.

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

WHITENED FIELDS (Leader for the Day) THE DISEASE

When European sailing vessels, laden with the first emigrants, were battling their way across the Atlantic, Europe's statesmen would have hooted at the idea of the new land ever developing into a leading world power. Years, revolutions, and world wars have changed that. Now the United States has been thrust into a position of tremendous power in the forefront of the earth. With this influence comes grave responsibility.

Because of our political and financial power we are even more accountable under God for moral and spiritual leadership. Let us take a look . . . a long, long look at ourselves, and see how well we are measuring up to our opportunity. For nations and civilizations are like mighty oaks. They may appear to be healthy and strong when within there is decay, slowly but surely causing death. One day a mighty wind will fell the rotting oak tree, and great will be the crash. Through the centuries of histories we have seen this happen to nation after nation. In America today there are alarming signs of moral and spiritual decay.

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, . . . but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). Today in America there are those who trample ruthlessly on the laws of decency and honor given in the commandments of God. Our Sabbath-breaking is flagrant and brazen. Marriage ties stretch ever more loosely, until each year almost half a million marriages end in divorce. Lack of respect and discipline in the home result in delinquent boys and girls. The name of God is heard profanely used. Dishonesty in business and in television shows is laughed off. A newspaper story told of a man and his wife who found a large sum of money, and returned it to its owners. Among many letters of appreciation their mail box was flooded with letters calling them fools. Money often plays the fiddle in our land, and millions dance to its tune, making it their god.

The filthiness displayed in newsstand books and magazines, in television and movies is terrifying. Ambassadors from other countries tell us that these things tear down the impression made by our country more rapidly than we can build it up with our excellent programs of uplift and assistance.

It is not the revelation of sin which degenerates. Nowhere is sin more forcibly pictured than in the Bible. It is the wholesale presentation of sin as attractive and desirable which endangers our land. It is our refusal to repent and turn from our wicked ways which God abhors.

We are in competition for survival. But honking horns, shrieking brakes and jangling telephones drown the voice of the One who holds the answer to all our problems. American labor is striving for a 30-hour week. Will those extra leisure hours be spent constructively? Or will they merely give more time to tipling in taverns, slumping before TV in wasted time, or in a frantic search for pleasure?

It is claimed that more than half the hospital beds in the United States are occupied by patients suffering with mental disorders.

We may protest hotly that all this paints too terrifying, too dark a picture of our country. But in all honesty we must face them. These symptoms point unmistakably to a fearful disease—godlessness.

THE REMEDY

Fortunately there is a positive remedy for godlessness. The prescription is found in the theme for today—"I will be their God: They shall be my people." No evil in our land but will be completely remedied when the citizens of America are truly God's people.

We have heard the symptoms of the disease.



We have learned that there is a positive remedy. Now we must consider the treatment.

THE TREATMENT

Fortunately there is also a bright picture. It reveals to us the millions of God-fearing, happy Christians who worship and serve God through thousands of churches. The problem is that the growth of churches has not equalled the growth in population and wealth.

In 1956 Dr. C. C. Warren was president of our Convention. He fully realized the urgent conditions we have tried to present today. At the Convention that spring he brought an astounding suggestion. He challenged Southern Baptists to double the number of our churches and missions (then numbering approximately 30,000) by 1964! His challenge was enthusiastically accepted, and the 30,000 Movement was born.

The women of Woman's Missionary Union must play a larger part if this goal is to be reached. Our responsibility is three-fold. We will assist in every possible way the organization of missions Dr. Warren says. "A mission is anywhere one or more members are sent from the local church or churches, at regular intervals, to preach or teach the Word of God." This includes county homes, convalescent homes, homes for aging, institutions for boys, and for girls; fire stations, jails, home fellowship hours—the list is endless. For many types of missions the responsibility will rest on women. In almost every type they will eagerly give generous assistance.

