

God's Gift...
the Light
of the World

December 1962

Royal Service

by Baker James Caution

The Touch of God

SOMETIMES when our hearts have really felt the touch of God it is as if a great peace has begun to sink into our souls like a gentle rain.

Sometimes it is like the rolling away of a burden or the dropping off of cords that bind.

Sometimes it is like the blowing of a gentle breeze or like looking out and suddenly the clouds have shifted, and the way can be seen.

Sometimes it is like watching an electric wire where the dynamic impulses of divine inspiration come sweeping through and the whole body begins to tingle with anticipation of what God will do.

We know in such moments by the outreach of God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord, that needs have been met, not because of any merit of our own, but totally because of our fervent prayer. Prayer is intensely personal and it makes vast changes in what we feel, think, and do.

As we pray together, we discover that prayer has cumulative power. We are encouraged and inspired as we listen to others pray. United prayer lifts individual prayer to new heights of power and insight. Let us pray! Let us pray individually and together during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

TAKE HIM OUT OF THE CATTLESLED!

by Lon Woodrum

ONLY GOD ever had the idea of making a Christmas. No man would have thought of such a thing. I small wonder the idea has captured the imagination of the world so that nations turn aside every year to see the Baby in the manger's cattle-sled.

What a way for God to invade our world! No royal proclamation, no fuss! It was all done so quietly! Yet, once you have the picture, you can't forget it. His Son a King, yes, a Redeemer, born in a cattle-sled! How could we help coming, as did the Magi, to visit this Baby whose birth meant that the calendar was to be changed?

So, every year, we light our trees, sing carols, give gifts, and say, "Merry Christmas." And well we should, for it is Jesus' birthday. However, we might ask ourselves, in the midst of our celebration, what will happen when Christmas is over.

Something did happen after that first Christmas, you know. Jesus didn't stay in the manger. He left it. He went to Nazareth. "The child grew" states the record. He

became a man. He took his Gospel to the people. He healed the sick, lifted the fallen. He was hanged on a cross. He arose from the dead. He sent his Spirit to his church.

So much happened after that cattle-sled experience!

Jesus, as a baby, couldn't have given us the Sermon on the Mount. He couldn't have lived his mighty life before the eyes of mankind. He couldn't have taken his death-beam to Calvary. He had to quit the stable and become a man before he could perform his mission for God and to man.

A stable-faith is not enough. We must have a Cross-faith, a Resurrection-faith. We must do better than that. We must have a Pentecost-faith. We must have a faith that fulfills the words of the Apostle Paul: "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Last Christmas we heard a clergyman speak on the radio. Naturally he had a Christmas theme. He was a fluent speaker. Listening, one could see the Magi's camels plodding over the desert, trailing the newborn Star. You could hear the angel's song

floating on the night, you could see the shepherds hurrying to see the child. In dramatic diction Mary was presented to us, clasping the Babe to her heart. It was an impressive picture. But the sermon left Jesus in the innkeeper's oxstall! It didn't even get him as far as the Temple to ask his famous question, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Only an incompetent scholar would suggest that Jesus never lived. We do despite in the Gospel when we discount the historical Christ. He came to this Nazareth. He traveled over Palestine, preaching, teaching, and healing men. He was crucified. He arose from the dead. He ascended to heaven.

We heard one minister aptly say, "Let's not speak of the historical Christ as though we spoke only of the past. He is the Lord of all history, past, present, future." Our faith requires a yesterday Saviour; but it requires a today Saviour also. Moreover we shall need a tomorrow Redeemer.

It is a far cry from the Christ Child among the oxen to the Christ Spirit among moon-bent missiles and winged rockets. But the distance must be spanned. Even the distance between an historical Easter and our time must be bridged. We must realize in human personality what Paul termed "the power of his resurrection," which can lift men from their dead selves to "walk in newness of life."

We must see our faith extended far this side of Pentecost. It is not enough to celebrate a day when the divine fire was out-poured. Pentecost must not end in an upper room in Jerusalem. It only begins there. God meant the action reported in Acts to be extended until the end of time.

True, at Christmastide we commemorate God's first fulfillment of the pledge of the name, Emmanuel—"God with us." Yet we must keep remembering that Jesus pledged to live, in his Spirit, in all ages, "Lo, I am with you always."

We should not disparage the Christmas season, though we flinch at some false merrymaking, the commercial goings on, the jug tilting and carousing. We should never

mar the story of the star-led men from the East, or of the angel choirs over the Judean hills. We would not diminish this scene. Yet we would not keep Jesus in the crowded forever!

God didn't keep him there for long. He took him to Egypt, probably before he could walk. Perhaps that journey is the symbol of a great fact. Christ cannot stay in Palestine! He must visit the nations of the earth. He must pass through many streets in the big cities, fight through the jungles, and cross the deserts. Christmas was never intended to cripple our missionary enterprise!

Let us resolve then, this Christmas not to lock up the Saviour in the cattleshed until next Christmas. Let us get him out of the manger, out to the dispossessed, the disinherited, the needy people whom he loves. Christianity was never an oxstall religion! It is a global Gospel, restless at roadblocks, fretting at boundaries.

Sing, then, at Christmas. But sing after Christmas also. Give gifts while you sing, but remember that God's grace makes every day a giving time. Christmas is not a date on the calendar; it is a Spirit in eternity.

A man once dreamed that he was in the stable in Bethlehem and saw the child. He asked, "What are you doing here, little One?" And the child answered, "I am not doing anything, here! But I shall go from here soon. I shall speak parables that will haunt the world. I shall climb a hill, rise on a cross, and the world will not be able to forget. I will overwhelm the grave. I shall establish my church. I will come again some day to reign as King. My birth in the stable is not as important as the fact that I shall be born in men's hearts around the world!"

It was never his birth in a barn that Jesus emphasized. Did he ever refer to it? His interest was in being born into the hearts, spirits, and ways of men. This is the sort of birthday he will join us in celebrating, and the angels, he said, will join him at it.

Christ is satisfied only when he has moved from his cattleshed into the living room of men's lives.

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Spiritual Life Development

We will seek to strengthen
the spiritual life of members.

by Helen Fling

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WHILE billions are spent to gain knowledge of the physical world, and human energy is expended to gain mastery of a material world, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the only hope for survival is a spiritual breakthrough. True, without scientific knowledge the world falters as a helpless toddler, but without spiritual understanding mankind is a drunken dunce, "reeling in a new and terrible cock-sureness from one disaster to another."

Certainly, God is not a theory to be tested nor made up of components to be analyzed, but a Living Presence to be experienced. Therefore, the Christian needs, above all else, to discover the incredible companionship between Creator and created, and to grow in the atmosphere of this life-changing, redemptive fellowship. Such development calls for daily renewal, deliberate decision, sometimes stern choices.

The prayer plans of Woman's Missionary Union are based upon the belief that Jehovah has made himself completely approachable and available through the mystery of the new birth and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit. To accept a remote concept of God is to defeat spiritual growth before it begins.

Christ our Great Contemporary invites the slow-of-heart today to walk with him on the Emmaus way to maturity—to recognize his presence, realize his power, and relax in his love. The Book, the precious, Holy Book, must be read until our hearts burn within us. Yet if we stop here we have only entered the kindergarten of the spirit, seeking personal blessing. We can go on and explore God's spiritual laws, engaging in the calendar of prayer, until our souls are enlarged by real intercession. We can participate in the weeks of prayer, looking through picture windows to the needs of the world, windows that mirror our own selfishness, and discover the power of corporate prayer.

Indeed, if we are to know spiritual life development, we must constantly "seek those things that are above"—not spiritual intangibles but divine realities!

AT THE MERCY SEAT

THE WEEK OF PRAYER for Foreign Missions is one of the most treasured times of the entire year. It is then we come together to lift our prayer not only as individuals, but as groups of God's children on behalf of his work throughout the entire world. Like incense rising from glowing altars across the whole land, prayer rises throughout this week in churches large and small that God might glorify his own name in the sharing of the gospel of redemption in all the world. In every land where missionaries labor, hearts are lifted up with encouragement as this week draws nigh.

All who read the letters of missionaries are impressed by repeated requests for prayer. When one has crossed the world in the name of Jesus and finds himself surrounded by such need as he has never before imagined, he is almost overwhelmed by a sense of his own inadequacy and his need of power which can come only from God. In many instances, the surrounding spiritual darkness is so real that one is aware of the reluctance of Satan to allow the preaching of the gospel of Christ and his fierce determination to obstruct it by every means possible. Power from on high is needed that barriers may be overcome and victories won in the name of our Lord.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions becomes exceedingly precious because it enables each one of us to cross the world and stand by the side of the missionary in his post of service. We take our places by the teacher and minister as the word of Christ is made known. We enter the operating room and reinforce the hand of the missionary doctor and nurse when a life is at stake. We sit quietly in the midst of missionaries

and national workers pondering difficult questions and seeking the leadership of God that they may know how to press forward in the ministry of the word. Intercessory prayer makes us laborers by their sides.

When the Week of Prayer is so vital that it touches the entire life of the church, it has incalculable value. It enables the whole church family to be caught up in a spiritual experience. It finds a central place in the devotions of families as they gather around the breakfast table or worship together in the sanctuary.

The immediate effect of the Week of Prayer is to bring spiritual blessing to those who pray, in the churches of which we are a part, but most of all to bring the mighty power of God in the ministries of his servants across the world. Let us remember that our prayerlessness may hinder the work of God in the world, but if we pray, the conditions are met wherein God's mighty power reaches human need.

The outflow of the Week of Prayer is seen immediately in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and throughout the entire year in the reinforcement of missionary labor at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program.

As prayer is focused on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, there is growing knowledge that needs which are supplied by the offering are those which have been most urgently recommended by the missionary organizations in 51 countries.

Missionaries work together in facing the needs of the lands they serve. There are many needs that each one must share his burden with others and together seek through prayer and consultation the Lord's

guidance as to those particular objectives which are to be undertaken. When these have been settled upon and are recommended to the Foreign Mission Board, we always find that they reach a total far in excess of all available resources. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes possible supplying hundreds of these needs which otherwise would have to go unmet. It is therefore great joy to remember that when the money is used, it is applied to those things which the missionaries themselves have agreed upon as being most urgently needed.

All of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to meet these needs. Some of it is used for paying the salaries of missionaries and the expenses of sending new appointees to the fields. Much of it goes to help pay the expenses of the ministries being projected on the fields of service. Another large part goes to provide buildings for mission residences, schools, hospitals, seminaries, churches.

When the offering is given throughout our Baptist life, it flows to the Foreign Mission Board through the offices of the state convention treasurers and the treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The fact that this great offering is never handled or even seen by Woman's Missionary Union is a remarkable expression of missionary participation.

From the beginning of her work, Woman's Missionary Union has recognized that the responsibility for administration in foreign missions rests totally with the Foreign Mission Board. Woman's Missionary Union has endeavored to lay the needs of a world task upon the hearts of people and prays that the hearts might be so opened as to bring

by Baker James Caughen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board

forth abundant gifts. The money so provided is laid in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board to administer just as it does all other funds entrusted to it. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is given the same careful administrative attention by the Foreign Mission Board as is given to all other money for which it is responsible.

Already items totaling \$5,000,000 of the money to be received from the forthcoming offering have been drawn up and approved (see pages 9-24). As soon as the actual total of the offering is known, other lists will be drawn up for the full amount of the offering we bring. It is necessary to wait until the amount of the offering is fully known, because so many needs are urgent that it is desired to include all possible and leave out nothing that might be provided through our giving. When the final lists are complete they total exactly the amount of the offering which has been laid upon the altar.

Woman's Missionary Union is now about to observe her 75th Anniversary year. Only heaven will disclose the full record of victories which have been wrought by this dedicated organization in her labor of love. This year a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer and a 15 per cent increase in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are two of the Anniversary goals. We can anticipate God's blessings in spiritual victories which will reach throughout the entire world and will bring joy and thanksgiving to the hearts of all God's people who have shared in this labor in his name.

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Around the World

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psalm 145:18.



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TWELVE YEARS AGO, the officers of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance issued the first call for a Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Around the World.

Two years earlier, the European Baptist Women's Union, meeting in the aftermath and shadows of war, turned to shared prayer which made vivid for them the reality of community that exists in God for all Baptist women regardless of national difficulties, disagreements, hatreds.

Wounds caused by war were healed and forgotten as spirits were stirred with a fresh sense of oneness in opening hearts to God's search for us. So heart-warming were the blessings of the European Women's Day of Prayer that this link was sought for all Baptist women around the world.

Beginning in a modest way, the Day of Prayer is now observed by groups, great and small, in 72 countries. Thousands upon thousands meet at the Throne of Grace in shared prayer each year.

In these busy days, we need organization and program. A group or organization may have unity of purpose on account of the same interests or work. Unless this leads, however, to complete oneness with God and with each because there is Christian love that puts others first and self last, there cannot be spiritual power. As Baptist women meet on December 7, the Day of Prayer, separated by distance, language, customs, they are nevertheless united in burdened, concerned prayer.

In so many areas where life is hard and witnessing to our Lord difficult, our Baptist sisters are strengthened and supported by the knowledge that on the first Friday in December others, nearby or halfway around the world, are praying for and with them. How often do they write, "Whatever happens, we know you are praying for us." This is an inescapable and precious trust and responsibility. And it has been said truly, "There is nothing that makes us love [another] so much as praying for him."

We do not know how prayer secures results. We do know that Jesus prayed for others and results followed; we have been told by him to pray for one another. And this is one of the most pressing reasons for praying in the Day of Prayer.

The prayer life of Jesus indicates clearly that he had no class consciousness, no race prejudice, that he enjoyed fellowship with his father and helped others to do so. He offers us all the unsearchable riches and possibilities of prayer. Will you join your Baptist sisters around the world in prayer, remembering the promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father."

by Mrs. Edgar Bates

Retrospect 1888-1963



CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME FOR REMEMBERING. Miss Lottie Moon knew this and suggested that the offering she was pleading for in 1888 be a Christmas offering.

The hearts of women responded to her plea which was relayed to them through the limited channels of communication which the newly organized Women's Missionary Union had.

CAN'T YOU JUST SEE THE WOMEN GATHERING? Dresses were long in 1888—down to the floor. Almost hidden under the beautifully feminine skirts were the sturdy, durable shoes.

They defied the elements which would have deterred less sturdy women. In spite of December snows, bitter winds, muddy roads, and poorly-heated church buildings they came, they prayed, they gave. It was the call to pray and to give an offering to China which brought forth the signal achievement in 1888. Then a \$2,000 goal was tremendous! They exceeded their goal! Our goal of \$10,700,000 is tremendous also. Let us be challenged by a 15 per cent increase over last year's gifts—and exceed our 1962 goal.

Mission opportunities are greater today. Communication lines are stronger.

Instead of one missionary pleading for prayer support and an offering, we have 1,598 overseas missionaries in 51 countries joining us in prayer and looking to us for the strengthening of their witness which comes when we pray and give.



INSTEAD OF NUMEROUS LETTERS TO MEMBERS, upon which the faithful women of 1888 were largely dependent, we have Royal Service, The Window, Tell, and Sunbeam Activities with a combined circulation



of 777,500. These channel the Week of Prayer informational materials to 1,470,181 members. Royal Service carries the first list of allocations. All money which comes in through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering beyond the \$5 million accounted for on pages 9-24 will be allocated later by the Foreign Mission Board. Missionaries on every field are praying that the goal will be reached and that urgent needs in their respective fields may be met.

In retrospect we see how God enlarged the vision of WMU members from the time of their first world-wide effort.



MRS. W. J. COX, a former president of Women's Missionary Union, in her history Following In His Train wrote: "... the time was ripe for believers in every nation to encircle the throne of God with intercession for the redemption of humanity. During the 1931 December Week of Prayer, Friday was designated as 'A Day of Prayer Around the World.'"

This day later became a part of the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Around the World. Plans for this fellowship in prayer are made by the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department. Our president, Mrs. Mathis, is treasurer of the Women's Department and went this past summer as an official representative of the department to the meetings of the European Baptist Women's Union and the African Baptist Women's Union. The officers of the Women's Department and the continental chairmen work out implementation of plans which are translated into numerous languages and dialects.

As we come to December 7, the closing day of the Week of Prayer, let us remember that Baptist women around the world are praying. Surely there will not be a time in the twenty-four hour cycle when women will not be praying—for themselves, for their witness, for us.

Let us remember that God answers prayer. Let us not be deterred by weather or crowded schedules or pressures. Let us weigh the needs of the world against all other claims on our time and money. Let us keep our personal Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal in our prayer.

Alma Hunt



Christmas Offering \$10,700,000

General Allocations

Missionary Salaries and Supplements	\$ 284,000
American Bible Society	20,000
Training Nationals in USA	6,000
Continental Baptist Women's Unions (Asia, Europe, Latin America, Africa)	7,000
Salaries and Supplement for New Missionaries	600,000
Fannie E. S. Heck Funds for WMU Training Schools in Brazil, Italy	50,695
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for WMU work	04,943
Orient: Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Japan, Korea, Philippines	\$ 9,700
Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay	31,902
Africa, Europe, Near East: Ghana, Nigeria, Italy, Spain, Israel, Jordan, Central Africa, East Africa, Portugal, Lebanon	23,341
WMU Publications and Literature	33,775
Orient: Hong Kong, Macao, Japan, Korea, Philippines	\$ 7,500
Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Paso (Spanish America), Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela	18,880
Africa and Europe: Ghana, Nigeria, Italy, Spain	7,475
Total for General Work	\$1,066,412

The Light Dispels . . . Ignorance

Scripture Verses for Monday

"Where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?"

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

"Apply thine heart to understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom."

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

"The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits."

"... Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

"In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

"Wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness."

"God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,"

(Job 28:12; Prov. 9:10; 2:2,4-6; James 1:5,3:17; 1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 2:3; Eccles. 2:11; 2 Cor. 4:6)

The Hindu Boy

by Bob Wakefield, Singapore

THIS is the story of the Hindu Boy. He is one of 200,000 Tamil people who live in Singapore. They came here from India to raise their standard of living. Many

brought the Hindu religion with them. They built temples, erected grotesque gods and carry on strange religious rituals.

One of these rituals is held annually. Scores of people gather at a temple, take upon their shoulders heavy burdens, which are decorated with flowers and peacock feathers. Silver and bronze images of their gods are often placed on these burdens, so the gods can observe their suffering, and thus look on them with favor through the coming year. Others carry burdens because of sins they have committed. Tragedy has come to them and the gods must be appeased, and so they suffer.

Many of these burdens are constructed of metal, and from one to two hundred long steel needles run down through the burdens. The sharp ends of these needles pierce the back, sides, and chest of the burden-carrier. The devotees walk for two miles and a half through the broiling equatorial sun to the Temple of a Thousand Lights.

It was a hot, humid Sunday morning in February, 1962, when we arrived at the



The Hindu Boy with pierced tongue waits to begin his pilgrimage

temple to witness this pagan ritual. Here we saw the Hindu Boy. It was a strange meeting. None of us could speak; we could not speak because we were shocked at the sight of the child. He could not speak because he already was prepared to carry a small, wooden burden through the streets of Singapore.

The boy stood, with his aged mother beside a tall coconut tree. His arms were folded across his bare chest. He had been fasting and praying to the gods for many days. Early this morning he came to the temple. After worship he entered the courtyard. Many people milled around. Devotees were sitting on low stools while priests and relatives placed burdens on their shoulders and pierced their bodies with the steel needles.

Incense burned in shallow clay pots. Two priests circled about playing religious music on the temple oboe and drum. A light rain was falling.

The Hindu Boy's family and friends gathered about him. A priest began to chant, calling to the gods to witness the boy's devotion, his faithfulness, and his desire to escape evil. Another priest sprinkled saffron on his head, then rubbed a mixture of saffron and cow-dung ash on his forehead.

The priest chanted faster and louder. The Hindu Boy's family and friends began to chant, swaying and shouting. "Aye, aye," when the priest paused. Suddenly the chant became very intense. The priest seemed ecstatic, the burning incense was held before the Boy. It was very strong. The drum, the oboe, the noise of the crowd, the chanting of the priest, all were very loud. "He was the Hindu Boy. His gods watched him. They would see. They would understand his fear of them, his devotion to

them."

He stiffened. His eyes bulged. The chanting stopped. Drum and oboe were still. In silence a priest stepped up to the Hindu Boy. The Boy opened his mouth. The priest rubbed cow-dung ash on his cheeks and sprinkled some on his tongue. Then, taking up a silver skewer, he ran it through the Hindu Boy's cheeks. He pulled the boy's tongue out and, holding it tightly between his finger and thumb, ran another skewer through it.

The crowd moaned and swayed. The priest took up his chant. The oboe and drum resumed their music, moving on to the next devotee.

The Hindu Boy's hair was wet from the early rain. Pain marked his face. Saliva seeped from his mouth, ran down the silver skewer and dripped onto his thin chest. He waited, unable to swallow, unable to speak, unable to close his mouth; waited to fulfill his vows to his gods.

Since that day, my thoughts have never been far from the Hindu Boy. I watch my own son going to church, lighthearted, happy, with his Bible in hand. I listen to him pray to Almighty God, the loving Heavenly Father, for forgiveness of his sins. He smiles. God has forgiven. Then I think of the Hindu Boy.

"Not much older than my son," I think, "but such a difference! Such a very great difference."

I have not seen the Hindu Boy again. But every time I pass a Tamil boy, I see him in my mind. Every time I pass a Hindu temple I think of him. Every time I bare my soul in prayer, I pray for him.

For me, he has become the living symbol of lost humanity. All my life is now turned toward giving Jesus, my Saviour, my God to this Hindu Boy and thousands like him.

