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WHY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHURCHES OVERSEAS?

By Rogers M. Smith

THE Southern Baptist Convention met in Houston, Texas, May 20-23, 1958. The following recommendation from the Survey Committee was adopted:

The Foreign Mission Board should continue its efforts to establish churches for English-speaking people in major cities in countries served by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board on September 11, 1958, adopted a policy related to this recommendation and set about implementing it overseas. On April 13, 1960, the Board reconfirmed the policy.

These churches minister to Americans stationed overseas in military and other governmental assignments. There are also thousands of American business people, students, and tourists who appreciate and enjoy the ministry of these churches.

While these churches minister largely to Americans and other English-speaking people, there are thousands of nationals who take advantage of the opportunities for worship, Bible study, Christian training, and fellowship. Many have studied or visited in the United States and other English-

speaking lands and are eager to maintain their use of the English language. There are also many national adults and young people overseas who are studying English. They take advantage of every opportunity to hear and speak English, and these churches provide them many such opportunities.

These churches are making tremendous contributions to the Christian witness overseas. They are a challenge and an inspiration to national churches.

In Latin America there are fifteen English-language churches, and missionaries serve in seven of these as pastors. In the Middle East there is one with a missionary as pastor. In Europe there are twenty-four churches, three with missionary pastors and two with missionary assistants as pastors. In the Orient there are twenty-one churches and fourteen of these have missionary pastors. This is a total of sixty churches with twenty-eight missionary pastors.

Why English-language churches exist? To win people to Christ and to train them in Christian witness and service.

Sunbeam Band Focus Week is August 9-15 this year. Provide missionary training for all children, birth through eight years old, in your church. Organize Sunbeam Bands for every age: Sunbeam Nursery, Beginner Sunbeam Band, Primary Sunbeam Band, World Friends.

by Marie Mothis

WHEN most of us were growing up, our world was a small place bounded by the streets of our own neighborhoods. For most of us, our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and sisters, neighbors, and school friends were the only people we knew. We didn't know too much about slum areas. But this is not so today. Our children hear all about people who live in slum areas and

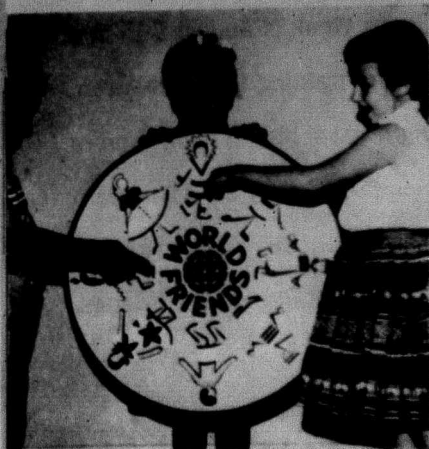
even our eight-year-olds read about other eight-year-olds in other countries. They know something about people who are near and far, different, and hungry.

Our little world has become a big world for our children. Therefore we have a job to do which our mothers and fathers did not have in their day.

Perhaps the most important thing that we face today is to teach our children to respect and love all human beings. We must teach them that all people need to know the story of Jesus. We must teach them that

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Are We Bringing Up Children to Love Others?



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I told my three-year-old grandson the story of Davey Crockett as we built a fort and lined up the hard rubber soldiers on either side. One group represented the Texans—the other group represented Mexican soldiers. When our mock battle was over, my three-year-old looked up into my face and said, "I don't like Mexicans." I inquired, "Why don't you like them?" And he replied, "Cause they killed Davey Crockett." I'm not sure that he has ever lost this prejudice. He is now twelve years old.

Here is another question we might ask: Is it really true that the kind of world we have today, filled with prejudice, hatred, growing juvenile delinquency, is a result of our attitudes and behavior?

The child in our home is not born prejudiced about the color, race, religion, or nationality of another child on his street. If he grows up to care, it will be because someone has taught him to care either directly or indirectly. Psychologists assure us that no child is born with prejudice.

We teach our children to eat what is good for them. We teach them about going to bed, about brushing their teeth, about taking baths, and they learn very quickly. We are told that by the end of the third year they have gone a long way toward learning what they will be when they grow up.

If this is true, then it is vital that we teach our babies and little boys and girls before they are three to love people and be concerned for others. I believe that Woman's Missionary Union must provide the opportunity, the climate, the program, and the leadership for a Sunbeam Nursery.

All too often we look at the Sunbeam Nursery as just a place to leave babies and little children while mothers attend church or society meetings. This would be a great

reason if there were no other, for it would help us enlist young mothers. But there is a far more important reason. It is training the children entrusted to us.

The Sunbeam Nursery provides suitable learning experiences for children birth through three. This organization gives mothers an assurance that their children are being properly cared for and taught. To organize a Sunbeam Nursery is a good way to enlist young mothers—yes—but it is also a good way to begin to build a different world for tomorrow.

Let us quickly realize that a world where many people feel rejected and despised is a tense and dangerous one for our children. We must lay our own lack of love and concern honestly. And we must wake up to the responsibility which is ours—to create a world where people will know the Christ whom we love and serve because of what we are and what we do!

Won't you organize a Sunbeam Nursery in your church now? Or perhaps you need more than one. There are many opportunities for Sunbeam Nurseries on different days and different times. Survey your church—see how many young mothers might be enlisted for WMS by enlisting the child.

Order the free leaflet "How to Organize a Sunbeam Band," from state WMU officers. *The Sunbeam Nursery*, 95¢ from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, explains how to organize a Sunbeam Nursery and gives materials for teaching infants, toddlers, and children through age three. Characteristics of the child, equipment, and objectives are discussed for the Sunbeam Nursery leader.

Grasp the opportunity to teach missions to the children of your church and so begin to change the world. This is important.

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God sent his Son to save all the world and not just a part of it. This is important.

Today's generation of students in our colleges and universities is restless and frustrated. They have not been taught as carefully as the children of today must be taught—to join hands with all kinds of people from all parts of the earth to make a good world.

The first thing that we have to do as parents is to love other people ourselves. For by what we are and what we say, we teach our children. Our children become like us whether we want to believe it or not.

We might ask ourselves many questions which are tremendously important. Do we want our children to live in a world that is free from daily fear of destruction? Do we want our children to trust people of other races and colors? To trust others one must be trustworthy.

It is easy to teach a child prejudice or to hate just by telling a simple story that one has grown up knowing without realizing that there is prejudice in it. For instance,

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COVER STORY

How concerned is your church over missionary education for its children, birth through eight years, who need training in Sunbeam Bands? Often we neglect the Sunbeam Nurseries for babies, birth through three. The article on page 1 gives you information about this phase of Sunbeam Band.

Then there are Beginner Sunbeam Band for the fours and fives and Primary Sunbeam Band for children ages six through eight years. World Friends is for eight-year-olds if you separate the Primaries.

Some churches have an ungraded Sunbeam Band when it is impossible to have the more desirable divisions mentioned above. Sunbeam Band Forum Week is August 9-15. Look at your situation and provide missionary education for children birth through eight years.

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SURPRISE Packages AWAY from Home



TRAVEL EXPECTANTLY. Every place you visit is like a surprise package to be opened. Untie the strings with an expectation of high adventure," says Willard A. Peterson in his book, *The Art of Living*. And it was just that way as I traveled through the Orient several months ago.

Of course, I knew that I would be seeing English-language groups and visiting churches which military and business Americans overseas and the missionaries had begun, but somehow these experiences really were like receiving a surprise package in a foreign land.