Thousands of missions have been and will be organized with expectation of their developing

Men of Bond Baptist Church, Mississippi, erect a sign for their church, right



**PRAY each day of the
WEEK OF PRAYER
for HOME MISSIONS,
March 5-9, with other
members of your WMS.**

into strong churches. They will be opened in homes and in store buildings, in barns and in garages, schools and in deserted church buildings. These must be financed, for soon they must have land and buildings. There must also be missionaries and pastors to serve. Some strong churches are able to assist financially nearby missions, and do so sacrificially. Many missions, however, are in pioneer areas.

WMU members must help in financing missions. This year there has been allocated a large proportion of the Annie Armstrong Offering to this purpose (see page 15). Also, all that is given above Home Mission Board budget requirements goes to building programs.

Above all, we must pray! We have met this week day by day in prayer for our Home Mission Board and all phases of its labors. We must continue to pray in the weeks and months ahead. Perhaps our prayer will lead us into a mission established and sustained by our own church.

A young couple who had been married for several years were rejoicing over the birth of a child into their home. The young father told a visitor "We thought we did not want to be bothered with children. We told each other that they would be expensive, that they would keep us from having fun and from buying many things we wanted, that they would mean a lot of work and worry."

"We know now," said the wife, "that we never knew what real happiness was until this baby came. All those things do not compare with the joy this baby has brought to us."

And my wife," finished the man, "never looked so beautiful to me as when I saw her with our son in her arms."

Members of Baptist churches not sponsoring missions do not realize the blessing and joy they are missing. Like the young couple, they have plenty of selfish reasons for not troubling with a mission; they do not want to share money and workers. But they are cheating themselves out of a high and holy sense of being in God's plan and will. Growth and development of a mission or a new church will bring unmeasured happiness to the mother church throughout the years.

We have been reading of the population explosion in the world. Southern Baptists are having a mission explosion. There are groups in every one of the fifty states who are trying to witness to unreached multitudes, and we are rapidly establishing missions and new churches.

"Why is there growth and expansion of Southern Baptists?" says Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. He says further that "Undoubtedly there are many contributing factors. During the last world war about 20 million women entered industry. This meant that millions moved from the old South to industrial areas. Approximately 1,800,000 Southern Baptists were included in these migrants. There have been other population shifts."

When homesick Southern Baptists get together away from their churches, a new mission is likely to be the result. Most of our new missions in the northern states have as the nucleus these folks from "down home." Being strong, evangelistic, they are impelled by the astounding number of unchurched to work diligently for the salvation of the lost. These new groups seek the help of the old home church or the Home Mission Board or both in growing a church which will prove a lighthouse in a community. Often the new church is a center for the establishment of other churches and missions.

"Southern Baptist groups planning to start new missions or new churches are urged to select a site in an area not now being served effectively by any other Baptist group. The policy of the Home Mission Board does not provide help for buildings or for salaries for any group that violates this principle," affirms Dr. Redford.

It is fascinating to think of the contrasting areas from which 30,000 churches and missions will be counted. Our Alaskan missionaries speak of snow, caribou, sleeping bags, dog sleds and Northern lights. From mountain heights to the bayous of Louisiana, from western prairies and ocean resorts, from crowded inner cities and scrambling suburbs; in beautiful Hawaii. Everywhere, everywhere, lost souls are reclaimed for a fuller life in this world, and the final slipping away from a happy church fellowship to a more glorious fellowship above.

Sandra Harvey, a summer missionary, relates this experience in helping a new mission to get started. "Today," she says, "I was taking census for the first time. The temperature was close to 100 degrees, but I did not think of that after the first three or four houses I visited. I could think of nothing but the independence of attitude toward Christ and the church of the people I interviewed. Most of them were plain, but gave information with probably no concern

than they would have shown on a poll of their favorite TV program. A typical response to 'Is your husband a Christian, or a member of any church?' was 'Well, I don't know.' I never thought to ask him."

