

IF MY PEOPLE... PRAY



MARCH 1963.

ROYAL SERV

A Lad's \$6.00

TWO years ago I received from a seven-year-old lad a letter that thrilled my heart. He sent \$6.00 saying that he had earned the money picking up trash and pop bottles around a drive-in restaurant.

Through this gift he said he wanted to be a part of the work of the Home Mission Board.

Think what that lad achieved with his gift! First, he has learned early in life the joy of giving to the work of the Lord, and second he stood beside every one of the 2,000 missionaries serving in every state of the United States, and in the Canal Zone. A seven-year-old boy, an ambassador of mission service on every field!

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It now takes \$95.56 to operate the Home Mission Board for ten minutes.

Through a \$100 gift to the 1963 Annie Armstrong Offering you will "run" the Board for more than ten minutes!

But, you do more with your Annie Armstrong Offering each year. Not only do you share in operating the Board and the work of 2,000 missionaries, you help in constructing more than forty buildings on mission fields. These buildings will house mission families, serve as teaching and preaching centers, and provide for the care and encouragement of people of special need.

You share in a special emphasis on Language Missions—helping to reach new fields, add new missionaries, preach to more people, share in special prayer retreats, and tell the multitudes of other races that we really care for them.

You give special help to Cuban refugees who have reached our shores because of persecution and fear abroad, and their hope for freedom in America.

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You care for all the operating expenses of the Home Mission Board for ten minutes by giving \$95.60—or for one minute if you give only \$9.56.

What an opportunity to share a significant missionary witness for Christ with millions of Americans and to build a strong home base for missions abroad, in this our World Missions Year!

by Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta



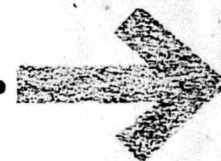
NEVER was Woman's Missionary Union's call for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering more needed than during this 1963 World Missions Year.

Futility and fear, like the wild horses of the Apocalypse, race through our land today. The narrow escape of nuclear war last fall only heightened the anxiety of many of God's children. What a time to recall God's assurance: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee" (Isa. 26:3).

Pressed and perplexed by the powers of darkness, the souls of many shrink in despair, the minds of men cower before evil, and the voice of doubt cries, "Where is your God now?" Over the tumult comes the strong, calm voice of the Lord God Almighty: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their iniquity, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

by
Harold
G. Sanders

If My People Pray...



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A SINSICK WORLD

Our sinick world has been aptly described by Albert McClellan:

Our world is sick, our world is mad,
All naked and hungry unto death.
It is the night of distress in many a starving land;
Empty hour on empty hour the cry is heard
For a grain of rice, a crust of bread.
Strong men without work and women without homes,
Children without food and youth without hope,
Six billion haunting eyes,
Living pools of ever-dying distress.

These are the godless ones: no book of God, no
hymns of praise.
No songs of faith, no house of heaven, no light of law.
Strangers to love, strangers to faith,
Without godliness and we are afraid.
Their strength, the strength of the mad,
I see their haunting eyes . . .
Craven, rejected, despised, like animals trapped . . .
Enclaves of sorrow, colonies of hell . . .
Who will go to them?
Who will bridge the gulf?

THE HEATHEN RULERS RAGE

COMPOUNDING the confusion of sin's contagion, would-be gods "bestride the world like a Colossus," rattling their nuclear swords, making their brutal boastings as they loose "wild tongues that have not Thee in awe." O God, The Russian Bear swears that he will either bury America or enslave it and the rest of humanity. He smirks at God of the Universe and boasts the exploits of his cosmonauts and the probes of his missiles and rockets into the heavens. "We did not see God anywhere," he derides. He takes counsel with his Chinese and Cuban comrades, "Let us riddle

the earth, let us unriddle the heavens, let us destroy man's faith in God!"

Even the faithful—certainly in quake in fear, build bomb shelters, and for the Second Coming of Christ.

But, over the tumult and the comes the voice of God to reassure people of his sovereignty over evil men. *do the heathen rage, and the people ine a vain thing? The kings of the earth themselves, and the rulers take con together, against the Lord, and again anointed, saying, Let us break their asunder, and cast away their cords fr*

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Psalm 2:1-4).

God is on the throne. He has set Jesus his Son as King upon his "holy hill of Zion." Then rebuking his people as he reassures them, he says: "Ask of me, and I shall give

thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8). Lord, do you mean that you will conquer Russia and China and Cuba? That it is possible to win these to thy ways? God says, "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen"! At home. Abroad.

WEEK of PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS

AGAINST this dark background of strident sin and the bright hope of the Lord God Almighty, Woman's Missionary Union again calls Southern Baptists to prayer. If the prayer is real, if it follows God's recipe, the homeland and the uttermost parts of the earth will be our possession in the Gospel.

Nothing superficial or merely sentimental will bring the great missionary breakthrough hoped for in World Missions Year, 1963. It must be real. God's recipe. We have sinned. God's people have gone astray. God's sons and daughters have gone after the gods of pleasure, comfort, and selfishness. We have lost the courage to care, we have ears but do not hear, we have eyes but do not see, we have hearts but do not understand. Our world became small. Our god became unable to handle the "kings of the earth" who threatened our concept of God's kingdom. God shows the way back: "If my people . . . shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

their wicked ways; then will I . . .

We must recognize that He is God. He is sovereign. He is holy. His is the kingdom. We must confess our sin, be forgiven, and turn from our wicked ways—the way of the world which works only for the "bread that perisheth." We must turn over to God our tearless eyes, our unbroken hearts, our detachment from the world's need, our selfish and stunted stewardship. Can God forgive his sons and daughters when they are robbing him and his cause of the tithe, that which he declares in his immutable law is "holy unto the Lord"? Can God forgive our trespasses against the world mission he has set before us until he knows that we will commit ourselves to the sharing of the gospel with all people in the homeland and afar?

Yes! Yes! The verse above says yes—when we meet God's requirements. O let us hasten to do so even before the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, which is scheduled for March 4-8 of this year.

THY WILL BE DONE

THE great prayer was demonstrated in the life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Not my will but thine be done"—this is the beginning and the end of true prayer. He will forgive our sin when we confess it and forsake it. Then, our prayer shall be for others.

How then is the chain of Christlike concern forgiven, God's children begin to pray for others. Prayer demands knowledge about others. Knowledge of others' need brings concern, concern produces commitment,

commitment requires involvement, involvement means evangelism and missions. These Siamese spiritual twins demand stewardship. Stewardship sends forth laborers unto the vineyard. Laborers bear fruit with us, fruit glorifies God, and we become known as his disciples! (John 15:8)

American Christians must be and act like Christians. Prayer leading to Christian commitment is the recipe for God's transforming power in the lives of those of us whom he has purchased.

Spiritual Life Development

"Who is tampering with the soul of America?"

by Helen Fling

THE QUESTION WAS RAISED, not by a minister in a church service, but by an editor speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Pointing out that our children are being drowned in violence, cynicism, and sadism, the editor declared that America has reached the "stomach-turning point" and pleaded for a recognition that there are such things as sin and personal responsibility.

Yes, nations do have souls and the soul of America is sick. Too long our land has been inflamed with infection and now she is running a fever—a mounting fever of alcoholism, dope addiction, sex deviation, and brutality. There is crime on television, crime in newspapers, and crime in the houses on our streets.

It is true, as Gladstone said, that "the homes of the people are the soul of a nation." Let us affirm that the soul of a home is the family altar. Can Baptist parents ignore a portion of our Church Covenant: "We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children . . ." Can we disregard the Bible's unmistakable teachings regarding daily family worship?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 seems to have tragic modern echoes: *And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart* [But we have so many things on our minds!]; *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children* [We are not sure we know them ourselves], and *thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house* [Above the blatant television and ringing telephone?], *and when thou walkest by the way* [We are a two car family and seldom walk.], and *when thou liest down* [Exhausted as we are by the daily pace?], and *when thou risest up* [But we must hurry through congested traffic to race living!].

How then, shall we make a refuge for our families? How shall we protect our children in these tornadic times? Only as we find refuge in Christ and draw our children into a circle of safety through daily devotions. Woman's Missionary Union emphasizes the importance of family worship both in the life of the nation and in the spiritual life development of individuals.

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The Split Level Boy

by Florence Ekstrand

HELEN WAS WORDING THE ADVERTISEMENT the morning the child first appeared in the neighborhood.

"For sale," the ad would read, "beautiful split-level home in secluded, wooded suburban area."

She frowned as she folded clothes on the dryer. Suppose people put into advertisements the things they really meant? Suppose she said—

"For sale: Our home, because the neigh-

borhood has been such a great disappointment to us. The loveliest home we've had in the twelve years of our married life, big play area for three kids like ours, workshop for husband, sewing room for wife, plus neighbors who are so cold, ungodly, Christ-rejecting, unbelieving, and cynical that they make you want to sit right down and cry your eyes out!"

She whipped the last towel into a fold and loaded the pile on her arm just in time to hear the unmistakable ping of a pebble against her big picture window on the lower level. She dropped the towels and ran into the pine-paneled recreation room.

There was no crack, no hole in the glass. But in the yard outside stood a child Helen had never seen in the neighborhood before. A handsome boy, perhaps seven, with close-clipped curly dark hair and heavy lashes over bright blue eyes. He stared at her without expression as she opened the door.

"Did you throw a stone at the window?"

The boy made no answer.

"You'd better run along. If you come back this afternoon, Paul and Bunny will be home from school and you may play with them."

He turned and went around the drive to the front. Not until Helen was back in the utility room did she wish she had watched to see where he went. And why wasn't he in school? He didn't belong in any of these five houses, that she knew.

There were five homes set into this wooded hillside whose owner had decided to stop farming and start a "country living" development.

"Maybe I ought to list the five in my ad," Helen thought wryly. "First, there are Bob and me, who finished college, got married, and settled right back in our old home town until Bob's company was absorbed by a city firm, and Bob had this wonderful offer, and we were able to look for the kind of home we'd always wanted."

"Then," Helen looked down the line of split-level homes that curved around the hill, "there're the Levys. First Jewish neighbors we'd ever had, and how I thought we

could witness to them for the Lord!"

Grimly Helen picked up the towels again. Would she ever forget her careful strategy, the friendly call, the backyard "hello," then the tracts and invitation to church. And then, that polite but icy reserve that never melted.

"And the Kramers." Surely, she had thought, when Mr. Kramer died six months ago, there would be an opening to speak to his widow about their lost condition and sinful life. Even though Mr. Kramer had, as was commonly supposed, drunk himself to death, shouldn't his widow want a neighbor or a minister to call on her after his death? But Mrs. Kramer, herself in an alcoholic fog, had said, "No dear, just go away and leave me alone."

"And the Clarendons." How young they were, and how foolish to buy a home they couldn't possibly afford. It was the third house down, but Helen could hear the doors slam all the way up here after some of their many arguments.

"And what can they expect?" Two babies, and never a thought of bringing them up in the church, never time to accept an invitation to a special meeting. But there was always time to bring in a babysitter and go dancing or bowling, even though there was never enough money for the bills that stuffed their mailbox the first of every month.

But the Baileys disturbed her most. Especially Peg. Ambitious, industrious, hard-driving, indefatigable Peg, who threw herself into everything from PTA to political committees and was raising a brood of five, scarcely batting an eye. Breezy, cynical Peg, who looked at her almost with pity when Helen proffered a tract that asked, "Are You a Christian?"

"No thanks," said Peg. "I had religion stuffed down my throat as a kid, and I'll have none of it for my own. Somewhere in life there's an answer, and I'm finding it in my own way."

"And that, dear reader of the classified section, is what goes with the house." Helen stuffed the towels into the bathroom closet,

listening for Breck to wake from his morning nap. Suddenly tears welled up in her eyes and spilled down her cheeks. Leaning against the shelves, she fought the sobs that rose inside her.

Was it so wrong to want a good job and a lovely home? Should they have stayed in Glenbridge with their warm circle of Christian friends? Why did God make it so hard to reach people? Why were people so cold to the gospel of Christ?

Ping!

Helen flew down to the recreation room again. But there was no one outside this time. She ran up the short flight of stairs to the living room. There he was outside the front window, simply standing there, hands at his side, looking at her.

This time Helen's voice was sharp. "Are you throwing stones at my window again? You'll simply have to leave."

Again the boy stood his ground and looked at her. His lack of response heightened her irritation.

"Now!" She took him by the shoulder and turned him toward the road. "Will you please go?"

"I'll take him." Peg Bailey's crisp voice broke into Helen's anger. She came swiftly from the next yard, cutting across from her own house. The boy was not small, but she picked him up and held him close to her. Helen saw that he neither responded to Peg's caress nor pulled away, and he did not smile.

"Who is he?"

"This is David." Peg shifted him over on one arm and ran her other hand over his short curly hair. Then she set him down. Over his head she explained softly, "He doesn't talk, but he's going to soon, aren't you, David? Miss Franck says that just plain, old-fashioned loving is going to do most to pull him out of his shell."

"Miss Franck?"

"The social worker from the county welfare. We offered to help in any way we could," and she brought David to us. Some day I'll tell you his story. If you're interested."

"If I'm interested?"

Peg eyed her levelly. "The answer lies somewhere in loving. I'm not sure just how. I never found it in my own strict church home. I looked for it in you, but—" She broke off abruptly and took David's hand. Together they walked back across the other yards.

Slowly Helen closed the door behind her. Breck was calling from the nursery. "Coming, dear," she answered. But she did not move.

The answer lies somewhere in loving . . . I'm not sure how . . .

"But I know how!" The old familiar words spun through her mind: "God so loved the world . . . Christ loved and laid down his life . . . love God above all things and your neighbor. . . ."

"My neighbor? But I tried! I tried to give them the gospel, but they wouldn't listen!"

And almost as clearly as she had heard Peg's voice a moment ago, she heard the question in her mind.

"But did you love your neighbor?"

Love them? Love the Levys without reservations or prejudice? Love the Kramers as Jesus loved the tax collector and the woman by the well? Love them enough to pray continually for them, and to avoid judging? Love the Clarendons enough to help, to babysit sometimes, to share a picnic or an evening of talk? And Peg? Was there a way to show the love of Christ first, and thus open the way to tell it?

When she reached the nursery minutes later, Breck was cross. Helen picked him up and held him very close, and it was all part of the prayer that was pouring from her heart.

"Starting with you," she whispered into the woolly blond head, "then to the uttermost parts of the earth!"

"O Lord, how could I be so blind? We'll stay right here in this house. Give me another chance. . . . And Lord, please help tortured small David!"

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A PULPIT COMMITTEE reached a very important point in their negotiations with a particular pastor who appeared to be willing to seriously consider their church. He and his wife had come to make an official visit to the church and a full committee meeting was in progress.

Several questions were asked and satisfactory answers exchanged. There was every evidence that they were nearing a complete meeting of minds and hearts. Then they hit a snag. In almost a casual exchange of comments regarding the financial policies of the church, pledging procedures, and budget distributions, one of the alert women on the committee detected a note of hesitation in the minister's voice as he spoke of special offerings. What she heard gave her grave concern.

"How do you feel about special offerings?" she asked of her prospective pastor.

"I am against all special offerings," he said with feeling. "I believe in the unified budget and the Cooperative Program. Special offerings are about to ruin both," he concluded.

I am sympathetic with this pastor's position and his philosophy as I understand it, but I certainly do not agree with him! He has taken only a partial view of the total situation and is obviously unable to see the woods for two or three trees.

The opposite attitude, however, is just about as unfortunate. Another pastor said, "I'm for special offerings, yessiree! The more specials we take, the more our people grow in stewardship and liberality."

I have given this subject a great deal of thought. My experience as a pastor, participation in discussions of this question on the denominational level, and membership on one of our great mission boards for a number of years has enabled me to hear, observe, and consider almost every angle of the question. I am glad to summarize and present my views as one of the 30,000 pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention.

First of all, I want to emphasize my feel-

ings about the principle involved in the unified budget and the Cooperative Program. In every pastorate I have served since graduation from the seminary, it has been necessary to take steps toward unifying the church's budget procedures. In every case the unified budget was strongly advocated and eventually adopted. I believe firmly and unequivocally in the unified budget.

And as for the Cooperative Program, I like the statement made by Dr. M. E. Rankin to a group which had launched a friendly investigation into our present method of getting money for our foreign mission program: "If the Southern Baptist Convention were to say to me today, 'Theron Rankin, you work out a better program than the one we have, and we will put it into effect tomorrow exactly as you have outlined it,' I do not know of anything to suggest in its place. Until I can think of something better, I am going to support it wholeheartedly." With this I concur wholeheartedly. I believe in the Cooperative Program.

It should be clear at this point that I, as a Baptist pastor, would not want to have any part in any plan or procedure which would handicap or weaken the Cooperative Program on the denominational level or the unified budget on the local church level.

Now, in regard to special missionary offerings which are over and beyond the budget.

There are at least three good reasons for a Baptist church and a Baptist pastor to utilize and promote our special missionary offerings.

These offerings have great educational value. The time of special appeal gives opportunity to explain needs. Members grow in knowledge of various phases of missionary and benevolent work. An informed membership is a growing membership. Increased information will result in increased liberality and it encourages members to pray for the causes they support!

Special missionary offerings tap additional income. It is no secret to pastors or city

that many "nominal givers" will respond to a special appeal. Sometimes they are people who make a token contribution to the regular budget but scarcely ever involve themselves in the deeper, more demanding responsibilities of the life of the church. And it is possible that some of these nominal givers may be led to systematic giving through the special appeals.

Special missionary emphases encourage sacrificial giving. There is a place for sacrificial giving in Christian discipleship, and churches must never fear to challenge their members to make such sacrifice. Now and again systematic givers will respond with a truly sacrificial offering which otherwise would not have been given through the regular church budget.

Let me emphasize, however, some general principles which must be kept in clear focus if these special efforts are to realize their maximum results.

First, the church should be led to declare itself in terms of policy and procedure on special offerings as such. Such a policy should be reviewed and re-emphasized at the beginning of each budget year. If emergency needs arise, extra offerings can be taken by vote of the church. But individual classes, departments, and other groups should not make independent appeals without church approval. This kind of wholesale, grab-bag activity will hurt the entire program and will specifically endanger special missionary appeals.

Secondly, prayer and study must be coupled with special missionary appeals. These occasions should be made truly educational. They must be more than "collection" projects!

Thirdly, let us make these offerings truly "over and above." Let us point out that members should meet budget pledges first and that ideally this should represent as a minimum the tithe. It is my conviction that the special offerings represent an opportunity over and above our budget pledge and usually over and above our tithe.

Fourthly, we must avoid the mistake of "underwriting" special offerings in the church budget. This, in my candid opinion, defeats the very purpose of the special appeal! It weakens the educational and prayer aspect of the offering. Members feel that the offering is already guaranteed whether or not they pray, study, or give sacrificially. This practice may make the total budget look bigger and more impressive, but it destroys or substantially reduces the inherent values of the seasonal appeal itself.

In our church the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions are the only special offerings we promote in the course of the year. But when they come, the pastor, the deacons, the finance committee, and the entire church lend enthusiastic support to our Woman's Missionary Union as they lead the way in a worthy effort to supplement our gifts to missions in addition to that which we have already provided through our unified budget! I am quite confident that the special offerings, when handled this way, enhance rather than interfere with the unified budget and Cooperative Program support.



by J. T. Ford

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THIS PASTOR PROMOTES

75 Retrospect 1888-1963



BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION of Woman's Missionary Union the way was paved for home mission work. In September, 1887, the Maryland Baptist Mission Room, with Miss Annie Armstrong as its secretary, published a leaflet called "Conversion of Alberto J. Diaz," by the secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. I. T. Tichenor. In this leaflet, and born in the heart of this secretary, was a plan for stimulating giving to meet the imperative need for a church building in Havana.



IN MAY, 1888, the very month of our organization, "The Brick Plan Collection Book" was printed. On the front was an etching of the pastor, Alberto J. Diaz. On the back was this plea: "Wanted: \$50,000 for building First Baptist Church, Havana, Cuba. Women and children of the Baptist churches of the Southern Baptist Convention were requested to raise \$5,000." Inside were twenty red rectangles under which was printed: "Please write your name on as many bricks as you are willing to pay for at the price marked."

The plan was ready and waiting for the new WMU organization to use. And use it the members did, for the scrapbook shows:

Reprinted July 7--1,000	August 29--1,000
July 19--1,000	September 6--1,000
August 1--1,000	October 17--1,000
August 23--1,000	November 1--1,000

Whether 1,000 was the limit of an order, the limit of money in hand for printing, or the limit of faith and hope, we do not know. But we do know the effort was successful for it firmly established home missions as a major concern of Woman's Missionary Union.

CONCENTRATION GREW AS THE ORGANIZATION GREW. Twenty years later in 1907, the enlarged membership in Woman's Missionary Societies read this appeal from the pen of Miss Annie E. S. Heck: "Home Missions stands to Foreign Missions in the relation of source and supply. In the Moravian, the most liberal of all churches toward Foreign Missions, we have the phenomenon of a church, which having neglected the source, has now a larger membership abroad than at home. . . . The Week of Prayer and Thank Offering for Home Missions has again been appointed for the third week in March. Programs for WMS and Sunbeams and Offering envelopes have again been arranged and are to be had on application to the State Central Committee. . . . Do not be satisfied if your Society alone observes this week. Dr. Gray (corresponding secretary of Home Mission Board) appeals to the pastors to enlist the entire church in this offering. The society may be a lever to lift all to a higher conception of our duty to ourselves."



Miss Fannie
E. S. Heck



MANY CHANGES HAVE COME SINCE 1907: Young Women's Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters, and Girls' Auxiliaries added to those already participating in the Week of Prayer; the offering named for Miss Annie Armstrong, the first WMU corresponding secretary; and replacement of State Central Committees by State Woman's Missionary Unions. But the spirit of the early years has not changed. In content the 1907 words of Miss Heck are applicable today. Read them again to catch the warning and to feel the appeal to pastors to enlist the entire church in the offering.



WITH MINDS FOCUSED ON OUR 1962 WEEK of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$3,310,000 let us reflect again and again on the words: "All that remains to make the occasion what it should be is a larger thought of the need and the consequent larger gift. . . . The society may be a lever to lift all to a higher conception of our duty to ourselves."

Marie Mathias and Alma Hunt

FEATURE SECTION

ALLOCATIONS and STORIES

Comments by
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Distribution of 1963 Annie Armstrong Offering

GOAL: \$3,310,000

Perhaps there has never been a time when the Annie Armstrong Offering provided a greater challenge to Southern Baptists. An aggressive mission program is imperative if America is to be reached for Christ and if this land is to be a strong base for foreign missions.

