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# Lord of All



BEYOND a doubt we are facing a new day in world evangelization. Faithful servants of God have planted seeds of truth throughout the world. Millions of people have come to know the name of Jesus. Bibles have been sold everywhere. The gospel has been preached on radio and television. Multitudes have heard the name of Jesus in churches or in conversation with their friends. Many have purchased Christian books or have read a pamphlet. The truth has been planted in many hearts, but decisions to follow Christ are waiting to be made.

Within thirty-seven years the world's population is expected to double. This will mean the percentage of Christians will shrink and the multitudes of people without Christ will increase. Is there any way this trend can be reversed?

God is able to do more than we can ask or think. The power of his Holy Spirit can move upon his people and bring to pass in a single decade a vast turning unto God.

What is our duty in this critical point of history? Is it not that we shall cover the entire earth with loving witness that our Lord has wrought redemption for all mankind on the cross and the empty tomb? Is it not our responsibility to demonstrate

that message in loving deeds for suffering mankind and extend to those who follow Jesus every encouragement and training that they might be best equipped to serve him at their maximum?

These words ring in our hearts. "Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

It is at this point we see our duty. It is first of all that we give ourselves unto Christ so that he shall be Lord of ALL in our lives. We must be filled with his love for all mankind both near at hand and throughout the world. Neither their proximity nor their distance should make us unloving or indifferent.

We must enter anew upon the labor of intercessory prayer knowing that our greatest efforts are of little avail unless the power of God's Holy Spirit rests upon them. God's power comes when we pray. We can't pray as we ought unless our hearts are full of love. We cannot love as we ought unless we give ourselves unto Jesus.

If He is Lord of ALL in our lives, we will count it a joy to bring a worthy portion of what we possess to lay at his feet that there might be resources available to send the gospel to all the world. Many people are offering their lives to go. Many doors are open that should be entered. Resources are essential that ministers might be projected.

Let us give ourselves anew to our Lord that we might be of maximum service in this most critical day for world evangelization ever known in Christian history.

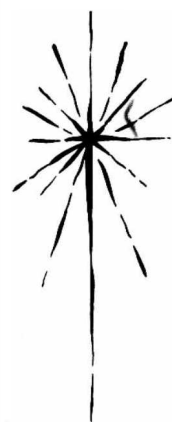
by Baker James Caswell

# JESUS, MY SON

## MARY'S STORY AS TOLD TO JOHN . . . . .

The thing I best remember is the light. That day the angel came, the light was there. It filled the room so suddenly I might have thought the sun uncovered by a cloud, except the sky was cloudless, hot and bright. It was the kind of light a rainbow brings.

The light was there again in Bethlehem when he was born. It was a lovely night. I can remember how the stars came out as we drew near the inn, and how the moon shone on the grass that blew along the slopes and waved like water in the evening wind. I can remember, if I shut my eyes, the pungent smell of oxen in the cave, the plaintive sound the little donkey gave.



... I felt within me all the power that ever was, a surging song of strength, relief and tenderness. And all around, the light was shining. Cobwebs turned to gold, and golden chaff lay drifted on the ground. There was no corner of the cave left dark. The door was open to the evening air and on the hillside, light shone everywhere, brighter than any moon, brighter by far than sun at noonday, or the brightest star. And while the brilliance shone, I felt a glow of joy, but as the light began to go, I had a vague presentiment, as though the happy time were past, and ever more

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by Helen Rayburn Caswell

a nameless dread would wait outside my door  
 Perverse, in one so singularly blest.  
 They brought the child and put him at my breast  
 where he lay quietly and gazed at me  
 with cloudy violet eyes

Out in the meadows, shepherds saw the light  
 and angels told them that the Christ was born.  
 They all came crowding in, at break of morn,  
 to see the baby, lying in the hay.  
 And some knelt down to worship him and pray,  
 and others looked, and laughed, and went away.

It was a different thing  
 when wise men from the east came seeking him  
 who was to rule the Jews, to bring him gold  
 and frankincense and myrrh. They were so grand,  
 you know, and strange and foreign-looking, too,  
 that all the people hung on every word  
 they said.

Egypt . . . Nazareth . . . the Temple . . . Cana

Spring came again, and in the wilderness  
 acacia blossomed gold. The apocryphs  
 grew ripe and full, fell softly to the ground,  
 but every day was dark with doominess.  
 I knew what was to come, or thought I knew,  
 and yet I did not know. What had gone wrong?  
 What of the wise men and the angels' song?

The throne of David:  
 Passover approached  
 Again I journeyed to Jerusalem,  
 for I was done with waiting and with weeping  
 and I would go, though there be no returning.  
 As I went through the town, I heard the shouting  
 from strangers, from the crowds that filled the streets  
 and surged, a moving wall, behind the priests  
 that showed above their heads. I wept, I wept,  
 but other women pushed and man  
 women there were weeping. No one



no one believed that I was Jesus' mother.  
 How long we struggled up that narrow street!  
 But when at last we came out on the hill  
 and I could see him clearly, it was worse.  
 His naked, bleeding body haunts me still.  
 My hands reached out, but could not take the thorns  
 from that dear head that had lain on my breast.  
 My arms ached for the cross he had to bear,  
 but could not help him, could not give him rest.  
 I would have dashed the hateful vinegar  
 onto the ground and given him good wine,  
 but even that I could not do for him.  
 He was the crowd's; he was no longer mine.  
 Then lightning lit his face and I could see  
 his eyes. My son was looking straight at me.  
 Remember, John, how much his eyes could say?

Then at the third day's dawning I awoke  
 to hear the song of spring the swallow sings.

But now my heart groped haltingly ahead  
 toward a beckoning and light-filled door.  
 Then as I stared, I heard the angel's voice,  
 "Fear not, for he is risen, as he said."  
 The linen clothes lay in the sepulcher,  
 but he had gone. My Jesus was not dead.  
 He was the light, and lingered here a while,  
 a brightness in the night, to show the way.  
 Without the light then would we reconcile  
 ourselves to death, as to the end of day.  
 We were the earth-bound, but the light is free.  
 It has no bounds nor bonds and neither earth  
 nor death may hold it fast. Thus will it be,  
 that man will hear about the wondrous birth,  
 and man will see the brilliance from afar.  
 Hell follow, worlds and centuries apart,  
 the shining of a distant, gleaming star  
 to find the light bright-burning in his heart.



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## COVER • for Garcia

December Royal Service left on living room tables will remind families and their visitors that Christmas, properly observed, should stimulate concern for the needs of "every people, tongue, and nation." Christ's command to go "into all the world" is inherent in the Christmas story. It means to tell every person of the Saviour. It also means to live in our homes and communities that others will believe our spoken testimony of Him.

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# 'Tis the Season

by Helen Fling

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly . . .

'Tis the season to be jolly . . ."

QUICKLY crossing the living room to turn on the porch light, I opened the front door to a cold swirl of December night air. Apple-cheeked carolers on my doorstep sang the lilting melody with gay abandon. Hours afterwards the words still played themselves over in my consciousness like the needle of a record player, cutting a groove in my brain.

"'Tis the season to be jolly . . ." Certainly no Christian has a right to be glum at any time and downness is never more inappropriate than when Christmas comes to recall "tidings of great joy." For the true Christian this is a season of inner rejoicing, a time to lift the heart and cry out joyously, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." It is also, however, a time to remember the world that God so loved. It is a time to think deeply about God's gift, his only begotten Son. Indeed, 'tis the season to examine our own love and joy in giving.

'Tis the season to be jolly . . . Now the Welsh tune blazes forth from loud-speakers in crowded stores and congested parking areas. Merchants and shoppers alike are apt to be swept up in a high tide of senseless spending. Many items displayed for sale are symptomatic of our sick civilization, telltale signs of our hysterical mania for "things." Unaware of the implications, some merchants succumb to satanic pressure of commercialism which says: "This is not the age of chivalry but the age of thrifery. Christmas is big business. Make your 'tilf and fill the 'tilf." Yet the voice of God still speaks a warning in Amos 8:

"O ye that swallow up the needy, . . . making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances. . . ."

"Christmas is a racket!" declares a jaded shopper bitterly. "Who is helping make it so?" whispers her conscience. For some 'tis the season of "Jingle Bells," jagged nerves and jangling cash registers. In the stampede to the shopping center there is no time to stop and admire a manger scene on the church lawn. Only ten more shopping days 'til Christmas! Time enough to buy Mother a pair of house shoes too small. Dad a sport shirt too loud. Little Sis a chemistry set too advanced. And Bud a gun too dangerous. Only ten more days! Just time enough to mail Christmas cards to people who have no time to read them.

Never has there been such need for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings and never has there been such temptation for idiotic spending. Even our mail boxes hold temptation, stuffed with bright Christmas catalogs that offer an assortment of nonsensical gifts for "the woman who has everything." Some of the gadgets must indeed be intended for a woman who has everything but a guardian or a paid-up visit to a psychiatrist! Nothing is more alien to the teachings of Jesus than such revolting waste. No woman who claims to be a "laborer together with God" has a right to live frivolously, wasting her money on wiles. How long will we putter around with gimmicks, ignoring staggering figures of lost mankind, agonies of human suffering, the despair of souls that have no Saviour?

How long will our tranquilized religion

permit us to tarnish Christmas by a pseudo-religious observance? "Tis the season to be jolly. . . ." to "draw names," and plan church parties. Is there a trace of apology in our explanations? "Remember, dear, just a small gift—nothing over a dollar—for our gift exchange. It just wouldn't seem like Christmas without our tree and gift exchange, would it?" How many dollars and multiplied hours of shopping will be thus spent by Southern Baptist women this season? When will we grow up? When will it "seem like Christmas" in other parts of the world?

"Tis the season . . ." of prayer and giving for foreign missions! During the Week of Prayer, as we sit in our comfortable churches in peaceful meditation, let us remember the other women of the world: Filipino women, bending low in rice paddies all day; Thai women, squatting at a river's edge to wash, beating garments against a stone; African women, carrying buckets of mud on their heads to plaster cracks in their huts; Chinese refugees, constructing Hong Kong hovels of tin and corrugated pasteboard boxes; Pakistani women, crouching low to cook chapatties over a fire of dried manure; Korean mothers, searching through GI garbage bins for food scraps to feed their children. These are the women to whom we are inextricably bound!

Let us remember the haunting eyes of the hungry—those who hunger for freedom and learning as well as for food. As we do our "Christmas baking" let us remember those who endure "the eternal compulsory fast" as Gandhi called it—perpetual gnawing hunger experienced by half the world's population. Is it possible that our refrigerators are so full, our neighborhood supermarkets so near, that we can no longer comprehend the word "starvation"? June 17, 1963, issue of *Newsweek* stated, "Every day of this week some 10,000 people will die of malnutrition or starvation—more than at any time in history." In the next ten years, in India alone, 50 million children will die of malnutrition. Is it any

wonder that India's Prime Minister Nehru reminds: "It is really folly to talk of culture or even of God when human beings starve and die. . . . People are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared."

Do these facts make you uncomfortable? Are you beginning to argue uncomfortably that you cannot fill the great chasm of human despair? This is Satan's brainwashing! Because you cannot do everything, will you do nothing?

Viewing the aching abyss of world need, we are not only uncomfortable but often dismayed by our inability to meet need. Like the disciples, overwhelmed by the task of feeding 5,000, we also want to dispose of the multitudes and are prone to cry, "Lord send them away." But a quiet voice speaks as in the long ago, assessing personal responsibility. "Give ye them to eat," the Master says.

In proportion to appalling need, the meagerness of our human resources seems ridiculous. Just five loaves and two fishes. But if we are faithful in giving to the limit of our ability Christ will bless and multiply our resources miraculously. "Not much money but surprising results . . ." says the caption on the back cover of October *Royal Service*. "Figure it yourself." Will you give 1c, 5c, or 10c for the work of each of our 1,800 foreign missionaries? Therefore will your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering be \$18? \$90? \$180? or more? "Figure it yourself," says *Royal Service*. And while you have your pencil, jot down estimated costs of your planned seasonal festivities: parties, holiday menus, Christmas tree, decorations, gifts, wrappings, cards, postage. Do—cheat—count everything. Is it not time to take a deep breath spiritually and break away from a shallow, tinsel, selfish observance of Christ's birthday? Is it not time for a new decision about your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, a decision made in prayer?

"Tis the season to be jolly. . . ." and no. As Christians we are not required to be festive. We are required to be faithful.

## FROM Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant

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### Religious War in Vietnam

A Buddhist priest splashed gasoline over his clothes, sat down on a street in Saigon, Vietnam, and set fire to himself. That date, June 11, 1963, marks the spectacular focal point of what many call a modern-day religious war.

The priest, Quang Duc, gave his life to dramatize the appeal of Buddhists in South Vietnam to gain release from religious persecution at the hands of a government dominated by Roman Catholics.

This incident happened a half-world away from Washington, but it has had its repercussions in this and other capitals around the world. The issues are confused—but few nations in the noncommunist world have sympathy for any government exercising religious persecution.

The *New York Times* in an editorial said: "A majority of South Vietnam's people are Buddhists, yet the ruling oligarchy, dominated by members of the Roman Catholic Ngo family has discriminated against Buddhists in many spheres. Most high government officials, chiefs of provinces and military officers are Catholics. The official political ideology, enforced on everybody, is derived from Catholic philosophy."

The United States Department of State has had to look hard at the situation because this (the American) government is giving \$500 million a year to the Ngo government as South Vietnam defends itself from Communist forces in North Vietnam.

Further complicating fact, which has not been much discussed but which doubt-

less carries weight in public opinion, is that the reported persecution is being done in the name of Christianity (though with un-Christian motives) against a non-Christian religion (70 per cent Buddhist, 10 per cent Catholic).

Charges and countercharges have gone back and forth between members of the ruling Ngo Catholic family and the Buddhist leaders. A preliminary agreement, reached last summer, granted Buddhists the previously denied right to fly the Buddhist flag, "so long as it does not take precedence over the national flag." The government also promised repeal of the law dating back to the era of French colonial administration which gave the Catholic Church advantages over other religious groups in legal and administrative matters such as ownership of property. President Ngo Dinh Diem also promised that Vietnam's constitutional provisions for "freedom to propagate religion" will be respected.

But the Buddhists apparently have not been satisfied with the speed, or lack of speed, in fulfillment of these promises.

Newsman report there is no evidence of a basic struggle between Buddhism and Catholicism. World Catholic leaders in fact appear embarrassed by the dispute. The question is one of reported persecution of Buddhists by government officials, who in this case are Roman Catholics.

The trouble blossomed nationwide in May when government troops and armored cars were hurled into a Buddhist demonstration at Hue which protested a government order banning the flying of religious flags. Buddhist flags reportedly have been ripped down while Catholic flags continued to fly.

Unless the disagreement is settled amicably, the United States government may have to decide whether to continue its support of the Diem government as an ally against communism or withdraw support in testimony to our advocacy of religious liberty. It will not be an easy decision. You will want to watch the daily press for developments on this significant issue.

## COMMENTS:

**A**t this time we are aware of a deeply troubled racial situation in our beloved land. We cannot escape the fact that the witness we are bearing for Christ in many parts of the world is now gravely affected by these racial problems. In fact the time is come when we are now facing the possibility we could find it necessary that some missionaries will be brought out of some countries and some mission work may have to close directly because of these racial tensions.

If the Foreign Mission Board were faced with a grave financial problem its duty would be to tell Southern Baptists such a problem exists. If our Board were faced with a problem of loss of personnel it would be our inescapable responsibility to tell Southern Baptists we are facing the crisis. It is now our inescapable responsibility to speak clearly that none might misunderstand. The mission labor for which we are directly responsible in this world is the very life's blood and into which we are pouring the gifts of Southern Baptists now gravely imperiled by the racial problems in our country.

All questions of race are extremely

in the report of the executive  
the secretary of the South  
Baptist Foreign Mission  
Board made on June 20  
1963, at Ridgecrest,  
North Carolina

cate across the world. Matters of race are not simply matters between black people and white people. The majority of the work we do across the world is done amid non-white people. It would be hard to overstate the shock that these peoples experience when stories of racial disturbance in our land find major space in their newspapers. It is particularly sad when any story goes out of people of any race being refused admittance into a house of worship. We need to pray for the guidance of the living God that we may be able to show clearly that Christian love includes all people regardless of race, of nationality, or of circumstances.

we meet in this setting believing in our hearts that the heartbeat of Southern Baptists as never before is for worldwide evangelization. And in my heart I believe that Southern Baptists love Jesus Christ more than they will say. If there's anything we can do, as individuals or as groups, that will somehow make our witness to be a little stronger and the hands of our missionaries a little freer, and the message of Jesus Christ a little sweeter across the world, then this we will do for Jesus' sake. If we are the people called Baptists.

## THE CHRISTIAN and the SOCIAL ORDER

EVERY CHRISTIAN is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Read Ex. 20:3-17; Lev. 19:2-13; Deut. 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Mic. 6:8; Zech. 8:16; Matt. 23:13-16, 17-18; 22:36-40; 23:35; Mark 1:20-21; 2:3-10; 10:21; Luke 1:18-21; 10:27; 37; 20:25; John 13:12-17; 13; Rom. 12:11; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:17; 7:20-21; 10:23 to 11:1; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:12-17; 1 Thess. 3:12; Philomont. James 1:27; 2:8 from "The Baptist Faith and Message," a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, M.O., 1963.

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by Marie Mathis

**WHAT WE SAY IS VERY IMPORTANT,** and the words you write help us to know what you think. Yet we all know that our image overseas depends much more on what we do than on what we say. It depends upon our example. In world affairs women are a force to be reckoned with. In our country we need women of vision in our own organizations, willing to study the needs of people of the whole world and then do all we can to help them.

Do you have ideas you would like to share with the readers of this feature in future magazines about how we can enlist the thousands of Southern Baptist women in our churches who have not joined Woman's Missionary Union?

#### Gift Subscriptions to Royal Service

Would you please give me the following information:

1. Is the *Royal Service* available to all missionaries, home and foreign?
2. Do missionaries have suggestions for gift subscriptions?
3. Do you know persons in whom gift subscriptions can be made?

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(Question 1, yes. Question 2, some missionaries do. Write those whom you know and ask for suggestions of persons to receive a gift subscription to *Royal Service*. Question 3, no, sorry.)

#### Little Change in Tanganyika

"A letter is the half of seeing each other," asserts a familiar Swahili (African dialect) saying. We accept this advantage in sending you fresh news from Arusha. Tanganyika remains positive and peaceful in her second year of independence. Little change in daily life due to the coming of independence can be observed. This is true not only for us but also for the average African. Business and agriculture continue as before. New industries coming promise to make Arusha a town with a stable future.

The Earl Marrus, missionaries Tanganyika, Africa

#### Christmas Spirit of the Right Kind

I must confess that I was not too sure when our church reached its 1962 offering goal and spilled out \$11.27. Our church is very small—average attendance in Sunday school approximately 39. Yet God led our people to a goal of \$1,000 for the offering. Truly the Lord worked wonderfully in his people and gave them the victory. We shall certainly need the Lord to lead

Please send your comments to Letters, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, 35203. We will not have space to print every letter, but we will select carefully from them, using a variety of subjects.

We set the 1963 goal. Pray for us as we seek to go forward.

A Pastor

(This example set by one of our smaller churches should be incentive for us to do better with our own goals and gifts. It takes planning, praying, and commitment to give sacrificially.)

#### A Bonus in Atlantic City

At the last meeting of the BFA Joint Committee planning for the Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City next May, it was decided to include a paperbound copy of *Baptist Advance* in every registration packet. This means that we are anticipating the distribution of at least 20,000 copies to those who register for the Jubilee Meeting.

Davis C. Woolley

(*Baptist Advance* is a fine collection of material on the Baptists of North America. The famous historian Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette has agreed to write an Epilogue to the book.)

#### "Our Freedoms"

We have always enjoyed the *Royal Service* and the June issue. The article by Mrs. William McMurry could certainly have been reprinted from this or any other issue.

Members of a circle

The writer is to say a sincere thank you

(The writer is to say a sincere thank you to the author for the column date of the article.)

for the article "Our Freedoms" in June *Royal Service*. Mrs. McMurry did a splendid job of writing the article, and has taken a stand every Christian needs to take. I hope the article will help many of our Baptist women to overcome fears of public opinion on this issue.

L.B.

(Not all articles, naturally, draw such heavy response. Some won't bring any letters, and others bring only a few. We received letters approving the article "Our Freedoms," June *Royal Service*, and some disapproving. We hope the article was thought provoking for every reader.)

#### What Do Writers Say about *Royal Service*?

I've been wanting to say thank you for a long time for your helpful magazine. This feature "We Get Letters" encouraged me, for you suggested that we write. Excellent advice. But the fact remained that I was shy about it. How much right does an unknown person have to impose on the time and generosity of important people?

ALS

(A rule of thumb is to remember that most "important" people are whom they are because people like you placed responsibility on them. You are very important, you know, important in Christ's kingdom right where you are.)