When a mission was opened in Northtown, a suburb of Spokane, Washington, it was estimated that within a radius of one and a half miles there were 22,000 who were not members of any church!

Whenever disaster strikes a call goes out for material aid. Christians and others rally at once to the plea, and bountiful assistance is rushed to the sufferers. Our Master would not have us respond otherwise to his call. Today Southern Baptists are challenged by spiritual disaster. There are desperate calls from every part of the nation. Eternal souls are in danger.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And followed this invitation with a challenge: "Take my yoke upon you." Bearing his yoke, Southern Baptist women will work, and give, and pray.

Special Music: "Throw Out the Lifeline"

Prayer Requests from Missionaries (Prayer Chairman)

Let us listen carefully and prayerfully to these requests for prayer from missionaries

Let us pray for those in leadership of the 30,000 Movement (pause).

Let us pray for members in churches where there is no vision for need beyond their church and community; that their eyes will be opened to whitened fields nearby where missions can be established (pause).

In the decade from 1941-1961 Southern Baptist churches increased from 25,603 to 32,251. Let us pray that the missionary zeal which brought them into life will be revived in these churches, so that they will reach beyond their borders, seeking out unchurched areas (pause).

Miss Nancy Lee Russell, a missionary, tells of visiting a man in his 85th year, who said, "I am tired of hearing about Bible school for children! I'm closer to the grave than they are, and I'm not ready to go. Why don't you have a Bible school for the old folks? We need it most!"

There are more than 16 million persons who have reached the age of 65 now in our land. One-third of these live in New York, Pennsylvania, California and Illinois.

Let us pray for these in the sunset years, whom we are ministering to through our missions in rest homes and institutions of other types. There is a multitude of opportunity for more of these prayer-and-Bible study groups. Those of us who are praying here today, do we know of such a need? (pause for prayer)

In the promotion of the 30,000 Movement we employ many area and associational missionaries, pastoral missionaries, and mission pastors. Let us pray now for these workers, as they enter and labor in new localities (pause for prayer).

In the Big Cities Project, four of our largest cities were selected, one each year to receive from the Home Mission Board a large grant of money for promotion in its borders. As the steady trend toward city living continues, the spiritual welfare of these urban centers is of paramount significance. In these areas, land and buildings are exorbitant in price. Our Annie Armstrong Offering for this year has been allocated to the various fields of which we have spoken this week. All that is received beyond these sums will be used in the purchase of building sites in pioneer areas (pause for prayer).

CLOSING MEDITATION

More and more, in our complex civilization, religious leaders are providing retreats where members withdraw for a time from the stress of everyday living for self-examination and quiet communion with God.

Perhaps to some extent this Week of Prayer has been a form of retreat for you. But it must be a retreat from which we have drawn spiritual power to accomplish God's tasks. On this last day let us meditate on two areas of our Saviour's life. His practice of prayer and his gentle, loving ministry to people of every age, diverse races, multiple physical afflictions, guilty of every vile sin. To all of these he gave himself in service.

On the last evening of his earthly life Jesus said, "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."

Jesus ministered to these within His personal reach. Today we are offered the privilege of relieving needs similar to those in which he witnessed in his day. He loved, we can love those nearby, and go ourselves or send others to those afar. He healed. We may be or provide doctors and nurses to heal in his name, through his power. He forgave! We must forgive and show forth his message of his forgiveness and eternal salvation. He prayed. Through our faithful praying and giving we come today to accomplish this great mission, by means of our Annie Armstrong Offering.

As the soloist leads, "Take My Life and Let It Be," will you bring forward your gift joining with her in singing the refrain after each verse.

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DEDICATION OF SELF AND OFFERING

Mabel McRae's Story



I had a problem, and knew to whom I should go for solution. This past week we welcomed into our Sunday school class a young woman who came from a Catholic home, but had no family and faith when she married a fine

young man, an active member of our Baptist church. I felt our class members had a special opportunity to help her find a real, personal relationship with the Saviour and the warmhearted fellowship we enjoy in our church family. I knew something of Catholic teachings, but desired a firsthand knowledge of the best way to win this young woman.