It happened first on a Sunday night in Tokyo. Missionary Virginia Highfill and I arrived at the Tokyo Baptist Church, an international English language church. The parking lot had been freshly graveled and we were having difficulty parking. Presently a car drove up and some American young fellows, who were also going to church, saw our predicament, hopped out and parked the car for us. It was like being at home to go into the beautiful church and to hear the gospel preached in English. But it was different and wonderful to be in this largest city in the world so far away from home and to worship with Christians from almost every part of the United States. This first English language Baptist church in Tokyo grew from Southern Baptist military fellowships which met in the Edwin Hoover home in 1947.

In Fukuoka, Japan, the military wives



had a covered dish luncheon in the home of missionary Marcelle Southerland. One nice surprise was seeing the husband of a friend stationed there. He knew that I had been his wife since he had and he was eager to have news from her, so he came to the WMS meeting.

Americans have actually gone into all the world. They have gone with the military, the embassies, with business corporations. They have gone with the United States Weather Bureau, they have gone as schoolteachers and in other professions.

One of the most thrilling surprises I had was in Saigon, Vietnam. The missionaries told me of the director at the USO who had joined the English language Baptist church and of how thoughtful she had been of them. They said she was from Nashville, Tennessee. Now, Nashville is a big city, but she was a Baptist and I had lived in Nashville a long time. I just might know her. I asked the missionary to take me to the USO. When Betty Anne Murphy and I saw each other we remembered her GA days.

by Margaret Bruce



Her mother was a GA counselor when I was WMU young people's secretary in Tennessee and she and Betty Anne used to come to GA house parties. I was proud of this young woman as she told me of her work and how she tries to make the USO center "a home away from home" for the young men stationed in Saigon. As I saw these young men going in and out of the center I recognized it as one of the ripest mission fields in the Orient. I was glad when Betty Anne said she considers it her mission field!

I traveled with missionaries Virginia Mumhis and Mary Lucile Saunders from Manila to Baguio City, Philippines. I was impressed with the large number of churches and missions they pointed out to me along the way and said, "This church was started by the young men and their wives stationed at Clark Field." I was glad that the Abernathys, retired missionaries from China and Korea, supplying there for furloughing missionaries, had invited me to speak at Clark Field. It was Sunday evening of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The church was well filled. Hanging on the wall was a large poster showing progress made toward the church's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. Again I was at home with the Christians who were praying and giving and witnessing that the kingdom of God might be spread to the ends of the earth.

I had learned to "travel expectantly" and now I was to receive another surprise package. I was flying from Okinawa to Hong Kong with a few hours' stopover in Taipei, Taiwan. There were several young men in the uniform of our country who got on the same plane. One was from Alabama, another was a Baptist from Maryland. His mother was a member of WMS and he knew about *Royal Service*. When he learned of my connection with WMS he wanted me

to write his "Mom." Since he was stationed near Taipei, I was glad that the missionaries met me at the airport and I could introduce him to them.

Recently a letter came from a mother who said, "My son is stationed in Korea with the army and I am interested in learning the names of some missionaries and other information. I noticed in our Foreign Mission Week of Prayer material in *Royal Service* that a seminary is located in Taipei. That is the city near Camp Ames where my son is stationed, so I felt sure some missionaries would live there. I've always loved WMU and have been a member for twenty-six years, but there's nothing to make me more interested than having a seventeen-year-old son stationed in one of the faraway lands we've studied about."

Do you have a son or daughter overseas? Or a relative or a friend? Urge them to contact the missionaries in their area; the missionaries can be a help to them and they can help the missionaries. Write to the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, and request a free copy of the Directory of Missionary Personnel which gives the names and addresses of missionaries in the fifty-four different countries where Southern Baptists have mission work.

I'm grateful for the high adventures I had as I traveled through the Orient and for all of the surprise packages I received. But my experience with the English-language groups overseas reminds me of the old Spanish proverb, "He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies must carry the wealth of the Indies with him." If we want Americans overseas to give a good witness wherever they go, parents and churches here at home must help them become good witnesses before they go. Jesus said, "You will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Judaea and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth" (The New English Bible New Testament translation).

BY ALMA HUNT • August brings Sunbeam Band into focus. This year we focus not only on the organization but upon its new leaders.

Before introducing the new director I should write all minds about the one we had. Abbie Louise Green is now the WMU executive secretary in Oklahoma. For Miss Green's years on our staff and for the excellence of her leadership, we are truly grateful.

I feel an excitement in introducing the two new Sunbeam Band staff members. Mary Hines, the director, is really not new to WMU work. Her identification with Sunbeam Band when she was enrolled as a "Sunbeam." Through her mother, a Sunbeam Band leader, the organization continued to influence her life even while she was active in Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary. She holds vivid memories of Sunbeam Band experiences, especially of meeting "Cousin George," Dr. George Beaton Taylor, the founder of Sunbeam Band.

Miss Hines attended Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. While a college student she gained her first experience as a summer missionary at Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans. On receiving a BS degree she returned to that city as a regular missionary appointed by the Home Mission Board to Tuleadero Mission, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church of New Orleans, seeing her work for a three-year period, persuaded her to join the church staff in the dual capacity of elementary director and educational director.

Her feeling of need for further preparation led her to an MRE degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and graduate work at George Peabody College in Nashville.

While in the seminary a pioneer area called, "Go West, young woman, go West."

In the summer of 1957 she was again a summer missionary, this time in South Dakota under direction of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. Then Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama brought her officially into Sunbeam Band work.

For three years she was state Sunbeam Band director. During that time she contributed to the making of Sunbeam Band plans, wrote a three-month unit for *Sunbeam Activities* and did some other writing in the field.

With deep regret Alabama WMU accepted her resignation when the illness of her parents led her to return to her native state. During the years there she taught on the elementary level in Chesapeake, Va.

The new editorial associate in the department is Catherine Bryant Allen, a young woman with recognized potential just beginning her professional career. She is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, a recent graduate of Howard College and wife of Dr. Lee Allen, professor of history at this college.

In background and experience, Mrs. Allen has much in common with Miss Hines. She too comes from a home where Christian influences are strong. She too is active in her church, giving leadership in work among children. She too was a summer missionary of the Home Mission Board. In 1962 she served in Joliet, Illinois.

Mrs. Allen earned a BA degree with majors in journalism and English. She added experience to study as she served as editor of the college newspaper, the *Crimson*, for two years. She was the 1962-63 recipient of The Birmingham News & Post-Herald Award for outstanding contribution through journalism at Howard College.

We welcome these two talented young women to our staff and want you, the Sunbeam Band leadership, to know and appreciate them as we do already.

Mary Hines Catherine Bryant Allen

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Another Answer to the "Unsigned Letter"

It's 11:35 P.M. and I'm very tired. I started to "put off" writing, since I'm a busy housewife and mother with numerous outside demands on my time, but thinking again about the unsigned letter in your column in April *Royal Service*, I knew I should make my stand on the racial issue known to you, at least.

When I was small, we were taught at church that "Jesus loves the little children . . . red and yellow, black (or brown) and white," and that whosoever meant everyone. I thought my teachers really meant what they said. I was taught love and I believe that God is love and that Jesus loves everyone, no matter what their condition—financially, physically, mentally, socially, etc.

But I did want to tell you this. Many times in the past few years I've been ashamed, really ashamed of some Baptists or groups of Baptists whose activities have been printed in the newspapers and magazines and reported on television, but I am extremely proud of the stand *Royal Service* has taken on prejudice and discrimination. I ask God's blessing on your efforts. May each of us ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" JH

Involved in WMU

Our family is really "involved" in WMU. I wonder if there are other such families? My mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and I are

Please send your comments to Letters, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. We will not have space to print every letter, of course. Please include your name and address.