I've never enjoyed reading any magazine as well as I enjoy *Royal Service*. It touches the very depths of my heart.

H.M.

(Thank you—your notes encourage us.)

I have subscribed to *Royal Service* ever since I became a WMU member and have enjoyed and treasured each copy. However, after the June program which my circle used on the *Royal Service*, its history and present service, I have a new appreciation for our magazine, its writers, editors, et

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(May "your tribe increase.")



# 1963 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

## Africa

**F**EW AMERICANS perhaps realize the tremendous change taking place all across Africa today as country after country gains independence from hated colonial rule. This determination for independence has been nurtured in Chris-

tian churches and schools which have demonstrated the truth of Jesus' teaching on the supreme worth of every individual.

Perhaps no area in the world more urgently needs the healing touch of medi-

cal missions. To help meet this need, we maintain 30 medical centers, 11 hospitals, 19 clinics. Hospitals, schools, with the foundational work of the churches all are a vital part of Southern Baptist witness on this continent.

## Allocations for Africa

### Central Africa:

WML Literature, Current Expenses	\$ 1,000
Sansati Hospital, Current Expenses	18,000
Sansati Central School, Current Expenses	17,000
Gwelo and Lokwe Schools, Current Expenses	5,500
Gwelo Seminary, Current Expenses	10,000
Scholarships	1,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	1,000
Station Operating Expenses, Current Expenses	16,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	21,000
Gokwe Medical Work, Current Expenses	10,000
Evangelization, Current Expenses	5,500
Conferences, Current Expenses	2,200
Social Welfare Work, Current Expenses	1,000
Sansati KwaZulu Schools, Current Expenses	6,000
Contingent Fund, Current Expenses	1,000

111,700

### East Africa:

WML Work	\$ 1,000
Church Community Centers, Current Expenses	17,500
Mbeja Hospital, Current Expenses	25,000
Station Evangelism, Current Expenses	23,710.50
Conferences and Retreats, Current Expenses	2,000
Baptist Seminary, Arusha, Current Expenses	10,000
Scholarships, Current Expenses	2,500
Mombasa Secondary School, Current Expenses	5,000
Publication Department, Current Expenses	9,262
Mission Treasurer's Expenses	5,500
Christian Councils, Current Expenses	1,000
British and Foreign Bible Society, Current Expenses	200
Contingent Fund, Current Expenses	2,000
Executive Committee, Current Expenses	200
WML Property Operating Expenses	4,925.50
WML Travel for Nationals, Current Expenses	1,000

### Ghana:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	\$13,629
Property Operating Requirements, Direct Evangelism	3,500

Kumasi Central Baptist Pastors' School, Current Expenses	\$9,000
Nalegu Medical Center, Current Expenses	22,500
Scholarships, Current Expenses	1,000
Tamale Pastors' School, Current Expenses	1,700
Sunday School and Training Union Work, Current Expenses	1,500
RA Work, Current Expenses	400
Christian Council	250
Visual Aids, Current Expenses	300
Publication Board and General Publications	3,811
Business Managers' Expenses	300
Mission Chairman's Expenses	100
Contract Workers	1,820

63,119

### Liberia:

Ricks Institute, Current Expenses	\$12,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	2,400
Scholarships	1,600

16,000

### Nigeria:

Akoka Baptist Women's Training College, Current Expenses	\$23,000
Akoka Baptist Girls' High School, Current Expenses	7,500
Akoka Baptist Girls' Secondary Modern School, Current Expenses	3,500
Aghor Baptist Girls' School, Current Expenses	7,000
Benni Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	17,000
Iso Baptist College, Current Expenses	32,500
Oghomoshio Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	31,000
Scholarships for Students Studying in America	12,000
Ide Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	21,650
Ilefe Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	12,000
Kaduna Hausa Pastors' School, Current Expenses	16,000
Minna Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	20,200
Ohime Elementary Training Center, Current Expenses	10,000
Kaso Primary School, Current Expenses	16,410
Okuta Primary School, Current Expenses	3,000
Sunday School Work, Current Expenses	6,000
Iso Baptist Boys' High School, Current Expenses	7,000
Newton Memorial School, Current Expenses	5,000
Aid for Unassisted Primary Schools, Current Expenses	500
Office of Education Secretary, Current Expenses	15,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	3,000
Radio and TV, Western Region, Current Expenses	2,000
Radio and TV, Eastern Region, Current Expenses	2,500
Visual Aids, Current Expenses	2,500
Associational Missionary Fund, Current Expenses	2,500
Training Union Department, Current Expenses	6,000
Iku Hospital, Current Expenses	22,000
Oghomoshio Hospital, Current Expenses	18,000
Oghomoshio Health Service, Current Expenses	9,500
Oghomoshio Frances Jones Nursing Home, Current Expenses	2,000
Oghomoshio Kosey Children's Home, Current Expenses	3,000
Iku Baptist Nurses' School, Current Expenses	10,000
Iku Welfare Center, Current Expenses	3,000
Okuta Dispensary, Current Expenses	1,500
Kontagosa Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000
Shaki Hospital, Current Expenses	3,000
Ire Medical School, Current Expenses	1,500
Enugu Dental Clinic, Current Expenses	1,200
Sunday School Literature, Current Expenses	400
Training Union Literature, Current Expenses	125
Publication Board, Current Expenses	2,000
Agosin, Current Expenses	2,000
Baptist Department of Architecture, Current Expenses	2,500
Lagos Baptist Hostel, Current Expenses	4,000
Evangelism Department, Current Expenses	1,800
Jonke Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000

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Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Mbeja, Tanganyika





## Europe and the Middle East

**B**EGINNING IN JANUARY, 1964, the area Africa, Europe, and the Near East will be divided. Africa will continue to be the responsibility of Dr. H. Cornell Goerner and the Foreign Mission Board will secure another person as area secretary for "Europe

and the Middle East."

In Europe almost all the total population comes in contact with a state church at birth, marriage, and death. But individuals, the

whole society, needs the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our work in the Middle East is in the two Arab countries Lebanon and Jordan, in the Jewish state of Israel, and a hospital in the Gaza strip.

### Allocations for Europe and the Middle East

#### General Europe-Ruschlikon:

Seminars Student Activities, Current Expenses	45,000
Seminars Salaries, Teachers and Others	20,000
Summer Conferences at Seminars, Current Expenses	11,000
Seminars Property Maintenance, Current Expenses	11,000

#### France:

Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	2,500
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#### Germany:

Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	4,000
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#### Italy:

WMI Work, Current Expenses	1,400
Widows and Orphans of Pastors, Current Expenses	10,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	27,000
Young People's Work, Current Expenses	5,000
Lay Evangelism, Current Expenses	5,000
Rome, Good Samaritan Dispensary, Current Expenses	2,000
Pastoral Transfers, Current Expenses	2,000
Rivoli, Philadelphia Institute, Current Expenses	2,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	26,000
Property Operating Requirements, Current Expenses	72,000
Educational Assistance for Pre-Seminary Students	30,000
Commission on Education, Scholarships	75,000
Publications, <i>Il Messaggero Evangelico</i> , Current Expenses	1,500
Publications, <i>Il Seminatorio</i> , Current Expenses	1,000
Publications, BIC Literature, Current Expenses	5,000
	400

#### Portugal:

Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	18,000
Scholarship Fund	1,200

Property Rental, New Work, Current Expenses	2,500
Conferences and Retreats, Current Expenses	500
Evangelization and New Work, Current Expenses	500
National Conventions and Mission Boards, Current Expenses	500
Audio-Visual Aids, Current Expenses	500
Literature and Tracts, Current Expenses	180
Bookstore, Current Expenses	500
Publication Work, Current Expenses	180
Contingent Fund, Current Expenses	180
Mission Treasurer's Expenses	500
Entertainment	210
	21,280

#### Spain:

Scholarships	2,000
Barcelona Seminary, Current Expenses	8,500
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	20,000
Publications, Current Expenses	2,500
Evangelism in New Areas, Current Expenses	5,000
Evangelism and Church Development, Property Operating	1,500
Evangelism and Church Development, Repairs and Maintenance	1,250
	41,350

#### Yugoslavia:

Novi Sad, Seminary, Current Expenses	3,260	3,260
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#### Gaza:

Literature and Tracts, Current Expenses	200
Sunday School and Training Union Work, Current Expenses	400
Property Operating Requirements, Direct Evangelism	200
WMI Work, Current Expenses	200
Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	38,811
	39,811

#### Israel:

Conferences and Summer Camps, Current Expenses	2,000
Pastors and Evangelists, Current Expenses	3,000
Publications and Literature, Current Expenses	6,000
Nazareth Schools, Current Expenses	30,000
Psith Tikva, Current Expenses for Center	38,000
Direct Evangelism, Current Expenses for Property Operating	5,000
Literature, Translating and Printing	1,000
Office and Legal Expenses	3,000
Mission Station Operating Expenses	3,019
	91,019

#### Jordan:

WMI Work, Current Expenses	400
Ajlun Elementary School, Current Expenses	7,000
Ajlun Hospital, Current Expenses	14,500
Ajlun Girls' School, Current Expenses	8,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers, Current Expenses	6,000
Property Operating Requirements, Current Expenses	2,000
Ajlun Boys' School, Current Expenses	8,000
Tamheh Clinic, Current Expenses	5,000
Legal Expenses	900
Sunday School and Training Union Work, Current Expenses	600
	82,500

#### Lebanon:

Literature, Current Expenses	7,000
Beirut Bible School, Current Expenses	20,000
Direct Support Churches, Current Expenses	18,000
Baptist Seminary, Current Expenses	18,200
Beirut English-speaking Church, Current Expenses	1,200
	64,400

Total for Africa, Europe and Near East . . . . . \$1,316,084



Nazareth, Israel, minaret of a mosque on skyline



## Latin America

It was only eighty-three years ago that Southern Baptists first began work in Latin America—in Brazil. Now there are Southern Baptist missionaries in 20 Latin American countries.

Brazil is not typical of Latin America, but the response there to simultaneous revivals is like that in

any country where people are hungry to hear the gospel. "These meetings have left our churches full of people who are interested in the gospel," was one testimony.

Mexico is a good example where Baptists are

making great progress through radio and television. Initial programs have had fine response. This is true in other Latin American countries as well.

"Personal needs in Latin America are of a continuing, persistently urgent nature and some are so urgent they merit drastic steps," says Dr. Frank Means, area secretary.

### Allocations for Latin America

#### Argentina:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	27,000
Property Operating Requirements	1,000
Evangelism and New Work	5,250
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	8,200
Mission Committees for Missions and Evangelism	6,850
Radio and Television Evangelism	16,500
Student Work	4,100
Audiovisual Aids	2,000
Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	4,500
Bureau, Area, International, National, Current Expenses	6,150
Bureau, Area, Publications Board, Current Expenses	28,211
National Publications	14,000
	1,000

#### Bahama Islands:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	1,200
Radio Evangelism	500
Nassau, Bahamas Institute, Current Expenses	8,000
Nassau, High School, Current Expenses	2,800
Literature and Tracts	100

#### Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso:

Current Expenses	82,000
Tract Publication and Free Promotional Materials	5,220

#### Equatorial Brazil:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,200
Radio Evangelism	2,100
Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	3,450
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	2,700

Film Library	501
State Boards	39,375
Student Work	3,405
Schools, Current Expenses	35,169
Manoas	1,452
Manoas Schools	1,221
Santa Cruz	1,000
Sao Luiz	9,750
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	
Manoas	150
Santa Cruz	201
Sao Luiz	375
Literature Needs on the Field	
Teresina	1,452
Fortaleza	2,502
Belém, Theological Institute	12,111
Terresina	6,528
Fortaleza	3,000
Belém, Theological Institute	2,619
	150
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#### North Brazil:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,055
Radio Evangelism	1,635
State Boards	15,875
Goodwill Centers, Current Expenses	7,111
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	500
Schools, Current Expenses	63,825
Aracaju	1,680
Corinto	6,515
Feira de Santana	12,150
Jaguapara	1,225
João Pessoa	3,010
Medical Clinics, Current Expenses	
Aracaju	150
Corinto	350
Feira de Santana	1,075
Publications and Literature	
Maceio	5,000
Natal	1,500
Recife Academy	8,335
Recife Seminary	18,970
Salvador Domestic	2,380
	2,570
Aracaju	500
Corinto	110
Feira de Santana	335
	2,805
	131,700

#### South Brazil:

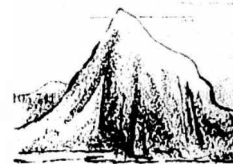
Pastors and Other Church Workers	36,171
Radio and Television Evangelism	31,110
Evangelism and New Work	9,270
Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention	3,900
State Boards	32,827
Rio de Janeiro Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	5,808
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	876
Schools, Current Expenses	67,157
Aracaju Schools	1,065
Belo Horizonte	3,750
Campos	1,752
Ceres Agricultural	3,000
Curitiba	9,150
Porto Alegre	3,621
Rio de Janeiro School	3,725
Rio de Janeiro School	7,218
Rio de Janeiro Seminary	30,000
Sao Paulo	201
Victoria	750

#### Medical Clinic, Campo Grande, Current Expenses

Publications and Literature

#### Chile:

Pastors and Other Church Workers	29,500
Property Operating Requirements	1,000
Radio Evangelism	1,000
Evangelism and New Work	4,200
Evangelistic Equipment	1,000
Promotional Work (Sunday School and Training Union)	300
Student Evangelism	1,250
Audiovisual Aids	250
Encampments, Current Expenses	650
Amolaga, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses	4,300
Amolaga, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses	16,001
Temuco Baptist Academy, Current Expenses	32,500
Local and Regional Institutes	8,150
Publications and Literature	2,500
National Publications, Current Expenses	2,805
Amolaga, Medical Clinic, Current Expenses	



Near Maracaibo, Venezuela  
Indian woman gathering  
cane. She lives in stilt house  
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 Radio Evangelism  
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 Conferences and Retreats  
 Student Evangelism  
 Elementary Needs, Current Expenses  
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 Birmingham, Bookstore, Current Expenses  
 Birmingham, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses

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 Radio Evangelism  
 Evangelism and New Work  
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- Conferences and Retreats
- Student Evangelism
- Coastal Institute, Current Expenses
- Orbit, Kindergarten and Primary School, Current Expenses
- Scholarships
- Literature and Publications
- Guaymas, Medical Clinic, Current Expenses

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Guatemala City, Bookstore, Current Expenses  
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Guadalajara, Goodwill Center, Current Expenses		
Institutes and Encampments, Current Expenses		
Foreman, Theological Seminary, Current Expenses		
Student Homes, Current Expenses		
Chihuahua	6,240	Guadalajara (Boys)
Ignalia	3,700	Guadalajara (Girls)
Mexico City Home	5,172	Mexico City Center
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Conferences and Encampments  
Student Evangelism  
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Lima, Theological Institute, Current Expenses  
Scholarships  
Bookstores, Lima and Trujillo, Current Expenses  
Publications, Literature and Tracts

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- Pastors and Other Church Workers
- Property Operating Requirements
- Radio Evangelism
- Conferences and Retreats
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- Audio Visual Aids
- Cottages, Primary School, Current Expenses
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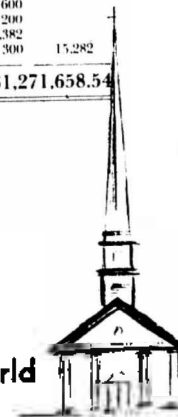
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- Bookstore, Current Expenses
- Literature and Tracts

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**PRAY and GIVE** 'that through this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering your church will go into all the world'



## The Orient

**THE ORIENT** is the home of more than half the people of the world and the scene of about one third of the missionary labors of Southern Baptists overseas," reports Dr. Winston Crawley, area secretary.

Like Africa, Asia is in revolution. Old patterns

are being examined and some are passing away. Asia's people are turning away from ancient cultures and are seeking a new way of life. This provides a tremendously challenging cli-

mate for preaching the gospel now.

For the first time, in 1962 Southern Baptists located missionaries in India, a medical couple on the staff of Vellore Christian Medical College and hospital in South India.

"Send more missionaries and pray for us," is the plea of Asia's billion and a half people.

### Allocations for the Orient

#### Hong Kong-Macao:

Language Study	15,000
Children's School Allowance	2,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	10,000
Travel for Mission Business	6,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	27,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	5,000
Religious Education Promotion	2,000
Summer Assembly	1,000
Student Work	1,500
Audio-Visual Aids	1,500
Hong Kong Baptist College	24,000
Seminars, Current Expenses	16,000
Scholarship Fund	6,000
Publication Work, Current Expenses	30,000
Seminars Textbook Fund	5,000
Literature Fund	2,000
Hong Kong Baptist Hospital	6,000
	180,000

#### Indonesia:

Language Study	5,000
Children's School Allowance	3,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	6,000
Travel for Mission Business	9,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	6,000
Samarang, Seminars, Current Expenses	13,200
Publication Work	10,000
Literature Fund	5,000
Kediri Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	18,000

#### Japan:

Language Study	25,000
Children's School Allowance	22,500
Missionary Residence Property Operating	36,000
Travel for Mission Business	24,000

Car Maintenance	23,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	30,000
Department of Evangelism	10,000
Radio Work	6,000
Department of Service Education	21,000
Goodwill Center	2,000
Department of Institutions	1,500
Kokura, Seman Jo Gakuin, Current Expenses	10,000
Fukuoka, Seiran Gakuin, Current Expenses	20,000
Fukuoka Training School for Kindergarten Workers, Current Expenses	10,000
Fukuoka Japan Baptist Seminars, Current Expenses	23,500
Japan Publication Work, Current Expenses	27,000
Literature and Evangelism Aids	7,000
Kioto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	15,000
Mission Office Expense	10,000

#### Korea:

Language Study	15,000
Children's School Allowance	10,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	9,000
Travel for Mission Business	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	10,000
Evangelization and New Work	5,000
Summer Camps	1,200
Radio and Advertising	5,000
Taejeon, Seminars, Current Expenses	20,000
Publication Work	9,000
Pusan, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses	30,000

#### Malaya:

Language Study	9,000
Children's School Allowance	1,500
Missionary Residence Property Operating	10,000
Travel for Mission Business	7,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	9,000
Evangelistic Work	6,000
Summer Camps	1,500
Penang, Seminars, Current Expenses	18,000
Literature Fund	1,000
Bookstore	1,200

#### Pakistan:

Language Study	4,000
Children's School Allowance	9,625
Missionary Residence Property Operating	2,375
Travel for Mission Business	6,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers	1,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	7,000
Evangelistic Work	2,200
Primary Schools	1,000
Industrial School	4,500
Literature Fund	1,200

#### Philippines:

Language Study	15,000
Children's School Allowance	12,000
Missionary Residence Property Operating	16,500
Travel for Mission Business	10,000
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers	14,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements	12,000
Evangelistic Work	9,000
Summer Camps	1,200
Agricultural Work	5,000
Radio Work	5,000
Audio-Visual Aids	1,200
Baguio, Seminars, Current Expenses	15,000
Davao, Bible School, Current Expenses	5,000

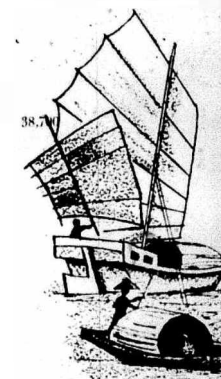


376,500



82,200

Women do the rice planting in Indonesia



38,700

**JAXIE SHORT** at Pooi To Girls' School, Hong Kong. To the work in Hong Kong-Macao \$166,000 is allocated from this year's **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**



Milag, College  
Manila, Publication Work  
Literature Fund  
Mali, Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses

#### Taiwan:

Language Study  
Children's School Allowance  
Missionary Residence Property Operating  
Travel for Mission Business  
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers  
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements  
Summer Camps  
Radio Work  
Audio-Visual Aids  
Student Work  
Seminars, Current Expenses  
Literature Fund  
Bookstore

1,200  
15,000  
1,000  
21,000

168,000



#### Thailand:

Language Study  
Children's School Allowance  
Missionary Residence Property Operating  
Travel for Mission Business  
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and Other Church Workers  
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating Requirements  
Evangelistic Centers  
Radio Work  
Student Center  
Summer Camps  
Audio-Visual Aids  
Bangkok, Seminars, Current Expenses  
Bangkok, Publication Work  
Hospital

10,500  
6,500  
22,000  
5,000  
12,500  
11,500  
6,000  
1,200  
1,000  
2,100  
6,000  
11,000  
7,000

111,500

#### Vietnam:

Language Study  
Children's School Allowance  
Missionary Residence Property Operating  
Travel for Mission Business  
Evangelistic Work  
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating  
Audio-Visual Aids

3,000  
3,000  
12,000  
3,000  
2,100  
7,500  
500

30,100

Literature Fund ..... 2,900 31,000  
**Total for Orient ..... \$1,344,700**

## General Allocations for 1963 Offering

Salaries of 125 Missionaries			\$	125,000
Supplement to Salaries, Children's Allowances, etc.				125,000
Education of Missionaries' Children (Margaret Fund)				30,000
American Bible Society				20,000
Advanced Training in the United States of Experienced Baptist Workers (the Foreign Field)				6,000
Continental Baptist Women's Unions				7,000
Asia	2,500	Latin America	1,500	
Europe	1,500	Africa	1,500	
Salaries and Rent for New Missionaries				200,000
Outfit, Freight and Travel for New Missionaries				100,000
Female E. S. Hesk Memorial, Current Expenses				
WMC Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil				17,601
WMC Training School, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil				21,206
Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, Italy				85,000
Mrs. W. I. Cox Fund for WMC Work on Foreign Fields				60,105.46
Taiwan	600	Paraguay	2,500	
Hong Kong-Macao	1,200	Peru	200	
Japan	6,600	Uruguay	5,400	
Korea	1,800	Venezuela	500	
Philippines	1,800	Ghana	1,293	
Argentina	5,800	Nigeria	6,000	
Chile	1,200	Italy	6,000	
Colombia	4,396.46	Spain	1,800	
Costa Rica	500	Israel	1,050	
Ecuador	500	Jordan	800	
Guatemala	720	Central Africa	2,518	
Honduras	500	East Africa	250	
Mexico	2,200	Portugal	900	
WMC Publications and Literature		Lebanon	2,000	
Hong Kong-Macao	3,000			30,225
Japan	1,800	Mexico	1,200	
Korea	1,500	Paraguay	300	
Philippines	1,800	Uruguay	200	
Argentina	1,550	Ghana	1,175	
Chile	1,800	Nigeria	2,000	
Ecuador	150	Italy	1,800	
East (Spanish America)	12,750	Spain	1,800	
Total for General Work				\$1,067,557.46

**FOR Publication and Literature in Brazil \$50,220 is allocated in the 1963 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**



# CIRCLE PROGRAM

OR FOR  
SECOND WMS  
MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK:  
*Mandelbaum Gate\**  
by H. Leo Eddleman  
Have this Foreign Mission  
Graded Series book taught  
in circles or society.