Our 32,000 churches and more than 10 million members should be able to surpass the \$3,310,000 goal. Through gifts you participate and share in the work of more than 2,000 missionaries who are serving in every state in the United States, and in Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone.

\$3,310,000 Allocated as follows:

1. Operation of Mission Programs	\$2,500,000
2. Special for Language Missions* during BJA Emphasis, 1963	100,000
3. Mission Buildings	500,000
4. Latin American Refugee Relief	50,000
5. Church Site Fund*	160,000
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	\$3,310,000

*Undesignated funds beyond the goal will be divided equally between Language Missions and Church Site Funds.

Annie Armstrong
OFFERING
FOR HOME MISSIONS

1 Operation of Mission Programs—\$2,500,000

1 Missionary personnel of the Missions Division serving co-operatively with State Mission Boards

The table below gives in the first column the total expenditures for co-operative mission work through the Missions Division. The second column, which represents 60 per cent of the total expenditure, is the amount to be contributed through the Annie Armstrong Offering. The third column shows the per cent of total expenditure used in each of the four sections; for example, 46.7 per cent of the money spent in co-operative mission work through the Missions Division is used in the eighteen western states, etc.

	Total Expenditure	Annie Armstrong Offering	Per Cent
18 Western States	\$1,173,096	\$695,625	46.7
Iowa Wyo. Nev. Kan.			
Colo. Calif. Neb. Ore.			
S.D. N.M. Wash. N.D.			
Utah Alaska Mont. Idaho			
Hawaii Ariz.			
4 Great Lakes States	352,121	195,560	14.0
Minn. Ill. Ohio			
Wis. Ind. Mich.			
10 Northeastern States	165,554	80,856	6.6
Pa. R.I. Vt. N.J.			
Del. Mass. N.Y. N.H.			
Me. Conn.			
16 Southern States	821,897	535,560	32.7
Okla. Miss. Fla. Tex.			
Ala. Tenn. Ga. Mo.			
Ark. S.C. Ky. N.C.			
La. W.Va. Va. Md.			
General Mission Workers	33,400	20,040	
Deaf	36,000	21,600	
Migrant	32,000	19,200	
Fringe benefits for above workers (est.)			
Hospitalization, Insurance, Retirement	110,500	66,300	
Total	\$2,724,568	\$1,634,741	

21 Missionary Work in Cuba and Panama

Annie Armstrong Offering to care for 80 per cent of allocations to these fields.

	Total Allocation	Annie Armstrong Portion
Cuba	\$230,000	\$184,000
Panama	150,000	130,000
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	\$380,000	\$314,000

3) Other Operational Expenditures

Annie Armstrong Offering provides the total amount of the following:

WMU Promotion—Pioneer Areas	50,000	50,000
Mission Equipment	40,000	40,000
Mission Literature	12,000	33,500
Scholarships	30,000	30,000
Margaret Fund	25,000	25,000
Field Work and Approved Workers	24,200	21,888
North American Baptist Women's Union	2,500	2,500
American Bible Society	2,500	2,500
Annie Armstrong Offering to care for 60 per cent of following items:		
Mission Ministries to Jews	27,000	16,200
Upkeep on Mission Properties	25,000	15,000
Catholic Information Service	9,860	5,796
Literacy Program	6,458	3,874
Summer Missions	191,440	114,864
Conferences, Institutes, Visual Aids, and General Promotion	127,308	76,325
Military Personnel Ministries	17,442	10,465
Evangelism	89,398	53,638
Other Mission Operation	83,182	49,909
TOTAL	\$762,986	\$551,259

Total for Operation of Mission Programs—\$2,500,000

2. Special for Language Missions—\$100,000

This is World Missions Year when \$100,000 will be used in the extension and enlargement of work among language groups. This is especially needed at the present time because the Board has moved into areas in the West, Great Lakes area, and the urban centers of the northeast, where a very large percentage of language peoples live.

3. Mission Buildings—\$500,000

This amount together with that received from the Capital Needs section of the Cooperative Program, will provide slightly more than \$800,000 for buildings: 21 churches, pastors' homes, mission centers in 9 states, Cuba, and Panama.

4. Latin American Refugee Relief—\$50,000

5. Church Site Fund—\$160,000

The need for church sites, especially in pioneer areas continues as one of the most important responsibilities of the Home Mission Board. In many cases the Baptists in these new areas must look to the Home Mission Board for assistance in obtaining desirable sites. State mission and association forces are not financially able to give much assistance.

The denomination can save the churches in pioneer areas thousands of dollars by obtaining sites in the right places at the right time. There is included in the goal \$160,000 for church sites.

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS—\$3,310,000



A BAPTIST CHURCH

Resettles Cuban Refugees

by Mrs. J. O. Williford,
WMU President,
Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta

IT AFFORDS ME GREAT PLEASURE to tell you about how Kirkwood Baptist Church in Atlanta helped a Cuban refugee family to relocate in our city. As you read this I hope you will think, "I wonder if my church could sponsor* a Cuban refugee family."

Early this year, Mr. C. G. Cole, president of the Home Mission Board and a member of our church, mentioned to some of the leaders in our church the plan which the Home Mission Board has for helping to relieve the critical Cuban refugee situation in Miami.

At the invitation of our pastor, Rev. Paul Aiken, Mr. Cole explained the plan to our people on a Wednesday night and suggested what our church could do. From this beginning, excitement and enthusiasm grew by leaps and bounds at the thought of this rare opportunity to combine home and community missions.

Our pastor contacted Rev. Robert Fricke, a former missionary to Cuba who is now director of relief in Miami, to secure in-

formation. The pastor then discussed the matter with the church in conference and we voted unanimously to bring a family to Atlanta, assuming full responsibility until they were able to support themselves.

In the meantime we observed the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and had opportunity to hear at the Sunday morning worship service Rev. Milton Leach, Jr., missionary and director of the Spanish work in Miami. He gave more information about this critical situation.

Our church chose the Amieva family, Senor Raul and Senora Francisca (she prefers to be called Frances), with their two sons, Reinier and Raidel. We were notified by Mr. Fricke that the Amieva family would arrive in Atlanta on March 25. That was Sunday. Much work had to be done to get ready for them. A house was rented; furniture placed in it and other necessary items.

An old-fashioned pounding and reception was planned for that night, after church services to welcome them to our church and community. WMS members as well as other members of the church participated. You never saw such response—food, linens of all kinds, quilts, blankets! Many things—you name it and we had it.

After a few weeks, Mr. Amieva secured

*If your church wants to help a Cuban family resettle in your community, write to your state denominational headquarters, or to Robert Fricke, 3110 W. 17th Avenue, Miami 42, Florida.

work through the aid of a church member. This has cut down considerably the material help which is now needed for the family. As soon as Mr. Amieva gets better command of the language, he will be able to secure a much better paying position which will enable him to be entirely self-supporting. He is an industrious person. In addition to working forty hours a week, he is currently taking a correspondence course in radio and television repair. He has been told that later he can be transferred to the radio and television repair department with his company.

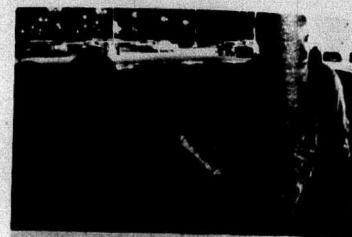
Raul and Frances are well educated. In Cuba he was a public relations man for the Cuban Water Works, sales manager for a pharmaceutical company, and a journalist. His wife has taught school and worked as a secretary. So, you see, as soon as they learn the language they can be quite an asset to our community. A man who is a member of our church and a teacher in high school, is helping them with English. In addition, a YWA is helping Mrs. Amieva with English because she talks more freely with the girl. The girl is learning Spanish and this pleases Mrs. Amieva very much because she feels she is helping too.

They are a gentle family, and in all phases of church life. Mr. and Mrs. Amieva joined our church the first night they were with us. Since then, their eldest son has accepted Christ and been baptized.

Last summer, during vacation Bible school, Mr. Amieva helped with the twelve-year-old Juniors. Mr. Amieva has given devotions in a number of the Sunday school and Training Union departments. They had complete charge of one of the Primary departments in Training Union while the regular workers were on vacation.

They have stated on numerous occasions how grateful they are for the church, their new friends, the help which is being given them, of being in a free country where they can raise their children in the right way, and they have no regrets for material things left behind.

We as a church family have been richly blessed in this privilege and experience.



A Juvenile Delinquent, for Example

by Lincoln D. Newman

IN A MISSISSIPPI CITY there lives a sixteen-year-old boy whom we shall call Aaron Langston. That, of course, is not his name. Aaron's home is in an area designated as substandard by the city. He shares it with his father, mother, several brothers and sisters. Crowded conditions in the home, coupled with brawling by his parents, cause Aaron to stay away as much as possible.

Aaron has little chance to associate with boys his own age except those at school, because no one visits him at home.

Aaron's father's work keeps him away from home much of the time. He does get home on weekends, when most of his time is spent in drinking; the mother drink with him "to be sociable." In spite of this Aaron made a fair record in school and surprisingly conducted himself in an acceptable manner.

One day things at home were much rougher than usual. There was the drinking by his parents, and abuse his

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father. Resentment, which had been building for a long time, sent Aaron out into the streets in a blind rage to engage in malicious mischief for which he was arrested. He was placed in overnight detention where he was interviewed by an officer of the juvenile court who discovered that Aaron was of Baptist preference, so he called the director of the Baptist counseling program in that city. A meeting was arranged.

The next morning the counseling director went to juvenile court to talk with Aaron before his hearing in court. The director contacted from a Baptist church a sponsor who previously had enrolled in the juvenile rehabilitation program of the association.

This man came to court, had a conference with Aaron after the hearing, accompanied him to his home, and before leaving made arrangements to pick up Aaron for Sunday school and church on the following Sunday morning, and again for Training Union and evening worship on Sunday night. Aaron seemed to appreciate the sponsor's interest. He was ready each Sunday thereafter.

The experienced sponsor won Aaron's friendship which is necessary if a boy is to be helped. He discovered that Aaron had wonderful skill with his hands and that he had been trained in a special school. The sponsor provided materials with which Aaron made some very fine and useful articles in which he found great satisfaction.

Nine months passed and things seemed to be going well for Aaron, but getting no better in his home.

One day the storm broke! His parents had a terrible fight and Aaron tried to separate them and then called the police. But when the police tried to take both parents, Aaron tried to prevent their taking his mother because as he said, "Dad is to blame for the whole mess." He would not listen to reason, so the officers took him along to jail. Now, he had a record of a second arrest.

It seemed to his sponsor that things were right back where he started. But the sponsor tried again and went to talk with Aaron and his parents. The juvenile court judge took into consideration the factors involved and

allowed Aaron to continue under probation.

Since that time things have not changed much in the home and the sponsor must still help Aaron. But Aaron has changed. Some weeks ago he was won to the Lord in a revival at the church. He is now trying to find a solution to the overwhelming problems at home and is taking more responsibility for his own conduct.



Bernice Elliott

The Verdict

IS "Guilty"

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Oakland, California, whose pastor is Rev. Juan Arambula, had the misfortune to lose their church building in a freeway project which is a part of a great network of new highway construction in their community. Although a settlement was made, there was not sufficient funds to buy property in a new location where building costs are very high. For several months the church has been meeting in a dwelling. From the kitchen to the garage, every available inch of space has been put to use for the well graded program of Sunday school, Training Union, and mis-

sonary education.

Under the direction of a dedicated nursery worker, the garage has been partitioned to care for three-year-old children, toddlers, and bed babies. During Sunday school two Intermediate girls watch over the older children, while on the other side of a half-wall partition, the nursery teacher cares for the toddlers, who play on the clean linoleum floor with toys and building blocks. To the right and through a low door are the bed babies whose cribs are set up in a small room that served as a tool shed in other days. One can only stand amazed at what has been done with so little.

It was my privilege to visit in the First Spanish Baptist Church of Oakland in March of 1962. Mrs. Arambula gave me a visitor's tour of the building. Familiar charts, quarterlies, books, and pictures used in the kitchen, bedrooms, basement, and garage are the same as those used in any Southern Baptist church in the country.

When we had seen all the building we returned to the living room and dining area—the auditorium—where we were met by the pastor. Mr. Arambula informed me that according to the city code only twenty-five people were supposed to be in the building at any one time. Immediately my eyes went to the Sunday school report on the wall chart. Sixty-five had been in attendance the previous Sunday. I asked him about this. He answered with that multi-meaning Spanish shrug and said, "How can we turn them away?" And I thought to myself, "How, indeed?"

The pastor is a loyal, law-abiding citizen, and I knew the shrug did not indicate that he was indifferent to city regulations. I knew he was troubled lest some accident in crowded conditions cause injury to some who come so eagerly.

The flight from Oakland to Birmingham that night provided a long time to reflect on my experiences that evening. God called Mr. Arambula to preach the gospel. A Southern Baptist church ordained him and sent him to Oakland to win the Spanish people of that city to the Lord. Who is to decide which

twenty-five people should attend Sunday school? Whose young people can be included in the youth choir and around the organizations provided for them? Whose children are to be turned away?

So this is what I concluded on my flight from Oakland to Birmingham. If Mr. Arambula is breaking a city ordinance I am as guilty as he, for I am a Southern Baptist and Mr. Arambula is a missionary of the Home Mission Board. Who has failed to provide these Spanish-speaking people with an adequate building in which to carry on God's work? My final conclusion was, "If he has to go to jail, his sentence is mine too. For it is with my tithes through the Cooperative Program and my gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering that this work must be carried on."

—Bernice Elliott



Out of Failure

GREAT Victories GROW

by Johnnie Hobbs

"IS THERE ANYONE HERE who would like to trust Jesus tonight?" When the missionary asked this question on a Sunday night, three teen-age boys responded

call of a good and trusted Christ. This indeed was a thrilling experience for the group of about fifteen people crowded into that small room. On Tuesday night following two junior boys yielded to Him. The power of the Holy Spirit available to first century—and twentieth century—Christians was at work as modern missionaries preached the gospel in a home on the New Orleans riverfront.

You probably would say, "What a wonderful place to serve and be used with this kind of results," but it is not that easy. The victory of five souls for Christ came out of a series of discouraging defeats in Carver Center's program to reach men. Carver Center is located on the riverfront of New Orleans. Those who come to this center built and maintained by the Home Mission Board, are Negroes. Every week for several months the room was ready at the center, the teacher prepared to receive men from the community, and sometimes two came, sometimes only one and many times none. This was indeed discouraging.

But Charlie Husband came when he was invited by his boss's father, a friend of Carver Center. As often as possible Charlie returned, and teacher and pupil pored over the scriptures to know God's truth. But many times when he could not come the room was empty, for no one came.

As director at this center, I suggested that additional home fellowships be started since many had asked that a Bible class be held in their homes. Faithful Charlie came along into a home and was teaching Juniors when he asked, "Could a fellowship be started in my brother's home—even though it is across the river?" That home opened its doors to us, and the numbers as well as the enthusiasm grew. The family literally beamed as the Bible teacher came faithfully each week. New joy and love were in this home as God's messengers taught the meaning of the Gospel.

Some weeks before his night of decision, Harry Husband, Charlie's brother followed

Ministry is a home missionary on the New Orleans riverfront.

the missionary outside after the class and claimed that the message of the lesson had been directed to his boys, for they had been involved in discipline problems at school and were associating with bad companions. The community was not conducive to clean living or law-abiding practices for boys especially, and here was a father concerned over his boys. They were living in an environment which reached at them to drag them down and he knew it.

With this beginning concern, out of failure came the question asked later by the missionary, "Is there anyone here who would like to trust Jesus tonight?" And five boys, already involved in trouble with school and community officials said, "We will trust Jesus now!" Several weeks later these boys testified with conviction that Jesus had led them away from trouble and they were no longer tempted by their delinquent friends who tried through ridicule and scorn to get them into their old ways. The gospel bore fruit at once in the lives of these boys who were but babes in Christ. The father confessed weeks later, "You will never know how much these meetings have meant to our home." Victories continue to be won in the Husband household.

Now 40 to 45 men, women, and children are being reached. God's grace has been abundantly showered on this home and others, and the wonder of it all is that the foundations were built upon what appeared to be miserable failure.

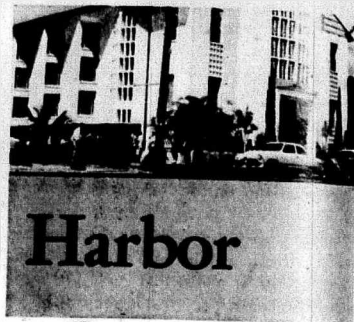
Four years ago last January, out of similar defeat with the women, the home fellowship program was begun here. Three homes were opened for Bible study, prayer, and the singing of praise to God. Today there are 20 homes with an average attendance of 150. This is only one phase of the work at Carver Center. Your prayer will help bring others from sin's imprisonment to the freedom in Jesus Christ.

Other homes are waiting to have the gospel come to them, but Carver Center needs more workers and your persistent, concerned prayer. Your Annie Armstrong Offering helps in this significant work.

AFTER Pearl Harbor

by Dan H. Kong

pastor, Olivet Baptist Church
Honolulu, Hawaii



IT WAS DURING those difficult war years, when everything was classified as either top priority or essentially necessary to the war effort, that I came under the influence of the wonderful message of Christ. It happened immediately after the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Mother and Dad, being second generation Christians, were very devout Episcopalians, traveling in those days twenty-six miles every Sunday to Honolulu for weekly services. Somehow, through the stately worship and formalism the message of redemption in Christ never got through to us, and we never grasped the New Testament concept of a personal relationship with God through faith in Christ.

But then the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor came. Beginning with that awful day, gas and tires were rationed and we were forced to remain in our little town of Wahiawa in the midst of the pineapple fields twenty-six miles away. Mother and Dad insisted that we go to Sunday school and church in Wahiawa. In our little community the first Southern Baptist church in the islands was already established. There, my aunt and some of the first Southern Baptist missionaries had retreated under war clouds hanging over the Orient. In succeeding months, my brother, sister, and

I could not help but respond to the glorious message of salvation through Christ.

In God's providence, my brother and sister were led to our Baptist university, Hardin-Simmons, in Abilene, Texas. Then, being called of the Lord in the field of sacred music, my brother Harry completed studies at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Meanwhile I graduated from our Baptist college in Georgetown, Kentucky.

While enroute back to Hawaii to enter a secular field, I was deeply impressed with the spiritual needs of California where every village, town, and city was a mission field. Then I felt earnestly led into the ministry as the Lord dealt with me to serve him in the proclamation of the Gospel. After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, I was led back to pastor the church in which I was converted. I served the First Baptist Church of Wahiawa for six years before being called as pastor to our first Southern Baptist church in Honolulu, the Olivet Baptist Church. Today, brother Harry serves at Olivet as associate pastor and minister of music.

Truly, our heritage in Christ is a rich one, and I cannot help but be overwhelmingly grateful for Southern Baptist missionaries at home and abroad.

Baptist World Alliance Relief

Eight large suitcases bearing the labels of an European steamship line were stacked in the entrance foyer of Washington's Baptist Building one morning. Later in the day I met their owners: a man and two women, political refugees from Germany. The refugee and relief division of the Baptist World Alliance had promised help to these people who are fleeing political persecution. Their flight to America is not a rarity, though few are brought through Washington. Most of them travel from the port of New York direct to the inland city or village where a sponsor has pledged to provide them with housing and a job.

Now do all refugees come to the United States. Hundreds go into Canada, and hundreds more into Australia. Baptists of the world—and we must remember Baptists live and worship in more than one hundred countries—have hearts of concern for their displaced brethren.

Refugee rehabilitation is an avenue of service which the Baptist World Alliance is uniquely qualified to fill. The whole world is its territory, and Alliance representatives can travel within twenty-four hours to any place in the world where natural catastrophe or political oppression drive people from their homes.

Rev. Adolfs Klaupeks, relief co-ordinator of the Baptist World Alliance, is himself a refugee—from Latvia. He helped arrange processing stations for refugees fleeing from Hungary in 1957. He has set up arrangements in Hong Kong to enable European refugees, who have fled across Asia, to travel to friendly new homes in Australia. He helps refugees also from the Congo, Eastern Europe and Cuba.

There are other forms of relief too—bearing one another's burdens," Dr. Josef Nien-Chang, general secretary of the Alliance likes to say. Medicine, food, clothing, and financial assistance donated by compassionate Baptists are channeled by the Alliance to points of need. Baptist conven-



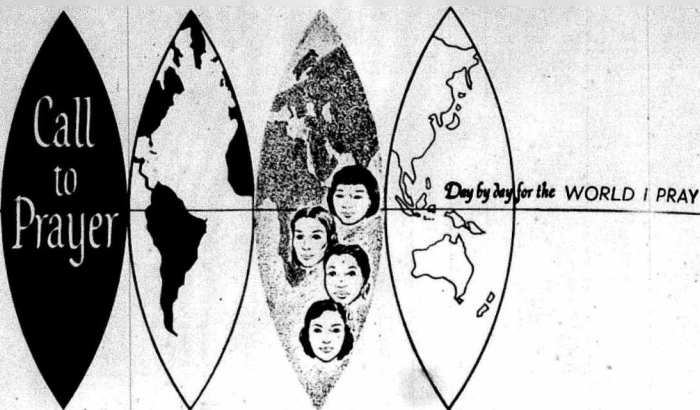
by Cyril E. Bryant

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tions of many colors and many nationalities led money into the Alliance offices a year ago to meet critical needs in Angola and the Congo. The American Baptist Convention and British Baptists already had missionaries there to administer relief, but these agencies were not big enough in themselves to meet the financial obligations for a complete job. The money supplied by other Baptists through the Alliance helped fill the gap. Similarly, when earthquake disaster hit Chile, where Southern Baptists have missionaries, other Baptists of the world made money available to help meet the need. Southern Baptist missions in Chile administered the relief.

More recently, disaster struck Christian villages in the highlands of New Guinea. All the world sympathized with the families of eighty Baptists who met death, and with uncounted others who lost their homes, their tools (axes) and their livestock (pigs) when anti-Christian tribesmen determined to drive this "new religion" from their country. Baptists of the world responded with generous gifts, which in turn went to Australian Baptist mission executives and then to the troubled people of New Guinea.

To Baptists the world is their community. All people are their neighbors. And the Baptist World Alliance is the channel through which all the Baptists of the world can help each other, as Paul said, "Bear ye one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2).



