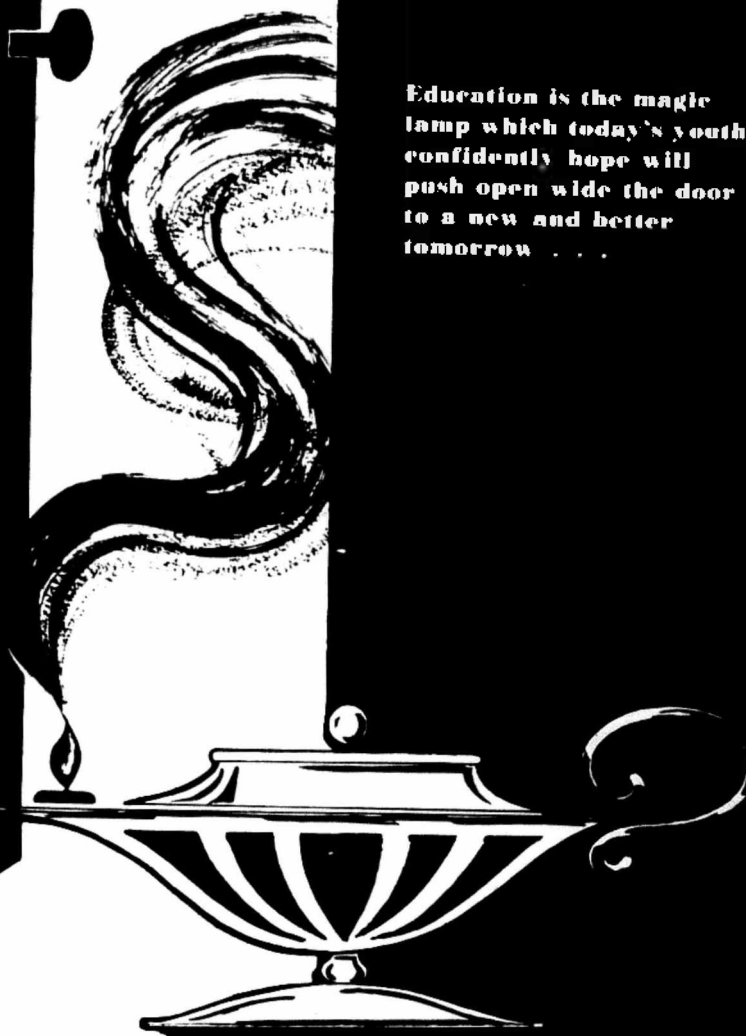


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Education is the magic
lamp which today's youth
confidently hope will
push open wide the door
to a new and better
tomorrow . . .



"That's Back of a Hero"

Among the multiplied thousands of words that have been written about Colonel John Glenn's adventure in space, none were more incisive or eloquent than those written by Raymond Moley, senior editorial writer for *Newsweek*.

Glenn received with sincere humility the plaudits of people who watched and prayed for him in his flight. He projected himself as the humble instrument of a mighty cause. Millions had labored to create the means for this triumph of science and vision. It was his mission, however, to prove what an official of the space agency said two years ago: "A machine in space can only tell you what you ask it through remote contact. Only a man can tell you what you cannot equip the machine to learn." The triumph was that of a man.

"But the moral impact of Glenn's behavior and words after the event has been a service to the nation just as important as the scientific knowledge which he made possible. There was heartfelt patriotism in what he said when he addressed Congress: 'I get a real hard-to-define feeling down inside when the flag goes by.'"

"That sort of simplicity," wrote Mr. Moley, "coming from so worthy a source cuts down deep through the layers of cynicism which have so deplorably encased the American character in our time. Too long, alas, Americans have been almost ashamed of the copybook maxims which in earlier years sustained their forefathers in times of peril and trial as great as these. We need this renewal of faith even more than we need to reach the moon. For without that simple faith we shall go the way of so many civilizations before us. Glenn is one of us; and because he is one of us, he is all of us."

President Proclaims Citizenship Day

President Kennedy has signed a proclamation calling the nation to observe Citizenship Day on September 17 in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. The 1962 observance will be of particular significance since it marks the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. The President said: "It is imperative in this time of world unrest that each citizen, naturalized or native born, be familiar with the acts and events which led to the forming and adoption of our Constitution in order that he may fully appreciate the meaning and significance of that document and our constitutional form of government."

Organizations are urged to provide ceremonies to inspire citizens to rededicate themselves to the ideals on which this nation was built.

(Continued on page 38)

by Mrs. William McMurtry



WHAT'S Right WITH AMERICA

by W. M. Kiplinger

YOU hear and feel it everywhere—misgivings and worries about America. It is said that perhaps we have lost our stuff, gone soft. No sense of purpose, no ideals. Even, it is said, our free-enterprise system no longer delivers the goods as effectively as it once did.

These self-doubts boil up from within, from idealistic young persons, who burn with indignation over flaws in our ways of thinking and doing. From reformers impatient over the delays in reaching utopia next week. From ordinary folks unnerved by rebuffs we get from all around the globe. And the self-doubts are aggravated by criticism from outside, from the Communists, who are smart in the ways of propaganda and who tell the world that the U.S.A. is a corrupt, self-centered society doomed to succumb to Marxism.

What are we to think of ourselves? What are we to say to foreign critics? Is this country really all washed up?

Are we flabby and decadent? We have the world's highest living standards—cars, television, washers, fancy kitchens, supermarkets loaded with food, and we like these things. But the Communist peoples like them, too, and perhaps much of the pooh-poohing of our comfortable way of life grows out of envy. Remember that the Communists are trying to ascend to "softness" as rapidly as possible. The big reward they hold out to their people is the chance eventually to "live like the Americans!"

How come we have unemployment, while the Soviet Union doesn't? Mainly because our system works too well, produces surpluses, while the Russians still struggle with shortages. Their "full employment" stems from inefficiency, unfulfilled wants and forced labor.

How can we speak for democracy when we practice racial segregation and

discrimination? The answer is that as a nation we do not believe in racial inequality. Some persons do, but on the whole, we are moving toward improvement with amazing speed.

Isn't capitalism basically selfish? True, capitalism runs on the profit motive, profit for the individual. But the demonstrable fact about this kind of selfishness is that it makes for a high degree of productivity, more things for more people. Within our free-enterprise system there exists a welter of nonprofit organizations, charitable institutions, cooperatives. The "selfish" individuals (all of us) who run the system through government of their own choosing impose taxes on themselves, pass laws providing for social security and unemployment insurance, raise money for symphony orchestras and start hospitals.

When you are told that we are a selfish people, a grubby people, ask yourself why we are fundamentally such a religious people, which we indeed are. This is not just a matter of maintaining thousands of churches. It is not a matter of mere surface piety. It is something of the spirit, deep within us, that prompts us to be humane—to give millions to charity, to send our substance and our citizens abroad to help the less fortunate. We have always been generous, instinctively, and we keep it up, even when we are kicked in the teeth for our generosity.

Why do we have poverty, juvenile delinquency, laziness, drunkenness, opinionated ignorance, mental illness? Well, every country has these problems—Russia included—but they stand out here because of the general well-being of the great majority. We also publicize such troubles in an attempt to find solutions, while the Reds simply pretend that they have no such faults. Dictators can suppress any mention of rotten spots. In America, everybody shoots his mouth off, gripes about the government, puts on the line any dirty linen he wants to air. Our defects are drummed into us

from press and radio and TV and pulpit. That's why we lose perspective, often think too poorly of ourselves.

To find faults in others does not excuse faults in ourselves, but it does give a sense of balance. If communism is superior as a system, why no free elections to let the people choose for themselves? Why have all Communist conquests been by military force or by guerrilla revolts in backward countries? Why has Russia fallen back on capitalist practices to get its economy moving? (Bonuses, incentives, private farming, property inheritance.) Why are our broadcasts jammed—can't the happy Russians be trusted to hear anything from the "decadent bourgeoisie"? Why do Communist countries vie with each other for selfish advantages? Where is the world brotherhood of workers and peasants the Reds promised—the brotherhood that would do away with the poison of nationalism?

If the trend of history really is toward communism, why have the most advanced nations of western Europe turned against communism and enjoyed their greatest boom?

Whenever you start believing that the Russians are winning, bear this in mind: We have in fact won some big rounds. Russia was defeated in the attempt to communize western Europe. Russia's plans failed in Greece, in Nasser's Egypt, in Iraq, in the Congo. True, we have lost in China and Cuba, and we have trouble in Latin America. But the Chinese Reds show no inclination to truckle to Khrushchev, and the last chapter on the wild Soviet Castro has yet to be written.

If you are tempted to despair of our system, try to see it whole, the good with the bad.

As a machine for producing things, the U.S. economic system is unrivaled. The benefits of this economic machine are distributed in many people. Our poor are fewer and less poor than the poor in Communist countries. Our middle class is

steadily expanded, upgraded from poor, also enlarged from the ranks of the once very rich. This has put the final kibosh (spoken) on the class system that we inherited from Europe. It is we, not the Russians, who are running the world's most exciting revolution, benefiting millions.

Dislocations, problems, yes. But again, we are sensitive to them and make efforts to find remedies. And our system contains within itself the capacity to find remedies. Why? Because the whole idea behind the system is that people have a right to be free. And freedom means the opportunity to have choices, to tinker with personal and national goals.

The role of freedom in our system is not always fully appreciated. Too often we think of freedom as merely the absence of constraint. It is much more than that. Freedom means, for example, that you do not have to follow your father and be a farmer or a teacher because that's what he was. But it also means you have affirmative choices to be a lawyer or a carpenter or a bum, to rise or fall on your own.

Who is in charge in the U.S.A.? Wall Street? Big business? Big unions? No. Organized groups are influential, but they are often in conflict, and no one of them is dominant. We come closer to running ourselves than any other people ever.

To sum it up: We have goods, we have services, we have more wealth per capita. Those things are tangible and materialistic. On top of them, or perhaps at the base of them, we have individual liberties, and the common term is freedom. We are far from perfect, but we make progress. We need not moan all the time or spend our time apologizing for what's wrong. It's better to strike a balance. If we do, we stand up straight, with dignity. Then we see a good people, working and living within a good system. And that's what's RIGHT with our country!—Reprinted by permission from *Changing Times*, the Kiplinger magazine.



FROM WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant,
Editor, *The Baptist World*,
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THE 1963 BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE

Baptist youth of the world are getting ready for their sixth Baptist Youth Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, known as "gateway to the Holy Land." The date, July 13-21, 1963. Baptist women are alerted to the missionary significance of this conference.

Robert S. Denny, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, anticipates a registration of not fewer than 3,000 young people (17-up) and youth leaders, coming from as many as 70 countries. Perhaps 2,000 of these will be from North America.

Americans—in fact, everybody—traveling to Beirut will see the mission challenge, first hand, in the countries along their route. And Emblem of Baptist Youth Conference they will have fellowship at the conference with the fruits of missions from a half-hundred countries—with the young people who have found Christ in mission schools and mission churches of their homelands.

But most of all, those 3,000 young people in attendance at Beirut will find that "In Christ there is no East or West. In him no South or North. But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth." They will sense—perhaps for the first time in their lives—the vital heart throb of all the earth's peoples for whom Christ died.

Miss Sadako Matsuo, a Japanese girl, put



this sensation into words when she responded to the address of welcome for the fifth Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto in 1958. "When we look at the various backgrounds out of which we have come—different cultures, different religions, different educational experiences, different nation states, and different social situations—we may well wonder concerning the basis of our heartfelt unity here," she said. "Yet, we have each experienced an encounter with Jesus Christ. We have seen God at different times and different places. We are bound by one tie in Christ."

Similar experiences have quickened heartbeats during other youth conferences at Prague, Czechoslovakia (1931), Zurich (1937), Stockholm (1949), Rio de Janeiro (1953), and Toronto (1958). Thousands of leaders in churches and denominational life around the world gained inspiration for dynamic Christian service at one of these meetings.



The Conference at Beirut will look carefully at today's world: its social, political, cultural problems. Every person there can contribute knowledge of his part of the earth. And, studying these problems, these leaders of tomorrow will seek in Christ to become part of their solution. The program theme tells a lot: "Jesus Christ—in a Changing World."

There's still a further bonus for those at the Beirut conference. The delegates will



Lebanon coast at Beirut on Mediterranean Sea.
Dr. Finlay M. Graham, South Baptist Missionary, Beirut, general chairman of arrangements for the Youth Conference

A United Nations Building Beirut where conference will be held (below)

be able, in days preceding and following the conference, to visit the places where Jesus walked and taught and performed his miracles. Special tours will stop at Damascus, Jerusalem, Jericho, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee. These will be highly inspiring days, linking a realization of world need with a fresh, personal sense of the reality of Christ.

Women of our churches are challenged to encourage as many youth as possible to attend the conference and visit the Holy Land. Some churches are providing "scholarships" to help their own youth meet trip expenses. Some are underwriting the expenses of young people from far away overseas churches who cannot possibly attend without help. It is our opportunity—and responsibility—to make Beirut one of the most significant meetings in Baptist history.

Write Mr. Robert Denny at Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 9, D. C., for full information about the conference and for suggestions on how you can help.



COVER

Students from overseas and American youth studying at home and abroad, often, place much hope on education as the magic lamp for solving the world's perplexing challenges. But education of the mind requires a heart stone to God in Christ Jesus. If man's endeavor is to be significant and vital, Christ is forever the source—not knowledge and scientific know-how.



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your church and Cuban refugees

Home Mission Board photos: Walker Knight, Ralph Rogers, Jay Duhan

FIDEL Castro's revolution delivered Cuba to the Communist bloc, flooded Miami with more than 150,000 refugees, and presented Southern Baptists and other Christian groups with a unique home mission opportunity.

Southern Baptist editors of state papers, quick to respond to the need, have termed this "an unprecedented challenge" and a "rare mission opportunity." But how does a denomination cope with such a problem? What solution can you offer thousands of homeless people who are without funds and the necessary language requirements for life in the United States?

When the first trickle of refugees reached Miami, local forces simply shifted to make room, helping as much as possible. But

Cuba swiftly moved toward a Communist economy and alignment, and the number of refugees swelled. Then came the abortive invasion and Castro's declaration that he is a Communist. The stream became a flood.

Local religious and civic forces were overwhelmed as between 1,500 and 2,000 refugees arrived weekly. The nation awoke to the need for resettlement and relief, with the federal government providing funds to tide the families through language and employment difficulties.

Southern Baptists in Miami and especially their Spanish language churches, found the need and the opportunity greater than their facilities or personnel could handle. They appealed early in 1961 to the Home Mission Board in Atlanta for assistance.

A Cuban personnel executive and his family, Senor Raul and Francisca Amieva, and sons Reinter and Raidel, resettle in Atlanta through efforts of Kirkwood Baptist Church, are welcomed by Kirkwood WMU president, Mrs. J. O. Williford, and Georgia WMU president, Mrs. E. L. Miller, both members at Kirkwood.