We Get LETTERS



by Marie Mathis

all current WMU presidents!

Naturally when all are together we compare notes and plans.

Thank you for service to our Lord through WMU.

Mrs. GP, Nebraska

Blind WMU President Writes State Secretary

(In the June, 1964, issue of *Royal Service* we printed a portion of a letter received from RMS. Recently our mail brought a note from Miss Miriam Robinson, the executive secretary of WMU of North Carolina. She attached a letter she had received from Mrs. Staley, "our writer." Here are Miss Robinson's note and a few additional lines from our former correspondent.)

This enclosed letter is from the blind woman who is WMU president of Sugar Creek Church in Charlotte. There are 50 members in her missionary society. This gave me such a lift I wanted to share it with you.

Miriam Robinson, North Carolina

And from Mrs. Staley:

My heart is full of praise and thanksgiving for the excerpts from *Royal Service* that are in my little Braille Baptist. You

can't imagine what a blessing this has been to me already. I have prayed for this since I first came into WMU; so I know that really does answer prayer. I feel sure that other blind women throughout the Convention feel just as appreciative and are enjoying it just as much.

Our GA work is beginning to grow. I am taking the GA Leadership Course myself this week so that I can at least help a little. A dear woman here in town has transcribed the Leadership Guide into Braille for me and is working on the Intermediate Manual now. She has finished the Junior Manual. I believe I told you that another woman transcribed the Year Book, another the WMS Manual. Having these materials in Braille makes my job easier.

Our GAs had eleven to pass the Maiden Sash. This is the first time this has happened in our church. Our Sunbeams are doing well, too. I am so proud of all of them. By the way, we have divided our eight-year-olds from the six- and seven-year-olds. . . .

(And now "my letter" to you. Dear Reader, How does your job look now after reading this? I am re-examining my own. Sincerely, Marie Mathis.)

Please, Send *Royal Service* Early

In the January issue of *Royal Service* a reader complains that she receives her *Royal Service* too early. Thank you for telling her the reason the magazine is mailed so early.

If it will help the writer to understand—please tell her there are places within the continental United States that have very slow mail service.

My church is in a pioneer area and it is not unusual for us to order supplies and publications six weeks prior to the time they are needed and still not get them on time.

If *Royal Service* were not sent out early we would possibly be having April's program in June or July. Our thanks to the

circulation department.

Mrs. Thomas A. Stafford, Maine

Don't Put *Royal Service* Aside

When my copy of *Royal Service* arrived, I treated it like any reference magazine—glanced through it, then put it aside until I wanted the daily prayer calendar or until I needed certain information.

While bedridden, recovering from an injury, I read through the last issue of *Royal Service* which I had glanced at a few days before and placed it on the coffee table.

I found a wealth of information between the covers. It even tempted me to ask for back issues that I had only casually seen. I shall never again be guilty of putting *Royal Service* on the table (as I suspect so many do) until I get time.

I just want to say it's loaded with good things and just to think I have been missing so much.

(This was not a letter but a conversation I had recently with a WMS member who sat next to me at the dinner table at a regular meeting of her society. I, too, can hope that the response to reading *Royal Service* through every month will be a monthly activity.)

A Letter from South Australia

I am finding that your ideas are a tremendous inspiration to us. Our Junior girls here in South Australia know that in their small way they are truly part of a worldwide organization.

Miss Betty Fort

A Bouquet

My sincere expression of Christian love goes to all who have had a part in printing *Royal Service* magazine. It has more information than any book. *Royal Service* is a great leader for soul-winning.

Great work—keep it up!

Mrs. Leroy James, Georgia

(Great letters—keep on!)

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

--As A Man Sees It

SOMEWHERE through the years, a teacher probably made a lasting impression on your life. As you look back over the past, you may not remember exact facts you learned. But you do recall how some teacher enriched your life through a quiet conversation, a note written on the top of a test paper, or a whispered word of encouragement.

A friend once told me of a college professor who influenced his life without ever having taught him in the classroom. The professor did it, unknowingly, with a sign hanging from his flower garden gate. The sign said: "Please come in and look at the flowers."

Can you think of a more descriptive phrase to describe the heart of a true teacher—always inviting persons to explore and marvel at the wonders of God's handiwork? "No Trespassing" signs have no place on the gates of the inspired teacher whose life is dedicated to opening inquisitive minds.

As a man looking at Woman's Missionary Union, I see her as a teacher whose whole life has centered on one basic message—teaching missions.

Mr. Foshee is secretary of the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

How did this impression of Woman's Missionary Union develop with me? Possibly through the lives of Woman's Missionary Union presidents that I have known and respected. These Christian women have been my teachers. No, not teachers in a school classroom but through the lives they lived in their churches. Their concerns, attitudes, and spiritual depth have been object lessons to help me understand and appreciate the dynamic program of Woman's Missionary Union. And my appreciation, stretched by these wholesome impressions, has never been able to go back to its original size.

What are some of the things that I have learned from close contacts with Woman's Missionary Union leaders?

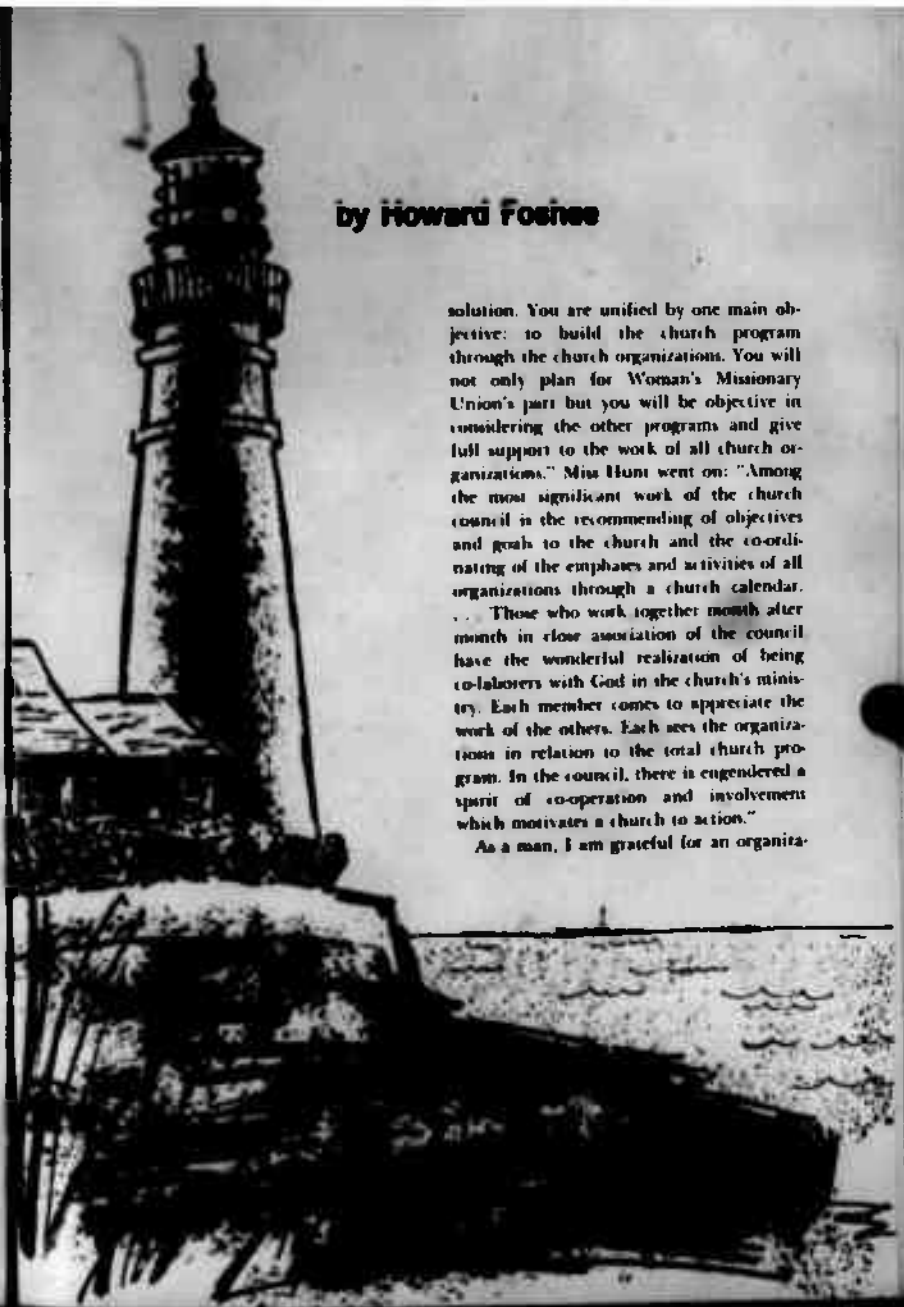
I have found that Woman's Missionary Union has an abiding concern for the total church. Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, stressed this fact recently in an eloquent *World Service* article "Memo to New WMU President." Speaking about the role each WMU president has as a member of the church council, she said: "You are a member of the church council. Your relationships are significant and vital. . . . In the council you are drawn together in mutual cooperation. Problems and concerns of each organization become common challenge to all."