The Orient

Hong Kong Macao:	\$ 15,000
Language Study	2,000
Children's School Allowance	16,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	6,000
Travel for Mission Business	27,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	

In the library at Pooi To School, Hong Kong



Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	5,000	
Religious Education Promotion	2,000	
Summer Assembly	1,000	
Student Work	2,000	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,000	
Hong Kong Baptist College	24,000	
Seminary, Current Expenses	16,000	
Scholarship Fund	6,000	
Publication Work, Current Expenses	30,000	
Seminary Textbook Fund	5,000	
Literature Fund	2,000	
Hong Kong Baptist Hospital	4,000	166,000
Indonesia:		
Language Study	5,000	
Children's School Allowance	5,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	6,000	
Travel for Mission Business	11,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	6,000	
Samarang, Seminary, Current Expenses	13,200	
Publication Work	14,000	
Literature Fund	3,000	
Kediri, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	10,000	91,200
Japan:		
Language Study	23,000	
Children's School Allowance	22,500	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	36,000	
Travel for Mission Business	24,000	
Car Maintenance	24,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	36,000	
Department of Evangelism	42,000	
Radio Work	6,000	
Department of Service Education	30,000	
Goodwill Center	2,000	
Department of Institutions	2,000	
Kokura, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Current Expenses	10,000	
Fukuoka, Seinan Gakuin, Current Expenses	20,000	
Training School for Kindergarten Workers, Current Expenses	10,000	
Japan Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	20,000	
Japan Publication Work, Current Expenses	27,000	
Literature and Evangelism Aids	7,000	
Kyoto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000	
Mission Office Expense	10,000	376,300
Korea:		
Language Study	15,000	
Children's School Allowance	10,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	10,000	
Travel for Mission Business	9,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	18,000	
Summer Camps	20,000	
Taejeon Seminary, Current Expenses	1,200	
Publication Work	20,000	
Pusan, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	9,000	
	30,000	132,200
Malaya:		
Language Study	9,000	
Children's School Allowance	4,500	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	8,000	
Travel for Mission Business	7,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	12,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	6,000	
Evangelism Work	3,000	
Summer Camps	9,000	
Penang, Seminary, Current Expenses	1,500	
Literature Fund	15,000	
Bookstore	1,200	
	1,000	68,200
Pakistan:		
Language Study	4,000	
Children's School Allowance	4,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	8,000	
Travel for Mission Business	5,000	



Tract distribution
Kediri Hospital,
Indonesia

Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	7,000	
Evangelism Work	4,000	
Primary Schools	1,000	
Literature Fund	2,500	35,500
Philippines:		
Language Study	14,000	
Children's School Allowance	12,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	18,000	
Travel for Mission Business	18,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	17,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	13,000	
Evangelism Work	12,000	
Summer Camps	3,000	
Radio Work	1,500	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,500	
Sapin, Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000	
Brain, Bible School, Current Expenses	5,500	
Wang, College	1,500	
Manila, Publication Work	13,000	
Literature Fund	3,000	
Man, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	27,000	181,800
Taiwan:		
Language Study	12,000	
Children's School Allowance	8,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	15,000	
Travel for Mission Business	10,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	25,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	18,000	
Summer Camps	3,000	
Radio Work	12,000	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,500	
Student Work	1,500	
Seminary, Current Expenses	17,000	
Literature Fund	4,000	
Bookstore	2,000	141,300
Thailand:		
Language Study	9,000	
Children's School Allowance	6,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	24,000	
Travel for Mission Business	9,000	
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	6,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	17,500	
Evangelism Centers	10,500	
Radio Work	2,000	
Student Center	1,500	
Summer Camps	1,000	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,500	
Bangkok, Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000	
Bangkok, Publication Work	5,000	113,500
Hospital		
Vietnam:		
Language Study	5,000	
Children's School Allowance	3,000	
Missionary Residence Property Operating	12,000	
Travel for Mission Business	8,000	
Evangelism Work	3,000	
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating	7,500	
Literature Fund	2,500	31,000
Total for Orient		\$1,343,800
Recapitulation		
General	\$1,066,115	
Africa, Europe and Near East	1,315,184	
Latin America	1,274,605	
The Orient	1,343,800	
Total	\$5,000,000	



Baptist Church
Davao, Philippines



Baptist Seminary, Taiwan

The Light Alleviates...Suffering

Scripture Verses for Tuesday

"Unto you that fear my name shall the Son of righteousness arise with healing in his wings."

"Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out."

"Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?"

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart."

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, ... to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

"I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them."

"The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing."

"Jesus, when ... he saw much people, was moved with compassion toward them."

"Whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole."

"If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day."

"God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the

glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

(Mat. 4:2; Job 24:32; 27:9; Psalm 34:18; 107:1; Isaiah 61:1,3; 42:16; 49:9; Mark 6:1,3; Luke 58:10; 2 Cor. 4:6)

Brave Madeline

by Mrs. R. E. Nicholas
Missionary in Gaza, Egypt

STUDENT NURSE in a Christian mission hospital! What an opportunity! Happily Madeline packed and dreamed her way through preparation days. Three years studying and working in a hospital. How exciting it would be to learn at last to help relieve suffering. What fun it would be to live in a dormitory with other student nurses!

The train trip, however, from Madeline's home in Cairo, Egypt, to Gaza was an experience to fill any Egyptian girl with apprehension, for it led her right up to the Israeli border. Her father and relatives had not wanted her to go into this isolated zone where United Nations soldiers patrolled and guard all borders.

Only a few months before bombs had been dropped almost on the hospital compound itself. The trip was long and tiring and dust of the desert seeped in around the closed windows until it seemed all her eyes and was grit on her tongue and teeth.

At Gaza the station was crowded with people, shoving and pushing against the train as it moved into the station. It was Madeline's first introduction to the masses of people who live in Gaza, most of them Palestinian refugees, and many of whom



Gaza (Egypt) Baptist Hospital graduating nurses 1961. Madeline is at right of Carolyn Cate, nursing school director (center).

would be her patients in the years ahead in the Gaza Baptist Hospital.

At the hospital Madeline discovered that nursing really was tiring and studying hard. There was little to do in Gaza for amusement, and rules of the hospital were strict. Facing suffering and misery on the wards was quite different from dreaming about nursing.

But God was working out his purpose in Madeline's life. The hospital was to prove a means of relieving her own spiritual suffering and bringing peace to her troubled heart. Chapel services every morning and prayer meetings every night, Bible study, and church services directed her thoughts towards spiritual values.

She saw doctors pray before operations, and the staff pray often for patients. Each day when the rush of morning hours was over, the girls on duty gathered to hear the Bible read. Once she heard Jesus' words, "Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3 ASV).

Most of the girls laughed at efforts to win them to Christ. Sometimes they were openly rude, and at first none of them believed. But in her second year in Gaza Madeline finally surrendered her life to Christ.

By this time, other things were happening on the hospital compound. An addition to the front of the hospital chapel was built from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of women in Japan. Missionaries explained the baptistry—a place to baptize adults. Most of the people in Gaza had never heard of such a thing! But a memora-

ble day came when a schoolteacher was baptized as a testimony of her faith in Christ. Believer's baptism—the first in many centuries in Gaza.

What a time of rejoicing it was for believers! But many nurses ridiculed and laughed. Madeline was quieter than the others. She was beginning to think seriously about baptism. Surely it was time for her, too, to confess her faith in Christ.

So Madeline took another important step in her Christian life. She became the first nurse and the second person in Gaza to follow her Lord in baptism after becoming a Christian.

That was four years ago. Many changes have taken place. Most student nurses and medical staff are now believers. The majority of them accepted Christ during the past year through the witness of missionary nurses and doctors as they work together in the hospital.

The little group of believers in Gaza has no pastor now. When the missionary evangelist went home on furlough there was no preacher, either missionary or Arab, available to take his place. But the witness of Christ by nurses and doctors goes on in the hospital. The love of God is manifested daily in the kind and loving service rendered to the suffering. Three more student nurses have been baptized—one while she was on vacation in Lebanon and two when a pastor from Egypt visited the Gaza church for a short time.

It is much easier now to confess Christ and to witness for him on the wards because there is joy in Christian fellowship as several work together to spread the light of Christ. Even baptism is easier, for it is not accompanied by such ridicule and persecution. But someone had to be first among the nurses to brave the mockery for the glory of Christ. Madeline is glad she was that one.

Africa, Europe and Near East

Ghana:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	11,500
Properties Operating Requirements, Direct Evangelism	3,000
Kumasi, Sadler Baptist School, Current Expenses	20,000
Kumasi, Ghana Baptist Pastors' School, Current Expenses	5,000
Nalerigu Medical Center, Current Expenses	17,500
Scholarship Fund, Current Expenses	1,000
Baptist Press, Current Operating Expenses	3,000
Tamale Pastors' School, Current Expenses	2,000
Aumale School and Training Union Work, Current Expenses	1,500
RA Work, Current Expenses	100
Christian Council	250
Vital Aids, Current Expenses	800
General Field Workers, Current Expenses	1,000
Publication Board and General Publications	2,500
Business Manager's Expenses	500
Vision Chairman's Expenses	100
Liberia:	
Ricks Institute, Current Expenses	12,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	2,000
Scholarships	1,000
Nigeria:	
Abeokuta, Baptist Women's Training College, Current Expenses	25,000
Baptist Girls' High School, Current Expenses	7,500
Baptist Girls' Secondary Modern School, Current Expenses	5,500
Aghor, Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	7,000
Berth, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	17,000
Iwo Baptist College, Current Expenses	5,000
Ogbomoso Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	35,000
Shaki, Elan Memorial School, Current Expenses	2,500
Scholarships for Students Studying in America	15,000
Ede, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	10,000
Medie Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	12,000
Kaduna, Hansa Pastors' School, Current Expenses	10,000
Minna, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	10,000
Olumo, Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	10,000
Kano Primary School, Current Expenses	1,000
Okara Primary School, Current Expenses	5,000
Jos, Baptist Boys' High School, Current Expenses	2,000
Newton Memorial School, Current Expenses	2,000
Aid for Unassisted Primary Schools, Current Expenses	5,000
Office of Education Secretary, Current Expenses	500
Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,000
Workers' Aid for Aged and Retired, Current Expenses	1,500
Radio and TV, Western Region, Current Expenses	5,000
Radio and TV, Eastern Region, Current Expenses	2,000
Visual Aids, Current Expenses	2,500
Associational Missionary Fund, Current Expenses	2,500
Training Union Department, Current Expenses	1,000
Eko Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000
Ogbomoso Hospital, Current Expenses	21,000
Health Service, Current Expenses	2,500
Francis Jones Nursing Home, Current Expenses	2,000
Kersey Children's Home, Current Expenses	1,000
Eko, Baptist Nurses' Home, Current Expenses	10,000
Fre, Welfare Center, Current Expenses	5,000
Igede Dispensary, Current Expenses	5,000
Okara Dispensary, Current Expenses	5,000
Komogodo Hospital, Current Expenses	1,500
Shaki Hospital, Current Expenses	1,500
Fre, Midwifery School, Current Expenses	5,000
Foreign Dental Clinic, Current Expenses	1,200
Barlan Dental Clinic, Current Expenses	1,000
Sunday School Literature, Current Expenses	500
Training Union Literature, Current Expenses	925
Publication Board, Current Expenses	2,000
Nigerian Baptist Publication, Current Expenses	2,000
Hausa Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	1,000
Baptist Department of Architecture, Current Expenses	2,500
Lagos, Baptist House, Current Expenses	1,000
Evangelism Department, Current Expenses	1,000



Baptist Church
near Adikoro,
S. Rhodesia



Baptist Welfare
Inst. Nigeria

Johannesburg Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000	412,711
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Central Africa:	
WME Literature, Current Expenses	2,000
Sinai Hospital, Current Expenses	18,000
Sinai Central School, Current Expenses	12,000
Gwelo and Gokwe Schools, Current Expenses	1,500
Gwelo Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Scholarships	1,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	16,000
Station Operating Expenses, Current Expenses	21,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	10,000
Gokwe Medical Work, Current Expenses	3,700
Evangelization, Current Expenses	2,200
Conferences, Current Expenses	1,000
Social Welfare Work, Current Expenses	400
Sinai Hospital Schools, Current Expenses	6,000
Contingent Fund, Current Expenses	1,000

Baptist Center Beadun,
Boma, Senga Church,
Gwelo, So. Rhodesia



East Africa:	
Church Community Centers, Current Expenses	17,611
Literature, Current Expenses	15,500
Mtisa Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000
Station, Evangelism, Current Expenses	32,000
Conferences and Retreats, Current Expenses	1,000
Baptist Seminary, Arusha, Current Expenses	7,200
Scholarships, Current Expenses	500
Mountesa Secondary School, Current Expenses	1,200
Publication, Current Expenses	3,500
Christian Council, Current Expenses	1,000
Mission Treasurer's Expenses	2,500
British and Foreign Bible Society, Current Expenses	200
Contingent Fund, Current Expenses	2,000
Executive Committee, Current Expenses	750



Baptist Seminary
Zurich, Switzerland

General Europe:	
Rushkilton Seminary, Student Subsidies, Current Expenses	17,000
Salaries, Teachers and Others	20,000
Seminar Conferences, Current Expenses	1,000
Property Maintenance, Current Expenses	12,000

Portugal:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	18,000
Scholarship Fund	5,000
Property Rental, New Work, Current Expenses	2,500

Italy:	
Widows and Orphans of Pastors, Current Expenses	10,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	27,000
Young People's Work, Current Expenses	5,000
Laus Evangelism	5,000
Roma, Good Samaritan Dispensary, Current Expenses	2,000
Pastoral Transfers, Current Expenses	2,000
Rivoli, Philadelphia Institute, Current Expenses	26,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	72,000
Properties Operating Requirements, Current Expenses	10,000
Personal Assistance for Pre-Seminary Students	1,500
Commission on Education, Scholarships	3,000
Publications, <i>Il Messaggero Evangelico</i> , Current Expenses	5,000
Publications, <i>Il Semanario</i> , Current Expenses	200
Publications, BUE Literature, Current Expenses	200



Seminary class
Barcelona, Spain

Spain:	
Scholarships (High School, University, Pre-Seminary)	2,000
Barcelona Bible School, Current Expenses	10,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	20,000
Publications, Current Expenses	2,500
Evangelism in New Areas, Current Expenses	7,000
U.S.:	
West Hospital, Current Expenses	30,000
Young Bible School, Scriptures, and Sunday School Literature	1,000
U.S.:	
Young, Elementary School, Current Expenses	1,000

Hospital, Current Expenses	\$1,500
High School, Current Expenses	8,000
Basic School, Current Expenses	8,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	6,000
Property Operating Requirements, Current Expenses	2,000
Lebanon:	
Literature, Current Expenses	2,000
Primary High School, Current Expenses	20,000
Primary and Secondary, Current Expenses	10,000
High School, Current Expenses	10,000
English-speaking Church, Current Expenses	2,000
Israel:	
Pastors and Evangelists, Current Expenses	3,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	6,000
National School, Current Expenses	30,000
Primary, Secondary, and High School, Current Expenses	30,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	7,000
Literature, Translating and Printing	1,000
Office and Legal Expenses	3,000
Mission Station Operating Expenses	3,000

Total for Africa, Europe and Near East

\$1,513,101 National Total

82,500

Baptist Hospital
Admission Building

91,000 Baptist Secondary School

The Light Banishes... Sin

Scripture Verses for Thursday

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"There is none righteous, no, not one."

"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

"Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

now. As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on his name."

"There is none that understandeth, neither is there any that seeketh God: they are all gone far, they are all together become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

"Now in Christ Jesus ye who once were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

"Thou shalt be his witness unto all men."

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins."

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

(John, 1:8, 9:30; Isaiah 60:1; Rom. 9:24, 10:14, 11:14; 1 Cor. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 1:17; 2 Tim. 1:10; 2 Pet. 1:19; 1 John 1:9; 2 John 1:8; 3 John 1:9; Revelation 1:8; 21:23; 22:1; 2 Cor. 4:6)

Hipólito Laughed at God

by Hoke Smith
Missionary in Colombia

THE onlookers were gripped with fear as Hipólito Torres brandished his machete. "If there is a Christ," he shouted, "then let him appear and I will fight him!"

"Surely lightning will strike him!" gasped his Catholic friends. "God cannot let such blasphemy go unpunished!" More than once they had seen the evil Hipólito laugh at God, and mock Jesus Christ. Could he long escape God's wrath?

But little did they know that God's love was seeking out Hipólito. A little Baptist mission had just opened in the town, and missionary James E. Giles was preaching. Some say curiosity drew Hipólito to the services of this "new religion." Others say it was the Holy Spirit. As he listened, he was strangely moved. He had never heard anything like this! Not had he felt anything like it either! Then the miracle took place.

He saw himself as he was—and suddenly he knew that there was a Christ who loved him and wanted to save him. As he yielded, Hipólito Torres became a new man in Christ! Should anyone doubt that he is a different man, let him ask Hipólito's wife to let him talk to his children. They will tell you it is so. The lips that once cursed Jesus now bless his holy name. The life which once was wasting away in sin now

is a living testimony that God is real.

Around Hipólito Torres has grown a nucleus of believers, and in March of 1962 a new Baptist church was organized in his town. The Light is banishing the darkness in another Colombian community.

Do you know that you may have had a part in bringing the light to Hipólito Torres? If you have contributed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in recent years, then you most certainly do share in this spiritual victory. The station wagon which transported the missionary and his co-workers to that town was purchased with money from this offering.

Travel funds which make it possible for the student pastor from the international seminary to commute to his church each weekend come from the offering. And the attractive new place of worship which the young church is now occupying was made possible with money from that same Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

There are hundreds of towns in Colombia just like Hipólito's where the Light has not yet challenged the darkness. And there are thousands of men just like Hipólito Torres who stumble in darkness, blind to God who is love and is seeking them out. Through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, you are an instrument of God's love, and you are the bearer of his Light.

"For the same God who said, 'Out of darkness let light shine,' has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6 New English Bible).

Latin America

Argentina:	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	\$ 12,000
Personal Work, Sunday School and Training Union	5,000
Missionary Committee on Missions and Evangelism	5,000
Radio and Television Evangelism	2,000
Visual Aids	1,000
Conferences and Retreats	1,000
World Aides, International Seminars, Current Expenses	25,000
Brazil:	
World Aides, Publications Board, Current Expenses	14,000
Total Latin America	
Pastors and Other Church Workers	5,000

Radio Evangelism				
Nassau, Bahamas Institute, Current Expenses	10,920			
Literature and Tracts	400		13,020	
Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso:				
Current Expenses	81,970			
Tract Publication	6,000		87,970	
Equatorial Brazil:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	13,900			
Radio Evangelism	2,107			
Goodwill Centers, Current Expenses	3,706			
Evangelism, Current Expenses	1,711			
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	2,500			
Film Library	300			
State Boards	27,701			
Student Work	5,700			
Schools, Current Expenses	40,096			
Manaus	4,500	Teresina	4,796	
Ames Schools	10,500	Fortaleza	1,000	
Santarem	5,500	Belém, Theological Institute	8,000	
Sao Luiz	4,200			
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses			8,100	
Manaus	200	Teresina	3,510	
Santarem	200	Fortaleza	4,000	
Sao Luiz	126			
Literature Needs on the Fields			2,291	105,741
North Brazil:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	13,900			
Radio Evangelism	2,107			
State Boards	46,419			
Goodwill Center, Caruaru, Pernambuco, Current Expenses	305			
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	800			
Schools, Current Expenses	65,006			
Aracaju	2,222	Marém	3,800	
Cordeiro	7,100	Natal	1,200	
Feira de Santana	11,100	Recife Academy	10,510	
Jaguaruara	5,333	Recife Seminary	18,300	
João Pessoa	3,000	Salvador Domestic	1,911	
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses			3,256	
Aracaju	411	João Pessoa	719	
Cordeiro	556	Macio	222	
Feira de Santana	889	Natal	426	
Publications and Literature			3,018	139,766
South Brazil:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	48,152			
Radio and Television Evangelism	17,500			
Evangelism and New Work	6,827			
Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention	4,677			
State Boards	32,293			
Goodwill Center, Rio de Janeiro, Current Expenses	5,500			
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	800			
Student Evangelism	11,450			
Schools, Current Expenses	66,611			
Ames Schools	3,713	Rio Boys' School	6,000	
Belém Horizonte	5,103	Rio Girls' School	5,500	
Campos	1,855	Rio Seminary	28,000	
Ceres, Agricultural	3,073	Sao Paulo	500	
Curitiba	6,157	Vitoria	1,000	
Porto Alegre	5,750			
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses			2,400	
Curitiba	800	Campo Grande	1,600	
Publications and Literature			40,831	237,871
Chile:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	21,500			
Radio Evangelism	7,500			
Evangelism and New Work	1,200			
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	800			
Student Evangelism	300			
Audio-Visual Aids	370			
Encampments, Current Expenses	650			
Amolagasta, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	5,300			
Santiago, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	18,500			



Baptist Rio de Janeiro

Tenison, Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	32,500			
Local and Regional Institutes	1,050			
Publications and Literature	10,700			
National Publication, "Vor Baptista"	2,000			
Sanctuary Medical Clinic, Current Expenses	2,000		102,330	
Colombia:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	25,000			
Radio Evangelism	1,204			
Evangelism and New Work	7,429			
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	1,550			
Conferences and Retreats	2,000			
Student Evangelism	700			
Elementary Schools, Current Expenses	25,075.50			
Secondary Schools, Scholarships	6,110			
Col. International Seminary, Current Expenses	12,750			
Col. International Seminary, Scholarships	8,000			
Barranquilla, Bookstore, Current Expenses	1,000			
Barranquilla, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	91,500		129,843.50	
Costa Rica:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	12,000			
Radio Evangelism	3,000			
Evangelism and New Work	2,000			
San Jose, School of the Prophets	1,700			
Theological Institute, Current Expenses	5,700			
Theological Institute, Scholarships	1,000			
Scholarships, Students in International Seminary, Cali	3,000			
Literature and Publications	3,000		36,050	
Costa Rica:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	7,410			
Radio Evangelism	2,500			
Evangelism and New Work	1,500			
Promotional Work (Sunday School, Training Union, and Varadero Bible School)	250			
Conferences and Retreats	1,250			
Student Evangelism	800			
Guayaquil School, Current Expenses	500			
Quito Kindergarten and Primary School, Current Expenses	1,320			
Scholarships	4,075			
Literature and Publications	5,605			
Guayaquil, Medical Clinic, Current Expenses	775		28,865	
Guatemala:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	13,200			
Evangelism and New Work	2,100			
Guatemala City, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	7,761			
Pastors and Lay Institutes	540			
Guatemala City, Bookstore, Current Expenses	1,350			
Tract Fund	120		25,044	
Honduras:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	7,800			
Radio Evangelism	360			
Evangelism and New Work	750			
Tegucigalpa, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	1,650			
Theological Institute, Scholarships	1,770			
Tract Fund, Current Expenses	600			
Tract Fund	60		13,190	
Mexico:				
Pastors and Other Church Workers	17,200.54			
Evangelism and New Work	7,827.04			
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	200			
Goodwill Center, Guadalajara, Current Expenses	1,200			
Encampments and Encampments, Current Expenses	1,560			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	20,600			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Scholarships	25,512.12			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	3,700			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Scholarships	3,000			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	4,296			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Scholarships	1,260.12			
Trinity, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	28,310		105,754.50	



Baptist Hospital Barranquilla, Colombia



Meeting place for Baptists San Jose, Costa Rica

Paraguay:		
Pastors and Other Church Workers	7,800	
Radio Evangelism	600	
Kindergarten and Primary Schools, Current Expenses	2,424	
Amacion, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	2,400	
Scholarships	700	
Amacion, Bookstore Stock	900	
Amacion, Baptist Hospital and Nurses School, Current Expenses	11,313	16,147
Peru:		
Pastors and Other Church Workers	5,300	
Radio Evangelism	5,300	
Evangelism and New Work	2,000	
Conferences and Encampments	100	
Student Evangelism	100	
Audio-Visual Aids	100	
Equipment (Church and Educational)	2,000	
Lima, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	1,500	
Lima, Theological Institute, Scholarships	800	
Scholarships, International Seminars, Cali, Colombia	1,000	
Bookstores, Lima and Trujillo, Current Expenses	5,800	
Publications, Literature and Tracts	2,500	26,000
Uruguay:		
Pastors and Other Church Workers	24,700	
Radio Evangelism	2,500	
Conferences and Retreats, Current Expenses	800	
Audio-Visual Aids	1,000	
Conchillas, Primary School, Current Expenses	2,500	
Montevideo, Theological Institute, Current Expenses	2,500	
Montevideo, Bookstore Expenses	5,000	36,500
Venezuela:		
Pastors and Other Church Workers	1,200	
Radio Evangelism	6,000	
Evangelism and New Work	5,000	
Student Work	500	
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	700	
Bookstore, Current Expenses	500	
Literature and Tracts	500	15,200
Total for Latin America		142,347

Radio Ministry



Medical Ministry



The Light Rebukes...Selfishness

Scripture Verses for Friday

"Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly."

"Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?"

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness."

"The Father . . . who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son . . . that in all things he might have the pre-eminence."

Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . give thyself wholly."

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

Jesus said, . . . No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters."

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."

(1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Cor. 9:15; John 10:10; James 4:4; Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:12-13,18; Matt. 10:37,39; 1 Tim. 1:14-15; Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:62; 1 John 2:15; Matt. 6:24; Luke 9:23-24)

Money in a Shoe Box

by Hugh Sadler, pastor
First Baptist Church
Swanton, Ohio

BAUSE we found money in an old shoe box the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the subsequent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering represented a new high in our small Ohio church last year. It allowed me the opportunity of intro-

ducing my church to you and the observance of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in years past. The church is located in Swanton, Ohio, which is about 15 miles west of Toledo. It is associated with the Maumee Valley Association of Baptists and thus affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Unlike many Southern Baptist churches in Ohio, our church has had difficulty in becoming established in a state which does not know the gospel as we preach it. Our church also faces seemingly unsurmountable financial problems, but God has blessed us, as he will bless any church seeking his direction. There are around 50 members of the church, many of whom are children.

When I came as pastor in 1960, we spent one day cleaning the church and found an old shoe box which contained \$22.50. It was marked "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—1959." The little amount donated had not even been sent to the designated location.

We found that we would have to teach our people about this matter of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

None of them had ever been affiliated with a Southern Baptist church before becoming a part of our church. We explained to them how the money was spent and why we named the offering for Lottie Moon. Our church had not organized a Woman's Missionary Society, and it did not conduct a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. In 1960 our church contributed \$70 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The situation was quite different in 1961. God had permeated the hearts and lives of many of our members. A Woman's Missionary Society had been newly organized, and the pastor met with the group to guide and direct its activities until it could function on its own. Our women decided to conduct a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as fully as possible.

The pastor printed programs after parts

had been assigned. Several women worked on interest centers for various programs each night.

We prayed that God would bless our efforts and that our women would learn of the missionary endeavor around the world. The Week of Prayer arrived with a great deal of anticipation by the women. Would they participate? Would some call at the last minute and refuse to give their parts? This was our first attempt at a Week of Prayer, and we did have anxious moments about its success.

The first night of the Week of Prayer arrived, and 28 came! A few men and several children were on hand. There were 11 women. Between 25 and 30 came each night of the week. On Wednesday we were fortunate in being able to show the film of Lottie Moon's life, and 40 people attended! We were thrilled, and yet we should have known that if God's hand is in it, how could it fail! Many women were visibly touched as they told their parts and made their own comments.

The Holy Spirit was present in those meetings. One woman who had not been in church for over a year came and participated and has been giving of her time and talents ever since the meeting. Her husband who had not accepted Christ started attending our services for the first time in their thirteen years of marriage.

We asked the husband of a WMU member if he would make a candelabra out of cardboard tubes and a string of blue bulbs. We let each light represent five dollars, because Woman's Missionary Union had set \$75 as its goal, and the candelabra held fifteen blue bulbs. A visitor in our church from Illinois gave the first five dollars.

The children watched anxiously and were delighted to see the first bulb light up. In this endeavor the children did so much. We told them that the candles represented the light of the Gospel glowing in the life of men, women, and children who knew nothing of the love of God and that some would know because they had lighted the candles with their dimes, nickles and

quarters.

One night a girl who had recently been baptized said she wanted to light a candle. She took from a handkerchief \$5.00 in all sorts of change—quarters, fifty-cent pieces, dimes, nickles. The girl's mother had recently begun working as a waitress because her husband had been laid off from work. Knowing this, I asked the girl if this was her mother's tip money, and she said it was. "A little child shall lead them."

One Sunday while we were still collecting money for the offering, a little girl came up to me and said her daddy, who had recently joined our church, told her and her two sisters that each one of them could light a candle. I shook it off rather lightly, because I knew the family was one of extremely simple means. Within the next week the family had given \$15 which represented a great sacrifice for them. One very faithful WMS member gave \$40 even though her husband had recently been laid off from work.

Soon the candles had been lighted. We had reached the goal of \$75, and many other people said they wanted to contribute. The Woman's Missionary Society decided to double the goal. We announced to the church that they had already reached the goal and not to feel disappointed if the new \$75 goal was not reached.

Half the lighted candles were once again turned off, and we begin again on the new endeavor. Within a couple of weeks the lights were again all lighted. We reached our new goal, \$150.

When we concluded our offering, our little Ohio church had given a total of \$187.72. It represented to us so much—dedication, prayer, love, concern. Our regular church budget had not been met. Real sacrifice typified these wonderful Christian people. Two individuals, a Methodist and the other a Baptist membership was in Toledo, made it to serve the Lord in our church.

The Week of Prayer and the candelabra had truly represented a new horizon for our church, and God's hand was in all



TEAHOUSE

Along an Indian Road

THIS is the story of Andreas Din, formerly a Muslim priest. Before he became a Christian, Andreas was in charge of a large Muslim temple in South India. One day, while he was a patient in a mission hospital, he overheard an evangelist preaching. The message haunted him for days. Andreas was surprised and pleased when the evangelist visited him in the ward and prayed for his recovery. He was even more surprised when he learned that the Christian evangelist was a former Muslim.

After Andreas was discharged from the hospital, he secretly purchased a New Testament. When staunch Muslims discovered that their priest was reading daily from a New Testament, they drove him away.

"The shame and degradation of that experience," he said later, "I could not have borne alone. The Lord helped me, even as he promised in his Word."

After his conversion he boldly returned to the same city he had served as a Muslim priest. In order to support himself he opened a tea stall near a crowded bus stop. Andreas decided that his would be the finest-flavored tea with an ample amount of undiluted milk and sugar.

At his tea stall is a railway crossing where all buses and trucks must stop. While the bus waits for the train

to pass, "Tea and the Word of God—all for two annas," he calls and enters the bus crowded with people and luggage. With a portable tea tray he makes his way through the bus.

"This Gospel tells you the secret life. It promises you peace and joy. The secret of life is contained here in this Gospel. It is nice to drink tea; but he who drinketh of His Word shall never thirst," he continues, as he waits for them to finish sipping their tea. And they see on his face an expression of inward peace and gladness.

Andreas has become a well-known figure, and is winning the respect of the villagers. He is one of the many distributors of portions of the Bible in India and Ceylon which with the help of the American Bible Society has distributed 1,297,686 portions of Scriptures to travelers along the road.

The American Bible Society has produced a fascinating 65-frame color filmstrip of this true story. Without the recording, the price of the filmstrip is \$3.50; with the recording, \$5.00. Order from Audio-Visual Department, American Bible Society, 440 Park Avenue South, New York 16, New York.

by Elaine Leisel

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study Book:

*New Frontiers
in an Old World**

by

Winston Crawley

(Have mission study book taught
either in Circles or as a Society.)

Spiritual Life Development

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

Program Chairman: This program presents several red-letter days for December—the day on which you present this program, the birthdays of missionaries on Call to Prayer, the days of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Christmas Day.

Interest Center: World globe, December Royal Service and a large calendar page for December. Mark red-letter days with red crayon as the information is given.

Bring one or more air letters, obtained at the post office for eleven cents, on which to write birthday greetings to a missionary. After the program, have members write brief greetings, or have the prayer chairman do so, with members signing their names.

WMS Prayer Cards may be obtained free from state WMU offices.

Prayer Chairman: Work with the program chairman on today's presentation.

INTRODUCTION (point to calendar page): Our calendar reminds us of the rapid passage of the weeks and months. You are probably thinking: "Why, there are only _____ days until Christmas, and I have so much yet to do!" Or perhaps, "Another year is almost gone: how quickly it has passed!" At no other time of year are we as conscious of the flight of time. As we grow older time moves at an increasing rate of speed! Today let us slow time down long enough to notice some red-letter days in December. These days can help us—women seeking God's will—to strengthen our spiritual lives.

First Red-letter Day: The first red-letter day is today. "This is the day which the

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Lord hath made. . . . This is the only day we have in which to do work for the Lord, the only day to give him complete control of our wills and talents. Yesterday is gone forever, and tomorrow's possibilities are yet uncertain. We have *this* day: ". . . we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Read Psalm 118:24.)

Trusting upon God must become a way of living if we are to know the nearness of God in every experience of life. Prayer is a channel of communication between Creator and created which not only effects changes in our lives, but determines our attitudes toward others. Unless we learn to depend on God and pray regularly, our communication lines with him are impaired, and our perception of needs of others are dimmed.

In a West African village, it was the custom of Christians to leave their huts and go into the forest each day for prayer with God. Each made his own path. If the path grew up in weeds, it was a telling sign that prayer had been neglected. A friend might ask, "Is the grass growing on your path, Brother?" In the neglect of daily, concerned praying, the weeds of discontent, worldliness, and unconcern flourish and others can observe the uselessness of our cluttered lives.

We must pray with purpose daily, first of all if our lives are to be acceptable and useful to God. Prayer in early morning hours makes us aware of God during the day. Prayer is essential, but it should be the seed out of which grows and flourishes a life of giving instead of receiving, a life of reaching up and out, of interceding for others, as well as asking daily forgiveness for sins. For it is true with prayer that the more we give, the more we have; the more we pray, the greater our capacity and desire for prayer. Mrs. Ethlene Boone Cox, in writing the early history of Woman's Missionary Union, called prayer "the highest and purest form of spiritual service." It has the power to create "new ideals, new influences, and new lives." It can bring ". . . peace out of chaos, love out of hate,

activity out of lethargy."

Second Red-letter Day: Prayer offered for others is "intercessory prayer," or as someone has phrased it, "love on its knees." Does that bring to your mind immediately the picture of Jesus on his knees in the Garden as he prayed, not for his own deliverance, but for his disciples, and for those who "follow in his train" even today? This privilege of intercession, pleading on another's behalf, is ours today. Jesus said (read John 14:13; 15:7). Note the conditions: if we abide in him, and ask those things which glorify God, requests will be answered by God. That is God's promise. What a tremendous, awesome privilege and indeed, obligation, we have to pray for men and women to become part of the kingdom of God. Dare we take God at his word? Dare we fail to meet the conditions?

Let us look at the two kinds of intercession and see how God blesses those for whom we pray and us who pray. Intercessory prayer moves us to action where we are. We pray to God to comfort a sick neighbor, and God uses us to minister to his need. We pray for lost friends. God empowers us with the Holy Spirit to go and speak about the love of Christ. We ask God to give us Christian homes for the sake of our children. God gives us the wisdom and understanding to be Christian mothers. We pray, and God puts our feet on the paths of service for others.

Then there is intercession in which we ask God to bless those to whom we cannot minister personally. William Carey, the great pioneer in missions who left cobbling shoes to carry the gospel halfway round the world, said to those at home: "I will go down into the darkness of heathenism, but remember, you must hold the ropes." With prayer we hold the ropes for those who go where we cannot.

Our WMS Prayer Card lists in general terms those for whom we should pray daily, those whom we can touch with prayer. (Read in unison from card.)

From the beginning Woman's Missionary Union has relied upon the power and

blessing of specific prayer. A plan was developed whereby each missionary was to know that personal, individual prayer from WMU members was to undergird his work. Each missionary is listed on Call to Prayer on his birthday. In 1908 the Literature Department of the Union began publishing a list of missionaries and their birthdays. Later the prayer calendar became a regular feature of *Royal Service*, and within a few years, in other publications of WMU.

The present motto, "Day by Day for the World I Pray," pinpoints for WMS members the time to pray, for whom to pray, and the one who prays. Woman's Missionary Union was the first organization to use a daily prayer calendar for Southern Baptist mission causes.

Prayer Chairman: This is a red-letter day in the lives of missionaries whose names appear on today's Call to Prayer.

(Locate on globe the fields of missionaries. Use the verses of Scripture and comment found in Royal Service for today. You might suggest that members pick missionaries whose birthdays are the same as theirs, and write them greetings on that day. Tell them of the air letter which will be sent today, and specify which missionary you are to write.)

We have many testimonies from missionaries as to the value of prayer on their "special" day. Listen to what June Cooper, Japan, says, "The calendar of prayer means much more to us than perhaps most people realize. Sometimes we even plan special projects for that day because we know 'extra' prayer will be going up to God."

Mrs. James Gebhardt, whose birthday is December 21, works with her husband among the Spanish-speaking people in Grand Junction, Colorado. She writes, "You cannot imagine the feeling it gives me to know that people around the world are praying for you. On January 2 of this year I went to the hospital for surgery. Although it was two months before I was able to do much, I had a wonderful recovery with no complications. I sincerely believe the prayers of Southern Baptists played an

important part in that blessing. For you prayed for me on my birthday a few days before I went to the hospital."

December 12 is the birthday of Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, who works with Mr. Crenshaw among Seminole Indians in Florida. She tells us, "In our work we average over forty thousand miles a year; the Seminoles are quite scattered. Much of our traveling is done at night. Over these ten-plus years God has cared for us and kept us safe. Many people have said they are praying for us. We can feel that they are. We thank you. Pray for us and pray for Seminoles to be won to Christ. Many are yet in darkness."

As we pray for these who have answered God's call to "go" and be witnesses, we find less cause to complain about personal problems. We realize our responsibility to live daily without prejudice toward any man. Prayer helps us to re-evaluate our stewardship of time, money, and the gospel itself, and leads us to witness where we are, for the fields "are white unto harvest" in every corner of our beloved country.

And most important, as we draw closer to other laborers on the field, we draw closer to God and grow in spiritual stature. As we pray in Jesus' name that his kingdom come, we commit ourselves daily to be used in his service.

Third Red-letter Day: Another red-letter day on our calendar is December 12, the birthday of one whose name stands for foreign missions to all Southern Baptists: Lottie Moon, born on that day in 1840, spent almost forty years in China as a missionary, giving every ounce of her energy and every hour of her life to bring the Chinese to Christ. Greatly burdened by the overwhelming needs of these people, she wrote many letters to friends, to Baptist leaders, and to the *Foreign Mission Journal*, pleading for more helpers and money for mission causes. She suggested that Baptist women, not yet organized in Woman's Missionary Union, pattern their mission giving after the Methodist women of the

South who had set aside a week to be informed about the needs, to pray, and to give sacrificially for kingdom's work.

As Moon's pleas were so insistent and challenging that Miss Annie Armstrong, corresponding secretary for WMU, wrote to Henry Tupper, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, for advice. He suggested she see what she could do in response to Miss Moon's request. Enthusiastic letters were sent out to the societies, suggesting a season of prayer and gifts at Christmas time. The response was overwhelming. The gift of two thousand dollars produced more than three thousand, and the three helpers who were sent to China as a result of the offering were called "money transmuted into love and life and action."

By 1892, just four years after the first over-and-above mission offering was taken, a definite plan for information, prayer, and giving, became a regular part of our Union's activity. It was fitting that Miss Lottie Moon's name be used to identify the offering for foreign missions, for she was born in December, she suggested the Christmas offering, and she died on Christmas Eve.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions was first called Week of Self-Denial, then Thank Offering, but was later named for the first secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, the one who had set up the pattern for mission giving in answer to Lottie Moon. Miss Annie Armstrong had seen the great need for Christianizing America, and so when the Week of Prayer for Home Missions was established in 1895, the gifts for home missions were even then destined to be named the Annie Armstrong Offering, which is another love offering of Baptist women taken in March of each year.

Fourth Red-letter Day: The red-letter day which introduced the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in 1962 was December 3. This date has already passed for our societies, but we recall with mingled joy and sorrow the reports we heard from our

mission fields concerning great needs on every front. Our anniversary goal concerning our two weeks of prayer is a live-day observance of each week. These weeks present an inspiring blend of information and prayer as partners to giving in meeting needs of a spiritually starving world. Our mission boards depend heavily on these offerings for equipment, buildings, and workers, which cannot be provided through Cooperative Program budgets alone.

It is not enough that we pray as individuals for the Lord's work. We need to come together with one accord and pray in fervent, united voice for our mission work. Jesus, in giving his disciples a pattern for prayer, used the plural pronouns—our, us, we—signifying our need to pray for others and with others. We hear another pray aloud and offer up to God a united "Amen" to his cause and to his purpose for mankind. We pray aloud and place ourselves in the long line of those who labor unceasingly through the years to bring a lost world to the Saviour. We give our money in response to our praying and we put our love into action in still another way.

Program Chairman: The last red-letter day that we shall mark is actually the first, for it is Christmas Day. We use it to observe the birthday of Jesus Christ, yet Christians do not need a single day, but a year of days, to demonstrate him as Lord of our lives. Christmas is a day to recall the great Gift of God to us—a living Saviour who ever intercedes on our behalf. Christmas is a day to appreciate the privilege of prayer, which brings us closer to Christ. It becomes a day, also to offer gifts to him: a life made worthy by the atoning death of the Saviour, a telling witness to the marvelous love and mercy of the all-powerful God, a willingness to be led by his Spirit in every walk of life.

Prayer: (Words to the hymn "Others" by Elizabeth Shields may be used, or sung; or a time for prayer by members for personal rededication.)

Not Only for Christmas

For sometime, not only at Christmas,
But all the long year through,

The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you;

And the more that you spend in blessing
The poor, the lonely and sad,

The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

Reverie

Christmas Comes to Israel, Too!

Christmas week in Israel could remind visitors of the Christmas "rush" in the States—except the bells are authentic and not heard from cash registers!

For weeks the choir of the Nazareth Baptist church has been practicing for the traditional Christmas musical program. It will broadcast over the "Voice of Israel" to all the Middle East, reminding the Muslim and Jew, as well as the nominal Christian, that the Saviour has come into the world.

At Petah Tiqva the George W. Truett Home choir will sing for the many Jewish friends who visit at this season. It will also sing in Jerusalem and Nazareth.

At each Baptist center in Israel Christmas plays, preaching services, musicals, and Christmas tree festivities will draw hundreds of Arab and Jewish visitors who show a lively interest in this "feast" of the birth of the Christian's Messiah.

Thus at Christmas time Baptists in Israel have another opportunity to tell the story of the Saviour—who was born in Bethlehem, lived to manhood in Nazareth, and gave his life for man's redemption to a people as much in need of a Saviour as those who heard it here on that first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago.

—Dwight L. Baker

The Christ of Bethlehem

The Christ of Bethlehem—
helpless, a Baby
depending upon
a mother

for love and care,
Grew to strong, fearless
manhood, revealing
God's immeasurable love—

At first
to simple shepherd folk,
Later

to such as were blind,
to the Galileene, the adulteress,
to beloved Martha and Mary;
even to you and me—

The nature of
God's love.

The Christ of Bethlehem—
God's Baby,
God's grown-up Son,
God's Revelation,
The Saviour of stumbling,
sinning man.

—from *The Window*

Light to Dark Ages

The Bible, with its Story of Christmas, has
an amazing ability to persist and bring
light. Here is a Book, really a collection of books,
library composed centuries ago. The Bible
has had the peculiar ability to survive the
collapse of civilizations with which it has been
associated and to bring light to the dark ages
that have followed.

Our generation is one in which the familiar world
about us is being rapidly altered almost past recog-
nition. Many are terrified by the vague shadows
of the unknown future. Ours is not
the first generation in which this has happened. In
similar ages of revolution and transition
the Bible has been handed on—a torch to lighten
the unknown pathway, a light in the darkness
and chaos.

We of the present generation
must see to it that the next generation is nurtured
in the Bible. We ourselves must so let it
illumine our own lives, that we become witnesses
to its power. This light will never go out.
In this Christmas season we must see
afresh that, so far as in us lies, all men shall be
led by it into the Way of lasting peace.

—Bible Society Record

"Your Message Is Truth"

"Father, . . . I have revealed your real self to the men you gave
me from the world. . . . I do not ask you to take them away from
the world, but to keep them from evil. They do not belong to the
world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them by
truth. Your message is truth. Just as you sent me to the world, I
have sent them to the world. . . .

"It is not for them only that I make this request. It is also for
those who through their message come to believe in me. . . .

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, so that they may
be perfectly unified, and the world may recognize that you sent
me and that you love them just as you loved me. . . .

"I have made your self known to them and I will do so still so
that the love which you have had for me may be in their hearts,
and I may be there also" From John 17 (Goodspeed).



by Cyril E. Bryant,

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School Prayer Remains Voluntary

PUBLIC reaction of hurricane proportions followed first erroneous press reports last June to the effect that the US Supreme Court had forbidden religious prayers in the public schools.

Fortunately, this was not what the Court said. It was just what news writers, in a hurry for a sensational story, reported that the Court said. Many writers corrected their misinterpretations later. In the meantime, religion became a prime topic of conversation, and some of us, fearful that religious liberty was being taken from us, came to a keener appreciation of that liberty.

Exactly what did the Supreme Court say in its June 25 decision?

It said that a prayer "composed by governmental officials as a part of a governmental program to further religious beliefs" is unconstitutional.

The ruling specifically outlawed the compulsory use of a formal prayer, written by the State Board of Regents, in the New York public schools. It did not forbid voluntary prayer in schools, but simply said that no

governmental agency can dictate to people the content of their prayers. (Schoolteachers in certain New York districts had been required to use the prescribed prayer, along with the pledge of Allegiance to the United States.)

The Court's 6-1 decision stated: "We think that the constitutional prohibition against laws respecting an establishment of religion must at least mean that in this country it is no part of the business of government to compose official prayers for any group of the American people to recite as a part of a religious program carried on by government."

The "establishment" of religion is expressly forbidden by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Court's written opinion asserted that the action was not intended to be hostile to religion or prayer, but instead sought to protect religion and guarantee the free exercise of religion. The decision prohibits the forcing of Christian prayers on, say, Moslem children, or, vice versa, the forcing of Moslem prayers on Christian children. (Or, per chance, the forcing of the Catholic "Our Mary" prayer on Protestant children.) In short, school prayers remained voluntary.

Government should, the Court said, "leave that purely religious function to the people themselves and to those the people choose to look to for religious guidance."

Out of the discussion that followed the decision in all parts of the country came these statements:

From Dr. Herschel Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention: "The Supreme Court of the United States in this decision has struck out of the most painful blows in our lifetime, maybe since the Constitution was adopted, for the freedom of religion in our nation."

From Dr. Emanuel C. Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs: "The decision involves prayer and freedom. Baptists believe both." The decision does not involve a restraint on prayer, but a restraint on government involvement in prayer.