The one most likely to understand this problem was my friend Mabel, raised in the Catholic faith herself. She was converted and became a Baptist after her marriage to Paul McRae. The McRaes and their three children have been members at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham for several years. Paul is now a deacon and is superintendent of Married Young People's Department in Sunday school. Mabel teaches a class of young women, and is working with YWAs this year. Their lives are dedicated wholly to the Lord and His will.

I visited Mabel one morning this week in time for her coffee break, and told her my anxiety concerning our new class member. "Since you were Catholic before your marriage, you can tell me from experience how we can best make her feel welcome." "My case is not typical," Mabel admitted. "You see, my parents were not Catholics. They were Presbyterians. But they did not attend church regularly, and took no active part in church life."

"Then why did you attend a parochial school?"

"My family lived in Detroit, and though my parents were not active church members, my mother's family were devout Catholics. When I was small I became very ill and was at the point of death. My aunt came to Mother and told her that were I to die, I would not be saved, for I had not been baptized. Mother was fearful for my life, and allowed me to be baptized by

a priest, and further promised that should I live, I would be raised in the Catholic faith. After I recovered, my parents were so grateful that I had been spared, they kept the promise made my aunt."

"And you became a regular communicant?"

"Yes, I attended Mass, observed all the Holy Days, learned catechism."

"Did you study the Bible in school?"

"No, we didn't study the Bible at all. We were not allowed to interpret the Bible; our interpretations came from the priests. So we learned to say our catechism, which is church doctrines and prayers." She paused for a moment. "In fact, I knew so little about the Bible itself that after I married I had to buy a thumb index Bible. I didn't even know the names of the books or where to find them."

"Now there's a difference that you must take into consideration with this new member. She will know very little about the Bible, its teachings, and the emphasis we put upon personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. She will not have read the Bible with the idea of letting the Spirit guide her in her reading."

"That's a good point to remember," I agreed. "But back to you. If you were so completely Catholic, how did you happen to marry a dyed-in-the-wool Baptist, such as Paul?"

Mabel laughed. "The McRaes are certainly staunch Baptists, that's true. Paul was in the service, and we met in Detroit. As we became interested in each other, he assured me that he would not let our different faiths stand between us. We thought we could be married 'and live happily ever after!'"

"What of your family? Did they object?"

"No, my parents loved Paul, and thought that since I was twenty-four I was old enough to know my own mind. And they

by Mrs. Louis Dabney

were not active enough in religious faith to take a stand for or against my religion. My Catholic relatives, though, felt I was making a grave mistake, marrying outside the Catholic church."

"What of the Catholic church itself? Were there any objections?"

"As soon as we became engaged, Paul came back to Decatur to take up civilian life, and I went to the priest to tell him of our decision. He said we could not be married in the Catholic church, since Paul did not plan to become a Catholic, but that he could marry us in the Rectory, the priest's home. But there was a condition even to this. Paul must sign a statement of three parts; first, promising that he would not interfere with my practicing my own faith; second, that any children from this union would be raised Catholics; and three, that no contraceptives would be used. When I got home that afternoon, I sat down and wrote Paul everything that the priest had said. That night I read the letter to my parents, and I remember my father saying, 'You have certainly presented the case clearly.'

"But the strangest thing happened. As soon as I had read that letter aloud, it was as though a great light burst on my sight. I thought, 'This is the most one-sided, biased faith I have ever heard of; Paul must make all the concessions, and I none! I put the letter away and went to bed, but the next morning I realized again that I could not ask more of Paul in this matter than I was willing to ask of myself. So I tore the letter up, and wrote Paul we would be married by whomever he chose. We were married soon after this by a Baptist minister.'

"This then was the first step away from your faith, wasn't it?"