Photo courtesy: Christian Index



Per out of Castro's Cuba, refugees arrive in the USA at the rate of 1500 to 1 a week!



by walker knight,

editor, Home Missions

REFUGEES ARE WELCOMED at Miami International airport. . .

The first aid given by the mission board was \$10,000 to help distribute relief materials from the churches, but this sum was gone within three months. Again the Board was asked for assistance, not only in relief but to start a resettlement ministry. Another \$10,000 was provided, and the Woman's Missionary Union included \$50,000 in the 1962 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Two workers were assigned to the problem.

Robert Fricke of Miami, a former missionary to Cuba and a teacher and pastor among the city's Spanish-speaking population, was asked by the Board to direct the relief and resettlement ministry in Miami. He serves as assistant to Milton Leach, Jr. of Miami, director of Southern Baptist mission work among the Spanish-speaking in the area.

At the same time, R. G. Van Royen of Dallas, Tex., a former superintendent of home mission work in Panama, was asked to enlist Southern Baptists in a ministry of resettlement. Van Royen has led in the organization of association and state committees which are enlisting churches to sponsor the resettlement of families.

News stories, photographs, and articles were distributed to a large section of the secular and Southern Baptist press. The denomination responded.* As the news

If your church wants to help a Cuban family resettle in your community, write to your state denominational headquarters, or to Robert Fricke, 1780 N.E. Second Court, Miami 32, Florida.



Food for Refugees (see Cover 4, August Royal Service) is stored in Miami for distribution by Robert Fricke who directs relief and resettlement ministry for Southern Baptists in Miami



Refugees first check in at US government center where they receive a health check, become eligible for financial assistance, employment, and resettlement. All of which requires days because of crowd



Senor Otoniel Martinez, pharmacist employed by Georgia Baptist Hospital. This family was sponsored by Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta

spread, committees were organized, editorials were written, and scores of families began to be resettled.

Editor John Hurt in the *Christian Index* wrote, "Our Christian missionary program has in these Cuban refugees its greatest opportunity. We sent a half-dozen missionaries to Cuba for an impossible task with their limited resources. Now, those we sought to reach have come to us. We can demonstrate the teachings of Christ as we give food, shelter, and provide employment. We can take them into our churches for Bible study and preaching that will win them to Christ."

The entire ministry has been church-centered. Only churches are asked to assume sponsorship, which means providing a home, a job, and other necessities during the transitional period of adjustment. The federal government pays moving charges, and the churches are out little financially.

"We are about a year behind," says Miami missionary Milton Leach. "It is evident in the light of the present situation, that we have grossly underestimated the

size and dimension of the task."

Government and other forces had been able to resettle the refugees at the rate of only 500 a week, which is more than 1,000 short of the number arriving. As Southern Baptists and other Christian groups respond to this "unprecedented challenge," the number is expected to increase enough to exceed the number entering the United States.



A judge and lawyer, Senor Francisco Toracido with Senora Toracido who has found Christ as Saviour since coming to the USA

Below:

Merchant Miguel Lopez and his wife study English. They were resettled by Corpus Christi (Texas) Baptists where Senor Lopez is a clerk in a hardware store

To meet the physical need for the thousands still in Miami, Southern Baptists have been asked to provide food and good clothing. To keep the limited facilities from being overwhelmed, each state has been assigned a different month in which to appeal for help. These requests are now being made. (See August Royal Service for Christmas in August gifts to send now for Cuban refugees.)

Uppermost in the development of the program has been the attempt to provide a spiritual ministry. From the beginning, each request for assistance was referred to a Spanish pastor in Miami, who visited the home and made recommendations. He was the one who took the clothing and food to the family, using the visit as an opportunity for a spiritual contact. As a result, the Miami Spanish churches and departments are growing rapidly, not only winning Baptists from Cuba but winning

Reverie

God's Plan

One small life in God's great plan,
How futile it seems as the ages roll,
Do what it may, or strive how it can,
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole!
A single stitch in an endless web,
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb
But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost,
On oared where the tangled threads have crossed;
And each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that its Maker meant.

—Susan Coolidge

The Shining Face

Years ago, when the great missionary,
Adoniram Judson, was home on furlough,
He passed through Stonington, Connecticut.

In those days the Stonington Line
was the principal route between New England
and New York, and the boys of the town
often played about the wharves in the evening
in the hope of catching a glimpse
of some famous man.

Two trains connected with the boat.
One evening, when a train came in,
one of the boys noticed a man whose appearance
excited his curiosity and wonder.

Never before had he seen such a light
on any human face. Presently it dawned on him
that the man was the famous missionary, Adoniram Judson,
whose picture he had once seen. The boy
ran up the street to the Baptist minister's home
to ask if it could really be he.

The minister hurried back with him.
Yes, the boy was right. But the minister,
absorbed in conversation with the missionary,
forgot all about the boy who had brought
him the news. The boy, silent, eager,
unable to tear himself away, stood by
and watched that wonderful face.

Many years afterward, that boy, Henry Clay Trumbull,
became a famous minister himself, and wrote a book
of memories in which was a chapter entitled,
"What a boy saw in the face of Adoniram Judson."
The light in the missionary's face still
shines down the years.

Wait On

To talk with God,
No breath is lost—
Talk on!
To walk with God,
No strength is lost—
Walk on!
To wait on God,
No time is lost—
Wait on!

—Dhyanodaya
(Indian Poet)





LAST MONTH I told you briefly about visiting in Chile and Argentina. You recall that a significant event in Chile was the beginning by our missionaries of Baptist work in that southernmost city, Punta Arenas. In Argentina I was privileged to enjoy the second annual WMU conference of those wonderful Argentine women. In August I tried to give to you the thrill of those experiences.

Now let me take you along with me. You actually were in my thinking! Whenever I travel to mission fields for Woman's Missionary Union, I am always aware of a "great cloud of witnesses"—you, who are at home and who through your faithfulness in prayer and gifts make a large part of Southern Baptist mission work possible.

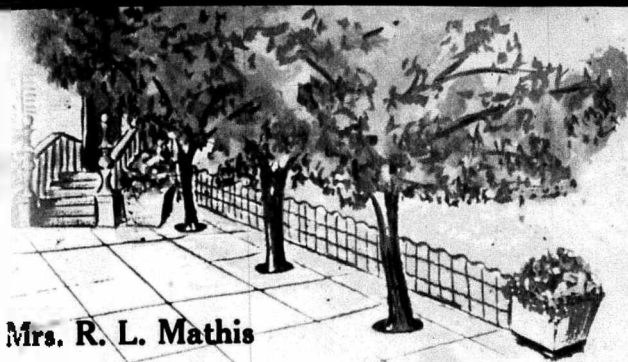
In South American countries one is aware—as we are here in the USA—of the old and the new pushing hard on one another. I felt this everywhere. There were old customs and new, living agreeably together. In one great city there was a modern expressway with traffic moving at a fast clip. A few moments before we came upon the expressway we had been charmed by the leisurely scene in the heart of the city. A beautiful street had been closed to traffic. On the sidewalk and in the street, people beautifully dressed were strolling along, visiting, enjoying one another. They were out to shop, to see and be seen. A lovely custom!

In some of the cities one can almost believe she is in Europe, so identical are the

customs. In the midst of the most terrifying traffic in cities like Rio, Santiago, Buenos Aires, trees line the streets of the business section as well as the residential. For the most part they grow right up out of the sidewalk. They are carefully tended, kept alive, and beautiful. The European origin of these people is much more in evidence than it is in our country, evident in architecture, in red and pink geraniums in great profusion, in tea parties which follow every WMU meeting, afternoon or evening!

Guayaquil, Ecuador, the city of bananas! All along the wharfs boats wait, at anchor, for the loads and loads of bananas that line the streets to be taken on board, to be shipped to all parts of the world. Low, humid, hot—the busy streets of Guayaquil give the visitor the definite feeling that here are people on the move. And, such was the feeling one received from visiting our Baptist churches and missions. Shelby Smith dashed in his car from church to church and mission to mission that I might see the eager people in services—Sundays morning.

Peru was Spain's most highly prized possession in the new world. Cuzco, 11,000 feet high in the Andes, was the seat of the powerful Inca empire. Peru, on the beautiful Pacific, offers Southern Baptists a "highly prized possession" for a Lord. In a few short years since I visited here in 1953, I saw an amazing growth in the camp site under development, lovely buildings in beautiful areas of the city.



by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

Uruquay, and a contagious enthusiasm shared by the missionaries with national Baptists.

The smallest and one of the most advanced lands of South America is Uruguay. The present population is almost wholly of European descent. The capital city, Montevideo, is the beachhead for Southern Baptist work in that small country. Missionaries, national pastors and wives met with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma City, and me for an afternoon of questions and discussion. It was a challenging experience and a rather frightening one because of their penetrating questions about our churches, Cooperative Program giving, and our world mission program.

Brazil, the world's fifth largest nation, covers almost half the South American continent. In the last few years Brazil has made great strides in building roads and dams and in developing industries. Central in this development has been the building of a new capital city, Brasilia, in the very heart of a vast hitherto unused interior territory. This has been an amazing 20th century miracle, accomplished in the past five years. Climbing a high rugged hill to the good will center in Rio and flying to Brasilia to worship in a temporary building next door to the beautiful marble and glass First Baptist Church, nearing completion, suggests a sharp contrast in the many wonderful experiences I had in that amazing country. Once again I heard Brazilians sing the Baptist national anthem, "My Country for Christ." I had just expressed

my gratitude to the women of Rio for their singing of that hymn at the close of the Baptist World Alliance Congress there in 1960, when they began to sing it especially for me. I almost wept and I think they shared my emotion. They told me that since that meeting of the BWA in Rio the non-Baptists do not call them Protestants but Baptists.

When we reached Cali, Colombia, we made our way through mud-and-rock streets of a new "barrio" which is a suburb to us. There were hundreds of bamboo lean-tos, the beginnings of cement block or brick houses, with a common water and washing center every few blocks. We drove through throngs of children, and suddenly a woman nearby began to wave and call out to us. She had recognized missionary Crea Ridenour. The woman joyfully told us that she had been praying that her little house might become the meeting place for Baptists in that section. Here was a joining of Baptist minds and hearts on a dirt street in a new barrio in Cali, Colombia!

Traveling in Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries was not a simple matter for a woman who neither spoke nor understood either language. But even though their Spanish and Portuguese words were unintelligible to me, I had no difficulty in knowing the warmth of their Christian love and realizing anew that all of us—Baptists of South and North America—have a tremendous task yet to do in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study: *Enlistment for Missions*,* by Helen Fling

Unit Theme: Looking at Communism

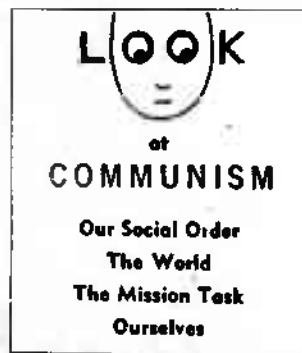
Circle Program Topic for September:

The COUNTERATTACK on COMMUNISM

by John W. Drakeford

Program Chairman: In this list of three programs there should be a strong positive note. J. Edgar Hoover's book *Masters of Deceit* Chapter 24 "How to Stay Free" will be of help. Order it for 50c from Baptist Book Stores.

The theme for the study is "Looking." Your ingenuity will help here. You may be able to prepare a poster. One way to do it would be:



Introduction by Program Chairman: The symbol of communism is the hammer and sickle. The prophet Jeremiah used a figure of speech which included the hammer: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord: and like a hammer . . . Jeremiah 23:29. Communism uses the sickle while the symbol from the Scriptures is fire. Appropriately the sickle represents communism: it is the great destroyer. Like a grim line of reapers marching abreast across a ripened field, communism marches across the world seeking to cut down eternal values long held by men and women of faith, indeed by many who do not claim Christ as Saviour.

What is to be done? There are a number of ways people are responding as more and more recognize this evil threat. One way is to ignore it. Some people seem to feel that by refusing to admit its power communism will go away.

Another approach is to throw in the sponge and surrender. There are actually some people today who feel that communism is so powerful that it would be

better to surrender than to be involved in a nuclear war. This is exactly what Communists want noncommunists to believe—that they are invincible. One of the dangers inherent in studying the tremendous power of communism is that we will become demoralized and give up. In England one of the cries from Pacifists has been "better Red than dead." Red-blooded Americans respond over and over with the answer "better dead than Red." This is the cherished tradition of Americans—that we rout tyranny.

Every loyal, thoughtful American knows that Communist leaders are men and that like other men they are not all powerful. Their greatest power is the power of the devil who is their chief ally as they peddle a godless, depraved, evil way of life. The devil is as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, and so are the wicked men who sit in the Kremlin plotting ways to destroy others.

A third attitude is that of challenge and counter attack. This is what we must do. Women can lead out in this advance. Christian women are mobilized to live and work and witness constantly to the power of God to destroy all evil, there is no telling what God will do through us.

"What can we do to destroy communism?" There is no simple answer. The situation is complex; it must constantly be evaluated and new strategy planned. However, there are five looks which are needed: (1) Look at Communism, (2) Look at Our Social Order, (3) Look at the World, (4) Look at the Mission Task, (5) Look at Ourselves.

Look at Communism

For most of us there is alarming ignorance about communism. Two extremes are evident. One is the person who thinks Communists are just "agrarian reformers" or a new form of democracy which will harm nobody. The other extreme is that person who thinks everyone is a Communist who differs with him.

Both attitudes are inaccurate and dangerous. A prevalence of such thinking in-

dicates the necessity for study and understanding of the true nature of communism.

A democracy depends on an enlightened people, and we badly need enlightenment in the area of democracy's greatest threat.

A study such as we are in at this moment

Secure these:

Masters of Deceit, by J. Edgar Hoover (50c); *What We Must Know About Communism*, by H. & B. Overstreet (50c); *The Profile of Communism* (95c); *Communism Its Faith and Fallacies*, by James Bales (\$3.95); *Communist Manifesto*, by Karl Marx (30c); *Christians Confront Communism*, by Paul Geren (75c).

Order all books from Baptist Book Stores.

is important. Moreover every Christian ought to read books on the subject. These may serve as a starting point. (Secure these (see list above) and other good books on this subject and display them at your circle meeting. Suggest how members may buy or borrow them.) Two excellent pamphlets on communism are available from Christian Life Commission, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn., at 1c each. They are "The Communist Challenge to Christians" and "Communism: Challenge to Christianity."

Communism is not easy to understand. Its philosophical basis is complex as also is its plan of action. A study of it must be undertaken if we are to have adequate knowledge of the challenge we face.