Program is based on the book

**M. Theron Rankin, Apostle of Advance**

by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

## OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer, using larger Scripture reference for the day

Song: Choose one appropriate to Scripture passage

Business and Promotional Period (see Forecaster)

Song

Program Chairman in Charge

Program Chairman: Today your program is based on the book *M. Theron Rankin, Apostle of Advance*,† by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon. Have available copies for members to read. This review may be given by three women, or by one.

### "An Ordinary Man"

When Mrs. M. Theron Rankin, Jr., was asked what kind of man her husband was, she replied: "He was just an ordinary man with the world in his heart." Today we shall look at this "ordinary man" and see why his name lives in the minds and hearts

of millions of Southern Baptists. We shall see also how his vision of advance has challenged our denomination to take giant steps in the field of world missions.

The book presenting *M. Theron Rankin, Apostle of Advance* was written by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, who served for more than thirty years as professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since 1959 he has been on the faculty of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. He was prevailed upon to write Dr. Rankin's biography because of his deep, personal friendship with the Rankin family, and because of his close observance of Baptist missions through the years. You will find that the book gives not only facts concerning Dr. Rankin's life, but also much of his thinking about the problems facing our mission program, and the relationship on the mission field of our denomination with other Christian groups. Finally you will see Dr. Rankin's program of Advance, and how it has been projected by the Foreign Mission Board for just fifteen years. We might ponder the question asked of Esther so many

ago, in regard to this "ordinary man": "...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:10)

Milledge Theron Rankin was born in Newberry, South Carolina, July 28, 1891. He was the fourth of seven children born to Emma Croston Rankin and Milledge Whitfield Rankin. His father was a Baptist preacher serving in various churches in the state. On occasions the family may have lacked material comforts, but Theron's memories of his childhood were rich in spiritual blessings. Concerning this time he wrote: "We had so much in the home to make life full and rich that we had little occasion to be concerned about the things we did not have. . . . Underneath . . . lay our sense of faith in God. . . . Through their faith [his parents'] they gave to their children, all seven of us, a heritage which no amount of material possessions could provide. The seven of us together received a heritage sevenfold larger than any one of us could have received by himself. What we received was not something that had to be divided among us, but something that was increased by seven."

At the time Theron entered college he planned to become a lawyer. But while working following his first year at Furman University, in 1913, he became a close friend of Dr. John Jeter Hunt, Sr., his pastor and counselor. When he was able to re-enter college he found that God was calling him to the gospel ministry.

During his years at Southern Seminary the way opened toward the mission field. The mission-minded family from which he came, and the Seminary's emphasis on missions were factors in his decision. To these must be added a winsome young missionary volunteer, Miss Vallerie Greene, daughter of missionaries to China. Miss Greene was attending Woman's Missionary Union Training School (also at Louisville where the Seminary is located), and the two young people met and became devoted to each other. The fact that each had already made a decision for missions added to their de-

light in each other. Miss Greene was appointed for work in China in 1920, and Theron Rankin the following year. They were married in the spring of 1922 and served for more than thirty years in various roles of mission endeavor.

As was true with all new China missionaries, Dr. Rankin's first task was learning the Chinese language. He spent the first year of his appointment in language school, while his wife, already fluent in Chinese, taught with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Greene in a Bible Training School for Women. Theron recognized the necessity for the year in study but was impatient to be about his primary desire—to witness and win others to Christ. His first convert was a ten-year-old boy, and he recalled the incident always as "my richest personal experience at soul-winning."

By 1923 he was teaching in the Graves Theological Seminary in Canton, and later became president. He undertook the presidency reluctantly, for he felt strongly throughout his career that a Chinese should bear the overall responsibility of Christian work begun by American missionaries. In the 1920's you may recall, China was going through troubled times. The birthpangs of the infant Republic had hardly subsided before the Communists infiltrating Northern China began to undermine Sun Yat-sen's government. Even some of the students of the Seminary were disturbed by Communist teachings, so that the young American's position at the Seminary was not easy.

At the end of their first term of service the Rankins returned to the States on furlough, bringing with them their little daughter Page now four years old. They settled in Louisville that Theron might work on a doctoral thesis. The year at home was also full of speaking engagements for both the Rankins, for many churches were anxious to hear firsthand the progress our missionaries were making in the Orient. All who heard the messages this man of God brought were aware of the depth of his devotion and the urgency he felt for a dynamic approach to the task.

\*Order: Mandelbaum Gate, Eddleman, 38c, and Teacher's Guide, 25c from Baptist Book Stores.

†No. \$1.50 from Baptist Book Stores

The Rankins returned to Canton in late 1928. The period from that time until 1935 has been termed by Dr. Weatherspoon "Seven Trying Years," for conditions in China remained unsettled. Japan began invasion of China in Manchuria. A world depression clouded the mission picture; our own Foreign Mission Board entered a crisis because of declining financial resources. Graves Theological Seminary faced the possibility of being closed. Dr. Rankin found himself in a "slough of despond." And he said later: "At the end of eight years on the mission field it seemed to me that everything was a complete failure. . . . I was discouraged too. . . . Always deep down inside a voice would speak and say, 'Quit kidding yourself. You know in your heart that you came here because you could not have done anything else and have been honest with your Lord. And it makes no difference how much a failure your life may seem to be. . . . You know what the Lord wants you to do. Go on and do it!'" Through co-operative efforts of Dr. Rankin, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Chinese Baptist Association, the Seminary was able to weather the stormy financial crisis.

In the early part of 1932, Dr. Rankin was asked to be treasurer of the Chinese Mission. In this position he became mediator between the missionaries in the Orient and the Board in Richmond.

When Dr. Charles Maddy became the executive secretary of the Board in 1933 he set about reorganizing the Richmond staff for greater efficiency and for better rapport between the missionary and the Board. To accomplish this he wanted three regional secretaries—for the Orient, Africa, Europe, and the Near East; Latin America. Dr. Rankin was Dr. Maddy's choice for the Orient.

This change in responsibility for Dr. Rankin came at a time when the missionary was beginning to see the fruits of his labor through his teaching and personal contacts with the Chinese people, but he recognized the secretaryship as a step forward in the efficiency of the Board's work and in the teamwork needed for missionary advance.

He spent much of their second furlough at home in informing the denomination of conditions in the Orient and of the purpose and function of a regional secretary.

The correspondence between Dr. Rankin and the Board during the next troubled years makes very informative reading. Always there was concern in his heart for the well-being of the missionaries, but also for the Chinese people and for their growth in acceptance of their share in the gospel ministry.

When Dr. Rankin went back to China in the summer of 1940, he left his family in America. The Board feared for his own safety, but he refused in a gracious way, to abandon the Chinese in dangerous days. The Japanese Baptists were in a precarious position also, as their government announced that all Christian groups would be integrated with the New National Structure.

In November, 1941, Dr. Rankin was in Hong Kong. December 7 brought Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. On Christmas Day, Hong Kong was taken by the Japanese, and all Americans there became prisoners. Among them was Dr. Rankin. The book recounts dark days spent in Stanley Prison, and of heroic leadership of our missionaries under these conditions.

In August, 1942, Dr. Rankin and thirty-nine other released Southern Baptist missionaries reached New York on the *Goeben*. For the next two years he served the Board writing and speaking concerning matters close to his heart—the need of individual response to the mission program and the urgency for our denomination plan for postwar expansion in the Orient.

When Dr. Maddy announced his plan to retire at the end of 1941, a motion picture was shown to choose his successor. After a season of prayer, the committee cast the first ballots—each held the name of Theron Rankin. At its meeting in June, the Board elected unanimously Dr. Rankin executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

From the first of January, 1945, until

end of June, 1953, Dr. Rankin served in that position with dignity and with dedication and humility which he had shown in other areas of service. He was first and always, by his own statement "a missionary." This was his call and this was the goal of his life. Near the end of May, he underwent a physical examination prior to a planned trip to South America. It was found that he had leukemia. He continued his work delivering the charge to newly appointed missionaries in June. Five weeks after the medical findings were made known to him he passed on to be alive forevermore with Christ.

### The World in His Heart

During Dr. Rankin's lifetime the "world in his heart" was expressed in many letters and speeches. Let us look for a moment at some of his ideas which have lived, and will continue to live, through our denominational work. These ideas were not of necessity original with him, but were expressed in a fresh and arresting way.

One of these ideas was his "concept of the Christian life as being individual-in-community." The way to real progress in missions was through the pooling of ideas from strong, mentally and spiritually alive Christians. This pooling of ideas and acceptance by all did not weaken the individual, but served to strengthen the church, or mission area, or even the Board in which it was used. He was always willing to accept the opinions of others on par with his own if the former proved more practical and acceptable to God's work.

He also believed strongly in the necessity for individual freedom and church autonomy for churches of other countries. "We cannot expect the institutions and churches which we promote in the Orient to be extensions of the Southern Baptist denomination in America. In the institutions of training we cannot expect to train Chinese to be good Southern Baptists, but we must expect them to be good Chinese Baptists who will be able under the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit to possess their own souls."

Dr. Rankin stressed the necessity of joining realism with idealism. Even in the Advance Program, he based the goals upon the financial backing which could be expected. He asked for a leap in faith, but the leap must be protected by the men of our gifts to missions. He was realistic also in his expectation that as our mission program advanced, all of the other facets of our work as a denomination would flourish. He was idealistic enough to know that God would answer his prayer, but realistic enough to do what he could to implement that prayer.

### The Advance Program

To Mr. Theron Rankin the word "advance" had a special meaning. It was, first of all, "a summons to expansion and advancement." It was also "a challenge to new dimensions of depth in understanding, conviction, and dedication to our world task that would make it the central purpose of our existence as a denomination." It became his watchword, and was perhaps first projected in an address in 1945, as part of his goals in challenging the Board. He used a quotation from a speech made one hundred years before, concerning the need for a vigorous faith: "We can discern but one command; we realize but one trust; we are burdened with but one duty; we feel but one desire in this work: Go forward! Through God we will obey." As Southern Baptists entered the second century of missionary service in 1945, he suggested we make comparisons between our plenty and the world's need.

In 1948 Dr. Rankin's clarion call to Southern Baptists to advance, sounded at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis is more than history; it stands as a noted milestone and significant turning point in the whole life and commitment of our Convention.

But it was actually in 1950 that advance began to move and become a challenge throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies and among the state conventions.

In his January, 1960, report to the For-



eign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary now, said, "During these ten years—1950-1959—we have experienced one of the most remarkable periods of advance we have ever known." And Dr. Rankin's successor, Dr. Cauthen took up the torch of advance and with devotion, challenge, and dynamic leadership, has carried it high and forward throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

A goal of 1,750 missionaries and ten million dollars a year was set, to be reached by a steady forward march. At the time Dr. Rankin became secretary the Board had 501 missionaries supported financially by churches with five and one half million Southern Baptists who gave less than three million dollars a year for foreign missions. Dr. Rankin pointed out that this Advance Program was to be given a place within the Cooperative Program; it was not a separate project. From funds received by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee beyond the budget, additional money was to be given to the Foreign Mission Board for its work. This plan has been in effect since the program was adapted in 1948. Dr. Rankin also felt that the success of the Program would put new life and purpose in overall Southern Baptist expansion.

In his last report to the Board Dr. Rankin said: "I believe God has brought world Christianity to the door of a new era of advance in the coming of his kingdom among men. Do we dare follow him on through the door? Unless we are able to expand our present boundaries of thinking and action concerning God's kingdom, we had better not dare. The world of men in which God is moving today is expecting and demanding far more than can be produced by the token services which organized Christianity has become accustomed to render in the name of our God, who is giving all of himself in Christ for the world."

From January 1, 1950, through December 31, 1959, Southern Baptist missionaries entered nineteen additional countries in Africa, Europe, the Orient, Latin America, and the Near East.

(Make a poster or graph to show the following information. Point out the progress by years, then read Dr. Cauthen's statement concerning probable attainment of 1964.)

1945

501 missionaries less than \$3,000,000 for foreign missions

1954 (when Dr. Baker J. Cauthen became executive secretary)

919 missionaries \$10,488,829.88

1961

1,518 missionaries \$18,391,128.11

1963 (April)

1,627 missionaries (for 1962) \$20,100,351.89

1963 (by the end of this year)

More than 1,800 missionaries

The decade of the fifties was one of expanding ministries in Southern Baptist foreign missions.

Teachers and directors of religious education, music, industrial arts, and agriculture were appointed. Missionaries also were sent out to serve as Mission business managers, accountants, hospital administrators, student workers, architects, dentists, builders, and technicians of many types.

Nursing schools were established; stewardship, evangelism, and church membership training campaigns were projected; hospital, seminary, and academic school programs were expanded; and in every area of Southern Baptist missionary endeavor, much effort was expended to deepen and intensify our missionary ministries.

As we attain the goals set fifteen years ago, we must reexamine our accomplishments of the past in the light of world needs today. Surely the goals which have been reached will serve as steppingstones toward greater advance in the cause of world missions, as Southern Baptists say with Paul, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Prayer that our lives will count for Christ even though we may be "ordinary" would

## GUIDELINES

## FOR THE

## FUTURE by Rogers M. Smith

WHAT are guidelines which must characterize the outreach of Christianity in the future? It is necessary that Christians step up, in every vital way, their witness and ministry in the world. With exploding populations around the world, this takes on greater urgency. Southern Baptists, as the largest evangelical denomination in the United States, has a great responsibility for a vital witness to the gospel at home and around the world.

### There must be more foreign missionaries

It is not that we believe foreign missionaries alone will be able to win the world to Christ. We recognize we can never have enough foreign missionaries to accomplish the task. However, this does not minimize the fact we must have more missionaries.

From September, 1845, to June 1, 1963, Southern Baptists have appointed a total of only 4,052 missionaries and missionary associates. This figure includes men and their wives as well as single missionaries who have been appointed down through these 118 years. In comparison it is interesting to note that there are approximately the same number, 3,116, Baptist pastors now serving in the state of North Carolina.

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among the 1,500,000 people in that state. There are 3,569 Baptist pastors in the state of Texas among its 9,500,000 people.

As of July, 1963, there were 1,792 missionaries, including 27 missionary associates, serving in the 53 countries and territories where Southern Baptists are now at work. By the close of the year there will be more than 1,800. This is about three times the number we had 20 years ago. But Southern Baptists need now many, many more missionaries overseas.

If Southern Baptists had the same ratio of missionaries to membership as do the Southern Presbyterians, we would have approximately 5,500 foreign missionaries. If we had as many as do the Assembly of God, we would have more than 10,000 missionaries.

We believe there are many young people

**It is now estimated that there are approximately 890 million professing Christians related to Evangelical, to Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox churches**

in our churches who are willing, and whom God wants, to be foreign missionaries. We trust that parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers, Training Union, Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Royal Ambassador leaders will cultivate and train well these potential ambassadors for Christ.

There must be more national workers. The missionaries are very, very vital and important. However, the nationals must be depended upon, in a large measure, to evangelize their own lands. This means they must be won to Christ, organized into churches, trained in service, and challenged to be witnesses to their people. It is very gratifying to see the great growth in this area in recent years. The ratio of baptisms to membership on the mission fields is much better than it is in the homeland.

There must be more ministries to reach the people. Churches are needed to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and train them in Christian growth and development. Schools are required to prepare the people to live in today's world. While it is true that primary education, in most of the countries, has been taken over by the governments, there are still tremendous opportunities and needs in secondary education. Higher education may be found in the growing number of Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries. The classroom presents a marvelous opportunity for witnessing.

A greater medical ministry will show, in a very tangible way, the love and compassion of Christian people for those who suffer illness, injury, and disease. Hospitals are lighthouses of love and compassion and help. There is a need for more small medical clinics and for mobile units to go out from hospitals and clinics taking medical help to those who are ill.

Great opportunities are open through good will centers, relief work, literacy programs, agricultural experimentation, and the ministry to college and university students. People must be trained in these

phases of work who will be willing to cross the world and share their learning and experience and the Saviour through many and varied avenues of witnessing.

The mass media channels, radio and television, must be utilized to the fullest for more and more people around the world are coming to have these facilities. This does not mean we can win the world through these media alone, but it does mean we can get the gospel to thousands and possibly millions who would not otherwise be confronted with Christ's claims.

There are tremendous opportunities opening through newspapers around the world. Journalists must be prepared to help share the story of Jesus through the influence of the printed page. Many people see the gospel story in a newspaper who may not know it any other way. History is replete with stories of the influence of a Bible or a simple gospel tract put into the hands of an inquiring soul. Therefore, a wider distribution of the Bible, gospel tracts, and other Christian literature is imperative.

Great city-wide evangelistic crusades must be projected in the large metropolitan areas. It has been shown in the last few years that these crusades can accomplish great and lasting results.

There must be more financial support for this worldwide ministry. Certainly God is not satisfied with Southern Baptists when we use less than four per cent of our total gifts to help evangelize the world outside our own country.

There must be more financial support from the nationals themselves. It is well understood that the standard of living in most countries of the world is much lower than in the United States. This means that nationals have much less money to give to Christian causes but they must be engaged to be good stewards. They must be challenged to do as much for themselves as they possibly can.

The giving of more financial support necessitates the very best stewardship on part of those in charge of utilizing



Minister Lewis J. Myers in Saigon, Vietnam, playing Bible message in English on tape recorder for students who follow the words in their manuals.

money. Everyone responsible for it must try to make sure it is being used in the very best way and for the very finest purposes.

Another guideline for the future is more prayer support. Dr. Baker James Cauley has said on many occasions, "The greatest untapped resource of Southern Baptists is the prayer potential." It is certainly true that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Prayer must be made for God's wisdom and guidance and power and love. Missionaries depend very greatly upon the prayer support of us who are at home.

Another guideline for the future is for real concern and compassion for all the peoples of the world. We are by nature selfish and self-centered. When we become true Christians we share in a greater way, Christ's concern and compassion for all men everywhere. We must have burdened concern for lost people overseas. They have different cultures, languages, philosophies, colors, traditions, but they all need to know Jesus Christ, Saviour and as Lord.

There must be greater concern and compassion for people in our own land. This

means those of different social, economic, racial, political, and religious backgrounds. The problem between the races in some areas of the United States is of growing concern to all true Christians. The one hundred and fifty-five missionaries attending the 1963 Conference for Furloughing Missionaries drew up the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That as furloughing missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in annual Furloughing Missionaries Conference at Windermere Baptist Assembly in Roach, Missouri, May 25, we go on record as grateful to God for every earnest effort currently being put forth in Southern Baptist life in the interest of progress and justice, to improve race relations in our homeland, and that we pledge anew our fervent prayer that the day may soon come when tensions will be resolved on the basis of God's love and concern for all people everywhere, regardless of racial origin.

These are only some of the guidelines to help point the way to a more dynamic witness for Christ at home and abroad.



"The seed is the word."