"Yes, it was probably the first time I had looked at my faith objectively. We were married in February, and on the first Sunday morning afterwards Paul offered to drop me off at St. Anne's Catholic Church while he went on to the Baptist church nearby, but I had already decided to go

with him. By June, just four months later, I had come to feel the reality of my salvation through faith alone, and when Paul moved his membership to this church one Sunday morning, I came on profession of faith in Christ as my Saviour."

"What influences, other than Paul's Christian witness, led you to this?"

Mabel put her hand on her Bible, open beside her on the table. "The influence of Bible study, most of all. I saw for the first time what a real and personal Saviour I had in Jesus Christ. I did not have to depend on a priest or memorized prayer to make me worthy of God's grace. As the old song says, there's 'nothing between my soul and my Saviour.' And I had to learn to pray, for I had never said a spontaneous prayer. All our prayers were memorized and repetitious. I had to learn, as a child learns, how to tell God of my thanks, my cares and my joys."

"Don't you feel that the uniting of your faith with Paul's has made for a happier home than you could have had otherwise?"

"Yes, indeed. Young couples have so many adjustments to make in marriage, one of the most important of which is their religious faith. This is one of the adjustments that can be made before marriage, to give that marriage the firm foundation it needs. A family needs joint worship, common goals and aims, and one of the greatest sources of real happiness, Christian fellowship with other like-minded families. I see so often, in the lives of the young couples in our department, how vital to their Christian lives and to their brand-new family units is the fellowship in 'the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.'"

I laughed. "I can see you are as much a dyed-in-the-wool Baptist as Paul."

"Amen to that. And I hope your new class member will become the same. Encourage her to read the Bible in class and at home, to pray freely and openly about everything involved in her life, and above all, give her the witness of a soul transformed by the love of Christ."

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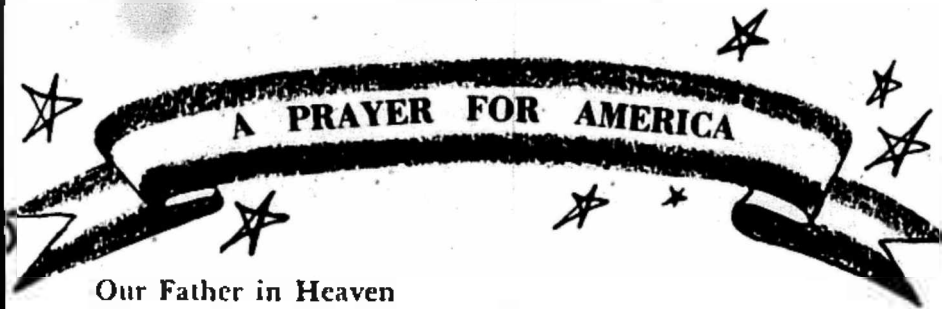
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Our Father in Heaven

We pray that you will save us from ourselves.

We live in fear of war to come.

We are afraid of the terror that flies by night . . . the pestilence that walks in darkness and the destruction that wastes at noonday.

We have turned from you to go our selfish way. We have broken your commandments and denied your truth. We have left your altars to serve the false gods of money and pleasure and power.

Forgive us and help us.

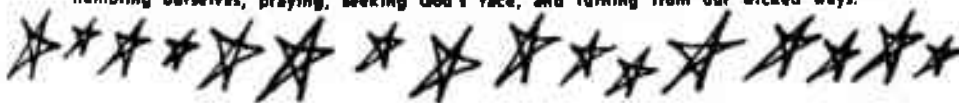
Inspire us with wisdom, all of us of every color, race, and creed to use our wealth, our strength to help our brother, instead of destroying him.

Help us to do your will as it is done in heaven and to be worthy of your promises. . . .

Fill us with new faith, new strength, and new courage. . . .

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The above taken from "America on Its Knees" by Conrad Hilton, points up our need for humbling ourselves, praying, seeking God's face, and turning from our wicked ways.