Look At Our Social Order

While alert to the false propaganda of communism, it is foolhardy for us to imagine that nothing is wrong with our social order. There are still many aspects of our life which need attention. Gambling, liquor, graft, and low moral standards among many of us cannot be glossed over.

The Communist propaganda machine has not been slow to capitalize on our weaknesses. Though we Southerners are sensitive to the issue, the race question constitutes a favorite target for communism. It is common knowledge that racial prejudice is utilized by Communists across the world and is probably their best single weapon against the free nations of the world. Douglas Hyde says:

A lynchings in the Southern States, a case of crude discrimination in the West Indies, the practice of crude color bar in South Africa—these are used by Communists all over the world as ammunition.

As difficult as it is, we must face these issues as they apply to our own social order and continue to seek Christian solutions.

One not so obvious area is family life. It is strange to notice among the revolutionaries of communism that Karl Marx was constantly at odds with his mother, Engels revolted against his family, Stalin had an alcoholic father, and Trotsky quarreled violently with his parents. Virginia Pasley noticed that among the twenty-one GIs who remained in Communist hands in Korea: Nineteen felt unwanted by their fathers or stepfathers. Eighteen grew up in poverty. Eighteen took no part in school activities or sports. Sixteen came from broken homes. Sixteen were "lonc-wolves" and withdrawn.

Communism is opposed to the family. The *Communist Manifesto* pours out scorn on what it calls "the bourgeoisie [bour zhien ZE] claptrap about the family and education, about the hallowed correlation of parent and child. . . ." Communism's ultimate aim is to "replace home education with social." In China the family historically has been the center of the social order. In order to strengthen the Communist movement in their own country, the Russians have temporarily retreated from their basic argument that the family must be replaced, but the ultimate objective in both China and Russia is still the abolition of the family.

The family, the bulwark of the best aspects of Christian living, is in serious

trouble in our country. With communism one out of every three marriages breaking up, family life is taking a terrible setback. The church is uniquely fitted to minister to home and family life and must increasingly give itself to the task.

As conscious as we are of shortcomings in our American way of life, we must know and understand the great traditions and ideals of our country. Too often we let Communist sympathizers intimidate us when we should "let freedom ring." J. Edgar Hoover says, "Suppose every American spent a little time each day, less than the time demanded by the Communists, in studying the Bible and the basic documents of American history, government, and culture? The result would be a new America, vigilant, strong, but ever humble in search of God." (See "What's Right with America," page 1 and "Did You Read It?" lower page 2.)

Look at the World

A tremendous change has come over the world in the last few years, and many of the traditional concepts held by the exploited countries were swept out in the aftermath of World War II.

A vacuum was created. The challenge we face today is to fill this vacuum.

International communism has convinced many governments that their hope for a better life lies in the teachings of Karl Marx. The secret of Communist expansion has been its ability to sell this false idea through the printed page and by exploitation of people. Too late they realize their error in believing false promises.

Never in the history of propaganda has such a barrage of printed matter hit the world. In 1955 the Communist newspaper *Pravda* referred to the Soviet press as the party's strongest ideological weapon. It has been reliably reported that Russia intends to spend \$340 million by 1965 to expand the Soviet printing and publishing industry. Books are usually sold at about one-fifth of prevailing commercial prices and considered as weapons to be directed at targets in many countries without regard

to cost. In their propaganda attack on India alone it has been estimated that in 1960 over a million books were exported to that country.

The United States has openly stated it will not initiate a military attack on Communist countries, yet we continue to concentrate on the buildup of armaments. Obviously we must have a strong defense, but it is only defense. Warfare against communism must be waged on a spiritual battlefield. An idea can only be defeated by a superior idea. Nuclear weapons cannot destroy Communist philosophy. Neither can our government's foreign aid programs lead millions to embrace a democratic philosophy because we have given them material goods and money.

Only a vast army of Christians with the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ can fill the vacuum and reveal to the deceived millions that communism is a fraud. No country in the world has the printing resources comparable to ours. More and more good literature needs to be exported.

The Mission Task

Communism has made greatest progress in countries where the Eastern and Western branches of Catholicism are predominant. Nor can evangelicals ignore the fact that Communists now control the mainland of China, stronghold of Confucianism and Taoism where Southern Baptists began missionary work.

Unfortunately the story of Southern Baptists' enterprise in China may be described as "too little and too late."

MOSLEM LANDS. In our day we are seeing a new area of capitulation to communism. Sections of the world dominated by Islam have always been most difficult for Christian missionaries to evangelize, and because of the fanatical zeal of its adherents Islam has been said to be a bulwark against communism. It was claimed Islam would never capitulate to communism but of recent days Communists have made amazing advances infiltrating Moslem areas. Islam's followers are showing signs

of weakening. The Communists are entering in.

FOREIGN STUDENTS. Another challenge to our missionary enterprise are the foreign students who are studying in Western countries. Students with dark skins sometimes meet racial discrimination when they go to England or America to study. Such experiences encourage feelings of resentment toward Western nations which some have been taught to think of as "imperialistic" and interested only in "exploiting" native populations of Asia and Africa for the profit of white intruders. Moreover, these young men and women, and there are more than 60 thousand in America, are often lonely strangers in a strange land, and are particularly susceptible and grateful for a friendly word or a helping hand.

Communism claims to welcome people of colored races and to make unusual efforts to make them feel accepted. The lonely stranger does not realize that this is not sincere friendliness, but rather a deliberate, well organized design to capture the intelligent student for communism. Douglas Hyde says that it is generally acknowledged that capitulation by the Chinese came from students who had been indoctrinated in communism while they lived in London, Paris, and New York. He says communism has a motto: "It was China today. There is no reason why it should not be Africa and India tomorrow."

Foreign students in our country present us with unusual opportunities for evangelistic work. Many of them are lonely and discouraged and looking for friendship. We should take them into our homes and our churches and make them feel a part of us. After surrounding them with friendliness we should help them to see that the essential truth about life is spiritual; that in Christ there is fulfillment. The student or visitor from overseas who goes home a Christian is himself a missionary. (See leaflet "Handbook for the Host," 10c, from Office of Student World Relations, United Presbyterian Church in the USA, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 924, New York 27, N. Y.).

J. Edgar Hoover's plan of action calls for the training of youth. Communists have majored upon working with students and young people and by capitalizing upon their idealism have sought to lead them into their movement. Are we challenging young people as we should? Why do we never have enough mission volunteers? The ringing challenge of the Saviour must be presented to our young people. It requires patience to work with young people, but they are our guarantee for tomorrow's missionary enterprise.

Look at Ourselves

Communists consider themselves to be unique. As Stalin stood by the casket of Lenin he said, "We Communists are people of a special mold. We are made of special stuff." Indeed they are! Their beliefs are concocted by the devil!

Christ described the characteristics of his followers in the Sermon on the Mount in such a way as to amaze the disciples who

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WHICH WAY FORWARD?

Faith at the Crossroads

DENSON N. FRANKLIN

Like an assuring beacon through clouded, ominous skies, these richly illustrated messages dispense the wondrous light of Christian peace and promise, to uphold the reader in the varied crossroad decisions of everyday life. (\$2.50 from Baptist Book Stores)

"BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!"

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do."

While the souls of men are dying, And the Master calls for you. . . .

If you cannot cross the ocean And the heathen lands explore,

You can find the needy nearer, You can help those at your door.

—Daniel March

These are the words that ring in my ears when I hear people say, "But there's nothing I can do. I'm too old to go," or "I give all I can to the church," or "What more can I do?"

Nothing you can do? I think of the rural church, Cypress Chapel, near Spring Hope, N. C. A little church in a tobacco community that had been a part-time church for 100 years!

Evidently the mission call has been clear through the years, for several ministers and mission volunteers have gone out from that church.

But the time came when the congregation began to ask, "What more can we do?" and they realized that their first minister was a pastor to live on the field, to help them into further service for God. I am small

Mrs. Thurnan Allred's husband is pastor, Eden, North Carolina.

by Mary Allred

congregation set about building a parsonage. Men and women worked side by side, painting, varnishing, working, a labor of love.

Our family had the joy of serving as their first pastor and family, living in that community and watching them grow in Christian maturity. As their first full-time program was begun, young people began to respond again to God's call and at one time 15 of our finest young people stood ready as volunteers for full-time vocational Christian service. One who responded was Walter Hill, now pastor of Mt. Sinai Church, Herndon, N. C. Another was our son David, who is now a student at Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem. He is interim pastor of a church in Chowan County where he preaches twice a month. We have kept up with many of these young people and know that most of them have gone on to college and are now vital Christian witnesses in various professions.

This small congregation continued to look for opportunities for service and they found a home for aged residents not too far away where there was no regular ministry. After preparation and prayer, the group began sending about 40 people every fourth Sunday for a worship service for the two or three dozen elderly people who live in that home.

Nothing you can do? You too can look for people in your community who are neglected.

Nothing you can do? Another small village church, First Baptist at New London, N. C., realized their own community was not growing and the potential for mission work was very small in their immediate area.

But they saw a young foreign student from Korea, Ho Eun Kim, miserably alone, he attended school a few miles away. They invited him into their midst and

made him feel welcome. As a result of that interest, Kim will go back to his own country bearing testimony that not all Americans are prejudiced about different skins or different backgrounds.

Nothing you can do? There are more than 60 thousand of these lonely students in our country; some in your community or nearby. They need individual attention, friendship, and understanding.

At New London, they also found a family undergoing great hardship. The father was serving a term in prison. Crops were ready to harvest and the children were too small to handle such a task. The men of the little church stepped in and harvested the crop, helping the wife and mother prepare for long months ahead before the breadwinner returned to his family. This Christian concern impressed the man, and since he returned to the community, he has become a better husband and father.

Nothing you can do? You can look for the unfortunate in your community. You can help them to lift themselves up instead of pushing them down further into the depths of sin.

Still nothing you can do? Is there yet racial prejudice in your church or community? Is it possible to be "color blind," and look at each individual as a precious soul, instead of as a member of a minority group? Can we not recognize human need wherever it is and meet it by helping people to help themselves?

Nothing more to do? Are there no shut-ins in your community? People who were faithful church members as long as they were able to go? Is anyone carrying the church to them now? They need contact with the church which they have loved and served for so long.

Nothing more to do? There is more to do than you or I can complete in many lifetimes! Let us get to the task!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS *"The Way of Life"*

Verse for Month: "And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death" Jeremiah 21:8.

Purpose of Program: To view work being done among international students, with emphasis on witnessing done by individuals; to show the need for more Christians who will bear a long-term witness through genuine friendship.

Dress Up Your Program

Like your good little black frock, the program can be dressed up by adding a few accessories. After presentation of "Love Them Into the Way," the program chairman may give "When? Who? Where?" then introduce Mrs. Composite WMS member. Arrange a living room scene with Mrs. Member seated at a work table where the Bible, a large scrapbook, books, papers, etc., are spread before her. Ask a good storyteller to be Mrs. Member. She will do all the speaking after her introduction, but women hidden behind a screen to read the letters will lend variety. Consider taping the letters if recording equipment is handy.

Add extra trimmings. A few simple tableaux (still-life scenes) staged to one side of the living room set will not require extra time nor need any explanation. Several members wearing different national costumes may pose as Mrs. Member tells her stories. Mix and match costumed members for the tableaux. Use your imagination for an original design, but tops these patterns if you wish: picnic scene, home scene, Bible class, presenting Bible, carol singing, group at prayer. Mrs. Member's "win" could appear in the tableaux.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story" (verse 1)

Call to Prayer

Love Them Into the Way

Solo: "Getting to Know You" from "The King and I" (Get sheet music for your music store) or "No One Ever Cried for Me Like Jesus" (from a Songspiration book Favorites No. 2*)

*75c from Baptist Book Stores

by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

Stories contributed by:

Mrs. David Fair Boyd, Georgia
Mrs. Phil Maxwell, Florida
Miss Eunice Parker, Texas

"When? Who? Where?"

Mrs. Composite WMS Member Shares Her Scrapbook About International Students

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" (verse 1)

Call to Prayer: (See page 29)

Love Them Into the Way

Two grandmothers were chatting about their mutual grandchildren. One grandmother, called "Mont" by the children, had given new dresses to two little girls. Six-year-old Janie Lynn excitedly telephoned her other grandmother to tell the news. "Mont gave us new dresses and I don't know why, because it's not our birthday." Grandmother No. 2 replied, "I'll tell you why. She gave you those dresses because she loves you very much." "Yes, I know she loves me," said Janie thoughtfully. "And everybody who knows me loves me. It's just the people who don't know me who don't love me, because all the people who know me love me."

Thousands of international students are studying in the United States, with the prospect of many more to come in the future. Just the people who "don't know them don't love them" for those who know them love them already.

Southern Baptist women are becoming increasingly aware of the opportunity of witnessing to these students from abroad. A verse from Jeremiah is appropriate to

program

"That Thy Way may be known"

the need (read Jer. 21:8). This verse suggests that there are only two ways: the way of life, and the way of death. We believe we have come to know this way of life, and we also believe we have the obligation to share it with others.

Strangers in a strange land, these students are often overwhelmed by the differences they find here. Frustrated by the mysteries and double meaning of a foreign language, they are confused, lonely, and homesick. Woman's Missionary Society members have used many means to set the way of life before international students: befriending them in numerous ways, providing for experiences of the best side of life in America in the hospitality of Christian homes. Churches have been led to promote activities designed to attract them. Through association with Christian people who are concerned for their spiritual welfare, a number of the students each year are brought to a knowledge of Christ in his saving power.

As we get to know them ourselves, we will love them. Then they will be ready to listen when the way of Christ is set before them.

Solo: (see suggested choice in program outline.)

When? Who? Where?
(by program chairman)

Exchanging students among nations is as old as the academic community. From earliest times when the wandering scholar

traveled from Rome to Athens, down to the present twentieth century Fulbright scholarships, men have sought knowledge and training in foreign institutions. The education of the nineteenth century gentleman was not complete until he had made the "grand tour" of European schools. Now the center of interest has shifted to the United States where engineering, the humanities, and the social sciences are the most popular fields of study.

Who are the international students? They are more than 60,000 people, according to newspaper accounts, who come to the States to study. They are among the finest and most intelligent young people of their nations. Many are selected through highly competitive tests or programs. Some come at the expense of their governments, and when they go home will be engaged in work for their governments. Some come at their own expense because they want to come. They want to see for themselves what the United States is like. Some come on exchange scholarships by arrangement between governments.

Where do these students come from and where are former students? "Out of the everywhere" they have come to enroll in the colleges and universities across our nation. In 1960-61 more than 63,000 came from 141 countries and areas to register in 1,674 US schools and 1012 hospitals. In addition to students, the number is increased by foreign physicians training in our hospitals; by foreign faculty members teaching and doing research in our schools; by military groups who come for special training periods. In every state—in large educational centers, in small state- or church-supported colleges—these student-visitors are found. They present an unparalleled opportunity in international relationships.

