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**Missionaries of Home
and Foreign Mission
Boards respond in
their youth and young
adulthood to God's
call for service as
preachers, teachers,
doctors, nurses, jour-
nalists, technicians**

New York, USA
August, 1961

Dear Friend,

On July 2 Herb and I dedicated ourselves to full-time Christian service and it's been quite a heavy decision for us because we're sort of used to security, you know; also we have three children. Herb is to enter seminary in January, although he is not yet sure whether his field will be preaching or teaching.

Fondly,

(Mrs. H.) Maurine Wright Maher

September, 1961

Dear Friend,

We don't feel we've done anything unusual in answering God's call—maybe the fact that we're at that age of "life begins at"

God Is Calling Us



makes it a little unique but truly more and more each day we realize that it is a privilege to do what we're doing. We too have felt a "calling" about being part of this Southern Baptist pioneer work. But so many of our members at these young churches in the northeastern section of the US feel this, also!

We have loved this work and its challenges and see such great need for dedicated people and money that we almost felt guilty at thought of leaving. However, God's plan for our lives directs Herb toward seminary education. That is step number one.

When I married Herb 18 years ago in Texas he was not a born-again Christian but

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• LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY
IN OUR CHURCHES — APRIL 8

IS God calling you and your family to serve Him on a mission field? Wait! Don't answer until you read—

Many kinds of

Missionaries

are needed **NOW**

SHOULD your family reconsider the question: Should we be missionaries? Should you or your children or grandchildren confront this same question?

IF you are intellectually alert, socially sensitive, religiously literate, physically sound, emotionally stable—and if God is calling you—then you have what it takes to be a missionary.

THESE qualifications sound formidable, but don't undersell your possibilities. You and God can meet the challenges if he has placed within your heart the divine imperative to serve him in a mission field.

DID God call you long ago? Have you failed to respond to his call and have the years gone by with family and position crowding out his still small voice? Listen to that voice now before it is too late. Many kinds of missionaries are needed now.

Dr. Glendon McCullough of the Home Mission Board has said:

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"Many of us have learned the art of closing our eyes to what we do not wish to see. We must quit pretense and see the crises in which we live now. We must see our part in meeting today's crises.

"In 1961 there were more than 270 urgent personnel needs in home missions. Vacancies on some mission fields have not been filled for two years. There are good will center buildings in many of our cities, but there are no workers to man them. There are vacant pulpits in Russian work, in Japanese work, in Spanish work, in Italian work. One of the centers for International students did not have a missionary last year. These needs are urgent."

Dr. Elmer West of the Foreign Mission Board writes: "Overseas the missionaries most needed are trained preachers to serve as general evangelists. About half of all requests are for preachers and their wives. The most critical need today, however, is for missionary nurses."

Perhaps you do not realize that the Foreign Mission Board also has places for God-called doctors, medical technologists, hospital administrators, and other specialties. There is also a possibility for those 35 years of age and above to serve as missionary associates overseas.

God may not be calling you, but he can use your influence with others in your family or church who need encouragement to accept the glorious task of being an appointed missionary of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to this generation.

If you want information about missionary service in home missions write to Dr. Glenlon McCullough, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, and to Dr. Elmer West, Box 6797, Richmond 30, Virginia, for guidance about service overseas.

Glenlon McCullough Elmer West



A MISSIONARY — Late

by Mrs. Susie N. Illingworth

MANY have asked, "How did you happen to do missionary work in Colorado last summer?" My reply has been, "God answered my prayer."

After the death of my husband and the marriage of my three daughters, I was faced with making a new life for myself. An earnest desire to serve Him with my whole life rapidly developed. It seemed that with every sermon, every Sunday school lesson, every missionary message I heard, no matter where I went, the thought rang in my ears "Even though you are a mature woman, there is still service you can render." At Ridgecrest for Home Mission and W.M.U. weeks, to Hawaii, to state W.M.U. conventions, in W.M.S. meetings, God impressed this same thought upon me. I asked the Lord to show me beyond all doubt that if it was his will he would use me on a home mission field. My heart, mind and interest led toward Pioneer Missions. When Dr. M. Wendell Belew spoke at my church during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, I talked with him and asked if there might be a place for me in a pioneer area provided I paid my own expenses.

Three weeks later my prayer was answered when in a letter Dr. Belew said if I would like to go to Colorado and work under the supervision of Miss Nancy M. ... W.M.U. executive secretary of that ... What a glorious privilege it was to ...

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COVER

photos of missionaries of Home and Foreign Missions Boards, our artist prepared a montage depicting the need for continuing appointment of missionaries by those Boards.

God-called youth must be encouraged by family and church in responding and preparing for the demands of missionary work. Your general program for your W.M.S. this month will encourage members to respond to opportunities. Read the wonderful stories in this issue, also.



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A PASTOR BEARS WITNESS

THE seasons of prayer are happy times in our church. Especially is this true of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a church affair. We meet in the sanctuary and place our gifts on the table. Sunbeams come dressed in the costumes of the nations of the world. They sing for us and, as with all Sunbeams, one of their favorite songs is "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World." When I see them standing there, I realize anew that it is not enough for them to know that Jesus loves the children of the world. They must also know that someone is needed to tell children that Jesus loves them and wants to save them from their sins. I find myself praying, "Father, please call some of my Sunbeams to go tell all nations of the Saviour's love."

I know a church which recently observed its ninetieth anniversary. What should have been a time of rejoicing turned into a period of deep soul-searching. In all of its ninety years that church has not sent out

one person to preach the gospel here at home and not a single missionary to any place. Not so much as one young person has entered into a full-time Christian vocation. The pastor, in serious mood, challenged his church to see why this was true. From this church had gone outstanding doctors, teachers, lawyers, and businessmen. Could it be they had not provided a warm climate where young people were challenged to give their lives to the great work of carrying Christ to the nations? How about your church? Have you done soul-searching at this point?

It is the grave responsibility of every church to provide an atmosphere of concern and interest and keep missionary zeal alive. It is your privilege with the prompting of the Holy Spirit to bring this to pass in your church. When a church has such concern for sending the gospel to people of our world, its youth will respond. I have seen it happen, and it will happen in your church when your young people catch the

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Rev. Otis Williams

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE, ALABAMA

you a vision of missionary service as God calls them.

I cannot remember when my own interest in world missions began. It must be that it was kindled when my grandmother explained to me—a small boy—the significance of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign. I had found the pledge cards signed by members of our church in her possession. She was church treasurer.

Later I attended our state assembly at Mentone. Dr. T. W. Ayers, Southern Baptists' first medical missionary to China, was the speaker. He opened my eyes to the needs of that vast country. I never quite understood why I could be missionary-minded and yet feel that my place of service was here at home. I began to understand when I read what William Carey told his friends as he left England to go to India, "I will go down into the well while you hold the ropes." We must maintain a strong home base so those who are called to be as missionaries will have the support

they need.

The response of my own young people in churches where I have been pastor has been beyond my expectation. They are everywhere. One of the first to respond to God's high calling went as a home missionary to the mountains of Kentucky. Today some are in Africa, the Philippines, Malaya, and Good Will Centers in the homeland. Others are serving as educational directors, youth workers, Baptist Student Union directors and ministers of the gospel.

One boy stands out in my mind. I felt that our church was not doing for world missions all it should. I saw no way to increase our Cooperative Program gifts at that time. I urged our people to give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. An Intermediate boy, a member of Royal Ambassadors, said to me after the message, "How much do you think we will give?" I assured him we would give more than the three hundred dollars of the previous year. This did not satisfy him. He believed we

A PASTOR BEARS WITNESS

would give at least a thousand dollars. He had his first part-time job as a sweeper in a textile mill. He informed me he planned to give fifteen dollars himself. He gave his fifteen dollars; and the church, inspired by his enthusiasm, gave more than a thousand dollars. Even better, he gave himself. Today, Robert Gray and his wife, Grace, are our missionaries in Nigeria. He is serving as administrator in one of our hospitals there.

What can you do? Please remember that the seeds sown in Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, and in Royal Ambassador Chapters can result in a steady stream of young people going to the ends of the earth.

Count it a privilege when called upon to lead our youth. Missionaries are needed as never before. Every real Christian knows that Christ is the hope of this world. We must send our choicest young people out, but our members will have to lay aside second-best tasks to assume the leadership of our organizations. Too often the most capable leader tells her pastor and the nominating committee that she is so busy doing other things, she cannot possibly lead in Girls' Auxiliary. The Sunbeams make her nervous. I count as some of my best work serving as a counselor for Royal Ambassadors. Not all have gone as missionaries, but some of the finest stewards Baptists have are these boys, now men. Their gifts are making it possible to send others.

Southern Baptists must never come to the day when we have money with which to send missionaries and yet have none to go. Nor can we come again, as in years past, having the youth ready to go and having no funds with which to send them.

Christ deserves that our most gifted, our brightest young people will respond to the many open doors. We must make it clear that no higher calling exists than that of carrying the Good News to men in dark-

ness. I covet that Christ will have for his service the most talented young man, the most promising young woman. When we magnify the importance of the work, when we show the need that exists, then we will see them become serious. Then the world will see another Matthew Yates, a William Bagby, a Lottie Moon, a Willie Kelly, a Moses McCall, all missionaries of great faith and vision.

There is no inspiration like that which comes from hearing one of our missionaries speak. Miss Willie Kelly, an honored missionary to China for forty-six years, spoke in our church once. The next morning a ten-year-old boy, red-headed and freckle-faced, tapped on her door. He had brought Miss Kelly a present. It was a manure set with brightest red fingernail polish. With a twinkle in her eyes, Miss Kelly said, "I have never used nail polish before but I will now." Invite missionaries into your homes and churches. They can kindle a spark as no one else can.

You can see that youth in your church have opportunity of attending our state assemblies and our convention assemblies at Glorieta and Ridgcrest. God has a way of speaking to young hearts at these wonderful places. Many missionaries now serving on mission fields responded to an invitation given at an assembly.

How can we get our young people to go as missionaries? The method given us by Jesus is still effective. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." If we are genuine in our prayers, God will call one of our choicest. And if he should call our own sons and daughters, let us rejoice that we have been counted worthy in receiving such honor. As you are faithful in praying each day for our missionaries listed in the Calendar of Prayer, be just as faithful in asking God to call out from your church young people for the mission field.

from WASHINGTON

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

Alliance for Progress

"We, the American Republics, hereby proclaim our decision to unite in a common effort to bring our people accelerated economic progress and broader social justice within the framework of personal dignity and political liberty."

These words, sounding much like the opening paragraphs of our own United States Constitution, are the preamble of a Charter drawn and signed by ministerial representatives of American nations in conference at Punta del Este, Uruguay, last August.

The document outlined, and made effective, a set of concrete plans for an "Alliance for Progress" for Western Hemisphere nations. Just as the US Constitution drew 13 American colonies into one federation, the Charter of Punta del Este charts a new era of peaceful co-operation and advance for all the peoples of North, Central, and South America.

The Alliance aim is simple but magnificent: "to bring a better life to all the people of the Continent."

This is a needed goal, for many of the nations of Latin America are underdeveloped and their peoples are oppressed by poverty and ignorance.

Twenty of the 21 nations then in the Organization of American States signed the document. Cuba alone did not sign it. (The OAS has taken steps since that time to expel Castro-dominated Cuba from its membership.)

A Declaration to the Peoples of America,

adopted at the same time as the Charter, asserted true progress can be guaranteed only by systems which affirm "the dignity of the individual which is the foundation of our civilization."

And then the Declaration outlined goals seldom surpassed in scope and idealism. Here are some of them: implementation of the principle of self-determination by the people; accelerated economic and social development; decent homes for all people; comprehensive agrarian reform, fair wages and satisfactory working conditions, the abolition of illiteracy, modern programs of health and sanitation, stimulation of private enterprise, and maintenance of sound monetary and fiscal policies.

The ministers at Punta del Este agreed that these things can and should be accomplished basically through self-help. But they recognized that "domestic efforts must be reinforced by essential contributions of external assistance." The United States pledged, for its part as the biggest of the big brothers in the Americas, to provide a major part of the \$20 billion fund to be used for these purposes during the next ten years.

You will want to watch the progress of this noble experiment. It seeks to align the nations of the Western Hemisphere together not for war but for progress.

With its fundamental premise affirming the dignity of the individual and its goals based on love and compassion rather than hate, the Alliance for Progress stands in sharp contrast to the satellite system of totalitarian communism.

green enough to grow

It was mid-summer when I excitedly telephoned Mrs. J. Wash Watts one evening. "Is it true," I asked, "Are you and Dr. Watts really going back to Palestine after all these years?"

"Isn't it thrilling?" she answered. "I can hardly believe it. I'm sitting here right now having more fun. Do you know what I'm doing? I'm writing notes of resignation to everything," she bubbled.

Even over the phone I could see the twinkle in her eye. Her supply of note stationery must be huge. I mused, for when Mrs. Watts began resigning from everything it ranged all the way from her Sunday school class office to her place on the Executive Board of Convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union. It even meant turning over her English class at New Orleans Baptist Seminary to someone else. Her affiliation with advisory boards and committees, I thought, must be endless.

All the enthusiasm was due to an invitation that Dr. Watts had just received from the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon to spend a year as visiting professor.

Now this would have been a thrilling and challenging opportunity for anyone—but for the Watts, well, it was like going home!

My mind went back to experiences I had heard Mrs. Watts relate in her very delightful way of their early days as missionaries in the Middle East.

"Our Board had tried sending out older persons," Mrs. Watts smiled. "But we were just out of Southern Baptist Seminary and they took one look at us and decided that, although we didn't have experience, we might be green enough to grow!"

And grow they did! Jerusalem, Nazareth,

by marjorie cole rowden

Beirut, Kfar Mishky—all over the territory then known as Palestine—the Watts carried the story of Jesus. From Jew to Arab, from city to remote village, they trudged along the path Christ trod before them. They ate goat cheese and flat Arab bread. They struggled with two difficult languages. They spent long week ends in isolated villages high in the Lebanese hills, encouraging national pastors and their small congregations.

Out of these years of joy and toil came a lovely little book by Mrs. Watts called *Palestinian Tapestries*.^{*} And from the tender, sensitive heart of Dr. Watts came thrilling classroom experiences for countless hundreds of theological students whom he would later teach at New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

"Before we married I had a personal problem," smiled Mrs. Watts. "You see, I was engaged to John Watts and wanted so badly to marry him. I wasn't sure whether he wanted to be a foreign missionary or not."