WMS President

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First in importance for March planning is the Week of Prayer for Home Missions with the Annie Armstrong Offering, March 5-9. See Forecaster suggestions to your prayer, stewardship, and publicity committees. Encourage these committees to make their plans early and to have them ready to present to the executive board in January or February.

Discuss all of your plans with your pastor and seek his co-operation in making this Week of Prayer a tremendous influence in your church. Our president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, has written a letter to every SBC pastor asking for help in promoting the Annie Armstrong Offering. The free leaflet, "Week of Prayer for Home Missions," was written especially for pastors. It gives information they need for a better understanding of the purpose and plans for the week. Be

sure that your pastor has his copy. Work with Sunday school, Training Union, and Brotherhood leaders to promote a churchwide observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions with the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Study all of the materials sent to you from your state WMU office, then pass it on to your prayer committee. Be sure that you have enough envelopes and illustrated folders for every WMS member. These are distributed free through your state WMU office.

Remember you are a steward of all materials sent to you, especially the leaflet, "Week of Prayer for Home Missions" and the letter written to you by Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board. You will use these to cause more people in your church to pray and to give for "America must be Christian!"

All Committees

SELL . . .

In a recent copy of *This Week* magazine, Wilfred A. Peterson wrote "Everybody Sell!" Certainly every Christian should be a salesman for Christianity and some of Mr. Peterson's comments on the art of selling at its best apply to effective evangelism.

Courteous words

instead of sharp retorts

Smiles

instead of blank looks

Enthusiasm

instead of dullness

Response

instead of indifference

Warmth

instead of coldness

Understanding

instead of a closed mind

Attention

instead of neglect

Patience

instead of irritation

Sincerity

instead of sham

Consideration

instead of annoyance

Remembering people

instead of forgetting them.

Facts

instead of arguments.

Creative ideas

instead of humdrum.

Helpfulness

instead of hindrance.

Giving

instead of getting.

Action

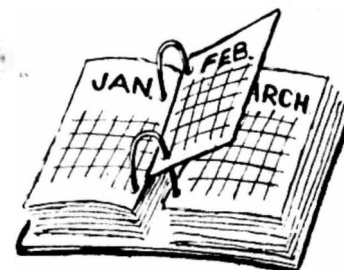
instead of delay.

Appreciation

instead of apathy.

Mission Study Committee

January through March



If circles in your WMS have been studying *Glimpses of Glory* each month, January through March, this month will conclude your study. Check to be sure that every woman has read the book.

Statistics show that Britons read more newspapers than anyone else. Austrians see more films, and the Japanese spend more time in libraries. There are 20 million regular readers reported by libraries in Japan.

Encourage WMS members to read this quarter's home mission

book, *Glimpses of Glory*, by C. C. Warren (price 75c), or one of the following books listed in *World in Books* catalog:

Steeple Against the Sky, Edith L. Ledbetter, 75c

Edge of the Edge, Theodore E. Matson, pa. \$1.50, cl. \$2.95

By Deed and Design, Virgil Foster, pa. \$1.95, cl. \$2.95 (all from your nearest Baptist Book Store)

Make tags with the words, "I HAVE READ," and a church spire, as illustrated. Give these to WMS members at circle meetings and ask them to wear them at the general missionary meeting in April. Recognize those who have read one of the books listed above.

One purpose of this quarter's study is to help WMS members see the community in which they live and to discover places where mission work is needed.

The mission study committee and the community missions committee will work together on projects which should follow the study of *Glimpses of Glory*.



Community Missions Committee

The mission study for this quarter is *Glimpses of Glory*. This study will cause many WMS members to pray and to act.

Pray—for guidance in making a survey of your community to discover areas and institutions where mission work is needed. Pray as you make plans for your WMS to help establish new churches and missions. The leaflet, "Woman's Missionary Union in the 30,000 Movement," free from your state WMU office, gives suggestions for making the survey and for beginning new mission work. Remember, a mission has been defined as "anywhere one or more members are sent from the local church or churches at regular intervals to preach or teach the Word of God."