by Howard Foshee

solution. You are unified by one main objective: to build the church program through the church organizations. You will not only plan for Woman's Missionary Union's part but you will be objective in considering the other programs and give full support to the work of all church organizations." Miss Hunt went on: "Among the most significant work of the church council is the recommending of objectives and goals to the church and the co-ordinating of the emphases and activities of all organizations through a church calendar."

Those who work together month after month in close association of the council have the wonderful realization of being co-laborers with God in the church's ministry. Each member comes to appreciate the work of the others. Each sees the organizations in relation to the total church program. In the council, there is engendered a spirit of co-operation and involvement which motivates a church to action."

As a man, I am grateful for an organiza-





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tion that sees its close relationships to all of the activities of a church.

Another important impression that I have learned from these fine teachers is that Woman's Missionary Union has a strategic message for a strategic audience. Missions lies at the very heart of Southern Baptist work. Since its inception, this organization has never veered from the original tasks that local churches have assigned to it. As one of the church's educational organizations it has promoted Christian missions through study, community missions, prayer, and an enlightened concept of stewardship.

One of the reasons that this vital organization has become third in size among church organizations in both enrollment and number of churches involved is that it has remained true to its original purpose.

Woman's Missionary Union has focused on missions and has sought to enlighten and enrich the lives of young children of the Sunbeam Band, Junior and Intermediate girls of the Girls' Auxiliary, young women of the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and women through the Woman's Missionary Society. Can you think of a message and an audience so strategic?

At the very heart of this organization is the conviction that the missionary message of the Bible must be taught and understood. Both the Old and New Testaments drive home the fact that the reason for missions is the sinful nature of man. A church is richer for having an organization that focuses on foreign, home, state, associational, and community missions—an organization that remains true to the Bible's message that God's Word must be interpreted to all mankind.

Another foundation to undergird the church is Woman's Missionary Union's continuing testimony to the power of prayer. Praying has been a vital part of its work through the years. Always ready to accept any worthy responsibility, members of this organization have never become too busy to pray. As a man looking at the total church program I am grateful for this emphasis and concern. Many times I have read the materials published by Woman's Missionary Union concerning the contemporary picture of missions around the world. These materials, stressing current information along with biographies of past and present missionaries, have helped me to pray more intelligently.

Another major contribution that Woman's Missionary Union has made is through special church projects that have always been willingly accepted. We are indebted to these women for continuing to hold forth the banner for special mission offerings along with stressing the values of the Co-operative Program. The need for Woman's Missionary Union as a basic organization continues.

To accomplish its tasks this organization must receive adequate personnel, facilities, time, budget, and other resources. A church should consider its budget development in light of major tasks to be performed.

Lighthouse keepers seldom know when they have succeeded in keeping unknown vessels from hidden shoals. I, as a man, realize that there are many contributions that Woman's Missionary Union has made that I do not even know about. But I am grateful for the dynamic presentation of God's mission message that I know has shone forth through the years.

Christians and Politics

Almost two hundred Southern Baptist leaders spent three days in Washington last Spring seeking better ways to make their convictions count in building a better world.

They heard an array of speakers, including President Johnson, who begged that while Baptists continue to cherish the American principle of separation of church and state, they make sure the tradition "does not mean the divorce of spiritual values from secular affairs."

Religion and government have many common purposes. Mr. Johnson said. "Great questions of war and peace, civil rights and education, the elimination of poverty at home and abroad, are the concern of millions who see no difference in this regard in their (religious) beliefs and their social obligations."

Dr. Fay Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, set up the seminar for the purpose of "clarifying political objectives from the Baptist viewpoint," of "strengthening our Baptist witness in the realm of citizenship," and of relating Christianity to the problems of race, liquor, poverty, church-state separation, and the general welfare of the American people.

Many of the government personnel on the program were Baptists. They included Thomas Mann, assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs; Brooks Hays, special consultant to President Johnson; Congressman Oren Harris of Arkansas; Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas; and Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black. Each spoke of the responsibilities through democratic processes.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond and past president of the Baptist World Alliance, warned as did Mr. Johnson against the divorce of religious convictions from the responsibilities of citizenship. There is even a danger, he believed, that the church may become servant of the state if the church

FROM

Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant

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fails to assert that its functions are primary.

Brooks Hays, who has combined an active religious life, including presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention with a political career in both Congress and diplomacy, called for a "resurgence of patriotism." In all political issues, he said, "there must be compassion for people." This also, he said, is "our Christian mandate."

"Congress cannot do it all," Hays said. "There is still the need for men at the local level to interpret and carry out these objectives."

The conference ended with a speech by Jimmy R. Allen of Dallas, who outlined goals, means and strategies necessary if Southern Baptists are to have a "Christian impact in politics."

"A narcissus-like absorption with ourselves, our organized functions, our statistical increases has plagued us with a strange political paralysis," Allen said. "We have sinned against our heritage. . . . While we have been flexing our muscles and advancing our strength, we have left to others the undramatic and wearying tasks of bringing Christian insights to bear on our political world."

Allen challenged the churches to an effective training program in Christian citizenship. But he warned against the idea of developing a "Baptist political power bloc."

"To become such a power bloc would mean degenerating into a self-interest group. It would ultimately make a religious test for public office and a political test for religious fellowship," he said.

In the WORLD'S MIRROR

by Nella Dean Whitten

AN admirable but sometimes exasperating quality of a mirror is that it pictures things as they are. No amount of wishful thinking or explanation to the contrary can make straight hair curl or cause

a shiny spot to disappear from the end of a nose. To argue with the undecorable reflection is to waste valuable time needed to change the situation. To break the mirror is a foolish retaliation, for the image remains unchanged.