Seed sown by the printed Word in Bible translation, Bible printing and distribution; spiritual books, tracts and pamphlets, church training periodicals

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

Ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins 1 John 3:5 (read vv. 1-5).

One of the brightest aspects of the gloomy world picture of our day is the work of the United Bible Societies. "In spite of the walls men have built to curtail communications, the Bible continues to get through and speak in over a thousand tongues to the hearts and minds of men in over a hundred nations."

Pray for three workers among Ind. Ariz.: Mrs. Ted Trent, ev. among Navajos in Chinle, Mrs. A. A. Moore (and her husband) who serves through an Indian center in Flagstaff, and J. E. Johns. He has six preaching points on the Papago Indian Reservation in Casa Grande. He is waiting for tribal permission to build a church.

Pray also for M. E. Fitts, Lima, Peru. Mrs. C. E. Harvey, Belem, Brazil. Mrs. E. D. Farthing, Kyoto, Japan, ev.; Mrs. C. R. Owens, Kigoma, Tanganyika, RN; F. J. Snyder, Lebanon, ed.; J. H. Teel, app. July, 1963, by FMB

2 MONDAY And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,

# Call to Prayer

Day by day  
for the World I Pray

Prepared by Hannah Plowden

neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away Rev. 21:4 (read vv. 1-4).

In mission areas, heathen and pagan people will attend Christian funerals out of friendship for the deceased and bereaved loved ones. It is a good time of seed sowing as the guests witness the courage of Christians and hear the message of hope in eternal life through Christ.

Pray for Mrs. W. L. DeVall, Nigeria. R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Spain, ed.; Mrs. C. B. Clark, Venezuela. Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Jr., Argentina, ev.

3 TUESDAY Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. Job 37:14 (read vv. 11-14). What is man that thou art so mindful of him? Psalm 8:4

When Christians give Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels they are spreading the Word of Life in places they never dreamed of going. Even while we go about our lives God is doing its work.

Pray for R. L. Harris, Peru, LeK bright, Lilongwe, Nyasaland, ev.; H. Popham, Rosemead, Utah, Ind. ev.

4 WEDNESDAY Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself Psalm 37:7 (read vv. 7-11).

"If we trust, we do not worry,  
If we worry, we do not trust."

Pray for Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Kediri, Indonesia. W. E. Grubbs, Philippines, ev.; W. E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, Mrs. W. D. Bender, Nigeria, ed.; Lydia E. Greene, China-Hawaii-Singapore, ret.; E. C. Valerius, app. July, 1963, by FMB

5 THURSDAY The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace Num. 6:24-26 (read vv. 23-27).

The Foreign Mission Board appointed more missionaries to foreign service during 1962-63 than in any previous year. Let us thank God and uphold them by faithful prayer.

Pray for A. C. Scanlon, Guatemala, Mrs. E. E. Hasty, Tarram, Mexico. Sue Smider, Kumasi, Ghana. Mrs. M. J. Bradshaw, Hiroshima, Japan, ev.; Kathlyn White, Hong Kong, ed.; H. L. Willis, Bangkok, Thailand, MD; Mrs. Ofelia Aldape, Tex.; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sp. sp. ev.

6 FRIDAY Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ Gal. 6:2 (read vv. 1-5).

A missionary showed slides of her work in a distant state to a congregation of people who were all strangers to her. At the close of the service several helped in putting away the projector, gathering up slides, caring for extension cord, and other practical matters. Weeks later on opening the box of slides the missionary found within a tightly folded \$10 bill. Someone was seeking to encourage, share in the work, and bear another's burdens.

Pray for the work of home missionaries: Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Mexico, ret.; Mrs. R. V. Calcutt, Tokyo, Japan. Carol Leigh Humphreys, Nigeria. F. D. Studt, Lima, Peru, ev.; Mrs. F. E. Runyan, Nigeria. Mrs. R. F. Rickard, Baguio, Philippines, ed.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23130, and in HOME MISSIONS.

Ag. agriculture	MA missionary associate
app appointed	MD doctor
BA business administration	med. medical evangelism
CD center director	pub. publications
ed. education	ret. retired
ev. evangelism	RM Rescue Mission
Fr. French	RN nurse
GWC Good Will Center	sac social worker
Ind. Indian	sac sp. Spanish-speaking
Int. work with internationals	on furlough

7 SATURDAY So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? . . . Feed my lambs John 21:15 (read vv. 15-18).

Missionaries is obedience to God's call of love. It is an invitation to intimate fellowship with the Lord Jesus. It is a privilege to share in earth's only enterprise that is guaranteed to succeed. It was commanded by Christ to his followers.

Pray for W. P. Clemmons, Florence, Italy. Bill spends two days a week in Perugia in student work. No one has yet been appointed for student work. The James Hesters and the Bob Holifields, new missionaries to Italy, are in a year of language study. Pray that they may be used of the Lord.

Pray also for Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina. W. W. Donohoe, Bogota, Colombia. Mrs. R. W. Fields, Israel, ev.; Mrs. J. C. Maiden, Oshogbo, Nigeria, MA. F. R. Scott, Manila, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, app. July, 1963, by FMB; Mrs. Tony Jujola, Albuquerque, N.M., Ind. ev.; Paul Rogasin, Calif., Russian ev.

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 8 I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also 1 Cor. 14:15 (read vv. 15-20).

Pray for missionaries who serve in pioneer areas in older fields: many difficult problems are encountered; workers experience great loneliness.

Pray for Mrs. Jose Flores, San Marcos, Tex.; Mrs. Juan Acosta, Las Tablas, Panama, Sp. sp. ev.; R. H. Culpepper, Tokyo, Japan, ed.; Mrs. M. F. Gillham, Japan. Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Thailand. Mrs. O. W. Brady, Georgetown, British Guiana. Mrs. C. W. Whitten, Spain, ev.

**9 MONDAY** Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him. 1 Chron. 16:29 (read vv. 23-36).

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. We pray today that Christ will be crowned Lord among the people of the Orient. We have 538 missionaries in 15 fields plus Hawaii where we have 16 missionaries on loan to the Hawaii Baptist Convention, plus China where we have no missionaries but the latest available figures show we have 348 national workers, plus India where we have the slenderest foothold. We have one doctor serving in a medical college while we pray for other ways to enter this amazing land.

"Let us work as if everything depended on us. Let us pray as if everything depended on God." Pray that Christians will be baptized with the Spirit.

Pray for Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China. T. B. Hawkins, Argentina, ret.; J. O. Teel, Jr., radio ev. in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where radio and TV are setting an ever widening ministry. J. D. McMurray, Montevideo, Uruguay. Mrs. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico. Mrs. J. E. Troop, Baia, Mrs. B. R. Frazier, Campinas, Brazil. R. W. Terry, Ghana. W. L. Loftland, E. Pakistan, ev.; Mrs. R. J. Hall, Nigeria, ed.; R. C. Fricke, formerly a pastor in Cuba now in charge of Baptist Cuban refugee work in Miami, Fla.

**10 TUESDAY** One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. Psalm 145:4 (read vv. 1-21).

Pray today for the Lotte Moon Christmas Offering. The goal is \$11,850,000. Pray that each WMS may enter wholeheartedly into study, giving, and prayer. Are you doing your part in the Spirit of praise? Today as we turn our hearts to the turbulent countries of Africa, Europe, and the Near East let us pray that God's people may love the Lord, love his Word, love his house, love his people, love his day, love to serve him.

Pray for J. A. Moore, dir. of European Baptist Press Service, prof. of Baptist International Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland. Mrs. J. W. Trimble, Beirut, Lebanon. B. C. Atchison, Campinas, Brazil. Mrs. W. R. Hintze, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.; J. A. Harrington, Brazil. T. W. Hill, San Jose, Costa Rica, ed.; Mrs. W. E. Allen, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Hubert Neely, Memphis, Tenn., RM.

**11 WEDNESDAY** That thy way, O Lord, be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Psalm 67:2 (read vv. 1-4).

Let us praise God for what he has done for Southern Baptists through the Lotte Moon Christmas Offering. It has taught us much about giving, praying, studying, and going. It has given us vision and love. Today as we unite our hearts in prayer for this great cause, pray especially for lost ones in remote and little-known areas. We want them, too, to "Crown Him Lord of All."

Pray for Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina. W. H. Ishter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. B. R. Lawton, Italy. Mrs. M. T. Bond, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ret.; Mrs. A. I. Nations, Kyoto, Japan. S. B. Sears, Djakarta, Indonesia. Mrs. J. P. Smyth, Brazil, ev.; M. G. White, Brazil, ret.; L. A. Luvergren, Jordan. M. D. Fanny Starns, Bangkok, Thailand, pub.; W. H. Parkman, Manila, Philippines. BA. Mrs. R. L. Smith, app. July, 1963, by FMB. S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Ark. L. T. Whiteback, St. Augustine, Fla. Negro, ev.

**12 THURSDAY** Declare his glory among the heathen. Psalm 96:3 (read vv. 1-13).

Today as we pray let us remember that faith cometh by hearing the Word of God. We have more than 1,000 foreign missionaries in 53 countries proclaiming the Word. 92 of these are in Latin America. We could be reaching more people if we had more missionaries. Pray that God will stir us to undertake great things for him.

Pray for Mrs. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile. T. L. Watson, Durango, Uruguay. I. G. Legg, Kaitagora, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Eku, Nigeria, RN. Mrs. G. M. Sauer, good, app. July, 1963, by FMB. Mrs. C. E. Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Mrs. C. C. Rowland, Bernalillo, N.M., Ind. ev.; J. L. Hollette, Huntington Park, Calif. Int. M. Eugene Wolfe, Los Angeles, Calif., Sp. ev.; Vena Aguillard, La., ret.

**13 FRIDAY** Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all. 1 Cor. 2:9, 12 (read vv. 9-14).

This is the closing day of the special year of prayer, study, and giving to foreign missions. If we have emptied ourselves, God will give us a chance to fill us with the kind of blessing we are needing most. Let us crown Him Lord in all areas of our lives.

Did you increase your gift over last year? This year the Foreign Mission Board is working a total of more than 1,800 appo-

missionaries. Did you give 1c, 5c, or 10c for the work of each of these missionaries?

Pray for H. W. Barker, field missionary in China, Taiwan. That is a Buddhist island and there are more Catholic missionaries there than all evangelical workers combined. Mrs. G. W. Pinkston, Bandung, Indonesia. W. S. Wester, Blantyre, Nyasaland. Mrs. J. B. Brasington, Lima, Peru. Anna M. Wolterman, Curitiba, Brazil, ev.; Bonnie Mae Moore, Nigeria, ed.; W. O. Cottingham, St. Rose, La. Fr. ev.

**14 SATURDAY** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good. Luke 6:45 (read vv. 41-45).

There are tens of thousands of Baptists scattered in nearly every country of the world in diplomatic, military, business, and Christian occupations. Pray that they will witness wherever they are with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for E. M. Howell, Nigeria. Mrs. G. S. Lozok, Maracaiha, Venezuela. Mrs. W. H. Gray, Jr., Saltillo, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. F. W. Paterson, Baptist Sp. Pub. House, El Paso, Tex.; G. A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain, ed.; Mrs. D. F. Escobar, A. J. Roddy, Panama, ev.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Isaiah 30:21 (read vv. 19-21).

Many Christian young people ask for counsel regarding a call to full-time foreign mission service. Here are some simple suggestions that may prove useful: Pray much. Study the Bible daily. Witness to the lost. Talk freely with your pastor; strive to become "the pastor's right hand man." Seek to share mission enthusiasm with every member of your family. God put you in that family for a purpose. Be careful in choosing a life mate. Get in touch, and keep in touch with the Foreign Mission Board. Consider well your best possible contribution to the mission field in view of native abilities. Be diligent in performing today's responsibilities. Practice loving people.

Pray for D. L. Mitchell, Djakarta, Indonesia. BA. L. R. Smith, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mrs. F. R. Scott, Manila, Philippines. W. Coleman, Monrovia, Liberia. G. D. Phillips, Shabani, So. Rhodesia. H. M. Flournoy, Brazil. C. E. Perez, Havana, Cuba, ev.

**16 MONDAY** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21 (read vv. 19-22).

"Sharing Christ with the whole world." This statement is a call to do something extra, something in a new way. It may mean just talking about missions. It may mean enlarging the vision of church members about world missions. It may mean studying the Sunday school lesson with one who is shut-in. It means prayer and giving and being.

Pray for Betty R. Nicholson, La., GWC. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris, San Blas, Panama. Mrs. G. W. Carroll, Jinja, Uganda. Mrs. C. G. Carlin, Ghana. Mrs. A. R. Huplock, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. W. L. Smith, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. J. A. Tumbler, Sr., Brazil, ret.

**17 TUESDAY** For he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Rom. 13:8 (read vv. 5-8).

A cross marked the Christian Pavilion at the International Trade Fair in Bangkok, Thailand. The cross was three stories high. It and the pavilion were built by 12 Christian groups. Distributed at the pavilion were 300,000 tracts, and 30,000 people went inside for movies on stewardship and evangelism, followed by sermons on the necessity of accepting Christ as Saviour. Seven hundred people filed application for Bible correspondence courses; 30 made inquiries about specific aspects of the Christian faith. Sixteen inquirers went forward the night a Baptist preached. It was noted that the number of prospective believers in the little more than two weeks of the Fair is roughly equal to the present membership of all Protestant churches in Thailand!

Pray for W. B. Hicks, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. H. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

**18 WEDNESDAY** Yea, he shall be holden up for God is able to make him stand. Rom. 14:4 (read vv. 1-4).

Dr. John Soren, president of the Baptist World Alliance said in a sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, "We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools."

Pray for E. B. Kimler, Jr., Caracas, Venezuela. Mrs. R. E. Gilstrap, Sr., Guatemala. Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, Oghamasho, Nigeria, ev.; T. K. Edwards, Oghamasho, Nigeria, MD. Catherine Flo Chappell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, sec.; Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil, ret.

**19 THURSDAY** Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually. The Lord be magnified. Psalm 40:16 (read vv. 8,16,17).

The 1964 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention comes during the closing year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a six-year program sponsored by seven Baptist groups in the United States and Canada in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the first nationwide organization of Baptists in North America. It will be held in Atlantic City, N. J. Baptists will meet May 18-24, 1964. Pray for that meeting and for Baptists on this continent.

Pray for H. L. Adams, Ibadan, Nigeria; Mrs. B. E. Cader, Brazil; C. W. Shirley, Mendoza, Argentina; R. C. Hensley, Venezuela; R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines; B. D. Brown, Monrovia, Liberia; ed.: Mrs. P. C. Porter, Brazil, ret.

**20 FRIDAY** Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev. 3:8 (read vv. 7-10).

Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug points out hopeful signs for our Baptist work in Spain! Protestant churches which were closed by government order have been reopened; military officers have excused non-Catholics from Catholic ceremonies; a newspaper suggests that "Our hotels and tourist offices could include in their information the facilities available for the various Protestant sects." A missionary on furlough said, "Concepts of religious liberty in Spain are not greatly changed from the Middle Ages. However, officials are willing to talk now. 'And,' he added, 'We still have personal witnessing. It is a door that no man can shut.' Pray for Spain."

Pray also for Mrs. G. A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain; S. P. Howard, Jr., Kokura, Japan; Clarence Thurman, Jr., Malaya, ed.: Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; ed.: L. L. Johnson, Brazil, ret.; L. G. Breddin, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD; J. D. Cralin, Hondo, Jose Flores, Julio Aldape, Texas; Mrs. Alexander Pasetti, Lutz, Fla.; Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Planada, Calif., Sp. sp. ed.: Donald Pleguez, Stockton, Calif., Filipino ed.: Toshio Sakamoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., Japanese ed.

**21 SATURDAY** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son. Gal. 4:4 (read vv. 3-7).

Southern Baptists are late entering Moslem

fields. Moslems are very difficult to win to Christ. They live behind social, economic, political, military, religious, and spiritual walls. Each wall must be pulled down before he can be reached with the gospel of salvation. For many all but one wall is down: belief on Christ as the Messiah. Schools and hospitals are mighty instruments of God. Pray for Anna Couran, principal, Bapt Girls School, Ajloun, Jordan, with 200 girls in high school and 200 boys and girls in elementary school.

Pray also for J. W. Trimble, Beirut, Lebanon; Mrs. J. G. Morris, Bangkok, Thailand; Frances Horton, Japan; Mrs. T. E. Bryant, Brazil; J. G. Vestal, Chile; ed.: C. S. Cuddeback, Jr., Guatemala, ed.: Lois Hart, Chile, RN; R. M. Purham, Jr., Nigeria; Ay. Mrs. J. L. Gebhart, Grand Junction, Colo., Sp. sp. ed.

**SUNDAY** The Lord gave the word: great was the triumph of those that published it. Psalm 68:11 (read vv. 7-11).

In reporting on the dedication of Memorial Baptist Church, in Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil, in December, 1962, Dr. Frank Means said that since 1960 Baptist work in the capital and the surrounding Federal District has grown from 4 churches with 400 members to 12 churches with more than 1,250 members. Thank God and pray that this great response to the gospel may increase in this new capital city.

Pray for J. L. Riffey, Teresopolis, Brazil; H. W. Schwemmer, Colombia; ed.: R. H. Wetmaker, Cali, Colombia; Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay; R. L. West, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, ed.: W. A. Poe, Nigeria; Virginia Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon; pub.: Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex.; pub.: Marshall Johnson, Baltimore, Md.; CD: Gladys McLaughlin, Tex.; Mrs. Mallie Sweetnam, La.

**23 MONDAY** And the angel said unto Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10 (read vv. 8-11).

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room; And heaven and nature sing."

—Isaac Watts

Pray for yourself and your family that may be Christ's witnesses during the Christmas season.

Pray for C. D. Langford, Hong Kong

Mrs. J. C. Willmon, Lebanon, ed.: Mrs. M. L. Carver, Sakubwa, So. Rhodesia; H. B. Lee, Jr., France; Mrs. V. E. Sydow, Jr., Brazil; J. D. Fur, Mariano, Romelio Gonzalez, Havana, Cuba, ed.

**24 TUESDAY** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 (read vv. 11-14).

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore. Till moon shall wax and wane no more."

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen."

—Isaac Watts

Pray for messengers of the gospel of Jesus Christ: H. J. Palmer, Jr., Nigeria; Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Ghana; C. R. Rogers, Indonesia; ed.: H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile; ed.: Mrs. Ruth Lowe, Los Angeles, Calif., Chinese ed.

**25 WEDNESDAY** They saw the young child and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matt. 2:11 (read vv. 11-17).

The gold given by Southern Baptists for the 1962 Lottie Moon offering was \$10,323.591.69. It sounds like a tremendous total. It amounted to about \$1.03 for each Southern Baptist. William Carey suggested 172 years ago that we give two cents per day for foreign missions. So little? It amounts to \$7.30 a year. Let us pray for ourselves and encourage one another to more generous giving.

Pray for Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Brazil; ed.: W. J. Blair, El Paso, Tex., pub.: Mrs. J. N. Young, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; R. L. Shelton, Bangkok; Mrs. R. R. Stewart, Thailand; D. B. Ray, Chonan, Korea; T. W. McMillan, Kenya; Mrs. R. A. Holfield, Rome, Italy; ed.: Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Okla., ret.

**26 THURSDAY** Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15:2 (read vv. 1-5).

The state of Rio de Janeiro held its first YWA house party at Baptist College, Campos, last Easter. Mrs. H. E. Renfrow, missionary director, made plans with 60 people in mind; enrollment reached 140! Following the closing message brought by Mr. Renfrow, executive

secretary of the state Baptist convention, 15 young women dedicated themselves to full-time service for the Lord. Pray for them and other YWAs of Brazil.

Pray for J. D. Carter, Baia, Brazil; Ag. Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Sr., Brazil; ret.: Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia; Mrs. J. C. Abell, Jr., Nigeria; Mrs. C. A. Tope, Kenya; J. C. Walker, Blantyre, Nyasaland; ed.: J. B. Gaultney, Eku, Nigeria; med.: Valda Lang, Ogbomoshu, Antonina Canzoneri, Nigeria, RN; N. H. Brown, Gardena, Calif., Japanese ed.

**27 FRIDAY** Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1 (read vv. 1-7).

In our work in Thailand as well as other South Pacific mission areas, missionaries are finding alumni of the University of Shanghai. The need for the strength and encouragement in the lives of these successful men and women is matched by the need in individual hearts and families of these non-Communists who have been uprooted from their old homes. Let us pray that they may "turn again and that God will heal their land."

Pray for Mrs. J. A. Smith, Japan, MA; D. C. Askew, Tokyo, Japan; G. C. Tennison, Caravelos, Portugal; Mrs. R. H. Wolf, Mexico; M. M. Alexander, Jr., Argentina; ed.: Ruth L. Ford, Kediri, Indonesia; RN: J. R. Moseley, Kontapora, Nigeria; MD: F. E. Runyan, Nigeria; ed.: V. T. Yearwood, Panama, ret.