Act—after study and prayer, act. Your survey will reveal places where the Word of God needs to be preached or taught. Locate build-

STUDY PRAY and ACT

ings, institutions, or homes where a mission or church may begin. Secure Bibles, literature, hymnbooks and leaders to carry on the work.

The 30,000 Movement is a movement to change lives, to make communities Christian, to promote the kingdom of God. It is not just an effort to increase the number of Baptist churches and missions. Lead the members of your WMS to enter into this dynamic relationship with others who want to have a part in their church reaching out.

Prayer Committee

Help Us, O God . . .

Plans were prayerfully made for the 1962 Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Prayerfully your committee will carry these plans out as you work with your pastor, WMU president, stewardship and publicity committee. The prayer committee will study carefully all materials relating to the Week of Prayer, such as:

January, February, March WMU periodicals

February and March Home Missions

State Baptist papers

Free leaflet, "Week of Prayer

for Home Missions," sent to pastor and included in packet sent to WMU president

Poster and streamer with theme, to be used in publicity

Offering envelope

Illustrated folder (to be used in the meditation periods each day)

Leaflet, "Biographical Sketch of Miss Annie Armstrong"

Program folder, price 2¢ from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

Before the Week of Prayer—
Early in January, ask the stewardship and publicity committees

to meet with the prayer committee, the WMU president, and your pastor. At this meeting:

1. Check the church calendar so that there will be no conflicts during the week of March 5-9.

2. Discuss the Annie Armstrong Offering goal which should be a 14 per cent increase over the amount given by your church last year.

3. Make plans for the Sunday preceding the Week of Prayer and the one following the Week of Prayer. Since Home Missions Day in the Sunday school is the following Sunday, co-operate with Sunday school and Training Union workers in promoting the Annie Armstrong Offering in their assembly programs.

4. Look at plans made by stewardship and publicity committees for promotion of the Annie Armstrong Offering and the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. (See suggestions given these committees in *Forecaster*.)

The prayer committee will plan for each day's call to worship meditation period, presentation of human interest stories given in *Royal Service*, and the closing meditation. Plan with the stewardship committee for ungundering the Annie Armstrong Offering.

As your committee and other committees make their plans for the observance of this significant week, pray that the Lord will help you with all your efforts.

Keep in mind the import of this week and how it can influence America for Christ. Our Home Mission Board and all our home missionaries look to this week for spiritual and financial support.

May the words of this hymn become your prayer for the days ahead.

"Grant us wisdom,

Grant us courage,

For the facing of this hour . . .

For the living of these days . . .

That we fail not man nor Thee"

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

Out of the Mailbag

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

Q Should the pastor's wife belong to a circle?

A. This is a debatable question. Some prefer that the pastor's wife visit from circle to circle. This plan enables the pastor's wife to become acquainted with more women. It gives her an opportunity to help with the work of more than one circle. However, in a society with more than 12 circles if all meet at the same time, it is impossible for her to visit all of the circles in one year's time.

Some pastor's wives prefer belonging to a circle. They think they can make a greater contribution in that way and they like the feeling of "belonging."

The pastor's wife could well serve in a "training circle" each year. In this way she can help women who have never been in WMS understand the purpose and plan of work.

To assign or not to assign the pastor's wife is a question that should be answered by the society and the pastor's wife.

If she does not belong to a circle, be sure to keep her record and include it in the total WMS report.

Stewardship Committee

Help Us, O God . . .

We need God's help to reach our goal of 14 per cent increase over the amount given last year to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Throughout the Bible there are passages of Scripture which assure us of his willingness to help in time of need. Trust him to guide you in making plans for attaining this high goal. The following suggestions may help your committee as it makes plans for promoting the 1962 Annie Armstrong Offering.