In the midst of what Washington Independent I. F. Stone calls the "status war," individuals and nations are

celessly concerned about the "image" that is being reflected abroad. Especially is this true about the United States of America. From a land that can thank God for freedom of speech and press, the image goes out to the uttermost parts of the earth, realistic and uncensored, for that is the way of a free society. It isn't always a pretty picture. It couldn't always be pretty unless every single person of the more than 100 million population of the United States of America were really Christian and acted like Christ.

Could it be that we Americans are sometimes more concerned about the impression we are making abroad than about what is really taking place at home? Have we become so complimented and satisfied with the self-assumed title of "Christian nation" that we simply have to lose the reputation? Would some of our internal problems and sins seem less deplorable if they weren't aired so freely before the whole world? The crucial question is: Do we suffer because our national good name is at stake or because a wall of doubt and disillusionment is being erected that will make it harder for our Lord to reach and save human hearts? Or is it a mixture of the two?

A WMI worker in the States sent a greeting and a request to her missionary friends arising overseas. She said: "I think you can help us by not building up in the minds of the people with whom you work the false image of the United States as a Christian country. Then the newspaper stories will not be so disillusioning." She continued, "It is not ourselves or our country that we want to glorify, but Christ, in whom no one will ever be disappointed." To her missionary friend she added, "Don't let them think you are sent overseas because you were not needed at home. Let them know that many Christians here are trying

to live Christ. But Satan is as near to us as he is to them, and just as hard to keep away! Ask them to pray for us and with us."

J. H. Phillips in *God, Our Contemporary* emphasizes the same point when he writes: "The small-scale and large-scale failures of Christians down the centuries—and they are many and grievous—are no indication at all as to what the Christian faith, honestly received in heart and mind, can achieve. And it is quite unrealistic to judge the validity of the Christian faith by assuming that such European countries as Britain, France, or Germany are Christian." Mr. Phillips does not mention the United States, but we Americans are compelled to add our country to the list.

After seventeen years as a foreign missionary in South America and in Europe, I find myself living intensely and daily with the matter of the "American image" abroad. In a sense I am both on the sending and receiving end of the question. The paradox is that as I love my adopted lands more, I am at the same time more patriotic to my own country. It isn't the sort of thing that waves a flag and says, "My country—right or wrong." It is deep gratitude to God for my heritage of freedom and individual worth. It is the expansion of soul I experience as I stand before the Stars and Stripes half a world away from my native Mississippi.

My temptation in times past has been to try to explain or interpret unchristian actions which take place in the United States. Once in ethics class in Barcelona, Spain, a direct question was asked of me as to why "Christian America" had not done more to clear up the race problem. My impulsive, half-defensive reply was, "I don't excuse my fellow countrymen, but let me ask you how

Mrs. Whitten and her husband, Rev. Charles Whitten, are missionaries in Barcelona, Spain.

you feel about other races who live in Spain—the Gypsies, for example?" It didn't take much soul-searching to realize that I had tried to explain away a violation of Christian love in my country by pointing a finger at the same weakness in Spain. What a futile comment! Two wrongs never make a right.

The obvious point is to work on the application of the principles of Christ to this disturbing malignancy. The "image" of my beloved country will take care of itself when this is done. However unpleasant or accusing the newspaper reports here are, the only explanation I have been able to come up with is a three-letter word spelled S-I-N. Protesting innocence, either individual or national, is not the realistic approach.

More than once I have caught myself standing at the elbow of some Spanish friend with an apology on my lips. "Now I know that what you are seeing and reading in the newspaper is not pretty. Let me explain a bit here and touch up things a bit there."

As we consider our beloved nation let us pray "under God" that there be no mistake as to what we as Christians hope to communicate to the peoples of the world.

First, the United States has many genuine Christians and many wonderful Christian institutions, but it is not a "Christian country." In many ways individuals and groups have failed to put the teachings of our Lord into practice. The validity of the claims of Christ, the Saviour of all men, is not proved or disproved by any one country. It would seem that God has his hand on our country for his missionary purposes, but he isn't obligated or limited to the United States. Such a lesson in humility is underscored by the course of world history.

Secondly, our mission program has as its only purpose the sharing of Christ with the whole world—not American culture, education, or even good American dollars. Missionaries do not go overseas because the churches and the mission board have more money than they can spend at home or be-

cause every need for Christian work in the United States has been filled. Missionaries are called according to God's will and are sent out by Christian people operating together in love—often people of limited means who give sacrificially.

Thirdly, let us confess freely our sins as individuals and as a nation. There is not a single shred of "American superiority" either among those who stay at home and support the mission program or those who are fortunate enough to be able to go. We are not on the defensive either for ourselves or for our country. The object is to lift up Christ before whom we are all sinful, needy creatures.

Let us take out citizenship papers in the human race. There is never a barrier that can continue to stand in the presence of real Christian love—whether the barriers be race, language, educational background, social position, or any other circumstance.

Today the United States of America is uniquely responsible to uphold freedom and Godliness, and at the pinnacle of her opportunity to share with the nations the One who has made her great.

Being reflected in the world's mirror is not so distressing or uncomfortable if we aren't trying to live up to a false image. Our failings—though lamentable—do not prove that Christianity has failed. It has yet to be tried by most of the people of the world—including the people of the United States.

The time has come when patriotic sentiments must ripen into a grave sense of world responsibility. Above all, Christian people need to grow in their devotion to Christ and their willingness pay the price of sharing in the extension of his kingdom.

If we with humility and love break bread with the nations of the world, the "image" will take care of itself. The blessed point of emphasis will forever be Him before whom "every knee must bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."



"The seed is the word."

Call to Prayer

Day by day
for the World I Pray

Prepared by Rosalee Mills Appleby

1 SATURDAY And to love him with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. Mark 12:33 (read Ex. 19:3-5, 30:1-4, 7-8, 12-17).

On the Indian reservation in Blackfoot, Idaho, a six-year-old squeezed his eyes tight and prayed. Thank you, God, for our new church! He expressed what the eighty persons present felt on this Church Family Day which celebrated the dedication of the new building. The Anna Armstrong Offering had made it possible. Mostly children had attended until now, but this year adults are coming. One of them said after a Sunday school lesson on Nicodemus, "I learned something today. I have never heard of being born again. Now I understand."

Pray for Mrs. E. C. Branch who works on this Indian reservation. Irene Chambers, Ark. field worker, L. E. Craig, Birmingham, Ala. Negro ch., H. E. Hurst, Honduras, Mrs. J. R. LeRoy, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. W. E. Whelan, Kono, Mrs. J. B. Durham, Sanga, Nigeria, ex.; Mrs. W. H. Ichter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Juan Carter, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, sec.

SUNDAY **AUGUST 2** Who should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? Acts 26:8 (read Acts 25:23 to 26:3).

The unsearchable wisdom of God is revealed in the making of a missionary. Formal

schooling is just one part of his becoming ready. Work and varied experiences play a vital part in the preparation process. Earl Q. Gostcher, whose birthday is today, learned electrical work, was store clerk, repairman, dormitory counselor, hospital administrator, and pastor. Without a doubt, all this will be a constant help in Thailand, where he went as a missionary in 1962.

Pray for Mr. Gostcher, Bangkok; J. A. Smith, Tokyo, Japan, M.A., M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. W. A. Cowley, Jos, Nigeria, C. A. Allen, Jr., Guatemala, J. T. Owens, Mexico, ed.; S. L. Watson, Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Fielder, China, ret.; C. F. Landon, Phoenix, Ariz., deaf ex.; Mrs. Francisco Rivero, Matanzas, Cuba, ex.