From backgrounds of culture vastly different and usually much older than our own they have come, bringing with them religious faiths little known to most Americans. Their purpose in coming is not to exchange their religious practices and beliefs for Christianity, but to broaden their

knowledge. For Christians in this country, however, they bring foreign mission challenges to our doorsteps. They seek the best that America has to offer. Shall we fail in present to all of them Christ who is the best, the only way of life?

Program Chairman introduces Mrs. Composite WMS Member, who enters and sits at her work table.

Program Chairman continues: We have here a woman who is not one woman, but she is several women all bundled and tied into one. She is from many towns and cities. She has opened her home to foreign students. She has visited in their dormitories or boarding homes, apartments or rooms. She has taken them with her to church. She has introduced them to other friends. She has studied the Bible with them, and helped them to be good students in their studies. She has sung songs and played games with them. She has helped them with English and with many problems which they have shared with her. She has often run errands for them, and provided transportation to many places, including grocery store and automatic laundry. In short, she has been a genuine friend. She is Mrs. Composite WMS Member. Let's listen—

(Mrs. WMS Member turns the pages of her scrapbook—a large book—then toward the back of the volume, she begins to write. After a word or two, she stops thoughtfully and begins to talk.)

How the days fly by (studies calendar). Here it is September and schools everywhere are in full swing again. We're already off to a good start in our plans for international students. This is a new list of students which just came from the foreign student adviser. When it is possible to get names in advance I write to the students before they leave their homes. They appreciate this because it makes them feel that a friend will be awaiting them here in our country. I was about to add this list from

one of them to my scrapbook. Shall I read a part of it to you? (*Voice off stage.*)

"I am very much obliged for your pleasant letter. It is indeed kind of you to inform me that my arrival will be in a warm atmosphere, because I have always a gnawing fear that in spite of the present day world friendship, as a person I might find myself at a loss among you."

I'll make copies of this list of students so that other members of my committee may have the names. This provides us a prayer list all year long, as well as a working list. Some of these young people from overseas we may be able to win. Some we will not. But we will sow the seed and pray that it will germinate later on. A few are already Christians, I see, possibly products of Baptist or other mission work. All are potential Christian witnesses to their native lands if we can bring them to accept Christ as Saviour while they are here. As chairman of this committee for international student activities in my church, I have many plans to bring before our committee.

Our first social occasion will be a get-acquainted picnic which we have as early in the school year as possible. The easy informality of a picnic provides a good atmosphere for meeting students who have just arrived. Our letter of invitation welcomes the student to our country, urges him to plan to come to the picnic, and offers transportation. From this beginning, we go on to many pleasant and helpful activities with the students throughout the year.

How I wish Southern Baptist women could read the stories in this scrapbook (flips pages). They would surely catch the international spirit and be burdened to witness to these talented and brilliant young people. This is a rewarding service. The reciprocal cultural exchange is educational on both sides. And what greater reward can there be than leading someone to faith in Christ? And who knows what worldwide influences may be set in motion.

(The off stage voice may tell this story as Mrs.

WMS Member appears to be reading it.) Miss Evelyn Owen, arriving in Japan to begin her first term of service as a missionary, was met at the pier by a friend, a Japanese Christian and his Christian wife. The Owen family in America had befriended a young Buddhist student when he came to the States to study engineering. Keenly intelligent, and eager to learn American ways, he had visited a Baptist church. The Owen family took the young man under their wing and he became a frequent visitor in their home, dropping by many times for tea or for a chat. The following year, while attending another school in the East, this student accepted Christ. The influence of Evelyn's Christian home had borne fruit in the decision of the Japanese student. One wonders if the new missionary to Japan did not see the need of a whole nation embodied in that one former student who had needed the Saviour. Fellow missionaries say Evelyn Owen is one of their best, for she has unusual ability to win the hearts of the Japanese.

(Mrs. WMS member continues.) Some people may have mistaken ideas about students who come here. While many come from so-called under-developed countries, this does not necessarily mean that the student is under-privileged or uneducated. Many have had prior college and graduate work and come from homes of refinement, gentility, and high ideals. Let me illustrate. (*Turns pages of scrapbook to find story.*)

(Another off-stage voice tells story.) Sarla came from India to work toward her doctorate in statistics. Once she helped a fellow student with a mathematics problem and the American girl asked, "Sarla, you have helped me so much, what can I do to help you?" Sarla replied, "Teach me your Bible." Many foreign students are already acquainted with Christianity and are eager to learn more. Sarla became a regular member of a Bible study class and her Bible teacher says, "She was happy for me to write to her parents. The reply from her father reveals the educational background of the home." In his letter Sarla's father

wrote:

"I was very glad to hear from you about Sarla. Please write to me about her whenever you can. Sarla has for the first time in her life traveled far from her home and family, and it is very likely she may feel homesick. But now, because of you, I am sure she will not feel so. Sarla often writes about you in her letters to us.

"My second son is helping me in my business. My elder son is at present at Toledo, USA, doing research in metallurgy. My eldest daughter is studying gynecology. Her husband is a surgeon. My youngest daughter is studying at college. I shall be expecting to hear from you from time to time."

Her teacher adds, "Sarla's eagerness to study the Bible made it easy for us to enlist her in other activities. Students are easy to reach when kindness is shown them."

(Another off-stage voice.) Fan Yan Kuo is a student in the same school. He attends church services regularly. One day a friend was talking with him about Christ and said, "If only I could believe as you believe it would solve so many problems for me." Later he asked of a Chinese Christian, "Why are these people so good to me?" His answer was, "It is because they are Christians. Christianity is a WAY of life."

Friends say Fan is seriously considering accepting Christ. The initial contact with Fan was easy to make because of an incident which occurred before he reached school. Already late in his arrival at college, the train broke down in New Orleans, causing a long delay. It was late at night. Needing help to work out his transportation on to school, Fan ran his finger down the names in the telephone directory and somehow found the name of a preacher. The minister proved to be a Presbyterian preacher to the Chinese of the city. He gave Fan the help he needed, and in addition, gave him a Bible. God works in mysterious ways!

(Mrs. WMS Member continues.) Who can say what it is about dedicated Christians that is most attractive to people who

know little, if anything at all, about Christ. Is it friendship? Kindness? Consideration? Understanding? Willingness to help? One student related what she saw.

(Off-stage voice.) The government of Turkey sent Neriman here to prepare for teaching teachers of home economics in her country. Her course of study required travel for observation and it seemed impossible to find a convenient time when she could visit in a home. A new friend says, "I went to see her several times at her apartment. I wanted to be her friend. When our Bible classes started, she attended faithfully. I told her about Lydia, a Turkish woman, who, as far as we know, was the first European Christian. Neriman knew about Ephesus for she lives not far away. She was interested that Paul had witnessed in her country, and seemed eager for every word. Eventually I said, 'Neriman, would you like to have a Bible?' 'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'and I will read it.'"

Neriman returned to her home within a few months, and she took her Bible. She knows that there are Christian people here who love her. What attracted her to Christ? She said it simply, "Christians seem to have such a peace about them."

(Off-stage voice.) Our Young Woman's Auxiliary invited Kusuma, a Buddhist girl from Ceylon, to spend a weekend with them. She wrote this note of appreciation. "My impressions of Baptist people have deepened very much through this visit. I was first of all impressed when, instead of inviting a Christian to come, you invited me, a Buddhist, to come and be with you. I am writing my thesis on the subject of what Westerners have written about Ceylon. You know most of them call us heathens. They don't even try to understand our ways." Then she added, "You will win more of us to Christianity by friendliness and understanding."

(Mrs. WMS Member continues.) State Baptist Student Unions promote international student retreats or conferences for the purpose of understanding the religious faiths and philosophies of one another—

Christian and non-Christian. They encourage students to attend these meetings and many WMSUs help with transportation. The overseas students are helped to understand the purpose of the retreat, and they go prepared to listen, and to share their beliefs and customs. Most of them return to campus with a greater respect for and understanding of our Christian faith. Many seek additional knowledge afterwards. One state had 160 foreign students registered at its three-day retreat. From thirty-nine countries their faiths were Baptist, Bahai, World Faith, Buddhism, Catholic, Dutch Reformed, Eastern Coptic, Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Hindu, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Sikhism. Some state Woman's Missionary Unions help with the expense of such conferences. One foreign student wrote, "It was one of the most enlightened experiences of my life. I wish I could have more opportunity of knowing about Christianity."

(Off-stage voice.) A student from Iran accepted Christ after months of close association with dedicated Christians, climaxed by his participation in the annual statewide conference. Here is an excerpt from his letter, "Indeed, you led to Christ a person who belonged to nothing and who was going to get in trouble. I had followed materialism, but even while I believed in materialism, I was not quiet within my heart. So you remember when we got close to God? You prayed for me, then you cried when I tried to keep back my tears. I went to God through Jesus Christ. Yes! It was the result of my feeling for three days, staying with Christian people and watching your activities. It was really truth. You did everything you believed. I am very happy to be in love with Jesus Christ and his people."

"I shall make it a point of duty to continue my love to Jesus Christ and do what he wants that his people should do. I wrote to my mother and explained everything that happened to me, and I am going to write to my friends in my country. You know, I have a lot of friends that believe

me. I'll tell them I am going to introduce them to my love, Jesus Christ, who loves me and my people also. I center my affection on this belief, and I center my hope in Jesus Christ. Maybe it is very unusual for you to meet a person who becomes a Christian so easy, but, in fact, it was not easy for me to join to Jesus Christ, and it will not be easy for my people to hear from me. Oh! I am not cast down. I believe that Jesus will help me to show him to my people. You know that I carry my life in my hands in this way in order to guide my people to God through Jesus Christ. But don't worry about me. I center my hope in him."

(Mrs. WMS member.) A friend to international students became such a friend through her own personal need. Faced with the necessity of making a living and sending her children to school, she started renting rooms to university students and serving them meals. She learned from a Cuban student who knocked at her door that foreign students had difficulty finding living accommodations. The Cuban boy brought other internationals, and they brought their friends, until she was sleeping on a cot in the hallway in order to make a dining room out of her bedroom. Seeing the need, she bought a larger house. In eight years sixty-four countries have been represented in what a newspaper reporter called a "Little United Nations" with an ambassador who demonstrates Americans are not money-grubbers without any thought for the rest of the world. To local Baptists she is a foreign missionary at home.

This Christian woman continues to provide spiritual food as well as physical for her boarders. Among others, she tells of the conversion of a Moslem and a Buddhist, both of whom now witness in their own countries. The Buddhist was invited and went to church with his hostess to tell about his religion. After the service several people gathered around telling the student of his need for Christ. Maung became quite angry and threatening, and turned away.

A few days later, this woman arose in

the early hours, and was preparing the day's food when Manning came to her. Terrified by a dream, he told of his fears. Believing him to be under conviction, she prayed with Manning that he might know Christ and be released from his fears. He soon yielded and became a faithful believer. From Burma he now writes, "How wonderful it is to know Christ and his love. How thankful I am for what Jesus means to me and to you for telling me about the Saviour."

Renting a room or apartment to a foreign student, or married couple, may meet a real need. It also offers a very natural opportunity for sustaining a day-to-day Christian witness. A young woman from Indonesia found such a happy living arrangement. She was a professor in a university of her country, and came from a family who was prominent in government affairs. She loved music and came to a personal belief in Christ because her Baptist landlady took the time to play and sing Christian hymns with her.

(Off stage voice) A missionary to students says, "Speaking of singing reminds me that one of the enjoyable activities we arrange for foreign students through my church is carol singing at Christmas. They are eager to know about our customs and seasonal celebrations. Cards may be entirely new to some, so we meet early for rehearsal. After caroling we have a Christmas party at my home, with games, gift exchange, and refreshments." She continues, "Woman's Missionary Society members are glad to put jars of home-made cookies under the tree for the students, and provide copies of Christmas Scripture Portion (a booklet), 'Unto You . . . A Saviour' (3¢ each from American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York) to be enclosed in letters of invitation for the event."

(Mrs. HAMS Member) Among a group of international students there are usually some who are Christians. These need Christian nurture and encouragement while away from home. Our churches can be so different to them and the students may

miss close personal fellowship and the sense of belonging they knew at home. A Nigerian student said, "I grew up in a Baptist church, but here in your churches I feel myself a stranger. I do not have any real church home."

(Off stage voice) Alice Nix, American friends feel that she helped them more than they helped her. Alice came from a Dutch Reformed Church family in Indonesia. In the states she joined a Baptist church. Through the BSU on her campus she became a shining example of Christian living. She often took her friends to visit a friendly Baptist woman. She seemed to want them to see a Christian home. Among her last friends were a Buddhist teacher, a Catholic and a Cape student! The joy of Christian living was easily discernible in her life and in her speech. Many friends helped make it possible for Alice to go to Cornell University to do research. Her thesis for a master's degree was a comparative study of women of Indonesia and women of the United States. Many times when it appeared impossible for her to continue her work, the necessary funds would come. Her tremendous faith in God's will for her life never wavered. At home now, you may be sure that Alice is cheerfully witnessing for the Master wherever she is and whatever she is doing.

Sometimes a student will have some very unusual problem which requires expert attention. Doan was such a student.

Working with international students may become a family project. An American girl saw Doan on campus, looking very lonely and dejected. She introduced him to her. Later she invited him to Sunday dinner, along with other students. He was particularly appreciative of the rice he had, and told us, "I wrote my father that I didn't know whether I could stand it or not, being away from home. In the university cafeteria they put such a little bit of rice on my plate, and they seem to think it is funny when I ask for a double helping. In my country we eat large bowls of rice three times a day."

75th Anniversary Year . . .

The 75th WMU Anniversary Year is just ahead—next month, in fact, it begins and continues through September, 1963. The challenge to all WMS officers and chairmen is not just to meet anniversary goals. But, in addition WMS leaders will be concerned that all members are growing in spiritual discernment and knowledge.

Out-going leaders will end up the year in good order, completing aims requirements whenever possible at this late date.

Incoming officers and chairmen need fully to understand specific responsibility. Annual planning meetings for officers, chairmen, counselors, and leaders need to be provided before October so that no woman will begin the year without knowledge and enthusiasm.

Prayer Retreats will undergird your purposes and make your work significant in kingdom work.

After he had been a guest in this home many times, the family left Doan with their son to "bitch it" while the rest of them took a three-day trip. The refrigerator was well stocked for the boys, but when the family returned they found that the American teenager had made his main dish cereal while Doan had eaten rice to his heart's content!

Doan suffered with an eye condition which needed surgical correction. He also was having nightmares and lost his appetite. To tactful questions he replied, "With my eye like it is I just don't feel like holding my head up. I am saving for an operation, but it will cost so much that it will take me a long time to have enough money."