Prepared by Mrs. Mickey R. Johnston

1 FRIDAY And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Matt. 24:14. (Read vv. 36-42.)

Pray for J. R. Isaacs, Fairbanks, Alaska; Mrs. B. R. Conrad and husband work with Ind. students on campus of Chillico Ind. school, Newkirk, Okla.; Mrs. Ruth Benter, teacher in Sp.-sp. kg., McAllen, Tex.; Bernice Nee, ret. 1952 after 36 years as ed. dir. and teacher, Brazil; J. W. Patterson, dir. public relations and prof. International Sem., Cali, Colombia; W. D. Lockard, pres. and prof. African Bapt. Theol. Sem., Gwelo, So. Rhodesia, and preaches at five mission stations each week.

2 SATURDAY God be merciful unto us, . . . That thy way may be known upon earth. Psalm 67:1-2. (Read Psalm 67.)

Pray for Alfredo Cordoba, graduate of Panama Bible Inst. and pastor at New Empire Mission—in a building made possible by the Annie Armstrong Offering; W. W. Lee, field missionary in charge of three states in Mexico; M. C. Smith, teacher at Uruguay Bapt. Theol. Inst., Montevideo; Mrs. T. S. Green, mother of four children, mission sec., local church worker and asst. to book store mgr. husband, Paraguay;

Mrs. D. C. Dorr, surgeon's wife and mother of five small children, Gaza, where the church and hospital are the only Christian institutions; Mrs. J. E. Low and her husband began med. work in No. Nigeria at Kontagora, on extended leave; J. E. Humphrey, prof. Bapt. Theol. Sem. Ogbomoso, Nigeria; Mrs. J. P. Satterwhite, nurse, and physician husband, staff members at Bapt. Hospital, Kyoto, Japan; A. Y. Napier, app. 1904, ret. 1932 after 28 years in China; Mrs. N. A. Bryan, ret. physician's wife, China; J. W. Carney, doctor app. August, 1962, East Pakistan.

3 SUNDAY And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any. Mark 11:25. (Read vv. 24-26.)

Let us begin today to pray concerning the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$3,310,000. Pray also for Ruben Gonzalez, pastor of growing church, Las Cruces, N.M., among 20,000

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 and in HOME MISSIONS.

Sp.-sp. educational ed. space is urgently needed; J. E. Ware and wife, first of three couples to pioneer Tanganyika—he is dir. of Bapt. TB Hosp. in Tanga; Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Jr., during her 10 years in China, Philippines, and now Taiwan has been seminary music teacher, book store mgr., and homemaker for four children and her MK husband; J. C. Ware, Guadalajara, Mexico, adm. for Bapt. Hosp., which ministered to over 4,500 patients last year.

4 MONDAY If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14. (Read vv. 12-15.)

Today we begin the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The verse above is the theme for this week. Will you read it thoughtfully?

Pray for L. D. Wood, supt. mission work, Balboa Canal Zone; Mrs. Bartelome Burguet, Las Villas, Cuba; Mrs. E. L. Kelley, HMB worked with the Sp.-sp. in Texas for many years before ret.; I. S. Perkins and his wife, app. Sept. 1961, to Brazil; Mrs. E. R. Martin, mother of three daughters, dir. of sem. courses for student wives, Bapt. Theol. Sem., Arusha, Tanganyika; Mrs. Charles Evans and husband, living near Uganda border doing ev. work; Mrs. J. D. Hughey, Jr., teacher, Bapt. Theol. Sem., Switzerland, homemaker for sem. pres. husband and four children—the eldest in college in US; Mrs. B. E. Towery, Jr., returning to Taiwan from furlough, ministering to and starting new churches; H. H. Holley, Cantonese ev. work in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

5 TUESDAY Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone. Matt. 18:15. (Read vv. 15-17.)

Pray that Baptists will give generously this week through the Annie Armstrong Offering. Let us reach and exceed the goal of \$3,310,000. Pray also for D. L. Jester, MK, teacher Two Baptist College, Nigeria.

6 WEDNESDAY Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Acts 8:4. (Read vv. 6-8.)

Pray for Mrs. J. M. Goodner and her husband, attempting to bring the gospel to Ind.; Mrs. G. C. Prock, prof. ev. in Calif.; Mrs. Frank Ramirez and husband, ev. to Sp.-sp. migrants from Fla. to Yucatan; VBS. worship services in countless migrant camps, off season they maintain a

kg. and full church program in Fla. for migrants; G. M. Faile, Jr., adm. Bapt. Med. Center, Nalerigu, Ghana; D. E. Morrill, missionary advisor and teacher pastors school with 139 enrolled, Kaduna, Nigeria; C. S. Ford and wife, opening new field Ogoja, Nigeria, learning Yalo tongue and putting it into a written language to make it possible for the first time to give them the written gospel; Mrs. M. J. Anderson, school nurse and teacher Hong Kong Bapt. College where her husband is vice-president-teacher; Mrs. J. R. Allen, ret. 1952 after 33 years in Brazil.

7 THURSDAY And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts 9:6. (Read vv. 5-6.)

Pray for Mrs. Herbert Caudill, beginning her 33rd year in Cuba, music teacher at sem., choir dir. McCall and Bethel churches, Havana and Marianao, a daughter also serves in Cuba, H. D. Martin, ev. and teacher, Bapt. boys high school, Oyo, Nigeria; Mrs. H. H. McMillan, was music teacher and ev. worker in China and Bahamas, now ret.; Mrs. J. L. Templeton, Jr., and husband, app. 1962 to Hong Kong.

8 FRIDAY For a great door and effectual is opened unto me. 1 Cor. 16:9. (Read vv. 2-9.)

Pray for Mrs. Nemesio Garcia, McCall church.

Each One Give One

One Woman's Missionary Society president wrote a home missionary friend and asked her if there were women on her field who needed Royal Service but were not receiving it. Immediately the missionary responded with names, and that society sent gift subscriptions.

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Havana, and Mrs. Felix Torra, field ev., Aguacate, Havana province; Mrs. Mercedes Becerra, former kg. teacher, now pastor's wife, Templo (Sp-sp.) Bautista, Yoakum, Tex.; Mrs. J. A. Roper, Jr., mother of three children, physician on staff Southern Bapt. Hosp., Ajloun, Jordan, where her doctor husband is supt.; Mrs. W. D. Richardson, a 1961 app. to Ghana, two small children and physician husband; Mrs. G. C. Bond and husband, Ghana, field worker; T. N. Clinkscales, treas. Panama State Bapt. Board, Londrina, Brazil; Mrs. W. C. Taylor and husband, were among earliest pioneers in No. Brazil where they served 41 years before ret. 1956.

9 SATURDAY Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1. (Read Psalm 127.)

Pray for Harmodie Vitar, teacher in San Blas Bapt. School, Panama; J. B. Rounds, HMB ret. as gen. supt. of Okla. Ind. work.



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

Pray for C. L. Culpepper, Sr., a witness for 39 years in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, now pres. and teacher Taiwan Bapt. Theol. Sem., Taipei; Mrs. D. C. Johnson, mother of five children, works through a GWC in which kg. and three grades of school are provided, Antofagasta, a city in the desert region of Chile; C. B. Clark and wife, one of two couples, Maracaibo, Venezuela; Mrs. L. F. Maynard, who was before her HMB ret., dir. of the ed. program for Negro Baptists in Mobile, Ala.; Milton Morris, ev., Panama.

11 MONDAY How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel. Rom. 10:15. (Read vv. 11-15.)

Pray for Rafael Guillen, a Catholic priest who to Christ by missionary Paul J. Sr., now pastor San Francisco Mission, Panama City, and prof. Panama Bible Institute, the new church building was made possible through the Ann Armstrong Offering; Teofanes Ochoa, pastor, First Mexican Church, Raymondville, Tex., less than 30 miles from Mexico border; E. W. Mueller and wife, ev. work in Liberia; Mrs. J. O. Morse, MK, physician's wife, nurse at Bapt. Hosp., Barranquilla, Colombia, her parents and brother serve in Brazil; Mrs. J. T. Norman, app. 1962 to Colombia, language study, Costa Rica; Mrs. T. S. Adkins and business mgr. husband in Kowloon, Hong Kong; Georgia WMU annual meeting, Columbus, 11-13.

12 TUESDAY I thank my God, making mention of thee always. Philemon 4:4. (Read vv. 1-4.)

Pray for J. T. McGill, supt. Bapt. Rescue Mission, New Orleans, one of 7 HMB rescue missions in which nearly 3,000 made professions of faith last year; Luis Napoles, and Manuel Quintana Pinar del Rio province, Cuba; North Carolina WMU annual meeting, Charlotte, 12-14.

13 WEDNESDAY And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21:22. (Read vv. 20-22.)

Pray for D. A. Morgan among Panamanian Jamaican people and other international groups, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Fidel Guzman, Sp-sp., Tex.; L. M. Southerland, Jr., ev. in Japan just completing language study.

14 THURSDAY The Lord is at hand. Phil 4:5. (Read vv. 5-8.)

Pray for Ivan Lapinell, pastor in Las Villas province, Cuba; Mrs. Domingo Hernandez, pastor's wife, Guines, Cuba; Roy Brentlinger, app. 1962, pastor of Native Baptist Mission, Fairbanks, Alaska; M. R. Demerec, one of 24 missionaries to deaf who reported 282 conversions last year, Colo.; Mrs. Donald Week and husband, work with Sp-sp., Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. C. I. Dawson, Sp-sp., Ariz.; S. T. Tan on first furlough from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Mrs. W. E. Arnold, studying Atoni language, sec. at the Sadler Baptist Secondary School, pianist, YWA counselor, TU, Kumi, Ghana; Juanita Johnston, Hanu, Thailand; W. E. Emanuel and wife, only Americans in Matsue, Japan, teaches Bible, p. Japanese, teaches Eng. at gov't univ., E. Peacock, city missionary, Sao Paulo, E. Griggs, FMB new appointee to So. Rh.

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

Pray for Mrs. R. L. Mefford and husband, Bapt. Ind. Center in Philadelphia, Miss.; Mrs. C. M. Case, serving Ind. center, Gallup, N.M.; Mrs. Jose Saenz, mother of four children, pastor's wife, Mexican Mission, Hidalgo, Tex.; Casto Lima, pastor for the last 20 years in Remedios, Cuba; Blanche Bradley, nurse for 34 years in China, ret. 1952.

16 SATURDAY And the word of God increased. Acts 6:7. (Read vv. 4-7.)

Pray for Mrs. M. D. Oates, pastor's wife, organist, Jr. TU leader, WMU advisor, Int. SS worker Templo Bautista Church, Fresno, Calif., reported 35 conversions last year; Tony Jojola, HMB MK, Albuquerque, N.M.; Mrs. Irene Turner, dir. of BSU for American Sem., Fisk Univ., State Univ., Maharry Univ. students, Nashville, Tenn.; G. S. Williamson, prof., Mexican Bapt. Theol. Sem., Torreon, Mexico; Mrs. R. J. Walsh, first-term missionary with two daughters and sem. prof. husband, Torreon, Mexico; Mrs. F. L. Lewis, mother of three daughters, pastor's wife, Immanuel Bapt. Church, Surabaya, Indonesia; Mrs. J. R. Hips, 25 years in China, where she was a music teacher at the Univ. of Shanghai, ret. 1951; Estelle Freeland, bookkeeper Bapt. bldg., Ibadan, Nigeria.

17 SUNDAY Neglect not the gift that is in thee. 1 Tim. 4:14. (Read vv. 11-16.)

Pray for Juan Acosta, graduate of Bible Inst., Panama, now pastor at Las Tablas; A. B. Smith, pastor Eastside (Sp-sp.) Mission, Freeport, Tex.; Patricia Velasquez, pastor Granfalls and Imperial Missions, Imperial, Tex.; George Bam, juvenile rehabilitation, Tex.; E. H. Burks, Jr., prof., Nigerian Bapt. Theol. Sem., Ogbomoso; Mrs. S. G. Rankin, mother of three children, husband on staff of new hospital Kowloon Hong Kong; W. L. Walker, ev., Fukuoka, Japan, with China-born MK wife and three children.

18 MONDAY Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Col. 4:2. (Read vv. 2-5.)

Pray for Mrs. N. H. Brown and husband, opened new work among Japanese in Gardena, Calif. area; A. G. Johnson, pastor of the only Sp-sp. Bapt. witness among the 80,000 Latin Americans in Sacramento, Calif.; J. M. Goodner, Wichita, Kan., Ind. church; J. G. Sanchez, among Sp-sp. in N.M. for many years before HMB ret.; Mrs. J. C. Walker with husband app. 1962, two small daughters, Nyasaland; Mrs. G. W. Schweer, mother of three children and homemaker for sem. prof. husband, Indonesia; Mrs. Paul Box, first term in Singapore where she and her husband are our only couple working with the Cantonese-sp. Chinese; Mrs. D. N. Sharpley, mother of five children, Santa Maria, Brazil.

19 TUESDAY For thus saith the Lord: Sing with gladness. Jer. 31:7. (Read vv. 1-7.)

Pray for Ross Hanna, pastor Ind. Center and Mission, Santa Fe, N.M., transferred from Okla. a year ago where he was named Rural Pastor of the Year; Mrs. W. L. Jester, supv. of Maternity Center, pharmacist Bapt. hospital, makes house calls on a bicycle, one son serving in Nigeria, beginning 35th year in Africa, 17 years of which are with FMB; Mrs. E. M. Cross, homemaker in Makati, Philippines; C. D. Clarke, asst. ev. sec.



Japan Bapt. Conv.: South Carolina WMU annual meeting, Spartanburg, 19-20; Virginia WMU annual meeting, Richmond, 19-21.

20 WEDNESDAY Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee. Mark 5:19. (Read vv. 15-19.)

Pray for Mrs. M. E. Solorzano, pastor's wife, Redemption Church in Panama City, Panama; Samuel Valdez, pastor Mexican Mission, Slaton, Tex.; Morvin Lytle, missionary and teacher of Bible and related subjects Butler College (Negro), BSU sponsor, Tyler, Tex.; E. F. Day, pastor Sp.-sp. mission, Trinidad, Colo.; Louise Sparkman, WMU young people's dir. for Nigerian Conv., Ede, Nigeria; J. R. Gray,* bus. mgr. and adm. Bapt. Hosp., Eku, Nigeria; H. R. Littleton, pioneer in Ghana, transferred from Nigeria, home now on medical leave; C. W. Shuw, field ev., Umtali, So. Rhodesia, where he and his wife are our only missionaries; Elizabeth Hale, only ev. missionary in northern Malaya, near Thailand border; Mrs. P. H. Carter, teacher, Mexican Bapt. Theol. Sem., Torreon, Mexico; Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, ret. 1941 after 21 years in Brazil where one of four daughters now serves; Mrs. W. C. Lewis, physician's wife, two children, nursery schoolteacher, editor of monthly hospital paper, nurse, Asuncion, Paraguay.

21 THURSDAY Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3. (Read vv. 1-6.)

Pray for Elias Delgado, pastor to people from many Latin American countries, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. L. H. Neil, nursing instructor Eku Bapt. Hosp., Nigeria; C. E. Harvey, field missionary, Belem, Brazil; Leroy Benefield,* agr. at So. Bapt. College, M'ang, Philippines; J. L. Galloway, 38 years in Macao where he lives since ret.; Missouri WMU annual meeting, St. Louis, 21-23.

22 FRIDAY If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? Psalm 130:3. (Read Psalm 130.)

Pray for Mrs. J. W. Beam, kg. teacher in the Mission Center, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, ret., Ga.; S. K. Wood, ev., Asahigawa, Japan; R. L. Bausum, 38 years in China and Taiwan, ret.; Mrs. C. B. Williams, nurse wife of BSU dir., Bangkok, Thailand; Mrs. H. A. Goble, pastor's wife Calvary Bapt. Church among 30,000 Americans, Guam; H. W. Fite, Jr., agr. and dir. of Agr. school, Ceres, Brazil.

23 SATURDAY Amend your ways and your doings Jer. 7:3. (Read vv. 1-7.)

Pray for Mrs. Pablo Martinez, pastor's wife Yaguajay, Cuba; Mrs. Ismael Negro, Sp.-sp. Miami; G. W. Eiland, Chinese, ev., T. John Caylor, Sr., ret., Ark.; F. M. Graham, prof. of New Testament and church history, Arab Bapt. Theol. Sem., mission tree, Beirut, Lebanon; W. A. Pennell, language student in Indonesia; Mrs. W. H. Ferrell, mother of three children, ev. work in Cordoba, Argentina; Mattie Lou Bible, BSU dir., teacher at Bapt. College, Recife, Brazil.



24 SUNDAY They shall prosper that love thee. Psalm 122:6. (Read Psalm 122.)

Pray for Mrs. Enoch Ortega, pastor's wife, San Bernardino, Calif., with Latin Americans; J. L. Gebhart, pastor of Sp.-sp. church, Grand Junction, Colo., where they need our prayers as they seek to learn the language; Grace Clifford, HMB ret., in ill health in a nursing home in Newkirk, Okla.; C. J. Smith, pastor Ind. congregation in Kingfisher, Okla.; Mrs. J. A. Jammer-son, Djakarta, Indonesia; Ethel Pierce, China-born MK doctor in China before ret.

25 MONDAY Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15. (Read vv. 12-19.)

Pray for Elaine Hancock, nurse at new Bapt. Hosp. with four floors, 60 beds and outpatient clinic, Kowloon, Hong Kong; Mrs. W. H. Hapton, China, before ret.; Victor Koon, for many years pastor of the Wai-lae Bapt. Church, Honolulu, Hawaii; R. L. Lyon, dir. City Missions, Mexico City; E. G. Berry, rel. ed. promotions in national district convention, Brasilia, Brazil; H. H. Stein, HMB, ret. after GWC work, Ala.

26 TUESDAY Our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Pray for Helen Lambert, dir., Friendship Center, Tucson, Ariz., serving Ind., Mexican, Italian, Polish, Dutch, German, Chinese, Negro, and white; Mrs. Bibiano Molina and husband, missionaries over 30 years in Cuba, pastor's wife, Placencia; Mrs. J. L. Smith and husband, our only missionaries, Surakarta, Indonesia; Mrs. T. N. Callaway, four daughters and husband, only missionaries in Itami, Japan; J. R. Brunson* and wife, beginning first Tamil language work with the Tamil Ind., Kuala Lumpur, Malaya; Mrs. P. E. Sanderson, teacher, Equatorial Bapt. Theol. Inst., Belem, Brazil; Burton de Wolfe Davis,* founder and pres. Santos Dumont Bapt. College, pastor First Bapt. Church, adm. Everett Gill Memorial Bapt. Clinic, Fortaleza, Brazil; Maryland WMU annual meeting, Baltimore, 26; Mississippi WMU annual meeting, Jackson, 26-27; Alabama WMU annual meeting, Montgomery, 26-28.

27 WEDNESDAY And he not conformed to this world. Rom. 12:2. (Read vv. 2-6.)

Pray for Marvin Sorrels, beginning fourth year with Cherokees, Muskogee, Okla.; J. J. Johnson, missionary to Cherokee Ind., N.C., before HMB ret.; Mrs. W. D. Lockard, sem. teacher, wife of sem. pres., GA dir. for So. Rhodesia, Gwelo; Mrs. R. L. Rummage, app. in 1959, first missionary couple to be stationed in Que. So. Rhodesia; R. L. Fielden, aviator, mechanic, layman, teacher Bapt. Ind. Inst., Corrente, Brazil; Frances Hudgins, teacher Bapt. Theol. Center, Bangkok, Thailand.

28 THURSDAY Judge not, that ye be not judged. Matt. 7:1. (Read vv. 1-5.)

Pray for Toshio Sakamoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., among 2,000 Japanese families in an area where they do not have building or property; Mrs. H. L. Willis, nurse in new hospital, Bangkok, Thailand; Miss Ray Buster, teacher Bapt. Girls High School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Ohio WMU annual meeting, Columbus, 28-29.

29 FRIDAY Oh that men would praise the Lord. Psalm 107:8. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Pray for DeVellyn Oliver, dir. of nursing services, Matt Bapt. Hosp., Philippines; W. M. Parker, adm. and chaplain, primary school, Sao Luis, Brazil.

30 SATURDAY Go your ways: behold, I send you with. Luke 10:3. (Read vv. 1-9.)

Pray for R. M. Douglas, pastor international church, Fresno, Calif., where 62 national groups live; Mrs. H. W. Neely, nurse, SS teacher, WMU

worker, wife of missionary advisor, So. Rhodesia; Frances Crawford, nurse, Bapt. Maternity Center, Ire, Nigeria; Mrs. W. P. Andrews and husband, opening new mission station, Osorono, Chile.



31 SUNDAY And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Rom. 15:12. (Read vv. 11-17.)

Pray for Antonio Hernandez, pastor Guasimal church, co-ordinator of the Bapt. Hour heard each week, preaching prof. at seminary, Havana, Cuba; P. S. Johnson, in charge of ev. center, Dacca, E. Pakistan; Fay Taylor,* in youth and pub. work, Bandung, Indonesia; Mrs. A. Y. Napier, ret. in 1932 after 27 years in China; Mrs. E. H. Burks, Jr.,* dir. and teacher at nursery school, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria; A. G. Ortiz, pastor, Good Will (Sp.-sp.) Mission, Bishop, Tex., formerly a baker, called to preach when Dr. Loyd Corder, now HMB sec. of Language Missions, was his pastor.

adm. administrator
agr. agriculture
app. appointed
asst. assistant
BSU Baptist Student Union
ed. education
ev. evangelist
GWC Good Will Center
HMB Home Mission Board
Ind. Indian
kg. kindergarten
med. medical
mgr. manager
ret. retired, retirement
Sp.-sp. Spanish-speaking
SS Sunday school
TU Training Union
VBS vacation Bible school
* furlough

O Christ, for Thine Own Glory

O Christ, for Thine Own glory, and for our country's weal,
We humbly plead before Thee, Thyself in us reveal;
And may we know Lord Jesus, The touch of Thy dear hand;
And, healed of our diseases, The tempter's power withstand.

Our Saviour King, defend us, And guide where we should go;
Forth with Thy message send us, Thy love and light to show,
Till, fired with true devotion, Enkindled by Thy Word,
From ocean unto ocean our land shall own Thee Lord.

—Robert Murray

O Perfect Love

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,
That [ours] may be the love which knows no ending,
Whom Thou forever more dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be Thou [our] full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet, brave endurance,
With child-like trust that fears no pain nor death.