Prepared by Mrs. Mickey R. Johnston

1 SATURDAY O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Psalm 95:6. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Today is Saturday before we begin the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Have you determined to curtail your engagements for next week? Will you meet with others to pray—every day? Pray for Mrs. C. E. Harvey, 1961 app to Campinas, Brazil; M. E. Fitts, teacher, Peruvian Bapt Theol Institute, Lima, Peru, where the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocation of \$5,550 for this year will make available equipment and scholarships; Mrs. C. R. Owen, nurse and homemaker in remote Kituma, Tanganyika, where the Muslims who accept Christ face rejection by families and loss of jobs; Mrs. E. D. Farthing, mother of two small children, and first term missionary in Japan; Mrs. Ted Trent and her husband Navajos in Chinle, Ariz., a newly opened field about property or building, but limitless initiatives through the new Indian public and large Indian dormitory; Mrs. A. A. and her husband, along with an experienced couple, who serve through an Center in Flagstaff, Ariz., the main shop center for many Navajos; L. E. Johns, who is a

mission work, has set up six preaching points on the Papagos reservation, Casa Grande, Ariz., while waiting for tribal permission to build a permanent church.

2 SUNDAY Hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication. 1 Kings 8:45.

Pray for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Mrs. C. B. Clark, mother of four children and assistant to her radio producer husband in Maracibo, Venezuela; Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Jr., app 1956, Porana, Argentina; R. B. Wyatt, Jr., teacher-president, Bapt. Theol. Sem., Barcelona, Spain; Mrs. W. L. DuVall and her husband, houseparents and teachers at the MK school in Oshogbo, Nigeria; Bartolome Burquet, ev., Las Villas, Cuba.

3 MONDAY For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6. (Read vv. 1-6.)

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Pray for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pray for every WMS member to enter into her society's plan for this week. Are you doing so? Pray for Harmon Popham, Indian

Mission near Roosevelt, Utah, daily faces a major problem of drunkenness among Ute Indians, even among children; LeRoy Albright,* pioneering ev. work and a small program of GWC type work, Lilongwe, Nyasaland; R. L. Harris, app. 1950, to Peru, now on medical leave.

4 TUESDAY As many as touched him were made whole. Mark 6:56. (Read vv. 54-56.)

Pray for W. E. Viertel, prison ev., dir., Theol. Institute, Nassau, Bahamas, where \$10,920 from Lottie Moon offering will cover expenses and make possible beginning of a high school, operating in the present buildings until funds are available for additional buildings; Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, surgeon's wife, teacher in MK school, Eng. teacher, School of Nursing at the 100-bed Kediri Bapt. Hospital, Indonesia; W. E. Grubbs, ev., served in Indonesia, now Philippines. Lydia Greene, retired in 1959 after 34 years in China, Hawaii, and Singapore; Mrs. W. D. Bender,* teacher, Bapt. Boys' High School, Abeokuta, Nigeria; Mrs. A. K. Bonham and her husband face isolation and vast spiritual poverty of 10,000 Hoopa and Weitchpec Indians on a reservation, Hoopa, Calif.

5 WEDNESDAY Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men Luke 2:14. (Read vv. 13-18.)

The topic for this day of the Week of Prayer is "Extending the Light." Will you pray with others at your church during the prayer meeting hour? Will your church become more concerned about sending God's Light?

Pray for Mrs. E. E. Hasley, mother of six children, piano teacher, Mexican Bapt. Theol. Sem., Torreon, where \$20,884 from our Lottie Moon offering is allocated to maintain and improve facilities; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, pastor's wife, First Mexican Bapt. Church, Oklahoma City; A. C. Scanlon, teacher, Guatemala Bapt. Theol. Institute, dir., Baptist Book Store; Sue Snider, ev., Kumasi, Ghana; Kathryn White, teacher, Hong Kong Bapt. College, Kowloon; H. L. Willis (app. 1960), still attempting to secure a license to practice medicine in the new hospital being built in Bangkok, Thailand.

6 THURSDAY To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light Acts 26:18. (Read vv. 16-18.)

Tomorrow is the Day of Prayer Around the World. Will you go to your church to pray for Baptists everywhere. Did you pray today with your neighbors and friends? Have you given

sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Pray for Mrs. F. E. Runyan, mother of three children beginning her 16th year in Nigeria, Carol L. Humphries,* WMU dir. for No. Nigeria, Mrs. R. V. Calcutt,* Yahata (pop. 286,241), Japan, with her husband and five children; Mrs. R. F. Hicketson, Baguio, Philippines, beginning her 27th year; F. D. Stull, teacher, Theol. Institute, Lima, Peru; Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, retired 1935 after 32 years in Mexico.

1 FRIDAY Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness Col. 1:13. (Read vv. 12-16.)

During this Day of Prayer Around the World, pray that the more than 20 million Baptists may witness with power from the Father.

What have you given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Our goal is \$10,700,000.

Pray for W. W. Donohoe, ev. teacher, SW, Cartagena, Colombia, which will use \$25,073.50 from the Lottie Moon offering this year; Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle,* Buenos Aires, Argentina, with her husband and four children, W. P. Clements, Rome, Italy, Italy has almost 50 million people, 75 Baptist churches with almost 5,000 members, and only 17 missionaries. Paul Rogosin, and his wife, the only missionaries in the US to the 300,000 Russians, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Tony Jajola, Albuquerque, N. Mex., who serves three pueblos where we have no continuing witness.

2 SATURDAY God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray 1 Sam. 12:23. (Read vv. 20-24.)

Pray for Mrs. O. W. Brady and her husband, who transferred eight months ago to Surinam and pioneer the first Southern Baptist work in British Guiana, only British colony in South America, populated primarily by East Indians and Negroes; Mrs. C. W. Whitten,* pastor's wife, Eng.-sp. pastor in Madrid, Spain; Mary Hobbs, only missionary-homemaker in province of 150,000 people in Thailand; Mrs. F. Gillham,* one of 43 missionaries in Tokyo, its over 9 million people where preparation is under way for the 1963 Billy Graham Conv. R. H. Culpepper,* prof., Seimon Gakuin Univ., Fukuoka, Japan; Susana Rivera, to San Blas Indians, Panama; Mrs. Juan, pastor's wife at Sp. mission, Las Tablas, P.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Address: **DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL**, Free Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Va. and in HOME MISSIONS.



3 SUNDAY Ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you Jer. 29:12. (Read vv. 11-13.)

J. D. McMurray, teacher, Uruguay Bapt. Theol. Sem., Montevideo, built with Lottie Moon offering funds; T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, beginning his 42nd year; J. O. Teel, Jr., dir., Argentina Radio Ev. Board, Mendoza, Argentina, where radio and TV ev. will be increased this year with \$20,500 from the Lottie Moon offering; Mrs. J. E. Troop, homemaker for husband and five children, Itabuna, Brazil; Mrs. A. C. Muller, mother of eight children, beginning her 17th year, Torreon, Mexico, where her husband died this year; Mrs. R. E. Boddie, retired 1948 after 39 years in China; Mrs. Rex Ray, retired in 1955 after 34 years in China and Korea, has one son serving in Korea; R. W. Terry, missionary advisor and acting bus. mgr. for the Mission in Accra, Ghana; R. C. Fricke, since leaving a Cuban pastorate is in charge of the Bapt. Cuban refugee work in Miami, Fla.; Carlos Carrion, Sp.-sp., Calif.

10 MONDAY Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord Zech. 8:21. (Read vv. 16-17, 21.)

Pray for J. A. Moore, app. 25 years ago for Hungary and Yugoslavia, now dir. of European Bapt. Press Service, prof., Bapt. Theol. Sem., Switzerland, where an allocation of \$53,000 will provide student scholarships, pay salaries, strengthen and expand its ministry; Mrs. J. W. Triebler, pastor's wife, Eng.-sp. Beirut Bapt. Church, Lebanon; J. A. Harrington, principal, Baptist Academy, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Mrs. W. H. Allen and her husband, who retired this year after 41 years in Brazil; B. C. Atchison, a Tex. high school coach-teacher, app. 1961 to teach Bapt. College, Maceio, Brazil; Mrs. W. R. Hulse, mother of three young children and a son in Guayaquil; Mrs. Antonio Martinez, ev. Intanzas, Cuba; T. W. Hill, dir., Costa Rica Theol. Institute, San Jose.

11 TUESDAY My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct

my prayer unto thee, and will look up Psalm 53. (Read vv. 1-3, 11-12.)

Pray for L. A. Lovegren, a China-born MK, surgeon-supt. Southern Bapt. Hosp., Ajloun, Jordan, where \$51,500 from the Lottie Moon offering will partially provide food, salaries, drugs, and new equipment for 1,400 patients; B. R. Lawton, prof., Italian Bapt. Theol. Sem., Rivoli, Italy; S. B. Sears, served in China, his homeland, surveyed and pioneered in Indonesia; W. H. Parkman, a layman, bus. mgr. of Philippine Mission; Mrs. A. L. Nations (app. 1960), with three small children, Kyoto, Japan; Mrs. M. T. Bond, homemaker, Kowloon, Hong Kong, for daughter and engineer-prof. husband; Fanny L. Starns, pub., beginning eighth year in Thailand; M. G. White, pioneered in No. Brazil, retired in 1958 after 44 years; Mrs. J. P. Smyth,* ev., Salvador, Brazil; W. H. Ichter, dir., Dept. of Music, Brazilian SS Board, and local church music dir.; Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Greek teacher, International Seminary with over 100 students, Buenos Aires, Argentina; S. M. Taylor, Negro ev., teacher, Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott, Ark.

12 WEDNESDAY Seek ye the Lord while he may be found Isaiah 55:6. (Read vv. 6-9.)

Pray for L. G. Legg, area missionary advisor in Zaria, Nigeria, remote mission station; Mrs. W. J. Williams, doctor's wife and staff nurse, Bapt. Hospital, Eku, Nigeria; Mrs. H. K. Middleton, homemaker for her four children and book store mgr. husband, Santiago, Chile; T. L. Watson, ev., Durazno, Uruguay; Mrs. F. C. Rowland, in spite of ill-health ministers to Indians, Jemez and Bernalillo, N. Mex.; Mrs. G. E. Crenshaw and her husband maintain three full church programs on three Seminole reservations, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; J. L. Nollette and his wife, our only missionaries to thousands of foreign college students in 100 colleges and universities, Los Angeles area; Vena Aguilard, a converted Catholic now a missionary to her own French people in Eunice, La.

13 THURSDAY Pray . . . that he will send forth labourers into his harvest Matt. 9:38. (Read vv. 36-38.)

Pray for H. W. Barker, field missionary in Taipei, Taiwan, a country with more Catholic missionaries than all evangelical groups combined; Mrs. G. W. Pinkston, beginning sixth year in Bandung, Indonesia; W. S. Wester, ev. in Blantyre, Nyasaland; Bonnie M. Moore, adult literacy worker, writer of a language primer, Kaduna, Nigeria; Mrs. J. B. Brasington, homemaker, Lima, Peru; R. E. Pettigrew, retired

1934 after 36 years in Brazil; Anna Mae Woller, only missionary in interior city of Cuiaba, Brazil; W. O. Cottingham, St. Rose, La., Ind. cv.

14 FRIDAY *Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord* Col. 3:23. (Read vv. 23-24.)

Pray for Mrs. F. W. Patterson, editor, writer, Bapt. Sp. Pub. House, El Paso, Texas, where her husband is dir.; Randall Thelford, pastor, Sp.-sp., Winslow, Ariz.; Mrs. Daniel Sotelo, ev. Sp.-sp., Calif.; A. J. Roddy, ev., Bocas del Toro, Panama; Mrs. D. F. Escobar, Ind. ev., Panama City, Panama; Mrs. W. H. Gray, Jr., first term of service in Mexico; Mrs. G. S. Lozuk, ev.-homemaker, Maricao, Venezuela; E. M. Howell, ev., Yaba, Nigeria; G. A. McNeely, ev. and prof., Bapt. Theol. Sem., Barcelona, Spain.

15 SATURDAY *I will praise thee, O Lord* Psalm 9:1. (Read vv. 1-2.)

Pray for A. W. Coleman, mission treas., Dean, Bible and Eng. teacher, Ricks Institute, Monrovia, Liberia; G. D. Phillips and his wife, Shabani, So. Rhodesia, ev.; L. R. Smith, language student and administrator physician, Bapt. Hosp., Kowloon, Hong Kong; D. L. Mitchell, bus mgr., Indonesian Bapt. Mission, Djakarta, through whose office will pass over \$91,000 from the 1962 Lottie Moon offering en route to many needs; C. E. Perez and Raul Gonzalez, both ev., Havana, Cuba; Lydia Wheatse, GWC, Louisville, Ky.



16 SUNDAY *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me* Psalm 66:18. (Read vv. 18-20.)

Pray for Mrs. A. R. Haylock, first term, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Mrs. J. A. Tumbler, Sr., retired 1958 after 36 years in Brazil where her son now serves; Mrs. G. W. Carroll, Tanganyika; Mrs. Milton Morris, ev., San Blas, Panama; A. G. Hamrick, who after serving as a summer

missionary in New Mexico now ministers to boarding-school children, Apache reservation, Dulce, N. Mex.

17 MONDAY *Hear me when I call, O God* Psalm 4:1. (Read vv. 1, 6-8.)

Pray for Mrs. H. V. Davis, mother of three children whose husband, as field representative in Brazil, is gone much of the time working with 121 missionaries and 978 national pastors in a country larger than Europe; W. H. Hicks, area missionary on Luzon, Baguio, Philippines; Mrs. Randall Thelford, pastor's wife in a Sp.-sp. church provided by Annie Armstrong Offering, Winslow, Ariz.

18 TUESDAY *Men ought always to pray* Luke 18:1. (Read vv. 1-7.)

Pray for E. G. Kimler, Jr., ev. in Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela; Mrs. R. E. Gilstrap, Sr., app. 1961 to Guatemala whose sister is already serving in Indonesia; Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, retired 1952 after 33 yrs. in Brazil; Catherine Chappell, GWC worker and teacher, WNU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, homemaker for three children and seminary prof. husband in Ogbomoso, Nigeria; T. K. Edwards, MD, Oyo, Nigeria; Maximo Vazquez, ev., Melena del Sur, Cuba.

19 WEDNESDAY *All nations whom the Lord made shall come and worship before him* O Lord Psalm 86:9. (Read vv. 1-10.)

Pray for Mrs. B. E. Cuder, teacher, Bible Institute, Feira de Santana, Brazil, receives funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to strengthen its outreach; Mrs. P. C. L. veteran missionary homemaker retired this year after 40 years in Brazil; C. W. Shir, ev., Rosario (pop 561,600), Argentina; R. E. ev., beginning his 11th year in the Philippines; H. L. Adams, limited work schedule for health reasons, Ibadan, Nigeria.

20 THURSDAY *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty* 2 Cor. 3:17. (Read vv. 17-18.)

Pray for Mrs. A. I. Bagby, mother of three sons—one now entering the seminary as teacher and assoc. dir., Porto Alegre Bible College, Brazil; L. L. Johnson, retired in 1952, 38 years in Brazil; L. G. Breeden, MD, Co. Clarence Thurman, Jr., ev. in the capital, Malaya; S. P. Howard, Jr., pastor in K. Japan; Mrs. G. A. McNeely, homemaker, daughters and sem. prof. husband, Bat. Spain; Donald Phlegar, in a Sp.-sp. post.

Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Daniel Gómez, ev. Sp.-sp., Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Japanese in Sunnyvale, Calif.; Mrs. Alexander Pasetti and her husband, workers with the Italian and Spanish in West Tampa, Fla., where 200,000 enter the US in a year.

21 FRIDAY *There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us* Acts 16:9. (Read vv. 9-10.)

Pray for C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., and wife, who with two other couples work in Guatemala; Mrs. T. E. Bryant, homemaker for two sons and husband as he directs the theol. dept. of Brazilian Bapt. College, Sao Paulo; Lois Hart, MK daughter of pioneer missionaries in Argentina and Chile, nurse-dir., GWC and Medical Clinic, Antofagasta, Chile; Frances Horton, ev. and teacher, Eng. Bible class, Tokyo, Japan; J. W. Trimble, pastor, Eng.-sp. Beirut Bapt. Church, Lebanon, began 1961 in a rented building and a packing-crate pulpit; R. M. Parham, Jr., preacher and agt., Jos, Nigeria; Anna Cowan, principal, Bapt. Girls School, Ajloun, Jordan (200 students), which receives \$8,000 from the offering, Mrs. J. L. Gebhart, ev. Sp.-sp. church in Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Raymond Joe, New Orleans, La., Rescue Mission.

22 SATURDAY *If ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same* Luke 6:33. (Read vv. 33-36.)

Pray for R. L. West, prof., Nigerian Bapt. Theol. Sem., Ogbomoso, where \$33,000 from the Lottie Moon offering will provide a library, staff quarters, and general expenses; W. A. Poe and his wife transferred in 1960 from Nigeria to Liberia as our first appointees since 1881; Mary Virginia Cobb, dir. pub. office and teacher, Arab Bapt. Theol. Sem., Beirut, Lebanon; J. L. Riffey, state ev., Niteroi, Brazil, whose only daughter serves in No. Brazil; B. H. Weismaker, pres., International Bapt. Theol. Sem., Cali, Colombia with students from four countries; H. W. Schreinsberg, born a Catholic in Australia, a missionary in Bolivia for five years before his 1961 appointment to pioneer work in Colombia; Mr. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., mother of eight children, teacher, Uruguay Bapt. Theol. Institute where her husband is pres., Montevideo; Mrs. N. H. Eulaly, writer, Beginner and Primary editor, Bapt. Sp. Pub. House, El Paso, Texas, where her husband is bus. mgr.; Gladys McLanahan, Texas, retired; Mrs. Mallie Sweetnam, housemother, Se. Bapt. Home and Adoption Center, New Orleans, La., the home has cared for 1,900 girls without a death.

23 SUNDAY *Why stand ye here all the day idle* Matt. 20:6. (Read vv. 1-7.)

Pray for Mrs. J. G. Morris, teacher, Thailand Bapt. Theol. Sem. where her husband is pres., Bangkok; H. B. Lee, Jr., and his wife (app. 1962), the second couple to be sent to France, for initially an Eng.-sp. work among American military personnel; Mrs. M. L. Garrett, who taught college in Burma before her app. to Nigeria in 1946, was transferred to So. Rhodesia in 1955 after first furlough; Romelio Gonzalez, and J. D. Fite, both ev., Havana, Cuba.

24 MONDAY *Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting* Luke 21:34. (Read vv. 34-36.)

Tomorrow is Christmas. Will you make ready for the King? Pray for Mrs. H. R. Littleton and her husband, who were transferred in 1947 to Ghana from Nigeria as pioneers; H. K. Middleton, mgr. Bapt. Book Store, Santiago, Chile; Mrs. Thomas Lowe and her pastor husband, invested eight years in First Chinese Bapt. Church, Los Angeles, and after seeing it grow from 15 to 250 in SS resigned last year to assume work in their Chinese mission with 50 in SS, Crenshaw, Calif.

25 TUESDAY *Make his praise glorious* Psalm 66:2. (Read vv. 9-11.)

This is Christmas Day. Read "Take Him Out of the Cattleshed," page 1. Thank God for the blessings in your life. Pray that you will confront the challenge of the example Jesus left as he lived among men.

Pray for D. B. Ray, a China-born second generation missionary, Chonan, Korea, in a country where the Lottie Moon offering will mean a book store, hospital expansion and land for an Eng.-sp. church; R. L. Shelton, 1862 ev. app. to Thailand; Mrs. R. R. Stewart, Thailand, homemaker for three children and missionary-advisor husband; T. W. McMillan, ev. in Mombasa, seaport in Kenya; Mrs. J. N. Young, homemaker, first term in Campinas, Brazil; R. E. Johnson, teacher, Northeast Bapt. Bible Institute, Feira de Santana, Brazil; W. J. Blair, dir., Music Dept., Bapt. Sp. Pub. House, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Okla., retired.

26 WEDNESDAY *The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen* Luke 2:20. (Read vv. 25-30.)

Pray for J. B. Gaultney, Bapt. Hosp. lab technician and teacher, Eku Nigeria, where \$22,000 goes from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; also at Eku Nigeria, Antonina Canzoneri, staff nurse and teacher in the School of Nursing; Mrs.

J. C. Abell, Jr.,* and her doctor husband, Nigeria, oldest of their four children remains in the States for high school and two sons go to Nigerian MK boarding school; Valda Long, nurse-dir., Bapt. Hospital, Ogbomoso, Nigeria; Mrs. C. A. Tope and husband, new work in Mombasa, Kenya; J. D. Carter, agri., Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil; Mrs. J. W. Shepard, retired, Brazil, mother of five children with one son serving in Japan; Z. J. Deal, Jr., worker with orphans, Bapt. Home, and pastor, Cartagena, Colombia; N. H. Brown, ev. Sp-sp., Gardena, Calif.

27 THURSDAY In every thing give thanks 1 Thess. 5:18. (Read vv. 18-23)

Pray for H. L. Petty,* mission treas., dir., Nazareth Bapt. School, Israel, with an enrollment of 409 from kindergarten through grade 12, receiving \$30,000 from the Lottie Moon offering; F. E. Runyan, prin., Hausa Pastors School and area advisor, Kaduna, Nigeria; J. R. Moseley, MD, app. 1962 to Nigeria; Ruth Ford, Supv. of Nurses, Bapt. Hosp., Kediri, Indonesia; D. C. Askew, pastor, Mitaka Bapt. Church, Tokyo, Japan; G. C. Tension, Oeiras, Portugal; M. M. Alexander, Jr.,* assn. missionary, Parana, Argentina; Mrs. R. H. Wolf,* schoolteacher to two of her four children in Iguala, Mexico; V. T. Yearwood, pioneer in Panama, retired.

28 FRIDAY Prouke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord Eph. 6:4. (Read vv. 4-8.)

Pray for J. D. Hollis, Bapt. Press, Hong Kong; Vella Jane Burch, librarian, Bapt. Theol. Sem., Zurich, Switzerland; Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, beginning her 18th year in Nigeria; Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Sr., San Jose, Costa Rica, who had to leave three of her six children in the States for schooling as she begins her 24th year in Latin America; J. B. Silva, retired ev. from Cuba; Mrs. C. F. Stapp, retired 1951 after 30 years in Brazil, reactivated 1957 after the death of her husband, now a teacher in Girls School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

29 SATURDAY I thank my God upon every remembrance of you Phil. 1:3. (Read vv. 3-6.)

Pray for Marion Phillips, teacher, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Women's Training College; Mrs. E. H. Walker, homemaker, sem. teacher, Philippines, on medical leave; Mrs. D. H. Thompson, mother three sons and a baby daughter in Tucuman, Argentina; R. J. West, ev. Sp-sp., Texas; Mrs. J. G. Partain, app. 1962 by FMB



30 SUNDAY [Jesus said] I pray for them... which thou hast given me: for they are thine John 17:9. (Read vv. 9-11.)

Pray for J. L. McPhail and his wife, app. 1961 to Nigeria, reassigned 1962 to India where the physician-nurse team are visiting teachers at Christian Medical College, Vellore; Mary Muth, office sec., Indonesian Bapt. Mission, Djakarta; Mrs. J. A. Solano, pastor's wife, First Bapt. Church, Panama City, Panama; J. T. Poe, dir., SS dept., Bapt. Sp. Pub. House, and pres., El Paso Mission, Texas; George Hook, dir., Bapt. Ind. Center across from the govt. Ind. dormitory, Winslow, Ariz., and a pastoral ministry to Navajo reservation at Leupp, Ariz.; Mrs. H. D. Shield, Ind. ev., Covelo, Calif.