The father of this family was able to make arrangements at the Baptist Hospital for Doan's operation. From a physical

standpoint, he became a new person. Spiritually, he was impressed by this special contact with Christian people. His parents were deeply grateful for the attention Doan received at the hospital.

A top-ranking student, Doan had earned the privilege of coming to the US through competitive examinations given to 600 applicants in his native Vietnam. Of the fifteen chosen, Doan's place was at the head of the list. He graduated with the highest grades among international students. The mother of this family says, "How pleased I was to attend the banquet as Doan was initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa, and what pride I felt when he introduced me as his American mother."

The time drew near for this "son" to leave his American "family" to go to Columbia University for further study in nuclear physics, his major. On his last Saturday he helped his American mother with refreshments after the Bible class. In the kitchen she said, "Doan, the sad part about having you go is that you have not accepted Jesus as your Saviour." Quickly he replied, "Oh, but Mother, I have. No matter if someone tries to convince me that I should follow some other leader, I will still follow Jesus."

(Mrs. WMS Member now looks straight at audience and makes a direct appeal) I could read on and on from this scrapbook, but there is work and planning to do. I need to enlist more foster parents for this year, then meet to discuss effective approaches to the students. We must think about the program for International Student Day at church, with the dinner to follow. Seasonal holidays offer unusual opportunities. Oh, there is much to do. I need your help.

Let me share with you my special verse for student work. Listen to Leviticus 19:34. It is not hard to love international students. Action: If your Society has decided on a special project with international students or on another community missions project present it and enlist interest, prayer, and participation of everyone.



I did not know.

by Ruth Culpepper

I did not know that Woman's Missionary Union work is so broad and comprehensive," remarked a young seminary wife the other night as we left class. "Before I started this leadership course, I had the idea that the WMS just met once a month and had a rather indifferent program. Now I see what possibilities for growth and service there are. I am thrilled beyond words."

For those of us who have found satisfying fulfillment in the study, work, service, prayer, giving, fellowship of Woman's Missionary Union organizations it seems incredible that there still are women in Baptist churches with such old-fashioned concepts of this organization whose watchword

is "Laborers Together with God." We know that through the years we have grown in understanding of the partnership we hold with God in taking and sending the gospel around the world. We know that God calls women to use their unique talents of love, compassion, concern to help in bringing the world to a knowledge of him, and it is in Woman's Missionary Union that these talents can be used to the maximum potential.

What a pity that still there are women who have not been challenged to become a part of Woman's Missionary Union work.

Mrs. Hugo Culpepper is WMS director for Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

IN relating this true story on enlistment, the story of how I became an active member of a Woman's Missionary Society, I want to place emphasis on personal contact and prayer.

Fifty-four years ago I became a member of the Missionary Society in the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. I had been a Christian for many years, but that was all, for I had not been an active Christian.

But Mrs. Lee Fox, a consecrated member of that church, deeply interested in missions and all phases of church work, had her mind and heart on me. I was not interested at all in becoming a member of the Missionary Society when she started contacting me. I fear that I was rather rude at times, but this did not discourage Mrs. Fox. She knew the Lord's work and missions waited on enlisted Christians. She did not "grow weary in well doing." She coveted me for the Lord's work. Finally I be-

A Whole New World

by Mrs. C. R. Pugh,

Greenville, Mississippi



gan to realize that she was really concerned and sincere in her efforts to enlist me. Her many visits, telephone calls, messages through the mail, and the recognition she gave me whenever and wherever we met encouraged me.

One day Mrs. Fox tried a new technique. She invited me to attend a prayer service in our church and I was surprised to find myself accepting. The experience of that week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is still as warm in my mind and heart though it was more than fifty years ago.

in my Baptist church. How tragic that there are many Woman's Missionary Societies operating on such a low register that unenlisted women in the church have no desire to become a part of this missionary organization for women.

The secret of a vital WMU organization, on a human level, is knowledgeable and enthusiastic leadership. No leader can perform until she knows what is expected of her, and how to do the job since she knows its requirements.

The broad sweep of WMU work is concisely presented in the WMS Leadership Course for leaders and members. Some of us may need to wake up to the possibilities for service and growth into Christian maturity which Southern Baptist women have in this mission organization. It is the nature of women that they like to be a part of vital, significant experiences. Southern Baptist churches have wise leaders indeed when every phase of this woman's organization is made strong. It is in such a woman's organization that Christian women give their fullest commitment to the cause of

Christ.

Enthusiastic teaching of the WMS Leadership Course not only awakens women to the possibilities for personal growth and commitment; sluggish organizations are thereby revitalized. A woman wrote me just this week, "Recently I taught the WMS Leadership Course in our church. . . . This was the first time we had used it. . . . Through the years our WMU work has struggled along with only a handful. . . . There have been many times when we thought we just could not continue as an organization, interest was so low. . . . Since studying WMU work, using the Leadership Course, we are setting up regular executive board meetings, working on by-laws, and making plans to go forward. We feel we now know how to do the job."

Woman's Missionary Union recommends that this basic course be studied by all officers. One of two electives under Leadership Training in the WMS Aims for Advancement reads, "Each member of the executive board completing during the year the re-

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I had never attended a meeting of this sort and I was impressed that such a large group of women would gather to study and pray. The subject under discussion was China and the work that Southern Baptists were doing at that time on that particular field. When the leader of the meeting called for a season of prayer, every woman knelt and many prayed in behalf of the people Southern Baptists were trying to win to Christ. To me this was most interesting and that was where I caught a new vision of a lost world in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was there, from that information and inspiration that I was led to take a new look at myself.

Like Isaiah of old, I had gone to pray for others and found myself confessing my own sins. All these years I had regarded my redemption too lightly. All these years I had been indifferent to His work. And how little,

how very little I had given Him who had done so much for me. It was then that I called out to my Saviour for forgiveness. It was then that I promised to dedicate my life, my all to him. And it was then that I did that.

A whole new world opened up for me when I was enlisted in that missionary organization. A whole new world that offers so many opportunities for kingdom service. And these have been fifty-four happy years. I have served in many places in the Woman's Missionary Union of my church, of my association, my state, and on committees for Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. How thankful I am that Mrs. Fox was persistent.

All WMS members will enjoy and profit from a study of ENLISTMENT FOR MISSIONS, Fling, 85c from Baptist Book Stores, Teacher's Helps, 25c.

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spective basic leadership course, WMU, SBC, or if previously completed, renewing Leadership Card.* This includes the directors of youth organizations as well. On Aims for Advancement for each youth organization this leadership training elective is also stated.

Now that it is late summer, it is time for all presidents to make definite plans for the new year. Nominating committees have secured officers and chairmen and these have been elected. Many of them have been to a WMU conference at Ridgcrest or Glorieta or to a similar conference in your state. During these intervening days between now and October 1, what will you do? Every dedicated WMS officer and chairman wants to know how to perform well her duties. Someone has said, "A leader is one who knows where he is going and can inspire others to follow him."

There are other benefits, of course, to an "educated" WMU leadership. The life and stamina of each organization is assured. Of course there is no sure way, but it only stands to reason that women who know the whys and wherefores of a missionary society's work are able to grow year by year a strong, well-directed organization. Leadership courses are guides, showing how to develop a full WMU program.

In Kentucky we have wonderfully dedicated associational presidents. During the past two years, one has led in the organization of more than twenty new Woman's Missionary Societies, and in organizing youth organizations as well. This consecrated worker has long felt that as a leader she must know her business, and for that reason, she holds a Leadership Card for every organization—WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band. She also continues in the Advanced Leadership Program which we have in our state. Here is a woman, an ex-

*To renew a Leadership Card, a woman this year must read *Endowment for Missions*, by Helen Fling (95c from Baptist Book Stores) and the 1962-63 WMU Anniversary Year Book.

ample to all of us—thoroughly trained and using her training day by day as she goes about the association, starting new organizations and training others in good work.

On October 1, we not only begin a new year, it is also the beginning of the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union. One Anniversary goal is "75% of the leaders holding current leadership cards." The leader who knows where she is going during this significant year will need guideposts which will prove challenging as she studies. In July *Royal Service*, Forecaster, all new Anniversary materials are listed with suggested uses for them. Also in July *Royal Service*, the 75th Anniversary goals for a WMU and for an associational organization are listed. These are also in the new WMU Anniversary Year Book for 1962-63 (25c from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 1, Ala.).

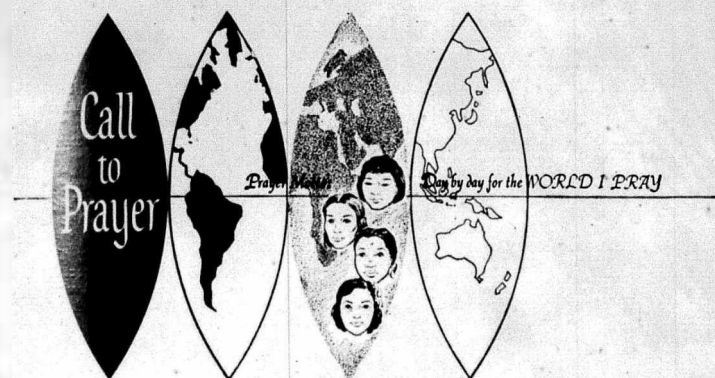
The WMS Leadership Course is for members as well as leaders of Woman's Missionary Societies. Every woman in a WMS should hold the Leadership Card. An organization is as strong as its separate members are strong. Many times we are prone to think God is our strength and through him we can do everything. This is true, but also there is an added truth. God's work is strengthened as we become trained to do his work. God uses skilled hands, developed abilities, to do his work today. "Laborers together with God" is a wonderful watchword! We dare not be unskilled laborers in the important task he has given to Baptist women.

To study the WMS Leadership Course in a group, every woman needs:

WMS Manual, 65c
1962-63 WMU Anniversary Year Book, 25c

To study the WMS Leadership Course individually, every woman needs the two books listed above plus "Assignment and Answer Booklet for Individual Study," 25c.

All are available from WMU, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 1, Ala.



Prepared by Mrs. Marse Grant

75 DAYS OF PRAYER CONCLUDE THIS MONTH

1 SATURDAY O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Psalm 139:1-4.

As we continue in 75 days of concerted prayer, let us pray even more fervently for a deeper dedication to Christ, for greater concern for lost people, for a thirst for knowledge about countries and people so that we might know how to pray for individuals.

Did you know that in Malaya, pagan worshippers pierce their bodies with spikes and hang weighted hooks from their flesh? Pray for them and Mrs. Clarence Thurmon, Jr., working among them as a nurse.

Pray also for Roy Maney, Colo., and Genus Crenshaw, Fla., working among the Indians; Mrs. Reinaldo Machado, Cuba; J. E. Troop, Brazil; C. L. Neal, educator, author, and

mission pioneer in Mexico from 1907 to 1945 when he retired; J. T. Marvill, appointed last year to Mexico; and Mrs. J. P. Kirk, mother of four who writes from Brazil: "We are praying that we may be the effective and fruitful servants He would have us be. Will you join us in praying that He may use your life there in the same fashion?"

2 SUNDAY While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. Psalm 146:2,5.

J. Bryan Brasington and his family have been in Peru for more than five years. During this time they have seen many souls saved for Christ. Looking back, he asks, "Has it been worth the loneliness, the separation from family, friends, and country? Has it been worth the money invested to keep us here?" He concludes that only God is the true judge, but adds, "I would like to proclaim from the highest mountain so that

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

all could hear. It has been worth every effort, every penny given for missions, every prayer, every ounce of energy!"

Pray for Mr. Brasington; Mrs. R. L. Harris,* mother and ev., Lima, Peru; Mrs. W. R. Norman, Jr., mother and home-church ev., Nigeria, where her husband is a doctor; Mrs. Roger Duck, mother and ev. in Colombia; H. P. Hayes, who went three years ago with his wife and children as our first missionaries to Vietnam; Mrs. R. C. Moore, editor of WMU publications and secretary of the WMU in Chile; Mrs. T. H. Dowell, mother of four children in Korea where her husband is president of the seminary; and A. B. Oliver, author and seminary president, Brazil.

3 MONDAY Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God Isa 41:10.

A. W. Gammage, Jr. writes that Korea is in the grip of a spiritual depression with our Baptist work in bad straits. Many churches and missions are dying, with some already dead, leaving nothing but an abandoned building. However, souls are being won slowly and gradually, but surely. Pray for Mr. Gammage, dean of instruction at the seminary in Korea, director of the language school for missionaries, and advisor to two associations of churches; Mrs. G. H. Clark, ev., Malaya; Mrs. W. O. Hern who, with her husband and children, is in Arab Jerusalem where many different groups have tried to establish churches; David Richardson, working among the deaf in Montgomery, Ala.; Napoleón Guarnero, pastor of the Spanish Mission at Hollis, Okla.; and Lorene Lumpkin, working in a Mission Center, Va.

4 TUESDAY I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living Psalm 27:13.

Recently two Baptists in Spain were sentenced to prison for publishing an unauthorized religious book, and a third for refusing to kneel at mass on military parade. The Charles Whittens write from Spain, "We seem to advance on one side and lose on the other. Won't you continue to take this problem to Him who is all powerful and who years over Spain more than we ever could?" Pray for Mr. Whittens; W. T. Hunt, ev., Philippines; Mrs. W. P. Clemmons, English-speaking church in Italy attended by many nationalities; W. R. Davis, principal of a Baptist high school, Nigeria; Mrs. E. M. Howell, mother and nurse, Nigeria; W. B. Glass, retired after 42 years as teacher and pastor in China; E. C. Tiplin, who recently

went to Argentina; Alfred Chabrelain, French-speaking, La.; A. L. Iglesias, son of a San Blas Indian medicine man, won to Christ and highly educated, now working among his own people off the coast of Panama; Gilbert Rames, Spanish-speaking, N Mex; and L. E. Saunders, pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church, Okla. City, Okla.

5 WEDNESDAY O Lord, I bow down thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, . . . and grant him mercy Neh. 1:11.

"Events are moving so swiftly there is not a moment to lose if we expect to win Africa for Christ," said a recent visitor to that continent. Will you pray for Africa and other nations in transition? Pray for Colon Godwin, construction engineer and teacher in Ghana; R. T. Bowlin, seminary teacher, So Rhodesia; Mrs. E. F. Holmes, mother and ev., Chile; R. L. Blivens, appointed last year to Israel; Mrs. J. G. Tidenberg, new appointee; Carolyn Evans, Good Will Center, La.; Bruce Conrad, Indian school, Newkirk Okla. Pray also for two who were appointed to Brazil in 1918: W. B. Sherwood, ev. who retired ten years ago, and Pauline White, teacher and WMU worker who retired in 1960.

6 THURSDAY For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . That he would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might Eph 3:14,16.