2 MONDAY Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. Acts 26:28 (read vs. 9-32).

In 1962, a church building near Nyeri, Kenya, was destroyed. In 1963 this village appealed to Baptists to start work among them. Services were held in the open for lack of a place. Just recently a new building was dedicated with 400 people present.

Let us pray today for Mrs. T. W. McMillan, Kenya, D. M. Lawton, Keshung, Taiwan, ex.; Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Bra-

Ministers are listed on their birthdays. Address in **DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL**, from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 607, Richmond, Virginia 23260, and in **SOME MISSIONS**.

all, ed.; Ramon Medrano, Texas City, Tex.
Sp. sp. cv.

4 TUESDAY Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than these things which were spoken by Paul Acts 27:11 (read vv. 1-20).

The Philippines in focus with wonderful news! Work in the Philippines continues to show remarkable growth. During 1963 a Luzon Baptist Convention was organized along with associations in several provinces. Toward the end of the year, major attention centered on rallies looking toward a major simultaneous evangelistic effort.

Pray for J. L. Reader, Natl. Philippines. Mrs. K. J. Myers, Jr., Nigeria, MD; Ruth Womack, Oyo, Nigeria, Mrs. D. L. Miller, Garenhuna, Brazil, RN; J. N. Thomas, Medellin, Colombia, cv.; D. M. Regalado, Deming, N. M., Sp. sp. cv.

5 WEDNESDAY Therefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me Acts 27:25 (read vv. 21-44).

Rodney B. Wolfard's life and influence are a blessing in the South Brazil Seminary at Rio de Janeiro. The Wolfards have three fine sons. The highlight of anticipation for all workers in Brazil is the nation-wide evangelistic crusade for 1965. Pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this land.

Pray for Mr. Wolfard, J. P. McKinley, Jr., Faridpur, E. Pakistan, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Philippines, H. G. Smith, Malaysia, cv.; Mrs. J. W. McCavock, Chile-Pub. House, ret.; R. L. Groom, Albuquerque, N. M., MC; Gilbert Oakley, Espanola, N. M., Sp. sp. cv.

6 THURSDAY And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appis forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage Acts 28:15 (read vv. 1-16).

In Seattle, Washington, Baptist churches of the association co-operate with juvenile courts in rehabilitation work. Delinquents are released to go to church. One youth was taken into a pastor's home as his foster child. Counsel and help have been extended to parents as well as to wayward children. Outright Christian help has been given through the churches.

Pray for Stella Ruth Smith, Lexington, Ky., Mrs. T. H. York, Colombia, E. C., GWC; Mrs. L. J. Harper, American, Paraguay, RN, Hobe

BA business administration	med. medical cv.
ed. educational cv.	pub. publication
ev. evangelism	BN nurse
GWC Good Will Center	ret. retired
Ind. Indian	sc. social work
JR juvenile rehabilitation	Sp. sp. Spanish-speaking
MA missionary associate	SW student work
MC Mission Center	WDP weekday program
MD doctor	" forbough

Smith, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, J. E. Pacey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, cv.; Marion L. Minter, Kufiri, Indonesia, med.; Dorothy Emmons, Kenya, cv.; J. N. Law, Nombasa, Kenya, Milton Murphy, Israel, ed.; WNU Conference, Ridgcrest, 6-12.

7 FRIDAY And Paul shook two whole years in his own hired house and reviewed all that came in unto him. Preaching the kingdom of God, and working these things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no man forbidding him Acts 28:30-31 (read vv. 17-31).

In 1961 the O. E. Joiners went to Quin, Ecuador, capital city. Mr. Joiner does field work in this country which is the east of the state of Arizona. Mrs. Joiner cares for her home and does evangelistic work in this city where we have three Baptist churches. Pray for their work.

Pray for Mrs. Joiner, Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, R. T. Thorpe, Blonipov, Nyanaland, W. W. London, Jr., Hong Kong, cv.; W. C. Gervais, Nigeria, MD; Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, Colon, Panama, cv.; Elizabeth Landry, Atlanta, Ga., GWC.

8 SATURDAY O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker Psalm 95:6 (read Ex. 25:1-2, 8; 25:20-22; 40:12-15, 24-26).

To the war-torn, divided land of Korea, the R. M. Bradleys were appointed last year. Korea is a land known for its early morning prayer meetings and spiritual awakenings. The John Abernethys started Southern Baptist work in Korea in 1960.

Pray for Mrs. Bradley, Seoul, Korea, R. M. Harrell, Nairobi, Kenya, Mrs. T. C. Smith, Cavilla, E. Pakistan, Sara Frances Taylor, Buenos Aires, Argentina, P. C. Bell, Bogota, Colombia, Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Medellin, Brazil, cv.; Marion Sanders, Toluca, Mexico, ed.; Tomoko Nagaki, Kyoto, Japan, BA; Betty Jean Shih, Roanoke, Va., GWC.

SUNDAY To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ Rom. 1:7 (read vv. 1-17).

Today is the birthday of John D. W. Watts, president of the Baptist Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, where youth from European countries enroll for training in kingdom work. From this international school a Spanish graduate was called to pastor the first Spanish Baptist church on German soil in Weinheim. This young church is already opening a mission in Mannheim.

Pray for Dr. Watts, W. J. Ferguson, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. R. L. West, Oghomso, Nigeria, Mrs. Maurice Smith, Ghana, R. R. Greenwood, Guatemala, cv.; Mrs. W. E. Emanuel, Marrow, Japan, RN; Mrs. B. F. Selous, Okemigee, Okla., Ind. cv.; Edmundo Robinson, Cuba, ret.; Sunbeam Band Focus Week, 9-15.

MONDAY For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse Rom. 1:20 (read vv. 18-22).

In the famous city of Jerusalem, Jordan, W. O. Neorn is having a birthday today. An extra which Mr. Neorn does is a weekly broadcast in English from Jerusalem for tourists and English-speaking residents. It is called "Time for Meditation." Pray for Mr. Neorn and this work.

Pray also for C. L. Whaley, Jr., Yokohama, C. S. Bastwright, Japan, R. P. Bollington, Porto Velho, Brazil, M. L. Corley, Bucaramanga, Mrs. A. P. Neely, Columbia, Mrs. J. H. Woodmorland, Gatumba, So. Rhodesia, P. M. Moore, Vietnam, cv.; Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, Mary K. Crawford, Chong-Hwaui, Mrs. C. D. Hardy, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. D. L. Brunders, Kenya, RN, Alaska WNU Annual Meeting, Ketchikan, 10-11.

TUESDAY But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things Rom. 2:2 (read Rom. 2).

Eighty per cent of the 66 English-language Baptist churches overseas were started by chaplains and servicemen. American soldiers are stationed in 74 countries. Many, with their families, have made great contribution to the kingdom. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Kruman, the married couple appointed to work among military personnel in Germany are

depending upon us to pray for them today, which is Mrs. Krause's birthday.

Pray also for A. R. Crebree, Brazil-Portugal, ret.; I. B. Williams, Flagstaff, Ariz., Sp. sp. cv.

12 WEDNESDAY Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin Rom. 3:20 (read vv. 1-26).

Pray today for O. K. Bozeman, Jr., of Seoul, Korea, who is in evangelistic work. Mr. Bozeman wrote of a crusade last year when 2,000 persons professed faith in Christ, even a deaf-mute. "In some places Christians prayed all night every night during the campaign. The Holy Spirit took such hold in Choonchun that every Protestant church in the city began holding 4:30 A.M. prayer services for the salvation of souls."