"She wasn't the only one having a problem," Dr. Watts always chimes in when this story is told. "I wanted to marry her, too, but I wasn't sure she shared my desire to be a missionary if the Lord led in that direction."

Then Missionary Day at Southern Seminary came around. Dr. Eugene Saltee, veteran saint and missionary from China spoke. Dr. Watts sat in the men's section next to Dr. M. Theron Rankin, also a student.

"We really were segregated in those days," laughs Mrs. Watts. "I had to sit on the other side of the chapel with women students."

Dr. Saltee poured out his heart for the needs of a lost world. The Watts still re-

member his three points: the call from without, the call from within, and the call from above.

It was almost never Dr. Saltee's practice to call for mission volunteers publicly. Testing the Lord, Mrs. Watts played. "Lord, if you really want me to be a missionary let Dr. Saltee break his own rule and call for volunteers."

It doesn't take much imagination to know what happened. Dr. Saltee did call for mission volunteers to respond publicly. Both young people left their seats and moved toward Dr. Saltee without the knowledge of the other and met at the front bench. This was the opening of a whole new world of happiness and labor for John Watts and Mattie. They were married a year later and sailed for Palestine.

Their work this year at the lovely new Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, (built with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds) just outside the modern city of Beirut, is a far cry from the frustrating circumstances of mission work they knew many years before.

Dr. Watts is visiting professor in Old Testament and homiletics. Mrs. Watts teaches American literature at the Baptist High School and English grammar at the Arab Seminary.

The year is fast coming to a close and they will return to New Orleans Seminary this summer. The charming couple who were "green enough to grow" when they first graduated from Southern Seminary are still growing and still eager to go wherever the Lord leads. That is the testimony which they make to seminary students and to all who know them well.

^{*}Out of print

**AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS
OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, SBC
Proposed by WMU Executive Board, Septem-
ber 29, 1961 To be voted on in WMU
Annual Meeting, June 4-5, 1962**

Substitute for Section 2, Article IV, the following:

Section 2. A Woman's Missionary Union of a state affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention shall have three thousand members to qualify for representation on boards and committees.

(Present Wording: "A Woman's Missionary Union of a state affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention shall have five hundred members to qualify for representation at the annual meeting; and shall have three thousand members to qualify for representation on boards and committees.")

Substitute for Section 3, Article VII, the following:

Section 3. The annual meeting shall be open to the members of Woman's Missionary Union.

(Present Wording: "The annual meeting shall be open to delegates and visitors. The privilege of making motions, debating, and voting shall be limited to delegates, members of the executive board, professional leadership, and members of committees that have been instructed to report.")



With Thomas Jefferson, those who comprise the Union today can say, "I like the dream of the future better than the history of the past." What has been done through Woman's Missionary Union for the glory of God will be steadfast as the stars. The harnessing of the woman power in Southern Baptist churches for missions is needed today even as it was in the day of organization—Alma Hunt.

Strike out Section 4, Article VII

(Present Wording: "The Woman's Missionary Union of a state shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting in proportion to the number of members as follows: A union of five hundred members, but less than three thousand members, one delegate for each additional thousand; for more than one hundred thousand members, one delegate for each additional twenty-five thousand.")

Amend Section 5, Article VII, by striking out the word "voting" making the section read:

Section 5. Three hundred members present at any meeting of Woman's Missionary Union constitute a quorum.

(Present Wording: "Three hundred voting members present at any meeting of Woman's Missionary Union constitute a quorum.")

Amend Executive Board, Section 6, Article VIII, by striking out the word "Three" and inserting "Two," making the section read:

Section 6. Two regular meetings of the executive board shall be held annually, the time and place to be fixed by the board.

Indian eyes were not made for tears. But tears were in Rolling Cloud's eyes. "Why do people misunderstand everything I try to do? Why do some of them doubt me?" These questions he frequently asked himself—and tears were the result. These were searching questions to this gifted Indian who had been touched by fame.

Rolling Cloud, strikingly handsome, a little arrogant perhaps, had a voice trained and beautiful. For most of his twenty-eight years a compelling ambition had been to use that voice primarily for money, but honor came also, and it was sweet indeed. He sang in many places: from Indian festivals to opera. He was widely acclaimed for the talent God had given him.

Then, to his own great surprise, Rolling Cloud became a Christian. It all came about in a strange way. He had an engagement to sing in a theater, a coveted engagement, of several weeks duration. Many of his own people lived in the area where the theater was located. He accepted the opportunity with eagerness with a now-I'll-go-home-and-show-them attitude. The folks back home did not fully realize how famous he had become!

As he arrived crashing thunder, slashing rain, and the rude indifference of a taxi driver forced him to plunge from the cab into the damp entrance of the theater. His cheeks were flushed with anger, and bitterness was in the wells of his dark eyes. The great, the famous Rolling Cloud had planned to return to his own land in triumph. But here he was without honor. He was an Indian—just an Indian. Just now the only way he wanted to use his golden voice was to shout his frustration, his anger.

As his unhappy thoughts multiplied in the darkness of the theater there appeared before him a small boy whose very blondness added fuel to the flame of his resentment. "Get out of my way, Boy," roared the golden voice.

Staunchly the young boy stood, hero worship visible in his bright blue eyes. For days he had admired the life-size image of



WHEN THE HEART IS AT REST



by Eva Inlow

Rolling Cloud in front of the theater, and now his hero was here. No amount of harsh bitterness removed the smile from his face, and when Rolling Cloud paused for breath he interposed a quick, "I have been waiting a long time. I came to take you home with me. My mother and I want you to stay with us while your show is here."

Even for a theater, this was a strange scene, with the tall, handsome Indian and the slight white boy as the cast of characters in a drama. In this plot, right triumphed over night, for in a few hours the surprised Indian found himself in a pleasant room in a hospitable Christian home.

WHEN THE HEART IS AT REST

Soon Rolling Cloud became aware that the words *Jesus*, *prayer*, and *church* were being mentioned in his presence. They did not fall on deaf ears; they fell on resentful ones. "Ah," he thought, "so this is why I have been brought here, to have religion crammed down my throat."

His resentment grew, and with it an unaccustomed rudeness was manifested in the words and actions of Rolling Cloud. He forgot his own native courtesy. He was ugly, very ugly when religion was mentioned.

But as the days went by, his resentment slowly changed to curiosity. Courtesy began to reassert itself, and a certain craftiness crept into his thinking. "I'll never get them off my back if I don't go to church with them," he reasoned. "If I go once, I can tell them I did not like it, and they will leave me alone." Thus reasoning, he consented to go on Sunday.

There was error in his reasoning. He knew nothing of the power of the Holy Spirit. During the service in the church all his objections vanished, and his resentment was forgotten. His golden voice blended with others as he sang unfamiliar hymns. He bowed his head as others prayed. He heard a sincere sermon and the Spirit of the Lord took hold of him mightily and brought about his salvation and immediately began molding him into a great leader.

For some people, accepting Christ does not pose a real problem with family or friends, or even with talent and work. But Rolling Cloud's problems increased. To his associates in the theater he became a "crazy Indian." His white employers were angry and scornful. His Indian friends and relatives had no respect for this one who had forsaken his tribal ways.

White people, Christians and non-Christians alike, looked on him with waiting, questioning eyes. "Let's just wait and see," said some, while others asserted, "He's just

an Indian. He won't hold out. His people won't let him." Temptations came, and very real persecution surrounded Rolling Cloud. The big Indian, bewildered, slowly withdrew from his associates, thus giving God time and opportunity to mold him.

God was in the events of the months which came and went. He married a devoted Christian wife, and the two established a home. The house had little furniture in it, and it was not attractive or comfortable, but he had come to feel a great need for a home of his own.

Immediately Rolling Cloud began to invite Indians to his home to talk and drink coffee. Quietly he would turn the conversation toward religion. In time some of the Indians actually asked to hear about Jesus! Some came to drink free coffee; others to jeer. During this period Rolling Cloud developed an unaccustomed patience. His growing hope was in those who came to listen and to learn.

The white woman and her little boy continued to pray for him. They also helped by providing coffee, and by loving Rolling Cloud and his wife. Whenever the Indian went to them in disappointment and near despair they talked with him and told him that if God was with him then no one could be against him in any way that counted.

Indians continued coming to his home, and gradually the jeering was silenced. Rolling Cloud knew that Indians love to sing, so he taught them songs of God's love and praise. The harmony was beautiful to hear. Soon black Indian heads were bowed in prayer, and fumbling fingers traced passages in the unfamiliar Bibles Rolling Cloud provided.

Finally some of the white people, ashamed of their doubts, began to help him. They sent cake and cookies for the Indians to have with coffee, and they prayed for him.

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PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Unit Theme: *Being Christian in Human Relationships*

Circle Program topic for April:

THE BIBLE INSTRUCTS US—THOROUGHLY

by Jacqueline Durham

TO THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

This is the first of three programs on *Being Christian in Human Relationships*. You will want each program to build on the other and climax with the resolve of each woman to improve her Christian witness.

The second program, "Let's Face It—Honestly," will be a confrontation of problems and human weaknesses which prevent us from being Christian in every relationship. The third, "Let's Do Something About It—Seriously," will be an attempt to present solutions and helpful guides to daily living.

Let the Bible dominate the first program. Have one in your hand. For an interest center place a Bible in the center of a draped table. At the second meeting, add scales. At one side place stand-up cardboard which reads *Christ's Example*. At the third meeting, add books on child psychology, Christian marriage, the role of a Christian in the world.

Leader: What does "being Christian" mean?

To be Christian means to be like Christ. Paul says it in Galatians (read from your Bible Gal. 2:20).

Not only is this a promise; it is a responsibility.

Basic Biblical instruction is to live like Christ and let him live in us. But our instruction does not stop there.

Let us search the Scriptures for Christian principles.

We can divide relationships into two categories: (1) with family—children, husband, others. (2) with neighbors—community, national, and world neighbors.

Pray now that the Holy Spirit will guide as you search the Scriptures and seek to apply God's blessings to daily living.

First Speaker:

Because of fatigue, frustrations, and constant demands day after day, it is not easy for a mother always to show a Christian spirit in her relationship with her children. Yet this is a most challenging task.

What does the Bible say about this vital relationship? (Read Eph. 6:4.)

If we are to bring our children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," we must be reasonable in demands. We must recognize individuality and respect it.

We are commanded to teach the laws of God to our children (read Deut. 6:7).

Paul was convinced of Timothy's character and faith because he knew the unshakable strength of Timothy's mother and grandmother (read 1 Tim. 1:5).

The Bible picture of Jesus with children is of complete love and tenderness toward

Missionary Robert L. Fielden asked the people of a small Brazilian town if any Christians lived there. "No, but one passed through here one time," was the reply.

them (*read Matt. 19:13-14*). We must not shirk our responsibility to reach them through correction and discipline. God chastises those whom he loves. If we love our children, we will discipline them properly.

A fourteen-year-old high school boy was asked what home meant to him. His reply was, "Home is a place my father is proud to support, my mother is glad to keep, and my friends are happy to visit."

Second Speaker:

If you had to find the most graphic and practical explanation of love in all literature, where would you turn? The answer is right in front of you (*indicate the Bible*) in 1 Corinthians 13.

The foundation of all Christian relationships should be love. Especially must love be the foundation stone of marriage.

We find additional instructions in the Bible concerning the wife's relationship to her husband. Let us read. (*Read 1 Cor. 7:3*.) Benevolent means kindly, charitable, or lovable. So often in the home, we forget simple kindness, when this is the place where kindness should be the watchword.

The world is often harsh and cruel and destructive. The home should be a place of building up, never of tearing down.

(*Read Eph. 5:22-23, 33*.) Reverence is "a feeling of deep respect, mixed with wonder, awe, and love." A woman should revere her husband—love and respect him deeply, and honor him. Is this not the promise that a man and woman make to each other in the marriage vow?

A wife and mother sets the tone for actions and attitudes within the home. Her relationships with her children, her husband, and other members of the family should create an atmosphere of the presence of Christ.

Some piercing questions about the spirit

of Christ in the home have been asked by T. B. Maston:

"Which is more prevalent in the home—confusion or order and peace; a highly emotionalized, tense atmosphere or calm and quietness; antagonism and irritability or a happy spirit of comradeship; a selfish, grasping spirit or unselfish sharing with others?"

"How much of the spirit of Christ has permeated the husband-wife and the parent-child relations? Is the religious element in the home merely a formal appendage or a pulsating, vital part of home life?"

In its comments about and instructions to women, God's Word implies that if the mother does not possess love, beauty of spirit, calmness and serenity, the chances are that they will not be present in the home. The challenge is ours—the responsibility is ours.

Third Speaker:

Perhaps there are other people in the home? They deserve the same consideration that is given to direct charges—the husband and children.

What of the elderly mother or father, or grandparent or others in the home? They have special needs which we should try to understand and provide. Kindness is the standing order. This may mean letting them keep some cherished piece of furniture which, though it may not be to your liking, is priceless to them. However, the kindness most appreciated is to be shown no special favor but accepted as a member of the family.

A part of the family and its pleasure can be life with grandmother. She has a store of experiences to share with the children. One grandmother worked out a weekly family playtime of impromptu fun. There were charades, Bible-guessing games, stories, music, and dramatic plays.

The Junior-age girl in the family tossed off an invitation to a friend, "This is Grandma's night in, and she's more fun than Steve Allen. Come on over."

Fourth Speaker:

Again that four-letter word—love—finds its way into our instruction. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," Christ commands us.

Our responsibility to give a Christian witness in our community should continually challenge us.

In our hurried filled-to-the-brim lives, do we forget the simple admonitions of the Bible to let love, truth, and peace be at the core of our relationships with our neighbors? Or do we find ourselves acting like those who do not know Christ?

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould," says Romans 12:2. And Phillips translates Paul's instruction, "But let God remould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the Plan of God for you is good."

The Christian should be living proof that the plan of God is good. Little things are sometimes more revealing than we realize: "I don't like to work for that lady," a Negro maid said gently but finally. "I know she's a mighty good Christian woman, but she doesn't give me enough lunch. I can't work on a sandwich and a cup of tea."

In many communities, petty gossip, unkind words, clamishness, envy seem to be the order of the day; but these have no place in a Christian's relationships.

Let's take the twelfth chapter of Romans and compare what we find there with the people who live on Melody Lane or whatever the name of our street happens to be (*read from Rom. 12*). Is this a picture of your role as a Christian neighbor in your community?