**28 SATURDAY** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. 10:39 (read vv. 35-39).

Pray especially for new Christians who are the first members of their families to accept the Lord. Their road may be difficult and very lonely.

Pray for J. B. Silva, Cuba, ret.; Mrs. Erkle St. John, Miss., deaf ed.; Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Sr., San Jose, Costa Rica; Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Brazil; Vella Jane Burch, Zurich, Switzerland; ed.: Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria; J. D. Holts, Jardine Lookout, Hong Kong; Mrs. J. D. Smith, Indonesia, ed.

**SUNDAY** Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35 (read vv. 31-35).

The work of foreign missions is growing. By 2000 the population of the world will ex-



## THE NEW Green Dress

by Mrs. Wilbur C. Lewis  
Asuncion, Paraguay

**I**N this poverty stricken land our Baptist churches are made up of people with very few material possessions. The church we attend has a membership even poorer than other churches. To our church, as a result of the personal work of several members, there came a family so desperately poor that for a while not all members of the family could attend services at the same time because there was not enough clothing to go around. In a matter of weeks the parents and two teenage children made professions of faith.

In the family there are three other daughters, aged eight, two, and one. In the weeks after their professions of faith we witnessed a visible manifestation of the transforming power of the grace of God in the human heart. Whereas before Isidro and Gertrudis Paredes had been snarling, unhappy, miserable people, they now emanated friendship, happiness, and joy. Before, they had been dirty, crude, unkempt people and now they and their children wore clean, though ragged clothing, combed their hair and made an attempt to show good manners. Before, Isidro had wasted his meager earnings on drink and the lottery while his family went without food and clothing, and now he not only fed his family but also bought a new green dress for his wife!

Isidro and Gertrudis had lived together for twenty years as man and wife without the benefit of a legal marriage ceremony. Because of shame and guilt they rarely went anywhere together and on such occasions when they did they walked on opposite

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### Call to Prayer

ceed six billion. Are we meeting the spiritual needs of this exploding population? How many missionaries will Southern Baptists provide in A.D. 2000 for six billion people? The answer depends upon the Lord's leading every pastor and every church, and upon young people responding now and in the years ahead.

Pray for Mrs. E. H. Walker, Baguio, Philippines; Marion Phillips, Iba, Nigeria; ed. Mrs. J. G. Partain, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika; Mrs. D. H. Thompson, Argentina; Mrs. H. R. Tucker, Jr., Venezuela, ev.; Ann Swenson, El Paso, Tex.; pub.; R. J. West, Sweetwater, Tex. Sp. sp. ev.

**30 MONDAY** The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17 (read vs. 16-17).

As we stand on the threshold of a new calendar year, let us consider what God could do in foreign missions if Southern Baptists exceed our goals: new fields could be entered; urgent needs in existing fields can be met; further efforts in large scale evangelism (such as radio, television, simultaneous revivals, and Bible and tract distribution) could be made. Southern Baptists can become involved in a world task as never before in history. Thank God that we have now more than 1800 foreign missionaries.

Pray for Mary Sue Menth, Indonesia BA; J. L. McPhail, Vellore, India, MD; Eva M. Sanders, Nigeria, RN; J. T. Poe, El Paso, Tex., pub.; George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., MS; H. D. Shield, Hoopa, Calif., Ind. ev.

**31 TUESDAY** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen. Rev. 1:18 (read vs. 16-18).

At Easter time in some places in South American countries according to their Catholic tradition, men, women, and children dress in black to dramatize their mourning over the crucifixion of Jesus. Last year in one city, as long processions paraded through the streets commemorating Christ's death, seminary students went from house to house distributing Gospel portions entitled "He Lives!"

Pray for Mrs. R. E. Smith, teacher at Baptist College, Sao Paulo, W. H. Neely, Brazil, ev.; B. T. Griffin, Laguna, BA; E. F. Vickers, Margarita, P. ev.; V. C. Cuellar, Tex., ret.

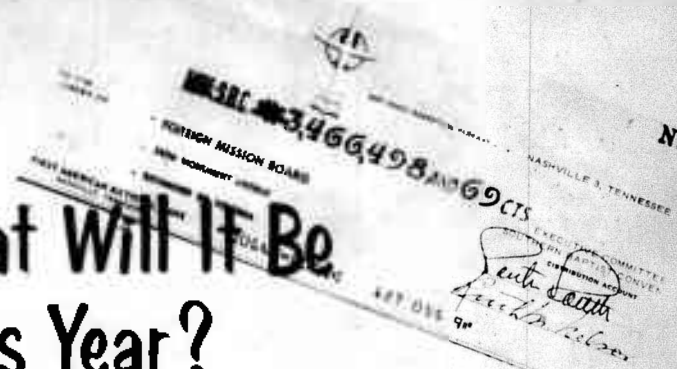
## What Will It Be This Year?

by Alma Hunt ■ "This is the largest check ever issued by the Convention's treasurer," were the words of Dr. Porter Routh as he handed a check to Dr. Baker James Caughen during the February meeting of the Convention's Executive Committee. Then Dr. Routh explained that the check represented the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Executive Committee happens to meet annually during the month when the largest portion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reaches the Convention's office. The person to person delivery of the check has come to be an anticipated moment in the meeting.

Each year I attend the February meeting of the Executive Committee. Last February circumstances seemed to combine to keep me from getting there. Finally I made it—a day late—but in time for the thrilling mo-

ment. As soon as the session was over I asked for the privilege of "touching" it! For just a few minutes I held in my hands a check for \$3,466,498.69. The feeling of exultation I can reclaim even now—a tingle which came not so much from the size of the check as from what it represented on both ends of the line.

On the giving end were people, thousands of them, who had given Sunday by Sunday. There were pastors who had prepared their churches. There were Sunday school superintendents and teachers who had joined in promoting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There were groups of women meeting each day Monday through Friday to pray for foreign missions. There were meetings of YWA, GA, RA, Sunbeam Band in which the central theme was for missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There were families which had prayed each day as a family follow-



ing the prayer guide distributed for family use. There were churches in which the Wednesday night service was an observance by the church of the Week of Prayer. There were churches which had concluded the Week of Prayer by an ingathering service on the second Sunday. There were individuals who had been so moved by prayer experiences and by being brought face to face with our obligation to share the good news that they had given more liberally than ever before—some sacrificially, some even offering themselves.

I remember the letter from a pastor who wrote, "Our church with 329 resident members increased its percentage to the Cooperative Program this year and gave \$3,051.10 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to spread the glad tidings of great joy around the world through our missionaries."

I remember the letter from the woman whose husband is with the military who wrote, "We sponsored a \$250 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal and used materials which I brought over with me from the States. We sent a check for \$491 to the Foreign Mission Board this week. This reveals how fervently our ten members worked and prayed for foreign missions here in a foreign country."

These and many others on the giving end I remembered as I held the check in my hand.

On the receiving end I visualized joy in the faces of people in fifty-three countries of the world where Southern Baptist missionaries labor. I saw

dreams realized in church buildings, mission centers, hospitals equipped, seminaries expanded. I saw homes influenced and individuals won through these varied ministries.

I remembered the pastor's wife who typed for the writer the Week of Prayer materials—with a four month old baby and a revival! When she handed over the job she said, "I've enjoyed typing the programs. My husband and I have read them over and over. All through the years we've told God that we were willing to serve him anywhere, but these programs have really awakened us to real needs... we will write the Foreign Mission Board and offer ourselves, and if God leads us, we are willing to go."

Someone gave me the thought that we do not know what God will do with our gifts until we part with them. We do know that with our gifts to missions we invest in eternity.

What about the check which will be delivered next February when the Executive Committee meets? How large will it be? That depends upon pastors and people, upon church organizations and members, upon prayer and response to prayer. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$11,850,000. How much of the goal has your church accepted? How many people are now engaged in preparation of one kind or another for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? It isn't too late even now to get up to the load of foreign missions and do something special this year through this Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions DECEMBER 9-13, 1963



Theme:

HIM *Lord of All*

by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

### DAILY PROCEDURE

#### Meditation Music

Pianist plays medley of prayer songs

Solo (or musical reading): "Teach Me to Pray"

#### Scripture Reading

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#### Call to Prayer

#### Introduction

Southern Baptist Missions (Historical Background)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

#### Take Time to Pray

#### Appeal for Offering

#### Prayer for Offering

#### Ingathering of Offering

#### Closing Meditation

#### Benediction

The entire church family should enter wholeheartedly into the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Woman's Missionary Union organizations will promote and encourage every person and every organization in a meaningful spiritual experience both at church services and in the homes of church families. Read "And All the People Said 'Amen'" page 55.

In December "The Baptist Training Union Magazine" and in the "Sunday School Builder" organizational leadership will find help for Sunday morning and evening activities in age-group sections for both December 8 and 15.

All the church will be blessed if Woman's Missionary Union takes the initiative in encouraging and assisting in this observance.

See Forecaster for November and December for specific help.



## SUGGESTIONS for Preparation and Procedure at Woman's Missionary Society Meetings

**Interest Center:** Hang world missions map or three area maps just above a table. Open a large Bible on alanted elevation so it rests above bottom of map. Encircle Bible with costumed dolls of the nations, dolls at sides being placed on small pedestals of varying heights. Use Oriental dolls for Monday, adding others of appropriate nationality suitable on following days. Use dolls dressed by GAs for Forward Steps or order twelve ten-inch cardboard dolls—Dolls of the World, (83w), \$1.50, Baptist Book Stores.

**Map or Maps:** In interest center use world map on Wednesday and Friday; area maps on days when mission areas are presented. Point to countries and places when they are mentioned.

**Strip Signs or Flash Cards:** On cards or strips write statistics which you will hold up to help members visualize needs, growth, achievement, and the total goal \$11,850,000.

**Prayer:** Establish informal, prayerful atmosphere in meeting place with soft background music, lights, or other suggestions of "quiet." Participants may remain seated. Small societies could sit in a circle. Avoid introductions. Give prayer the important place each day. Time your-

self. If something must be omitted, let it not be prayer. Make this a week of PRAYER! not "programs." Vary prayer periods—some spoken, some silent, some seasons of prayer, etc. Do not be fearful of silence. Allow time for prayer. At close members can join hands in circle of prayer for a sense of close fellowship and oneness of purpose.

**Closing Commitment:** It would be well to have the same person give closing commitments which are planned around five characteristics, or Crowns of Commitment. Cut five small crowns from twelve-inch strips of gold paper. Print the five characteristics—faith, submission, determination, sacrifice, love—one on each crown. Add a crown each day on the open Bible. Where words of hymns are used, read them meaningfully, with or without musical background.

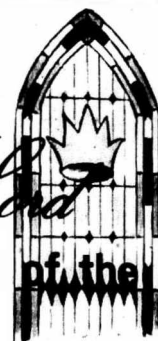
**Pageant:** Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203 pageant "Bring Them In From Every Nation," price 10c each. Your church may want to use it on December 8 in preparation for Week of Prayer or your prayer committee may suggest that it be presented on Wednesday before the church or at the Wednesday meeting instead of material beginning on page 52.

**I** will make you fishers of men," Jesus promised, if you will "follow me." In Southeast Asia fishing boats are a common sight in any harbor. These fishermen of Singapore, go about earning a living but they need "fishers of men" to tell them of Jesus



Monday, December 9

## Crown Him Lord AMONG the PEOPLES of the ORIENT



**Meditation Music:** (Pianist plays medley of prayer songs)

**Solo (or musical reading):** "Teach Me to Pray"

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Chronicles 16:23-26

**Hymn:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**Call to Prayer** (see page 34)

### Introduction

This week of prayer with its accompanying offering for foreign missions is a vital part of Woman's Missionary Union which was organized to help Southern Baptists in mission work at home and overseas.

In China Miss Lottie Moon heard news of the organization of Baptist women. She encouraged them through letters, suggesting that they take a Christmas offering for foreign missions and have a week of prayer. Miss Moon followed her younger sister, Edmonia, to China in 1873, but Edmonia's health forced her return home and her subsequent resignation. Perhaps no individual more than Lottie Moon, certainly no one at such a distance, so influenced the women of the Southern Baptist Convention in the beginning years of their work for the Lord.

The Christmas offering was taken that first year in 1888, and three years later the first week of prayer was held the first week in January. In 1926 the time was changed to the first week in December, a plan which had been successful in Virginia. Gifts increased far beyond expectations. The season became permeated with the thought of "Christmas for Christ" as, in many Southern Baptist homes, the first Christmas gift was for foreign missions, given for the One who is God's Gift to the world.

Christmas for Christ!  
Not Christmas for me—  
But Christmas for Christ  
Who gave Christmas to me

Gifts for the Christ!  
Not gifts just for me—  
But gifts for the Christ  
Who gave all for me.  
—Nina Grem

### Southern Baptist Missions in the Orient

#### CHINA

Matthew Tyson Yates represented Southern Baptists in China from 1847 to 1888, for forty-one years. The desire of his life was compressed into a few words at his death: "So much work," he sobbed, "and I can't do any of it. God needs men!"

God needs women too! As if in answer to the missionary's last request, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union came into being May 14, 1888, just two months after this great missionary went to his rest and reward. Seventy-five years of Woman's Missionary Union history is significantly woven into the background of the Southern Baptist missionary movement which began in 1845 with the organization of the Convention and mission work.

But Baptist mission work in China is dated from 1836 when Henrietta Hall and John Lewis Shuck (SHOOK) arrived in Miao and later in Hong Kong, as missionaries of the Triennial Convention made up of Baptists in this country. Upon organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and Foreign Mission Board in 1845, Mr. Shuck was invited to become our first foreign missionary. (Henrietta had died in Hong Kong in 1844.) Four other foreign missionaries were appointed also. With the city of Canton as the hub, they laid the foundation for the South China Mission, extending God's witness in all directions as in spokes of a wheel. Churches soon established primary schools, and some maintained grade and high schools.

Our first medical missionary arrived in China in 1856. Dr. R. H. Graves traveled up and down the rivers of South China ministering as

preacher, teacher, and doctor. Returning to refresh himself from his journeys, he often found young Chinese Christians waiting in his kitchen to hear about Christ. This was a humble beginning for the seminary which later was named for Dr. Graves. Forty years passed without a room apart as a classroom. In his fiftieth year in China (1906) the Board appropriated \$5,000 for the first seminary building.

The Central China Mission began with the appointment of Matthew T. Yates and T. W. Tobey, and their wives, to assist J. Lewis Shuck. A rented house in Shanghai served as a chapel until construction of the Old North Gate Church. War in America forced the missionaries to take jobs for a livelihood, yet God extended the mission work at the same time.

Dr. Yates begged for recruits but when they came he sent them into North China. Dr. and Mrs. Yates remained alone in Shanghai for 16 years. At the same time two couples worked alone for a decade in the vast North China area. J. Landrum Holmes lost his life when rebels attacked a village near Chefoo, but his delaying tactics stayed the enemy until help came.

The plea for recruits was reiterated by later missionaries who saw the need. Those who responded then heard calls to "come over and help us" in sections still untouched by the gospel. W. E. Saltee and W. W. Lawton went inland in 1904 to establish the Interior China Mission. Extension of work from North China became the Manchuria Mission about 1924. Chinese Christians, wishing to have a definite part in evangelizing China, sent three missionaries to the western frontier in 1941. A little later the westward trek of Christians fleeing occupied territory provided opportunity for planting the seed in new soil.

War tensions in the Far East had reached an explosive point by October, 1940, and the Foreign Mission Board advised evacuation of women missionaries and children. Before that fateful December 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, more than one hundred missionaries moved out, leaving 89 in China, plus ten in language school in the Philippines. These were interned. Most were repatriated in 1942 and 1943. Those in the Philippines were liberated with the coming of American forces.

Following Japan's surrender in 1945, China missionaries eagerly returned until most of them, along with new appointees, were back at their posts. Communist domination prevented reopening of some stations, and as communism advanced it became apparent that mission work would be impossible. Thus began the second evacuation of 1948. By 1951 all missionaries (more than 200) had left the China mainland.

During these terrible years two missionary lives were sacrificed. Rufus Gray died at the hands of the Japanese in the Philippines. William Wallace's life was taken by Communists in China.

## JAPAN

In China Dr. Matthew T. Yates offered to pay the salary of a couple for Japan if volunteers could be found. The first attempt to send workers was not fulfilled. But J. Q. A. Rhorer, C. H. Toy, and John L. Johnson, with their wives, were the first appointees. The Rhorers, with a couple for China, were lost in a storm at sea. The Civil War and reconstruction in America prevented others from going. After 29 years, other appointments were made and the Convention authorized the Japan Mission in 1888.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McCollum and Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Brunson arrived in Japan in 1885. The Brunsons shortly returned to the States and Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Walne joined the McCollums. By 1900 three more couples were added. Ill health forced Dr. McCollum's resignation in 1909. He died in a few months. Mrs. McCollum died last January at the age of 94. For years she worked at Judson College, Marion, Alabama, home of the McCollum family. Many a Judson girl remembers her radiant smile and her cheery, "Daughter, how are you?"

Steady progress in the decade following 1900 came with additions to the staff. A seminary was established and growth in numbers and efficiency within the churches was marked. Two more decades (until 1930) witnessed development along educational lines, and in publication work. Training Union became popular and the WMU of Japan was organized.

As the 50th year in Japan approached (1938) the tensions of the Far East brought unsolvable problems. Extreme nationalistic development forced Japanese Baptists into the Kyo-dan (union church) by 1941, and the government required the mission work to be operated independent of foreign funds and missionaries. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, only one missionary (W. Maxfield Garrott) remained. He was interned and repatriated the next year.

Much of the work was disabled by the war, but reconstruction began as quickly as possible after the Japanese surrender. A number of churches had died and members had dwindled. By early 1947 membership had doubled and 16 churches organized. The Japan Baptist Convention and withdrew from Kyo-dan. That year the Board set a goal of 100 missionaries for Japan. That number was reached in 1952. Ten years later there were 134, with an additional 149 national workers serving 89 churches and 108 chapels.

ship is more than 14,000. Strong institutions and effective national leadership aided immeasurably in organization.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

"More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of."

—Alfred Tennyson

## Take Time to Pray . . .

**. . . for Baptists in China.** Little is known today of Baptists in China since the Bamboo Curtain closed. Reports are not available. It is estimated there are 392 churches with 123,000 members in the five organized missions. We must not believe that this investment is a total loss. All Christians in China need our continuous prayer. Let us thank God for thousands who died secure in their faith in Christ before communism came. Pray for other thousands whose faith endures through present sufferings. Ask God for the day when China will again be free and thank him for it. (pray for China).

**. . . for Japan.** The Japan Mission, limited mainly to the island of Kyushu before World War II now embraces all the islands. The Japan Convention and our Japanese Mission have a plan to locate missionaries and national pastors in every prefecture of Japan. Splendid Baptist institutions will benefit from the offering this year: Baptist University, seminary, WMU, Baptist Girls' School, Baptist Hospital, Baptist Student Center. (pray for these).

The Lottie Moon offering bought land for Eba Mission in Hiroshima where Missionary Loyce Nelson worked. Mrs. Shibata, who became a radiant witnessing Christian, said to Mr. Nelson, "I believe the Lord sent you to the city of Hiroshima, and to Eba just to tell me about Jesus." The Nelsons came home on furlough. He was ill. Their great concern was for someone to take their places. They prayed, and enlisted friends to join them in prayer. The answer came in a missionary couple of twelve years experience who applied for reappointment to serve in Hiroshima. Loyce Nelson's short life ended at age thirty-eight, but his years in Japan bore fruit in the lives of many who would say, "The Lord must have sent you just to tell me about Jesus." (pray for Japan).

**. . . for Philippines and Taiwan.** These two regions, entered in 1948, have been outstanding in their growth and response to the gospel. New areas are being entered in the Philippines with missionaries appointed recently for a large group of small islands in central Philippines. Pray for missionary parents who must send their children away to high school. Says Mrs. L. Benefield, "We will send our daughter

600 miles away for high school. We pray the Lord to call a couple for dormitory parents. Roy Laird saw military service in the Philippines. This need was laid on his heart and he and his wife are going to be dormitory parents in Manila. (pray for the Philippines).

Taiwan is a crowded country, only one fourth the size of Florida, but its population is almost 11 million. The first Baptist missionaries were a pastor sent from China, and Miss Beetha Smith, a China missionary. Baptists have no general educational work, but some of the missionaries teach classes in government universities. They are able to make contacts and invite students to their homes for Bible classes and other meetings. Many students are won to Christ. (pray for Taiwan).

**. . . for Hong Kong, Macao, and Thailand.** One third of Hong Kong's population are refugees. Baptists of Hong Kong (21 churches, 26 chapels, 15,465 members) raised about 12 per cent of the funds for construction of the hospital which will house one hundred beds when more funds are available to complete the entire building. The hospital will receive \$6,000 from this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Thailand is a Buddhist stronghold. It is difficult for Thai people to break with this traditional religion. Thailand is still a pioneer field. The government has issued licenses for our missionary doctors and nurses. A hospital is under construction. (pray).