31 MONDAY Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another James 5:16. (Read vv. 13-15.)

Pray for B. T. Griffin, bus. mgr., Nigerian Mission, where Bapt. teacher colleges must be upgraded to meet new govt. regulations; Mrs. I. P. Singleton, Jr., app. 1960, Gabon, So. Rhodesia; Mrs. R. E. Smith, four sons, teacher, Brazil Bapt. College, Sao Paulo; W. B. McNulty,* app. 25 years ago, Brazil; E. F. Vicker, area missionary, pres., Panama Bapt. Convention, and pastor, First Sp-sp. Bapt. Church, Managua, Canal Zone.

agri. agriculturist
app. appointed
assn. association
Eng-sp. English-speaking
ev. evangelism
GWC. Good Will Center
Ind. Indian
MD. doctor
mgr. manager
MK. born of missionary parents
Sp-sp. Spanish-speaking
SS. Sunday school

The Christmas Business

Last year this title was used for a sobering and shocking article in *Newsweek* about the excessive commercialism of Christmas. "Santa Claus says for your protection get a fallout shelter," read a classified ad in one of the South's newspapers. On the Los Angeles Hollywood Boulevard, Santa Claus and his reindeer rode each night with a different movie star. "Merry Twistmas" a record based on the new dance craze was spinning across the nation.

Greeting cards showed the same irreverence. A particularly offensive one read, "Do you know what I like best about Christmas? Booze and mistletoe." But of the three billion Christmas cards which went through the mail last year, the Greeting Card Association said that about three in every ten had a religious message compared with one in every ten a decade ago. This fact has been pointed out as a hopeful sign.

A few scattered ministerial voices have been raised in protest against the secularized celebration, but by and large churchmen have been more resigned than incensed, according to *Newsweek*.

When asked what he thought should be done, a prominent Lutheran clergyman said, "The church should declare its intention to divorce itself from the whole mess. Christmas has become the annual pious salute in the direction of religion and is now the property of the business world."

America's Image Abroad

by Mrs. William McMurry

The late Albert Camus, a man of great literary reputation and a Nobel Prize winner, when asked what single factor did he think had done America the most harm abroad said, "Mystery books and thrillers. Each month a million Frenchmen read translations of these books and they get a false impression of America from what they read. They see Americans rotted with corruption, drinking bourbon every five minutes, and taking out beautiful girls who arrive in expensive cars. As counter-propaganda I would like to publish a series of books which would feature vegetarians, virgins, and mothers who are Christlike. But I'm afraid they would not sell in France."

Though this observation was made over eight years ago the indictment is still true.

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The Court Decision on Prayer

The people of the United States have blown hot and cold over the decision of the Supreme Court that official prayer in public schools is unconstitutional. Magazines, newspapers, newsletters of many kinds have been filled with pros and cons.

Baptists are indebted to the Joint Committee on Public Affairs for a clear and wise interpretation of the decision. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Joint Committee, stated pointedly what the court did not decide: The Court did not say that children cannot pray in the public school. Nor did the Court say that Bible reading in the public school is unconstitutional. The Court did not eliminate references to God in national ceremonies and observances. The Court did not say that people could not practice their religion in public places and on public occasions.

The Supreme Court said that prayer "composed by governmental officials as a part of a governmental program to further religious beliefs" is unconstitutional. The point of the decision was that the Court said the Regent's Prayer in New York state was an official prayer and thus violated the rights of the citizens of New York and of the United States under the provisions of the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

Dr. Emanuel Carlson, the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, observed that the Supreme Court faced only one issue—shall government agencies direct the prayers of the American people? This question, he said, points to the very heart of the Baptist movement. "Present day Baptists will want to proceed deliberately and prayerfully as they formulate their role in this new debate on an old, old problem." (Read page 32.)

"When Will Christmas Come?"

This is the title of what has become a Christmas classic written by Joseph Fort Newton for the December, 1925, issue of The Atlantic Monthly. The opening sentence, "Only God could have thought of Christmas" is as familiar as Longfellow's "I heard the bells on Christmas day."

When the true brightness of Christmas is blurred by glitter, gadgetry and missiles, December, 1962, needs the reassuring message in the last paragraph: "Over an armed camp, in a hard old Roman world, the song of the angels rang out proclaiming 'Peace on earth' among men of good will.' How far off it must have seemed on that night! How far off it seems today! Yet it will come true. It is not a myth; it is not a mockery. Surviving ages of slaughter, it still haunts us, proving its immortality. It is not a mortal melody, but a divine symphony. Because it is far off we know it is not our music, but was sent into the soul of man by One who is as far above us as the stars are above the mists . . . despite gray fears and grim facts, forever singing above the din of strife, we can hear it and, hearing it, take up its strain in the busy world of today. Not . . . in many days perhaps, but at last it will be fulfilled." Read "Take Him out of the Cattleshed," page 1.

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Week:

God's Gift...

the Light
of the World"

for the Week:

Mrs. Bradley Allison

Daily Procedure

Meditation
Scripture Selections
Hymn
Call to Prayer
Introduction
Missionary Information and Prayer
Periods
Story
Special Music and Map Feature
A Story of an Unselfish Gift
Gathering of Offering

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$10,700,000

Essential Preparation for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission

For Prayer Chairman: Much depends upon the preparation you make for this important week. Place the emphasis on prayer with the faith that sincere prayer is answered. Every hymn, every bit of information, and all printed materials are means to promote more intelligent and sincere praying and giving.

Preparation must be made weeks ahead. All who have any part in plans should meet together, go over all materials, and spend time in prayer. Together you will plan the time of meeting for each day and determine what will be used and who shall help, who shall be responsible for each day.

Select women who can tell and not read the material. Stress the importance of prayer periods. Vary the manner of praying by using silent prayer, designating one or more persons to pray for definite objects, asking for volunteers, or by passing out typed requests.

Those who participate should arrive early each day and sit near the front. The leader for the day should be prepared to fill in if someone is absent.

Materials:

1. Envelopes for the offering. Plan how these will be distributed; envelopes are sent to your president.
2. Week of Prayer Program Covers, 2c each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Some churches use these on Sunday before the Week of Prayer as well as during the week.
3. Stand-up Prayer Reminders, "Our Family Praying Together," are to be used each day in the homes of all church families. They are distributed by state WMU offices to churches. Confer with pastor and determine your needs.
4. Pamphlet "Not Either—Or But Both And" for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, free upon request from Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, should be ordered early for those who need information for talks on the week and the offering.

5. A spherical map is sent to your president. Cut out all black sections. Use thumbtacks or stick-tack to place black sections on the map. At time indicated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, remove sections from the map.

6. Filmstrip "Extending the Light," \$3.50 from Baptist Book Stores if you choose to use it on Wednesday or another time.

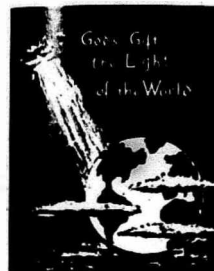
Plans for Each Day: Meet where the atmosphere can be worshipful. Put away anything that would detract. Dim lights during the meditation if possible. Avoid introductions. Make prayer and giving the main contents. Make clear each day your plans for meditation and ingathering of offering. Ask that the women not visit at conclusion, but leave the room quietly. Begin and close on time.

Interest Center: The spherical map of the world (in president's packet) mounted on blackboard or easel, and a large candle placed on a table or pedestal in front of map will be the interest center every day except on Wednesday; see page 52. The candle is to be lighted each day before time for meditation. The same person, perhaps the prayer chairman, will remove the black paper from a designated portion of the map each day (except Wednesday) during the special music. She stays at front until music ceases when she says, "The faithful witness of God's people dispels the darkness."

Music: Pianist plays softly before the first woman arrives. Special music by the same person or group is desirable; or words of hymn may be read while pianist plays.

Meditation: This is a period of silent prayer. A poster "Enter Quietly to Pray" will inform women as they enter the room.

Ingathering of Offering: Perhaps you will want to designate definite circles or groups ingathering their offerings on certain days. It will add to the program if there is some offering at each meeting. Place offering around candle while pianist plays, or provide box in which offering is placed as "The Offering for the King."



MONDAY, December 3, 1962

The Light Dispels the Darkness of Ignorance

Meditation: (Pianist plays softly "The Morning Light Is Breaking." "The Light of the World Is Jesus." "O Zion, Haste." women enter for silent prayer, close with audible prayer.)

Scripture Selections: (Two readers, read from large Bible, see page 10.) Job 28:12; Prov 9:10; 22:4-6; James 1:5; 3:17; 1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 2:3; Eccles 2:13; 2 Cor 4:6

Sing: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
Call to Prayer: See names of missionaries, page 33.

Read slowly: "The Touch of God," cover page 2.

INTRODUCTION: The theme for this week of prayer is "God's Gift . . . the Light of the World." Today, we are reminded that the Light, Jesus Christ, dispels the darkness of ignorance.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5 This promise from God's Word is one of the many wonderful blessings Christians can claim. But only a small percentage of the world's people have heard of the God of wisdom. Because they have not heard, many bow before gods made by men's hands, begging for forgiveness, petitioning for favors. Man's heart must worship, and when denied the true God, he seeks gods of himself.

Superstitions and illiteracy often walk hand in hand. The illiterates of the world fall as victims of disease, poverty, and pagan ideologies. They also are hungry and are growing hungrier daily.

Lack of schools keeps one half the children of Latin America from learning the basic rudiments of reading and writing. In the more underprivileged areas, illiteracy ranges above 80 percent. Visualize the illiterates, men and

women as well as young people, bound to man-made gods. See them ignorant of God's love, needy and hungry.

Living in the United States, it is almost impossible for us to comprehend the grip of superstition and ignorance in many areas of the world. Missionaries encounter both daily. Mrs. Melvin Wasson, Nigeria, relates one such experience.

Nigeria—"He was a sad and pathetic little boy, rugged and thin. It was difficult to believe that he was ten years old. My husband had found this small Nigerian near starvation. This boy had been driven from his pagan village because his people were afraid he was possessed with some evil."

"We found him a place to live, clothes to wear, and started him on a milk formula much as one would a new baby. Soon he was able to eat solid food again. His cheeks filled out, and we began to see frequent smiles."

"After his health was restored, he was able to enter a Baptist school. He learned rapidly, advanced quickly, and while in school found Christ as his Saviour. His days of ignorance were past."

Japan—"The greatest curse of superstition in Japan is ancestor worship which binds widows, widowers, and children eternally to a Buddhist altar in the home, and hinders them in choosing a faith of their own. Often because of parental loyalty they will cling to a faith which is meaningless to them."

PRAYER PERIOD

As Christians we believe that a person without Christ is lost.

Pray that this truth will awaken deep concern in our hearts. Pray that concern will motivate each one of us to a life of dedication and

emission (pray).

Tanganyika—Rev. and Mrs. Carlos R. Owens write of the hope they have for the people of a village which is in the hold of fear and superstition. If one becomes a Christian in the village it means loss of family and social status and added difficulties in making a living. Four Muslim mosques point skyward, but as yet there is no Christian church.

Pray that new converts in this village will have courage and that eventually there will be a Christian community large enough to be respected and that a church shall be built there (pray).

Publications Bring Knowledge of the Light

The printed page has penetrated the darkness of ignorance with the story of Jesus. Many churches on foreign fields are the result of tracts which fell into the hands of the curious who sought out a missionary for more information.

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, serving forty-one countries where Spanish is spoken, is typical of the sixteen publishing centers manned by fifty-seven Southern Baptist missionaries and 437 nationals.

Mexico—A sixteen-year-old girl living in Mexico, near a city of 15,000 population wrote in Spanish to the Baptist Spanish Publishing House on a scrap of paper, in pencil, without a capital letter, paragraph, or punctuation mark:

"I am writing this letter to you with the fond hope (almost a dream) that the letter will arrive at your printing place. One day I was walking along the edge of the highway and it was my good fortune to find a tract that was called 'Come Unto Me.' It has been a great blessing for me to find this tract. For this reason I am writing you to obtain more information with respect to the road of life.

"I am a very humble girl, poor and sixteen years of age. I live in the country. I have suffered a great deal because I have been so poor and I have been humiliated. But now, after finding the tract, I do not know why, but I have found a great happiness. I know all of you can help me. I beg your help with tears in my eyes.

"Well, dear brothers, I hope you understand me and that you can help me as the tract says that 'Christ came to save the sinners.'" Virginia.

We thank God for the effectiveness of the printed page when it is used by the Holy Spirit!

Philippine Islands—Fred, a promising pastor

and graduate of the Baptist Theological Seminary in the Philippines also found Christ by reading a tract. It all started one day when Fred was finding it difficult to care for his young son, Lito and small daughter, Amour, while his wife, attended mass. Small children were not permitted in the sanctuary of the Catholic cathedral, so, as usual, they had taken turns caring for the children outside after which the entire family would go marketing.

Very soon he realized that the children were attracted by singing from a small street level room—in fact, they were standing at the open door gazing rapily in. Two young men were handing out printed matter to passers-by. Fred went to retrieve the children now almost inside. As he did so, one young man smiled, greeted him and invited him to the Baptist worship service in progress. Possessed of curiosity and a strong impulse, yet overpowered by fear of committing what he had been taught was a sin, he declined. As he left, however, the young man handed him a tract.

Late that night and many nights following Fred poured over this literature which told of the way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Restlessness was his constant companion in the weeks that followed until, one Sunday in desperation, he dared to enter the small Baptist chapel. The Holy Spirit had been striving with Fred, so his sense of conviction of sin quickly led him to repentance and pointed the way to abundant faith.

PRAYER PERIOD

Everywhere students are reading; newly-literate people want books to read. How important it is that they have Christian literature in addition to God's Word in their own languages.

Pray for those who prepare literature, that money may be available; that channels may be kept open for mailing and receiving the literature (pray).

Pray for an increase in personnel at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House where a business editor, a secretary for Training Union material, a secretary for the Music Department publications, and others are needed immediately (pray).

The Bible or at least one complete book in the Bible, has been translated into more than 150 languages and dialects. There are still more than a thousand tongues in which no part of the Bible has been published. The American Society receives \$20,000 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to assist in translation and printing of Bibles.

Pray for those whose task it is to translate the Bible. Assist God to hasten the day when all men can have the Scriptures in their own tongues. Pray that God will bless our missionaries as they distribute gospels and tracts (pray).

Schools and Seminaries Assist in Dispelling Darkness

God has used the ministry of schools to clear away dark clouds of ignorance. Scattered among countries where Southern Baptists work are 1,025 Baptist schools with an enrollment totaling 162,462. These schools include seminaries, women's training schools, colleges, secondary schools, and kindergartens. Our missionaries, 305 of them, along with 5,887 nationals, serve in schools helping to bring light to minds and hearts.

Nigeria—Nigeria is an excellent example of the beneficial work of Christian schools. It has been reported that of all those who are literate today in that country, two-thirds have passed through mission schools. Miss Susan Anderson, emerita missionary, understands firsthand what Nigeria owes to Christian education. She says, "Without a doubt, I would say that the greatest contributions which our Baptist mission, or any mission, have made toward getting the people ready for independence have been winning boys and girls to Christ and giving them Christian education." When Nigeria gained her independence in 1960 the premier of the Western Region and four members of the cabinet were graduates of Baptist schools.

Hong Kong—"Those who walk through the gate on the hill in Hong Kong and view the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary, are filled with pride," reports Mrs. Carter Morgan. From the hilltop one can see mountains and the harbor. Yet here in the midst of a city of millions, many of them refugees from Communist China, there is a campus with trees, a quiet place for students to study. The seminary has not always occupied these grounds for it is a successor in part to the Graves Theological Seminary at Canton. And like so many refugees in this city, it occupied refugee quarters on a hillside. Because of constant outside interference it was felt that a new location was not only needed but necessary. Finally, the present location was found and funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering made purchase possible.

Today there are nearly 70 graduates of this seminary. Many of them had the privilege of studying on the new campus. These students have gone into all the world—literally; some to study, some to serve.

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PRAYER PERIOD

Pray for the 1,026 schools maintained by Southern Baptists, and especially for national teachers who have responsible places of leadership (pray).

The Baptist Seminary of Indonesia, now in its eighth year, is keenly aware of its debt to Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings of the past. Several buildings were provided by special gifts. The weekend witnessing of our students—traveling by bicycle, bus, and train to 9 organized churches and 13 chapels throughout the land of Java—show evidences of the effective and far-reaching influence of this investment.

Pray for these young students as they preach the Word of life in Indonesia. Remember the Baptist seminaries of the Orient as well as those in Africa and the Near East where many are expanding or reorganizing (pray).

The need for theological education is great in Latin America where the preaching points outnumber ordained ministers by more than two to one.

Pray that God will raise up more called preachers in Latin America. Thank God for the devoted leadership of laymen, women, and young people (pray).

Late in 1961 missionaries in Guadalajara, Mexico, faced the fact that 75,000 children in

that city were without a school to attend. Mrs. Orvil Reid relates how Baptists attempted to meet the emergency.

"Although we had only a hundred dollars in the budget for good will center work, we saw a wonderful mission opportunity. Counting our student home young people who are in normal and other schools as well as volunteer teachers, we now have ten schools. In spite of opposition, we have about a thousand enrolled."

Thank God for this open door in Mexico, and ask him to make Mexico and Southern Baptists equal to the challenge of educating thousands of young lives in Mexico (pray).

Student Work

Latin America—From Latin America comes the report that student work is an emerging phase of missionary activity. A student center has been opened by the Charles Davises in Maracaibo, Venezuela, as well as at the University of Costa Rica.

The need for student work is reflected in Mexico City also where 60,000 have registered this year as resident students in the National University. In the Polytechnic Institute there are more than 40,000 while in the Teachers College 28,000 are enrolled. Total student population in this city alone is far beyond 200,000. Southern Baptists have only one student center. It is on the campus of the National University, but it has limited facilities and practically no trained personnel.

Malaya—"My heart turns in the direction of the capital city of Malaya," writes Puttye Box. "Our mission does not have work in that city; there is no one to go. It is there that the Malaya University is located. Only a select, highly intelligent group have opportunity to attend this university. Our mission is in the process of buying land to build a student union. Who will come and lead these students to know Christ?"

Manila—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wakefield, the first couple appointed by the Foreign Mission Board who have had professional experience in Baptist student work, are in Manila studying the Tagalog (Tagalog) dialect.

From Manila they write, "As most of you know, we have been appointed to work here in Manila with students. During this year of language study, we will explore possibilities and problems involved in starting student work, and seek God's leadership in knowing how and where we should begin thus laying the foundation for work. There are around 200,000 students in downtown Manila, in addition to many more in surrounding areas. As yet we have no student evangelistic program of any description. Also,

there is not a Southern Baptist Filipino church within the city limits of Manila. It certainly will take much prayer for God's leadership to know the best approach to this new work. Challenges and possibilities are overwhelming. There are countless souls involved and we want to be completely in God's will. Do not pray that the work will be easy, but rather that God may teach and every experience for his honor and glory and that through every experience we may grow."

PRAYER PERIOD

The religion, whether Christian or pagan, which captures the minds of students today will be reflected in leaders of the world tomorrow.

Pray for centers of student work operated by Southern Baptists. Pray for the salvation of thousands of students untouched today by the gospel (pray).

Pray definitely that God will call out a couple to answer the challenge in Malaya where the mission is in the process of buying land for a student center (pray).

Pray that Southern Baptists will assist through generous gifts to provide adequate facilities for student work in Mexico City (pray).

The beginning of student work among the 200,000 students in Manila needs our prayer and God's blessings (pray).

Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wakefield; that God's leadership will make every decision evident. Pray for response from the students from the very beginning (pray).

Allocations for the Orient

Among the allocations for the 1962 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a total of \$1,343,800 for the Orient which has more than half the world's population, but where only one in 250 knows Christ as Saviour. An allocation of \$34,000 will mean much to the new work in South Vietnam where Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds have proved the major source of money since the work was started. The Baptist Seminary in the Philippines will receive \$18,000 for current expenses. From the offering, \$21,000 will be available for the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary. In Thailand, \$5,000 will be used for a hospital which will open its doors in 1962. In 1963, the seminary in Japan with fifty students will receive \$20,000 for current expenses. These allocations meet the needs of the Orient. The answer is a negative one. The entire sum of \$10,700,000 for 1962 could be spent in attempting to meet the needs of so many people!

Pray that the goal for the Orient will be provided so that "God's Gift . . . the Light of the World" will be able to dispel the darkness of ignorance. Pray for Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, and for the 513 missionaries working in 14 countries and territories (pray).

Tell Story—"The Hindu Boy," page 10

Special Music—"The Morning Light Is Breaking" (During special music leader for the day removes black paper at left—the Orient—from the spherical map revealing that through Christ's witness light is reaching the people of the Orient.)

An Unselfish Gift

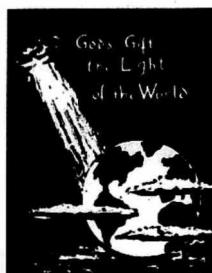
Christmas is a meaningful time. It has added

significance for our missionary families as they anticipate what Christians in Southern Baptist churches will give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Last year was no exception in the Charles Whitten home in Spain. Mrs. Whitten wrote that "all three of the older children have been saving for a long time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A dear friend from the States sent them a dollar each, and with all eagerness each decided to give all of it to the offering."

Gathering of Offering: Pianist plays softly "Something for Thee" as women place offering on table near a lighted candle, and quietly leave the room.

TUESDAY, December 4, 1962

The Light Alleviates the Darkness of Suffering



Meditation: Pianist plays softly, "The Morning Light Is Breaking," "The Light of the World Is Jesus," or "O Zion, Hasten" as women enter for silent prayer; close with audible prayer.

Scripture Selections: Mal 4:2; Job 24:12, 27:9; Psalm 34:18, 147:3; Isaiah 61:1-3; 42:16, 35:5-6; Mark 6:34, 56; Isaiah 58:10; 2 Cor. 4:6. (See page 11. Place in Bible and read.)

Sing: "Hail to the Brightness"

Call in Prayer: See names of missionaries, page 34.

INTRODUCTION: Members of a tribe in Nigeria are called the cowboys of West Africa. They have no permanent homes, but wander the countryside with their cattle in search of water and grass. These people are very striking in appearance, taller and more muscular than the average Nigerian. Sometime ago Dr. Walter Moore was driving near the hospital in Kontagora. He saw a man lying by the roadside, a vic-

tim of a hit-and-run driver. He stopped and found that the victim was one of these tribesmen with a fractured thigh bone. Dr. Moore took the man to our Baptist hospital and gave him skillful treatment necessary for recovery.