Fifth Speaker:

The Christian code of ethics was not meant to be confined to the church but to be put into practice in daily living. It cannot stop with the people around us, but must help determine the quality of society.

Along with citizenship, we inherit a legacy, but we also inherit responsibility. Our forefathers worked to establish a free country. We have no right to enjoy it unless we are willing to work to maintain freedom and right.

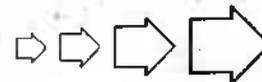
Until the voice and influence of every Christian is heard in our country, the picture will not change much. Christians must speak out against evil and, as our Christ's love against hate and injustice. We must act with compassion and kindness. We cannot be silent when we see things which would provoke Jesus to wrath.

When he lived in Palestine, he drove the money-changers from the Temple. He rebuked greed and jealousy among his own disciples. He instructs us and shows us civic responsibility: how unworldly he must be as he watches our consenting nuds and our silent lips.

Much of the ugliness which others see of America is the hate and cruelty shown to those of other races.

Peter had a mistaken attitude. He was prejudiced against Gentiles. He believed that Jesus died only for the Jews, and he was slow to understand how universal was the "whosoever" of God's gift. It took a vision from God to convince Peter that God is no respecter of persons. But Peter changed. When he entered Cornelius' house he said, "Now I really understand that God shows no partiality." Peter changed his mind and his actions. He kept company with the Gentiles, and he fulfilled God's purpose for him in that place.

The worth of the individual is not established by man, and man cannot estimate





man's potential. The possibilities of any man in the hand of God are unlimited.

Matthew was an unlikely prospect, a despicable tax collector, but Jesus saw Matthew's potential and called him to come after him. In following Jesus, Matthew increased his worth—he became a useful, loving, productive Christian.

When Christians begin to speak with Christian conviction and act with Christian concern and fortitude, then the ugliness which we see in our country and condone in silence will begin to hide its face. Let's start with us and each say, "This responsibility is mine."

Sixth Speaker:

A beautiful young woman from India spoke at Ridgercrest in 1960. "My friends," she said, "I weep for your country. You have wept many times for India—but do you want someone from a heathen land to come and shed tears for your country?"

"My friends, you need a strong home base. Your businessmen and women come to our country and they are a hindrance to the work of Jesus Christ. We have a great struggle to win the heathen over to the Master's fold. When they see your businessmen and women come from a Christian country, they do not understand why they are so different from your missionaries—why they do not attend the church services, why their Bible has no place in their homes, why their children grow up so differently with no thought for the weightier things of life."

Even though we may never go abroad, our personal feelings and attitudes toward a world neighbor are still important. Do we consciously deplore him or simply not care about him? Is he a nuisance in our opinion, simply a recipient of foreign aid? Is he a mass, with no personality, or a potential enemy in case of war?

"I have no world neighbor; therefore, I have no responsibility to be Christian in any world relationship with him," said a deacon. He had mistreated a man in his own city, whom he did not consider to be his "neighbor."

The story was printed in a local newspaper and by a national newspaper. The story of the deacon with unchristian attitudes and a careless tongue was picked up and flashed in headlines around the world.

America was condemned by his careless words and hateful actions. Christianity was ridiculed and misunderstood. Did the deacon have a world neighbor? The answer to this question is: "Ye are the light of the world," Christ said. The world watches us—are we light?

Leader: When Christ said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," he meant every neighbor from the one next door, to the one in the next state, to those on the next continent. The Bible makes it plain that every man on the face of the earth is our neighbor. We must be Christian toward him. Think of the difference this would make in the world. Then let's begin to do our part.

We have seen that the Bible admonishes Christians to relate themselves lovingly to other people—all people. Every relationship must be tempered with love. Every attitude must be established upon the life and precepts of Christ. Every action must be taken in the light of God's love and the life and teachings of Christ.

The Bible instructs us thoroughly to be Christian in human relationships.

Silent prayer: Let us examine our attitudes. Is my family encouraged toward prejudice and discrimination because of my attitudes and actions? What about our home? Are relationships based on Christian principles? Will you pray about these things now.

WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES

THE BIBLE AND RACE*

by T. B. Maston

Prepared by Mrs. William McMurry



The Leader is confronted

with the question. Is there any reason for the consideration of this subject by our women? Scientists, statesmen, organizations too numerous to mention the world over are using all the skills they possess to relieve racial tensions. It would be difficult to think of a subject of more unusual concern just now than this one of race. As Christian women in a missionary organization, we cannot escape the responsibility laid on us to witness in our attitudes and acts to the fact that God is the creator of all men, who are equal in his sight. We cannot assume a take-it or leave-it attitude. The new urgency in these days demands serious study and discussion of Biblical teachings which give light on the world's greatest human problem.

The Teacher is concerned

about her own attitude. How do you feel about leading this study? You will be looking at passages of Scripture that have long been associated with side-taking. Do your best to have an open mind. Study the Bible passages in context with the aid of Dr. Maston's book and several good Bible commentaries; read other books. Seek constantly the help of the Holy Spirit.

about the purpose. Primarily this is to be a study to determine what the Bible has to say on race. This is no simple matter. Actually the Bible does not deal with the race problem as such, but gives basic principles which are applicable. *The Bible and Race* attempts to state and to interpret some

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of these basic principles.

As you prepare, carefully list the goals that you hope to attain individually and as a circle.

about publicity. It is essential to good attendance. Try a bulletin board invitation (use whatever materials your type bulletin board requires). Draw two ears with a mouth between. Give them a feminine look. Letter in vivid hues: God gave us two ears but one mouth. Hear what he says on the most vexing problem of our day. Circles will meet (time, date, place). The same wording in colored ink may be used on postal cards for invitations. Use local newspaper, church bulletin, and telephone.

about resources. How you read is more important than what you read. Because certain books are recommended does not mean that all statements and concepts advocated by the authors are endorsed. But it does mean that these suggested books have helpful information, certain ideas which may be adapted, set forth facts that cannot be disproved, and challenge Christian behavior. The books are: *Seeking to be Christian in Race Relations* by Benjamin Mays, price \$1.00 paper, Study Guide 50c, *What Can We Do?* by Ruth See, price 60c, *Sense and Nonsense About Race* by Alpenfels, price 50c paper, *Segregation and the Bible* by Tilson, price \$1.50, paper. Order from Baptist Book Stores.

about methods. Choose methods to secure maximum class participation. Group discussion, research, brain storming, and role

playing are some of the methods you may want to try. The last two are actually no more than a new twist to the discussion method. Role playing is an attempt to get maximum group participation. A few members of the group act out examples of the problem under discussion and the rest are observers who ask questions and add comments. As methods are not gimmicks but channels of communication, it is not always possible to set up a rigid technique in advance. You, alone, will know what happened in the preceding session. What you will do the next meeting and how you will do it, is dependent on your sensitivity to group reaction.

about some Bible passages. In advance, assign passages that have been used to support certain arguments in the present controversy. Hear the reports at the conclusion of the class. In this way, time for discussion can be limited or extended if the class so desires. In chapters 1 and 2 these passages are Acts 17:26 (latter part) and Exod. 34:12-16; Deut. 7:1-8; Ezra 9:1.

Suggested Procedure for Session One

No lengthy introduction is necessary. You may want to give a few facts about the author and his qualifications for writing the book, a statement of purpose, a word about whatever source material you have gathered.

Let's start with *brain storming*. Explain that this method is designed to remove restraints from expressing whatever comes into your mind on a given subject. Now display your first streamer, "What is race?" For ten minutes ask the members to give their ideas about race. Have someone record the statements. There is to be no criticism, no questions, no discussion until the time limit is up. No person is to make a second comment until everybody has had an opportunity to speak.

Take up ideas one at a time. Try to find out (1) What is true in the statement, (2) What is false, (3) What the facts are. *Sense and Nonsense About Race* will throw light on some types of answers.

At this point, bring out your second streamer, "Man was created in the image of God." Ask each woman to open her Bible to Genesis 1:27. Have read all Scripture passages listed in Chapter 1 which relate to man made in the image of God. Then ask members to pick out statements in this chapter which explain what it means for man to be created in the image of God.

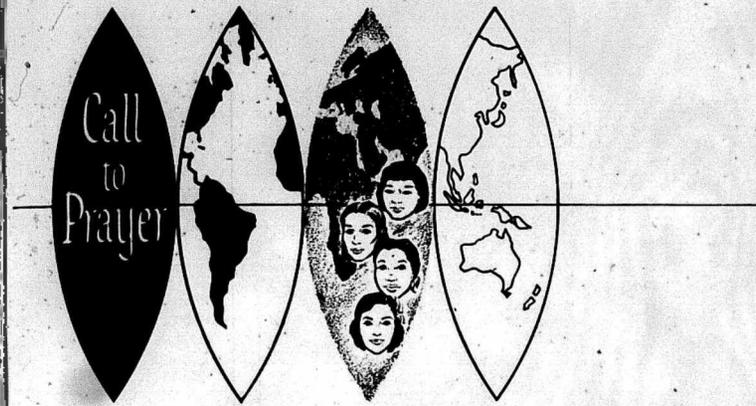
Follow with a discussion of the question. What has sin done to the image of God in man? Use Scripture references to show that sin is the heritage of the whole human race, thus marring the image; Christ within is the only hope of the restoration of the image (John 3:16; Luke 24:46-47; Col. 3:10-11). Clinch Scripture reading with the statement that Paul implies that to the degree we have progressed in the likeness of our Creator we shall be free from class and racial consciousness and discrimination. Write on the chalkboard without comment: When we violate the essential dignity and worth of any man we violate the image of God in man. Can you do this without declaring yourself against God?

Display the third streamer: "All people of the earth have a common origin." You should be able to tie in with the first part of the discussion on "What is race?"

Write on chalkboard this outline after the verses have been read. Designate members to read these verses:

1. The Bible sets forth that
 - (1) God is Father of all mankind by act of creation: Gen. 1:27; Acts 17:24; Deut. 32:6.
 - (2) God is Father of all who believe in Christ: Matt. 6:9; Gal. 3:28.
 - (3) All races descended from a common ancestor: Acts 17:26.
2. Science sets forth that
 - (1) All men are alike in body structure.
 - (2) All men have a common ancestor.
 - (3) All men have the same blood.

Point out that science and the Bible agree that all races have a common ancestor. Call for reports. Conclude session with reading Micah 6:8 without comment followed by prayer.



Prepared by MRS. MARSE GRANT

FILE FOR THE FUTURE

For several months *Call to Prayer* will follow the plan which Mrs. Grant is using in April. You may want to file each issue of **ROYAL SERVICE** to preserve for future use the information provided about missionaries each month.

1 SUNDAY *The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light Rom. 13:12.*

Today, as we begin another month of prayer for our missionaries and their work, let us pray especially for **Susan Anderson**, who went to Abeokuta, Nigeria, 44 years ago to teach in the girls' school, where she is still serving; **H. T. Gruver**, ev. among the Spanish-speaking in Michigan where 50,000 live in the Detroit area alone; **L. N. Nelson**, ev. worker in Hiroshima, Japan; **C. B. Golden**, ev. in Honduras; **Susanne Willis**, Georgia, W.C.; and **Pablo Flores**, Arizona, ev. among the Spanish-speaking. Pray that God will help us realize that "the day is at hand" and that we too must be working in our Father's vineyard.

2 MONDAY *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ Rom. 5:1.*

Conditions are so crowded in Hong Kong that 25,000 people live in a single block. Let us pray for them and for **L. G. McKinney Jr.**, who works among them; **Mrs. J. A. Abernathy**, who retired in 1960 after 31 years in China, Philippines, and Korea; **Ruth Vanderburg**, a former army nurse and now an anesthetist at the Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Indonesia; **S. L. Isaacs**, Oklahoma, retired. Pray that people of the world may have the peace of God which passeth understanding.

3 TUESDAY *The way of the Lord is strength to the upright; but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity Prov. 10:29.*

More than two million migrant families move from job to job across the United States—people who love and who need to be loved, people who need Jesus Christ. Let us pray for them and for **Mrs. F. M. Cassidy**, who works among Spanish-speaking in Virginia; **J. C. Bridges**, who has recently gone to Mexico from language school in Costa Rica; **Mrs. E. C. Morgan**, a mother and teacher in the Baptist College at Kowloon, Hong Kong;

M. L. Seaborn, Jr., ev. in the Philippines; and **R. F. Starnes**,* director of Italian Baptist publication work in Italy. Pray that the strength of our Lord will uphold these who work in His name. Arkansas WMU annual meeting, Bigtheville, 3-4; Mississippi WMU annual meeting, Clarksdale, 3-4.

4 WEDNESDAY He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ 2 Thes. 2:14.

Today let us pray for **C. N. Favell**, Tamale, Ghana, who asks, "Will you pray that God will send us a missionary to help develop the pastors' school here?" The need is great for trained national pastors. Pray also for **Florence Lide**, who retired eight years ago after 41 years in China and Nigeria; **Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr.**, mother of four children and ev. worker in Colombia where she also helps with the locally-supported children's home; **D. R. Helms**, ev. worker in Japan; **Mrs. P. D. Rowden, Jr.**,* worker in Haifa, Israel, with her husband until his death three years ago; **S. S. Stover**, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention in Brazil; **G. B. Seright**, field ev. in Brazil; **Mrs. R. L. Lusk**, mother of two little girls, appointed with her husband to Macao, home of 200,000 people in a five-square-mile area near Hong Kong; and **D. E. Johnson**, worker among Negroes in Dallas, Texas. Thank God for these he has called forth and pray that others will go and help. Louisiana WMU annual meeting, Baton Rouge, 4-5.

5 THURSDAY I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely Rev. 21:6.

Kitwe is in the center of the Copper Belt in Northern Rhodesia. For years Southern Baptists have seen need for work there but it was not until 1959 that two couples could be appointed. A year later, **Ted Savage** and his wife joined them and last year a church was built. Pray for him and the work in Kitwe; **E. L. Kalb**, director of the Baptist Industrial Institute at Corrente, Brazil; **H. C. McConnell**, who directs a weekly radio program in Chile in addition to other duties; and **H. I. Redd**, ev. among Indians in Gallup, New Mexico. Pray for our country, the world in disorder, for peace. Indiana WMU annual meeting, 5-6.