**. . . for Korea, Malaya, and Singapore.** "The doors of opportunity swing on the hinges of prayer," says Missionary Guy Henderson of Korea as he requests prayer for the evangelistic center of Taegu, South Korea, smaller than Mississippi, has the fourth largest army in the world, 600,000 men. In a poll last year only 13 per cent of these gave any religious preference. Pray also for 45,000 villages where people have not heard the gospel.

More preachers are needed for Malaya, as well as seminary teachers. (pray for Korea, Malaya, Singapore).

**. . . for Indonesia.** A faithful Kediri church member moved to another town. Travel back and forth became difficult so she started a Bible class in her home. The class grew into a Sunday school, then worship services were added. The first time an invitation was given twelve persons acknowledged Christ as Saviour. Pray for faithful witnesses through whom the Holy Spirit works. Within a small radius around Jayakarta (Jaya KARR ta) there are two million people who do not know Christ. We have one couple among them in evangelistic work. (pray for Indonesia).

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# Leaving Home

by Mamie Lou E. Posey  
Baguio, Philippines

**L**EAVING home after our first furlough was not easy. The illnesses of loved ones who had shown painfully slow response to various medications, made departure even more difficult. After we had boarded a West Coast-bound plane from Mobile, where we had bade my family good-by, there was a long silence. Clark, our six-year-old, was the first to speak and in doing so he expressed my own sentiments, "It's s-o hard to say good-by to someone you love when you're leaving, isn't it?"

As I looked ahead, already familiar from past experiences with some of the problems we'd cope with and somehow conscious that other weighty ones not yet known, lay ahead. I wondered what my own reactions would be in days to come. Worn by unexpected travel delays added to extreme fatigue, I needed more of His grace this time than the first to accept the challenge of the Great Commission.

Days later, however, as we began navigating in the Philippine Sea I knew I was nearing home, albeit half a world away from the land-of-loved-ones-left-behind. Even before our ship anchored in Manila Bay I was pleasantly surprised to hear a soft, well modulated, unmistakably Filipino voice calling, "Mrs. Posey, Mrs. Posey." Quickly I turned in the narrow ship corridor to be greeted and embraced by two lovely Filipino girls from the Travel Agency.

They had come aboard our ship by launch a good two hours before we anchored in Manila Bay. One attractive girl had helped us clear government red tape before we left the Philippines. Now both were aboard ship to assist us in clearing immigration before we embarked. Filipinos are a warm, hospitable people, easy to love and appreciate.

As we went ashore later in the evening the sultry heat was no greater than I had expected. Strange odors seemed not as strong nor as offensive as before. Manila, compared with our first arrival there five years earlier, seemed amazingly clean. A few days later as we drove up the mountains to Baguio, our home in the Philippines, Igorots clothed in

jackets and G-strings presented no strange spectacle to us. We did not have to get used to differences again. Besides, in our home there was comparatively little adjusting to do, for living conditions in Baguio are perhaps among the best in all Southeast Asia.

There was a genuine feeling of home-coming and inexpressible joy in returning to a country where, because of a health problem, we had lived under somewhat trying circumstances our first term. Even our two young children seemed to realize that at long last they were home, too—in the place we had spent our furlough year talking about! In the days ahead God's grace proved all-sufficient for dealing with each perplexing problem and there were, admittedly, many.

As day by day our lives began to take shape again in the land to which God had led us; as the strange-by-American-standards became commonplace in our thinking, a vague uneasiness crept into my heart. I began to pray that God would never let us get used to and take for granted the ever-present opportunity we have for sharing the gospel here in this land. Around us every day are multitudes of Filipinos who do not know Christ as Saviour. They are our neighbors. I meet them in the market. I see them on the streets. My children play with their children.

Often called, because of its Roman Catholic state religion, the only Christian nation in Asia, fewer than two in every one hundred people here in the Philippines are born again believers in Jesus Christ. Outnumbered by millions of unbelievers, your missionaries must ever be reminded that through the years since Jesus commissioned his first disciples, he has depended upon the few who know him to bring unto him others of his very own.

Grateful for every advance Southern Baptists and other evangelical groups have made in these islands, we are nevertheless increasingly disturbed that with the present rate of the population explosion and the number of professions in our churches and chapels are recording, it will be many years before any noticeable proportion of the people here are professing believers.

As you pray for your missionaries in the Philippines, pray that we will not be able to get used to and accept completely the fact that people all around us still live in darkness, not having seen the Light of the world. Pray that our hearts will burn with a compassion that compels us to witness and share our Saviour with the lost heathen of the Philippines while there is yet opportunity.



**AT** Christmas Christians rejoice in the birth of Christ the Saviour. Pageants, music, sermons make this experience have deeper meaning. This is a scene from the Christmas pageant in a Baptist church in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, in Central Africa.

Tuesday, December 10

*Crown Him*

**AMONG the PEOPLES of AFRICA,  
EUROPE, and the NEAR EAST**

**Meditation Music:** (Pianist plays medley of prayer songs)

**Solo for musical reading:** "Teach Me to Pray"

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 145:1-21

**Hymn:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**Call to Prayer** (see page 34)

## Introduction

The week of prayer has reached to the far end of the earth. It is wide—as the needs of missionaries and people alike, as prayer has sustained the missionary in his effort to win lost people.

The week of prayer has reached deep—deep into the lives of women who have prayed and lived deep into the lives of young people who have prayed and brought gifts and responded with their lives on the altar of missionary service.

As for growing out of the weeks of prayer has hoped broaden the scope of its influence.

It is the development of a distinctive literature. At the beginning, the corresponding secretary was responsible for leaflets and other pieces of literature to be used during the week. Later other writers prepared special programs. In recent years, dispensing with the December program, materials for the week of prayer are published in December *Royal Service*.

The Plan of Work in 1923 recommended study of a foreign mission book preceding the annual observance. The first book written especially for this study (1928) was prepared by Miss Blanche Sydnor White. Its title was *Waiting*.

Progress in missionary work since 1928 is evident, but the world is still "waiting." It waits for God's messengers to bring tidings of an infant born in a stable; of a man who died on a cruel cross; of God's Son who broke the bonds of death to rise from the grave; who ascended to his heavenly throne and there reigns at the right hand of God, his Father.

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## Southern Baptist Missions in Africa, Europe, and the Near East

### AFRICA

Southern Baptists first undertook mission work in Africa and Liberia. Two missionaries, ex-slaves, had worked for 25 years under the Triennial Convention when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. The Foreign Mission Board adopted them, and also two white men who were on the field. Support of the work was withdrawn during the Civil War and was resumed for only a few years following the war.

Thomas J. Bowen and Henry Goodale were appointed in 1850. They surveyed the Liberia work, but decided to move into Nigeria. Mr. Goodale died and Mr. Bowen went on alone to open that field. Other appointees died or returned home in broken health. In 1855 we had nine men and seven women in Nigeria, but six of them soon died. Tribal wars in Africa and Civil War in America also hindered the work. By 1863, not a missionary was left in Nigeria. Seven "silent years" followed when Baptist work in the vicinity of Lagos was directed and encouraged by Mrs. Sarah Harden, widow of the first African pastor.

The second beginning in Nigeria was made by William Joshua David, who labored unselfishly, despite ill health and sorrow, from 1875 until 1893. After about two and one-half years on the field his Negro colleague wrote the Board begging them to call Brother David from Africa "that his life may be spared or at least prolonged."

A month after his return home the missionary married his sweetheart, Miss Nannie Bland, and she was appointed by the Board and they went to Nigeria. Well qualified to be a missionary, Mrs. David began by teaching African girls to sew. Later she founded a school for girls. The Davids asked for help and a couple was sent.

Mr. David's health made another furlough necessary in 1893. Their oldest son became ill and died at sea. Their first-born had died in 1890. At home they raised funds for construction of a church and school in Lagos. Material given went to Nigeria with the Davids on a small chartered sailing vessel. Mrs. David's illness delayed until 1897 construction of the church, which is a present-day landmark in Lagos.

Nannie Bland David contracted a severe fever after the birth of her second little girl. A voyage to Madeira did not avail to save her life. Her immortal words, "Never give up Africa," were relayed to the Board when Mr. David came to Richmond bringing his children to be left in his mother's care. In 1896 he married a dear friend

of Nannie Bland's and she too went to Africa.

After two years Mr. David's health forced him to leave Africa. A tablet in the Lagos church in Africa was dedicated after his death in 1919, in "grateful and affectionate memory of William Joshua David as 'builder and pastor of the first American Baptist Church, Lagos, 1875 to 1893."

Outstanding African leaders came out of the early period of mission history. Much credit is due them for the slow, but significant, growth of those difficult years, a growth which paved the way for a new day in Nigeria beginning just before the turn of the century.

Medical work was inaugurated with the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. George Green in 1907. The next year Dr. Green "treated 2,600 patients in his grass-roofed dispensary." Development of industrial education began about the time, and improvement of educational and evangelistic work was made.

Southern Baptists have done God's work for more than 110 years in Nigeria. The Nigerian Convention, one of the strongest Baptist bodies in Africa, has recently extended work to the vast Eastern and Northern regions scarcely touched by the gospel.

Extension from Nigeria in 1947 resulted in the Baptist Mission in Ghana. At first largely with Yorubas from Nigeria, this work increasingly reaches indigenous people. Work in Southern Rhodesia (1950) includes a hospital and 15 elementary schools enrolling 2,200 students. Three couples from Nigeria were transferred to Kenya and Tanganyika in 1956, and these are extensively occupied now.

We entered Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1959. The Baptist Mission of Central Africa includes these two countries and Southern Rhodesia.

In December, 1962, our first missionaries established residence in Uganda, just east of Kenya.

### EUROPE

Our only field in Europe for many years was Italy, entered in 1870. Spain was entered in 1921, followed by Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia. We have been unable to return to the latter three countries since World War II. Limited financial assistance for translators has been sent to Yugoslavia. Since assistance has been given to many of the last conventions of Europe, Baptists are relatively stronger than in some parts of the world, though they do not seem strong in comparison to state churches. Advanced training is available at the International Baptist Seminary in Switzerland, established in 1949.

### NEAR EAST

The cradle of Christianity is dominantly Islam today. Dating from 1921, our work has had results among both Arabs and Jews, with some congregations organized across the border in Syria. The Arab-Jewish conflict, resulting in creation of the state of Israel in 1948, disrupted mission work and some missionaries moved to the Republic of Lebanon to start work. At Ajloun, Jordan, a hospital, received from a British doctor, has become a center for evangelistic and educational work in surrounding towns and villages. The Board assumed operation of another hospital, in Gaza, in 1954.

As of January, 1963, we had 508 missionaries in 86 towns and cities in 19 countries—Africa (392), Europe (60), and the Near East (55). Our missionaries work closely with nationals in a total of more than 785 churches having about 83,000 members in these countries.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

"For what are men better than sheep or goats  
If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer?"—Alfred Tennyson.

### Take Time to Pray . . .

. . . for a broad outreach. A student in agriculture at the University of Beirut, Lebanon, was converted and baptized last year. He returned home to West Pakistan with a master's degree. This educated and dedicated young man can have great influence in West Pakistan where Southern Baptists have no missionaries.

One of the most important events of recent years is the opening of the Arab Baptist Seminary at Beirut (pray for Lebanon).

Pray for missionaries in Israel, surrounded by a "no man's land" where border fighting is frequent. They have no contact with missionaries in Arab countries. They seek to increase good will and understanding and avoid political involvements (pray for Israel).

The 1962 offering provided \$25,000 for an out-patient building for the Gaza Hospital where scores of out-patients are treated away from the main building thus avoiding disturbing and disrupting hospital routines. Pray for the increasing prestige of the hospital among the people (pray for Gaza).

. . . for world awareness. Nationals on mission fields are awakening to mission responsibility. Nigerians in Baptists have several African couples serving on home mission fields as well as foreign missionaries in the country of Sierra Leone. Last March students at the Nigerian Seminary volunteered for home or foreign mission work following a message by Rev. F. P. Boyo, missionary to Sierra Leone, at home in Nigeria on fur-

lough. Other countries such as Brazil and Japan, conventions have sent out foreign missionaries as well as home missionaries (pray for missionaries of these continents).

. . . for schools in Kenya and Tanganyika. Classes of the Mombasa, Kenya Secondary School moved last January from rented quarters to a new building provided by the 1961 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. An English-language congregation uses the school chapel.

A slum section of Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, now has a modest community center. Cooking and sewing, English, Swahili and literacy classes are offered in addition to Bible classes (pray for Kenya and Tanganyika).

. . . for national workers. Trained leaders are needed everywhere. Ghana's sixth national minister was ordained last year. He served as pastor for three years, then field worker for Sunday school and Training Union of the Ghana Conference. Many, many more are needed (pray for national workers).

. . . for Italian Baptist Union. The Italian Union assumed full autonomy this year, releasing the Foreign Mission Board of responsibility for support of the work, a development twice interrupted by war. The Baptist Mission will work as a fraternal organization. Our missionaries will work closely with Italian Baptist churches, giving emphasis to theological education, training of young women, and literature publication. Primary duty of pastoral and evangelistic missionaries will be to strengthen weaker congregations, and establish a Baptist witness where there are no churches. Five couples have been requested from the Foreign Mission Board for direct evangelism (pray for Italy).

. . . for freedom to preach the gospel. Elche Baptist Church, Spain, closed since 1955, was allowed to reopen last March and in June the Second Baptist Church of Madrid, closed since 1954, reopened with great rejoicing. Area Secretary Cornell Goerner says, "This is gratifying evidence of the new policy recently announced by the Spanish government which promises to bring more freedom to evangelical groups in Spain." Missionary Daniel White said the people entering the building "were in tears because they were so overcome with joy. Then they would break into hilarity, singing, praying, and praising God." Pray for the new policy to continue in Spain, and also in Colombia where the same trend has been reported. Italy, too, faces many restrictions (pray for freedom to preach the gospel).

### Appeal for Offering

It was a thrilling moment for Woman's Mis-

sionary Union in Kansas City last May when Dr. Baker James Caulhen announced the largest total ever given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—\$10,323,591.69 in 1962.

This is a day of big things when we must "think big." Experts talk of a time of "standing room only" on the earth. To meet the challenge of the masses, mass methods of evangelism and communication are necessary now.

Large scale evangelistic crusades early this year proved the effectiveness of mass methods. Look at results of early reports from the New Life Movement of the Orient: 8,201 professions in the Philippines; 22,214 in Japan; another 1,108 in Okinawa. (The Board reports Baptist membership last year in the Philippines at 5,328; in Japan 14,193.) In addition to those who attended the crusades, radio and television beamed the sermons into millions of homes in Japan, India, Indonesia, Red China, South and Central America, and even Cuba.

Such mass campaigns call for large expenditures, even though several hundred evangelists, laymen and musicians from the United States paid their own expenses to participate. An allocation of \$20,000 toward the movement was included in last year's offering, and an additional smaller sum went toward important "follow-up" meetings to conserve results of the crusades.

Africa's millions are largely unreached by the gospel.

Whether it be huge evangelistic crusades, small preaching services in out-of-the-way villages, or the individual "one by one" method of witnessing, let us give generously that more people may hear now and be saved.

# My Christmas List!

Mrs. Stonebridge is alone in her living room.

"Oh, dear! I just dare not put off my Christmas list another day. It gets harder

## Prayer for Offering Gathering of Offering Closing Meditation

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:17)

"I take, O Cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross!"

—Elizabeth C. Clephane

The second crowning characteristic of commitment is submission to God's will. Willingness of the individual is necessary because God does not coerce—although he seems to use strong means of persuasion at times. Having placed his faith in Christ, the Christian willingly takes his stand beside the cross and its message to which he is forever committed, and from which no earthly powers can make him depart (plus crown on Bible).

"Take up thy cross and follow Me!  
I heard my Master say,  
I gave My life to ransom thee,  
Surrender your all today!"

"It may be through the shadows dim,  
Or o'er the stormy sea,  
I take my cross and follow Him  
Wherever He leadeth me."

—B. B. McKim

## Benediction (join hands)

## A Monologue by Edna H. Gaylen, Coral Gables, Florida

every year to decide what to give. A gift is no good. I always spend more on gifts than I receive. The body sends an unexpected gift and another to buy. But I must make a list. I'll waste time wandering around looking into shoppers' carts at desks.

Well, where's a piece of paper? (Takes a letter and opens it.) What's this? O that letter about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. I wonder where the church thinks I should find any money left over for an offer-

Christmas. I'll just use the back of this for my list. Where's a pencil? Now—let's see.

First there are Father and Mother. Now what on earth can I give to them. It's so hard to find anything that older people want. Father's slippers are worn. He likes his old ones and probably won't wear anything else. But I must have a gift for him so he'll go. Father, slippers (she writes).

Now Mother. Her sewing chain needs an upholstery job. That's almost as expensive as a new chair. There's a rocking chair at Bottom's. I suppose she'd rather have the old one mended, but that wouldn't seem like a Christmas gift. So—Mother—small token.

Next, there is John. A husband deserves a nice gift. It's just impossible to get him to say what he wants. He's a great comic! When I ask him, he laughs and says something like a fun coat or a trip to Europe. Mmmm. I have it! He is always losing his umbrella. He has one but he'll lose it sooner or later. I'll get him a spare. I'll put down ten dollars. An umbrella may not cost that much, but that will give me a little margin somewhere else.

There's daughter Betty. She wants everything and she wants it just so. It isn't exactly what she wants, she doesn't like it. Her list is as long as my arm. The first thing on it is a wrist watch. I suppose a girl in high school really needs one. I'll talk to John—perhaps we can go together and get it. That will be at least fifteen or twenty dollars more on my list.

Bob's next. Well! He is too young to know how much his presents cost or to care for that matter. I'll put down five dollars. He's such a darling!

And Polly. Here's my problem! Last year she sent me a sterling silver water pitcher. She has everything. What can I get her? I might get a lace thresher set. She likes lace things for her bedroom. I'll put down ten dollars, but when I go to get it I'm sure that won't be enough. Oh, dear!

And Susan. Now, she lives in the country. She will probably send me a big box of cold cuts and nuts. It must be lonely out there

in the country. I imagine she would like a book as well as anything. It oughtn't to cost more than ten dollars at the most.

This is most exhausting! It does seem to bring out the meanness in me. It's not easy to get by on as little as I need to. I feel disgusted, and there are many more to plan for (she looks back to rest).

(Struggles up.) I don't want to forget where I have put this list! I'd better label it, or I'll think it's trash and throw it away! Fortunately, I began well below the top of the sheet, so I can write "Christmas List" in great big letters at the top. I'll print them. CHERIE. (Calling the letters as she prints them. The telephone rings. She jumps, turns in her chair, and answers it.) "Hello. Yes. Yes. Oh. Mrs. Mac, how are you? Well, I'll think about it, but I won't promise. Good by! (Struggles up, then turns back to desk and looks uncomfortable.)

That's the way it always is. Just when I'm so busy with this old list, I must stop and listen to what somebody at the church wants and about my going to the Week of Prayer. (She picks up her list and gives a start.) What? Oh, I see! Oh, course, I see now. It's what I had started to write of the word "Christmas" when the telephone interrupted me—but this certainly maddles me! CHERIE.

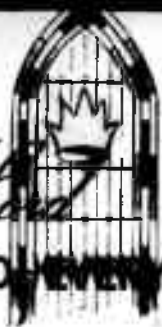
His name at the head of my list? That would mean He came first, wouldn't it? (pauses.) And why not? It is His day, after all. There must be something wrong with me when I get so busy fretting over gifts to others and forgetting about Christ. No wonder it brings out the meanness in me. Not anymore! I'm sure it was not just accident that made me place His name at the top of my list! I think the Holy Spirit is reminding me. I am humble and grateful to God for saving me from myself. I will give Him first place in my life (thrusts her head and prays sincerely from the heart—not acting).

Dear Master, forgive me! Help me to keep Christmas. Thy day, in Thy spirit. Help me to give this year a worthy offering to foreign missions. Amen.

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Pray for opening doors in India, and in all of the Orient (pray for all these countries).

... for new work in Africa. Political development may affect the Central Africa Mission. With permission to secede from the Federation, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are expected to become independent, and Southern Rhodesia to seek closer ties with South Africa. Separate missions may become necessary. The Central Africa Baptist Convention, organized in Southern Rhodesia, will admit churches from the other two nations if they wish to join. Liberia's further evangelistic outreach and Uganda's beginning medical work need the undergirding power of prayer. Plans are tentative for placing workers in French-speaking areas of Africa (pray for new work in Africa).

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... for the Near East work. Political tensions continue in the area. Pray for the Arab Baptist Seminary which occupied its new building near Beirut in 1962 and for eighteen students from Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt. About fifty may be accommodated. Churches in Jordan held a stewardship conference last year to aid in the effort toward complete self-support (pray for work in the Near East).