Grant [us] the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
Grant [us] the peace which calms all earthly strife,
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

—Dorothy F. Gurney

Reverie

O Jesus, Master

O Jesus, Master, when today,
I meet, along the crowded way,
My burdened brothers—mine and Thine—
May then through me Thy Spirit shine.

—Charles S. Newb.

"Scattered Abroad"

"Just as the persecution of the early Christians scattered the church abroad, so the persecutions in Massachusetts and Maine planted a church in the South.

In 1682, a group of Baptists in Kittery, Maine, were affiliated with the nearest Baptist church, which was in Massachusetts. The saints in Kittery asked the Boston church to organize their church and license Williams Screven, 'a man of more than common talents and devotedly pious,' to be their spiritual leader. This was done. Violent persecution followed, with the result

that seventeen of the church membership left Maine in 1682 and landed in South Carolina not far from the present site of Charleston, a territory settled earlier by colonists direct from England. This little group of Baptists later formed the First Baptist Church of Charleston, which has stood as a landmark in Southern Baptist history for more than [275] years. Tupper's *History of the First Baptist Church of Charleston* . . . [reports that] this church immediately began missionary work among the Indians"—*Ethelen Bourne Cox*.



Diamonds for the King

"In their faces (of the women) shone the jubilate spirit—praise for what has been accomplished during the past twenty-five years. A bright hope for what will be accomplished during the next twenty-five years, and a new consecration of self to greater usefulness in His service. Having seen all this in their faces, it seemed most fitting that from one of their number should come a real love gift to the Lord.

. . . [in the offering plate] was found a small envelope. Upon its being opened, on a slip of paper this prayer was found, 'O dear Lord bless all Thy work everywhere,' and a card on which was written, 'In the hope that these may add some jewels to my Saviour's crown.' To the card was fastened a pair of diamond earrings.

"Only the Unseen Guest standing by knows the giver's name, and it is fitting that it should not be known for to Him the gift was made and His it is to bless the gift and giver."

—From *Our Mission Fields*, April-June 1914 in a report from a state jubilate meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, in which comments were made concerning a gift received at the meeting.

A Heart-felt *Journey* Continued

LAST MONTH I told you about the wonderful experiences Mrs. Edgar Bates, Mrs. M. B. Hodge, and I had on behalf of the Women's Committee of Baptist World Alliance. We were on our way to Liberia as we left you last month.

In Liberia we were guests of the Baptist women, whose president is Mrs. Elsie Brown, and of the vice-president of Liberia and Mrs. William R. Tolbert, Jr. Dr. Tolbert is the president of the Baptist Convention of Liberia and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Tolbert was one of our guest speakers at the 1961 Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in St. Louis. He sought to express his warm appreciation for WMU in his gracious hospitality to us. Space does not permit me to speak of the many courtesies extended to us. One of these was a buffet dinner given by the Tolberts at their home, near the small rural church that he pastors; this was probably the most enjoyable experience, for it enabled us to meet both Baptist and government officials.

Monrovia, Liberia, is beautifully situated on the Atlantic. I think that I have never seen palm trees more beautiful than those along the coastline of Monrovia. The rubber

tree plantations provide the principal industry as well as beauty to the whole country.

Of chief interest to me were Ricks Institute, where our missionaries teach and serve, and the historic church founded in 1822 by Lott Carey and six other self-freed slaves from the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia. In this church we worshiped on Sunday morning, participating in the dedication of a new deacon, Mr. Henries, who is the Speaker of the House of Liberia.

The evening service was a "welcome meeting" for us and we each had the privilege of speaking. Dr. Tolbert, in his introduction, told of his great pleasure in being in our meeting in St. Louis. He praised Woman's Missionary Union, saying that the two new dormitories at Ricks Institute were built with Lottie Moon Offering funds. He spoke of the growth of Baptist work in Liberia in the short while that Southern Baptist missionaries have been there (since 1960).

Our Liberian visit began and ended with the most gracious hospitality one could ever expect from Baptists and from the government. The delegations meeting us and bidding us farewell made us feel like VIPs. Next month will you be with us as we go to the Near East? I hope so.



Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Bates, and Mrs. Mathis meet with Liberian Baptist leaders. Mrs. William R. Tolbert is at Mrs. Mathis' left. Her husband is president of the Liberian Baptist Convention.



Mrs. J. T. Agorinde, Nigeria, is chairman of Baptist Women's Union of Africa.



Ethiopian delegate, lovely in her country's dress.

At the Union meeting, Mrs. Mathis meets Mrs. G. P. Boyo, missionary to Sierra Leone for the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Photo by Howard L. Smith

Last month in *Royal Service* you read about the third session meeting of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa in Kumasi, Ghana. These pictures will help you to visualize that meeting. This month the journey continues.

by **Mrs. R. L. Mathis**

President of Woman's Missionary Union
and Treasurer of Women's Department
of Baptist World Alliance



A Ghanaian delegate illustrates the custom of bringing well-behaved children to meetings; Nigerian delegates at right.



PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK:
The Chains Are Strong
by W. C. Fields
Make plans to have this Home
Mission book taught in Circles
or Society.

Circle Theme for the Year: "Unto the stature of Christ" Ephesians 4:13.

Spiritual Life Development

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

To show how the spiritual life of our nation may be strengthened by the establishment and maintenance of family worship.

Program Chairman: Today's program offers an excellent opportunity for all members to share experiences. Every woman is, or has been, part of a home; therefore, she has personal knowledge concerning the material presented here. For the last hypothesis, choose a woman who regularly has family worship in her home.

Each discussion has three parts: a hypothesis (a theory presumed to be true), observations supporting or denying the hypothesis, a principle (a conclusion drawn from the observations). The hypothesis may or may not be true, depending on the observations given. If true, then the principle will be the hypothesis restated. If false, the principle must be a reworded hypothesis, making it true.

The Chains Are Strong, Fields, 75c; and *Teaching the Home Mission*, 40c from Baptist Book Stores.

For example, in finding a principle for the second hypothesis, you may wish to use Proverb 22:6. For the fourth hypothesis, you may wish to restate the truth in the same words that the spiritual life of our nation will be strengthened by maintenance of family worship by Christians. Be sure that the principle is stated clearly and affirmatively. Print hypotheses on streamers.

Order from Family Life Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North Nashville 3, Tenn., no more than 12 free copies of the leaflets "How to Maintain Family Worship," and "Our Home Shall be a Home of Prayer." Also have on hand one or more copies of *Home Life* opened at Altar Fires and Royal Service opened at Call to Prayer.

Introduction: We are used to thinking of science in concrete and tangible terms. On the basis of an hypothesis (a theory assumed to be true), the scientist makes observations and experiments. From these observations he develops a principle (a fundamental belief). But he knows his findings are not final, for as knowledge of the world grows, the body of scientific knowledge grows.

Today we are going to treat scientifically what may seem to be an unscientific subject: the contribution of family worship to the spiritual life of our nation. This concerns spiritual truths, the results of which are visible in the lives of men, women, and children. We shall approach the subject by the same general steps which a scientist approaches his work. He begins with an hypothesis which may or may not be true. Another step is observation and the gathering of data which will help determine the value of the hypothesis. On the basis of his findings he states a principle or conclusion based on observations. We will proceed with hypotheses and draw our own conclusions.

Hypothesis Number one: The strength of the nation lies in its family life.

Observations: The main topic of conversation in troubled times such as these is the arms race which continues unabated, while Russia threatens this hemisphere and the world in her dishonest and evil international practices. The "hot spots" of the cold war grow in number and intensity with every news report. It is necessary to remind ourselves that a nation's strength is measured in many different ways, the most important of which is not political or material, but spiritual.

Where is the real strength of a nation? Gladstone, the great English statesman wrote many years ago, "The homes of the people are the soul of the nation." This is not simply sentimental opinion; it is a basic truth. For it is in the family that the fundamental fellowship of love is learned and practiced. It is in the family that attitudes toward people and things are formed; that spiritual values are developed; that respect for our nation's laws and heritage is taught. Martha Boone Leavelle, in *Building a Christian Home*, writes, "Home is the laboratory of human experience which works with every phase of human growth, and sends out its influence to all walks of life. . . . The world's work is waiting to be done by the graduates of our homes."

History reminds us that by the strength of homes we may accurately judge the character of a nation. In our country a rising number of divorces resulting in broken homes, adult and juvenile delinquency give evidence that America needs to look beyond material standards to evaluate national strength. C. W. Scudder, in his recent book, *Danger Ahead*, says, "The de-

terioration of American home life, if left unchecked, may well provide occasion for the destruction of the American way of life."

Parents and children must guard the family unit from unhealthy influences outside the home. A guard also must be stationed to protect from dangers within: undisciplined lives, inadequate moral and spiritual training, which involves teaching children the responsibilities of citizenship by example.

We might paraphrase a slogan, and say, "As the homes go, so goes the nation."

Allow time for other observations by members.

Principle: (State the conclusion which your group has reached.)

Hypothesis Number two: Religion should not be "forced" upon a child. Give him freedom to choose his own belief.

Observations: Some parents think of themselves as broad-minded when it comes to religious faith. They claim that a child should not be bound by another's beliefs. "Leave the child's spiritual life alone," they say, "and when he comes to the age of accountability, he can decide for himself." To these same parents it would seem unthinkable to allow the child to choose whether to take medicine when he is sick, or choose to stay away from public school if he does not want to learn.

What is the real reason for such dangerous thinking? Perhaps parents have not found for themselves a living, growing faith. They cannot pass on what they do not have! Religious faith is not always taught; more often it is caught and "wrought" by the Holy Spirit. The child sees in everyday living the faith, or lack of it, which motivates the parent.

Some parents claim they have neglected religious training of their children because of enforced attendance at church services in their own youth. But is this really true? Dwight Moody, great evangelist, recalled his own rebellion against church attendance. As soon as he was out from under his mother's influence, he stayed away from church a Sunday or two. But to his amazement he found that he could not stay away. The habit was deeply instilled as part of his life, and he was grateful for that stability. In telling of this experience, he thanked God for his mother who accepted her responsibility in the spiritual things as well as physical health. Parents are charged by God to provide spiritual nourishment for their children. They fail them when they do not do so.

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How blessed is the child whose parents see the importance of early years as the starting point for religious training. Even before a child is old enough to understand the meaning of words, he senses the solemnity as his father reads from God's Word or his mother prays.

A young couple, determined to be the best parents to their baby, began the night they brought him home from the hospital with family worship. They knelt beside his bed for prayer and thanksgiving in special communion with God. As he became older, he added his prayer to that of his parents. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them" (Matt. 23:13, RSV). Also Jesus said, "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck than he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." When parents fail to influence their child for personal growth year by year, they are robbing him of a sure foundation and may be the cause of his spending eternity away from God.

A child within the home is not blind to the place his parents place on the truths found in God's Word. By adult indifference to the church, he learns early to feel that it is not important. He draws his own conclusions. And if he sees the material things taking first place, he

may be robbed of his birthright, a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

(Add other observations.)

Principle: (State your own conclusions or use Proverbs 22:6 to sum up what has been said.)

Hypothesis Number three: Religious training should be left to the Sunday school.

Observations: Someone has said, "Each home is in the business of religious education knowingly or not." It may be that at times we feel well-trained Sunday school teachers are more effective teachers than parents. And when a survey made to determine the amount of influence various groups of people had on the life of an individual, the results were these. A study is determined, first of all, by parents, then by friends, club leaders, public school teachers, and lastly, by Sunday school teachers. This is not surprising when we consider the short length of time the average person spends in Sunday school. From the survey, it is obvious that religious training must begin and be continued year by year in the home.

A well-known example of religious training in the home is found among the Jews. The

has always been the center of the Jew's life. It is a close-knit unit where parents are held responsible for the moral and spiritual education of children. This responsibility, as stated in Deuteronomy 6:4-7, (read) is no less ours in our Christian homes today. Parents are entrusted with the climate of faith within the home, and can find in casual conversation, in daily living together, and in specific worship experiences many occasions to teach God's expectations for each person.

Prayer is not religious activity relegated to Sunday and the church, but a daily wonderful privilege. We may with confidence talk with God about joys, problems, and decisions. God's Word is the sure and safe guide for daily living. A well-worn Bible may be the best evidence of Christ's place as head of the family. A family should read it together daily.

The child is not the only one who benefits by "the church that is in thy house." Christian growth is a continuous experience when cultivated. The lasting value of the Christ-centered home can never be measured fully in the life of individuals, the home, and the nation.

(Add other observations. State your principle.)

Hypothesis Number four: The spiritual life of the nation is strengthened by the establishment and maintenance of family worship.

Observations: We have agreed so far that a nation's strength has its foundation in Christian homes; that Christian homes are bulwarks of faith and love in action; that parents, and other adults must provide spiritual training and continuous opportunity for religious experiences. Now let us think of specific ways in which we can fulfill these obligations.

When Billy Graham was asked whether family worship is practical in this hectic, streamlined age, he replied, "Family worship is not only practical; it is essential to a happy Christian home."

What is family worship, and how is it a strengthening element? Family worship is, in simple terms, a home church service and includes the reading of the Bible, prayer, conversation, connecting the two; it is personal enough to touch the needs of every person. It is a time of blessing to the family, a breaking of spiritual bread for the feeding of hungry souls. It is a time which gives us strength for everyday needs and the sure knowledge that God is concerned about these needs. It is a time to seek God's help in making decisions which affect the

family, and his guidance in setting standards and upholding them in a materialistic world. It is a time of prayer on behalf of others.

Family worship also gives biblical interpretations to today's problems. Often a child will accept the answer to his own special anxiety when it comes from God's Word, though he may not have accepted it fully from a parent. Such important matters as control of the tongue, self-discipline, proper observance of the Lord's Day, respect for others and for property, the way of salvation are new to every generation, and must be explained again and again. Bible reading gives comfort to the sorrowing, understanding to the misunderstood.

There are needs basic to every human being which are met in family worship. These include the desire to be loved, the feeling of belonging to a loving group, an opportunity to express oneself, the necessity of finding standards and a sense of values. As the family reads the Bible, prays earnestly and unitedly, and discusses the relevance of the reading to themselves, needs are met.

Family worship can affect our nation. Who can estimate the good that could result from millions of Christians united in prayer for our nation's leaders and their decisions, for world peace through Jesus Christ?

(Add other observations. State principle.)

Hypothesis Number five: Our home shall be called a home of prayer.

(This should be given by one who practices family worship in her home. She tells in her own words how her family maintains family devotions, what it has meant to her and the blessings resulting.)

Observations: (Here are some suggestions you may wish to use in making your own comments).

1. Time best suited for family worship in our home
2. Preparation made—whether "assignments" are made and how all participate
3. Materials used (the Bible, Call to Prayer from Royal Service, Altar Fires from Home Life, and devotional books)
4. "Carry-over" we have seen in attitudes, our conversation, relationships within family

Other Observations:

Principle: Our prayer is that each of our homes may be called a home of prayer. Let each one of us pray silently.

Prayer: Call on all who will to pray

Russian Orthodoxy Celebrates in US

A thousand acres were bought in 1812 from the Pomo Indians for two axes, three blankets, and a pound of beads. The purchase was made near San Francisco by a shipload of Russian fur-hunters who had come to these shores to seek freedom and fortune. The settlers built a strong fort of redwood and ringed it with cannon to protect their homes and their Russian Orthodox Church. Not anticipating internal subversion but having to yield to it, the Russians were driven out of their fort by gophers. Eventually the shortage of fur-bearing game and the destructive rodents forced the settlers in 1841 to abandon the fort and turn to agriculture for a living. The 1,000 acres became a ranch, the fort a rubble.

In 1945 the California Historical Society aided by private and state funds began reconstruction of Fort Ross (derivative of the word Russia), now known as a National Historical Landmark. But to some 810,000 members of the Russian Orthodox Church in the United States, it is a spiritual landmark as well.

In September, 1962, eight bejeweled and bearded Russian Orthodox prelates led in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first foothold of Russian orthodoxy in this country. The ceremony was held in the reconstructed church which holds in its steeple the original bell.

One prelate remarked at the anniversary mass: "We are pleased to live in the half of the world where we can worship God as we choose."

by Mrs. William McMurry

Man in Space

The Age of Space was ushered in on October 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union hurled Sputnik I into orbit as the earth's first man-made satellite. This was the beginning of the exploration of another world.

On the fifth anniversary of the new era, Newsweek published a "Special Issue." Through the pages of this number readers were able to take a look at "how the world has changed in these five short years and what changes the future is likely to bring."

Astronaut Schirra's 160,000 mile flight made the point that a twenty-four hour trip in a

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Mercury is entirely feasible. The Mercury program will end this year after two more flights. The last will be a day-long eighteen orbit affair. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has stated that Mercury will have no more to tell the scientists.

In 1963 the two-man Gemini will be ready and it will have much to say. First it will be able to stay in orbit for as long as two weeks. The two passengers will learn about life in space during this time. Long-term medical data on man's reactions to low atmospheric pressure, weightlessness and relative immobility will become available to US scientists for the first time. The second task for Gemini is to practice "orbital rendezvous and docking." On the success of the meeting in space of two vehicles rests the future program of the country's \$20 billion moon program.

Wordsworth's line, "Milton! thou should'st be living at this hour" holds a thrill and a challenge to the stouthearted of today.

Freedom Indivisible

Henry Hazlitt, well-known writer on economics, recently made this pointed comment on capitalism versus socialism: "Capitalism is merely the name for a system of economic liberty. Under it civil and political liberties flourish and are secure. Under a complete or nearly complete socialism neither economic nor political liberty can exist. How can there be freedom of press, speech, or assembly when the government owns all the newspapers, presses, and assembly halls? As Leon Trotsky (who knew) wrote in 1937: 'In a country where the sole employer is the State, opposition means death by slow starvation. Who does not obey shall not eat.'"

Mr. Hazlitt reminds his readers that the United States got to be the richest and most prosperous country in the world by following the way of free enterprise, of private ownership of the means of production, in a word—capitalism.

Sorrow Crosses Barriers

About ten years ago Revell published a simply written little book called Angel Unaware by Dale Evans. It is the story of a baby dying. Perhaps you read it and recalled as others did John Gunther's Death Be Not Proud in which his brilliant young son dies terribly and hopelessly of cancer of the brain. Death Be Not Proud, superbly written, tore the heart into shreds with its futility and despair. Dale Evans went through the same kind of tragedy but triumphantly conquered futility and despair that inevitably come to every parent in like experience.

It is the sure promise of eternal reunion and belief in the fulfillment of that promise that made the difference in the two stories. To those who are ready, it is not death but life beyond.

*\$1.50 from Baptist Book Stores.

Pioneering in the 60's



FIFTY thousand miles in twelve months. These have been happy miles and have led to gatherings of missionary societies, youth groups, associational leadership clinics, annual meetings, camps and retreats in twenty-six states from Portage Glacier in Alaska to Hampton Beach in New Hampshire.

SEVERAL YEARS ago a missionary in a pioneer state remarked to Mrs. R. L. Mathis and Miss Alma Hunt that she needed more help in promoting Woman's Missionary Union. This idea was presented to Dr. Curtis Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. That agency is primarily responsible for pioneer missions in our country. Woman's Missionary Union has always worked cooperatively with the mission boards. It is not strange that a plan soon evolved whereby a promotion associate, whose work would be specifically in pioneer states, would be employed and directed jointly by these two agencies.

Broad plans and objectives were discussed and on August 1, 1961, my work as WMU promotion associate in Pioneer Areas began. After a few weeks of orientation in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the first invitation I received was to equip a new church. Equipped with Year Book, manuals, a sheaf of postcard-size envelopes of free materials, a notebook, and a large amount of trepidation I started out on the first assignment. Very valuable lessons were learned on that first jaunt. My diary reads: "Fewer posters, less weight in suitcase, and more money next time!"

Most new Baptist churches throughout our country

begin with the idea of carrying on a full program: Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood. Therefore, they need help in training leaders as fast as possible. Most of my engagements have been in the area of training WMU leadership, of course. Such an assignment took me early to California to work among Language Missions groups.

In conference with leaders of Woman's Missionary Union in these churches, I came to feel something of their burden for strong societies and WMU youth work. In established churches in missions and in new churches they realized the strength WMU can give to the total witness of a church. I was impressed with the dedication of people who held many places of service in their churches. Not only in societies and youth groups, but in all phases of church life. Not once did I hear complaints that too much was expected, but more often I heard expressions of great enthusiasm for the work of the Kingdom plus gratitude that Southern Baptists were at last in business in their communities.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions in 1962 took on the air of a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me as I observed it in the churches of Los Angeles, among Baptists of Oriental origin and others. On Sunday morning of that week I was with a Japanese congregation and that evening in a Korean Baptist Church. The days following were shared with Anglo churches in the mornings and Chinese and Spanish groups in the afternoons and evenings. In Language Mission churches men often attend Weeks of Prayer and take active part. In every church without exception, a five-day observance was planned, and I saw posters and offerings goals displayed in prominent places for maximum publicity.

To be an object of prayer for home missions and find oneself in the midst of that need is a study about need for a church building and be able to visit that very congregation, heightens the fervor of one's praying. It causes one to re-evaluate the amount of personal gift through the Annie Arm-

strong Offering.

One such experience is vivid in my memory as I recall installing the officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of a Spanish-speaking church in Fresno, California. This church meets in the auditorium of the English-speaking church when their Sunday school is over and the people are assembled in the auditorium. Then the Spanish church can begin their services in Spanish in the Sunday school facilities. Many problems are involved in such an arrangement. We prayed one day with them that Southern Baptists would be generous and reach the goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering so that there would be funds for the first unit of their building.

Then I vividly remember Alaska. An invitation came to spend a month in leadership training there. Weather conditions and distances that often hamper meetings in the "South Forty-eight"—as they called other states of the Union except Hawaii—are taken in stride in Alaska. However, they have their own unique problems. Chief among them, as I observed, is the rotation system of families in military services. The churches in that state are chiefly manned and maintained by service personnel. Many times a state of WMU officers is all but wiped out in a short time as families leave for home!

Facing unusual circumstances and overcoming setbacks are but occupational hazards in the forty-ninth state. I assume that nowhere but in Alaska would a prayer retreat be held in a cocktail lounge! This, of course, was not the plan when the president and the executive secretary made arrangements for the meeting with the manager of Paxson Lodge, a hunting lodge with first-rate hotel accommodations about half way between Anchorage and Fairbanks. Since the place is closed for some months in the dead of winter, it was planned for the WMU gathering to be held there immediately after "thaw out." Winter lasted a little longer.

by Bernice Elliott

ger than usual and when the date for the Prayer Retreat arrived, the lobby was being renovated and could not possibly be used, as had been planned.