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

6 FRIDAY Blessed are ye that hunger for ye shall be filled Luke 6:21.

Nyeri, Kenya, is in the heart of the Mau Mau terrorist area with 250,000 people in the district. The senior tribal chief is a Christian of deep conviction. He says, "Most missionaries in the past have come to our people, baptized the babies, counted the numbers, and left the people with empty hearts." Let us pray today for the people in Kenya and for **Mrs. W. R. Hall**, who works there with her husband; **Mrs. L. E. Lee** in Peru; **Mrs. S. K. Wood**, a nurse in Japan; **Mrs. R. Z. Chamblee, Jr.**, a mother and ev. worker in Trujillo, Peru; **E. L. Oliver**, ev. worker in Japan; **Mrs. M. A. Sandertord**, a mother and ev. worker in the Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas; **Mrs. George Hook**, missionary to the Indians in Winslow, Arizona; **J. O. Lumpkin**, who works in a mission center in Virginia; and **C. T. Gunn**, ev. among the French in Cloutiersville, Louisiana. Pray for people who have empty hearts and hungry souls.

7 SATURDAY Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful Luke 6:36.

A black man said to an African student pastor working with Zeb Moss, missionary in N. Rhodesia, "Don't tell this white man our language." The student pastor immediately came to his defense, "This man speaks a good message that we Africans need to hear." Today, let us pray especially for lost Africans and **Mr. Moss**; **Mrs. W. B. Glass**, who retired in 1945 after 44 years in China; **J. E. Giles**, professor at International Baptist Seminary, Cali, Colombia; **Kathleen Jones**, staff doctor at the Baptist medical center, Kediri, Indonesia; **Daniel Gomez**, ev. among the Spanish-speaking in New Mexico; **Mrs. Mildred Stein**, Florida, retired; and **E. O. Ray**,* Bahamas. Pray that barriers of indifference and antagonism to the Word of God may be broken down.



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8 SUNDAY Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus Gal. 3:26.

How much easier it is to look afar and see fields white unto harvest; but do you see the need in your own community? The Fairfield Baptist Association, Columbia, S. C., is making a concerted effort to reach lost people. Last year more than 2200 people attended the three Good Will Centers sponsored by this association. Pray for rededication of Christians in reaching the lost in their communities; **Evelyn Stanford**, GWC, Columbia, S. C.; **J. C. Quarles**, missionary to Argentina and Uruguay for 44 years before retiring ten years ago; **Mrs. V. O. McMillan, Jr.**, mother of four children and ev. worker in Japan; **P. S. Moody**, Thailand, ev.; **Mrs. C. T. Gunn**, ev. among the French in Louisiana; **W. R. Young**, ev. among Indians in New Mexico; and **Ella O. C. Willard**, ev. among the deaf in Texas.

9 MONDAY I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me Rom. 15:30.

The Baptist Theological Seminary at Torreon, Mexico, is probably the largest non-Catholic seminary in Mexico with around 50 students. Today let us pray for the Christian witness of the seminary and for **Mrs. R. L. Lyon**, mother of five children and teacher at the seminary; **Mrs. C. L. Neal**, a physician, surgeon, and teacher for 38 years in Mexico before retiring in 1945; **Mrs. J. A. Poe**, also the mother of five children, working in Brazil; **P. W. Stouffer**, appointed last year for Sao Paulo, Brazil; **C. R. Crowder**, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev.; **Mrs. H. C. Brent**, ev. among the Spanish-speaking in Texas.

10 TUESDAY Thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard Acts 22:15.

In 1960 the Foreign Mission Board sent out an urgent call for 30 nurses. Only one was appointed. A recent appointee, **Diana Lay**, went to Ghana where we have a small hospital at Nalefigu. Let us pray today for her and other nurses who may be hearing God's call. Pray also for **Mrs. J. D. Luper**,* ev. in Brazil and the mother of four children; **M. J. Wright, Jr.**, director of the Training Union Department in Japan; **Mrs. David Espurva**, Crystal City, and **Daniel Cantu**, Kenedy, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; **Anne M. Fricke**, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Florida; and **Mrs. J. D. Cave**, doing ed. work in

Argentina. Maryland WMU annual meeting, Frederick, 10; Kentucky WMU annual meeting, Louisville, 10-12; Tennessee WMU annual meeting, Nashville, 10-12.

11 WEDNESDAY It is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols Jer. 50:38.

Guatemala is a land of freedom, yet it is a land of slavery to pagan religions and superstitions. A black Christ hanging on a golden cross, a statue of Judas Iscariot, witch doctors, pagan ceremonies—these have the people in captivity. Pray for the people in Guatemala and for **Mrs. C. W. Cadwallader, Jr.**, who works there with her husband and four children; **R. L. Locke**, ev. at Owerri, Nigeria; **Faye Tunniere**, a home missionary at Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans before going to the Philippines as a teacher in the Baptist College; **H. D. McCamey**, a dentist in Ibadan, Nigeria; **Mrs. Cleofas Castano**, ev. in Cuba where Christians need our love and prayer; and **Mrs. Abraham Wright**, Illinois, retired.

12 THURSDAY Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols; worship him, all ye gods Psalm 97:7.

Have you ever seen anyone make his own god? Recently our missionaries in E. Pakistan watched as villagers feverishly worked to make thousands of idols of clay. Hindu students then came from far and near to worship the "goddess of learning." After the day of worship, the idols were thrown into rivers and ponds, their usefulness ended. Let us pray for our missionaries in E. Pakistan where they are taking the gospel to 87,000,000 people; **T. C. Bennett**, E. Pakistan; **Mrs. J. F. Mitchell**, mother and ev. in Temuco, Chile; **Mrs. C. H. Morris**, mother and ev. in Singapore; **Bertis Fair**, worker among migrants in N. C.; **Maurice Aguilard** and **C. J. Kraus**, ev. among French in Louisiana; and **T. E. Dabberly**, Uruguay, ev.

13 FRIDAY The Lord is with you, while ye be with him 2 Chron. 15:2.

Last summer the Mexican Baptist Convention with some 25,000 members in 400 Spanish-speaking churches, officially merged with the Baptist General Convention of Texas with a million and one half members. Pray that through this union, the work will grow even stronger. Pray for **Jose Saenz**, and **Camarra Guerra**, ev. among Spanish-

speaking in Port Lavaca, Texas; Mrs. L. G. Keyes who, with her husband, has recently started work in the sixth of Honduras' 18 districts; Mrs. E. F. Elder, a British missionary to Argentina for 20 years before becoming a Southern Baptist missionary to the same country to serve another 20 years, retiring in 1940; and Betty J. Hunt,* Korea, ev.

14 SATURDAY Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near Isa. 55:6.

The Canal Zone Baptist Association is composed of four churches whose membership is made up largely of United States citizens. The Margarita Church is not the oldest, but it is aggressive and growing. Missions form a large percentage of its budget and it carries on a mission program among the people of Panama. Pray for this church and Mrs. W. C. Parker, ev. in Panama; Mrs. C. W. Shaw, So. Rhodesia; and Mrs. G. A. Hedler, Sr., Argentina, retired.



15 SUNDAY We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren 1 John 3:14.

Robert E. Beaty, missionary to So. Rhodesia writes: "Both black and white met at our Baptist campgrounds. We prayed together, studied the Word of God together, slept in the same buildings, ate African-type food (and no one was sick). And, with this type partnership, there was no fighting, no killing, no stealing, just peace and harmony. Why? Because the Lord Jesus Christ was at the center of our lives. Glorifying him was the motive of our meetings." Pray for Mr. Beaty and the work in So. Rhodesia; Mrs. E. D. Hodges, Jr.,* teacher at Oshogbo, Nigeria; Miss Edna Teal, worker in China for 33 years before retiring in 1943; Mrs. Pantaleo Molina, ev. among the Spanish-speaking in

Texas; and R. C. Corington, Malaya, ev.

16 MONDAY The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee: he will be with them, he will not fail thee Deut. 31:8.

Since the Charles Wiggs went to Korea two years ago, they have seen a shaky democratic government replaced by a military government through student revolt. Although changes have been made in the lives of most Koreans, our mission work continues unhampered. Pray for Korea, that many souls may be reached for Christ while the door is yet open; pray for Mrs. W. C. Wiggs; Mrs. J. L. Riffey,* ev. and music teacher in the Baptist Seminary at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Crea Rideau, director of women's department, Baptist Seminary, Cali, Colombia; E. B. Dozier, pastor, educator and author in Japan; Darline Elliott, librarian at the International Seminary at Cali, Colombia; Mrs. Beinaldo Medina, ev. in Cuba; A. H. Foster, Louisiana, ev. among migrants; Mrs. Laura M. Whitfield, ev. among Spanish-speaking in New Mexico; E. M. Treadwell, worker in GWC in New Mexico; Elva Chavez, ev. in Havana, Cuba; and M. L. McKay, ev. in Anchorage, Alaska.

17 TUESDAY Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me Luke 9:48.

Cuban refugees have streamed into Miami, Florida, at the rate of more than 200 a day, many of whom have no vital religion. Some are now being reached for Christ through 15 churches and missions established for Spanish-speaking people. Two more missions are planned with one of these to be led by a Cuban refugee pastor. Today let us pray for those who have fled from Cuba, for those remaining in their homeland, for Mrs. C. E. Perez, ev. in Cuba; C. Ann Davis, Lexington, Kentucky, GWC; A. H. Urhina, ev. among Spanish-speaking in California; Johnny Wang, Chinese ev. in Arizona; Mrs. Roy Muncy, ev. among the Indians in Colorado; F. A. Hooper, III, ev. worker in Jerusalem, Israel; and E. L. Shuermake,* fieldworker in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

18 WEDNESDAY "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise Psalm 51:15.

It was late in 1948 that two Southern Baptist missionaries went to live in Lebanon to enlarge the work that had been started by Lebanese photographer in 1895. Today, with 13 missionaries, seven churches and

members, the emphasis is on educational missions and the development of churches. Today let us pray especially for Mrs. D. W. King who is learning the difficult Arabic language in Beirut where her husband teaches in the new Arab Baptist Seminary; and for Mrs. R. B. Wolfard, mother of three children, and ev. in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

19 THURSDAY The heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel Ezekiel 39:7.

A tall, good-looking Italian first went to the Baptist Church in Rome, Italy an arrogant, skeptical and headstrong 16-year-old, the despair of his devoutly Catholic mother. Today, he is transformed by the power of Jesus. Let us pray especially for him and Virginia Wingo, director of Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, Italy, which had 18 students last year; Mrs. E. G. Berry, teacher in the WMU Training School in Brazil; Mrs. A. M. Lugo, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Edinburg, Texas; Mrs. C. E. Bampus, a mother and church ev. in Brazil; Mrs. J. W. Turner,* Lebanon, mother and ev.; Mrs. Carlos Ramirez, Texas; E. K. Hill, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. S. T. Mays, Georgia, field worker; and Edna Burgher, Jr., Russian ev. in California.

20 FRIDAY If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us 1 John 4:12.

"Why are the migrants content to live in such conditions?" people ask Phillip Aaron who works with them in Ferrine, Florida. He replies that few are content with their situation, but they know no other life. The root of their problem, he says, is a broken spirit. Many have a deep-seated feeling of hopelessness and inferiority. Until this broken spirit is mended, the problems will not be solved. The solution is simple—Christ. May we pray for Mr. Aaron and the two million migrants in our land. Pray also for Mrs. S. F. Bireles, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking.

21 SATURDAY The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high Isa. 33:5.

Has your church ever tried to double its number of active members during a week's revival? The little Sakai Mission in Japan prayed that the Lord would help double its number from 40 to 80 during their first 10-day revival. Let us pray for the Sakai Mission, that their zeal for Christ will con-

tinue strong; for Mary N. Morgan,* who works with them and Elizabeth T. Watkins, ev. in Japan; Letta M. Saunders, sec.-treasurer of the state WMU at Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mrs. J. S. Oliver who recently returned to Brazil from furlough after the death of her missionary husband; Mrs. P. S. Moody, nurse in Thailand; Rose Martlowe, teacher in China and Japan for 35 years before retiring in 1956; Mrs. E. W. Nelson, a mother and teacher at the Seminary at Santiago, Chile; Mrs. Victor Keen, doing educational work in Hawaii; Miss Sarah L. Rogers, GWC, Atlanta, Georgia; Rodion Beresov, ev. among the Russians in California; Mrs. Stephen Gover, ev. among Indians in Washington; Mrs. L. E. Johns, ev. among Indians in Arizona; and G. D. Pringle, ev. among Spanish-speaking in New Mexico.



22 SUNDAY Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good Rom. 12:9.

An interesting development has arisen almost unnoticed in Florida because of the influx of Cubans fleeing their country. Racial barriers have been lowered without any problem where Cubans, some of whom are Negroes, have been integrated into church congregations. Many of these are being reached for the first time with the gospel. Today let us pray for Baptists in the Miami area who are faced with unusual opportunities; Ismael Negris, who works in Miami, Florida, among Spanish-speaking, and for A. Pucclarelli, Tampa, Florida, ev. among the Italians. Pray also for these who are mothers and ev. workers: Mrs. W. W. Logan, Enugu, Nigeria; Mrs. W. H. Parkman,* Philippines; and Mrs. C. S. Boatwright, Japan.

23 MONDAY They that seek the Lord understand all things Prov. 28:5.

The Fred Hawkins, Jr., family in Brazil knows how to appreciate many things that we in this country take for granted. For

instance, they write about the first rain in almost four months. "Everywhere people have carried water in buckets because there was none in the water lines." Pray for **Mr. Hawkins** in Brazil; **W. H. Jackson, Jr.**, pastor of the English-speaking Baptist church in Tokyo, Japan; **J. L. Smith**, Indonesia, ev.; **M. F. Moorhead**, director of religious activities at our girls' school in Japan; **Mrs. B. H. Welmaker**, Colombia; **S. G. Rankin**, a doctor in Kowloon, Hong Kong; **Blanche R. Walker**, who retired in 1938 after 26 years in China; **Augusto Martinez**, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Panama; and **F. H. Helney**, Oklahoma, ev. among Indians. Michigan WMU annual meeting, Lansing 23-24.