... for new work in Latin America. The first activities in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, oldest existing white settlement in the western hemisphere, were cottage prayer meetings and radio evangelism. Arriving in late summer, 1962, Missionaries Howard and Dorothy Shoemaker ask our prayer that "the Lord shall lead in each step we take to open this field for his glory."

After opposition occasioned numerous delays in Trinidad, Missionary Emit O. Ray and a group from the Navy base spent several hours in prayer. In two days the place for a chapel

was found. Two small missions supported by other denominations have been the only evangelical witness until now.

Pray for beginning activities in Jamaica and the French West Indies.

A week of visitation evangelism and much publicity preceded opening of work in Georgetown, British Guiana, by Missionary and Mr. Otis Brady. A rented house serves as home and chapel. One Baptist family was found to help start the program (pray for new work in Latin America).

#### Appeal for Offering

Southern Baptists are placing annually in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board something more than twenty million dollars for worldwide missions. Of this sum, last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering accounted for \$10,323,591.50, a little more than one half the Board's income. Each year must see the funds increase, for advance depends upon it. If we are to send more workers, enter new nations, extend activity in areas already entered, increase the efficiency of our missionaries with more and better equipment, we must increase financial support.

Southern Baptists want to go into all the world. We want to preach, teach, and heal as means of winning souls to Christ as Saviour and baptizing converts. To see this mission program extended to the uttermost, Southern Baptists must want to give of our money. If "giving is living" as "the angel said," we should start living through gifts to foreign missions.

Cooperative Program funds for foreign missions are the daily bread of the Foreign Mission Board. Over and above gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will increasingly supply funds needed for advancement. And even greater gifts are the love offerings for Christ, the expression of a greater concern for lost souls. Someone has said we must give not "till it hurts" but "till it helps."

Let us give over and above the tithe and regular gifts till it helps us go forward in mission service.

#### Prayer for Offering

##### Gathering of Offering

##### Closing Meditation

"This one thing I do . . . I press toward the mark" (Phil 3:13,14).

"For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things, nor powers, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39).

Today we add the crown of determination

## AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID

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by Marjory Goldfinch Ward

A GROUP OF FAITHFUL WOMEN in the church prayed for missions, studied mission needs, distributed envelopes to their memberships, and set as their goal \$100 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The church membership was vaguely aware of what was going on, but the offering had no significance for the majority of those who attended the worship services.

The pastor, whose heart is in missions, began to work with the women to promote to the church membership the total program of world evangelization. By degrees the promotion of the Christmas offering spread and deepened. A spark of interest kindled among men of the church. In concerned laymen and loyal women the spark of interest blazed into the flame of enthusiasm.

From the initial goal of one hundred dollars grew an effort to raise five hundred, then one thousand, then twelve hundred, and two thousand. After seven years of

prayerful interest, the goal was set at \$3,315.26, the grand total given by all Southern Baptists in the first Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This goal represented a gift of \$5.00 for every contributing member of the church and Sunday school. This meant sacrifice for many families, none of whom is wealthy. Their spirit of sacrificial giving had already been revealed in the increase in total annual mission gifts from \$2,300 to \$23,000 in the same seven-year period.

Many members of the Adult choir in that church are deeply involved in the missionary organizations. Music expressing the command of God for world evangelization came from the choir in the worship services. During the previous Easter season, the choir had presented a missionary cantata which summed up in music and narration the plan of God for world missions. From the ranks of the choir stepped two young people

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#### MY PRAYER

No easy path, dear Lord, I pray;  
No smoothed-out way  
With highways straight  
Made even for my feet.  
Just make it plain  
Is all I ask;  
That to the task  
I may bring confidence  
That this is what  
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Greater satisfaction is felt because the money has been "gift wrapped" with earnest prayer, and bed with strong cords of sincere love for Christ and the lost world. The gift wrappings are even more valuable than the gift.

Where is there a missionary who has not requested above everything else the continual prayer of Christian people back home? One missionary wrote from Korea: "We are grateful for this adequate provision of the Lottie Moon offering, but there is something infinitely more important to us. That is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, of which the offering is but a part. We count on the offering tremendously, for it is vital to our work. But we also count tremendously on your faithful prayer, for we feel that prayer is what makes your gifts and our lives effective."

### Southern Baptist Missions in Latin America

When Woman's Missionary Union was organized,

mission work in Brazil was seven years old. The earliest Baptist church there dated from 1871, but it ministered only to a group of Southerners who emigrated to Brazil after the Civil War. They sent requests for missionaries to the Southern Baptist Convention, for they considered conditions favorable and the people friendly. Subsequently, William Buck Bagby and his bride, Anne Luther Bagby, arrived in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro on March 2, 1881. Dr. Bagby wrote the Foreign Mission Board: "We are anchored tonight in the quiet waters of the Bay of Rio. It is the most beautiful scene my eyes have ever beheld. Oh, may God grant that his truth, as it is in Jesus, shall fill this land from north to south, and from the Atlantic to the Andes!"

The first Brazilian Baptist was a converted Catholic priest, Dr. Antonio Teixeira de Albuquerque. Reading the Bible led to his conversion, and his pamphlet, "Three Reasons Why I Left the Catholic Church," grew out of his study of the Greek New Testament. Dr. Teixeira's life was cut off at the age of thirty-eight, but the influence of his writings continues the witness of this man who, as preacher, evangelist, pastor and writer, helped lay the foundation for Baptists in Brazil.

A year after the Bagbys arrived they were joined by Zachary Clay Taylor and his wife. The four missionaries and Dr. Teixeira organized the first Portuguese-speaking Baptist church of Brazil in the capital city of Rio de Janeiro in late 1882. Now, 81 years later, Brazilian Baptists have a "full-grown" convention organization with home and foreign mission boards, a school board, annuity board, and a publishing house.

The story of Southern Baptists in Brazil could



be told in several ways: in missionaries who bore persecution and opposition of the state church; or in later expansion through missionaries who experienced more freedom after the fall of the Empire (1889), but who still felt the mistrust of Brazilians who believed Protestants had no place in Brazil. It could be told in epics of heroic missionaries who forged paths inland, northward, southward—any direction where people had not heard the Word; or in the changed lives of people converted to a challenging faith in a living, reigning Lord. However it is told, it is the story of spiritual need, of the living answer to need in lives invested in missionary service, of the response of lost souls saved through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The lives of two outstanding Baptist leaders, a father and son, virtually cover the history in Brazil. They are shining examples of the strength and quality of Brazilian Baptists. Francisco Fulgencio Soren was the first president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, organized in June 1907, in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Baptist mission work there. Imagine the joy of Missionary Bagby in this pastor who was one of the early converts in Rio, where the Bagbys moved two years after establishing a church in Bahia. Dr. Bagby took delight also on this occasion to announce the birth of John Filson Soren, first son of this Rio pastor.

F. Soren, when a young businessman, had stopped at the mission in Rio to hear the singing. He heard a sermon which changed his life and sent him on to William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, then to Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he met the American girl he married. Returning to Brazil he served his home church as pastor until his

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death in 1933. John Soren, then only twenty-six years of age, was called as pastor. As his father had done, John had studied at Southern Seminary. He was teaching at the Rio Baptist Seminary when his father died, and continues to teach in addition to pastoral duties.

World Baptists came to know John Soren in London in 1935 through his stirring message, "Give Ye Themselves to Eat," and through his service as vice-president and member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance. His proven ability resulted in his enthusiastic election as president of the Alliance in his beloved Rio in 1960, the first president from south of the equator.

Missionaries entered Mexico a year earlier than Brazil. Development was slow but our vigorous Baptist witness there today is evidence of a solid foundation. The Baptist Spanish Publishing House, now located in El Paso, Texas, grew out of initial efforts in Mexico toward publication work. Literature is now supplied to 42 countries where Spanish is spoken.

Our missionaries who went to Argentina in 1903 found that a Swiss Baptist had preceded them. He and others with him had won a successful fight for religious freedom. Uniting efforts with the missionaries, they experienced rapid development. Argentina's Baptist Convention, founded in 1908, carried on work in Paraguay until Southern Baptists went to their assistance in 1945. Extension into Uruguay came when a missionary couple transferred from Argentina in 1911. Tremendous needs there made progress seem slow. In 1917 both Brazil and Argentina lent a hand to Chile where Baptist work started among immigrants from Europe.

Expansion to other Latin American countries was hindered by the indebtedness of the Southern Baptist Convention. When debts were paid and new programs got underway, we soon had missionaries in Colombia (1942), Guatemala (1948), Costa Rica and Venezuela (1948), Ecuador and Peru (1950). Honduras was not added until 1954. The field now includes several Caribbean stations, Trinidad and British Guiana.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

"Wherefore, let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day."  
—Alfred Tennyson

### Take Time to Pray . . .

**... for thankful hearts.** Thank God for Baptist work in Latin America—in 20 countries from Mexico to Argentina where 210 million people live. There are 642 Southern Baptist missionaries located in 101 cities and towns. Churches number 2,215 and have 227,997 members. Baptist church members, often a minority group, are subjected to ridicule, suspicion, and scorn. Courage is required to break with the past and face opposition of one's family, especially if the member is the first to be converted. Pray for faithful church members (prayer).

**... for new work in Old Mexico.** Last year purchase of property in downtown Merida, Yucatan, made it possible for First Baptist Church to move from a backyard brush arbor at the pastor's home. Missionary Pat Carter and family moved from the seminary at Torreon to work in Yucatan for two years, at the request of the Peninsula Association. Mexico has very few Baptist radio programs because of Catholic opposition, but the Merida Church's Baptist Hour has operated for two years, reaching as far as Guatemala. A half-hour telecast in Mexico City has been a great victory for Baptists. Pray that people who will not attend Protestant services may hear these broadcasts.

Pray for successful radio and TV ministries in Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, and Ecuador.

Pray for prepared ministers for fifty post-lesser churches in Mexico, and for many such churches throughout Latin America (pray for new work in Old Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador).

**... for primary schools in Paraguay.** Parents as well as children are reached with the Bible message through two schools in Paraguay. A mother of two children was converted, a faithful church member, who later became a teacher. A larger enrollment would help the schools toward self-support (pray for primary schools in Paraguay).

**... for work to proceed.** Political unrest must not be allowed to hinder mission work. Authorities took over a mission-owned Jeep to blockade a street in recent Argentine uprisings. Remember also Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Uruguay, and Colombia. Pray for national leaders and for missionaries in these places. Argentina has adopted a goal to double the number of churches and members in ten years (pray for God's work to proceed).

**... for Venezuela.** Lottie Moon offering funds made possible a five-week crusade with visiting Dr. Leobardo Estrada, director of Spanish work in New York City, as evangelist. Reports of 125 conversions came from two of the meetings. Such campaigns produce contacts with people not reached before. The high cost of rental houses increases the need for mission-owned homes. Requests from the offering this year include \$82,000 for capital requirements, such as land and buildings, plus \$15,582 for other operating and support expenses (pray for Venezuela).

**... for the world's southernmost city.** The Chilean Baptist Home Mission Board extended work to Punta Arenas (Sandy Point) at the very tip of South America. Canadian and American Baptists working in the oil industry will aid the effort. A Chilean couple and a missionary couple traveled by car from Santiago to Punta Arenas, more than 2,000 miles (of which only 80 miles are paved) to spend two months beginning the work. A chapel was opened as well as English-language work. Now missionaries have been assigned to Punta Arenas.

Pray also for new stations in Peru (pray for Chile and Peru).

**... for student centers.** A Baptist Center near the university in San Jose, Costa Rica, and purchase of a student center building in Concepcion, Chile, have been aided with Lottie Moon offering funds. The University Baptist Church, functioning also as a student center, is located just across the street from the university in Quito, Ecuador. Pray for students, leaders of the future, to be reached in these centers (pray for student center work).

### Appeal for Offering

In a largely over-populated, underclothed, and underhoused world, it is that millions are ill and afflicted as a result of living conditions. Medical assistance of the poorest sort is welcome.

Southern Baptists operate 18 hospitals which have a total capacity of 1,156 beds. In 1958, 35,144 in-patients were hospitalized. In 1958, 19,638 clinics and dispensaries gave some medical at-

tention to 293,754 out-patients. Fifty-five missionary doctors and 56 missionary nurses serve in the hospitals, with an additional 82 national doctors and 207 national nurses. The great need for nurses is apparent.

Many who come seeking physical help go away with spiritual help also. An eighty-four-year-old man received a Gospel at the Baptist clinic in Brazil, before returning to his home 300 miles away. After several months he returned to the clinic requesting "the Book of the black cover which contains the whole story of the world and man." This time he went home with the Bible and explanation of God's plan of redemption. Three months later the man's son was at the clinic. He identified himself, and said, "Before my father died he asked me to come to tell you that he read from the Book to all of us and that he died happy because of the Book of the black cover. He wants us to continue to read from it to our family and friends."

New plans for medical work this year include a hospital on the island of Sumatra. A doctor also will go to Pakistan where medical needs are overwhelming. New approaches are being explored for beginning medical work which does not require the large investment necessary for hospital buildings and expensive equipment.

Our gifts this year will make it possible for many people to learn of Christ the Great Physician as they seek healing for their bodies.

### Prayer for Offering

### Gathering of Offering

## And All God's People Said "AMEN"

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ple who felt that God wanted them to serve as foreign missionaries. Both of them are now in Baptist colleges, continuing preparation toward that goal.

The Christmas season became, for the choir and the church, led by the women, a combination of music and missions. The special date for the church bringing in mission gifts was planned to coincide with the Christmas program by the choir. A towering tree was set up in the sanctuary, decorated with 166 sparkling lights and a crown. The star made by Young Woman's Auxiliaries members. The tree was planned so that each gift of twenty dollars would turn on

### Closing Meditation

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24).

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

Let sacrifice be the fourth crown for our commitment. Crowns of submission and determination are strengthened by your willingness to give up even something inconsequential. You may give up a TV program to find time for quiet meditation, Bible reading, and prayer. You may give up a vacation trip to enlarge your Lottie Moon offering. You may go without a new dress or hat in order to give a worthy offering for foreign missions at Christmas. But it may mean greater sacrifice for you. It may mean separation from friends and family to go to some far-away place to serve the Lord. It may mean you must give a son or daughter to the mission field. Whatever the sacrifice, though it be life itself, it will not seem like sacrifice to the wholly committed one, the one who has crowned Christ Lord of life (place crown on Bible).

"When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!"  
—Isaac Watts

### Benediction (join hands)

one light and when the entire goal was reached the star was to be lit.

On that December Sunday, the morning offering was gathered and counted, and the sense of expectancy mounted. At the evening service, the choir sang of God's love expressed in the giving of His Son as a sacrifice. Every eye watched the star, and every heart prayed for victory.

Before the final chorus, the offering had been counted, and all the lights except the star came on in brilliant color. A pause—and then the star glowed triumphantly! The total offering it represented was \$3,700. From their hearts the choir sang, "Hallelujah!"—and all God's people said—"Amen!"

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#### Appeal for Offering

One inescapable responsibility which we face in every mission field is provision for church and chapel buildings and missionary homes.

A church building exerts influence by just being there to be seen. Strategic locations and attractive churches draw people. In Singapore, a man passed the church daily as he visited his wife in the hospital. One day he decided he would go to church on Sunday and told his wife of his decision. Both decided they wanted to be Christians. From that day, according to his testimony, his wife began to improve in health. They followed through on their decisions and now are faithful church members. Offerings from Southern Baptists provided the church.

#### Prayer for Offering

#### Gathering of Offering

#### Closing Meditation

"Faith is the victory!  
That over-comes the world"

—John H. Yates

"Without faith it is impossible to please [God]" (Heb. 11:6). In these closing moments let us seek to commit ourselves more fully to Christ. Let us crown him Lord of all as we lay upon the altar of God's Word crowns of commitment. These crowns are faith, submission, determination, sacrifice, love. All are necessary characteristics of a life of complete commitment to God whether it be as a housekeeper and homemaker, a schoolteacher, a missionary, a secretary, a doctor, lawyer, businesswoman, nurse.

Today's crown is faith, faith in God and in his Son; faith in the providences and leadership of God; faith in his will for us and for the world; faith in one another as fellow Southern Baptists in carrying the message of Christ to a needy world (piece crown on Bible).

Daily remembrance that we are not alone will strengthen us. "For we are labourers together with God."

For we are laborers

Workers

Tillers

Tillers in the fields

And the vineyards

Of the world.

Laborers together

Not alone do we toil

But rather we share

The load of the work

With other pairs

Of hands and feet—

With other minds and hearts.

Together with God

How good to share

The burden with another

But, O, the blessedness

To know the brother

Laborer is none other

Than our God—

The great and mighty God!

—Nina Gwyn

Benediction (join hands)

## The New Green Dress

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sides of the street. Isidro said in his testimony before the church that he never had given one thought to marrying his wife until he accepted Christ as Saviour.

Then one Saturday without urging from anyone Isidro and Gertrudis were before the civil authorities and asked to be legally married. In Paraguay a couple must have a civil marriage (though a religious marriage is not mandatory. Usually a couple will have two marriage ceremonies, one before a judge and one in their church. The following Sunday our pastor asked the Paredes couple to come to the front of the church. He explained their action and then the entire church joined in a dedicatory prayer for their new home relationship. As I looked at Gertrudis in her new green dress, shy and nervous, but obviously happy, I thought, "No, she certainly isn't the mental patient one has of a bride but she does have the radiance."

Two weeks later Isidro, Gertrudis, and one teenage child, Isabel, were to be baptized. As I saw Gertrudis step into the baptismal waters I caught my breath. Why did she wear her best dress to be baptized in? I wondered, and a split second later I answered myself! Why shouldn't she wear her best dress for this most important occasion in her life?

After the service I went to Gertrudis, now in her faded, worn "other" dress, and I said to my new sister in Christ, "¿Cómo te bendiga en tu vida nueva?" (may God bless you in your new life) and added to myself, *Tu me ha bendito con tu vida*—already He has blessed me through you.

Friday, December 13



## Crown Him Lord of Life

Meditation Music: (Pianist plays medley of prayer songs)

Solo (or musical reading): "Teach Me to Pray"

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:9-14

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Call to Prayer (see page 34)

#### Introduction

Christmas crowns the year in a season of love and giving. The week of prayer, in a sense, becomes a crown of intercession for the witness of missionaries around the world. Gathering daily for this week, dedicated Christian women welcome the time to go apart to pray, fulfilling the highest purpose to which God has called Woman's Missionary Union.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions culminates a year-long engagement in prayer. WMU members individually answer the daily call to prayer, concentrating their petitions on missionaries listed according to birthdays on the calendar of prayer. Southern Baptist women are not the first to observe a week of prayer, but the daily calendar of prayer was originated by Woman's Missionary Union in 1908, with a separate folder published for the purpose. In 1918 it became a feature in *Royal Service*. Serving as a reminder to pray, it also helps acquaint members with missionaries and their families, as well as with experiences of missionaries.

Parents do not say to their children, "We have taken care of you all year, so we will not give you Christmas presents." Nor do they say, "We are going to give you many Christmas presents, so do not expect anything of us throughout the year." In the spirit of parents who care for their children all year and who give added love gifts at Christmas, WMU members join in concerted prayer during the week of prayer. As we come we bring offerings with special "gift wrappings" of a full week of purposeful praying for causes so dear to our hearts all the year.

#### Crowning Him Lord in Life and Service

Since God's call in the Garden to Adam, he has been calling men—calling them from sin to salvation, calling saved men to extend his invitation to all nations, all races. God called the reluctant missionary-prophet Jonah to preach a saving message to the people in the city of Nineveh. God called Paul, and he carried the gospel from Palestine to Asia Minor and Greece, to Rome and back again. Through Paul others were called to service.

From China came the call of Matthew T. Yates, "God needs men." From Africa, graveyard of many a missionary, came W. J. David's pleas, "Send on the missionary!" Zachary Taylor in Brazil begged, "Your prayer, your means, your men!" Lottie Moon called, "We do so long for new missionaries." and Southern Baptist women gave their first Christmas offering to send two Southern Baptist women.

Urgent calls come today from every field. Ask any missionary what the needs are, and without exception the answer comes, "We need your prayer. We need more missionaries"—in that order.

Jonah's call was unique—at least the strong hand of God in his life was unique. Some, like Paul, have had Damascus Road experiences. Most have known the "still small voice" in the depths of a consciousness of God's presence and power, and just as quietly have responded. They have persevered in long and careful preparation. Now they follow the paths of God's direction, scattering the seed in many places. God's call has been answered by more than 1,000 overseas missionaries who serve today in 53 countries.

Let us see how God works in the life of a missionary nurse now in Thailand.

Rosemary Spessard graduated from nursing school, worked a year, then went to the University of Illinois to earn a bachelor's degree. Growing up on a farm in Illinois, she had rarely gone

to church and was not a Christian. But God's leadership was shown in her life when she rented a room from a Southern Baptist couple. Active in their church, they inquired immediately if she were a Christian and invited her to services. "I am so thankful," Rosemary says, "that they did keep asking me." Finally, attending one service of the fall revival, she felt "uneasy," believing that the evangelist was talking straight to her. She realized that her self-righteous attitude of "doing good and not bad" did not assure eternal life.