The injured man was frightened during his first days at the hospital because he did not understand all that was being done for him, but later he asked questions. Many of his relatives and friends came to visit him and this was the first opportunity that members of this wandering tribe had to hear of the gospel of love which constrained foreigners to build a hospital in their country and treat the bodies of their people.

God uses medical missions to alleviate darkness and suffering and to introduce his Son to those without salvation. A similar story could be told of patients in 18 Baptist hospitals and 56 dispensaries and clinics overseas where 56 Baptist missionary doctors and five dentists work alongside 55 nurses. As they seek to meet

physical need, they also seek lovingly to open hearts filled with ignorance, superstition, and misunderstanding.

Dr. Franklin Fowler, medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, says, "In our world today, when there are so many philosophies, so many conflicting words spoken, it is imperative that we have a ministry which shows God's love in meeting great needs. Medical missions accomplish several things: opens doors into a country, and touches the hearts of people; establishes strong foundations for other evangelistic work, and provides opportunity for showing God's love and mercy."

Jesus was moved with compassion as he saw the multitudes of physically and spiritually sick. He was able to see them not as a mob of people but each one as a person with a definite need. Today's multitudes, similar to those of nearly two thousand years ago, are still seeking relief from the darkness of suffering. Millions are denied simple medical care.

In Thailand thousands of mothers and babies die annually. Many could be saved if basic cleanliness was practiced. Ghana has many lepers with over half of them out of the reach of life-saving drugs. Imagine the plight of the people of Indonesia where there is one doctor for 60,000 people. The shortage of nurses is critical in countries like Korea where we have only three missionary nurses. In the Philippines, one of every ten babies dies in infancy. In many countries the rate of infant mortality is as high as fifty per cent. The need for medical missions is evident when one realizes that in many parts of the world today life expectancy is age thirty-five, while it is twice that in our own country.

Chile—Our Lord continues to fill hearts like Ana's with concern for suffering people. Ana, who lives in Chile, was converted when fourteen, and two years later decided that a life as a nurse would better equip her to minister to her people. However, lack of funds forced her to discontinue nurse's training. In the years that followed she studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Chile, and worked for churches in many capacities, but always she was burdened with the scores of her people who were physically ill.

Today she is living in San Felipe and helping to begin Baptist work in a new province. In the morning she teaches four grades, and in the afternoon she serves as a nurse. On Sunday she teaches in two Sunday schools, often walking three miles in order to reach one of them. But Ana has a dream which she expresses: "I hope to become a *matrona* (midwife) to serve my Lord better in my country. For the moment I am not able to realize this dream. My work is

without wages. I live on what people give me and that is very little, and even then I take to spend on the sick who do not have money to buy medicine. In the houses where I live they give me my room and board and I share with them food which people give me for serving them."

PRAYER PERIOD

Medical treatment was given to 290 patients in 1961 in Baptist medical centers overseas. Serving with our missionaries are many capable national doctors, nurses, and assistants.

Pray for the message of Jesus Christ printed in the hearts of those who seek relief from suffering at Baptist medical centers. Express gratitude for God's blessings upon medical work and thank him for all who serve in hospitals, clinics, and dispensaries (*pray*).

Pray for Ana in Chile where Southern Baptists have only one clinic in operation. Pray that plans for opening a second one may materialize. Ask God to make it possible for Southern Baptists to meet the challenge of medical missions in Chile (*pray*).

Pray that our hearts will never cease to be filled with compassion for those who live in the darkness of suffering (*pray*).

Ministry of Medical Missions

Indonesia—Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Indonesia was the opening wedge for entrance of the gospel in that land. It is located in a strong Muslim area, but the work has grown rapidly. Dr. Buford Nichols, president of the Indonesia Baptist Seminary, says that a healing ministry in the name of Christ has inclined the hearts of people toward the gospel.

This began with the opening of a clinic in Kediri in 1955 with two nurses and one woman doctor. They were warned that perhaps they would not be accepted and to expect idle days. But idle days did not materialize. In the first year 10,000 people were registered with the total number of visits to the clinic reaching 17,000. By 1957 the first ward building at the hospital was dedicated, and since then the Father Moon Christmas Offering has helped to build ten buildings.

Last year, only six years later about 90,000 patients were treated. In October, 1961, the school of nursing enrolled its first ten students including Jessie Yo. Jessie's parents were among the first converts in the first Baptist church organized in Indonesia. His father was one of the first deacons ordained, and his older brother is a student in the Baptist seminary.

"A medical missionary's work is on half

done if we fail to let our patients know that our work is motivated by Christian love and concern for human life," writes Ruth Vanderburg, nurse in Indonesia.

"It is our privilege to point them to Jesus Christ. Every patient who passes through the clinic has opportunity to hear the gospel at least once. Each day before the clinic opens a thirty minute preaching service is conducted by national employees. Ward services are conducted each Sunday evening. Sunday school is held in the children's ward, and a daily chapel service for employees and staff is broadcast throughout the hospital. Two personnel workers go throughout the hospital and clinic each day witnessing and handing out tracts.

"One woman came for surgery and was gloriously healed but more than that she found the Lord and with the help of others she won her husband. After returning home they wrote asking for someone to hold services in their home so that people in their village might hear of the love of Christ. We have seen two churches established and four missions come into being during the seven years since medical work was established in Indonesia."

Hong Kong—A sixty-three-year-old man, perplexed and discouraged, was walking down the street in Hong Kong one day. At one time he had been wealthy and the mayor of a large interior city in Central China. But now he and his family had joined thousands of refugees in this British Crown Colony.

As he walked along he saw the sign of the Hong Kong Baptist Clinic. Immediately he thought of his sick wife and decided to bring her to the clinic. On their first visit, he listened to the gospel message preached to those in the waiting room. Each time he came he showed more interest in knowing about God and his love.

Then one day just as the clinic was closing, this man brought in his twenty-three-year-old son who was suffering acute pain. The doctor's examination revealed that hospitalization was needed at once. While efforts were made to contact an ambulance and secure admission to a hospital, the father asked staff members to pray for his son and for him. Earnest prayer was made in behalf of the suffering one and his father. God answered and within an hour the young man was undergoing lifesaving surgery.

A short time later, the father in an evangelistic service at a Baptist chapel, made public his trust in Jesus Christ. As he gave his testimony, he mentioned his heart-response that afternoon at the clinic as he listened to prayer in behalf of himself and his son. He is growing rapidly in the grace of the Lord and helping other mem-

bers of his family to learn of Christ.

PRAYER PERIOD

There are areas in the Orient where medical missions should be established. Medical work is being projected in Thailand and Pakistan but development depends upon doctors and nurses of staff medical centers. Chapels could be opened in many places in Indonesia if money and personnel were available.

Pray for development of medical work in Thailand and Pakistan. Pray that others will feel called of God to join the two missionary nurses in Thailand (*pray*).

South America has many places where a medical ministry could be of tremendous advantage. This is especially true in countries such as Ecuador and parts of Peru.

Pray that the burden of these countries without the means to alleviate the darkness of suffering will challenge doctors and nurses in our land (*pray*).

There is always need for equipment in medical work, both for new institutions and to replace worn out equipment.

Pray that lack of funds for equipment will not hinder the ministry of medical missions. Pray that Southern Baptists will match with their money dedicated devotion of enough missionary doctors and nurses (*pray*).

One of the newest Baptist hospitals is the Tuberculosis Hospital in Mbeya, Tanganyika. Many of the patients are hospitalized from three to six months.

Pray for Bible instruction and the spiritual ministry to patients at this hospital (*pray*).

Critical Shortage of Medical Missionaries

From the Foreign Mission Board comes the following statement: "One of the greatest needs is that of medical personnel. There is always a tremendous need for adequately trained doctors, dentists, hospital administrators, laboratory technicians, and hospital chaplains. There have recently been requests for one dentist, six doctors, twenty registered single nurses, one pharmacist, two hospital administrators, and two laboratory technicians."

These requests must be met or some hospitals will be forced to close or curtail their services. A missionary in Nigeria sends this appeal: "Many serious and perplexing problems face us this year; many without answers. For example, our Ogbomoso Baptist Hospital has been without a pharmacist for nearly three months. This could mean the closing of the hospital." In Jordan the missionaries have felt a critical

shortage of medical missionaries and turned down requests from several villages for the beginning of clinic work because of lack of medical personnel.

The serious need for missionary nurses has been for several years a real concern of the Foreign Mission Board. Much of our present work and hope for medical expansion depends upon the supply of missionary nurses who are more than just doctors' helpers. They are the ones who patiently lead an ill one back to health, pointing him to Christ, the Light of the world.

For four years missionaries of Mexico have been pleading for two nurses to work in a beautiful well-equipped hospital.

During the five years from 1956 to 1961, there were 28 doctors appointed by the mission board, but only 13 nurses during the same period. A doctor's work cannot be effective if hampered by insufficient nursing care.

What else can you and I do to assist in relieving the shortage of missionary nurses? We can pray—earnestly and daily that more of our young women will be led to prepare for medical missionary service overseas. We can challenge our finest young women to consider the collegiate program in nursing. Many of our churches need a Young Woman's Auxiliary and mission-minded women to assist young women in learning of the darkness of suffering among the world's peoples. One church has a plan whereby each young woman in the Baptist nursing school in that town is adopted by one of the church families and encouraged to center her life around church activities. A Grace McBride YWA needs to be active in every Baptist hospital.

PRAYER PERIOD

Two nurses serve in Ghana where the Baptist Hospital provides the only general medical and surgical facility in an area with a quarter of a million population.

Thank God for the doctors and the nurses serving in Ghana and ask that other nurses will feel constrained to join that staff (pray).

Ghana—Ask Dr. George M. Faile, Jr., why the Baptist Medical Center at Nalerigu, Ghana, was opened without a nurse and hear his reply: "After treating a girl with tetanus as she lay under the stars near hospital buildings, after examining a miserable and moaning expectant mother on the cow-dung floor of her mud hut, after seeing patients die in my car as I reached another hospital fifty-five miles away, after such experiences, I determined to begin using our wards even if we had only ward attendants on duty. And so medicines were administered by

our only African nurse or by the doctor when the nurse was not on duty."

Foreign Mission Board—Realizing the needs of medical missions, the Foreign Mission Board in 1960 created the medical division at Richmond in order that need for medical missionary personnel might receive concentrated effort.

Miss Edna Frances Dawkins of this department works with all medical mission candidates. She reports that medical mission conferences have been held in strategic areas, taking missionary doctors and nurses to the students.

"Medical students are responding," says Miss Dawkins. "It is my hope that Woman's Missionary Unions in local churches will do more in sharing interest in young women studying in nursing schools by sponsoring Grace McBride YWAs and keeping before young women the urgent mission needs around the world."

Three missionary nurses were appointed in 1961, but there still remains urgent need for twenty more.

Pray for Baptist young women in nursing schools. Pray that the challenge of medical missions will reach each of them and that many will respond to God's call (pray).

Indonesia Baptist Hospital has a bed capacity of 105, but only one hundred beds are in use because of shortage of nurses. Plans are projected for opening hospital work on the island of Sumatra.

Pray for the personnel needed in Indonesia and for a staff and equipment for Sumatra (pray).

Hundreds of GA and YWA-age young women in our Baptist churches are not receiving missionary education.

Pray for churches where there is no provision for missionary education for young people. Ask God to put it into hearts of women to volunteer today to organize and lead young people (pray).

Allocations for Africa, Europe, and Near East

On January 1, 1962, there were 480 Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in 81 countries and cities in eighteen countries in Africa, Europe, and Near East. For the three regions \$1,051,884 is allocated from the 1962 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In Liberia where liberated slaves from our country went many years ago to make a nation for free men, the need is for trained leadership, and an amount of \$16,000 will be spent this year.

Nigeria is listed to receive the largest amount.

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\$443,341. Of that amount \$15,000 will be used for the hospital at Kontagora which is located in an area almost devoid of medical help.

In Europe the Ruschlikon Seminary will be given \$53,000 for education and training of future Baptist leaders of Europe. Italy, the land of opportunity for the gospel, will share in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the amount of \$173,680.

Allocations for Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, and Gaza will be \$271,919, of which \$30,000 will be used for current expenses of the Baptist Hospital in Gaza where Baptists minister to Arab refugees.

Thank God for permitting you the privilege of having a part in Baptist endeavors in Africa, Europe, and Near East through prayer and gifts! Pray for the secretary of this area, Dr. Cornell Goerner (pray).

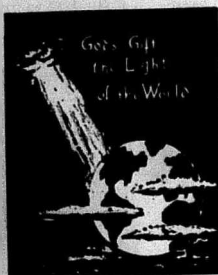
Tell Story, "Brave Madeline," page 14. •

Special Music: "The Morning Light Is Breaking" (During special music leader for the day removes black paper at right—Africa, Europe, Near East—from spherical map revealing Africa, Europe, and Near East where the light of the gospel has brought physical healing to many.)

An Unselfish Gift: A retired Baptist woman in New Mexico attended Foreign Mission Week at Glorieta. She heard missionaries tell of Baptist work overseas. She learned of many ill bodies needing medical care. She was told of thousands of little children who had never heard of Christ. Her heart was touched and she felt constrained to do more than ever for the cause of missions. She prayed and asked God to help her earn \$100 for her next Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

God began to answer her prayer the day after she returned home when her daughter called and asked her to come and assist with chores on the farm. While at the home of her daughter, she earned \$54 making baskets, picking peas and okra, and working at a vegetable stand. Later that fall, she sold Christmas cards and tablecloths enabling her to increase her earnings to \$97. Where would she get the needed \$3.00? Again she prayed and God answered when a granddaughter sent her the exact amount requesting that the grandmother get "something you want or need." What more could she want than the \$100 to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that little children might hear the Christmas story!

Gathering of Offering: (Pianist plays softly "Something for Thee" as women place offering around lighted candle and quietly leave the room.)



WEDNESDAY, December 5, 1962

Extending the Light

Chorus: See alternate suggestion, page 54. Whether you are to present foreign missions at prayer meeting or in your society, choose the material which will be most meaningful to your church.

Interest Center: Place a large candle on table with holly around base. The narrators standing on opposite sides of interest center read with understanding and feeling. Practice will help effectiveness. Someone dressed as Lottie Moon and seated at desk behind a curtain of scrim or under a soft glowing spotlight would add a touch of reality. Young people may be used to read the Scripture selections.

Candlelight Service: (Choose one)

1. Give candles to each person on arrival. After the pastor's challenge, lights are dimmed and the pastor lights the large candle and holds it. Deacons or others designated come forward and light their candles from the pastor's candle, and they in turn light the candles of those occupying aisle seats. From these the next candles are lighted.

2. The pastor asks those who are willing to help extend the Light of Christ through personal service, personal dedication, and gifts to come to the front and take a candle from table or have pastor hand them out, and light it from large candle on table, and stand together in group, or circle the room, for closing prayer. After candles are lighted and group or circle is formed, "So Send I You" is sung by trio.

Sing "Joy to the World"

Scripture Selections: Luke 2:8-20; Matt. 2:1,2; 10:11.

Call to Prayer: See lists of missionaries, page 54.

Sing "Send the Light"

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Story

Narrator 1: It was Sunday morning in Tongchow, China. The year was 1887. Two Chinese men were making their way through narrow streets in search of a very old house, the home of Miss Lottie Moon. Their journey from Pingtu, 115 miles to the north, was nearing an end.

Narrator 2: All along their seven-day journey the men had expected to meet Lottie Moon on her way back to their village where women and children were waiting impatiently for her return. And now the men were outside the entrance to her house which had stood at the crossroads for over three hundred years.

Narrator 1: Lottie Moon welcomed the tired travelers. Seeing their eagerness, she felt again the tug of Pingtu with its teeming thousands in spiritual darkness. How could she tell her visitors that she was making plans to return to America for a long needed rest? How could she make them understand that eleven years without a furlough had left her with an aching body and a tired mind? It was impossible for her to find words that would bring disappointment to the women of Pingtu, so once again she pushed aside the dream of a furlough until a more favorable time.

Narrator 2: "I have decided to try to find an until next June," she wrote. "There is no one to send to Pingtu." So back she went to teach the Jesus way, to be called the "Dear Old Woman," to teach hymns and tell Bible stories, to give herself in unselfish labor of love.

Narrator 1: Across the ocean in the Southland which had given this choice daughter to China, mission-minded women were being challenged to organize for the purpose of fostering and stimulating foreign missions in Baptist churches. Miss Moon was conscious of the thousands of Southern women and sent encouragement to

and convinced," she wrote, "that one of the chief reasons our Southern Baptist women do so little is the lack of organization."

Narrator 2: Repeatedly, Miss Moon pleaded for someone to come and relieve her. "I am very desirous to go home next year. I think my health requires it. Still, I am not willing to go until Pingtu is provided for." Because her pleas were unheeded, in almost desperation she wrote an article which appeared in the December, 1887 *Foreign Mission Journal*, suggesting that Baptist women take an offering and observe a week of prayer to assure new recruits for China. She even suggested that the week before Christmas be used for taking the offering.

Narrator 1: Listen to her words: "Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is it not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from both abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

Narrator 2: In May 1888, thirty-two delegates met in Richmond, Virginia, and perfected the organization of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Far away in Pingtu, China, a lonely woman continued to pray for the arrival of dedicated lives for China and expressed her full commitment by writing, "I would I had a thousand lives that I might give them to the women of China."

Narrator 1: Woman's Missionary Union in its infancy responded to the challenge issued by Miss Moon and plans were formulated to observe a week of prayer and take an offering. They set a goal of \$2,000, which would send two missionaries to China. Many letters of entreaty found their way from Woman's Missionary Union's office at Baltimore to the 1,500 societies across the Southland. Women were informed of China's needs, urged to distribute envelopes at Christmas time for an offering to be brought during a week of prayer.

Narrator 2: The women prayed; they gave—not \$2,000, but \$2,315.28, a sufficient amount to send three missionaries to China. What if two men had not been willing to walk 115 miles in search of a foreign woman? What if Lottie Moon had thought of her aching body and weary mind and returned to America instead of Pingtu? What if mission-minded women had not organized?

Narrator 1: The answer to these questions we do not ponder. We pause only to give thanks

to God for a life that started as Charlotte Diggs Moon in Virginia on December 17, 1840. Hers was a life of abiding love and supreme devotion. She did not count it personal sacrifice to leave the comforts of life in the South to help extend the light of the gospel in China.

Narrator 2: The month of December played a major role in Lottie Moon's life. It was December when she was born. It was December 1873 when she saw Tongchow for the first time. It was December, 1912, when friends realized that she was suffering from malnutrition and depression. Because North China was in the throes of a famine, Miss Lottie had denied her body nourishment in sharing food with others. Hoping that a change of scenery would prove beneficial, Miss Moon, in the company of a nurse, was placed on board a ship bound for the United States. On Christmas Eve, as the ship rode at anchor in the harbor of Kobe, Japan, Lottie Moon died. Her body, on that day, frail and wasted away, was only a semblance of the vigorous woman who had reached China for the first time almost forty years before.

Narrator 1: That year—the year of her death, the offering for Chinese missions was the largest ever; in fact it reached \$31,875.63, or ten times the offering she had inspired in 1888. As an expression of deep gratitude, the "Christmas Offering for China" was officially named for Lottie Moon at the meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, May, 1918 and was for the first time that year shared with all Southern Baptist mission fields.

Narrator 2: At the end of 1912, twenty-five years after the first foreign mission offering was taken, Southern Baptists had mission work in eight foreign countries: China, Nigeria, Mexico, Japan, Italy, Brazil, Macao, Uruguay, and Argentina. Over \$285,000 had been given to the offering in those first twenty-five years.

Narrator 1: In the next twenty-five years, from 1913 to 1938, Southern Baptists entered only three new fields: Palestine, Spain, and Chile. In 1926 for the first time the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was changed from a week in January to the first days of December.

Narrator 2: Year after year has brought new concern until Southern Baptists now have work in 51 countries. Approximately 79 million dollars has been given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during the years. It was understood from the origin, that the offering was to be an over and above gift in addition to the regular bringing of the tithe.

Narrator 1: How can one measure what the offerings have meant to the Kingdom? How can we estimate the power generated by millions of prayers in behalf of missions? How many souls saved? How many Bibles printed? How many schools and hospitals erected?

Narrator 1: Hear Mrs. Robert Sherer, Kobe, Japan: "In the twelve years we have been in missionary service in Japan we always sense a spiritual uplift and renewed dedication during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions."

Narrator 2: Hear Marthe Hairton, North Brazil, as she points to the two main buildings on the campus for Christian educators and says: "These buildings were made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings."

Narrator 1: From Indonesia comes this testimony: "To the decade-old Baptist missionary society in Indonesia, the Lottie Moon offerings throw a lifeline each year. Prayer ascending to God at Christmas seasons is a beacon of consolation and assurance to those of us who are ministering for Christ in the tropical islands."

Narrator 2: Through the years the pleas of our missionaries have not changed. Years ago Miss Moon pleaded, "Where are the hundred missionaries that we ought to have in Shantung? Where is the silver and the gold that should be in the Lord's treasury?"

Narrator 1: In the 1961 report of the Foreign Mission Board we read: "Are more missionaries needed now? The Latin American missions have submitted requests for 264 missionaries to be appointed in 1961." That one request was for 161 more missionaries than were appointed for all foreign fields in 1961!

Narrator 2: It is the same today as in the past—the same pleas for more workers and money, the same needy world, the same hopes. Through the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we assist in answering pleas. Is it too much to ask 10 million members of Southern Baptist churches to give \$10,700,000? Is it asking

too much to pray that Southern Baptists will have 2,000 missionaries under appointment by 1964?

Narrator 1: Today Red China is closed to missionaries. The long-ago requests of Lottie Moon for reinforcement, increased offerings and dedicated praying race through our minds and stir our hearts. Dare Southern Baptists delay the gospel in other areas of the world until doors swing shut in our faces?

Narrator 2: Seventy-five years ago this month, Miss Moon's article was published suggesting an offering. This year is the seventy-fifth time that Baptist women have met, prayed, and brought an offering. As Woman's Missionary Union enters her 75th Anniversary and World Missions Year, the spirit of Lottie Moon and of hundreds of other missionaries walk beside us urging us forward, to have faith, to deny ourselves luxuries, and if need be the necessities to extend the Light of Jesus Christ.

Narrator 1: Over half the world begs for a morsel of bread. Many of those physically hungry do not know of the Bread of life. What would it mean for you to give a sacrificial gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Does God want you to give your life for the cause of missions? Perhaps you should make a full surrender to God as Lottie Moon did that Sunday morning in Cartersville, Georgia, when she walked down the aisle and to her pastor said, "I have long known God wanted me in China. I am now ready to go."

Narrator 2: God has blessed the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and answered petitions made during the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions. For these manifold blessings we take courage and resolve to renew our concern. We join Dr. Baker J. Cauthen in saying, "We face the future with confidence and high expectation. God is at work in our midst, and we are convinced that we are moving toward a greater world-wide labor in our Master's name than has ever before been undertaken."