24 TUESDAY We preach not ourselves, but Jesus the Lord 2 Cor. 4:5.

A harvest waits to be reaped in Taiwan. A Moslem student says, "If ever we needed a prophet, it is today for we are seeing the march of materialism which threatens to sweep everything before it. We need another prophet—or perhaps it is the Messiah." Truly it is the Messiah. Pray for work among students in Taiwan, for **W. C. Hunter**, teacher in the Baptist Seminary at Taipei, Taiwan; **Blanche Simpson**, teacher in Brazil; **Mrs. E. C. Smith**, Indonesia; **Lena Lair**, principal of the Elementary Training Center for Women in Nigeria; **J. R. Estes**, who went last year to the Baptist Seminary in Switzerland; **Paul S. C. Smith**, appointed last year for Jordan; **W. J. Williams**, staff physician at the Baptist Hospital at Eku, Nigeria; **A. E. Corugado**, Cuba, ev.; and **N. B. Eadsley**, El Paso, Texas, publications. Florida WMU annual meeting, Orlando, 24-25.

25 WEDNESDAY As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord Joshua 24:15.

When God calls parents to the mission field, the children are missionaries also. Let us pray for missionary children and for mothers on mission fields, remembering especially **Mrs. A. B. Seall**, Sumatra; **Mrs. D. C. James**, Korea; **Mrs. D. J. Richards**, Brazil; **Mrs. M. A. Mobley**, Japan; **Mrs. R. F. Reeves**, Thailand; **Mrs. Attilio Rivera**, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Panama; **Mrs. Antonio Costillo**, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Texas. Pray also for **Marcos Rodriguez**, Cuba, ev.; and **Lawrence Stanley**, ev. among the Chinese in Arizona.

26 THURSDAY Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments Rev. 16:7.

When **Mrs. H. L. Sinclair** prayed during a meeting that parents would be submissive to God's call for their children, she thought of her grandchildren. Soon afterward, however, her only son told her of his call as a medical missionary. Her mixed emotions soon gave way to thanksgiving to God for answering her prayer, even though God's answer was not what she had expected. Pray for her son, **H. L. Sinclair**, a dentist now serving in Hong Kong; **E. C. Smith**, Indonesia; **J. D. Ratliff**, Peru, ev.; **Merma J. Morum**, Brazil, social worker; **L. C. Fielder**, professor at Seinan Gakuin University in Japan; **Mrs. D. E. Kendall**, a mother and nurse in No. Rhodesia; and **Mrs. A. S. Patterson**, who retired in 1960 after 36 years in Nigeria.

27 FRIDAY Ye also shall bear witness because ye have been with me from the beginning John 15:27.

For four years **James G. Stertz** was associate secretary for missionary personnel with the Foreign Mission Board. When the Board voted to accept the invitation of the German Baptist Convention to send a couple to Germany to assist in the development of English-speaking churches, Mr. Stertz, his wife and four children volunteered. Previously they had sought appointment; but because of a health problem in the family, they had to wait. Mr. Stertz said, "Our desire to serve as missionaries had never disappeared." Let us pray for him and this new work in Germany; **Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Jr.**, mother of five and ev. worker in Japan; **J. T. Lochridge**, Southern Baptist College in M'lang, Philippines; and **Mrs. Jorge Martinez**, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Arizona.

28 SATURDAY I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me Ezra 7:28.

Political strife in Cuba has caused our



Whether he be Sultan or squatter, banker or beggar, the Chinese, Indian, Malay, and European of Malaya, has one thing in common: the need of a Saviour—
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Home Mission Board to encourage our USA missionaries to return home if they feel it best. They have been assured of appointment to other mission work. Most of them have stayed at their posts in Cuba, however. Today let us pray for these missionaries, the Cuban missionaries and other Christians. Pray for new work that many are undertaking; **Mrs. Leonilo Vezulla**, Cuba, ev.; **Sarah F. Diaz**, Illinois, GWC; **M. L. Pratt**, Washington, D. C., GWC; **Mrs. H. E. Renfrew**, mother of two children and teacher in the Baptist school at Sao Paulo, Brazil; and **W. E. Wyatt**, a dentist in Nigeria.

29 SUNDAY Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth Psalm 86:11.

V. M. Kaneubbe, missionary-pastor at Baptist Indian Center, Farmington, New Mexico, rejoiced during a recent revival when attendance averaged 158 and there were 14 professions of faith in Christ. And he rejoiced with thanksgiving that his own daughter, **Vicki**, was among those saved. Let us pray for **Mr. Kaneubbe**, **Vicki**, and the other new Christians; **Cornelio Rivera**, ev. among Spanish-speaking in Texas; **L. N. Carlson**, ev. among French in Louisiana; **Colleen Crowley**, Louisiana, GWC; **R. D. Hardy**, Japan, ev.; **D. J. Richards**, Brazil, ev.; **Cathryn Smith**, and **Onis Vineyard**, teachers in Brazil; **Rosemary Linbert**, teacher in Japan; **Margaret Collins**, a nurse and ev. worker in the Philippines; and **Mrs. L. C. Quarles**, a veteran of 44 years in Argentina, now retired.

30 MONDAY They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power Psalm 145:11.

Last fall the Foreign Mission Board made it possible for older Christians to go as special appointees to mission work. This will make it possible for more laymen to go into parts of the world where their talents can be used in a special way for the Lord. Let us thank God for men like **T. S. Adkins**, who was in life insurance work before going to Hong Kong as business manager of the Baptist Mission. Let us pray that other men and women will hear God's call and go forth in His name to other lands. Pray also for **Sarah L. Henley** and **Mrs. P. H. Hill**, teachers in Nigeria; **Mrs. R. A. Fowler**, Brazil, ev.; **Mrs. W. H. Cain**, French West Indies, ev.; and **T. L. Pfeiffer**, ev. among Negroes in Louisiana.

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missionaries may be today's members of Southern Band, Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Mothers and grandmothers can help to make the voice of missions very real to sons, daughters, grandchildren, as a missionary atmosphere is stimulated in the home. They can encourage listening ears and hearts in the very young. (Read the account in *The Commission for November, 1960*, of parents who prayed for sons and daughters to become missionaries.)

Another thing, Southern Baptist women can be good witnesses where they are. Lost neighbors at home need an "unofficial missionary" to win them to a saving knowledge of Christ. "The moment you step in the presence of a sinner you are on a mission field." Christ's commission is to all, to go to all in all the world.

COMMENTARY (by Program Leader)

Duet: Chorus only, "How Long Must We Wait?" (Broadman Hymnal)

How long must people grope in darkness before the Light of the World is preached to them? How long must multitudes bow down to idols and images before they are taught that every knee shall bow to Christ? How long must sick people suffer, waiting for physical healing at the hand of those who know that spiritual sickness is the greatest affliction?

How long until Christian people will be faithful in prayer that God's missionary plan may advance? How long until we will be willing to give sacrificially that lost people may find the pearl without price? How long until Southern Baptists will own their obligation to go into all the world to direct the ways of the lost to God?

Repeat Duet

"Behold, now is the accepted time" (2 Cor. 6:2).

Closing prayer for deeper dedication and determination in doing my share toward supplying more missionaries.

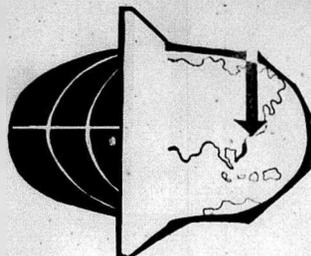
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OFTEN our thoughts go back to November 1, 1959, when Herman and I arrived in Saigon. There were no Southern Baptist missionaries to greet us for we were the first to come to Vietnam. However, we were met by Mr. Dan Whit, a Baptist layman, the son of Rev. and Mrs. John Whit of Mt. Vernon, Texas, along with Mr. and Mrs. George Carver, Jr., son and daughter-in-law of the George Carvers of Carver School of Missions in Louisville, Kentucky. Even though we had never seen them, these couples seemed like old friends. Probably they did not know fully the part they played in helping to establish the Vietnam Baptist Mission.

Among the many things that had to be done in those early days was the matter of setting up financial books for the Mission. Although there were only the two of us, this had to be done right, for this was the beginning of that which we hoped and prayed was going to be a great mission work. Herman had the responsibility of being the treasurer and found very little consolation in the fact that his theological education and thirteen years in the pastorate did not especially equip him for this responsibility. When his concern was shared with Dan Whit, Dan said, "I am an accountant and will teach you all I can before I return to the states." This was the first, among many things, that happened after our arrival which evidenced that God was going to lead and provide all that was necessary. Dan worked with Herman, teaching and helping him to lay the proper foundation that due account might be given of Southern Baptists' mission money in Vietnam.

After some weeks a house was secured and we were settled in it by Christmas. By the end of January we had found a teacher and in addition to the many things that had to be done, we began to study the Vietnamese language.

One of our happiest moments came March 12, 1960, when we welcomed the William T. Robersons, our second South-



by Mrs. Herman P. Hayes
Saigon, Vietnam

ern Baptist missionary couple for Vietnam. In February 1960 we began a Baptist Fellowship in our home for Americans working in Saigon. Some time after the arrival of the Robersons, the fellowship was moved to their house because it was more centrally located. The services were being attended by both Americans and English speaking Vietnamese. Attendance grew rapidly.

Our work was strengthened again in August 1960 with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myers. Even though we were all in full-time language study, Bill and Lewis began weekly English Bible classes in their homes. Through these classes good contacts were made for our services, and soon the room used for worship was much too small.

The Mission decided that the best approach was to have separate services for Americans and Vietnamese. On the first Sunday of June 1961, we began a worship service in Vietnamese with the help of an interpreter, with a service in English for the Americans at another hour. The Lord blessed greatly for not only were both services wonderfully attended, but we saw the first Vietnamese give his heart to the Lord. What a happy experience! Chanh, the first

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convert, has made great progress in Christian growth. He is now working in the reading room at our Baptist Chapel. Since that Sunday in June 1961, Chanh has witnessed over 50 other people make the same decision to follow Christ.

Presently we have a Bible class, primarily for non-Christians, and two Bible classes for the new converts each Sunday morning, before the worship service. In addition to Bible classes and the two worship services (two languages), we have a choir for the children.

Can you visualize the city of Saigon with its more than two million people, all of whom seem to be constantly in search for a better way of life? They have really never known peace as we know it and many, many of them have never even heard of the true peace in knowing Jesus as Saviour.

Instead of knowing peace, most of the people have only known war. In the "little wars" going on in Vietnam now, around seven hundred people are killed each month. Although this has not affected our work in Saigon, many people in some of the provinces out in the provinces live in constant fear for their lives. Communism is a real

threat to the very existence of a free people in Vietnam, and consequently a real thrust to the present opportunity of preaching the gospel.

The gospel came to Vietnam 50 years ago when there arrived missionaries of Christian and Missionary Alliance. From this beginning, there are now about 25,000 Christians throughout Vietnam.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance has over 100 missionaries in Vietnam and this group is to be commended for the good work it has done and is doing. Not until Vietnam became a republic in 1955 were other mission groups permitted to come. All evangelical Christian work in Vietnam had, up until that time, been done as the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, which was an outgrowth of the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The Orient Crusade and the Navigators are here working in co-operation with the existing Evangelical Church of Vietnam. The Mennonites and World-wide Evangelization Crusade have come in recent years.

The Mennonites, with two missionary couples, are planning to work only in Saigon, and the World-wide Evangelization Crusade, with about 18 missionaries, is working primarily with the tribal people in Central Vietnam. With 25,000 evangelical Christians among a population of 13 million it can readily be seen that the "harvest is ripe."

After waiting more than a year for them, we have just welcomed two missionary couples to Vietnam, Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Longbottom, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Davis, Jr., who were transferred from Hawaii.

In a few weeks we will be organizing the first Baptist church in Vietnam, and in the months ahead missionaries will be moving out to work in other cities. Would you pray that among new Christians God will soon call out national leadership, and that we may have the wisdom of God to teach them. Opportunities are tremendous. The future is bright because God is able.

Baptist Spread Northeast

The progress of Southern Baptists, territory-wise, was detailed in a recent two-column Newsweek story. Featured in the article were Dr. A. B. Cash, director of Pioneer Missions under the Home Missions Board and Scroven Memorial church in New Hampshire. This congregation, bearing the name of the 17th century Baptist minister, William Scroven, is the first Southern Baptist church in New England. In the New England States except Vermont have churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, and Vermont has a mission in Burlington.

Unlike other major denominations, Southern Baptists do not agree to stay out of a community where another Protestant church is already at work. "We are not in competition with any other religious bodies," Dr. Cash is quoted as saying. "We simply make it possible for those who wish to form a church to do so." In the last year Dr. Cash visited 49 states, conferring with area missionaries, superintendents and small groups wishing to form churches.

The reporter, unfamiliar with the history of Southern Baptist evangelism, called the spread into the east the work of proselytizers. He added that the way Southern Baptists cling together "is a tribute to the thoroughness of their missionary zeal."

Withal it is a fair and sympathetic account of "the fastest growing major Protestant denomination in America."

Superbomb

Russia's 50 megaton test was a crime against humanity. Khrushchev believes that whatever increases the power of the Soviet state is good and whatever stands in its way can be swept aside. Now mass murder is to be used as an instrument of politics.

For fifteen years, eminent scientists have insisted that an all-out nuclear war would leave nothing but a charred, radio-active, lifeless planet. Many scientists feel, observed the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists that the mere act of discussing survival programs means "condoning war, even provoking it."

In the last few years, another school of thought has emerged. Chief spokesman is the military theorist, Herman Kahn, author of On Thermonuclear War. His thesis is that it is possible to allocate partially the effects of thermonuclear war through a program of civil-defense. There are "degrees of awfulness," he writes. "One says that it is not true that everybody is killed, but that only 50 million people are, this does not mean that 50 million people are a small number, but that 50 million are much less than 150."

Which school is right? The office of Civil and Defense Mobilization in Washington computed the casualties for an attack against the US involving 1,446 megatons dropped on 224 targets (a megaton is equal to a million tons of TNT). On the initial attack, 23 million Americans would be killed. Another 26 million would be fatally injured and eventually die. Fall out effects would be both immediate and long-term. Most food and water supplies in target areas would be destroyed or contaminated. The balances in nature would be upset. Radio-active fall-out would trickle down for years. Some areas no crops could be grown for a century. Man would bear in his body the marks of the disaster as long as time lasts.

Many people still remain dubious about the survival approach. There are critics who point the accusing finger at fellow citizens who speak out against nuclear testing. Is it following the Communist line to pray, "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace" that this crime against creation may not be repeated?