Something was missing from her life, but Rosemary did not go to the revival again for fear of doing something "foolish." The following Sunday, attending the church service, she understood that Someone was missing and not "something." Seeking out the pastor after the service, Rosemary was led to Christ in the quiet of his study. Later she confessed her Lord, united with the church and was baptized.

Rosemary found places of service in her church. Participating in discussion during a Training Union study of the book, *God Calls Me*,\* by Pearce, she surprised herself with the statement, "I think God may be calling me to use my nursing on the mission field." She knew other decisions would have to be made if she followed through on God's leading. After completing her university work she enrolled at Southwestern Seminary.

Life at the seminary brought many blessings, but Rosemary still had not made a complete commitment—until the first Mission Day that year. At the invitation she could not sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." To sing that hymn meant asking the Lord to have his way, and Rosemary was not sure she really wanted him to have his way with her. As if she were all alone in the auditorium, the Holy Spirit spoke to her. She made the excuse, "Lord, I'm not ready yet." "Suddenly," Rosemary recalls, "I realized I might not be ready but God was, and if I would follow his leading, I would be ready when he was ready for me to take the next step."

In the following weeks Rosemary met a couple home on furlough from Thailand, and a doctor and his wife who were appointees for that country. The need for nurses and medical work was often the topic of discussion. Could God be leading her to Thailand? Much time was spent in prayer, for his leading must not be mistaken. On the next Mission Day the doctor and his wife gave their testimonies. The "uneasy" feeling came again, that feeling which Rosemary had learned to recognize as the Lord's

leading.

Rosemary reached Thailand a little more than a year ago and has found many opportunities for service even in her first year as a missionary nurse. She took a course in physiotherapy and rehabilitation of patients at the Presbyterian leprosanatorium in North Thailand. Therapy results have been good. A program for ministering to many of these patients in the Baptist clinic is being developed. Rosemary writes: "I would appreciate your praying about how the Lord would have me use what I have learned not only to minister to these people physically, but to introduce them to Christ. I have found that has been found very fruitful by other missions in Thailand as a means of evangelism."

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

"World need! World need! World need!"

—E. P. Attridge

### Take Time to Pray . . .

**. . . for mission-minded leaders.** Women have assumed much responsibility for training youth in missions. But more are needed to help in this task. Many missionaries attribute early consciousness of missionary awareness to Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, or Royal Ambassador organization training (pray for leaders and counselors in Baptist churches).

**. . . for mission-minded parents.** When Southern Baptist parents really begin to pray and give for missions; when Christian home atmosphere encourages interest in missions; when children early learn at home that millions of people in the world are lost, then missionaries will be called from those homes (pray for earnest world concern in Southern Baptist homes).

**. . . for mission-minded churches.** Pray for pastors as they lead their churches to look at the fields white unto harvest, as they lead their members into total stewardship. Pray for church members to be soul-winners at home through personal efforts, and soul-winners abroad through prayer and offerings. Pray that Southern Baptists will not be satisfied with past achievements as long as the ratio is just one missionary in two million people. More than two billion of the world's population—three billion people do not know Christ (pray for churches to be mission-minded).

**. . . for missionary personnel.** How can all the needs be listed except to say there is NEED for missionaries on every field, spelled in bold-faced capital letters. Hear some of the needs.

From Ghana, "We are limited only by our lack of personnel."

From Sudan, "We have to turn a deaf ear to their cry for a preacher. The two missionaries have to leave many children away (from school) because there is no room."

From Korea, "No new missionary appointments to Korea have been made for nearly two years."

From Brazil, "For many who lie dead within these tombs, we got to the mission field too late. For many of those milling about us, we are too late and too few in number."

From Nigeria, "We continue to be saddened by lack of personnel to fill places where work has been started. The opening of new stations is humanly impossible."

From Kenya, "We are compelled daily to say no and try to explain that there is a limit to what we can do."

From Singapore, "We need missionary couples and nationals for work among high school and university students."

From Taiwan, "We need creative work in the area of religious education, suiting a work to the peculiarities of Chinese society."

From Indonesia, "The unmet need is expressed in one word—preachers. So many cities have not heard the gospel as preached by Baptists."

From the Philippines, "We need missionaries and pastors. If you could just serve with us one month you too would make this plea."

From Pakistan, "The greatest need is for personnel. The only real way to share the grand message of redemption is through lives."

From Argentina, "There are essentially no limitations on the mission work in Argentina except what we place there ourselves in the shortage of missionaries and funds."

Is God calling you to a foreign land? Do you experience "uneasy" feelings about your commitment to him? Is God calling your son or daughter or both? What about your grandchildren? (Pray for yourself and your family, for urgent needs to be met.)

**. . . for specialized needs.** Missionaries trained in publication work are needed in several places. The printed page is effective and often is the first introduction of Baptists—who and what they are. The printed page undergirds all other phases of work. From Chile comes this testimony: "I have only known and served the Lord four years. I was converted through tracts my two children brought home from a Baptist kindergarten. Today I rejoice in my work with Sunbeams, as WMS secretary, and as assistant secretary of my church. My five children are faithful church members." Doctors, nurses, agricultural workers—many others—can find places of specialized service in foreign missions (pray

for these needs).

### Appeal for Offering

Mission programs advance on the feet of missionaries sustained by financial support from us at home. Prayer is the undergirding power behind both going and giving. No progress, no advance can be made year by year unless there is an increase in both personnel and giving. Southern Baptists do not call the missionaries, God does, but we must give the funds for any forward program.

Missionary Shelby Smith, Ecuador, challenges Southern Baptists to give a dime to the Lottie Moon offering, in honor of each of our foreign missionaries. Does the thought cross your mind that ten cents is a very small gift for each missionary from a member of Woman's Missionary Union? Aiming at \$11,650,000 for this year when the Board expects to have more than 1,800 missionaries under appointment, would bring rather astounding results. But the missionary went further, "If you cannot give a dime then how about a nickel or even a penny?"

What would this mean to each member of Woman's Missionary Union? If you give one penny for the work of each of 1,800 missionaries for a whole year, you would bring only \$18 for the Lottie Moon offering. A nickel for each missionary's work for a whole year would mean only \$90. If you bring ten cents for the work of every missionary in 53 countries your gift would be \$180.

How can a worthy gift be brought? A significant fact is that a little planning and saving ahead will bring a greatly increased offering for the advancement of kingdom opportunities now when there are so many.

Any gift of money, however large, shrinks to its proper proportion when measured in terms of the gift of life. The lives of our missionaries call us at home to greater dedication in the stewardship of money.

### Prayer for Offering

#### Gathering of Offering

#### Closing Meditation

"But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13 ASV).

Today we place the crowning characteristic of love on our commitment—an all-encompassing crown, for it embodies all the other characteristics. When love for Christ and for a lost world is strong enough it will absorb all the other essential elements of complete commitment. Love opens the door to total stewardship of life. It is the answer to wherever, whenever, whatever, and whatsoever in God's plan for his people and his world. Love itself is character-

\*The Great Baptist Book Stores

ized by faith, submission, determination, and sacrifice (place cross on Bible).

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." Shall we not love in return, saying:

"My Jesus, I love Thee,  
I know Thou art mine.  
For Thee all the follies  
of sin I resign:

My gracious Redeemer,  
My Saviour art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee,  
My Jesus, 'tis now."

—William R. Featherstone

"Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave, and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
All I've sought, or hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition  
God and heav'n are still my own!"

—Henry F. Lytle

Benediction (join hands)

*"Set thee up waymarks,\* make  
thee high heaps: set thine heart  
toward the highway" Jeremiah 31:21.*

A COUNTRY BAPTIST CHURCH in Central Texas—Shiloh Baptist, near Franklin—sent its pastor and a layman to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May.

On the opening day of the preliminary meetings—Woman's Missionary Union's annual meeting and the Pastor's Conference, our pastor, Rev. Bland Watson, attended the pastor's conference, but the layman "defected" to the WMU meeting.

And thereby touched off a sort of chain reaction that resulted in doubling the church's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal.

Inspired by the anniversary program messages, the layman forthwith expressed his personal decision to double his own gift to foreign missions made last year; later suggesting that the church do likewise.

"We'll do our best to encourage the church to double it," promised Mrs. J. P. Morris, WMU president and her associate, Mrs. Clara Blazek, vice-president, con-

cluded.

And advance commitments soon validated the rosy predictions that indeed this small church with fewer than one hundred active members will double its missionary responsibility as represented by this annual Christmas offering.

"We just couldn't get along without our Woman's Missionary Union," says Pastor Watson, "and when they set the pace the entire church usually gets in step."

Pastor Bland Watson of Shiloh Baptist Church near Franklin, Texas, with WMU president Mrs. J. P. Morris, and vice-president Mrs. Clara Blazek.



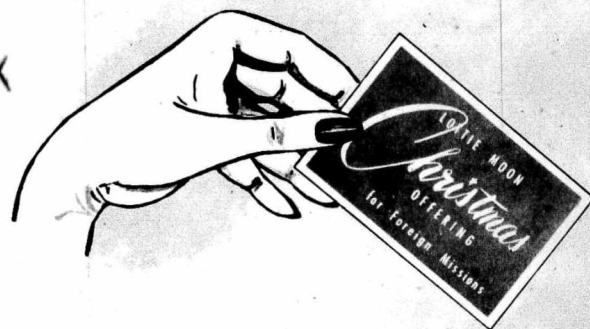
\*See Mrs. Flagg's article on page 1, October Royal Review.



## WEEK OF PRAYER

For Foreign Missions

And the  
**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**





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"Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray;  
This is my heart-cry day unto day;  
I long to know Thy will and Thy way;  
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.

"Power in prayer, Lord, power in prayer!  
Here 'mid earth's sin and sorrow and care,  
Men lost and dying, souls in despair;  
O give me power, power in prayer!"

—Albert S. Reitz

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## FORECASTER



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*Dear President,*

Already our thoughts are turning toward Christmas. Some have determined that they will make it a more meaningful experience this year. Often we hear, and sometimes we say, "I exchange gifts with her." Since this exchange of gifts has become so costly and so time consuming, our conscience bothers us.

Today I've been thinking of another exchange of gifts, God's gifts to us—our gifts to him. The lack of balance is disturbing! The gift of his Son, the gift of faith, the gift of eternal life, the gift of the Holy Spirit, to remember only a few of his gifts, makes us ashamed of our response.

At this Christmas season you will want to help the members of your WMS to exchange with him only those gifts which are worthy of his love and sacrifice—gifts of self and substance.

Lead your WMS to give time to a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 9-13. Plan observances for day groups and night groups. Pray that the theme of the week, "Crown Him Lord of All," may become a reality in the lives of all church members.

Lead your WMS to recommend a high Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal to the church, at least a 15 per cent increase over the amount given last year.

A pageant will be mailed to each president and to each pastor. It may be used on Sunday evening to introduce the Week of Prayer or it may be best to have the pageant on Wednesday night in your church. Decide with your pastor about the time for its presentation. Additional copies of the pageant, "Bring Them In From Every Nation," may be secured for 10c each from Woman's

Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

Co-operate with your prayer and stewardship committees in using all the Week of Prayer materials. See these listed in Forecaster and also the suggestions directed to the prayer and stewardship committees.

The leaflet produced by the Foreign Mission Board for promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be secured free upon request from the Board (P. O. Box 6587, Richmond, Virginia 23230). Share this information, the appeal from Dr. Cauthen in December Royal Service, and articles in November and December issues of The Commission with those in your church.

Confer with your pastor and the Church Council about all the plans for the Week of Prayer and the promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Encourage every WMS member to use the Stand-up Prayer Reminder and to lead their families in the plan—"Our Family Praying Together"—during the week of December 9-13. (If additional Stand-up Prayer Reminders are needed, confer with your pastor to avoid duplicate orders.)

Mrs. Gwin, our writer for the Week of Prayer material, says, "Our gifts are wrapped with earnest prayer and tied with strong cords of sincere love for Christ and the lost world. The gift wrappings are even more valuable than the gift."

Wrap your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions with earnest prayer and tie it with strong cords of sincere love, your Christmas then will be a blessed one!

Sincerely,

*Margaret Bruce*

**LOTTIE MOON**

*Christmas Offering*

**GOAL: \$11,850,000**

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## CURRENT COMMENTS

It is hoped that every WMS will have a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions during December. For this reason a general meeting of the society is not scheduled for this month. WMS leaders must plan well in the executive board meeting and carry out their promotional plans in circle meetings.

## Mission Study Committee

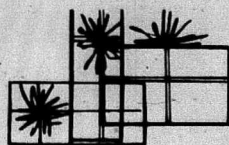
Has your WMS completed the study of the book, *Mandelbaum Gate* by H. Leo Eddleman, and have all WMS members read the book?

*Apogee* is the home mission book to be studied next quarter, January-March. If a mission study institute is to be provided in your association, alert all mission study teachers so that they may place the date on their calendars and take advantage of this help provided for the teaching of *Apogee*.

The mission study institute teaches teachers how to teach. At mission study institutes suggestions are given for reference and background books, ideas for outlining the book, making assignments, maps, and posters, and for using every means available to make the study more interesting and challenging.

## Prayer Committee

The Southern Baptist Convention calendar has scheduled a Watch Night Prayer Service December 31. The emphasis will be on the 1963 Jubilee Advance Program. WMS members will co-operate in this denominational effort and will remember that we are in the year of Jubilee with its Three Point Program for Progress. One of the ways WMS members will "celebrate the Jubilee" will be by "Leading every member to read the New Testament through during the year." Royal Service Call to Prayer will give Scripture references each day which will take one through the New Testament in a year's time. Reading from different translations is an interesting Bible study.



*"Gift wrapped with  
earnest prayer..."*

## PRAYER COMMITTEE

In preparation for the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in your church, December 9-13, read the article in December Royal Service, "Lord of All," by Dr. Baker James Cauthen. He says, "Our greatest efforts are of little avail unless the power of God's Holy Spirit rests upon them." By reading the article prayer committee members will recognize that the prerequisites for a successful Week of Prayer are prayer, love, and commitment.

(1) **Study** carefully the suggested plans and the Week of Prayer materials given on pages 41-84, December Royal Service.

(2) **Arrange** an appropriate meeting place and create a worshipful atmosphere. Use the area maps and the world map along with the open Bible and the world dolls as suggested for each day's interest center.

(3) **Display** at entrance of room where meeting is to be, a picture of praying hands with the words printed on it, "Teach Me to Pray, Lord." This should help prepare minds and hearts for the meditation period.

(4) **Prepare** well for the presentation of the pageant, "Bring Them In From Every Nation," on Sunday or Wednesday evening.

(5) **Order** Program Covers with poster design if you want to distribute a daily schedule giving topics and other information (Price 2c each, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.)

The following materials will be sent to your WMU president—**please do not order them.**

1. **Announcement poster**, depicting peoples of the world in attitude of worship and adoration, and giving Week of Prayer dates and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. Display the large poster where it can be seen best. The small poster is for use in Sunday school departments.

2. **Strip poster**, showing total goal, to be used with appeal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

3. **Pageant**, "Bring Them In From Every Nation," for use on Sunday night to introduce the Week of Prayer, based on historical highlights in mission advance, stressing the importance of prayer. One free copy will be sent to each pastor and one free copy to each WMU president. Additional copies may be secured for 10c each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

4. **Stand-up Prayer Reminder**, "Our Family Praying Together," to encourage every family in the church to pray together each day during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The prayer committee must work closely with the president, the stewardship, enlistment, and publicity committees to make the 1963 Week of Prayer one of the most effective seasons your church has ever experienced.

You will be helping your church bring a "gift wrapped with earnest prayer."

*... and tied with strong  
cords of sincere love"*

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"If He is Lord of all in our lives, we will count it a joy to bring a worthy portion of what we possess to lay at his feet that there might be resources available to send the gospel to all the world."

As members of the stewardship committee promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions they need to remember these words of Dr. Baker James Cauthen for this offering sends the gospel around the world.

The stewardship committee must plan well and work tirelessly to challenge the church with a goal that is at least a 15 per cent increase over the amount given last year. Our total goal is \$11,850,000. To reach this high goal our gift must be "wrapped with earnest prayer and tied with strong cords of sincere love for Christ and the lost world."

The theme for the Week of Prayer, December 9-13 is "Crown Him Lord of All."

(1) Draw a crown or place a crown seal on white cards with the words, "Crown Him Lord of All" as you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The cards may be handed out at the November meetings or during the Week of Prayer.

(2) Urge WMS members to read, "And All God's People said Amen," December Royal Service.

If you did not use the suggestion given in November Forecaster concerning "My Christmas List" suggest that they read it also.

(3) Make an attractive arrangement for the ingathering of the offering. A large crown may be made of gold foil with the words "Crown Him Lord of All" attached to the crown. Place it in the center of Christmas greens and white or red poinsettias. As the offering is brought have someone sing softly the second and third verses of "Crown Him with Many Crowns." If you prefer, a small crown with the Christmas greens may be arranged on a tray and passed around for the offering envelopes to be placed inside the crown.

(4) Provide Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes for every member of your church. The offering box with world design may be used to encourage families to save their offering ahead of time. These may be secured for 4c each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

Will your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Christ and the lost world be "wrapped with earnest prayer and tied with strong cords of sincere love." If so, "these gift wrappings will be even more valuable than the gift."



## Promotional Features . . .

### Enlistment

During the Week of Prayer observance: Display a poster for all members to see each day as they leave the meeting place. Suggested wording for the poster:

#### Do You?

Know someone who could  
Come to the Week of Prayer  
if invited

#### Could You?

Take time to extend an invitation

#### Will You?

Bring her with you?

### Community Missions

At the circle meeting: Ask each circle chairman to arrange for some member of her circle to give a brief testimony about her participation in a community missions activity. An enthusiastic, firsthand account of a visitation experience, the effects of tract distribution, the highlights of befriending an international student—these or other experiences will help enlist the participation of others.

—Eula Mae Henderson, Texas

### Publications

At the circle meeting: Select

## AT YOUR MEETINGS

pertinent facts from December Royal Service. Type these on small pieces of paper. Place these papers, along with a Royal Service subscription blank\* in various size containers and gift wrap them. Distribute the gifts during circle meeting and let each person share the information in her gift with others. Tell circle members they can give "a Christmas gift that keeps on giving" by giving a gift subscription to Royal Service.

—Adapted from idea by  
Martha Marlar, Alabama

### Mission Study

To encourage members to read *Mandelbaum Gate* by E. Lea Eddleman, 85c from Baptist Book Stores, the following question may be asked and answered at circle meetings.

Q—What reference is made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the last chapter of the book, *Mandelbaum Gate*?

A—Pages 101-104

\*Free from state WMU office

## Christmas Greetings

"May the peace and happiness  
which the first Christmas  
brought to the world  
Live in your heart always!"

WMS Department

## Idea Exchange

To show progress made in reaching our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal we place a globe of the world with a string of Christmas tree lights around it in the sanctuary where everyone can see it. The lights are placed in a cardboard frame covered with aluminum foil. Each light represents a certain amount of our goal and as that amount of the offering is given, a light is turned on. This creates much interest as we enjoy seeing the lights turn on around the world. We have gone over our goal since we have been doing this.

—Mrs. Robert Crow and Mrs. Joel Stone, Cowpens, S. C.

Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$4,000. We placed four large electric candles in front of the baptistry curtain with Christmas greenery and gold balls. Each candle represented \$1,000. This was ready by the first Sunday in December and as each thousand dollars was given, a candle was turned on. On the Sunday after Christmas, the goal was reached and all four candles were lighted.

—Mrs. W. E. Dawkins,  
Marietta, Georgia

For the past two years we have promoted the idea of not sending

Christmas cards to our church members but giving the extra money which would be spent for postage and cards to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Adding this amount to our 15 per cent increase each year has doubled our offering.

—Mrs. Irene Alexander,  
Charleston, West Virginia

## Not Only for Christmas

For somehow, not only at Christmas,

But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you;  
And the more that you spend in blessing

The poor, the lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing

Returns to make you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

### Another Idea

Use map of world as background. Place a picture of a church or one made of cardboard in front of map. As certain amounts of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal are given, attach a ribbon from the church to different areas of the world where Southern Baptists have mission work. Place a crown on the end of the ribbon to hold it in place on the world map. Crowns may be made of silver or gold foil, or small crown seals may be purchased.

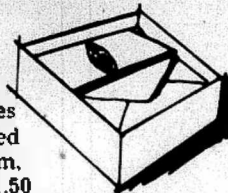
## FOR the WOMAN

WMU Emblem Charm, gold filled,  
\$2.00



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10K gold, \$4.25  
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and Envelopes  
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YWA colors, 75c

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### FOR the GIRL

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polished chrome,  
\$1.25  
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