For more than a year, Virginia Miles and other medical missionaries at the Kodiri hospital in Indonesia made plans for a nursing school. Government regulations had to be carefully observed and from all indications, the school could not be opened until about a year after the final papers were in. Instead, Miss Miles received immediate permission to open the school. Last fall, classes began with ten students chosen from more than 100 applicants. Pray for Miss Miles, director of the school; Mrs. W. E. Vermer, mother and nurse, Ghana; Mrs. C. E. Compton, Jr., mother and ev., Brazil; Mrs. L. P. Marler, mother and ev., Korea; T. N. Callaway, professor at the boys' school and pastor, Japan; M. A. Akima, Jr., principal of the boys' high school, Nigeria; Edith West, retired after 40 years as teacher, ev. and WMU worker in Brazil; Mrs. Napoleón Guarnero, Spanish Mission, Hollis, Okla. Pray also for Mrs. David Fite, Cuba, daughter of the Herbert Caudills who direct Baptist work there.

7 FRIDAY Wherefore also we pray always

for you . . . our God would count you worthy of this calling. . . . That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you 2 Thess 1:11-12.

The governor of Eastern Nigeria, Sir Francis Ibhagbura, recently that "unless the racial problem in America is solved, the greatness and influence of the Americans will dwindle into nothingness." He added that America must "detect and remove completely all the malignant growth which has eaten into the hearts of millions of its citizens—the cancer-worm which goes by the name of racial discrimination."

Pray for a Christian attitude toward those of other races. Pray sincerely, earnestly, about racial discrimination in our own country. Pray for Paul Ferrant, French-speaking, La.; L. M. Tobin, Negroes, Ga.; Eddie Sanchez, Spanish-speaking, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. T. B. Stover, secretary at Baptist Publishing House, Brazil; P. C. Mosteller, Thailand; W. H. Matthews, Philippines, and E. E. Jolley, Argentina, ev.

8 SATURDAY Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified 2 Thess 3:1.

When William Carey went to India in 1793 as the first Baptist missionary, he set the pace for others who have followed. He was so busy with the work at hand that he never took a furlough, remaining in India until his death in 1834. It is in that tradition that missionaries have worked since Carey's time, many of them going far beyond the call of duty. If church members at home would match the devotion of William Carey and other missionaries, world missions would advance by leaps and bounds.

Pray for Mrs. L. B. Akima, mother and ev., Taiwan; W. P. Andrews,* teacher and business administrator, Baptist College, Chile; Mrs. M. G. Fray, Jr., mother, ev., and co-director of the Baptist boarding school, So. Rhodesia; and C. F. Frazier, Ariz., retired.



9 SUNDAY Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good: and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps Psalm 85:12-13.

Christian missions is faced today with perhaps its severest test. A world revolution is taking place as depressed and hungry people are demanding a better life. Intense nationalism, the persistent and driving force of communism, and pagan religions stand as barriers to the message of Jesus. Christian young people are drawn into the demand for material gain and social status while Christian missions is begging for volunteers. Should we take the easy way out and give up the program of world missions or curtail it? Will continuance of a half-hearted interest in missions result in winning the world for Christ? The time for decision is now. The forces against Christianity are lining up.

Pray for Mrs. C. W. Shirley, ev., Argentina; Mildred Womack, Good Will Center, Fla.; and Betty Hart, Good Will Center, La. Pray also for two who have retired after many years' service, Mrs. E. T. Barry, Calif., and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, who worked for 39 years in China and Hawaii before retiring in 1949.

10 MONDAY Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us Psalm 67:5-6.

Thomas Edison once wept for the power that is lost to mankind in the sweeping waves of the ocean. We could weep today for power lost through unenlisted women in our churches—women with talent, ability, prayer power, who are lost to the cause of missions because we have failed to draw them in. A 15 per cent increase in membership is one of the goals for the WMU anniversary year. Pray that God will use you to seek out and enlist women in your church and community for missions. Pray that your WMS will so inspire and inform its members that they will be concerned and pray. Pray for Leland Warren, working among the Spanish-speaking in Washington; J. D. Back, Indians, Ariz.; W. C. Lewis, a doctor in Paraguay; W. N. Claxton, secretary of the Baptist Training Union, Nigeria; and Mrs. W. L. Smith, mother and ev., Argentina.

11 TUESDAY But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand Isaiah 64:8.

The message of Jesus knows no boundaries,

no race or class. There are no "curtains" made by Him that shut men out or close them in. Whether Jew or Gentile, white or black, brown or yellow, American or African, European or Asian, there is one Lord over all. Our actions and attitudes toward others reflect either a genuine love for Christ who loved all men, or a rejection of him. Pray that we will not "pick and choose" those to whom we will witness but that we will seek to draw all men unto Christ. Pray for those who are working with language groups: **Enrique Larraide**, ev., Cuba; **T. L. Lane**, French-speaking, La.; **Mrs. Eddie Barnes**, Indians, Okla.; **Carl Conrad**, director of French work in La.; **C. I. Dawson**, Spanish-speaking in Ariz.; and for **H. O. Hendrick**, ev., Brazil.

12 WEDNESDAY For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Col. 1:9.

When the **Bob Beatzys** in So. Rhodesia tried to have a Bible school in an area where over 2000 new homes were being built, only 15 children came the first day. Undaunted, Mr. Beatz went out with an accordion in "Pied-Piper" fashion. At the end of the parade, more than 140 children were enrolled for what proved to be a very successful Bible school. "We are needing many workers in this harvest field," they write, "who will come over and help us?"

Four of our missionaries with birthdays today are mothers and ev. workers. Pray for **Mrs. Beatz**, So. Rhodesia; **Mrs. B. E. Cockrum, Jr.**, Nigeria, and **Mrs. B. E. Mercer**, Japan, ev. Three are nurses—**Amanda Tinkle**, working primarily among lepers in Nigeria; **Mrs. L. R. Brock, Jr.**, Brazil; and **Arlene Rogers**,* Colombia. Pray also for **H. B. Snuggs**, China, retired; **F. T. Woodward**, appointed to China in 1924 and a teacher since 1948 in Hawaii; and **R. V. Calcote**,* who writes from Japan, "The task of evangelism is so great. Often it seems we are losing ground, not advancing." Pray diligently for those who are working in difficult places.

13 THURSDAY Continue in prayer. . . . Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ. Col. 4:2-3.

Mission personnel in Gaza is so short that one family delayed its furlough a year. Even then, there was no one to help, so the small, busy medical staff of the Baptist hospital assumed more responsibilities. This included four weeks of Bible school with 300 children,

in addition to the regular church services with the doctors preaching. This is only one instance of the desperate need for more missionaries. Will you pray for young people to hear God's call? Now that older skilled people are being accepted for mission service, is God calling you?

Pray for **David Dorr**, surgeon, Gaza Hospital; **M. E. Cunningham, Jr.**,* So. Rhodesia; **G. W. Schweer**, seminary teacher, Indonesia; **H. O. Hester**, Negroes, Ala.; and **Eddie Savele**, born of French-American parents, working among his own people in La. Pray also for two who have recently finished a year of language study—**Mrs. T. E. Doherty**, Uruguay, and **W. H. Gray, Jr.**, Mexico.

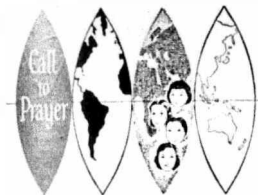
14 FRIDAY He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 112:7.

Mrs. John Thomas works with her husband in Kolzebue, northern Alaska where travel is by dog sled or plane. They are able to get into remote areas of the north by plane where Indians live in a very primitive state. Many of these villages are asking for Baptists to come. Pray for **Mrs. Thomas** as she travels with her husband over vast areas covered with snow and ice; **Elton Moore**, ev., Indonesia; **C. W. Davis**,* Venezuela, ev.; **M. L. Stevens**, Mexico; **Virginia Terry**, bookkeeper in a Baptist office in Brazil; **Mable McIlroy**, retired in 1959 after 36 years as editor and WMU worker in Argentina; **L. C. Schuchler**, newly appointed to Brazil; and **Mrs. J. G. Sterts**, former writer for WMU publications who went with her husband and children last year to work among the English-speaking in Germany.

15 SATURDAY I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. Psalm 130:5.

A handsome dark-eyed young man of pleasant demeanor in his middle twenties is a refugee from Cuba. He is the son of a Baptist pastor and has spent four years in the University working toward a doctor's degree in law. He gave up his studies because conditions became unbearable. He knew he would soon be in trouble because of his love for freedom, so he fled the country. A brother also has fled to the States with his family. Their aged parents are heartbroken in their declining years because the family is scattered. Pray for the family and so many others like them. Pray for **Mrs. Heriberto Rodriguez**, Cuba, and the ev. who are workers—**Mrs. R. M. Parham, Jr.**, Nigeria; **R. C. Sherer**, Japan; **L. L. Gargay**,

Costa Rica; **Sinfonso Barrera**, Spanish-speaking in Tex.; **Mrs. Troy Cunningham**, Good Will Center, Fla.; **W. P. Carter, Jr.**, administrator-teacher at the Baptist seminary, Clon; **Frances Knight**, ed., Nigeria; and **W. W. Graves**, manager of the Baptist Publishing Board, Argentina. Pray also for **Mrs. J. B. Parker**, retired, Tex.



16 SUNDAY The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

How wrong it is for us to withhold from our missionaries that which we are able to supply! In nearly every mission letter, we read "Pray for us." From Korea, "If you have an impulse to do something for me, please pray." From So. Rhodesia: "We need your prayer for spiritual and physical strength."

Pray for **E. M. Cross** who writes from the Philippines: "We hope you will be praying for us." Pray also for **S. A. Smith**, director of the new theological institute, Ecuador; **Wilma Weeks**,* who went to Indonesia nine years ago from China; **Mrs. R. E. Baker**, ev., Brazil; **J. J. Cowser**, appointed in 1920 for Brazil where he directed the Baptist Publishing House until retirement two years ago; **Mrs. T. J. League**, retired in 1945 after doing ev. work among women in China for 23 years; **Mrs. Humberto Dominguez**, ev., Cuba; **E. J. Barnes**, missionary to the Indians at the Sallataska Mission in Okla.; **Mrs. Audley Hamrick**, Indians, N. Mex.; and **Pedro Hernandez**, who was born in Mexico and has worked with Mexican Baptist missions since student days, now in Ariz.

17 MONDAY I am not alone, because the Father is with me. John 16:32.

J. K. England is principal of the Beirut Baptist school which this year had its first graduating class. He also teaches in the new Arab seminary which opened only two years

ago. Pray for him and the students with whom he works. In Nigeria **Dr. J. E. Low** is often unable to give needed blood transfusions and injections because the Fulani nomadic cattle herders say, "It is not our custom." Pray for **Dr. Low** as he works against ignorance and superstition. Pray also for **Mrs. J. B. Stepp, Jr.**, ev., Brazil; **Roger Baxter, Jr.**, working among the Spanish-speaking in Ohio; and **Mrs. R. C. Selg**, Indians, Okla.

18 TUESDAY The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. 8:10.

"Mother Dozier" went to Japan in 1906 and retired in 1951, but she still lives and works among the people she calls her own. Organizer of the WMU in Japan, she has recently completed another in a long list of books for Japanese women. Let us thank God for the devotion and faithfulness of **Mrs. C. K. Dozier** and others like her; **Wiley Newton**, retired field worker in Arizona; and **W. E. Craighead**, retired after serving as director of Bible courses and pastor in Romania and Paraguay. Pray for three mothers who are doing ev. work in Argentina—**Mrs. E. E. Jolley**, **Mrs. J. C. Anderson**, **Mrs. K. W. Balyeat**, and for **Mrs. R. C. Covington** in Malaya. Pray also for **C. L. Thompson**, seminary teacher in Argentina; **J. H. Durham**, Nigeria; **M. E. Sturgeon**, Mexico, ev.; **E. W. Nelson**, seminary professor in Chile; **J. O. Morse**, a doctor in Colombia; **Mrs. J. W. Ross**, former missionary in Mexico, now editorial worker in the Spanish Publishing House, Tex.; for two working among the Spanish-speaking—**Mrs. Rafael Miranda**, Calif., and **Mrs. Camara Guerra**, kindergarten worker in Tex.

19 WEDNESDAY The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. Josh. 24:24.

Today, as you pray, remember **Mrs. L. R. Smith**, a nurse in Hong Kong; **Jorge Martinez**, working among the Spanish-speaking in Ariz.; **J. L. Northcutt** in Peru and **Mrs. L. E. Brown**,* with her husband and children in Tanganyika. In each of these places, there are people who do not know Jesus, people who suffer from dreadful poverty and hardship, and yearn for a better life. As we pray for them, let us be aware also of the 40 to 50 million people in this country who live in an "economic underworld." Have you prayed to God about your responsibility to these he loves so much? Pray that your church will be the kind of church that will draw all men unto the Master.

20 THURSDAY Thou shalt do that which

is right and good in the sight of the Lord
Dent. 6:13.

One of the aims for the Anniversary Year of WMU is to organize or participate in the work of at least one mission. Perhaps God is calling you to step forth with leadership that is needed to begin a mission. Maybe he would have you leave your comfortable church to go and work among those who have no church. "Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord." In prayer remember two who are working among the Spanish-speaking, **Nadesab Watkins**, kindergarten teacher in Tex.; and **W. C. Parker**, Panama. Pray also for **C. B. Lewis**, Natchez Jr. College for Negroes in Mississippi where he is head of the Dept. of Religion, advisor, lecturer, and pastor. Pray for **V. L. Dietrich**, newly appointed to Thailand; for two who are in Nigeria—**Mrs. S. E. Ray** and **O. W. Taylor** who teaches in the Baptist College; and for two in Indonesia—**F. S. Wells**, appointed last year, and **Mrs. F. B. Owen**, mother and ev. who early this year with her doctor-husband began medical work in Sumatra.

21 FRIDAY Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee 2 Tim. 1:6.

This summer more than 600 young people were engaged in work with the Home Mission Board. Many of these received experience that may lead them on to further mission work. **Miss Carolyn Cate** was a summer mission worker before being appointed to Gaza in 1954 where she is director of the nurses' training program at the Baptist Hospital. Will you pray for her and the young people who worked this summer? Pray for **M. F. Guilham**, ev. in Japan; and for two who have retired—**Mrs. J. L. Hart**, who worked for 44 years in Argentina and Chile as a teacher and WMU leader; and **Irene Jeffers**, teacher and field worker in China and Taiwan for 36 years.