Is for This Hour

"Fear Knocked At The Door. Faith Answered. No One Was There." When these words, put on the wall of a 500-year-old English inn at the time Britain was menaced by invasion in 1440, were read by Ralph Bate, editor for Doubleday & Co., he responded with these thoughtful observations:

Too often Fear rules over our lives, intruding into every situation. . . . Fear would fray our bodies and our minds, and rob us of the very sleep we need to mend them. Fear masquerades . . . under many names: Doubt, Indecision, Procrastination, Alarm, Timidity, Anxiety. In gross clothes, Fear becomes Terror, Horror, Shock, Consternation. . . . Fear poses a friend. Fear claims to be Prudence, Caution, Care, Diligence and Discretion. But if we open the house of our lives to Fear, we admit a guest who will not soon depart.

"Faith is the Comrade who will serve best against Fear. For Fear is shadow, but Faith is real. Faith too assumes other shapes and names. There is the Faith that is met as Prayer, the alliance with the Almighty that enables one to meet the contrary ways of the world. Faith is the Courage that has battled for man's highest ideals. Some have known Faith as Will-to-Live when Fear would bring death also over the threshold. Faith supports us as Confidence in ourselves and in those we serve and those who serve us.

"Keep Faith as a constant companion. When Fear knocks at your door, send Faith to answer."

Two for Peace

Two men have recently been awarded the Nobel prizes for peace. At the grave of Dag Hammarskjöld the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament awarded him the prize for 1961.

The 1960 Peace Prize went to Ex-Chief Albert Luthuli, 62-year-old leader of South Africa's black nationalists. Luthuli was invited to Oslo to accept his prize. At the time the award was made the South African government refused to let Luthuli out of the country. (Later the government relented and he received the award in Murray). A dedicated Christian, tolerant, forgiving, he believes in the force of non-violence.

Luthuli said to Newsweek's correspondent: "In the past I and my friends have been tried for treason; we have lost our freedom to speak and move about. . . . we have kept alive the spirit of freedom, in ourselves and in others. Now comes the new engagement of the Nobel Prize which makes us thank God and our fathers throughout the world for their remembrance of us."



by Mrs. William McMurry

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and work with Miss Murphy. She planned my schedule and made all appointments not only in Colorado, but in North and South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming since these states affiliate with the Colorado convention.

Part of the time Miss Murphy and I traveled together in my car, staying in motels, in homes of pastors or with WMS members. We had a wonderful fellowship with these friends in parts of Colorado and Wyoming, speaking at WMS meetings where attendance ranged from three in one new Society to fifty or sixty when a number of Societies met together. We gave our testimony in worship services and prayer meetings.

On July 10, I flew from Denver to Rapid City, South Dakota and for six weeks traveled alone through South and North Dakota, Montana, then back through Wyoming, and finally returned to Denver. Pastoral missionaries in these states are really consecrated Christians. Because of work in oil fields, in construction, and on air bases, the people move from place to place. Can you imagine what this does to the churches?

Often eight or ten families move away at one time, then their places of leadership must be filled. Another difficulty for these pastors is locating places in which churches can hold services. Many have had to meet in pastor's homes for as long as two years until other accommodations can be found. One of the finest of these pastoral missionaries is Mr. W. J. Hughes who travels two hundred miles every Sunday preaching in Grand Forks, North Dakota at both services. He also preaches in two missions—Emerald Mission twenty miles from Grand

Forks, and another eighty miles away in Halleck, Minnesota. I heard no words of complaint or discouragement from any of these pastors.

Letters which come in constantly tell amazing things which are happening in places where I visited. A secretary of a Woman's Missionary Society in Glendive, Montana wrote saying, "Concrete results of your visit to us have been a determination to enlist all women members of our church in our WMS. We have made definite plans to start our own Intercessory Prayer League like the one in your church. You helped us to see the urgency in praying regularly for the lost around us and witnessing personally to the hundreds near us who do not know Christ as Saviour. We have secured officers for our WMU with an ease and speed we never dreamed possible in our struggling church."

As I read this letter, I recalled that long ago our brides circle leaders had encouraged us in Christian witnessing but I never realized then that I would ever have the privilege of doing Community Missions in Montana and of encouraging others to witness there.

The Holy Spirit is truly at work in the lives of people in these pioneer areas. At the close of a WMS meeting in Tunity Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, the president said, "Pioneer members of Woman's Missionary Union in days gone by are helping us to be pioneers today. We thank you Southern Baptists for this heritage."

Now I have returned to my own church, Southside Baptist in Birmingham, Alabama, and when we sing "Where He leads me I will follow," I wonder often if we really mean it?

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In spite of many improvements, difficulties persisted for Rolling Cloud. He did not follow any known pattern of work. Anywhere he felt he could talk to an Indian about Jesus he went, and people did not understand. His hair became prematurely gray, and the look of hurt and bafflement was often in his eyes. He was a powerful man in every way, but many Indians as well as many whites were often more critical than friendly. The criticisms nagged at him, and sometimes almost broke his spirit.

"Why," he asked the white woman the same old question, "Why do they always misunderstand what I am trying to do?"

"Rolling Cloud," she replied, "Do you think that talking to Indians about Jesus in the way and in the places you do is pleasing to Jesus? Do you honestly feel that He goes

with you?"

The big Indian thought long and prayerfully as he sought the answer to that question. Slowly, little by little, he found the answer, and with the answer, peace. This was it: He had assurance that Jesus was with him, always and wherever he went, no matter what anybody said or thought. That was the answer! He did not want to run ahead of God, nor to be too hurt by criticism nor diverted from his purpose; nor to be too critical of his own critics. To wait on God and on his own people became his aim, and steadfastly to maintain in his own heart and life one vital truth: "I will go wherever He leads me when he wants me to go."

For the future he knows criticisms can still hurt, but from that day forth his soul has been at peace with God. Being misunderstood is not so important when the heart is at rest.

... THE WRITER

Mrs. Ralph E. Gwin . . .

A Floridian by birth, I have spent my life in this state except for twelve years in Tennessee and Alabama. After graduation from high school I had experience as a legal secretary before going to New Orleans for a year at the Seminary, where I met my husband. He became pastor at Columbia, Tennessee, and from there we moved to Marion, Alabama. During a three-year pastorate there, I earned my degree from Judson College. Early in World War II my husband went into the Air Force and I dreamed of seeing new places with him. He spent the war as Hospital Chaplain at Drew Field in Tampa, Florida! I joined the staff of First Baptist Church there. Following a pastorate in Miami, we moved here to Palmetto nearly ten years ago. Our home looks out on the beautiful mile-wide



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Manatee River—and I hope we can spend ten more years here.

In 1938, while we lived in Tennessee, I became vice-president from Middle Tennessee for the state WMU, an office held only a few months inasmuch as we left the state in the spring of 1939. In Florida I served a five-year period as Mission Study Director (1955-60), and am a member-at-large of the Florida WMU Executive Board. I was elected to a similar place on the Convention-wide WMU Executive Board in St. Louis last year.

Missionary Program
for April



MISSIONARIES ARE NEEDED

by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Devotional Thoughts: *Direct Our Ways*
- Sing "Christ for the Whole Wide World"
(Two stanzas)
- Call to Prayer
- Leader's Introduction
- Information Wanted (Questions and Answers)
- Commitment (by program leader)
- Duet: "How Long Must We Wait?"
(Chorus only)
- Closing Prayer for more dedication and determination in supplying missionaries.

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DIRECT OUR WAYS

"Missionary-to-be": Read Psalm 119:5 and 37:5. I am a young "missionary-to-be." When I was a child someone directed my way and Jesus became my Saviour and Lord. Then He called me to be a missionary and I committed my way to Him. Now I trust Him to lead me to a place of service that awaits me. He speaks to me through lost people of the world who call to me. Do you hear them?

Reader: The Oriental peoples of Asia, and the islands of the Pacific, bound by Buddhism, Shintoism, Hinduism and other pagan ideologies, do not know about the

love of God.

Missionary: I hear the call from Asia, the Orient and the Islands.

Reader: In Africa people bow down to moss, stones, crude images, and other gods. Europe's population is nominally Christian, but there is great spiritual indifference. The Moslems of Africa and the Near East, as well as Jews, must be directed to the true Prophet of God.

Missionary: I hear the urgent calls from Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Voice: You are needed in Latin America to direct the ways of millions who blindly follow the dictates of a priestly hierarchy. You must come to us in Mexico, Central America, and South America.

Missionary: I hear voices from Latin America. . . . But I hear another call. . . . It is from my own homeland. . . . There are lost ones here as well as in faraway places. How can I answer these insistent calls? I am only one. . . . Oh, that I were fifty, or five hundred missionaries! Even then, how few there would be to go to all the needy places of the world. But I must choose just one place.

Reader: Then who will help them? Will you? Will you?

Sing "Christ for the Whole Wide World"

LEADER'S INTRODUCTION

Charlotte Ann (Anita) Reid, daughter of our missionaries, the Orvil Reids, Cuadajajara (GWA-tha-la-HA-ra), Mexico, was a happy mission volunteer at age fourteen. She dreamed of being a missionary to all the world. "Maybe I could get an airplane and work in many countries," she said. But God had other plans for Anita, and before a year had passed, her missionary spirit received a higher call.

Some of Anita's friends and neighbors heard the gospel for the first time at her funeral. An evangelistic tone pervaded each service—one in Spanish on Saturday night, one in English early Sunday; one Sunday noon in the crowded church, and finally at the cemetery.

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"Is God Calling You?" (Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia)

"Needed Overseas" and "The How of Missionary Appointment." "The Field Is the World (Annual Report)" (Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia)

Arrange an "information booth" by superimposing several strip signs, "Missionaries Needed," over a world map and a variety of travel posters. Add leaflets and mission magazines. Three or four women "clerks," one of whom is the program leader, may divide the answers. They wear large "Ask Me" badges. Use mission volunteers in your church to ask the questions if possible. Questions may be restated to suit the inquirers.

Make poster suggested under Question 3. Stand it on counter of booth for reference in Questions 3 and 4.

Invite a missionary (if available) to tell about his or her call in place of the story under Question 5.

have been added to money sent by friends, instead of flowers. This memorial fund will be used by students preparing themselves to serve the Lord in Mexico, where Anita was born. Thus, in her death, as in her fifteen years of abundant living, she will continue to be a missionary.

Missionaries to all the world are sorely needed—needed now! The need will grow as population grows. Let us explore some of the needs, the requirements, and procedures of appointment, and types of service, as we answer a few frequently-asked questions.

We have set up an information booth. We hope we may be able to provide infor-

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ROYAL SERVICE

mation which will encourage some people to respond to the call of mission service.

INFORMATION WANTED

1. Question: Why do people keep talking about sending more missionaries? Don't we have a lot of missionaries already?

Answer: That depends on what you mean by "a lot." Let me answer the second part of your question first. The Foreign Mission Board now has an overseas staff of 1,548 missionaries. The Home Mission Board has more than 2,000 missionaries here in the states, in Panama and Cuba. These figures add up to a sizeable number, especially considering how many dollars it takes to support these workers and their families, and to provide essential equipment.

But from another point of view the figure is tragically small, for it has taken nearly 10 million Southern Baptists to send 1,548 missionaries abroad. That means it takes 6,500 of us to send and support one foreign missionary, and 5,000 of us have plucked only one missionary on a field at home. The ratio should be enlarged. Compared with the number of lost people, our sum total of missionaries is tragically small.

The answer to why we keep talking about sending more missionaries is that there are more and more needs and more and more lost people. World population increases by 50 million a year. Suppose this number could be won to Christ each year. There still would remain two billion people who are not Christians. But the total evangelistic result of all missionary effort is hardly 10 million. Percentage-wise, the world is less Christian now than it was ten years ago! We must continue to talk and pray and give and go until we have helped close this "witness gap" with more missionaries and more money. In obedience to the commission of our Lord, we must go, we must win, we must teach. The world awaits the good news of the gospel.

2. Question: I'd like to ask why we do not send more missionaries rather than just talk about it?

Answer: Two things are necessary if we are to increase the missionary staff both abroad and at home.

First, there must be more volunteers. Only divinely called men and women can be sent. The call to missions is a personal call. The Boards do not call missionaries. God calls them. The Boards only appoint them. Many are turning a deaf ear to God.

The second requisite is financial support, keeping in mind the increased financial responsibility that comes with an expanded program. The Boards must know that they will be able not only to send out missionaries but to maintain them on the field.

Our foreign missionaries, painfully aware of overwhelming opportunities in their fields, requested 786 new workers last year. The Foreign Mission Board, also painfully aware of the number of volunteers and funds available, set a goal of 160 appointments for 1961. The goal was not reached.

Jubilee plans for missionary advance call for a minimum of 2,000 foreign missionaries by the end of 1961. Much prayer, more volunteers, and increased giving will assure attainment of the goal.

The Home Mission Board had urgent need for at least 500 new missionaries last year. Only about 270 permanent appointments could be made. For a more rapid increase at home the requisites are the same—more prayer, more volunteers, more funds.

3. Question: How do I begin to be a missionary? I am a high school student. Recently in a service in my church I dedicated my life to missions. What should I do next?

Answer: You have already started by making this public declaration. The procedure toward missionary appointment may begin now, while you are in high school. Some have started earlier. The personnel secretaries, Dr. Elmer S. West, Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Glendon McCullough, Home Mission Board, and their associates are ready to help you. Write them* for information about requirements and pro-

cedure of appointment.

The standards for appointment by both Boards are high. (Refer to poster on which you have written the four points printed below.) The basic qualifications include these areas:

(1) **Educational preparation.** The foreign missionary may be appointed between the ages of 21 and 35. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college and graduate work in your chosen field will be required.

(2) **Practical experience.** Two years of experience in your chosen field are necessary to appointment.

(3) **Physical health and emotional stability.** Good health is essential to effective service. Emotional health and maturity to make for stability on the field must be proven.

(4) **Sense of call.** Underlying all else must be a genuine experience of salvation through Christ and a personal sense of God's call to service.

You will be interested in reading this leaflet from the Foreign Mission Board entitled "The How of Missionary Appointment."

4. Question: I have just completed a summer of work as a student missionary under the Home Mission Board. I feel a strong call to home missions. Do you think the needs at home are very great?

Answer: The need is tremendous and the call is challenging. America has millions of lost people. New frontiers call for pastors for hundreds of churches and missions. Associational and pastoral missionaries are needed to promote the entire denominational program.

Twenty million foreign speaking people who live in the United States need the missionary message of God's love. Eight million of these are Spanish-speaking people—a most inviting opportunity. A number of our Spanish missions have been without pastors for more than two years.

*Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond 30, Va.; Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Urgent requests were made last year for single women to fill 26 places in Good Will Centers. Only several of these appointments were possible.