Pray also for Mrs. B. C. Thomas, E. W. Glass, Singapore, Malaysia, W. T. Moore, Darra, E. Pakistan, Mrs. H. E. Spurgeon, Taiman, Taiwan, Mrs. J. E. Hampton, Tanga, Tanganyika, cv.; Mrs. R. H. Chalpepper, Tokyo, Japan, A. B. Craighead, Rio de Turin, Italy, Mrs. D. L. Jester, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; May E. Perry, Nigeria, Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, ret.; Rafael Fraguela, Matanzas, Cuba, cv.

13 THURSDAY For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness Rom. 4:3 (read Rom. 3:27 to 4:25).

Spanish is spoken by eight million people in our country. A tenth of the population of New York speaks this language, most of whom are Puerto Ricans. Florida Spanish people are primarily Cubans and many in the Southwest are Mexico oriented. There are also many Spanish-speaking in the Far West.

Pray today for Mrs. Andres Viera, Roswell, N. M., working among Sp. sp.; David Torres, Havana, Mrs. Elvaterio Figueroa, Las Villas, Cuba, D. H. Whitson, Mbera, Tanganyika, Mrs. D. R. Holte, Aomori, Mrs. L. G. Fielder, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. M. W. Stearns, Honolulu, Hawaii, cv.; A. W. Yorum, China-Korea, Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. J. T. Owens, Mexico, ed.

14 FRIDAY Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ Rom. 5:1 (read Rom. 5).

James Short, a "Life Beautiful Award" student from Oklahoma Baptist University, is religious director of Pool-To School in

...with its 80 teachers and 2,500 students in a school revival near the close of last year 128 students made decisions for Christ. Miss Short teaches a Bible class of 30 students. About half of them already have made professions of faith in Jesus as Saviour. Pray for this school and Miss Short.

Pray also for J. A. Foster, Baguio, Philippines; ed.; Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., H. L. Loring, Mrs. J. A. Treadway, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. H. P. Haynes, III, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. M. E. Fitts, Lima, Peru, Mrs. G. B. Phillips, Shabeni, So. Rhodesia, Mary D. Shumway, Kumasi, Ghana, Mrs. E. W. Coffey, Dominican Republic, ex.; G. L. Brodbeck, Tokyo, Japan, ex.

10 SATURDAY Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24 (read Num. 14:2-3, 28-29, 36-38).

God challenges us today with: facility of travel or utterance—loudspeakers, telephones, radios; ease of travel—fast trains and swift planes; attractions for the eye—radio sets and television; with Bibles, books, tracts, and seminaries for training. Everything money can buy and mind can imagine has been made available in the present "fulness of time." If divine power is linked to human abundance, the world will be won to Him in one generation.

Pray for Anuncion Sugasti, Pacara, Panama, Mrs. D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, C. E. McCollum, Sao Luis, Brazil, Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dapitan City, Philippines, Mrs. G. R. Milligan, Hanchuan, Kiang, ex.; J. E. Johnson, China-Japan-Philippines, Mrs. C. B. Westbrook, China, ret.

SUNDAY Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4 (read Rom. 6).

A French correspondent tells us that organized Christianity has disappeared in Russia. About Red China he writes, "Peasants who used to be Catholics or Protestants are now atheists." The Sunday School Times reports, "The Chinese peasant is the most dehumanized, anonymous human tool on the face of the earth. After working fourteen hours in the fields, they come home to communal housing projects, where they hear three hours of propaganda from government loudspeakers every night." Pray for Chris-

tians in these two atheistic Communist states.

Pray for S. L. Morgan, China, ex.; Mrs. E. B. Dactor, Fukuoka, Japan, R. L. Lindsay, Jerusalem, Israel, ex.; C. F. Eggenfeldt, Yaba, Nigeria, pub.; L. M. Neil, Fik, Nigeria, R. N. Bellinger, Monrovia, Liberia, R. W. Barnett, Buenos Aires, Argentina, BA; Mrs. C. F. London, Phoenix, Ariz., deaf ex.

11 MONDAY I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. Rom. 7:21 (read Rom. 7).

The Alaska Baptist Convention, with Mr. William H. Hanson as secretary, voted to increase its Cooperative Program percentage for 1964. From 44 Southern Baptist churches, 21 per cent of undesignated receipts will be sent for SBC work. Last Fall they held a two-week evangelistic crusade with 26 visiting pastors and musicians co-operating.

Pray for Willie Johnson, Eumouk, Alaska, ex.; Herbert Cradell, Havana, Cuba, sup. of missions; J. E. Conroy, St. Bernard, La. French ex.; C. M. Case, Gallup, N. M., ind. ex.; L. L. Yanson, Burleson, Tex., migrant ex.

12 TUESDAY But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Rom. 8:11 (read ex. 1-11).

Martha Hairdon went to the mission field well prepared after five years of public welfare work and one year as social work instructor at Carver School. She succeeded Maye Bell Taylor as director of North Brazil Baptist Training School for young women. During the ten years she has guided Brazilian girls into lives of greater usefulness, it has been her joy to see many become pastors' wives and other missionaries.

Pray for Miss Houston, Recife, T. O. High, Nigeria, Marie Congers, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; E. C. Wilson, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, SW; Mrs. W. W. Donelson, Bogota, Colombia, C. H. Lawson, Sr., Philippines, Mrs. W. C. Grant, Tokyo, Japan, J. C. Johnson, Jr., Singapore, Malaysia, Mrs. H. B. Lee, Jr., France, ex.; Alice Miller, Oshana, Nigeria, Irene T. Brennan, Korea, UN; Mrs. P. H. Anderson, China-Hawaii, ex.; T. M. Woo, Port Arthur, Tex., Edna Park Woolfer, Washington, D. C., NC.

13 WEDNESDAY Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation...



IF we may multiply by tens of thousands our Sunbeams, we will multiply year by year in untold numbers church members who know about world needs, about the transforming power of the gospel, who have formed the habit of glad, generous, regular gifts for preaching the saving grace of God to earth's remotest bound.

—Dr. George Branson Taylor, the "Cousin George" who helped Mrs. Anna Elsom organize the first Sunbeam Band.

Plan in such a way that Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 9-15, may multiply Sunbeams in your church.

Forecaster

Planned by Margaret Brown and Elaine Dickson

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Madam President

In her report as associational visitor to the Alabama WMU Annual Meeting in 1911, Hermione Brown Malone said, "We need the personal touch to win others, information to kindle an intelligent love for missions, higher ideals for the women of our churches, women who have a life purpose, women of vision. May the Lord of the harvest give us women of vision to labor throughout our state."

Fifty years later this is still our need—women of vision, with purpose, high ideals, love, intelligence, and the personal touch.

Throughout the Third Jubilee Advance years, WMU members have been made conscious of their wonderful heritage and the responsibility which is theirs for this present age. Madam President, reflect on the need which concerned the women of fifty years ago and use it to challenge your women.

Be sure to read the following articles in August Royal Service:

"Are You in the Know?" page 21. (This presents a simplified plan of organization for societies without circles.)

"Are We Bringing Up Children to Love Others?" page 1.

The circle programs this quarter are particularly important to the president. They explain the relationship of WMU tasks and the emphasis of our denomination for the next five years.