22 SATURDAY It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man Psalm 118:8.

A Cuban pastor writes that half of his congregation has fled communism and of those remaining, half is backslidden and the other half is a great burden to a pastor's heart and many National pastors, under the pressures of communism, have fled the country, leaving shepherdless flocks. Those who remain must be careful of every word. Pray for Cuba and **Rev. Reinaldo Medina**, a Cuban pastor; **Mrs. J. D. Crane**, who has been active in student work in Mexico; **Mrs. S. W. Vance**, mother and ev. in Ghana. **Eva Mae Eldridge**

and **Mrs. J. L. McPhail**, nurses, and **Dr. K. J. Myers, Jr.**, serving in Nigeria; and **Mrs. Daniel Cantu**, working among the Spanish-speaking in Tex.



23 SUNDAY Every man's work shall be made manifest 1 Cor. 3:13.

Mrs. W. J. Cox, president of WMU from 1925 to 1933 and then treasurer, is a great lover of missions. "Missions is a long word," she wrote. "It reaches from creation to eternity. Missions ends with God forever in the midst of his people, his ultimate purpose realized." Of money she wrote, "Money wins souls by sending men and women to proclaim the Good News." Let us thank God for dedicated women who serve the Lord through Woman's Missionary Union. Pray that missions will be at the heart of all that we do that we will carry on the tradition of serving Christ through giving our all unto him. Pray that we will not let our gifts of money excuse us from work. Pray for **G. L. Minnie**, French-speaking, La.; **Ruth Kube**, nurse, Nigeria; **Mrs. A. V. Jones**, mother and ev., Ecuador; and **G. L. Hix**, ev., Taiwan.

24 MONDAY But prayer was made without ceasing Acts 12:5.

The English-language Baptist church in Hong Kong, of which **Charles Coakherd** is pastor, prayed for an entire year to be able to buy the second half of an old house to complete the needed property for their church. The owner of half the house had readily sold his part, but it took a year of praying before the second owner would give up his half. Let us rejoice with **Mr. Coakherd** and their six-year-old daughter, all of whom have today as birthday. **Mr. Lloyd Notah**, Indians, Ariz.; **James Huse**, pastor of First Indian Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; **Merced Becerra**, a former Catholic, now missionary to the Spanish-speaking in

ed. education
ev. evangelism
* Turlough

Tex.; **Lois Smith**, business administration, Japan; **Lois Vaughn**, Good Will Center, Brazil; and **H. L. Smith**, in publication work in Ghana.

25 TUESDAY Seek ye out of the book of the Lord and read Isaiah 34:16.

"Missions is the most interesting subject in the world and it is wrong to make it dull and uninteresting," according to **Miss Juliette Mather**. Pray that as we enter the 75th Anniversary Year with unusual prayer and study, that mission study classes and good programs will lead to fuller consecration and deeper interest. Pray that these classes will be life-changing experiences which will bear fruit for Christ. Pray also for **Cleofas Custino**, ev., Cuba; **Mrs. J. C. Reyna**, a missionary to the Spanish-speaking since 1944, now serving as kindergarten teacher at Clovis, N. Mex.; and **Lillie Mae Handley**, appointed in 1923 to China, and transferred from Hawaii to Lebanon last year.

26 WEDNESDAY I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears Psalm 34:4.

There is critical need in missions not only for pastors but for professional people—doctors, nurses, secretaries, skilled laborers, draftsmen, agricultural experts. **Miss Martha Tanner** was a secretary-bookkeeper in Georgia before becoming a missionary. In 1921 she was appointed to Nigeria where she is serving as secretary in the Baptist office. There are others whom God is calling. You? Your son or daughter? Or someone over whom you have influence? Pray that God will direct and lead as we pray for his will to be done. Pray for **Miss Tanner** in Nigeria; **Mr. Milton Leach, Jr.**, whose work in Miami among the Spanish-speaking has increased greatly due to the influx of Cuban refugees; **Hazel Moon**, nurse, Nigeria; **Mrs. W. B. Pearce**, in publication work, Kenya; and three working in Brazil—**D. H. Burt, Jr.**; **P. E. Sanderson**, professor in the theological institute; and **W. H. Warren**, English-speaking work in Brazil.

27 THURSDAY I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting 1 Tim. 2:8.

As we pray each day for our missionaries, do we think of them as real "flesh and blood" people or do they merely names to be mumbled and prayed for? They are real people. **Miss Kathleen Mallory** writes, "It is thrilling to think of the women as prayer around the world. Great sin of omission in failing to use

the resources of God."

We are nearing the end of 75 days of prayer. These are only the beginning of a time of greater praying and service. **Dr. Baker James Cauthen**, head of the Foreign Mission Board, says, "Necessary and welcome as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is, prayer means more, far more." You and I can pray, the most needed ingredient of mission work. Will you continue to pray, earnestly, fervently?

Pray for **J. J. Thomas**, ev., Alaska; **Nelson Rodriguez**, ev., Cuba; **Jose Peres**, ev., Panama; **Mrs. P. C. Bell, Sr.**, retired, S. C.; **H. T. McKinley**, ev., So. Rhodesia; **Dorine Hawkins**, director WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; **Mrs. D. F. Stamps**, retired after 35 years in China and Hawaii; and **Mrs. J. C. Powell**, retired after 37 years as a teacher in Nigeria when she and her husband were recognized by the government of Nigeria for their contribution to the people.

28 FRIDAY And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord 2 Cor. 8:5.

Miss Kathleen Mallory was secretary of WMU from 1912 to 1948. In the WMU manual she wrote, "There is only one worthwhile way of giving, and that is through love. It may also be stated that there are only two things which may be given, namely, substance and self." Freely, joyously she gave both substance and self to the Lord, pouring out her soul in intercession for soldiers of the Cross around the world. We, too, must pray fervently, but first we must give our own selves to the Lord. In prayer, remember these—**Mrs. Fausto Morales**, ev., Cuba; **Mildred Matthews**, retired in 1946 after 35 years in Cuba; **Mrs. J. E. Ibarra**, Spanish-speaking, Tex.; **Mrs. David Warren**, appointed in 1946 as missionary to the Indians in Okla. after doing summer mission work; **Mrs. W. W. Lee**, mother and nurse in Mexico; **Mrs. C. F. Clark, Jr.**, mother and nurse, Baptist Hospital, Japan; **Ona Belle Cox**, teacher, Brazil; **M. G. Fray, Jr.**, ev. and director of the boarding school, So. Rhodesia; **Fern Harrington**, teacher in the theological seminary in the Philippines; **D. R. Cobb**, field ev., Thailand; and **W. H. Smith**, new appointee.

29 SATURDAY As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him Col. 2:6.

An increase of 15 per cent in tithers—pray that this goal for the anniversary year will be met. Some years ago when an employee of the Home Mission Board embezzled a million dollars, **Miss Kathleen Mallory** com-

mented, "I am not so much concerned over the fact that one man in nine years stole a million dollars from Baptists as I am over the dreadful fact that Southern Baptists every year rob God of millions of dollars."

But will a man rob God? Would you rob God? In tithes and offerings? In talent and ability? In half-hearted interest? Complacency?

Pray for M. A. Olmedo, ev., Panama; Mrs. D. M. Regalado, Spanish-speaking, N. Mex.; Mrs. H. E. Sturgeon, ev., Mexico; Jean Dickman, a surgeon in the Baptist Hospital, Gaza; and Mrs. W. R. Davis, mother, nurse and teacher in Nigeria.

30 SUNDAY Draw nigh to God, and he will



CIRCLE PROGRAM

heard his spoken words. They were to be unique: "salt," "light," like a city set on a hill. They were to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Those who have experienced great hunger and thirst say that one will give his life to assuage his hunger and slake his thirst, so great is his desire for food and drink. This is the way of life in Christ Jesus. Because of our hunger and thirst after righteousness, we become salt and light, healing and dispelling darkness.

The Christian's approach to life is not negative, but positive. He lives, and because Christ lives in him, he is the means whereby the community, the society in which he lives, becomes whole and well. This is the Christian's response to evil, whether it be communism or some other concoction of Satan.

In today's world when many are defeated, Christians know that under God their approach to any evil should be action. We can react to communism in a positive way so that the cause of Christ will not be

draw nigh to you James 4:8

A Japanese boy lay in a hospital bed dying from a fatal disease, but before his death he led two of his best friends to accept Christ. In No. Rhodesia, a new Christian has led six others to Christ through her personal witnessing, in spite of a husband who is openly antagonistic to the church. A nurse from Japan, Mrs. Gene Clark, went before furlough. "We can see victories that will remain forever as a witness to your concern for lost people around the world."

As we join in prayer on this day before the 75th Anniversary Year begins, let us pledge ourselves to "draw nigh to God" so that his name shall be taken to all people. This is the final day of 75 days of prayer.

Pray for Mrs. Clark; S. A. Caudal, Italians, Fla.; Mrs. Juan Perez, ev., Cuba; Mrs. J. M. Short, Jr., student work, Mexico; Mrs. Howard Hamrick, mother and ev., Indonesia; Mrs. Z. V. Moss, mother and ev., No. Rhodesia; Lillie Rogers, manager of the Baptist Book Store and business administrator of Baptist work, Singapore; Mrs. J. B. Hill, mother and nurse in Nigeria; A. R. Haylen, ev., Honduras; and W. C. Taylor, Brazil, retired.

hindered. (You may wish to write the following on a poster or provide copies so that all can read them in unison.) We can:

1. Recognize communism as evil, derived from Satan.
2. Seek to be well-informed on its devious practices by which some men come under its power.
3. Through reassessment of your own relationship with God in Christ, come to repentance and rededication to the speaking of the gospel, knowing the extreme urgency of doing so.

1. By Bible study and daily prayer, come to walk in closer companionship with Christ.

Thus a Christian is filled with amazement at God's power, his faithfulness, his control over all of man's ways.

And thus shall we come to see the glory of the Lord, and come what may, know that God's truth shall go marching on. Close by reading triumphantly Psalm 21 as women bow their heads.

cannot forget

Mary

I OPENED the door when she rang. The first thing I saw was her smile, a slight smile with something missing. "My name is Mary Thornton," she said. Her request was small—that I call a taxi for her. After this was done, we had opportunity to talk while she waited.

God gave me a chance to ask her if she were a Christian. "No," she replied. "But I believe in a Supreme Being," she assured me. However, she believed neither in God's goodness nor his justice. As we talked, I learned that her life had been one of endless illness and suffering. Heartache had been her constant companion. As she smiled from time to time, I became conscious that something was missing from her smile. Her eyes never smiled. They were reflecting a heart that had lost hope, eyes that revealed a soul which had ceased to search, to yearn.

Mary Thornton had become resigned to nothing but pain in life and looked forward to what she believed would be release in death, eternal sleep. As I reminded her of God's love, of His grace in giving His Son and of the willingness of Jesus to take her suffering and death upon himself, again she smiled with her lips. "No," she said quietly. "I want no part of eternity."

As the taxi came for her, I gave her a cherished copy of the New Testament and a tract and went back in the house; my heart was heavy. I could think only of her hopelessness, of the years of emptiness that awaited her if she did not come to Jesus.

How many people in the world are like Mary Thornton, stumbling on in life, living only until they can escape it? How many times Christians never see behind a smile the heart and its bare need, so agonizing, so lonely. For fear that our testimony of eternal life will be rejected, we refuse to tell it.

Today as I pray, I remember the need I saw in Mary's eyes. I shall never forget her.

Mrs. Bradley's husband is pastor of First Baptist Church, Fortuna, California.

by Jean Iain Bradley

Did You Read It? [Continued from page 2]

Steadfast in a Changing World

Citizens of the United States can take pride in their historic origin. Justification for pride is to be found in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with its first Ten Amendments. They reflect the high moral principles which guided our Founding Fathers.

These principles of religious beliefs on which our country was founded continued to guide the nation in its early development. The French historian, De Tocqueville, in *Democracy in America* wrote: "Religion in America takes no direct part in the government of society. . . . I do not know whether all Americans have a sincere faith in their religion . . . but I am certain that they hold it to be indispensable to the maintenance of republican institutions."

In the present century, believing it to be a moral duty, the US became "an arsenal of defense against aggression, a storehouse to feed the hungry world, a Samaritan helping defeated nations to rise again in peace."

Who can say that our national ideal today rests on solid morality? Evidences of moral decline are all about us. It is significant that the President has called on the nation to look again at our first legal documents.

A Year of Anniversaries

At the end of 1961, *The Baptist Program* carried a full page of significant 1962 dates which mark anniversaries of special interest to Baptists—among them February 19, 1812, the sailing of the Judsons to India as missionaries. Adoniram and Ann were married on February 5 and the next day he was ordained a missionary at Salem, Massachusetts.

As part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, last March there was conducted a pilgrimage to these historic spots associated with the Judsons. They went to Malden, Massachusetts, where Adoniram was born; Bradford forty minutes away. Ann Hasseltine's home, where Adoniram ate dinner the day he and his fellow students made their appeal for missionary support before a gathering of Congregationalists. Between the morning and afternoon sessions he had met and fallen in love with Ann. The next stop was Andover, location of the seminary where Judson felt the call to become a missionary. A granite boulder with bronze tablet marks the spot where the famous four walked and prayed, and Judson made his great decision. The climax to the Judson journey was reached at Salem, famous for witchcraft executions and the ordination of Adoniram in the Tabernacle Church. Thirteen days after the ordination, he and his young bride sailed on the brig Caravan from the Salem harbor. The first landfall would be India. On September 8, 1812, a century and a half ago this month, the Judsons were baptized in Calcutta by William Ward. They became the first Baptist missionaries from America.

This is the year to read the life story of Judson. *To the Shores* by Courtney Anderson* is a great biography of an even greater man.

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AMERICAN COLLEGES, universities, and other institutions of higher learning are host each year to more than 60,000 students from abroad. For the larger fraction of these students, their first contact with the Christian faith and with Holy Scriptures is at these centers of learning.

It is obvious that any book placed in a student's hand in an unfamiliar language is not of much use. This, of course, is also true of the written Word of God—the Bible! One of the stated, historical purposes characterizing the American Bible Society's outreach is to get the Holy Scriptures in a language he can read into the hands of as many people as possible. In the United States the American Bible Society has requests for Scriptures in more than 125 languages, many of which are represented by overseas students on college campuses.

The American Bible Society shares with Protestant churches, and especially with the Southern Baptist Convention, an energetic concern for these students—"strangers within our gates."

Oftentimes I feel churchmen tend to overlook the potential missionary outreach inherent in the program of exchange students. Indeed, of utmost importance is the need to confront these students while they are here with the claims of Jesus Christ for their own sakes. But consider the dimension of the potential outreach for Christ's dominion if only a small fraction of the 60,000 a year come under the sway of Jesus Christ and carry the Gospel in their hearts and lives with them to their homes—in the uttermost parts of the world. Exchange students indeed—exchanging the Good News of Jesus Christ for so much that is unsatisfying.

Our premier consideration, of course, is how the American Bible Society can best minister to students from abroad!