Some of the other areas calling for more workers are city missions, the chaplaincy work with Negroes, migrants and international students, juvenile rehabilitation, Jewish work.

Remember that basic areas of qualification for appointment to home mission work are the same as for foreign mission work. (Refer to poster.) While there are some variation in specialized fields, the required educational background is a degree from an accredited college or university, and a degree from a Southern Baptist seminary or Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky. Practical experience is essential but will vary with the department of service. In general, home missionaries are appointed between the ages of 21 and 35. This pamphlet, "Is God Calling You," will explain the requirements more in detail.

5. Question: I'm not sure I understand how God calls a missionary. If He were to call me, how would I know it?

Answer: God calls people in many different ways. You may not hear God as Samuel or Paul heard Him. Nevertheless, He calls just as positively.

God may call you as you pray and meditate in quietness; as you read His word; as you study your Sunday school or Training Union literature; as you read a mission magazine like *The Window* or *Tell* or *Royal Service*. The voice of your pastor or a friend, may make you aware of the physical and spiritual needs of the world. A book may awaken you to the Holy Spirit's leading. Your call may come unexpectedly, or as a progressing awareness of God's will. But God will surely reveal His purpose to you if you will seek it for your life.

Here comes Miss Annie Sue Cliff, a recently appointed nurse to Japan. Perhaps she can help you.

Miss Clift, this young woman has asked how she will recognize God's call to her. Would you share your experience with us?

Miss Clift: I'd be glad to. My interest in foreign countries was manifested as a child when my sister and I used to dig holes in the yard, hoping to get to China! We gave up after Mother told us of the difficulties we would encounter.

I cannot recall ever thinking about being a missionary until in my first year at high school I read a story of a Methodist missionary to China. The account moved me deeply and I experienced a burning desire to make my life count for Christ like that missionary had done.

During pre-nursing study I became more aware of world missions through Baptist Student Union work. A summer spent as a student missionary in California heightened my desire to serve. The words of a little boy come back to me still. "If what you say about Jesus is true, why has no one ever told us before? Why do you have to leave? Will you come back?"

Again, in my three years at the University of Tennessee School of Nursing, at Memphis, BSU work meant a great deal to me. I made a public dedication of my life to the mission field.

A nurse or doctor is required to study at least a year in a Southern Baptist seminary, so after graduation I worked for several years to save toward the seminary expenses, and also to help younger members of my family. Of course, I was getting practical experience also.

At last, having completed the required work at Southwestern Seminary, I was ready. It seemed a long time since 1915 when I read the story of the Methodist missionary.

God's leading in my life has come in quiet ways, but it has been persistent and persuasive. Now I look forward to a happy life in His service.

6. Question: My husband is a pastor. We

are both college graduates, and he has a seminary degree. I understand that the nationals usually serve as pastors of churches on the mission fields. If he cannot be a pastor, would the Boards want us? And what types of service are open to us?

Answer: The mission Boards do indeed want people like you. They need you right now, for you are prepared for immediate service. Many times people like you, who are already prepared, have made decisions at Ridgcrest or Glorieta in the summer and have been appointed the following December. You could receive your appointment in a few months provided you pass the medical and psychiatric examinations. I hope you will apply right away.

This leaflet, "Needed Overseas," outlines the types of service which may be open to you. It is true that where trained nationals are available they are used as pastors, so it is likely that your husband would serve as an advisor to a group of churches. The greatest need of all is for couples to engage in general evangelism. More than half the requests are for preachers and their wives.

Other areas include teaching, from teacher-training schools and high schools up through college and seminary, with a limited number of administrators. Religious education and music are requiring more and more workers. Some agriculturists and secretaries can be used. Volunteers with some experience in journalism are most welcome for many kinds of literature must be published. The role of the missionary wife and homemaker must not be overlooked, for your distinctive service will be to present Christ through the influence of a Christian home.

Whatever his field, the missionary must share the love of God as it is known to Christ. Whatever his work, the missionary with a passion for the lost will find ample opportunity to preach, whether it be in a pulpit, classroom, hospital, or in personal individual evangelism.

7. Question: I am in training to become

nurse because all my life this is what I have wanted to do. Now, I feel that God wants me to be a missionary. Does this mean I should give up being a nurse?

Answer: No, do not give up your nurse's training. The most critical foreign mission need for some time has been for nurses. The medical center at Nalerigu (Nah-LAIR-ee-goo), Ghana, was three years old before the first missionary nurse was appointed to that work in 1951. Only two other nurses were appointed last year even though there were 20 other places of urgent need. Last June at Ridgcrest there was rejoicing when six senior nurses committed themselves to mission service. By all means continue your training.

You will appreciate this letter from Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, who is in charge of the medical division of the Foreign Mission Board (personnel department). Will you read this paragraph? (*Hands letter to questioner.*)

"Much has been written about the need for nurses, but I believe that too much cannot be said about this. I wish we might challenge . . . some nurses who have college degrees or who are young enough to go on for their college work. I wish also that some of our finest young women who are college and seminary graduates might be challenged to enter nursing school now. . . . Some are responding in this fashion. Within the next year there will be four or five young women who are seminary graduates entering nursing schools in order to prepare to meet this great need. . . . At the present time (August, 1961) we have only one missionary nurse serving in our hospitals in Tanganyika (TAN-gan-YE-ka), in Southern Rhodesia (Ro-DE-shia), in Japan . . . and we have no missionary nurse in our hospital in Mexico. We have wonderful opportunities for training . . . in Nigeria if we can only secure additional nurses to serve in the nursing school and the other four hospitals there."

Qualified doctors are applying for appointment at the rate of four to six each

year. A few hospital administrators and technicians are needed. The practice of medicine and the operation of mission hospitals overseas are integral parts of the foreign mission undertaking. Medical missionary skills combine with Christian love in a rewarding ministry of healing.

8. Question: My family is looking forward to the experience of living abroad when my husband's company gives him an overseas assignment. Do you think we could make some contribution toward the mission cause while we are there?

Answer: Yes, certainly. Unofficial missionaries, or "non-professional missionaries" as they are often called, are making a unique contribution to the cause of Christ. Men and women serving in the armed services, in the field of diplomacy, business, the Technical Assistance Program, as well as those who teach in many institutions can exert a dynamic influence which is beneficial to the mission program. Many of these fine people give themselves unflinchingly to establishing a mission work in the cities where they live, and in the building of English-speaking churches which draw not only from American residents but from others who speak the English language.

Reports indicate that more than a million and a half Americans hold jobs overseas. No doubt several thousand of these are Southern Baptists. Think of their potential influence if they all considered themselves non-professional missionaries. Southern Baptist work in Alaska was started when World War II GIs promoted a revival meeting.

Over a million and a half passengers were transported between Europe and North America in 1960. Southern Baptist tourists could witness effectively in numerous ways. Suppose they were unashamedly Christian in their contacts while abroad? They would be cultivating the soil so that the seed of the gospel, sown later by a missionary or a national, would fall on good ground.

9. Question: My son is a college student preparing to be a missionary, but he does not know yet where he should serve. We have prayed and talked together about this. Could you tell me some of the places where he might be needed?

Answer: First he could serve in the Student Summer Mission program of the Home Mission Board. Strengthening the work already started in 17 countries is an ever present need. He is fortunate to be able to talk and pray with you about his career. Your son's sense of God's leading, together with personnel needs at the time of his appointment, will determine his place of work.

Miss Florence Lide, retired missionary, spent a life of happy service in China. Youthful dreams came true when she was sent to Nigeria to teach in an English-speaking school for her last term of duty. As your son progresses in his preparation and becomes more acquainted with the geographical areas and various types of opportunities, he will doubtless feel led to some specific field.

In the last few years only one door has been closed on our missionaries. That was done by the government of Guinea in 1960.

Africa is a greater challenge than ever. New countries there will be entered as resources permit. Relatively new work in East Pakistan and South Vietnam (Vee-et-NAM) must be strengthened as well in other new fields. We recently extended work in Indonesia (In-do-NEE-ya) to the large island of Sumatra (Soo-MAH-trä) with its 14 million people. Possibly we can go into West Pakistan (PAHK-is-tan). There is always the dream of getting into India. Last October our first missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cain, were appointed to French West Indies.

10. Question: Our Southern Baptist churches are full of people who have passed the age of missionary appointment. What can they do to forward the mission program?

Answer: There is now a possibility of those

who already are prepared educationally and who are between the ages of 35 to 40 going overseas as missionary associates. They are sent for one term.

Listen to what Dr. Baker James Gooden, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board has to say about ways all of us can help.

"First of all, there must be prayer support. We keep in mind that our Lord told us to pray that the Lord of the harvest will himself send forth laborers unto his harvest. It is our hope that prayer for mission labor throughout the world will saturate Baptist life. . . . The missionary enterprise must go forward upon the prayers of God's people. . . .

"Another essential is that of growing financial support. . . . It is for this reason that the growth of support to the Cooperative Program and to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is essential. We believe it is the will of Southern Baptists that an increasing proportion of their gifts should flow throughout our homeland and across the world to meet the needs which are increasing every day. All our giving and what we do with those gifts must be measured by the Great Commission. . . .

Prayer and financial support of the home mission program will keep the fire of missionary zeal at home burning bright, thus strengthening the entire world program.

11. Question: What can Southern Baptist women do to help send more missionaries to needy places at home and abroad?

Answer: Women have played a major role in the drama of missions since the beginning. The special offerings each year for home and foreign causes are significant as is the increasing use of the birthday packet calendar.

Training young people through the youth program of the WMU fosters the missionary spirit; assures mission-minded church members of the future; and helps keep a flow of new applications for appointment going to the Boards. Tomorrow

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Wilson Parker family Area Missionary, Billings, Montana A. W. Jr., and John

WE LEFT a pastorate IN THE BIBLE BELT

by Mrs. A. Wilson Parker, Billings, Montana

I ACCEPTED the Lord Jesus as my Saviour when I was eleven years of age and my husband was saved at the age of sixteen. We were both active in our home churches in East and Middle Tennessee. We met in business college in Knoxville, Tennessee, and were married two years later.

While living in Salem, Illinois, where Wilson was an executive in an oil refining company, he felt that God was calling him to preach the gospel. I think that I felt the call to be a preacher's wife as clearly as he felt led to preach. We immediately started out on that long road of preparation—college and seminary.

During school days and early pastorates, we thought that someday we would like to be missionaries with the Home Mission Board. But seemingly the Lord wanted us in the pastorate and for 17 years we labored in that field. We were privileged to work in mission Bible schools, start two missions that became fast growing churches, and led in several building programs. All of this was preparing us for this work.

During the years I was busy in Woman's Missionary Union, particularly in Girls' Auxiliaries, in our church and association.

It was through the programs and special lectures in *Royal Service* that I became interested and concerned about pioneer missionary work in the Northwest. My husband was deeply impressed with the need for new homes and churches in the area around

Billings, Montana. So much, in fact, that in 1958 at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, he planned conferences with the area missionary of Montana. As a result of these conferences, Wilson visited the state. He came away with a burdened and heavy heart. Here we were in Knoxville, Tennessee, right in the heart of the "Bible Belt," enjoying a large church membership, worshipping in a beautiful new sanctuary, and not even knowing that the needs were so tremendous right here in our own land.

God really dealt with us in the next few months. It was a most difficult decision to make. But we finally surrendered to His will—to the call to become mission pastor in Great Falls, moving a few weeks later. It was quite a change, moving from a church with a large membership to a mission with only 7 members, meeting in a basement of a Seventh Day Adventist Church. But at our very first service, we doubled our membership! This was to us, the Lord's approval of our move. In less than six months, we were a fully constituted church with 50 members!

In the summer of 1960, after our area missionary resigned to go to Ohio, Wilson was asked to consider the work of area missionary for the entire state of Montana. After much prayer and feeling definitely the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we accepted the work. Wilson was then called by

the Colorado Baptist General Convention and duly appointed by the Home Mission Board. We moved to Billings in September.

Progress has been slow in this area of the Northwest; the work is difficult, and many times very discouraging—but the challenge is great. Southern Baptists now have 23 churches and 5 missions in Montana. Only 3 of these churches are self-supporting and several need buildings. We have people worshipping in garages, basements of homes, basements of businesses, lodge halls, and until just recently, one church met in an abandoned saloon. Thank the Lord, they are now in a new building.

A recently completed survey in Montana as a part of the 30,000 Movement revealed 194 locations where a new mission or church should be started. Our state has a population of about 700,000 and more than 60 per cent claim no church affiliation! We have a Southern Baptist church or mission for every 25,000 people, but in this state there is a bar or saloon for every 442 people! Multitudes of lost people! And that is the reason we are in Montana—to win the lost to the Lord. One woman remarked not long ago, "I'm so glad Southern Baptists came to Montana. They visit and win people to the Lord."

God has truly blessed our labors here. This year we have seen two churches constituted, three new missions started, and three churches in new houses of worship. The spirit of fellowship among pastors and people is on a high level. The first Annual Pastors Retreat for our state was held last year. We also had a One Week Encampment with approximately 150 attending, resulting in 12 professions of faith and 12 life dedications. Out of this encampment came plans for our very first Girls' Auxiliary Camp this summer.

I'm thankful that God led us to the Land of the Shining Mountains. This is our home now and these are our people—we feel so responsible for them. I'm sure you will agree that "the field is white unto harvest," so won't you pray with us that God will send more laborers? Will you come?

GOD IS CALLING US

continued from inside front cover

since then and in fact after we took up residence in Brooklyn, New York, he has been saved and grown daily and yearly. Some ten years ago a Christian friend of ours in Brooklyn asked me if I didn't think Herb was "getting a call to preach." For about two years now Herb has felt a compelling force to enter into full-time Christian service and now he believes this call means preaching.

We are so grateful for the vision of the Home Mission Board for opening up work in our New York area. We were hungry for the warmth and enthusiasm and evangelistic zeal of a Southern Baptist church.

How marvelously God works! Our public day of decision—July 2, 1961—the warm congregation and tears of joy from our Farmingdale church family are not to be forgotten.

We owe a special debt to our Lord Jesus because we've been blessed so abundantly. He has given us so many wonderful experiences with people, and three precious and adorable children—all by adoption—just as He has adopted us.

Don Miller, our pastor, has been a real blessing to us. We thank God for him

Sincerely,
Maurine Wright Maher

New York, USA
October, 1961

Dear Friend,

I think I told you we are going to Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in California! This door has opened for us and we feel it is God's will for our lives. We will be in pioneer territory even while Herb is studying. Besides this, my one and only sister lives in San Francisco and we have not been near each other for 18 years!