The executive secretary and I arrived early to set up materials and were stunned that there was apparently no place to meet! "What about other rooms?" we asked. "Only one, the cocktail lounge," was the reply. The beautiful upholstered chairs, the mahogany tables, the soft lights, and the pictures—not too bad, all seemed usable. But there were upsetting features. There was a showcase window filled with a popular brand of whiskey, a poster on the wall with cute chipmunks, but the caption was not appropriate. And there was the cigarette dispenser.

A folding door could be closed to hide the bar. That was in our favor. What to do with the advertisements was the problem. Soon the YWA emblem poster covered the showcase window, the Anniversary Goals chart completely veiled the chipmunks and a piece of blue tapestry with a silver elk charging through the forest camouflaged the cigarette dispenser. By the time the women arrived, reverent music was coming from our own record player which we had brought for that purpose. Prayer folders were in each chair and a display of books on prayer was on the table. A very unlikely place actually looked like a place of worship. When prayer requests were made and our minds were directed to spiritual matters, our hearts were blessed of God.

Camping has been a great interest of my life and opportunities to attend GA camps and YWA retreats came from Montana, Ohio, and Michigan. It was in Montana that I found myself the director of a camp I had never seen with a staff most of whom I had not met, but God brought together a wonderful group of workers from across our nation and from one foreign country. Miss Ruth Porter, missionary nurse from Paraguay, summer missionaries and leaders from Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, and Montana felt honored to call ourselves the staff of the first state GA Camp in Montana. So we set about to get

thirty girls and the counselors together, and it was not long before the cabins were buzzing with activity such as can only be found on a camp site. One is not a stranger long in such environment. What a wonderful week we had together!

Some of the most thrilling mission history is in the making in the northeastern part of our country, in the very vicinity where Baptist missions took fire in America. Leadership conferences are held in homes, Masonic lodges, city halls, a hull barn that had miraculously been converted into an auditorium, and church buildings of various denominations. To fit a full scale Baptist program into a dwelling with three bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, and a bath takes ingenuity. It is in the pioneer fields that we find churches meeting in fall-out shelters, organizing in Knights of Columbus halls, holding services in store buildings and theaters. Yes, it takes more than ingenuity. It takes determination and dedication.

We try to answer the usual questions and meet typical needs, and discover that the questions and needs are those we find in states with a long history in Women's Missionary Union work. The only differences are that the work must be done with fewer people and many adjustments in organizational structure are necessary. Anniversary plans and goals are being used in societies less than a year old. Aims for Advancement is the adopted plan of work everywhere and prayer retreats are being held across the nation in new churches and missions as well as in older ones.

Perhaps the greatest contribution the women in pioneer states make is to community missions; for almost every society has helped to start one or more missions or chapels! One group had helped their church start three chapels in less than two years.

Time flies and so do the miles when one engagement is scarcely finished before it is time for another to begin, but that was the anticipation of Mrs. Mathis, Miss McIntosh, and Dr. Redford when the job for WMCU promotion associate in pioneer areas was set up.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

March 4-8, 1963

THEM:

"If My People ... Pray"

2 Chronicles 7:14

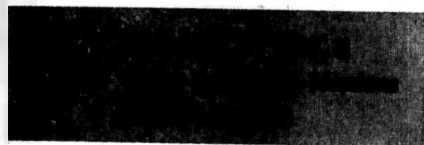


Writer for the Week:
Mrs. B. Lloyd Parsons

Outline For Each Day

Medley of Music
Call to Worship
Hymn
Scripture Selections
Call to Prayer
Personal Commitment
Offering to Annie Armstrong Offering

Begin Right: The approach of all concerned in planning for this week depends on diligence in prayer and study before the week begins. In addition to study of each day's material, refer to Forecaster for plans and help. The prayer committee along with those people to be used every day, and the stewardship and community missions chairman should be in your planning sessions. Make specific plans regarding action to follow each day's consideration of need. The action and specific plans are the responsibility of the community missions committee (see "Lord Use Me to Do" section for each day).



Prepare Carefully: Make a poster to encourage women in quietness and reverence. On it print: "Enter Quietly to Pray." A woman can hold it up outside the door of the room where you meet.

Have these ready for each member:

On Monday—Paper and pencils, WMS Prayer Cards, free from state WMU offices
On Tuesday—Leaflet "Juvenile Rehabilitation" from Home Mission Board
On Thursday—Copies of prayer needs, see page 57, and paper and pencil
On Friday—Leaflet "Is God Calling You?" from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia

Give all these out at the door as women enter to avoid moving about later.

To Receive the Offering each day you will need to have ready for:

Monday: A semicircle of dolls cut from paper or use small dolls of nations
Tuesday: A Girls' Auxiliary Crown for Queen, 35c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.
Wednesday: A cardboard church, 50c from Baptist Book Stores

Thursday: An open Bible
Friday: Church offering plate with small USA flag

Be Definite: Suggest to all WMS members that they read before March 4 the "Feature Section," pages 12-20. And be sure that the person who leads the Call to Prayer reads the article for the day from the Feature Section and mentions facts and needs from the article as she prays.

For Wednesday if the pastor is to speak at your meeting be sure you make it clear what he is to do and give him a copy of *Royal Service* and remind him of the 75th Anniversary folder which is sent free to your president and pastor.

You have for advertising the Week of Prayer a large poster as well as eye-level announcements which are sent to your president; use these and the center page from *March Home Missions* magazine on bulletin boards throughout the church. Also use the 75th Anniversary folder which are to be distributed to every WMS member as you encourage your members to enter into daily family worship.

Also order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Ala., Program Covers, priced at 2c each.

Interest Center: It should be simple. Use American and Christian flags, with greenery and flowers arranged tastefully about the room. Place the large theme poster on the wall behind a table. Cover the table with white or blue paper or cloth. A world globe with ribbons extending from it to the USA on the poster and a small exhibit of your state with ribbons from your state to the globe.

The Annie Armstrong Offering each day is a vital part of prayer and worship. Make it meaningful. Plan that each day members of different circles bring their gifts. There will be no day in which someone does not respond at time of offering. Slips of paper can be provided for each day and distributed as women enter. Women can write commitments of self, time, talent and keep these to remind themselves of their resolutions.

MONDAY March 4, 1963

"I My People... Pray"

2 Chronicles 7:14

My People Will:

"Witness Unto All Nations" Matthew 24:14

Medley of missionary hymns played softly five minutes before prayer time.

Call to Worship: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Prayer: Pray, recalling conditions set forth by God in the Call to Worship verse above.

Hymn (song leader speaks): Will you bow your heads "It's a-me, O Lord—Standin' in the need of pray'r. Not my brother, . . . Not my sister, it's a-me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of pray'r." Standing in the need of help in emptying myself of all thoughts and matters that daily weigh down the soul to such demands that I can no longer see, hear, nor feel anything outside the bounds of "me" and "mine." Help me to find the humility of the cross as I seek to intercede for my country this week. Give me that attitude of unceasing prayer of which Paul spoke. Help us to walk in an acute awareness which we have never known before as we see thy face now "Lord, speak to me, that I may speak." Amen. Let us sing together this hymn.

Hymn (verses): "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" No. 340 Baptist Hymnal or see page 4. Read words without music if pianist not available, or use voices in solo or duet.

Scripture Selections: (Four women come early

and sent themselves about room, and at proper time read from Bibles): Jeremiah 29:12-13; Psalm 67:1-2; Psalm 66:18-20; Mark 11:24.

Call to Prayer: Ask person who directs this prayer period to read beforehand the article "A Baptist Church Resettles Cuban Refugees," page 15 and use information in that article to pray more specifically (pray).

(She continues) From America to all the world have gone God's ambassadors carrying high the banner of the Almighty King. It is our privilege to go with them through prayer day by day. Let us pray for the missionaries who have birthdays this day (see Call to Prayer, page 23, pray).

From all the world to America have come more than twenty million students, businessmen, government officials of all nations. Very few of them know Jesus as Saviour. Coming to "Christian" America, they are met with disconcerting unconcern for the most part. Let us pray for a revival of Christian concern and compassion among God's people in our country (pray).

Twenty thousand people from over the world live in Washington, D. C., where they serve in the Diplomatic Service. Pray for the atmosphere in government to be more Christ-like (pray).

Pray that an international center in Washington, now in the minds and hearts of many Baptists, soon will become a reality (pray).

To be used each day:

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
Tune: Canonbury, L. M.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone:
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'er-flow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;

Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share
—Frances R. Havergal

World Missions at Home

... from ARGENTINA

Each day, except Wednesday there will be presented World Missions at Home. To introduce this we will hear from a person from another country who will give personal testimony of an experience in our country which had influenced her life as she witnesses now to her own people. World Missions is the Third Jubilee Advance emphasis for this year. And we shall try this week to see that world mission advance depends largely upon home missions. Today we hear from a young woman in Argentina. Let us call her Senorita. She tells us:

In the hills of my country, seated by the river during a Christian camp, I came face to face with the Lord and yielded to him my life. I was nineteen years old and I wept at the long time I had wasted in not knowing him. From that day I knew my greatest desire was to serve him forever.

It was my good fortune to be elected to represent the Argentine National WMU at the Baptist World Alliance, in Rio, Brazil. This magnificent experience made a tremendous impact on me, and I wanted to kneel at the end of the bench on which I was sitting in thanks for the marvelous things the Lord was doing for me without my being in the least worthy of them.

My father gave me a trip to the United States where I had the privilege of seeing our Baptist

work and meeting the people who had brought to us the truth of the gospel.

I entered the United States at Miami, Florida, and was in South Carolina, Texas, New Mexico, and Illinois, as well as in other states. As I traveled, I was the object of a thousand attentions which made my stay in your country very happy. I saw towns, cities, rivers, and mountains, plowed fields, petroleum towers, the Indian Summer, and roads, roads in every direction.

I saw the power of United States industry. I saw many things beautiful and some not so beautiful. I saw a standard of life far superior to that of Argentina. Many times as I sat and ate of the bounties of your encampments I thought of the simplicity of our Argentine camps. I found our Baptist family to be numerous, with majestic temples and wonderful educational buildings, but I felt sad often to see in the temples so majestic, so very few there to worship. I came to know many precious Christians and some not so admirable. I fear that those not so admirable were in the majority, but it is true that superficial Christians are in every country.

Many of the good things you taught me I am trying to put into practice as I serve as a missionary of our own mission board in the Chaco Province of Argentina. Pray for me as we work together for our Lord in our two countries (pray).

Circumstances place many people in our country. God gives to us opportunities to be to them world missionaries at home.

Unexpected Guests

The frivolous, impelling arms of circumstance have scooped up bewildered people from Cuba and deposited them in the reluctant lap of America. Pictured in September, 1962, Royal Service and March 1962, Home Missions are scenes of the sad situation. A young mother, father, and child walk from the plane in Miami toward the observation deck lined with relatives, friends, and the curious. A clump of hair blows unnoticed across the taut, anxious face of the woman as she scans the crowd for a familiar face. A man, clutching a child, walks with furrowed brow, looking anxiously into the crowd. In the series of pictures, Home Missions one sees anxiety falter, then faint hope, and finally a dawning recognition. Then relief unbounded lights up faces as loved ones are reunited.

Even so the world comes to Southern Baptists. Through alert and swift-moving the Home Mission Board tries quickly to reach through barriers to meet the unexpected

guests who are filled with sorrow and despair.

Mr. Robert Fricke, a missionary who had served in Cuba, is in charge of Baptist relief work in Miami and Mr. R. G. Van Royen has the job of working through states and associations assisting in resettlement of families.

Through these and other efforts Southern Baptists are providing loving assistance.

There is thirty-four-year-old Miguel Lopez, a thickset, friendly businessman who reached Miami with his attractive wife and two boys. They left in Cuba an adequate business which specialized in women's apparel. This business his wife operated. He was a highly successful salesman.

This family is second generation Baptist. Today they are active in the Spanish department of the Fletcher Street Baptist Church in Miami where Senor Lopez teaches a men's Bible class. He works three hours a day, studies English five hours a day and hopes for resettlement to another section of the country. But Senor Lopez is fortunate. He managed to bring some money with him.

Francisco Taracido, a judge in Cuba, did not. His four children are adjusting to school in Miami but the task is more difficult for Senor Taracido. His family has yet to be resettled. Some families already are living in communities all across our country.

Let us join a group waiting at Love Field Airport, Dallas. A plane circles for landing. A lovely sign with WELCOME in Spanish meets the gaze of a Cuban family eagerly looking toward the ground. Passengers move quickly, bent on business of the day. Then there appears a small family group stepping out with hesitation. They look around expectantly. Then there is a rush of both groups in glad greeting. The Glenway Baptist Church welcomed a Cuban father, mother, and two children into its fellowship and heart.

Rev. Rude Hernandez, Texas state evangelist, acts as interpreter. In the midst of excitement, the father asks that a prayer of thanksgiving be offered, and the group is moved by his earnest and devout prayer.

The church had a house ready for the Hernandez family with food in the pantry. The father went to work the first week in a printing shop. They had been active Baptists in Cuba and the entire family joined the church on the next Sunday where they are happy to be a part of a Baptist fellowship in our country. Thanks to the Home Mission Board and the Glenway Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Praying to help resettle a Cuban family should be Robert Fricke, 3318 N.W. 15th Ave., Miami, Fla.

Pray for the thousands of Cuban refugees in our country, for our churches that we shall help these displaced families find employment and places to live (pray).

Return Missionaries

Thousands of young people who come to the United States for study, adults who come for business and government reasons, and the increasing number of tourists, are often our best opportunity to witness through them to areas of the world now closed to missions.

Miss Eunice Parker, in her work as director of international student ministries in Texas has come to know many students. She tells us of some of them.

A young man from Syria, studying in Texas once observed in a conversation "I used to believe in love and good will you talk about, but no more. Not since I saw hordes of people driven from their homes, hundreds killed in cold blood, and many more suffering and dying. Love doesn't have much meaning after that. Force is all I understand."

Another young man came alone and of his own choice to a service. He commented "I like to visit your church even though I do not believe as you do. In many ways I feel your religion is better than mine. But the difficulty here is that it is hard to know what you mean by belief. Is it what you say you accept in your mind, or the way you behave in day-to-day life? I find few here who really live by what they say."

A Hindu made this helpful suggestion, "I want to know about your religion, but I don't begin by telling me mine is all wrong."

Nine Buddhist students of Japanese extraction, who are presently living in Hawaii came to know Christ as Saviour when the members of a small pioneer Southern Baptist church in Corvallis, Oregon, began a quiet, but sustained prayer effort in their behalf.

We are making a tremendous impression on these visitors every day. Let us remember that we are making a deposit in lives that will influence others in lands across the sea, where we ourselves may never go. Let us pray now for those living in our country for a time, and ask for strength to live like Christ before them (pray).

Pray for the more than 60,000 overseas students in our country, and other visitors in our country. Pray for members of Baptist churches that we shall be friendly and helpful to visitors from overseas (pray).

Faith Unfeigned

Paul, in addressing himself to young Timothy,

called himself "An apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God," and later said that the end of this commandment is "faith unfeigned." Faith, pure and sincere, is the Christian's gift. Faith like this is rare, but I know where you can see it demonstrated. In the state of California among those dedicated missionaries and congregations who are designated "Language Missions."

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, formerly head of the Foreign Mission Board, said, "The most strategic mission field on earth is the West Coast of the United States."

A group of Southern Baptists took a bus ride to Language Mission churches in California. As they rode along with the warm midday sun shining through the bus windows, they listened to the pleasant voice coming from the front of the moving vehicle. Mr. Jack Combs, director of Language Missions in California described the situations and people in the churches made possible by Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Offering dollars. This language mission work is vital because many people who come to our country cannot speak English and therefore a ministry in their language is necessary.

In California alone Southern Baptists minister to Russians, Spanish, Indians, Japanese, Chinese, and Koreans.

We cannot stop with the busload of Southern Baptists at every church, but let us tell you of two churches where a foreign language is spoken in their worship services.

A hearty handshake welcomed the travelers into the incredibly clean and beautiful Slavic Church in San Francisco for Russian speaking people, where Dr. Paul Rogosin is pastor. A large banner across the length of the sanctuary proclaimed in Russian, "Where the Spirit of God Is, There Is Liberty."

What a significant quotation for people from Russia!

Mr. Rogosin showed a collection of beautifully illustrated magazines, daily newspapers, and extremely attractive literature, moderately priced, that is flown in daily from Russia. It is distributed from a newsstand two blocks from the church, in easy access to all who speak Russian. This literature is filled with Communist propaganda, and anti-United States sentiment, all straight from Russia to the living rooms of America. Mr. Rogosin is making a valiant effort to put the Truth into the hands of these people with weekly newsheets and a monthly magazine with Christian ideals.

At another spot the group climbed a windy hill to a dwelling which they filled to overflowing. The consecrated American Indian pastor, Rev. George Smith, said shyly, "This is

the largest congregation I ever had. His story is of a faith that changed a man from the religion of his people to a preacher of almost as many tribes as he has members. It is a heroic story of one man's undaunted battle to locate Indians of all tribes who are moving into San Francisco and to witness to them of a religion of love and a Saviour who died for them. Pray for Mr. Smith as he tries to find the Indians before they are lost in the city.

You must visit the Spanish church in San Francisco where Senor Elias Delgado is pastor. Here thirteen flags fly from the front of the rostrum, representing the nationalities in the membership. The WMU president was saved in her native Argentina, married to a Swede, is now worshipping in a Spanish church in the United States, and leading an organization that has a world delegation at every session.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence said, "Money invested in missions in the West will pay larger and quicker dividends in mission support than money invested anywhere else on earth."

What we say about California missions can be said for areas in the East, Northeast, Northwest, and wherever foreign-speaking people are concentrated. We need faith unfeigned to meet this challenge of Americans who are in specialized need because of language and custom.

Pray for missionaries, for people in our country who find our language and customs strange, for those who are Christians and for Southern Baptist work among them (pray).

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me.
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share
—Frances R. Havergal

Lord, Use Me to BE:

In the closing moments of this time together with God, holding in our hearts and minds the awareness of a world's people inside our door, and feeling the tug of their loss and loneliness, let us ask to be light, and salt, and leaven. Let us yearn for sensitivity to the hurting, isolated people of our land. Let us pray that we shall not be caught up in the universal concern that grips people today. Shall we pray, "Lord use me to be an aware, sensitive, concerned Christian in my community" (pray).

Lord Use Me to PRAY:

For the 75 years of our existence as an organization the years have been spanned by a bridge of prayer. Let us read together the treasured words of the Prayer C of

Woman's Missionary Society (pause for reading). Born in a prayer meeting, nurtured by the devoted love of the faithful, grown into the largest prayer group in the world, we today renew our sense of purpose in prayer. We will have a season of volunteer prayer now, which I will close. (Call on someone to begin, and bring the period to a close in about ten minutes.)

Lord Use Me to DO:

There is a wide margin between what we profess and what we do. We need to narrow the gap today as we find the task for our hands in this list.

Think of the people you know:

The owner of a restaurant
The man in the shoeshop
The exchange student
The bride of a soldier

Have we really tried to know them, shared their problems, invited them to our home, our church?

Could I write a letter to a college student from my community, asking to be put in touch with an international student whom I might help?

Is there someone whom I could help to learn English?

On the back of your prayer card write a new need regarding today's subject to add to your personal prayer list (pause for writing).

Lord Use Me to GIVE:

Rose Naranjo, missionary to the Indians in Taos, New Mexico, stood before a group of women from the WMU conference at Glorieta and extending her arms with palms outstretched, said, "I am a product of the Annie Armstrong Offering." Never again will this offering be a vague impersonal gift to those who heard her. To follow an offering to its divine transformation from money to people preaching the gospel, buildings for worship, teaching and healing, is a thrilling experience. Our church goal for Annie Armstrong Offering this year is \$_____ This is our adopted share of the Convention goal of \$3,310,000. As you bring your gift, silently dedicate gift and giver as you go from this place to opportunities for service in your world now.

Lord use us to be, to pray, to do, and to give. (Use slips of paper. Ask women to be thoughtful about what they have heard today. Are there those who want to write down a resolve concerning some act of service she will render today to one who needs her. Each woman will take home the slip as a reminder.)

GIVE to Annie Armstrong Offering

Instrumental Music, "The Kingdom Is Coming," as offering is placed in receptacle in semicircle of paper dolls (see suggestions, page 42). (Women leave quietly.)

TUESDAY, March 5, 1963

"If My People...Pray"

2 Chronicles 7:14

My People Will:

Seek Those Gone Astray" Matthew 18:12

Medley of missionary hymns played softly five minutes before prayer time.

Call to worship: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and

pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"

2 Chronicles 7:14.

Prayer: Pray for ourselves that the tasks of our homes may be enriched because of our dedication to God's purposes, and that we shall seek his guidance in our homes day by day; that we may know his will for ourselves and our children.

Hymn (soloist speaks): As we consider together the words of our hymn for the week, let us relate it to our topic for today which is on the subject of reclaiming our youth. Listen to the words of the first verse.

"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone."

—Frances R. Havergal

Surely no other subject comes closer to us gathered here to pray, than this one today—the youth lost and bewildered in our cities, towns, and rural lanes. Let us pray that we may be sensitive to the voice of God as he calls us to the task of meeting needs of our youth (pray).

Will you listen with open mind and heart to the summons to help young people now before it is too late?

Solo: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak," No. 340 Baptist Hymnal (sing all verses) or see page 44 and read words if no pianist is available.

Scripture Selections: (Four women come early and seat themselves about room, and at proper time read from Bibles): Mark 11:25; James 5:16; 1 Timothy 4:12b; Philippians 4:8.

Call to Prayer: (Play softly on piano or violin "I Am Praying for You," throughout this period. Ask person who directs this prayer period to read beforehand the article "A Juvenile Delinquent, for Example," page 16, and use information in that article to pray more fully. Pray).

(She continues:)

I love to feel that though on earth we may
not meet,
Yet we may hold heart fellowship at God's
dear feet,
I like to feel that in the work Thou hast to do,
That I, by lifting hands of prayer, may help
Thee, too.

—Author Unknown

Most of us have shallow and intermittent prayer experiences. When we pray it is often for selfish ends or personal needs. What glory could yet be brought to our soul if we would more earnestly engage in regular, daily intercessory prayer! Let us now pray for mission-

aries who are today observing the Sabbath.
(See Call to Prayer, page 23. Pray.)