CHOOSE FOR WEDNESDAY

Whether the material in *Royal Service* or the filmstrip, "Extending the Light \$3.50 from Baptist Book Stores. It was specially prepared for use during this Week of Prayer by the Foreign Mission Board. The results may be better if the information in the script is taped in advance. The pastor or some other man's voice may be used for Dr. Baker James Cauthen's appeal.

Whichever you use, close with challenge by pastor (page 55) and the candlelight service.

Narrator 1: Poem—"Swinging Toward the Light"

I do believe the world is swinging toward the light.

So spoke a soul on fire with holy flame
Amid the dark such faith pierced through the night.

The dreamers wrought, and living fruitage came,
To give of self, and not to count the cost,
To learn to teach, to labor, and to pray.

To serve like Christ the least, the last, the lost—
These were the beacon fires that lit the way
Our light grows dim; the air is thick with doom,
And everywhere men's souls are crushed with fears.

Yet high above the carnage and the gloom
The call resounds across the teeming years,
"Lift high Christ's cross! Serve God and trust
His might!"

I do believe the world is swinging toward the light!

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PRAYER PERIOD (Pastor in charge if this is used at prayer meeting):

Southern Baptists will always owe a debt of gratitude to God for the life of Lottie Moon and to those faithful missionaries who have followed her. We thank God for the inspiration of these devoted lives. We thank our Heavenly Father for every dollar that has gone to the mission fields through the Christmas offering named in Lottie Moon's honor. Bill and Helen Tisdale, Philippines, express the desires of all missionaries as they write: "Please remember, we are your missionaries. Our effectiveness will be measured to a large degree in terms of your praying. Pray that we may have wisdom—ah, the need for wisdom on the mission field! Pray that we may possess spiritual power—that we shall not walk and work in our own strength."

Pray for this couple as well as every missionary under appointment. There are 1,598 foreign missionaries under appointment now (pray).

The Convention-wide goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1962 is \$10,700,000. Our church goal is \$_____.

Pray that we may exceed both goals. Ask God to make us willing to experience real sacrifice (page 1).

One of the greatest needs today is for more personnel. Typical of the requests that come from every field is this one from a missionary in Malaya, a land of seven million people:

"As we look at Southeast Asia close-up, we

wonder just how long freedom to preach will prevail in many lands here. Can we wait for high school students to complete college and seminary and gain experience? We may have to, but our prayer is that pastors with education and experience will come now.

"A few days ago a young girl came to my home wanting to know how long they must wait for a pastor. She is from an English-speaking church. Today two older women came asking if there was coming a new missionary to learn their language. For four years they have not had a pastor. Two missionaries will soon return for furloughs. They have been pastoring English-speaking churches. There is no one to take their places. In our city we have ten churches and six of them are pastorless! All across our land we could use pastors preaching in English for many of our people speak English fluently."

Pray that the Lord of the harvest will speak to hearts. Pray that educated and experienced pastors will be willing to heed the call now for foreign missions. Pray that Southern Baptists out of generous hearts will provide means for sending and equipping all who answer (pray).

Pray that God will bless the leadership of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, and the three area secretaries: Dr. Frank Means, Latin America; Dr. Winston Crawley, Orient; and Dr. Cornell Goerner, Africa, Europe and Near East (pray).

(The pastor will challenge those present to be willing to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. At the end of the challenge move smoothly into one of the candlelight services on page 52.)

The over two billion unsaved in the world demand the very best we possess. Many unsaved are physically ill and there is an urgency for doctors, nurses, and technicians. There is an urgent unanswered plea for nurses now. The Bible remains a closed book to many because they cannot read, and there is a shortage of teachers on the mission field. Hundreds of missionaries are needed today. The Foreign Mission Board has inaugurated a new program whereby those who cannot meet the regular requirements can be sent out as missionary associates to teach, to train others, and to assist in many ways.

Each year the recommendations which are presented to the Foreign Mission Board, after careful consideration, actually exceed funds available by a minimum of three million dollars. School buildings are unbuilt, hospitals are still in the planning stage. Homes and equipment are necessities. The per capita gift to foreign missions last year through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was

11:00. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gives each of us an opportunity to express love for Christ and to show our concern for extending the Light. If at Christmas, we observe the birthday of Christ, should we not give him a birthday gift? God's Gift to the world was his only Son. His Son gave his life that you and I might have eternal life.

God has no other plan for extending the Light to the world except through men. Are you willing to extend the Light by praying, by giving your material blessings? Is there a young woman present who will answer God's call to dedicate her life to the cause of missions as Lottie Moon did? Is there a young man who will answer tonight the call of God to bear his witness to those in darkness? Perhaps there is a

couple who could qualify as missionaries, associates who would indicate their willingness to go if accepted?

Jesus said to the early disciples, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." God continues to move the hearts of people to missionary service. Is he calling you? (Pastor gives opportunity for response; lights are dimmed.)

Candlelight Service: (See page 52. The male Trio sings "So Send I You" as candles are lighted.)

Gathering of Offering: (Pianist plays softly as gifts are laid on table.)

Prayer
(All leave quietly.)

THURSDAY, December 6, 1962

The Light Banishes the Darkness of Sin

Worship: Pianist plays softly "The Morning Light Is Breaking," "The Light of the World Is Jesus," or "O Zion, Haste" as women enter for a period of silent prayer. Prayer chairman, or someone designated, closes the period with prayer.

Scripture Selections: (One person reads from large Bible; see page 18.) Rom. 5:8; 3:10; Isaiah 64:4; Rom. 3:23; James 1:15; Job 14:14; Rom. 6:23; John 3:16; 1:4,5,12; Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:13; Acts 23:16; 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:6.

Hymns: "We've a Story to Tell"

Call to Prayer: See names of missionaries on page 34.

INTRODUCTION: Sin. What an ugly word! When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they brought sin and its wretched results on themselves and on all mankind born in succeeding

ages. In creating man God gave him his greatest attribute, freedom of will. He was created free to stand but also free to fall. In this freedom the first parents chose to rebel against the authority of God. They were not content for God to be over and above them. From that day in the garden to the present hour, man's chief sin is rebellion against God.

Man's rebellion against his Creator has been more completely revealed in the modern era than in communism. Many of our countrymen face daily the propaganda and the lies of this false philosophy. Pattee Box, a missionary, gained in the land where she lived.

"A quick glance to Singapore and Malaya would not reveal any outward effect of communism, but it is a powerful underground force, continually at work. As you live week in this land you do not know what tomorrow will bring. It was only two years ago that

Communists terrorized. It arouses the people to strike against the government and employer. A short time ago when state workers were striking against the government, police carried shields and their cars were covered with iron bars for protection.

"When you go visiting for the church, you find that propaganda is at large, and much of it sounds similar to the Christian doctrine. Communism is hard at work to capitalize on the yearnings of the people of Southeast Asia as they search for peace and happiness. How can we teach them fast enough that peace comes through the blood of Jesus Christ? Can they be led without more teachers and preachers?"

Among writers at Baptist Press in Hong Kong is Molly Wong, a truly dedicated woman who was born in Shanghai and knows the subtleties of communism. Molly heard and believed the gospel at sixteen and immediately felt a call to be a frontier missionary.

About the time Molly was graduated from the University of Shanghai, the government of China became Communist. Because of her education, she was drafted to work for the new regime. In her new position Molly was ridiculed, urged to give up her Christian faith, and promised a higher position if she would renounce Christ. Then God miraculously opened the way for Molly to go to Hong Kong. Now Molly says that she is a frontier missionary because what she writes goes into many areas and some may even reach the frontiers of China.

Christ came to reconcile man to God; to bridge the chasm that sin had cut between the Creator and his creation. Christ came to set up a kingdom of righteousness and love. The accomplishment of this purpose he made the primary work of his church. No Christian today would deny that our supreme business is to carry the message of salvation through Christ to all mankind.

But look at these figures: less than 40,000 missionaries of all evangelical denominations from

all countries. It is even more perplexing when statistics reveal that Christian groups are growing only one-third as fast as the world's population.

Two billion people out of the world's population of almost three billion have no saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Over 400 million of those in darkness of sin are followers of Islam, the religion of Mohammed. Five times daily, many of them turn to the city of Mecca, fall on their faces and repeat empty meaningless words, and receive empty, meaningless assurance.

In the northern part of Africa, Islam is strongly entrenched and moving aggressively southward. For every Christian convert in Africa there are dozens won to the ways of Islam. In Pakistan a genuine effort is being made to revise Islam to meet the needs of a modern society as numerous people are not satisfied with the Islamic concept of God. Southern Baptists need thousands of missionaries to spread the light of the true Prophet, Jesus Christ, to all living in the darkness of a religion that binds with fear and superstition.

Millions, in fact, 550,350,000 people throughout the world are claimed by Roman Catholicism. Even though the number of Catholics is increasing in the United States, in some countries the people are breaking with this church. In Italy a recent article in a Catholic publication admits that fully twelve million people have broken with the teachings of the Catholic Church. These happenings present a marvelous opportunity for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are also pagan religions competing with Christianity: Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucianism, Hinduism, and other religions claim millions of adherents. A missionary to the Orient tells of being invited to a lovely beach where his host was a well-known Chinese businessman, wealthy and very influential. The wife of the



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Mrs. Allison was born and reared in Texas, educated at Howard Payne College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She married a Baptist preacher. They have three sons—one a minister, one a businessman and the third entered college last fall. She has been State WMU president of Missouri for three years.

Chinese host was a member of the Baptist church. The missionary approached the Chinese about becoming a Christian.

"I cannot become a Christian until my mother dies," he replied. His mother, eighty years old, and a Buddhist, expects her eldest son to worship her when she dies, for ancestral worship is a vital part of her religion. The faithful son continued, "Confucius says that filial piety is a great good, and that to bring grief upon one's parent is inhuman. I believe Confucius, and I cannot treat my mother so," he concluded.

As Southern Baptists it behooves us to place at God's disposal the power of our resources, our ceaseless prayer, and our lives in order to join in the movement to banish the darkness of sin. But it takes more than matching the giving, the zeal, and the devotion of the promoters of false ideologies of the world. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit. Then marvels will be performed, sinners will be saved. The all-powerful gift of His presence will bring victory to his followers.

PRAYER PERIOD

"Time is running out on us and the Communists seem to be gaining daily. Of course, here in Latin America the Communists spend one hundred million dollars a year!" This is the burden of a Christian worker in South America.

From Asia, the Harlan Spurgeons write: "In Asia the preaching of the gospel is obviously a matter of the greatest urgency. As one stands and looks out upon the physical and spiritual poverty here, he realizes that it is already too late unless Southern Baptists are willing to meet the challenge with their all."

Pray that God will help us to meet the pressing needs for more missionaries in Taiwan, especially a couple for evangelistic work, a couple to teach in the Baptist seminary, a principal for the school for missionary children, a specialist to project radio and television work, and a couple for student work (pray).

No statistics are available to reveal the number of Christians who are among the millions in China behind the Bamboo Curtain. We do know that those who remain face death daily.

Pray earnestly that Christians in China, Russia, and other Communist countries will have renewed strength and also a consciousness that they are being remembered in prayer by Christian friends.

Pray that the forces of communism may be stopped and that Southern Baptists and other Christian groups will feel a definite obligation to give our all while there is yet time (pray).

Pray for our missionaries in Europe, especially in Italy where so many are leaving the Catholic Church. Pray for the Baptist seminary in Zurich,

Switzerland, as missionary teachers in the future leaders of Europe (pray).

Efforts in Evangelism

On August 21, 1962, there were 1,598 Southern Baptist missionaries under appointment. These missionaries hold various positions, but all are evangelists, witnessing to those in sin's darkness. They work with nationals in churches, operate good will centers, orphanages, clinics, hospitals, and schools for the purpose of the spread of the gospel. Encouraging reports come from so many fields. Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Spencer, Jr., who transferred from Japan in 1960 to give leadership to the work in Okinawa, relate how God is blessing there.

"Souls are being saved, letters moved, lives reclaimed, and rededicated to God, inactive Christians re-enlisted, and a new missionary spirit born in the hearts of many." There are eight Baptist churches and fourteen missions with 550 baptized believers among the nationals in Okinawa, but only two missionaries.

Three days after Chanh came in contact with the gospel in South Vietnam, he was a Christian! When questioned about his experience by missionaries, he replied, "To be born a Christian is to be born again, and to be born again is to believe in Jesus." The following week he gave his testimony about his experience in prayer. "I have found the best time to pray is just before I go to sleep. I pray that God will forgive me and that he will help me to grow to be a strong Christian."

It was a real thrill to hear Chanh tell how he witnessed to his friends about the gospel. "First I told them all I could remember of what the missionaries said in Bible study and worship service. Then I read to them about Nandemus and told them we are sinners and must believe in Christ to be born again." Only a week after his own profession, Chanh stood beaming while another young man made his profession of faith. "This is my friend!" Chanh exclaimed. The world has many Chanh's who are sharing the gospel with their friends.

The darkness of sin is banished wherever the gospel is preached. It may be preached through the reading of a book from the newly opened library in a Baptist church in Southern Rhodesia, or at the Baptist Book Store in Jerusalem, Jordan, or in the hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico.

It could be the results of Christian witnessing as missionary Wesley Hardison teaches modern agricultural methods to farmers in the Philippines. God can use a film to reach a soul in Latin America, a Christmas pageant in Nazareth,

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...eth, or a Thanksgiving service in the Immanuel Baptist Church in Spain. It matters not if the messenger goes by foot, by boat, by bicycle, or by car. It only matters that the message of God's love is reaching the souls of men every day. O that there were more!

PRAYER PERIOD

To East Pakistan have gone 16 pioneer missionaries to work among 50 million people where three people in every thousand are called Christians.

Pray that at least one Baptist couple or single person will volunteer to spend their lives in this new field of Pakistan (pray).

The Japanese Crusade in 1963 will be the most direct and personal evangelistic effort on a foreign field which Southern Baptists in the homeland have ever projected in their history. There will be from 100 to 120 teams from America to

visit the churches and missions of the Japanese Baptist Convention.

Pray today for the Japan Crusade; for Christian leaders of Japan and the States. Ask God to bless the efforts with the salvation of thousands of souls (pray).

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's manifold blessings upon the work of foreign missions. Thank God for answered prayer, especially for the granting of visas for four missionary couples for Indonesia (pray).

Baptist work began in Spain in 1921, but it was interrupted by lack of missionaries and the civil war in Spain. Today there are about fifty Baptist churches preaching the gospel of freedom in a land where persecution is real to Spanish Baptists.

Pray that the doors of churches in Spain will remain open and that Christians will have the strength to endure any persecution necessary for the sake of the gospel (pray).

National Leaders

The picture of spiritual conditions is not all darkness. Rays of light are penetrating sin's blackness as the Truth is being preached by missionaries and national leaders in 3,627 Baptist churches, 6,815 chapels and mission points on 51 foreign mission fields. Baptisms last year reached 34,364, bringing the total membership in overseas churches to 475,727. (PHI figures on blackboard or poster.) Sixty-one per cent of the churches are self-supporting.

Our missionaries work alongside 3,665 nationals who are engaged in church-related vocations; 1,725 of them are ordained ministers. Southern Baptist missionaries, to a greater extent, are assuming the role of supervision and depending upon national leaders to furnish leadership of Conventions and churches.

Some of these nationals have been trained and are being trained in schools here in the States. Ouachita Baptist College, Arkansas, has enrolled two Baptist students from Southern Rhodesia. The president of the college stated, "Our missionaries in Africa and other parts of the world have told us the Communists have spread the word that mission converts are not permitted to come to schools in which the missionaries were trained. We are hoping to take the handcuffs off our missionaries in some of these areas!"

Josephine Scaggs, Nigeria, returning to her field after furloughing in the States, thanked her Baptist friends for her "son in the Lord," a Nigerian Christian, now enrolled in Oklahoma Baptist University.

"What a difference your Christlike attitudes

toward these foreign students in your midst makes in our proclaiming the love of Christ in their midst across the sea."

"Rhodesia is a very young mission, but we are beginning to see signs of national leadership come forth," writes Sue Lockard in Southern Rhodesia. "Our seminary opened its gates in January, 1955 and we have seen 75 young people enroll for classes. 32 have graduated and gone out as pastors."

"When I went to Rhodesia in early 1953 and organized the first WMUs in our southern area, I had to write programs and give all the parts. It was really a one-man show. The picture is quite different today. Missionaries still write programs, but there is an African committee working by their side. The African program chairman gives out the parts to the women and they study and present the program. This is really an accomplishment when you stop to think that most of our women neither read nor write."

"In the early days of our work my husband and all other missionary preachers preached three or four times each Sunday and many times during the week. Now most of the work of the area missionary is that of supervisor or adviser. All churches in Rhodesia have national pastors."

PRAYER PERIOD

The most urgent need for Thailand is for national leaders, called by God to undertake the task of evangelizing Thailand.

Pray that God will provide such leaders; that the seminary may perform its proper function in training those called by God (pray).

Mrs. Howard Olive, Philippines, writes. "Viewed from the indigenous standpoint, the greatest need in our twelve-year-old effort in the Islands is training and equipping nationals to become future leaders. I suppose we will never lose the thrill of seeing a Christian of three, four, or five years apply himself with almost unsatiable hunger to the task of studying and learning in our seminary" (pray).

Joseph and Margaret Opakunle are in Nigeria after four years of studying in the United States. He will work with publications and she will witness as a homemaker and teacher.

Pray for all Baptist national leaders, for thirty Baptist nationals who are in the United States preparing themselves for leadership (pray).

Italian Baptists are on the march. The publishing house is becoming an influential force. More people are listening to radio, watching television, and reading newspapers and magazines. Plans are in the making for an English-speaking

church in Rome.

Pray for the missionaries in Italy. Ask God to continue to open new doors of opportunity for God to bless the 35 ministerial students in seminary at Rivoli (pray).

Allocations for Latin America

Latin America, which includes 20 countries from Mexico to Argentina, is about twice the size of the United States. On January 1, 1962, Southern Baptists had 555 missionaries stationed in 92 cities and smaller communities in 10 countries, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas.

An allocation of \$1,274,003 is listed for Latin America from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Of that amount, \$81,970 will be used by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, for printing literature used in Spanish-speaking countries. Nearly \$8,000 will be spent for the promotion of a nationwide evangelistic campaign for Mexico, Guatemala, hoping to double the membership of her churches in the next five years, will receive \$13,200 for assistance to pastors and other workers.

Ask God to bless Dr. Frank Means, secretary for Latin America, and the 555 missionaries working in Latin America. Pray that the money for allocations to this area will be supplied (pray).

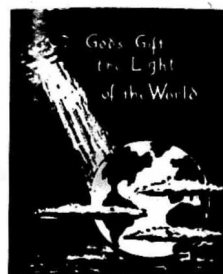
Tell Story, "Hipolito Laughed at God," page 19.

Special Music: "The Morning Light Is Breaking." (During the special music the leader for the day removes from the spherical map all black paper attached below North America, indicating that through the light of the gospel darkness is dispelled.)

An Unselfish Gift

Time was drawing near for the taking of the mission offering in a small Baptist church in Korea. The needs were pressing and the heart of a woman, a member of the church, was heavy for she had no money for the offering. It was a hard task to provide food day by day for her family. Because God had been so good to her she felt she must give something. The next day when she measured her cup of rice to cook, she took one spoonful from the cup, placed it in a sack and saved it for her mission offering. A portion of her food made it possible to present the Bread of Life to others.

Gathering of Offering: Pianist plays softly "Something for Thee" as women place offering on table near lighted candle and quietly leave the room.



FRIDAY, December 7, 1962

The Light Rebukes the Darkness of Selfishness

Meditation: (Pianist plays softly "The Morning Light Is Breaking." "The Light of the World Is Jesus." "O Zion, Haste" as women enter for silent prayer; close with audible prayer.)

Scripture Selections: (Responsive by two readers; see page 22.) 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 9:15; John 10:10; James 4:4; Matt. 6:33; Col. 1:12, 13, 18; Matt. 10:37-39; 1 Tim. 4:14, 15; Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:62; 1 John 2:15; Matt. 6:24; Luke 9:23-24.

Slog: "O Zion, Haste" or "Send the Light."

Call to Prayer: (See names of missionaries on page 24.)

Tell "Baptist Women's Day of Prayer," page 6.

INTRODUCTION: On the first day of this Week of Prayer, we thought of Jesus the Light of the world and of his power to dispel the darkness of ignorance. We visualized so many people without the ability to read. We prayed for Baptist schools, seminaries, and publishing centers which dispel darkness.

On another day, we affirmed that Christ alleviates the darkness of suffering through doctors and nurses in hospitals and clinics. Wednesday, we rejoiced in the realization that God has used the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 75 years, and gave thanks for the life of Lottie Moon and others like her. Evangelism combating the darkness of sin claimed our attention and prayer yesterday.

On this last day, our thoughts turn to the home base for foreign missions, to you and me, who make up the membership of our 32,500 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Our topic for today is "The Light Rebukes the Darkness of Selfishness."

God has blessed Southern Baptists beyond imagination. He has multiplied our numbers and today we claim around ten million members. In 1961 church property evaluation climbed

to more than 2 billion 300 million dollars.

Enrolled in Baptist colleges and seminaries are young people of the highest caliber. Pulpits are occupied by trained preachers. The income of Southern Baptist churches in 1961 reached more than 501 million dollars.

But statistics for 1961 reveal heart-searching facts. For example, per capita gifts through churches was \$50.24. A recent survey shows that in 1960 almost all denominations gave more per capita than did Southern Baptists. More than 83 per cent or \$416,867,708 of our total gifts last year was kept in our churches. Could this be interpreted as selfishness?

Selfishness begins within the heart of individuals who do not acknowledge stewardship to God. The Bible teaches that the tithe is the minimum for giving. Why do people refuse to tithe? Is it lack of knowledge? Could it be that they desire to keep the money for self? Is that selfishness?

God labeled him who withholds a tithe a robber when he spoke through the prophet Malachi. Thus selfishness, or covetousness, is sin. Jesus said "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth (Luke 12:15)."

Churches, as well as individuals, are often guilty of a covetous and selfish spirit. What else but selfishness could cause Southern Baptists to hold 83.2 per cent of all gifts in the local church? The Cooperative Program is the channel through which the local church serves Baptist causes, yet in 1961 the per capita gift to this program was only \$1.18. Does not the trend to keep more and more of our money in our churches reflect a spirit of selfishness?

The time has come for serious thinking; a time to evaluate what is essential. Should we question our real concern and compassion for the lost souls of the world when only a little over 17 million dollars is spent for foreign missions?

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$10,700,000

How burdensome we often make the task of missionaries who serve with limited funds and inadequate facilities.

Is it any wonder that when a Baptist church member pointed with pride to a recently installed chandelier in her church, that a furloughing missionary was able to see only dimly the bright lights? The missionary was seeing the three needed churches that the price of the chandelier could have helped build in the land where she serves. Our missionaries feel an urgency of the gospel that should be shared by all of us.