A conviction of the Society is that churches are the most resourceful centers for finding these students. Denominational boards charged with responsibility for higher education are "a natural" for identifying these guests or friends at particular



EXCHANGING the GOOD NEWS

by Arthur P. Whitney

Executive Secretary

American Bible Society

institutions of learning.

The American Bible Society's three regional executive secretaries and its special ministries secretaries, working with both church and campus personnel, represent the American Bible Society as a kind of resource agency for this ministry. The ways in which it serves as a resource agency are several. The Society assesses the ability of students or the denomination to purchase the Scriptures, or what fraction of the total cost can be underwritten. If none of the cost can be underwritten the American Bible Society donates missionary issues of Testaments and Portions so far as budget permits. By the time the first order is processed, the likelihood is that the responsible campus officer has established direct contact with the regional secretary of the American Bible Society in his region so that a more personal relationship may be nurtured.

The Society makes no apology for the nominal charge for Scriptures: first, because all the listed prices are below actual cost of manufacture and the American Bible Society makes no profit; second, the fact of someone paying some fraction of the cost, more generally than not, makes the Scripture more meaningful; third, denominations often make budgetary provisions for their student work representatives,

and if they can defray some part of the cost the Society is thus enabled to serve a broader constituency, some of which may not have funds. The Society stands as one who serves.

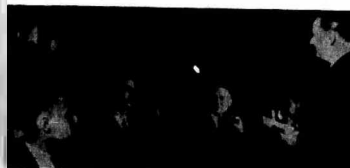
Here is the other side of the coin. Groups of USA students who go out of our country in work projects either under denominational or college sponsorship, live and work among citizens of a particular country sometimes for an entire summer. It may be Mexico, Haiti, Germany, or Africa. Gospel Portions and Testaments in the language serve to help students learn a new language. They are armed with Portions or Testaments with attractively designed covers in the language of the country. Thus they become so many "heralds" of the King.

In this whole area of mutual concern that of providing the message of God's love to students who are studying in this country or for young people and missionary personnel at home and overseas, if the American Bible Society is to be of practical assistance, it is of utmost importance that we have available the Bible in the language or dialect of the student or country. This is the task of the American Bible Society,* translating and providing God's Word for as many as can be reached with it.

*American Bible Society Catalogue available on request from 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

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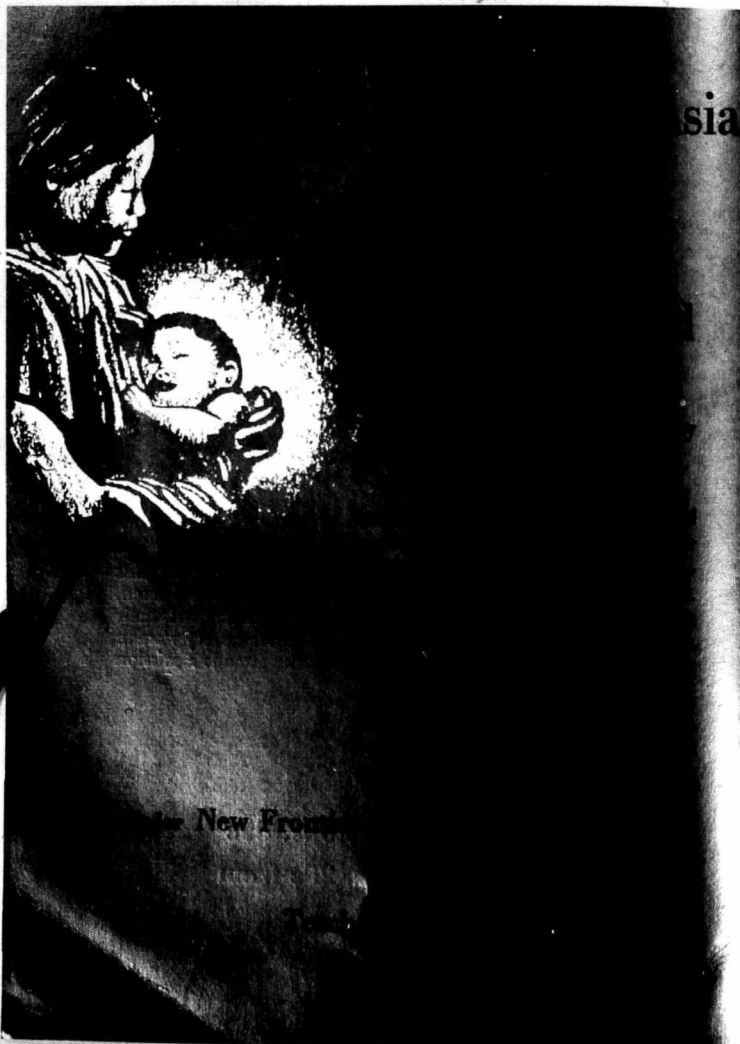
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This month *Forecaster*
takes on a new look.



It is hoped that every officer, chairman, and committee member will read all of *Forecaster*. For this reason we are not addressing suggestions to certain committees.

What Is YOUR Answer?

How well have members of your WMS developed this year in appreciation for all people and a deep concern for those who are lost without Christ?

Have WMS members had their spiritual life strengthened because of your Woman's Missionary Society?

Have WMS members been led into experiences of Christian witnessing this year?

Have WMS members magnified Christian sharing?

Have missionary convictions been cultivated in the hearts of young people in your church?

Have women been brought into the growing experience of missionary endeavor by your Woman's Missionary Society?

Have the women of your WMS had an informed leadership this year?

Have the systematic reports of your WMS recorded advancement?

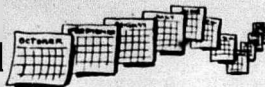
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September is a month for looking backward and forward, a time for evaluating the past and planning ahead.

Look Backward



● Check carefully each basic objective and each elective in WMS Aims for Advancement. With the help of the secretary, the WMS president fills out the annual report blanks in the WMS Report Book and sends them, by October 5, to the WMU president. She will keep one copy for file and send one copy with annual reports of youth organizations to the associational WMU president. Each blank space should be filled in clearly and correctly. If the summary record of monthly circle reports (found in WMS Report Book) has been kept up-to-date, there should be no difficulty in making the annual report of the WMS.

Look Forward



● Plan for an annual meeting of officers, chairmen, counselors and leaders for making broad plans based on current WMU Year Book.

Schedule the meeting at a time when the largest number of leaders can attend. This meeting will enable WMS leaders and youth leaders to recognize that together the WMS and the youth organizations form Woman's Missionary Union.

At this meeting all leaders will be introduced to the new 1962-63 75th Anniversary Year Book. They will understand how essential the Year Book is to their work and will learn to regard it as a reference book needed throughout the

● At the last executive board meeting evaluate the work of your WMS during the year. The questions on the front page of Forecaster will start your leadership to thinking. It is helpful for the outgoing officers to meet with the incoming officers. This may be at your last executive board meeting; if so, plan to read together the WMS Statement of Aims. Reaffirm your desire to make your WMS fulfill its real purpose to promote Christian missions through a program of World Awareness, Spiritual Life Development, Christian Witnessing, Sharing, Possessions, Educating Youth in Missions, Enlistment for Missions, and Leadership Training.

year. Use the anniversary section of the Year Book and the emphases in the WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band sections for making broad plans for the year.

● Urge committees to set up a schedule for regular committee meetings throughout the year. Every committee needs an annual planning meeting for looking at its duties and for making broad plans for the year.

● Arrange for the WMS Leadership Course to be taught in a class. Urge those who cannot attend the class to take the course by the individual method. Be sure that all

of those holding the Leadership Card renew it properly. The card is valid for one year and must be renewed on or before the date of issuance of the card. The card may be renewed during the 1961-62 WMU year by reading the current

Year Book and Christian Sharing of Possessions, by Ussery, 85c from Baptist Book Stores. During 1962-63 Enlistment for Missions, by Helen Fling, 85c, and the current WMU Year Book constitute the Refresher Course.

FORECASTS

Take a quick wide-eyed view of forecasts for 1962-63 in your WMS.

Month by Month

Well-planned missionary programs for society and circle meetings.

Use the Aims for Advancement and 75th Anniversary goals as guides.

Planned community missions. Enlistment visitation.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Executive board meetings.

Members reading Royal Service.

and Through the Year

Mission study.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 3-7, 1962.

Week of Prayer for Home Missions with Annie Armstrong Offering, March 4-8, 1963.

State Mission Season of Prayer (date set by state).

World Missions Year—1963. World Missions Week, April 22-26, 1963.

Quarterly emphasis on stewardship of possessions.

Sustained fostering of WMU youth organizations.

Representation at associational WMU meetings.

Midyear and annual reports.

Leadership training.

Regular committee meetings.

Special 75th Anniversary meetings.

WMS Round Table.

Intercessory Prayer League.

WMU Conferences at Glorieta (July 18-24, 1963) and at Ridgecrest (August 8-14, 1963).

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Enlarging Your WMU?

Have plans been made for organizing additional circles in your WMS or for organizing another Woman's Missionary Society? Are there WMU youth organizations for all age groups in the church four years and above? Begin the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union with an enlarged WMU organization in your church. It's a good way to enlist more women and young people.

Church Night of Stewardship

The Church Night of Stewardship is usually in September. The president, the stewardship chairman, and the YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors plan for this stewardship emphasis. The president arranges a date on the church calendar in the Church Council

meeting or with the pastor

Included in the program may be dramatic presentations, testimonies, stewardship stories, poems, songs, and other stewardship features which should climax the year's stewardship studies

Bring Ye **ALL** the TITHES

Enlistment

A new book is ready for your WMU bookshelf, the fourth one in the WMU Aims Series. *Enlistment for Missions*, by Helen Fling, price 85c from your nearest Baptist Book Store, is one that every WMS member will enjoy reading. It is recommended for circle study in July, August, and September. Don't miss it! *Enlistment for Missions* will give excellent preparation for the challenge which the new WMU year presents.



State Missions

September is the month designated by some states for the State Mission Season of Prayer with the State Mission Offering. State WMUs set the date and send out a suggested program and procedure for the observance of this Season of Prayer.

The question is sometimes asked,

"Why doesn't this Season of Prayer replace the monthly missionary program as does the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Week of Prayer for Home Missions?" It is because the date varies in different states and there is no uniformity in the way this Season of Prayer is observed.

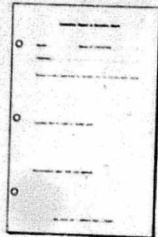
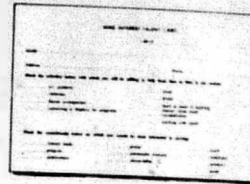


Officers Installed?

Have your officers been installed yet? If not, the pamphlet, "WMS Installation and Commitment Services," price 25c, may be just what you need.

Something New

To help you discover the interests and talents of WMS members, there is the Interest-Talent Card. Helpful information can be secured from WMS members by using the card, price 10c for 10.



Suggested forms for Committee Report to Executive Board may also be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., price 10c for 10.

Missionary Program Topics for 1962-63

Theme: "Laborers Together with God"

- October:** "Laborers Together with God"
(Preview of WMU Anniversary Year)
- November:** "A Vigorous Minority in Mexico"
- December:** Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
Theme: "God's Gift . . . the Light of the World" 2 Corinthians 4:6; John 8:12.
- January:** "Expansion for an Enlarged Ministry"
(The Why and How of Home Mission Board Work)
- February:** "Witnessing to Oriental Americans"
(Chinese, Korean, Japanese)
- March:** Week of Prayer for Home Missions
Theme: "If My People . . . Pray" 2 Chronicles 7:14
- April:** "From Baguio to Cotabato"
(The Philippine Islands)
- May:** "Laborers with God Through the Years"
(WMU 75th Anniversary, GA 50th Anniversary)
- June:** "Co-laborers for the Truth"
(Liberia and Other New Overseas Work)
- July:** "Changing Patterns in City Missions"
(City Mission Program of the Home Mission Board)
- August:** "Turning Away from the Truth of God"
(Mormonism, Buddhism, Baháism, and Islam)
- September:** "Conquest Through New Ministries"
(Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia)

Topics for Circle or Second WMS Meetings

Theme: "Unto the Stature of Christ" Ephesians 4:13
(To show how the meaning of the WMU Emblem, Aims for Advancement and Royal Service help a woman develop into a full-grown Christian.)

- October:** "Significance of WMU Emblem"
- November:** "World Awareness"
- December:** "Spiritual Life Development"
(Study of Aim)
- January:** "Christian Witnessing"
(Study of Aim)
- February:** "Christian Witnessing"
(Study of 1962-63 Community Missions Emphases)
- March:** "Spiritual Life Development"
(Family Worship)
- April:** "Enlistment for Missions"
- May:** "Educating Youth in Missions"
- June:** "Royal Service, a Missions Magazine for Women"
- July:** "Leadership Training"
- August:** "Sharing Possessions"
- September:** "Reporting"

MISSION STUDY

- First Quarter:** *New Frontiers in an Old World*, Winston Crawley
- Second Quarter:** *The Chains Are Strong*, W. C. Fields
- Third and Fourth Quarters:** WMU history, Alma Hunt
World Awareness, Mrs. W. C. Tyler

The Anniversary Month by Month in ROYAL SERVICE

The 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union will be observed October 1, 1962, through September 30, 1963. Each month *Royal Service* and *Forecaster* will give emphasis to the anniversary goals. The following schedule gives tentative plans for month by month promotion of the goals.

- October:** Work to be Honor WMU
75 per cent of members receiving WMU magazines
- November:** Presentation of Cooperative Program
15 per cent increase in tithers
- December:** 15 per cent increase in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Five-day observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
- January:** Representation at state, association, and Convention-wide meetings

- February:** Organize a mission
March: 15 per cent increase in Annie Armstrong Offering
 Five-day observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions
April: Study of WMU history
 15 per cent increase in members
 Work to be Honor WMU (midyear progress)
May: Anniversary issue of *Royal Service*
June: 75 per cent of members reading a mission book
July: Study of World Awareness
August: Check anniversary chart
September: Reporting on goals
 Conserving the gains

Emphases for 1962-63

Soul-winning visitation
 Distribution of Bibles and Christian literature

"Each One Give One"

July *Royal Service* and Fore-caster launched the anniversary plan, "Each One Give One."

The plan is for each WMS member to give a gift subscription to a friend, neighbor, relative, or to some institution.

When sending subscription, mark clearly, "Gift Subscription," and an

attractive card will be sent announcing the gift and the giver.

A poster to promote the plan has been sent to each WMS president. Place it in a prominent place in your church.

Try to be 100 per cent in members participating in the plan.

Your PLACE

Is your place a small place?

Tend it with care!—

He set you there.

Is your place a large place?

Guard it with care!—

He set you there.

Whate'er your place, it is

Not yours alone, but His

Who set you there.

—John Orenham

Are there any small places in His service? I think not. Any work that is done for Him and His glory need not be called small!

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one" 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, RSV.