(She continues) Dr. J. V. Jungermann, formerly with the Home Mission Board, made this statement which grips with sorrow the heart of every mother. He said: "The breakdown of home life in America has contributed to juvenile delinquency. More than a million boys and girls come in contact with the law each year. One out of every three marriages end in divorce and many marriages exist under great tension. In 75 per cent of homes where parents are between the ages of 25 and 40, or both parents drink. Somebody drinks in 40 per cent of the homes of America."

Pray silently for your homes and the homes of your neighbors and friends (pray).

World Missions at Home

... SHARING CHRIST in the HOME

The World Missions story for today began in Korea, where Mrs. Don Kim was born. Her testimony to Woman's Missionary Union meetings, conventions, camps, and assemblies is familiar. The retelling always brings a renewed sense of purpose to mothers who hear it.

As a little girl, growing up in her home with a Christian mother, Mrs. Kim came to know this statement better than any her mother spoke, "Always act like a Christian." Her mother often continued, "In every circumstance remember that you are a Christian. You have faith and you must show it. Always depend on your faith to see you through and you will come out fine."

Now, Mrs. Kim had a happy childhood with no suffering and it was easy to promise to always act like a Christian. She was one, and for her life held no trials.

There came a day, when Korea was at war, that this young sheltered girl was taken prisoner. Through more than eight years, through suffering almost too much for human endurance, she held onto the word of her mother and exercised faith in God.

At the end of her imprisonment almost blind, all hair, teeth, fingernails, and toenails gone, her body covered with filth and sores, she looked at her captors and with the same steadfast faith said, "My God is sufficient. I love him more today than I did yesterday, and my faith is stronger than when I was a prisoner."

Some of the Japanese soldiers, guards and fellow prisoners were converted because of the faith which she demonstrated among them. Today with her husband, Mrs. Don Kim is living

the Korean Baptist Church in Los Angeles, where hundreds of students and visitors from Korea come under their teaching.

Every child in our Christian country has the right to be taught personal faith in Christ. Alas how many never hear the name of Christ at home and would not be able to say whether mother and father were Christians!

Seeking Those Gone Astray

Now I lay me down to sleep;
I cannot pray because I weep
For children straying faraway
From the commandments
day by day.

How can they know
the way to go—
Even when thou
dost love them so—
Unless someone
With care and love
Guides them in
Thy truths above?

A pastor in a city church in Texas tells of a distraught mother who brought her erring son to his office seeking help to straighten out the boy's troubled life.

"Where do you go to church?" the pastor asked the boy.

"Nowhere," was his reply.

"How old are you?"

"Fifteen."

"Have you ever gone to church or Sunday school?"

"No, I haven't."

"Where do you go to school?"

"Down the street."

"Where do you live?"

"Right around the corner."

"Why don't you come to our church then?" the pastor asked with puzzled brow.

"Nobody ever asked me," was the candid reply.

"Well, how long have you lived here, Son?"

"All my life," came the inditing statement.

This pastor pleads with congregations everywhere. Don't let that ever be said of your community. It's a terrible burden to bear.

The youths we talk about today are not vague groups, off somewhere in another town, faceless and nameless, but they are Jane, Bill, Joe, and Sue in our town, our church and, yes, sometimes in your home and mine.

The Juvenile Rehabilitation Ministry of the Home Mission Board is rehabilitation at the court house in co-operation with members of local Baptist churches. There are two general approaches to the problem: prevention and re-

habilitation. The Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and all the youth organizations play a part in the prevention of delinquency. It is in this sense that we are involved in a personal way, while in the larger sense we have a solemn obligation to assist by encouraging participation of members of our churches in this organized ministry of the Home Mission Board.

"The program is not one of theory alone but one now in operation. This work magnifies Christ and the local church. It seeks to rehabilitate the child by leading both the child and his parents to Christ and to walk in his ways."

The Court Convenes

In order to see how this work is carried on let us convene court and call for the Juvenile Court Docket for today. Town? Any town, you name it, and a boy in need will be there. Miami, Charleston, Kansas City, San Francisco, Carson Corners, he's there, and this is his case. The situation is almost identical no matter where he lives, the same pitiful, loveless environment, but the boy or girl is not the same. Each one is a person in his own right, with painful longings, dreams, and needs. Each one deserves a hearing, a helping hand, a prayer, a friend. This is the scene, and you, Southern Baptist, are a witness. (If the following can be taped by appropriate voices it would be most effective. Or, they should be told sympathetically and understandingly and distinctly by a different person, who speaks from her place in the room.)

Leader for the Day: First case. Let us call him Joe Smith.

Speaker (from wherever seated): Your Honor, I am the counsel for the defense. My name is Harry Chafin and I work as a counselor with the Home Mission Board for Southern Baptists. Let me tell you about Joe Smith, age fifteen.

When Joe was three years old, his father was killed in an accident. Since then there has been no male figure in the family, and it appears the mother has been overprotective. The home where they live is unkept and the neighborhood environment is poor. Joe's first offense was stealing, after which he was put on probation for one year. I secured a sponsor for Joe, but after a little while the sponsor resigned. During the year's probation Joe was charged with beating a man for his money. He was sent to a reform school, and I asked that he be given another chance.

We had Joe in summer camp for one week and he responded to the Christian atmosphere there. I got a job for him, and when he was laid off we got him another place with a fine

Baptist layman. Joe worked with this man who showed an interest in him for two years and his record was excellent. He became a Christian later and was baptized and was regular in church attendance until he enlisted in the Air Force. His record has proved the justification of my asking for another chance for Joe. This is just one story in your court. Your Honor, but Joe isn't just another boy. He's a boy who found a Christian friend.

Leader for Day: Second case, Jack Bronson.

Speaker (from wherever seated): "There was nothing distinctive about this family, except that there were six people there, all unsaved," says Ward Spenser, director of Juvenile Rehabilitation, Cincinnati, Ohio.

They were poor and lived in an apartment. The court asked that we work with Jack. A referral was made to a Baptist church in our association, where the pastor and his committee selected a sponsor. Jack began to attend church occasionally but with little interest.

He got into trouble during the sponsoring period, and the judge decided to keep him in detention until his parents could improve the deplorable living conditions in the home.

The church ministered faithfully to Jack and his family and helped them move to a more desirable house. This deed of kindness prompted the father to attend church and in a short time he realized his need for Christ. God saved this man and he became concerned about his family. "The Lord willing," Mr. Spence concluded, "I plan to attend their church next Sunday where we shall praise the Lord. I am not sure I shall be able to see through tears, for you see, Jack and his entire family are being baptized!"

Pray for these boys. Although their names have been changed they are real boys who need our prayer today. Pray also for other boys being helped by counselors and sponsors (pray).

Summation to the Court: The docket must close, but how? Cases one through one million crowd my heart, and voices plead to be heard. There's Sally, fourteen, and in serious trouble; Joan, who never had a chance to be decent; Billy, and Joe, and Ann, and Sara, and Mary.

The priority and importance of this work merit our full attention on this day of prayer. Surely we shall be more sensitive to such need. Surely we shall pray, but also we shall find places of service here in our community.

Excellent work in helping juveniles is being done in many associations, however, facts continue to reveal that organized efforts are too few and too little. Hundreds of children could be reached if there were more sponsors, and

more people who would work and pray. What about our church, are we ready to move to help such boys and girls? They are nearby if we will look for them.

Do we women dare to hold this problem up to the light? In almost every case the record shows that delinquent adults are a part of the problem. Are there other ways we women can undertake a responsibility in helping to prevent delinquency and rehabilitate erring young lives?

The greatest exodus since the children of Israel left Egypt, is the one that takes place in American homes every morning when the family—mother, father, and children, leave for outside commitments. The home stands like an interrupted symphony until someone re-enters that evening to begin an erratic melody again.

Someone has said that parents have abdicated the homes. Is this not a beginning place for Christian women? Who else will make of our houses Christ-centered homes? Who else will listen, counsel, comfort, guide, and love a little boy or girl like the mother? We sing "God give us Christian homes" and then deny our children the help of our hands and hearts.

Let us pray now and without ceasing for mothers in their wonderful ministry for God in our homes. We have the God-given mission of making Christians and not cases of the children in our homes, church, and community. Let us pray (pray).

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Lord Use Me to RE:

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

—Frances R. Havergal

There has never been a time when God needed harnessed womanpower more than now. Never has the need for total dedication been so great. Someone said that women are no longer committed to anything, that nothing moves the vast majority of us to "get involved." No one is willing to pay the price. No one has the time to be used of the Lord, "as Thou wilt, and when, and where."

Shall we all say in our hearts, "Let this commitment period today bring me face to face with the vision of what God can do with my life, totally yielded to him—my life."

*Order from Home Mission Board, 161 N. W. Atlanta 1, Georgia, enough copies of "Juvenile Rehabilitation" so that every church has a copy. Follow up on definite plans in church and association. See also your 1962 "Mission Supplement."

WRIT for Week of Prayer

Mrs. B. Lloyd Parsons grew up in a Baptist preacher's home where her mother was keenly interested in mission work and served as WMU president several times.

Marle's missionary education began in Sunbeam Band and she says, "I did not miss a WMU youth organization. Girls' Auxiliary, YWA—I loved it every step of the way!" She attended Howard College, Alabama Baptists' excellent school.

influence, and my personality, all in the center of his holy will. Lord use me to be a surrendered servant of Thine" (pray).

Lord Use Me to PRAY:

Let us pray silently concerning the things we have just heard and realized. (After two or three minutes leader closes with "Amen.")

(She continues) We are going to observe a period of volunteer prayer now, and as we come to this high moment, let me make some urgent requests to be remembered. (Read list without pause.) Will you resolve with me to:

Start family worship time with my family.
Show interest in social problems my son or daughter must face which I do not want him to face alone.

Have time to listen at home.
Invite youth groups into my home.
Put a child in need of counseling in touch with the pastor or some other adult counselor.
Befriend a parent whose son or daughter has been involved in a case in court, and show Christian love and understanding.

Make definite efforts to help parents whose lives are delinquent.

Contact Good Will Center worker, juvenile court counselor to see if there are areas in which I can help.

Volunteer to serve as sponsor to help in juvenile rehabilitation.

Provide a Christian recreation area, particularly important in rural areas and small towns where recreation facilities are limited.

Will you volunteer to pray now about these concerns? (Pray.) (Close period after ten minutes.)

(She continues) Somewhere in this group are those who should be leading an auxiliary. Many women have testified that Girls' Auxiliary, Sunbeam Band, and Young Woman's Auxiliary influenced their decision to go into their "field." There is a gaping chasm

Mr. Parsons is deacon in Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, and is superintendent of an adult Sunday school department. She teaches a woman's class.

Mrs. Parsons has served as president of Birmingham Baptist Associational WMU for two years. At present she is in her third year as president of Woman's Missionary Union in her church where they have three Woman's Missionary Societies.

between the abstract prayer. "Bless the GAs" and a woman saying, "I will be a GA counselor."

Pray for those now engaged in leading Girls' Auxiliary and offer your gratitude for the fifty wonderful years of growth in this Christian endeavor (pray).

Pray for the children of our homes and churches to be called to the mission field of America. Say to them, "If God calls you to be a missionary I would hate to see you stoop to be a President (pray)." Pray for the enlistment of young people of our denomination in the auxiliaries of WMU, where they will come under the influence of missionary fervor (pray).

Lord Use Me to DO:

As we come to the climax of our time together, we realize that we now bear the burden of responsibility because of a new and staggering knowledge. To our knowledge let us add the compassion of Christ that produces a sensitized awareness, that finds rest only through definite deeds.

Lord Use Me to GIVE

(State Annie Armstrong Offering goal for your church.)

To assemble here to pray, to worship, to hear of needs and fail to show our love in a concrete way is to say our concern is vain. We come now bringing our offering for home missions, sharing in the work of those dedicated to reclaiming the youth of America. As you place your offering in the Girls' Auxiliary crown on the table pause and silently dedicate the gift and giver, and as you go be alert to the opportunity for service awaiting you.

GIVE to Annie Armstrong Offering
(Musician plays "We've a Story to Tell" as women bring offering, place it in GA crown, and leave room silently.)

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1963

"If My People... Pray"

2 Chronicles 7:14

My People Will:

"Go Everywhere Preaching"

Medley of missionary hymns played softly five minutes before prayer time.

Call to Worship: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Prayer: (Include a petition for the people of our Convention that we will turn from the ways of the world and its materialism and be a mighty force for righteousness now.)

Hymn: (Song leader reads all verses of "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" with music accompaniment. See page 44.)

(She continues) The promise of God that we will share his glory, his rest, his joy, should give a Christian a victorious witness every day of her life. The assurance of the blessedness available to us now and waiting for us eventually should so color our attitudes and activities that those whose lives we touch are caught up in contagious enthusiasm for Christ's ways.

From sea to sea our land is dotted with beautiful cities and countryside settlements sprinkled throughout, like fingers reaching skyward are the inspiring spires of our churches, some magnificent and breathtaking in size and height, others modest and smaller, but all pointing in one direction with unmistakable meaning. The gaze of the traveler is unavoidably attracted to the thousands of quiet, beautiful church buildings of America. Silent testimonies, they are, to the sustained labor for the Lord going on "from the mountain, to the prairie,

to the ocean white with foam." Sentinels of salvation silhouetted against the firmament we call our land—and their number grows with ever passing day.

Fellowship with other Christians in a church is the happiest privilege given to God's children on this earth. We covet for all people this relationship, and especially must we pray for a deep and abiding determination on our part that all the people of the United States can come to know the strength and warmth of Christ-centered churches.

Dr. A. B. Rutledge of the Home Mission Board says, "For the sake of all the multitude without Christ, for building of national strength and for the providing of moral leadership and missionary ministries around the world, the United States must be Christian." Today our subject for prayer and study is the urgent need for new churches and we will hear stories of some modern miracles of how congregations become churches.

Scripture Selections: (Four women... early and seat themselves about room, and proper time read from Bibles): Luke 10:1-17; Romans 10:13-14; Acts 8:4; Mark 5:19b

Call to Prayer: Ask person who... its this prayer period to read beforehand... article "The Verdict Is 'Guilty!'" page 17, use in... formation in that article to pray more... ty. See Call to Prayer, page 23 and pray for... e missionaries also (pray).

(She continues) The slogan on the...blem of the Home Mission Board reads, "Land for Christ." As long as 75 million people in our land make no profession of belief in Christ.

this slogan... be a call to prayer. Gigantic efforts to... the Lord answer this prayer through us... being made in the 30,000 Movement which... challenge to all of us to help organize churches and missions wherever there is need for the gospel witness.

Pray for the staggering goal to be met and even exceeded (pray).

Pray for the perseverance of the faithful who have moved into areas where no church is available to them (pray).

Pray for preachers and leaders to be led into service in unchurched places (pray).

Pray for every new beginning where people are struggling to get roots down to build strong churches (pray).

Pray for the isolated groups in the West, Northwest, Northeast, and other sections where there are few people to help, and buildings are inadequate (pray).

Pray that every Southern Baptist may feel personal responsibility for Christians without a building in which to worship, and resolve that each will make a worthy offering to home missions this week so that there will be funds to provide help with buildings (pray).

Pray for Miss Bernice Elliott, promotion associate in pioneer areas for Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board, as she travels over America, teaching, helping, encouraging, and witnessing (pray).

Pray for volunteers to give time in work for the Lord in these areas (pray).

Pray for the pastor of your church, your leaders, and your young people (pray).

Close with audible prayer of thanksgiving for your church; pray that it will accept the challenge of winning people to Christ now and helping to build churches (pray).

World Missions at Home ... MY LAND for CHRIST

If you are an American the mission field on which you were born is the greatest in the world! A home missionary says, "Show me someone who loves Christ and I will show you a missionary, show me someone without Christ and I will show you a mission field."

"Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And bleed thro' bloody seas?"

—Isaac Watts

While many Southern Baptists hitchhike on the labor of others, pioneers in increasing numbers... the land are swelling a chorus of hallelujahs like a mighty choir, as the movement to establish new churches gathers momentum... are some modern pilgrims in

New England. From Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Mr. Eugene F. Trawick, pastor of the Scriven Memorial Baptist Church, sends a thrilling story. "Where does your church worship?" he asks. "The Scriven Memorial Baptist Church worships in four states every Sunday. Not in one place, but in four separate places hundreds of miles apart."

It all began about four years ago when forty-four people wanted to establish Southern Baptist work in New England. This church was sponsored at the beginning—not by a neighboring church—but by a church thousands of miles away in Roswell, New Mexico. So at the very beginning, missionary zeal coupled with distance became a part of these people.

Gene Trawick arrived on the field from Georgia in January, 1960. The church was organized in February, 1960, and almost immediately the members felt compelled to ask themselves, "Where can we begin a mission?" Here was a church, howbeit brand new, with such a deepening concern to witness for Christ that it was willing to trust God and by faith, believe he would supply every need. Within a year, mission points were established in Bangor, Me.; Providence, R. I.; Boston, and Northboro, Mass.

The surest way for a church to be continually revived is not to think of itself, but to think outside itself. The best way to grow spiritually and mature as a Christian is not to be concerned about self, but to be filled with an overwhelming compassion for lost souls without Christ.

So there are Southern Baptist churches, scattered throughout our country. We worship hundreds of miles apart, and still the field is white—the day is at hand—others are waiting to hear, and the story has no end—until Christ comes.

Rambling Over Nevada

A woman and her husband spent a week at a church in Nevada, conducting a school of music and she recounts an amazing schedule. She tells us:

"We began the school of music Monday night with nine adult choir members. My eyes took in the small building, noting a Sunday school enrolment of 69, with an attendance of 50; Training Union, 43 with 30 attending; an offering of \$93.65, all of which I realized was far above average in Southern Baptist churches."

"Tuesday afternoon at the WMS meeting, we studied the WMU Year Book and made preparations for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Tuesday evening, through snow and ice, over the roughest road I ever saw, we took one

hour to go to Jungo mining camp 35 miles away. I wondered briefly after the ride if it were worthwhile to go at such a hardship for only 48 people with no hope of the congregation ever being a church.

"Worthwhile? Who can say the worth of young lives won to the Lord? Who can tell how Christians will count for the Lord? A preacher or missionary? What is size or number to the purveyor of loaves and fishes?"

"The hours and moments of the day were never adequate to fill the requests as we raced through the days from activity to activity. Invitations to several other areas are unanswered as yet. Help is desperately needed to cover this vast territory. The neglect of teaching God's Word in this area of 40,000 miles will affect the nation; even the world!"

Pray for those Americans living in scattered communities throughout the great West and Northwest. Many have no church within reach (pray).

"Concrete Canyons"

This phrase is used by Dr. Paul S. James, pastor Manhattan Baptist Church and director of SBC work in metropolitan New York, to describe this fascinating nerve center of our nation where steel and concrete skyscrapers determine the landscape. Out of these canyons are growing a witness for Christ that spurs the faith of Southern Baptists. Dr. Courts Redford said recently in Home Missions, "The faith and courage of the members of our new churches have served as a firebrand to set afire our entire denominational program."

"Students and laymen and women who serve for short periods in these areas return to inject enthusiasm and spiritual fervor into the apathetic blood vessels of our older churches. It serves as a blood transfusion to scores of the inactive and indifferent."

There is a story of love, concern, faith, and unbelievable hard work behind each church and mission. Let one story represent all.

New Churches, New Life

The story of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, demonstrates how relatives, friends, and members relocating in un-churched cities, or areas where churches are just beginning can strengthen the Baptist witness in the United States.

A brother in the service of the federal government, raised in a warmhearted Southern Baptist church, wrote to his sister of the thrilling new work on Mercer Island, Seattle, Washington, where there were so few to carry the load.

Back home at Woodlawn the letter was circulated, read by a mission-minded pastor, passed to the missions committee who corresponded with Dr. A. B. Cash of the Home Mission Board about the proper procedure to help in this work. Then the church in business session voted unanimous approval to send a definite amount of financial help each month. Rev. N. H. McCrummen, pastor of the Woodlawn church visited the church at Mercer Island while on vacation and formed even closer Christian ties between the co-operating congregations and the pastor. Pictures, bulletins, reports, and news fly back and forth and mutual joy in growth has been experienced by both churches.

Sharing with a pioneer church or mission is a guarantee for renewed vigor. In the face of a building program for a much-needed auditorium, Woodlawn church voted this help for Mercer Island as well as for another, the Haines Road Baptist Church, Levittown, Pa., where Rev. Richard Brackin is pastor.

Richard and Alec Brackin are an attractive young couple who served churches in Alabama, where the Lord blessed their work and caused it to prosper. Their hearts were torn by the death of a tiny son whom the church called "the little apostle" because his name was Paul. In the crucible of suffering these devoted servants of the Lord offered themselves as missionaries. Richard and Alec felt the call to Levittown, Pa., where across the miles they join hands with the church back in Alabama. Let us share a moment with these young people as we read letters from them. (Have two people read letters.)

A Letter from Richard:

Dear Home Folks,

As of this date, July, 1962, I am the only (Home Mission Board) appointee in the Philadelphia area. These are busy and demanding days, and my time and efforts are stretched thinly over the many opportunities to witness here in this wonderful place.

Twenty-nine people have been won to the Lord in the last eleven months, and thirty-seven have joined by letter, with eight rededications. The Haines Road Baptist Church is held directly or indirectly responsible for the increasing of all churches in this area of Greater Philadelphia. We have just started a mission at Paoli, Pa., which will minister to 170,000 population with only one other Baptist church there.

God has ordained this church to serve the Kingdom throughout the world, and we rejoice in the opportunity for participation in missions through the Cooperative Program. We look forward to an increase (in Cooperative gifts) each year.

It is hard but it is wonderful. We thank God for you and plead to be remembered daily as you pray.

Sincerely yours, Richard Brackin

Never minimize the importance of the faithful labor of missionary wives, living in strange cities, struggling with inadequate equipment and new neighbors, but catch the joy of service in her words as she writes:

A Letter from Alec (Richard's wife):

Dear Friends

This is such a whirlwind place these days, I don't know where to start to give you the news. We are moving the house which the church has bought. I am learning to sew. Tommy is growing and is quite a responsibility, and Richard is literally in what as he tries to hold everything together until new mission pastors are on the field.

We have four summer missionaries from the Home Mission Board (three or four at a time are our house guests), and they are the finest that could be found. I could write a book about them. This is a very great help to pioneer work, and these young people are the strength that carries us through the summer. They have Bible school, take census, and just generally make a strong witness for the Lord wherever they serve. We will always be grateful for them.