This will give us the opportunity to attend Southern Baptist Convention next May! See you at Woman's Missionary Union Convention then!

Love,
Maurine Mah

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75 Anniversary

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WMU 75th Anniversary Year is September 30, 1962—October 1, 1963. Anniversary plans will be introduced in San Francisco at the WMU Annual Meeting, June 4-5. A costume presentation of all the Anniversary Goals will be a featured part of the program.

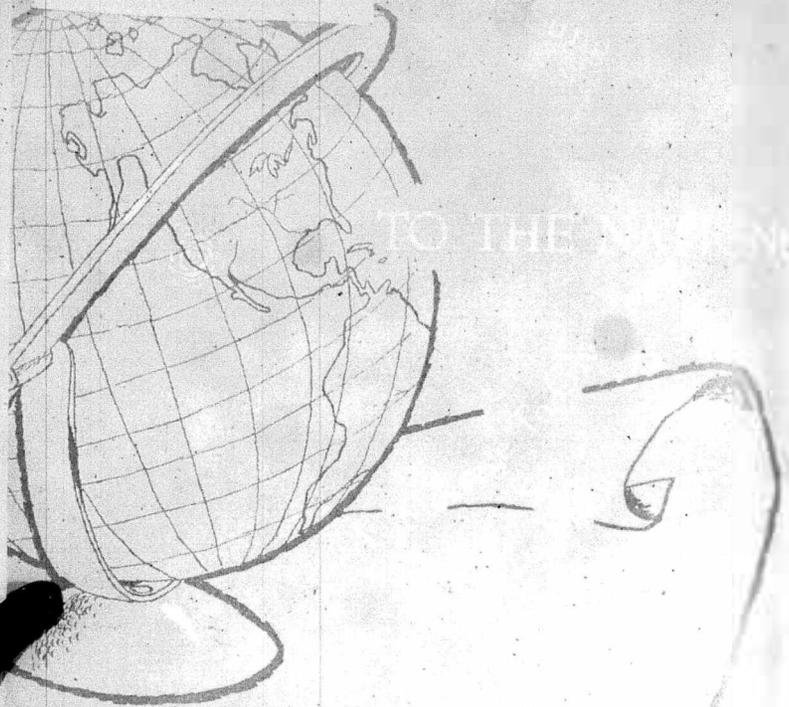
Also in 1962-63

Girls' Auxiliary 50th Anniversary celebration featured at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California on Monday evening, June 4, a Girls' Auxiliary Queen

Regent will show us through her Girls' Auxiliary scrapbook.

With her we will take a look at the Girls' Auxiliary 50 years ago. With her we will dream of the wonderful years ahead.

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Woman's Missionary Union

Annual Meeting

June 4-5, 1962

Civic Auditorium

San Francisco, California

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through SBC Housing Bureau, Room 309, 611 E. St. St. San
Francisco 2.

Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS Director

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THIS MONTH

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Out of the Mailbag



Missionaries are Needed

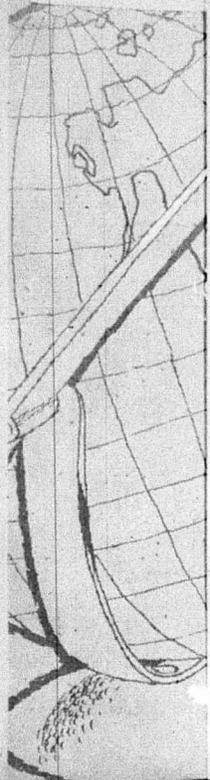
9 per cent of the world's population is English-speaking but
this 9 per cent already has
90 per cent of all the Christians in the world,
94 per cent of all the full-time Christian workers in the
world, and gets . . .
96 per cent of every dollar given to the Lord's work.

This means that

91 per cent of all the world's population has only
6 per cent of all the full-time Christian workers, and for all
this work among 91 per cent of the people in the world, the
churches give only
4 per cent of every dollar given to the Lord's work.

The general missionary program for April shows how desperately missionaries are needed. Pray that WMS members will ask, "Lord, should I go . . . my sons and daughters . . . my grandchildren . . . my YWA members?"

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President

From the WMS Manual

1. Nominating Committee—

It is well for the nominating committee to bring nominations of officers for the coming year in the spring or early summer. This allows newly elected officers, chairmen, counselors and leaders time for a period of preparation before taking office in the fall. Many unions send their newly elected president and as many others as the budget will permit to the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest or Glorieta, where they may gain information and inspiration which enable them to handle their office more capably

—WMS Manual, page 10

2. Two Convention-wide WMU summer conferences offer every woman varied activities. There are missionary addresses, worship services, Bible study, and singing together. There are speakers on world affairs. There are conferences where officers, chairmen, and counselors learn better methods for conducting the work of the organization.

—WMS Manual, page 48

1962 WMU Conferences:

- June 14-20, YWA Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C.
- July 26 - August 1, WMU Conference, Glorieta, N. M.
- August 9-15, WMU Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C.

**Secretary
President**

Recognize This Signature?

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This signature belonged to Ts'ai Lun, the inventor of paper, 105 A. D.

Paper is useless unless it is used. If the Individual Monthly Record Sheets for WMS Members (price 25 for 25c; 50 for 50c; 100 for 75c) have been checked each month by members in circle or so-

ciety meetings . . . and if each circle has reported carefully on blanks provided in the WMS Circle Report Book (price 25c) then there should be no difficulty in making the WMS midyear progress report on Aims for Advancement.

Your Woman's Missionary Society report should be in the hands of the WMU president by April 5, so that it may be forwarded immediately to the associational WMU president. Be sure to use the paper in your report book this month. Don't forget to include two signatures—the secretary's and the WMS president's.

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through SBC Mission Box
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Enlistment Committee

From Georgia

Mrs. S. L. Bailey, Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, wrote about their enlistment plans:

"Five WMS members rotated during the month, going to a different Sunday school department each Sunday. These women gave devotional messages using some material from *Royal Service*. The plan proved so effective, that one of our younger women went to our young adult department last Sunday in the interest of our enlistment emphasis. . . . We had four new members Tuesday as a result and are organizing a new circle of

young women. We have had three days of visitation this week, seeking to enlist more of our women."

These comments point up a basic objective and an elective relative to WMS enlistment—"Definite program of enlistment visitation throughout the year" and "Organization of additional circle(s)." Enlistment visitation must be well planned and it must be carried on throughout the year. When we "go" the women "come" and when women "come" we need to organize additional circles.

Mission Study Committee

**Are you behind—
in your reading?**

A good place to start catching up is by reading Dr. T. B. Maston's book, *The Bible and Race*, pp. 85c, cl. \$2.50 from Baptist Book Stores. Dr. Maston is one of Southern Baptists' outstanding scholars. He is Professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and is well qualified to help you think straight on this controversial subject.

Encourage every WMS member to read the book and to be ready to participate in circle discussions. See Mrs. McMurry's teaching helps for *The Bible and Race* in April, May, and June copies of *Royal Service*.



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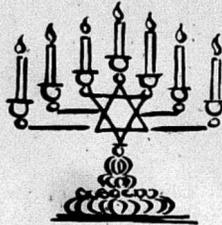
Have you checked recently on the number of women reading mission books in your WMS? Are one half of the members reading a book listed in *The World in Books*? Are all members reading one or

more books listed in *The World in Books*?

Interest depends on information, information depends on reading, reading depends on you!

Community Missions Committee

Jewish Fellowship Week



"Operation Kindness" is a program carried on in several neighborhoods in Boston. An elderly person can place a card in his window with the word "Errand" and almost like magic summon a junior high school helper.

Jewish Fellowship Week, April 9-15, might well be called Operation Kindness, since a good slogan for the week is "Visit Jewish homes, invite Jewish people to church." For a better understanding of the purpose and plans for the week see the leaflet, "Jewish Fellowship Week in Your Church."

The following tracts, free from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring

St. N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga., also give helpful suggestions for the week: "Winning the Jew," William B. Mitchell

"Many Jews Believed," Frank Halbeck

"If I Were a Jew," Henry Alford Porter

"The Light of Israel," J. Wash Watts

"God's Way of Salvation," James B. Leavell, Jr.

"Home Fellowship Mission" "Suggestions for Visiting Jewish Homes," Frank Halbeck

Watch *Home Missions* for additional suggestions for observing Jewish Fellowship Week

Do more than . . .

exist, live
touch, feel.
look, observe.
read, absorb.

hear, listen.
listen, understand.
think, ponder.
talk, say something

Prayer Committee

Laborers Together . . . in Prayer

Through the use of Call to Prayer each month in Royal Service, WMU members are united in intercessory prayer for missionaries and mission work around the world. This labor of prayer in which all of us can have a part is an essential need of missionaries. They urge us to labor together with them through prayer.

The prayer committee is responsible for promoting the use of Call to Prayer in meetings and its daily use in homes

Some pastors use Call to Prayer during the Sunday morning worship hour, and on Wednesday evening during the weekly prayer hour. Some churches print in their bulletin names of missionaries having birthdays the following week.

There are many ways to promote the use of Call to Prayer. (1) Clip pictures of missionaries from *The Commission*, *Home Missions*, and *WMU* magazines, along with a few pertinent facts, and

place them on bulletin boards near the time of their birthday.

(2) Encourage WMS members to adopt missionary prayer partners, choosing those who have the same birthday as their own.

(3) Suggest getting or making a frame into which Call to Prayer may be slipped in and out and kept on the breakfast table.

Remember your purpose is to arouse and keep a deepened interest among WMS members in praying for all of our missionaries—for we are laborers together . . . in prayer.

Recently a churchman from Communist China reported that the Christians of that land seem to have held the Christians in the USA in their prayers with more constancy and fervor than have we in America held the Christians of China. How long has it been since you prayed for the Christians of China? Cuba? the Congo?

Stewardship Committee

How Do You EARN Your Money?

The WMS Manual suggests two stewardship emphases for the third quarter:

- (1) Study right acquisition of money
- (2) Promote reading of a stewardship book

In the book, *My Money and God*, by Robert J. Hastings (\$2.50 from Baptist Book Stores) there is a chapter titled, "How Do I Earn My Money?" This chapter, as well as the entire book, is a good one to use in this quarter's stewardship emphasis.

Two Scripture passages mentioned in the chapter which point up the importance of the right acquisition of money may be used in your study:

"Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work" *Jeremiah 22:13*.

Program Committee

The circle program unit for this quarter is "Being Christian in Human Relationships." The following ten commandments of human re-

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted. . . . Your gold and silver is cankered. . . . Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth" *James 5:1-4*.

The following statements from the chapter may be used on bulletin boards, church bulletins, or in many other ways to promote the right acquisition of money.

"Money-making must have a conscience if money-giving is to be pleasing to God."

"God is just as concerned about how the money gets into a man's wallet as he is in the amount that goes from his wallet into the offering plate!"

"There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living, and the other how to live."

"If an employee expects a fair wage, is it not right for his employer to expect a fair day's work in return?"

"I have discovered that it is only when we mix business and religion that we can prove our religion and improve our business!"

". . . my goods are for sale, but not my character."

lations taken from *Rotary Voice* are worth thinking about and passing on to circle members.

"1. **Speak to people.** There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting

2. **Smile at people.** It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

3. **Call people by name.** The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.

4. **Be friendly and helpful.** If you would have friends, be friendly.

5. **Be cordial.** Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

6. **Be genuinely interested in people.** You can like almost every-

body, if you try.

7. **Be generous with praise—**cautious with criticism.

8. **Be considerate with the feelings of others.** There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.

9. **Be alert to give service.** What counts most in life is what we do for others.

10. **Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many-fold."**

Program Committee

There are now more than 34,150 ordained Southern Baptist ministers in the USA.

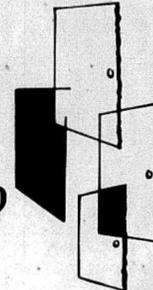
There are 1,545 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries of whom only 570 are ordained preachers. There is one Southern Baptist preacher for each group of 4,912,280 people outside the USA.

Yes, missionaries are needed! Urge WMS members to attend the April program meeting where you will seek to lay on the hearts of women the urgent need for more missionaries.

Many doors of opportunity are not being entered because of the lack of personnel.

There are countries whose doors may soon be closed to missionary endeavor. Lead the women of your society to see the unfair ratio of

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Baptist ministers here at home and those overseas.

Some WMS members should go, all should give and pray for missionary advance. Make this the aim of your April missionary program as you lead them to personal missionary commitment.

Youth

Meetings of the WMU executive board are very important to the missionary education of youth in

your church. The YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors are responsible for attending the meet-

ings regularly.

At these meetings recommendations to the society(s) are formulated by which fostering needs can be met. Needs for additional organizations and leaders are presented and the total program of work of Woman's Missionary Union is considered.

The executive board is the coordinating and promotion body for all phases of the work. It is essential that the youth committees meet prior to the meeting of the executive board and have their plans ready to present to the executive board by the respective directors.

At the April WMU executive board meeting the GA committee will have GA Focus Week (May 13-19) plans to present. The YWA committee will follow through with plans being made for YWA members to attend Ridgecrest YWA Conference, June 14-20. The Sunbeam Band committee will be looking ahead to day camping and all the other interesting things Sunbeams do in the spring and summer quarters.

All leaders of youth will be praying and co-operating in the church plans for Life Commitment Sunday, April 8.

Out of the Mailbag



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

Q. To qualify on Aims for Advancement, what is the minimum number of books each is to read in a group of twelve? Can we qualify if each reads six during the year?

A. Each WMS Round Table has the privilege of deciding about: the number of members to be included in each Round Table, the number of books to read and the frequency of its meetings for informal discussions and exchange of books. At the end of the year, if the Round Table has fulfilled its requirements regarding meetings, books, etc. agreed upon at the organization meeting, credit is earned on Aims for Advancement.

Three things comprise a success-

ful Round Table: Continual reading, lively discussions, and eager exchange of books. See pages 61-63, 66, *WMS Manual*.

Q. In Aim VI, elective 3, "An average attendance for the year of one third of the members of each circle at the ten general missionary program meetings of the society," does this refer to the number on roll at the beginning of the WMU year or does the percentage change each month as membership increases or decreases?

A. It refers to number on roll at the beginning of the WMU year. All records are figured according to the membership at beginning of WMU year except when "all," "each," or "every" occurs, in which case use number members at time report is made.