Often we brag that Southern Baptists are "a chosen generation, a peculiar people," but we also often fail to quote the remaining portion of the verse, "that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9)." Surely God's blessings have fallen on our Convention so that we might be used to show forth the praises of him throughout the whole world. Yet it takes almost 6,500 church members for every missionary appointed. It took the per capita gifts to foreign missions of six members of a Baptist church in 1961 to print nine Bibles in a native dialect in the Philippines, or to buy 25 gallons of gas for a missionary's car in the same country. Should it require a week of praying, promoting, soliciting, to gather \$10,700,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from approximately ten million church members?

PRAYER PERIOD

Do you and I feel the need of forgiveness from the sin of selfishness in our lives? Let each one pray silently, each talking to God and asking forgiveness for selfishness concerning material possessions (pause).

A Japanese WMU worker said to the women of her church, "If walking two or three blocks farther to a marketplace where vegetables are only two or three yen less, will help increase your week of prayer offering, then do it for the glory of God, and meditate upon his promises as you go bargain hunting for his sake!"

Pray that we in the United States will be willing to match this spirit of giving (pray).

The unmet financial need of the Foreign Mission Board for 1961 was three million dollars.

Pray earnestly that the financial needs of the Foreign Mission Board will be met this year through sacrificial giving by Southern Baptists (pray).

Pray that you and I and all other Baptists will ask God to impress upon our hearts what we should give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (pray).

Comparison of Church Buildings

It is hard to visualize all the church property in our Convention which adds up to an evaluation of more than 2 billion 300 million dollars. Some church buildings are modest structures, some are suburban plants with plans for future expansion, some are beautiful edifices costing thousands and even millions of dollars. God's house of worship should be attractive, beautiful, and beautiful, but God's presence and power do not depend upon ornate surroundings. Is it quite fair for us to continue to spend so much on our churches at home when many of the churches on mission fields are inadequate and unattractive? Keep this question in mind as we visit a Korean Baptist church through the description of J. G. Goodwin, Jr., Korean missionary.

Korea—The church I am describing is the Ha Dong Baptist Church located in the town of Ha Dong, some 125 miles due west of Pusan. This church is worshipping in a building erected two years ago with the assistance of Lottie Moon offering funds. The building cost about \$900 with the church providing \$100 and the Lottie Moon Offering the balance.

"Approaching the town of Ha Dong, you are able to see a small rectangular, blue church building constructed of wood and with a tin roof. The building is at the top of a hill on the edge of town. A Jeep stops at the foot of the hill and then the climb to the church begins. It is a steep, winding climb of some 150 feet with some steps cut out in the steeper places.

"The outside of the church is thin with plaster put on bamboo laths. Total thickness of the wall is no more than two and a half inches. The floor is of varnished wood. There is no furniture except a small lectern and two folding chairs.

"The congregation remove their shoes as they enter and take a seat on the floor. The seating system is a small old-fashioned wood-bench, 'potbelly' style in the middle of the floor. I don't know why but this type stove, which is found in most of our churches, seems to put out more smoke in the buildings than up the chimney. Most congregations do not put up the stove

until around Christmas time, and often they are taken down the last of February. They are used only in extremely cold months. There are two reasons for this. Little money with which to purchase fuel, and most public buildings are not heated at all, and so the people 'bundle up' a great deal when they come to church.

"Service begins at eleven o'clock, but several people come early to sing, with members of the group calling out numbers to sing. The church does not provide hymnals, each member brings his own along with his Bible. Singing varies from church to church, but generally speaking, Koreans are a singing people. In our little church there is no piano, but we do have a tiny, very old, pump organ which wheezes out a tune through the patient efforts of a high school girl. Since many of the churches do not have an instrument of any kind, singing often gets a little off key.

"If physical comfort and physical beauty of surroundings were necessary for worship, most of the Korean congregations could not worship. But they do worship. They look above and beyond their immediate surroundings and find in the beauty of Jesus that which is necessary to worship him in spirit and in truth."

Nigeria—The Wassons describe a visit to a church in Nigeria:

"We had literally driven to the end of the road when we reached a small Nigerian village for our associational meeting on the grounds of a small Baptist church. Four big trees made a natural brush arbor, a welcome sight on a hot Sunday morning. This meeting was also a send-off for us because in a few days we were leaving on furlough. We were presented with beautiful hand-woven Nigerian robes along with this message: 'Please greet your family and our friends in America for us. Accept these Nigerian robes as expressions of our love for you, and wear them as you go about speaking in America so that the people will know how grateful we are for missionaries among us.'

"We were indeed humbled. I looked at the one room mud-wall structure with a dirt floor and thatched roof, and knew what a sacrifice and struggle it was to have even this building. I wished that every Southern Baptist, worshipping complacently in magnificent sanctuaries, could see the little church and the many, many others like it. I wished they could know these people. It would no longer be necessary to plead for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, or a Birthday Gift for Jesus as we call it in Nigeria."

PRAYER PERIOD

Missionaries face many problems as they

build or remodel. The Stockwell Sears of Indonesia feel that God opened the way for them to find a well-located home in the suburbs of Djakarta. They opened their home for services. But they face complications in enlarging the house. They write, "We are encountering difficulties as we try to get cement, wiring, tile, and other materials for even simple home repairs."

Pray that our missionaries will get money needed for these purposes. Pray that God will give wisdom to those who seek to locate property for mission purposes (pray).

It costs only \$7,000 to build a modest church or chapel in Japan. Small tents are being used in Pakistan for brief evangelistic meetings.

Pray that the need for numerous church buildings will be met through exceeding the goal of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pray that Southern Baptists will become mission-minded to a greater extent and more willing to share a larger percentage of the money brought to our churches (pray).

Personnel Needs

One of the greatest needs on foreign fields is for personnel. In 1961 there were requests for 786 missionaries needed immediately. Only 103 were appointed. Doctors, nurses, teachers, evangelistic workers, Woman's Missionary Union workers, and missionaries for any type work carried on in churches here at home are needed now. It must be extremely hard for a man in Ghana or a woman in Liberia to believe that we are sincere in our conquest of the lost world for Christ when we do so little in comparison with the need.

Have you seen young people by the scores surrender for mission service while at camps, assemblies, and in churches? Do you ever wonder what happens to some of them? Could it be that their intentions were thwarted when they returned to homes and churches where prevails an indifferent attitude toward missions. A YWA girl, with tears in her eyes, said to her pastor's wife, "Will you tell my mother that God has called me, and I am going to be a foreign missionary?" Could that girl have been in your family?

Jesus gave us the plan for recruiting Christian workers when he said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Jesus continues to answer fervent prayer for recruits.

Malaya—It was December 1960 that Dr. Crowley, secretary for the Orient, sent word to the Malaya Mission that there were no volunteers in sight for Malaya. One million Indians are in Malaya without Christ. There was one couple on

the field, studying the language to minister to these people. This couple, the Ralph Brunsons, was heavy-hearted as they looked at the Indian people and wondered how they could be reached. If the missionaries started work, furlough would shortly come, then who would carry it on? The missionaries on the Singapore station met in their weekly prayer meeting. They prayed that during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions across our homeland that many would be led to Malaya to work among the Indians.

A pastor and his wife in the States were busy planning how to lead effectively their church to consider the Week of Prayer as a vital experience in each life. The Lord began to speak to their hearts. Bob and Margie Wakefield had finished the seminary a short time before and were completely happy in their pastorate. Only a few months before a brother, Bill Wakefield, had gone to the Philippines. They answered the Lord's call by assuring themselves that God would not call two out of the same family to the foreign mission field. There were health problems, age problems, so surely they could not go. But, the Lord needed someone in Malaya, and they were to be the answer to prayer. The Week of Prayer came. Margie Wakefield knew she must give herself. Bob tried to preach concerning world needs. In three months the Wakefields had been appointed to work among the Indians in Malaya. It was because of pressing need, prayer of missionaries, and prayer by thousands of women and young people during the Week of Prayer that Bob and Margie, their two children, Pam and Mark, opened their hearts to Malaya's need.

PRAYER PERIOD

By the close of 1963, World Missions Year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, it is hoped that 1,800 missionaries will be under appointment. A net gain of 200 is expected for 1964, making a total of 2,000 missionaries by the end of the Third Jubilee celebration year, 1964. Are you one of 2,000 whom God is calling?

Pray that God will call out men and women and young people and that all of us will listen for his call. Pray that experienced pastors and wives will feel conviction that they must volunteer for mission service (pray).

Ask God to lead parents to be willing for him to use our children for foreign missions (pray).

The Foreign Mission Board has listed places which may be filled by missionary associates, who feel led of God to bear Christian witness overseas, but who for some reason do not qualify for regular missionary appointment. Most of the calls are for preachers, teachers, nurses, secretaries, and dormitory parents in schools for

missionary children.

Pray that qualified persons will be willing to volunteer until all needs for missionary associates have been met. Ask God if you should volunteer. Do you feel the tug of being loved enough to give your life for the cause of foreign missions? Will you offer your children? Has your church entered worthily into the Week of Prayer? What are some continuing things which you can share with others in your family and church?

Tell Story, "Money in a Shoe Box," page 11.

Special Music: "The Morning Light Is Breaking" (During special music, the prayer chairman or leader for the day, removes the tape of the black paper from the spherical map of the world, revealing North America.)

An Unselfish Gift

Today, the story of an unselfish gift comes from Mrs. Quentin Lockwood, Omaha, Neb.

"As the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions arrived, I was so discouraged because I had somehow failed to save the kind of offering which I wanted to give and had managed to give in the past. Very recently, my husband and I had left a wonderful church in Georgia to go as missionaries to the pioneer area of Eastern Nebraska. Missionaries are not usually very rich and ten dollars seemed to be all I had.

"As I met with a small group of women at First Southern Baptist Church in Omaha, Neb., that week I prayed that God would take whatever we had, even our children, and use it for his glory. Little did I realize then what my gift would be.

"Chip, our seventeen-year-old son, had emphatically announced numerous times that he never intended to be a preacher. Even the inspiring mission emphasis at Ridgecrest and the many missionaries who had been in our home apparently left him unconvinced.

"But the pastor brought a missionary message to climax our Week of Prayer. Chip walked down the aisle saying God had called him to be a foreign missionary and that he would completely surrender his life. Needless to say, tears of joy were shed in that service. When who attended our Week of Prayer remembered the petitions of past days and knew that the Lord had provided the most precious gift that I could ever give, our very own son!"

Gathering of Offering: (Pianist plays softly, "Something for Thee" as women place offering on table near lighted candle and quiet leave the room.)

Why a **WEEK** of prayer in which every member of Women's Missionary Society participates? A week of prayer holds God's dividends of blessing for women because

5-Day
Observance
of the Week
of Prayer
for Foreign
Missions

15% Increase
in
Lottie Moon
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A WOMAN disciplines herself to leave off other engagements and concentrate on her responsibility to pray with understanding for workers and the work to which God has called them—

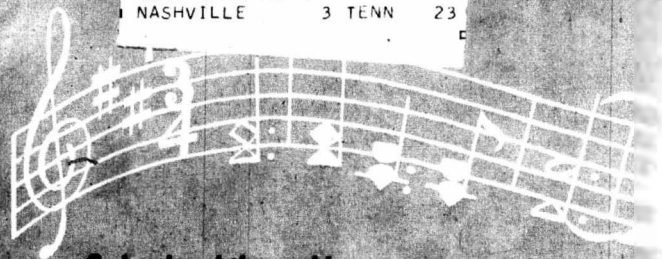
A WOMAN who prays day by day for a week in concert with other women finds that she has grown in Christian maturity and in concern for troubled, lost people—

A WOMAN, blessed with a compassionate heart, responds after dedicated, continual prayer to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. She gives herself in service for God and brings her money to send others to serve—

These are God's dividends of blessing.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-7
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$16,700,000

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God so loved the world,
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that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth
believeth in Him
should not perish,
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

MAKE *Christmas Gifts*
TO THE
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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Forecaster FOR DECEMBER

"God's Gift . . . the Light of the World"

In 1856, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote a brief essay titled "Gifts" in which he states, "The only gift is a portion of thyself. Thou must bleed for me." He pictures the poet bringing his poem; the shepherd, his sheep; the farmer and the painter bringing the work of their hands. These, to him, are worthy gifts.

What will your gift to Christ be at this Christmas time? Will it be a worthy one? A costly one? David declared, "Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (2 Sam. 24:24). God's Gift to us was a costly one—shall we give in return our heart's devotion and life dedication and an offering that costs us something?

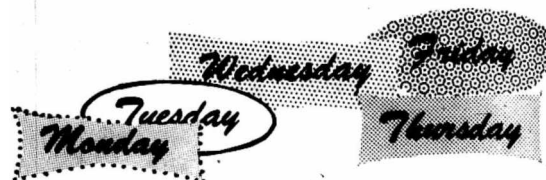
*May the peace and joy of Christmas bless you
and yours throughout the year*

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Five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-7, 1962

Theme: "God's Gift . . . the Light of the World" 2 Corinthians 4:6, John 8:12

Daily Topics:

Monday—The Light Dispels the Darkness of Ignorance
Tuesday—The Light Alleviates the Darkness of Suffering
Wednesday—Extending the Light
Thursday—The Light Banishes the Darkness of Sin
Friday—The Light Rebukes the Darkness of Selfishness

TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE

Assign circles to be responsible for attendance on specific days
Arrange car pickups to bring those who need transportation
Use the pamphlet, *Not Either—Or But Both* And for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (from the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia)

Send card reminders giving time and place of the five-day prayer period. The following may be used on the card also:

"By the miracle of prayer I am in 51 countries"
"I am standing here in one place, and yet, by the miracle of prayer my feet are treading paths of mercy around the world"
"I have two unskilled hands, and yet, by the miracle of prayer these hands are performing delicate operations in many hospitals"
"I have one tongue, and that tongue can speak only one language, and yet, by the miracle of prayer I am telling the story of Jesus Christ in a hundred languages at this hour"

—E. J. Millington

Display announcement posters in prominent places (large and small ones sent to WMU president). Give date, time, and place of meetings in church publicity. Clear church calendar through Church Council.

TO PROMOTE "OUR FAMILY PRAYING TOGETHER"

Encourage the use of the stand-up prayer reminder, "Our Family Praying Together," by displaying the reminder at November general and circle meetings. Read Monday's references and show that there are Scripture references and prayer requests for each day.

See that each family in the church has one of the prayer reminders. The folders are for general distribution from state offices to churches, through the WMS, or by the pastor. WMU presidents will confer with pastors to avoid duplicate orders.



Thinking of Your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

To promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering use a large silhouette of a woman's head. After an announcement of the 15 per cent increase in the goal, place an inset at the top of the head on which is printed—"Thinking of your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?" and then read the following during the promotional time at general WMS meeting:

I planned an ultra modern home, but a Korean whispered, "I have no home at all!"

I dreamed of a country place for the pleasure of my children, but an exiled lad kept saying, "I have no country!"

I decided on a new cupboard right now, but a child of China cried out, "I have no cup."

I started to purchase a new kind of washing machine, but a Polish woman said softly, "I have nothing to wash."

I wanted a deep freeze for storing quantities of food, but across the water came the cry, "I have no food!"

I bought a new car for the pleasure of my loved ones, but an orphan sobbed "I have no loved ones."

I planned a stained glass window above the choir, but a Mexican pastor murmured softly, "My church has no walls!"

—Author unknown

Think seriously about what you should give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and in God's eyes make it a worthy gift!

(Idea from Mrs. Ralph Smith, Okla.)

"More consecrated money (money which has passed through the mint of prayer and faith and self-denial for the Lord's sake) is the greatest demand of our time."

—A. J. Gordon

A Christmas Card . . .

Make a large Christmas card and on the inside use paragraphs from missionary letters on page 8, Forecaster. Have one or two persons read the messages.

Or instead of having one large card, you may have each message written on a Christmas card with different ones reading the messages.

Your Church



to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

To promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as a church offering.

Encourage the Church Council members to feel responsible for a goal which is a 15 per cent increase over the amount given last year.

Provide offering envelopes for every member of the church.

Arrange some visual means for marking progress made in reaching your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. Use "Diamonds for the King" as a slogan and make a crown with places left for inserting "diamonds" covered with glitter. Diamonds may be in different sizes to represent certain amounts given toward the total goal. See illustration.

Suggest that a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering be made in

memory of deceased friends instead of sending floral arrangements for funerals. The following card is used by one WMS in notifying families of the offering.

A gift has been received by Woman's Missionary Union

(name of church)
to the
Lottie Moon Memorial Fund
for Foreign Missions
from

(name of donor)
in loving memory of

(name of deceased)
Thus in death as in life your
loved one serves humanity
and honors God



What Progress Has Your Society Made on the WMS Mission Study Chart?

I. Committee Meetings

Has your mission study committee had an annual planning meeting?

Has your mission study committee had a quarterly meeting for this first quarter?

II. Types of Classes

What type class, or classes, has your society or circles had in the study of *New Frontiers in an Old World*? Lecture, relay, extensive, intensive? See page 65, WMS Manual, for explanation of type of classes.

III. Types of Books

Is your society studying the new foreign mission book, *New Frontiers in an Old World* (85c from Baptist Book Stores) this quarter? Have plans been made for the study of the home mission book, *The Chains Are Strung* (75c from Baptist Book Stores) next quarter?

The fifth WMU Aims book, *World Awareness*, will be ready for the third or fourth quarter, and the WMU history is the "other" book to be used the quarter you do not study *World Awareness*.

IV. Institutes

Has the mission study teacher (or teachers) from your WMS attended a mission study institute where teachers were given directions in collecting and using background and other activity materials and methods of teaching mission study books?

V. Reading

Have one half or all of your members read *New Frontiers in an Old World* or some other book listed in the *World in Books* catalog? Does your society have a WMS Round Table fulfilling the requirements agreed upon at the organization meeting?



for Circle Chairmen

OCTOBER—Story—"Worthy or Unworthy," found in *Tell Well Stories*, compiled by Agnes Pylant and Clyde Maguire (\$2.00 from Baptist Book Stores); or WMU emblem and pin, pages 14-16, *Woman's Missionary Union* by Alma Hunt (85c from Woman's Missionary Union, 800 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Alabama).

NOVEMBER—"It was after I had studied about the people of Africa that I became concerned about the Negro in my own town. When I read a mission book about the conditions and religion of Mexico, I found it easier to love and understand the Mexican child that attends school with my children."

DECEMBER—"Do I know that missionary on the program? I am sure I have heard her name!"

"Yes, my dear, you have prayed for her many times."

JANUARY—All the joyful experience of my salvation came back to me when I told a lost friend how I found Christ as my Saviour.

FEBRUARY—She had been a member of our church for years, but I never thought of her as a leader. Then she joined the new mission, and now she is the WMU president.

MARCH—When our four-year-old said in his prayer, "Please, God, bless Mr. Kennedy," I felt our nation was safe for a while.

APRIL—I cannot teach a mission book, but I can drive a car and I know three women whose husbands use the car each day, so I can go by for them, perhaps one of them can teach the book.

MAY—"Mary, a missionary appointee? How can that be? Just a

short time ago she was a member of our Sunbeam Band, singing "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

JUNE—I'm so glad I sent *Royal Service* to my shut-in friend. She said for the first time in years she felt she was in service for the Lord, for now she can pray for special missionary needs.

JULY—As a member of the WMU nominating committee, I hear so many women say, "I would be happy to have an officer, but I just wouldn't know what to do." A well-planned leadership course would take care of that excuse.

AUGUST—You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

SEPTEMBER—How was I enlisted in WMU? The secretary checked the records and found the one thing they lacked being an Home WMU was an increase in membership. So they got busy—by telephone, telegraph, tell-a-woman—and, well, here I am.

—Mrs. Bert Black, Texas

Remember That Poster

October—WMU Emblem or use flannel board and cut out parts of emblem, with strips of flannel on back of each piece. (Order WMU Emblem pattern, assorted sizes, price 50c, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Alabama.)

November—A world around which are people of different races.

December—Calendar with Week of Prayer dates underscored and playing hands around it.

January—Open Bibles on which John 3:16 is printed.

February—Mission church, with people.

March—Flag, or capitol, with boy and girl praying.

April—WMU Emblem encircled by silhouettes of women.

May—Miss GA and Mrs. WMU.

June—Letters cut from cover of *Royal Service*.

July—Women taking leadership course.

August—World and money.

September—Pencils and records, etc.

—Mrs. Bert Black, Texas

Each One Give One

Do your Christmas shopping off the beaten path. Do it by mail. Send *Royal Service* subscriptions to members of your family and to friends. At Christmas and all through the year—"Each One Give One" (the 25th Anniversary plan). A gift card will be sent to announce your gift of a subscription to *Royal Service*. This gift is one that keeps on reminding the receiver of your

thoughtfulness month by month. Send gift subscriptions to Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., \$1.50 each. (Alabama customers add 3% sales tax.) Mark clearly, "Gift Subscription." Print the name and address of the one to whom the subscription is to be sent and the name of the sender.

1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . Gone!

3 months of our Girls' Auxiliary 50th Anniversary will be "history" by the end of December!

Have you helped your GA leadership

1—earn their current GA card of accreditation?

2—enlist GA members and also form another auxiliary?

3—work toward HONOR recognition using GA Aims for Advancement?

4—provide a TELL magazine for every GA?

5—make plans for year-long anniversary activities?

—quarterly service project

—associational GA banquet

—GA 50th Anniversary Convention

June 18-20, 1963

Memphis, Tennessee

Help save so your leadership and girls can attend

1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . 4 . . . 5 . . . GA Golden Anniversary Goals

—Betty Brewer
GA Director

To promote the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-7, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, use these paragraphs from missionaries' letters in your November general meeting, circle meetings, in Sunday school departments, and Training Unions.

Your Prayers and Gifts Provide:

More Missionaries

"Every year we determine to get a letter home before Christmas and the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. This year we certainly want to be included in those prayers. Our mission in its recent meeting requested 35 more missionaries to fill immediate definite fields and places of service. Our nationals are urging for these additional workers. Please make your prayers very definite that the right 35 people be found."

—Mrs. Gerald Riddell
Temuco, Chile

More Hospitals

"Some of you are in partnership with God through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in meeting the physical needs of the multitudes. This is quite possible through any of our five hospitals, two dental clinics, maternity centers, school of nursing, welfare center, midwifery school, motherless children's home, or leprosy service. Only 3 out of the 15 requests under 'medical' in our budget for 1961 have been granted in full."

—Mary Frank Kirkpatrick
Ibadan, Nigeria

More Schools

"Your prayers during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and all the year round are our strength. Your gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and from week to week as God has prospered you, make possible his work around the world. . . . Early the 19th of September, I was awakened by quite a commotion. The contractor—bag, baggage and workmen—had arrived to begin our school chapel. . . . When you see a picture of a chapel in one of our mission magazines . . . it may be the Agbor Baptist Girls' School Chapel made possible by your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

—Mildred Crabtree
Agbor, Nigeria

More Missionary Equipment

"I could not help but give thanks for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which has made possible the money to buy a brand new Jeep Station Wagon. . . . It is just what I need for traveling out here."

—Ann Wollerman, Cuiaba, Mato
Grosso, Brazil (1500 miles inland from Rio)