1. Decide on the best way to place an Annie Armstrong Offering envelope in the hand of every member well in advance of the Week of Prayer. Will you distribute them at the February meeting? Will you place them at each plate if you have a luncheon meeting? Will you enclose them with a little note explaining the purpose of the offering and mail them to the members?

2. Choose some visual means of showing progress made toward attainment of your goal. The following ideas may spark your thinking:

(a) Enlarge the outline of the USA on March *Royal Service* cover and reproduce it on cardboard. As the Annie Armstrong Offering increases, place small churches cut from construction paper within the outline as indicated below. Each church may represent a certain amount, \$100, \$500, etc. The words, "I will be their God . . . they will be my people," may also be used above or below the outline.

(b) Or, reproduce the March *Royal Service* cover on a large poster board and as the offering grows place silver dollars made of aluminum foil in and around the hands. Each dollar or disc may represent a certain amount—\$5.00, \$50, \$500. These amounts may be marked on the foil with black crayon and the



foil tacked or taped to the back-ground.

3. Plan with the prayer committee for an effective ingathering of the Annie Armstrong Offering. The closing appeal should be for personal commitment through gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering. As soft music is played at the close of each day's service, give an opportunity for offering to be placed in

a special place. This may be at the front of the room or at the back of the room. You may choose to use a small church, available from your nearest Baptist Book Store for 50c (printed in green and black on white. Completely die-cut for easy assembly without taping or pasting. Lies flat when taken apart.)

Youth

How Many Minutes?

Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of our Home Mission Board, tells us that it requires about \$8.65 per minute, exclusive of building projects, to support the work of the Home Mission Board.

How many minutes will the members of the Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries in your church support home missions through the 1962 Annie Armstrong Offering? Encourage the young people to be "clock watchers" as they plan for their offering. Lead them to experience the thrill of supporting "the work through 2000 home missionaries who are paid in full or in part" by the Annie Armstrong Offering. The word "pioneer" catches the imagination of youth. Show them that through their Annie Armstrong Offering they will be purchasing church sites in pioneer areas and helping to build

new Baptist churches.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions with the Annie Armstrong Offering is far more than a time of giving money. It is a time for "setting aside minutes" to pray for home missions.

Urge GAs to use the insert in March *Tell* so that many minutes each day will be spent in prayer for home missions.

Sunbeam Band leaders can make home missions "come alive" for the children as they use wisely the picture sheet provided for them.

Make good use of the announcement and preparation folder provided for each YWA member.

How many minutes will the young people in your church support home missions through prayer? How many minutes will they support the work of our Home Mission Board through their Annie Armstrong Offering?



**BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE
1959-1964**

For Liberty and Light

We are at the halfway point of the Third Jubilee Advance, 1959-64. **What progress has your Woman's Missionary Union made toward the Jubilee goals?**

Yearly goals are listed in the leaflet, "Woman's Missionary Union Third Jubilee Advance Goals," free from state WMU offices. Order one of the leaflets if you do not already have one and see the goals attained by your WMU organizations.

Publicity Committee

BRING IN . . .

This month the publicity committee will be working with the **prayer** and **stewardship** committees to bring every WMS member into the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and to bring in a great Annie Armstrong Offering.

(1) **See the January, February, and March WMU periodicals, February and March Home Missions and state Baptist papers for pictures and articles which may be clipped for bulletin boards and other publicity purposes.**

(2) **Place in a prominent place in your church the colored poster giving the theme for the week and the streamers sent to the WMU president.**

(3) **Make enlarged offering envelopes, mount them on poster**

board with the words, "HELP US... MAKE AMERICA CHRISTIAN. Give to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions." Place these in Sunday school and Training Union assembly rooms.

(4) **Write cards or notes to members giving time and place of each day's service. You may want to use seals of Christian and American flags and the words:**

"For the loveliest banner, near or far,

Is only whatever its citizens are."

Pray for the citizens of our land

(date)

(place)

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