Pray that I will have patience and wisdom to do the right thing when my heart is broken over and over and discouragement piles up around me. Please don't think I am unhappy. This is a real challenge. You will never know how grateful I am that God is using us for his work, and I wouldn't trade places with anybody in the whole, wide world. We are the richest people on earth. Pray for the youth organizations in our new churches and for us always.

Love, Alec

This story could be repeated over and over. Prayer criss-crosses our land like countless rainbows as mother churches and new churches and missions are united in faith and love in a great common goal to win our land for Christ. Let us pause in silent prayer for these young people and all like them serving new churches (pray).

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Oh, use me, Lord, use eyes me.
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

—Frances R. Havergal

Lord Use Me to BE

In 1 Peter 2:9 we read, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." It is easy to see from this passage that we bear the distinction of being a chosen group, called people, "called by my name."

Our theme verse for this week says God's people are unique, different, holy, set apart. But the word does not stop there. The semi-

colon between the sections of the verse in First Peter rather than separating the clauses, binds them together. There follows the precise statement of the church's purpose: "that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." We are to be the difference between darkness and light. Listen as God speaks, "If my people, which are called by my name," and here God makes a promise to his people, not to the world does he promise anything, but to his "called ones."

With the privilege of being his name bearers comes the sacred responsibility of meeting the conditions stated and then the awesome burden of being directly responsible for the forgiveness, and healing of our land. The non-Christian is not answerable for the spiritual condition of America, but you and I are. When evil hovers like a fog over our cities and towns and sin separates our nation from heaven, the finger points at the "Christian," not at those called by another name.

It should be our prayer in this commitment period today that we acutely be aware of this awesome responsibility, and daily be found seeking to meet the conditions of humility, turning from wickedness and on our knees in prayer before God asking for forgiveness and mercy. (Pianist plays softly, "Where He Leads Me.") Listen to the entire verse again in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (read it).

O, women, follow Christian laborers, we must hear, and above all we must answer, with our whole being for not only the nation's life depends on it, the effective telling of God's message here and around the world requires it.

Lord Use Me to PRAY

When Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but thine," it cost him something, it cost him his life. Sincere prayer will cost us something. It can cost churches their pastor, it can cost mothers and fathers their children, it can cost young people their homes, families, and loved ones. It can cost us time, money, personality, and comfort. Let us observe a season of prayer with yielded hearts, willing to pay the price of our prayer (silent prayer).

(She continues, reading all requests before prayer period.) Pray for the Don Miller family and the D. A. Morgans, pastoring the only two Southern Baptist churches on vast, heavily populated Long Island; for ministerial students, and full-time Christian workers steadily going out from these churches. Mr. Miller says, "Our entire pioneer program is waiting upon the pulpits and the pews throughout our Convention to make this the greatest offering ever."

Pray for Dr. C. C. Warren, director of the

mightily 30,000 Movement; for those who plan and work with him in this effort.

Pray that God will call out of our homes and churches our finest young men to preach the gospel to the world, beginning in America.

Offer a prayer of gratitude for the program of the Home Mission Board to provide needed financial assistance for churches, pastors in new areas, and for the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Offering.

For the guidance in new church buildings, and counseling service of the Home Mission Board to new churches concerning their financial plans. (Leader call on someone to begin the prayer period, allowing for volunteer prayer, limit the time to ten minutes by closing the period yourself.)

Lord Use Me to DO

Lord, for Thy glory, use me to:

Prayerfully encourage my church to start a new mission nearby or in an unchurched area elsewhere.

Volunteer to help my association or church survey our area for possible mission locations.

Develop institutional mission ministry in nearby rest homes, hospitals, jails, etc.

Encourage friends and family members who move to pioneer areas to associate themselves

actively in world missions at home, through a Southern Baptist church or mission.

Help encourage Southern Baptists who move to pioneer areas to align themselves with a church immediately or start a new church or mission under the guidance of the area missionary.

Use family vacations to travel for the Lord.

Lord Use Me to GIVE

From the divine inception of the Annie Armstrong Offering, women of Woman's Missionary Union have emphasized that this is an offering resulting from intercessory prayer, to be over and above the tithe. Dr. B. J. Cauten calls the special offerings of Woman's Missionary Union the safeguard against materialism in Southern Baptist life. These offerings have grown from prayer and as a result of teaching that the tithe goes to the church and through the Co-operative Program to many causes; and then follows the blessed privilege of giving to special offerings. (Give local Annie Armstrong Offering goal and that for the total offering—\$3,310,000.)

Let us stand together for a moment in silent dedication, then as the pianist plays bring our offering to the church for which Christ died.

GIVE to Annie Armstrong Offering.

(Musician plays "Bringing In the Sheaves.")

THURSDAY, March 7, 1963

"If My People... Pray"

2 Chronicles 7:14

My People Will:

"Arise, and Go into the City" Acts

Medley of missionary hymns played softly five minutes before prayer time.

Call to Worship: (Let some person present Call to Worship, prayer, and prelude.) 2 Chronicles 7:14-16.

Prayer: Concerning need for American heed the above Scripture verse, especially of Jesus.

Prelude: If my people pray they will go into the city. "Arise, shine; for thy light is

come." I do not think that the topic for discussion and prayer today excludes Baptists living outside the city.

There is hardly a family in these United States so isolated that some relative or friend does not bring them to life in the city; every family's life is affected by radio, television, highways, newspapers with news from the city. Dr. Paul James makes a statement about New York that can be paraphrased to include cities in general to a large degree. "The tune America sings today is called in the city. The idea-makers live there. Cities are the nerve center, commercially, educationally, financially, and culturally. The tune is called but too few people are in tune with God and too few respond."

It is vital that a ministry be sustained to all people concentrated in these restless, changing mission fields, our cities. This ministry is vital to every citizen of the United States, and therefore to the world. So let us "arise, and go into the city" with the compassion of Him who wept over the multitudes. We cannot ignore or escape them.

Solo (soloist speaks): Over the world Christian women hum in harmony of thought and spirit. It is a way of sharing an experience. Let us do this today. As I sing the prayer hymn we have used to help us pray this week, will you hum the melody softly together? (Soloist sings "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak.")

Scripture Selections: (Four women come early and seat themselves about room, and at proper time read from Bibles):

First Reader—Psalms 55:17; 122:6,7a

Second Reader—Psalm 127:1; Isaiah 1:26

Third Reader—Jeremiah 29:7; Zechariah 8:3

Fourth Reader—Isaiah 52:1; Matthew 21:22

Call to Prayer: Ask person who directs this period to read beforehand the article "Out of Failure, Victories Grow," page 18, and use information in article to pray more fully. See Call to Prayer, page 23 and pray for the missionaries also (pray).

(She continues) As we pray we need to let our minds and hearts hear the death cry of our lost cities. One prayed that Christians beseech the help of Almighty God to bear the "torment of light" that floods our souls as we look at the vice and debauchery as well as indifference and self-centered living. Let us pray today that we women will look squarely at the open sores of sin and heart on city streets. Let us ask God for wisdom and faithfulness to witness in every alley and tenement into which our feet are directed (pray).

Prayer: In every city of America women

in Baptist churches will send the sweet perfume of Christ's encompassing love to permeate the homes until foul odors of sin and desolation are dispelled forever (pray).

Pray for Carver Center in New Orleans in its ministry to rehabilitate adults and reclaim families (pray).

Pray for workers in ministry among Negroes and the establishment of centers where the gospel can reach Negroes (pray).

Pray for relationships between the races that a climate conducive to mutual growth may exist (pray).

Pray for our nation that its tensions, prejudices, and discrimination may be banished. Help us to grow in our attitudes and convictions toward Christian maturity (pray).

World Missions at Home

... from HONG KONG—CITY OF SIGH:

The story for today illustrating the long arm of American Christian witness comes from Mrs. Edna Wong, dean of women, college choir director, and theory professor at Hong Kong Baptist College. She tells us:

"I believe that when God was distributing innate friendliness among peoples, that he put an extra portion of it in Americans.

"How well do I remember VI Day when sailors from the United States landed in Hong Kong. There were throngs of people everywhere, young and old watching them come ashore. Small children, who had been through the horrors of war, waited wide-eyed and expectant. The Americans stopped ashore, arms outstretched to hug the Chinese children, their pockets bulging with chocolates and chewing gum. Tears filled our eyes.

"A few days later, a Baptist chaplain from a ship found our Caine Road Baptist Church and invited our choir to sing in the worship services aboard two ships. We were served ham and eggs and given our first oranges in three years and eight months! We carried them home like they were pure gold.

"One year after my beloved husband's death, loving friends in Griffin, Georgia, reached out to wipe the tears away, to love, to adapt, and to educate me, a young Chinese widow from Hong Kong. They transferred to me their love and concern for lost souls, so I could return to tell my people about Christ.

"On September 5, 1961, I stood on the deck of the "President Wilson." Tears filled my eyes as slowly the ship left the shores of your country. I lifted my eyes heavenward and prayed and thanked God for the hosts of Christians of America, then I turned my eyes toward

Hong Kong and stood at attention before God. I had a mission to fulfill! Yes, you heard when Jesus said, 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.' Please remember to pray fervently for my China and for us in Hong Kong."

Because of the people who cared in the USA, our witness is continued through this a "return missionary" to the world's most crowded, fragile metropolis, Hong Kong, city of desolation!

The Changing American City

Dr. Clovis Brantley, in charge of mission centers for the Home Mission Board says, "Many downtown areas present the most concentrated need to be found anywhere. In them are more people than when churches first were established there. And types are changing. They have less money, more children, and they are restless, unhappy, crowded people."

Southern Baptists have more than a thousand churches in downtown areas. Study shows that people available for church ministry are people whose social and economic needs are multiple. A full seven-day program is now in effect in some larger cities, with more being planned. These activities include: study, clubs, Bible study, social welfare efforts, visitation, recreation, music, and special activities as photography, cooking, handicrafts, woodwork, programs for aged, and library service. For too long we have looked the other way and tried to escape the responsibility that is ours in these fields.

Moved by Compassion

... The Downtown Church Acts

Listen to the story of Cass Park Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. Clovis Brantley visited that city, and the idea for the Cass Park Baptist center was born, so in a very real sense this church died that another and larger work might be born.

Working with the city missions department of the Baptists of Michigan, the Cass Park Baptist Church, under the leadership of George Madison, pastor of the church and director of the center, has formally voted to give its property for the work of a Baptist center, with the understanding that the church be permitted to use the facilities as long as it desires.

The state convention and the Home Mission Board will share in the erection of an adequate building in 1963.

Mr. Madison says, "Our dream is to make the center a downtown haven for the heavy-hearted of this area. We hope in our total program to address ourselves to all types of need. Plans

are in the making for special clinics on the problem of alcoholism.

"Our dream includes work with delinquents and unwed mothers, and countless other needs of people. One could stand in front of the center and look at an area that takes an approximately ten square blocks. Within these confines live an estimated fifty thousand people, people who are in desperate need of help, both physical and spiritual. There are people in poor circumstance and people with medium incomes, and people who are fairly independent. This is primarily a transient neighborhood. However, some are permanent dwellers. It is hard to reach them. They are always ready to promise, but never seem at the point of coming. There is one apartment building where I have seen as many as one hundred children of school age. I have seen them walking in the severe cold without shoes or jacket, their father and mother out somewhere leaving the children to beg food from their more prosperous neighbors. I can stand in one place and count six bars without turning my head.

"Even so spiritual needs are the greatest. There are so many aged people who need love and comfort as well as spiritual help. When the weather gets so warm they can no longer stand their single rooms, they congregate in the park across from the center and play cards, checkers or just sit there alone. They will spend the rest of their lives like this unless we do something soon.

"We have plans for them all at Cass Center. Plans that include every age and circumstance. A reading room, a recreation room, and areas for them to sit and visit where they may come under the influence of Christ's love and concern through workers at the center. We are the only church in the area, and we try to give the people something to hold on to. Then try to substitute so many things for God, whom they do not know.

"As this is being written we are in vacation Bible school for the next two weeks. The Negro boys and girls do not come as a rule, because there is a busy street between the center and the housing project in which they live. This morning at 9:00 A.M. we were at the project and went from door to door inviting children.

Twenty-one marched back with us. The group was small we announced that we would have vacation Bible school again at 10 P.M. for those that missed in the morning. We marched through the project again. This time 28 followed us. We still were not satisfied because thousands live in these buildings. So we told the children that we were going to have a party that night and back we marched.

in and out of the lanes of the buildings. We joyfully marched back with 45! We still are going to march the next march seeking out the children. There is no place to stop this march for the Saviour.

"Many are responding here in our membership and over the state, to our requests for assistance personally and with material gifts.

"Our great joy is seeing many find Christ, shoes on little bare feet, hunger satisfied, and lives reclaimed for the Lord. Please pray for us, the field is so large, and white and the laborers so few" (pray).

On Capitol Avenue in Atlanta

Capitol Avenue Baptist Church was organized as an arm from Second Baptist Church in 1893, having started as a mission in 1880. The location, seven blocks south of the state capitol, at Capitol and Georgia Avenue, was purchased and the first building erected in 1899. The community grew, finally reaching the reputation of the most elite section of the city. For 65 years, Capitol Avenue Church grew with the community, winning the lost and establishing herself as a great missionary church.

As has happened in many of our growing cities, people turned to suburban areas and many church members moved from the Capitol Avenue area. Houses which at one time housed a single family became apartment houses where three or more families with many children lived. During recent years, hundreds have lived near the church and yet never came to the church. Here is a wonderful story.

"Having the conviction that the church could and should reach those living in the church community, in January, 1960, we began a weekday program where provision was made for ministering to each age group from nursery through older adults.

"There are now more than six hundred in the weekday program. Many are being saved and baptized and are attending the regular services of the church."

Rev. Fred Propst is pastor of the Capitol Avenue Baptist Church and Mrs. Propst is director of the weekday program.

Very Present Help—Mission Centers

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The words of the Psalmist are precious to the child of God, but to the millions of homeless, tortured men, women, boys, and girls lost in city streets, they mean nothing, for most of them have never heard them or know that they are included in God's promise of help. The work of Rescue Missions and Will Centers, and the vital wit-

ness to minority groups under the direction of the Home Mission Board is reassurance in dark streets and concrete playrooms of the cities.

Mrs. H. A. Borah is the wife of the superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission in East St. Louis, Illinois, and was the Sunbeam Band director for that association when she wrote this story:

"Yesterday I talked to a man sweeping the floor of our Rescue Mission and his words keep ringing in my very soul, so much that you must hear what I feel for it belongs to every woman praying today, every woman professing an interest in showing the Saviour to the world. Hear this man's story. He said this to me."

"Yes, I ask you, why didn't you seek me and ask me to go with you to Sunbeam Band many, many years ago? Why didn't you tell me that Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world?' Why didn't I hear about missions around the world and people needing to be saved?

"Why? Why? Why? I was just a little kid down the street. Why couldn't you take me to Sunbeams, too?"

"Yes, lady, if you only had done that it would have changed my life. Yesterday as for many days, weeks, and months, I was a wanderer, but tonight I found a welcome here in this place. I found your Saviour and asked him to be my Saviour, too, and now everything is different. My soul is saved, but how I have wasted my life! How I wish someone had found me years ago so my whole life could have been spent for the Lord."

Mrs. Borah continues, "This is the story of a restored wanderer, and it is the story of a Sunbeam leader, too, for I resolve to be more interested in boys and girls, and try harder than ever to guide the Sunbeam Band leaders of this association to realize what an awesome responsibility we have, in the light of this man's story. His life story would be so different if he had been reached as a child. But lives are being made different because we have a mission on this city street."

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

(Please bow heads.)

Oh use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see.
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.
—Frances R. Havergal

Lord Use Me to PRAY

But for the grace of God these would be desperate years. We approach the time of prayer today with the furious sound of city noises in

our ears. We hear powerful industry, ambulance and fire engine sirens, we listen to rattling of cell doors and shrills of police whistles, cries of wounded and dying, hums of cars, cash registers and revelry. It is not possible to be physically removed from life's noises, but by practicing the presence of the Holy Spirit a Christian can always find a quiet place of prayer. Here are facts to send us to our knees. (The following can be mimeographed for women to see as they are read):

Church property needs to be put to fuller use.

Present missionary staff in city missions work should be almost doubled by 1964.

Southern Baptists in the past were a rural people but now one-half of our membership lives in urban areas.

If cities set the pattern of our living, the challenge for us is to give them the pattern of Christ.

Evangelical churches have not kept pace with population shifts, and Catholic and secular beliefs have moved in.

By 1975 cities will have sixty million more people than in 1950.

Half the Jews in the world live in the United States and they are city dwellers.

Negroes are the largest minority group in most cities.

Prayer: Let us hear as I read Psalm 46 before we pray. (Read it and call on someone to begin a season of volunteer prayer, closing it yourself in about ten minutes.)

Lord Use Me to DO:

Believing that through study and learning in Woman's Missionary Union organizations, the knowledge gained about people and our world must produce changes in our attitudes and our actions, we look now to ourselves and seek a course to follow.

When we become concerned we seek an outlet for stirred compassion. You and I are trying to know, to understand, to love, to care, and to serve. We are no longer satisfied with the label "mission-minded" but seek to involve ourselves wholly in deeds of love and mercy.

If you live in the city, go and see enough to let your heart be broken.

Visit in some underprivileged area.

Provide for physical needs: food, medicine, clothes, etc.

If you find people who are not attending established churches, seek to interest the proper organizations in your state, association, and city in providing a week-day program.

Assist in the work of the established mission centers, Good Will Centers, and institutions.

If yours is a downtown church seek to interest your pastor and laymen in a week-day program and help do it!

If you live in a small town or in the country, do this:

Look up unchurched people about you; you may be surprised—they are not all in the city.

Establish recreation for young people; they need social outlets, and there are too few in rural areas.

Write to a friend who has moved to the city. Ask if she has found a church, suggest one to her.

Write a pastor in the city, giving your friend, or relative's name and address for him to contact.

Lord Use Me to BE:

Knowing the need of the human heart to be forgiven above all things, the Father promises to hear, and to forgive. We need to pray for a forgiving spirit in our own lives. Let us use this moment to think about the blessedness of forgiving and being forgiven. You and I live in a moment in time when society, the economy, and even religions are highly competitive. To think of others is as foreign to many as it was to those who watched two thousand years ago as a strong hand wrote in the sand on the Temple grounds.

It is time now to come to the altar with our love gifts. How is it with you? Do you hold aught against your brother, sister, or anyone? Who knows but that we, Woman's Missionary Union members, are brought to the kingdom for such a time as this? Who can tell the eternal effect of this group if we begin one by one to straighten out all the little things: pettiness, envy, and the like, that raise obstacles between us and fellow Christians, and between us and the Holy Father?

I challenge you to write down now, on a slip of paper given as they came in, the thing in your life that you must make right today or begin to make right. What a sight for a church and nation to behold if we contrite, forgiving sisters in Christ come armed and attired to the altar with our love gifts for his use! Shall we say in our hearts, "Lord, use me this hour and henceforth to walk in understanding, forgiving spirit, before all people."

Lord Use Me to GIVE:

We will now worship with our offering.

GIVE to Annie Armstrong Offering.

Solo: Soloist sings first verse, evening prayer, as women bring their gifts to place them on open Bible, then leave silently.

*Order from nearest music house.

FRIDAY, March 8, 1963

"If My People... Pray"

2 Chronicles 7:14

My People Will:

"Enter Open Doors" 1 Corinthians 16:9

Melody of missionary hymns played softly five minutes before prayer time.

Call to Worship: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek by face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Each time we have assembled for prayer this week this verse, with its conditions and promises, has been read. It is our prayer, that every woman hearing these words has taken them into her heart where they will, in the days to come, remain a constant reminder of her obligation as a child of God to bear his message to the last person in our land. Will you repeat the theme verse with me and think seriously of its meaning to your life? (Repeat together 2 Chron. 7:14.)

Prayer (the same person): For women to dedicate themselves to the task of praying, beyond this week.

Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" (Vary the use of the hymn to suit your needs today but use all verses.)

Scripture Selections: (Four women come early and seat themselves about room, and at proper time read from Bibles): Colossians 4:2-3; 1 Corinthians 15:5b; Matthew 7:7-8; Psalm 40:5.

Call to Prayer: Ask person who directs this prayer to read beforehand the article, "After the Harbor," page 20 and use information in that article to pray more fully (pray).

(She continues) As Woman's Missionary Union grew and members enlarged their conception of a world mission program, many spiritual facts have been put in the beautiful diamond which our organization has become in these 75 years.

Not the least of these came in 1908 when the calendar of prayer was established. Day by day we join hands with servants of God around the world, praying together for the needs of lost people. As we remember those on the calendar today, let us add our prayer of thanksgiving for those valiant, pioneering women who gave us this plan which daily affords such strength and hope. (See Call to Prayer, page 23 and have someone prepared to pray at this time, naming the missionaries, pray.)

Will you please bow your heads? In Royal Service we read about the tremendous and thrilling work of our Home Mission Board. We are aware that alert personnel endeavors to put a finger on the pulse of America and our influence in the world. Let us pray with thanksgiving for God's leadership of this Board (pray).

The outreach of the Home Mission Board merits our deepest appreciation and support. Pray for continued wisdom by those with great responsibility in planning now and for the future (pray).

Pray for the growth and strengthening of the wonderful relationship of state organizations and the Board, leaving the board more freedom to move into new fields to harvest (pray).

Pray for the executive secretary, Dr. Courts

Redford, and for Board personnel including every missionary and appointee (pray).

Let us pray in gratitude for *Home Missions* and its editor, Mr. Walker Knight. This magazine brings into our homes monthly, graphic stories and pictures to stir us from apathy and increase our missionary fervor (pray).

Offer thanksgiving for the wealth of visual aids and printed materials provided by this Board to assist in teaching and promotion in our churches (pray).

(Close with oral prayer, remembering your church and its attitude toward learning about and support of the work of this Board and its overall planning.)

World Missions at Home

... HERE AM I, SEND ME

Here is a story you, mother, grandmother, businesswoman, Christian must hear. It will cost you as you listen.

"My father was professor of mathematics and physics at Baylor University. The church he attended in Waco, Texas, began to pray fervently that God would call a young couple from that congregation to go as missionaries to Brazil. My parents joined in this prayer adding this phrase: 'God, send someone even if it be us.' Forty years, now, they have been in Brazil.

"I was ten and a half years old, living in Rio de Janeiro, when they sang a song of invitation, 'Enough hesitation, enough opposition, O come to Jesus the Christ, and give him your heart.' That is exactly what this little Brazilian boy did. My heart, my life, all that I was and would become was made His.

"Even as a young boy I was aware of the great spiritual needs of Brazil.

"When I was fourteen we were living in a small town, Sumare, in the state of Sao Paulo. One day a man came to our house looking for a preacher. My dad was in the distant interior and there was no pastor near. This man's daughter had died and—well I preached the funeral. That was my first sermon. Urgent need plunged me into missionary service.

"I came to the United States when I was seventeen. I was supposed to speak about Brazil at a Royal Ambassador camp. I don't know exactly what took place that night. Maybe I was immature or I wasn't caloused to the needs of people for the good news of Christ. Instead of talking to the boys, I cried like a baby—I was so burdened for Brazil.

"You say, 'Then why aren't you in Brazil today?' What happened? My answer is this. Since coming to the States, I have noticed that many Christians live as if the Bible had never

been opened, and Christ had never risen from the dead. People are shallow, indifferent, without love for the lost. In the U.S. one often thinks that to be a missionary he has to cross the seas. Friends, through my experiences in college, seminary, three years as a laborer and member of the Teamsters Union, years in a pastorate, God has come to place a new missionary concern on my life, a new burden to lay heavy on my heart, a new people for me to cry over. He wants me to be concerned, burdened for another nation's people, the United States of America.

"And so I, a called missionary, find myself here, on the most needy mission field of the world, as I see it."

We shall pause here to pray for missionaries to hear the call to the fields of home, and to thank God for Nathan Porter, assistant secretary in the Department of Missionary Personnel, Home Mission Board. This is his story. Pray that this testimony will find lodging in the hearts of listeners who need to follow this same path (pray).

Great and New Doors

The verse from which the theme for today is taken, 1 Corinthians 16:9 says, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." No combination of words could more adequately express the meaning of the stories on the American scene than will be told today.

Through the years of its demanding history, the Home Mission Board has been alert to new and greater doors. We are sure future challenges will be met with the same keen determination and willingness to do the job which the Lord indicates.

As we come to a time of prayer and consideration of these opening doors, we are surrounded by so many opportunities that we feel we are standing in the longest corridor in the world, lined on either side with doorways that bid us enter.

Literacy Missions

... A Ministry of the Concerned

"Not being able to read is like being half blind." These are the words quoted by a grateful French-speaking man in Louisiana to his pastor who is teaching him to read. This is one of the moving stories printed in literacy leaflets issued for help in understanding literacy as a missionary movement.

Approximately ten million adult Americans over twenty-five years of age do not read well enough to read road signs, the daily newspaper, labels on medicine bottles, or a simple verse

from the Bible. Three million are native born white, four million are Negroes of varying ages, and three million are of foreign origin.

Within every community there are these handicapped people. Many have learned to sign their names and can successfully avoid situations where illiteracy might reveal their need.

Learning to read is an emotional experience. It brings assurance to the steps of a learner and a light to his face. The confidence they feel in the teacher who leads them out of a world of darkness opens a door for winning to Christ, for deepening spiritual life.

"Those of us who do read take it so much for granted that we cannot imagine how an illiterate must grope in thick darkness in our world of the printed page," writes Miss Mildred Blankenship of the Home Mission Board. "Oh, I can't learn to read," her pupil said, but she didn't say she wouldn't try. "Sitting beside me on the bed, her hands were balled tight little fists in her lap as we began. Now a whole new world has opened up to her as she enters the door of literacy."

It is the hope of the Home Mission Board that reading as a tool of evangelism and Christian training may become a working part of the existing framework of our major Baptist organizations. Next year Woman's Missionary Union will be giving definite attention to this challenge.

Opportunities for personal witnessing and spiritual counseling are tremendous among the illiterates. This is a great, great door opened by the Home Mission Board and one which is open to every individual and organization in our churches. Bow with me for a moment of silent prayer for this work (close with "Amen").

The Division of Chaplaincy

... Commissioned for Christ

More than fourteen hundred Southern Baptist ministers are now serving full time in some phase of the chaplaincy, either military, military personnel, or institutional. The chaplain is pastor, preacher, teacher, evangelist, counselor, and world missionary. With almost three million young Americans in the service of our country, we are facing a growing demand for chaplains in this field. Month by month we see our sons and husbands, or daughters leave our homes and churches for duty in the armed forces. Constantly reassuring is the awareness of the chaplain who sail the seas, fly the airways, and serve in institutions, counseling and pro-

*Write Miss Blankenship, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 1, Georgia, if you are interested in teaching those in your neighborhood who cannot read.

viding a lifeline between the soldier and Christian influences he knew at home.

Chaplains provide spiritual and moral leadership during peace and war and have served alongside the historymakers of the nation. No one can measure the influence they have exerted on home and foreign mission efforts. This has been a part of our total Baptist ministry for many years and the experience of this endeavor has given the background for chaplaincy new concepts and new dimensions.

Today our people are becoming "institutionalized," when more than two and a half million are confined daily in some sort of institution. The Southern Baptist Convention operates two hospitals, and the state conventions operate 44. All our hospitals have chaplaincy ministry.

We have 46 chaplains serving full time in correctional institutions in conjunction with numerous programs in operation by local Baptist clergy and churches.

We hasten to look through the door to new dimensions, that of the industrial chaplaincy.

The chaplain-counselor is an extension of the church's pastoral ministry among those in industry. A minister in the role here is not in a specialized ministry, but in a pastoral ministry in a specialized setting. The chaplain of the new dimension is no amateur. Problems he helps to solve are those of individuals caught up in situations on the job. A large percentage of his cases are marital problems.

One supervisor has two incapacitated children at home. A materially blessed man, who could neither read nor write at 42 had a stomach ulcer. Sons and daughters of employees seek guidance in finding vocations. "When the spiritual quality of personal, family, and national life is being shattered" this ministry of Southern Baptists becomes one of the most vital, especially in the light of an awareness that as the individual goes so goes the nation. Basic for the counseling approach in industry is the New Testament teaching regarding the eternal worth of human personality.

Let us pray for this vast mission field and for each chaplain (pray).

An Old Door to a New Battleground

Attractive, appealing, well-written, and inexpensive magazines, pamphlets, books, and leaflets are available in large quantities from the Soviet Union. Literature and books propagandizing for communism are being systematically directed in every corner of the globe. In view of these facts the American Bible Society makes this statement:

"The increasing spread of anti-Christian propaganda not only in Red nations, but in

Latin America, the fringe countries of Europe and the Near East, as well as in the emerging Arabic and African nations, threatens to engulf the world with an ideology wholly incompatible with Christianity and its Book."

Of course, we must not undergird the Society's work only as a matter of political expediency, but face the urgency of reaching all men with the only Book that can satisfy man's desire for spiritual security in a troubled world. This is an emergency which should send us to our knees, praying that the hope, truth, and salvation of the Word of God may be available to all men everywhere, and in gratitude for the allocation in the 1963 Annie Armstrong Offering for \$2,500 for the American Bible Society in which we share. Let us pray (prayer).

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.
—Frances R. Havergal

Lord Use Me to BE:

"Is God Calling You" is the title of a leaflet from the Personnel Department of the Home Mission Board. I would like to direct this question to you. Is God calling you? Without a doubt, if you are a Christian he calls you. How far have you come in answer?

We were thrilled and excited to see a "real, live missionary" as a child. We bear the name "missionary" as we share Christ's message to a lost world, but are we very "real" or "live" in our activities for him? Your mission is the same as Christ's, irrevocably linked to his. Christ, you, others. However good or bad—you are forever purchased. Christ began it, you and I continue it. Those we touch, touch others and the chain extends toward eternity. Shall we say in our hearts, "Lord use me to be a real, live missionary in my home, my church, in the fields of our country and across the rolling sea. O use me, Lord, use even me."

Lord Use Me to PRAY

Why observe this Week of Prayer? Why include the whole church? Does it matter that we come daily? Will it make any difference if we pray? Yes! It makes an eternal difference!

Will you bow your heads (read slowly):

Pray with the realization that as we support this work we at the same time support a world mission program. Through undergirding home missions we staff the foreign mission fields as well with those whom we pray out of our homes and churches. Shall we pray—

Help us, O God, to feel the challenge of pagan people, idol worshippers, and savage customs in America.

Help us to open our eyes to the desolation and despair in our familiar hills of home.

Lead us to the misguided millions living under a credit-card economy.

Forgive us, O God, for our uncomprehending condition, suspended as we are in mid-air, waiting for new environment, or distant opportunities to stir us from unconcern.

With the burden of new knowledge and urgent needs upon us, we come now to a period of volunteer prayer, when we ask you to pray as you feel led, and I will close the season (Allow about ten minutes.)

Lord Use Me to DO:

Here are suggestions for us as community missionaries:

Enter a new personal door today and begin a family worship time.

Is God calling you and your family as appointed missionaries?

Does your family know what you have heard this week? Will you share it with them?

Begin a literacy class in your church.

Teach someone to read.

Give someone a Bible.

Give a subscription to *Royal Service* to someone.

Visit someone in your neighborhood you have never visited.

Go in groups to an institution—jail, hospital or nursing home, after you have made careful plans to meet actual needs.

Lord Use Me to GIVE

Dr. L. W. Martin wrote, "The spiritual destitution of our land calls for material resources. America needs God's tithe and Baptist offerings. For new appointments and vacancies made by retirement and death, America needs a constant stream of spirit-filled, God-called, talented, and surrendered young people. The USA needs spiritual regeneration, doctrinal soundness, moral cleansing, domestic faithfulness, business integrity, personal honesty, and Godly compassion." Come now with your offering place it in the offering plate under the flag, and wait at the front until all gifts are in.

GIVE to Annie Armstrong Offering

(Have "Mine Eyes Have Seen It" Glory" played as offering is brought and placed in church offering plate by which you have placed the USA flag.)

Sing "Doxology" after offering and leave on triumphant note.

"Thank Offering"

A gift brought in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving comes from an overflow of gratitude to God.

In 1895 women in Woman's Missionary Union agreed on a "Week of Self-Denial." But a higher motive—thanksgiving to God for his abundant blessings—soon asserted itself in the minds of women in Baptist churches. By 1922 the name of this offering given during the week set aside for prayer and gifts for home mission work was generally called "Thank Offering."

In 1933 Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary for Woman's Missionary Union, suggested that the Thank Offering be called Annie W. Armstrong Offering naming these gifts in memory of Miss Annie W. Armstrong, first corresponding secretary for Woman's Missionary Union, 1888-1905.

Week of Prayer for Home Missions

MARCH 4-8, 1963

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal: \$3,310,000

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IF My People, which are
called by my name,
shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked
ways; then will I hear from
heaven, and will forgive
their sin, and will heal their
land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Forecaster

FOR
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SI F there be any
reserve in my
giving to Him
who so loved that
He gave His
Dearest for me;
if there be a secret 'but' in my
prayer, 'anything but that,
Lord,' then I know nothing of
Calvary love.

"Perhaps prayer often
needs to be followed by a lit-
tle pause, that we may have
time to open our hearts to
that for which we have
prayed. We often rush from
prayer to prayer without
waiting for the word within,
which says, 'I have heard you,
my child.'"

From IF by Amy Carmichael
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WEEK of PRAYER for Home Missions, Mar. 4-8, 1963

THEME: "If My People . . . Pray"
2 Chronicles 7:14

Daily Topics: My People Will—

Monday—Witness unto All Nations (Language ministry of Home Mission Board)

Tuesday—Seek Those Gone Astray (Juvenile rehabilitation of Home Mission Board)

Wednesday—Go Everywhere Preaching (In new churches)

Thursday—Arise and Go into the City (Mission centers in downtown areas)

Friday—Enter Open Doors (New opportunities)

See page 41 for daily outline.

Your prayer committee will seek to make the Scripture readings, hymns, prayer periods, human interest stories, commitment services, and ingathering of offerings just as inspiring and meaningful as possible. They will urge every member to read the Call to Prayer and the five articles in *Royal Service* based on the daily topics:

"A Baptist Church Resettles Cuban Refugees"

"A Juvenile Delinquent, for Example"

"The Verdict is 'Guilty'"

"Out of Failure Great Victories Grow"

"After Pearl Harbor"

Be sure that every WMS member receives the folder which includes an invitation to the Week of Prayer, daily topics, pertinent facts, prayer reminders, and historical background of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Check the following sources for information to be used in promotion of the Week of Prayer:

Royal Service

February and March Home Missions

Baptist state papers

February *The Baptist Program* (from your pastor)

Leaflet, "Biographical Sketch of Annie Armstrong" (free from state WMU offices)

The Whole Family Praying

Encourage the whole church family to enter into a Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 4-8.

Six weeks before this time place the word IF printed in large letters all over the church. The next week tack up the streamer, "If my people—humble themselves"; the next week, "If my people—pray"; the next, "If my people—seek my face" and the next week, "If my people—turn from their wicked ways . . . I will hear . . . forgive . . . heal." The following two

weeks use the posters giving theme, date, and offering goal for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Order enough of the program covers (price 2c each, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.) to insert one in each church bulletin on the Sunday beginning the Week of Prayer. Print in the program cover such information as theme, daily topics, people taking part, time, place, information about the Annie

Armstrong Offering goal, etc. These may be used throughout the week as a daily outline.

Encourage WMS members to use *Royal Service* and the folder giving daily topics, pertinent facts, and prayer reminders to encourage their families to observe the Week of Prayer at home. Suggest that mothers make an outline map of the United States with the words, "Our Family Will Pray for America," printed on it. Place the map on the wall nearest the breakfast table to remind the whole family to pray and give for home missions



To Be, to Pray, to Give, to Do

The first Week of Prayer for Home Missions promoted by Woman's Missionary Union was a Self-Denial Week of Prayer and Offering. Let us recapture this spirit of self-denial during our 75th Anniversary Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Each day's closing emphasis will be on personal commitment—to be sincere, dedicated Christian women; to pray for world missions beginning at home; to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions with self-denial; to do something each day which is related to that day's study.

The community missions committee will plan with the prayer committee in working out the details. The following suggestions, along with the daily prayer plans and others, will start your WMS on a plan of action:

1. Become acquainted with those of other nationalities in your community.
2. Invite an international student to your home for spring holidays.
3. Teach someone to speak English.

4. Help internationals to understand American customs and religions.
5. Serve as sponsor in juvenile rehabilitation program.
6. Befriend a parent whose son or daughter may be involved in a case in court; show Christian love and understanding.
7. Start a family altar in your own home.
8. Invite youth groups to your home.
9. Volunteer to work in a Good Will Center.
10. Work to eliminate juvenile crime, alcoholism, dope addiction, obscene literature, and gambling in your community.
11. Help start a new mission.
12. Encourage those moving to pioneer areas to find a Southern Baptist church and join it.

The committee planning for the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union recommended that emphasis be given throughout the Anniversary Year to the commitment of self, substance, and service.

March 24 is Life Commitment Sunday. Recognize mission volunteers in your church and remind WMS members of personal commitment during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

"Diamonds for the King"

The Diamond Anniversary (75th) of Woman's Missionary Union suggests "Diamonds for the King." Use the idea of diamonds in promoting the Annie Armstrong Offering and for marking progress toward your goal of a 15 per cent increase over the amount given by your church last year.

Most diamonds are "full cut" having a precise mathematical arrangement of 58 facets. The pattern shown right may be enlarged so that each facet may represent a certain amount of your total goal. There are 58 facets on the pattern and each may represent \$1.00, \$5.00, \$100, \$1,000, or any amount which will total your goal. As these different amounts are given, color one of the facets, or put glitter on it to indicate progress toward your Annie Armstrong Offering goal.

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, says it now takes \$85.56 to operate the Home Mission Board for ten minutes. Through a \$100 gift to the 1963 Annie Armstrong Offering you will "run" the Board for more than ten minutes. How many WMS members will support the work for ten minutes or even for one minute? They can, for \$85.56 or \$9.56.

Eugene Troop, missionary serving at Itahuna, Baia, Brazil, writes: "At a business meeting this month one of our churches voted a raise

for their pastor (from \$40 to \$60 a month). He said he would give half a month's salary for the (Brazilian) Home Mission Offering.

These two illustrations may be used in circle and general meetings to increase interest in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Gathering the Offering

Make the ingathering of the offering an act of worship each day. In order that some offering envelopes will be brought daily, designate certain circles for certain days. Be sure that everyone understands, however, that they may bring their offering whenever it is most convenient. The following objects may be used for receiving the offerings.

Monday—Make a semicircle of dolls of different nations or order world neighbor dolls (sold only in sets of 12, price \$1.50 per set from Baptist Book Stores).

Tuesday—Borrow a Girls' Auxiliary Crown from a Queen in your church or order Girls' Auxiliary Crown (35c from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.).

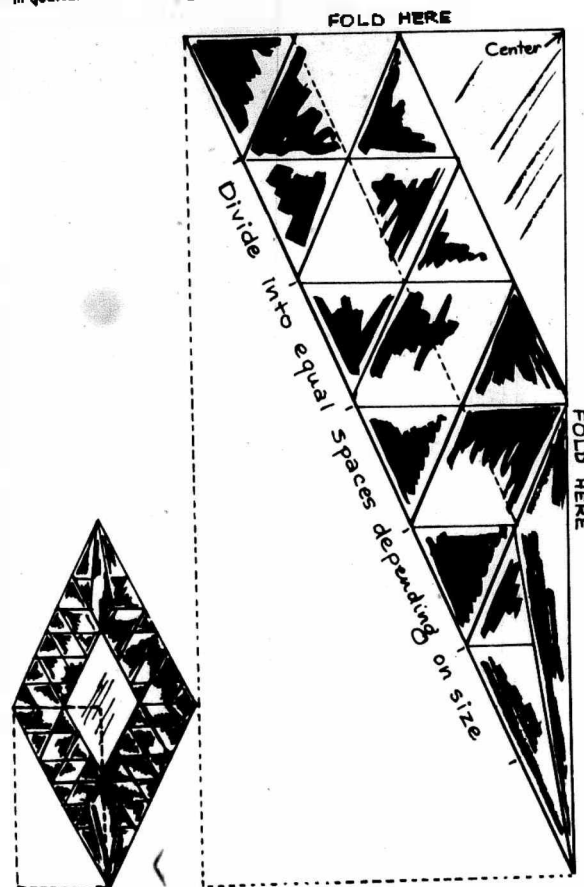
Wednesday—Make a cardboard church or order one from your Baptist Book Store, price 50c.

Thursday—A large opened Bible.

Friday—Church offering plate with small US and Christian flags.

Diamond Pattern

Below is one-fourth of the diamond. By using a transparent paper it is possible to complete the diamond at the lower left of page by folding in quarter—then tracing.



Statement of Aims

We will seek to strengthen the spiritual life of members through:

The encouragement of daily personal Bible study and use of the calendar of prayer

Efforts toward establishment and maintenance of family worship

The observance of the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Home Missions and the Season of Prayer for State Missions.

This month in circle and general WMS meetings we point up this second Aim in WMS Statement of Aims.

Use the lovely WMS Statement of Aims Wall Chart (price 50c from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.) at your meetings and familiarize WMS members with our commitment to promote Christian missions through mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship.

Anniversary Goal 10

Five-day Observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions

The two anniversary goals mentioned above have top priority this month. Have a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer, March 4-8. Some days your attendance may be small, but Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. Every woman may not be able to attend every day, but by having a five-day (or night) observance you provide a prayer time for them at the time they can attend.

Anniversary Goal 6

15% Increase in Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions

Set a high goal for your Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Your goal should be at least a 15 per cent increase over the amount given last year. There are those who give as much to the Annie Armstrong Offering as they give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If you follow this plan and encourage others to do so, you will have no difficulty reaching your 15 per cent increase.

Nominating Committee

Soon the nominating committee will begin its work to secure leadership for the 1963-64 WMU year. Order the Interest-Talent Cards (price 10 for 10c from Woman's

Missionary Union, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.) and find out the interest and ability of each WMS member. This information, along with sincere, earnest prayer, will enable the committee to secure affirmative answers from those sought for nomination.

Area Religious Survey

Answers on how to conduct an area religious survey may be found in a new filmstrip released by the Home Mission Board. The filmstrip, *Area Religious Survey*, gives techniques developed by the survey department which have received national recognition in surveys of large metropolitan areas and even entire states. Most religious denominations have participated in the surveys.

With information from such surveys, congregations discover their mission potential, evaluate their efficiency, strengthen their organizations, enlarge the vision of mem-

bers, and receive specific information for definite planning.

The script for the filmstrip has been printed in illustrated tract form for distribution to viewers and to facilitate teaching. Extra copies of the tract are available free from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

The filmstrips are sold through Baptist Book Stores, price \$3.50.

This information should be most valuable for community missions committees seeking to discover needs for the establishment of missions.

Stretch Your Charity with PLANNING

From Baptist Press we learn that:

"Southern Baptists are asked to stretch their charity dollar with some planning in sending food and clothing for the Cuban refugees in Miami. The request comes from Milton S. Leach of Miami, director of the Convention's Spanish work there for the Home Mission Board. One church, according to Leach, discovered the postage costs exceeded the value of the merchan-

dise they were planning to send.

"Churches which are given money instead of food or clothing are advised to transmit the funds designated to their state Baptist offices instead of buying merchandise and paying freight to Miami. Leach says this would enable his offices to purchase food which the Cubans are accustomed to eating, as many of the United States' items are still strange.

"We do not want to discourage anyone from sending food, if this is given, but we want to stretch the dollar as far as possible for the need continues to grow," Leach adds."

Practical Religion

"If the spirit of religion pervades the home, there will be no place for alcoholic beverages either in the home or in the lives of the family members. A church with a busy program of spiritual development and Christian service will fortify its members against many of the pitfalls of life including that of drinking. It is emptiness of spiritual life that leads people to drink. The best assurance of sobriety is Christianity practiced in the home."

—C. Aubrey Hearn

The above paragraph on alcohol may be used in connection with the March circle program material.

Now We Have Them!

You've been wanting some authentic fashion designs to use at anniversary functions. Now they are available in color, back and front, ready to cut out and mount for standing. They are 8½ inches high and show the fashions of every decade from 1888 to 1963. There are 9 paper dolls in each package and may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala. for 50c. Order Anniversary Paper Dolls, sold only as packaged.



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SLOT
AND
INSERT
BASE
OF DOLL

Some uses:

Table decorations for anniversary banquets and luncheons

Favors for the Mother-Daughter Anniversary Social, May 11, 1963

Favors for anniversary teas, coffees, and meetings

Souvenirs of the 75th Anniversary

Filing for future reference

Dolls may be made to stand by slitting a cardboard square folded in center. See diagram.