Since there is only one more month in the 1963-64 WMU year, you must lead your executive board to look ahead to a new year. Plan an organizational structure that will enable you to utilize all of your prospects. Is there need in your church for more than one WMS? Is there need for additional circles? See the WMS Manual and the WMU Year Book for an explanation of these plans.

August has some red-letter days for WMU.

Sunbeam Band Pique Week, August 8-15

Ridgecrest WMU Conference, August 8-13

Off-to-College Day (See "Bon Voyage, Miss YWA" in August issue of The Window for suggestions for helping YWA members get off to college.)

Language Mission Week, August 24-30

Dear Circle Chairman

Do words fascinate you? Of course they do. There are so many

of these symbols that signify an idea or thought. And their sound

is interesting as well as their meaning. Words enable us to communicate with one another. Words, words, words; there is no end to words.

As I think of you there seem to be four words especially applicable to you because of your responsibilities as circle chairman.

Impart.—As a member of the executive board you are to communicate information received at the board meetings and other meetings, which involves your circle members. Impart some of the information you have received from reading Royal Service this month, such as new plans for the study of the missionary messages of the Bible, and the Sunbeam Nursery Plan well for imparting the information contained in the circle program this month.

Improve.—The work of your Women's Missionary Society can be improved by improving the work of your circle. Have you received the full participation this

month of each circle member in such activities as: reading History of Women's Missionary Union, fostering Sunbeam Bonds, enlisting new members, attending Ridgecrest WMU Conference, August 8-13?

Implement.—WMS circles are instruments by which the plans of Women's Missionary Union may more effectively be implemented or carried out. Women can more easily become involved in the work of the society through the circle plan. This small group plan provides organization for accomplishing the work of the society.

Inspire.—As circle chairman you have the privilege of inspiring circle members by your own dedication and interpretation of the purpose and possibilities of Women's Missionary Society. Inspire your members to bring other women into this fellowship of awareness, intercession, service, and sharing. Then you will need additional circles and societies in your church.

Promotional Features FOR MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING

Reports on GA Camp

GAs enjoy going to camp in the summer. For most it becomes a week of never-to-be-forgotten ex-

periences. It is important that adults share the enthusiasm these girls have upon return. The best way to do this is to let the girls share it with you.

Here are some ways your GAs can share their camp experiences during the promotional period of the WMS meeting:

A camp scene might be reconstructed. Place some logs in a semicircle and let the girls pretend they are around a campfire as they share some of the events of camp.

OR

A creative group of girls may wish to dramatize incidents from the camp schedule. They could choose such experiences as meeting the missionaries, Bible study, campfire, GA emphasis, and in brief scenes present meaningful camp experiences.

The group should be encouraged to share activities and events which inspired them; however, they should also share what being at camp meant to them, what inspirations it made on their lives, and how the week can aid them in purposeful living day by day.

—Katharine Bryan
GA Promotion Associate

Sharing Experiences in Community Missions

During the promotional period at your August society meeting share the results of some of your community missions work. Major on soul-winning. Has someone had an experience in personal soul-winning which could be shared? Is there a person who has become a Christian because of the witness of a WMS member who would share the experience with your group?

After a planned testimony, encourage the entire society to participate in a period of testimony where every person who wishes can bear witness to the saving power of God. You might want to build this feature around the Scripture passage, "For I am not

enhanced of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." (Rom. 1:16).

MEETING

Preview General Program for September

The program topic for September's general meeting is "Race Relations, a Determining Factor in World Missions." After announcing the topic, explain that there is a word which can right race relations and the word can be formed by rearranging the letters in the word "race." See if the women can form the word "care." Then ask circle members to quote a verse of Scripture which, if practiced, would solve racial problems. These are tough, but ask in "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Urge the women to attend the general meeting where this vital subject will be presented.

Reading WMS History

Encourage every circle member to read the History of Woman's Missionary Union by Alma Hunt (paper \$1.25; cloth \$2.50 from Baptist Book Stores). Have several members prepared to give quickly a sketch of some of the WMSU leaders mentioned in the book. After the information is given, ask if the women can guess the names of the persons from the information given. Round circle members that by reading the book they will become acquainted with these and

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other leaders and will be encouraged by the 75 years of mission work carried on by this organization of which they are a part.

1 "I was the first President of WMSU when the Union was organized in 1888." (Mrs. Martha E. Merritt)

2 "My home was in Baltimore, Maryland. I was the first Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union and I served the Union 18 years in this capacity." (Miss Anne Armstrong)

3 "I wrote a letter to the new organization of Woman's Mission-

ary Union which resulted in a partnership of prayer for foreign missions and an offering which bears my name." (Miss Lottie Moon)

4 "I was President of Woman's Missionary Union when the Union observed its 50th Anniversary and I lived in the state of Missouri." (Mrs. Frank W. Armstrong)

5 "I was President of WMSU, 1906-1907, and I am now Promotion Division Director of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. (Mrs. R. L. Mathis)

6 "I am now President of WMSU. My husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleburne, Texas." (Mrs. Robert Fling)

SPICING YOUR PROGRAM

GENERAL

Two articles in August Royal Service are related to the program — "Why English-language Churches Overcome?" See cover 2, and "In Beirut, Lebanon, A Church for Americans." page 28. Use these in preparing your program; encourage WMS members to read them as a follow-up of the program.

With a little bit of extra time and effort you can add some dramatic touches to the program. Build on the idea of Christians scattered abroad which is developed in the

first four paragraphs under the heading, "In Germany, France, and Spain," page 28. Use these paragraphs to introduce the program. Use "Onward Christian Soldiers" as militant background music. Someone at the organ or piano could play the music in the background during the introduction to the program, then pick up strains of the music between each part of the program. To close the program ask the group to sing verse three of this hymn.

To help with the impression of churches being established around

the words, add another dramatic touch. Place a large world map in the center of the room; another cut-out map of the countries mentioned in the program across the front of the room. As people discuss the program material they can stand by the appropriate cutout map.

Do you have a spotlight? Use it! Let its light move from cutout country to cutout country as program participants appear for their part on program. Begin and end the program with the spotlight on the world.

CIRCLE ●

Help circle members see the relationship of this month's program to the one in July and the one which will come in September.

In last month's program we discussed the essential character or nature of the church and identified the functions of the church: worship, proclamation, education, and ministry. The July program pointed out that these functions, along with evangelism and missions, will serve as emphasis for the denomination for 1964-65 under the theme, "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission." In the circle program this month, we will take a look at the place WMU holds in helping the church fulfill its mission. Next month the program will introduce the denominational emphasis for 1964-65, "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Worship." Circle members will get the most from these programs by seeing them as a unit.

Encourage group participation. Let members discuss the ideas in the program and evaluate how well your WMU helps your church fulfill its mission.

Current

Plan for Growth

If you want your WMU to grow next year, now is the time to plan for it!

Three key words describe the factors which stimulate growth in WMU—Enlargement, Improvement, Enlistment. It takes all three.

Enlargement means providing enough organizational skills to reach your prospects. Do you meet on additional society, meeting at a different time—in the morning, afternoon, at night, on a different day of the week? Do you need to divide your one big society into two smaller ones? Do you need to provide a new society or circle for your youngest prospects? Do you need additional circles? Once circles reach a membership of 12-15 they begin to lose the incentive for growth. Beginning the year with circle membership at 10-12 provides a built-in encouragement to growth.

Improvement means doing high or quality work. Whether your organization gets and holds new members depends largely on what your society has to offer its members. Is the environment of your meetings mentally and spiritually stimulating? Are you rendering significant mission service in your community? Does your WMU help the church maintain a vital link with missions work around the world? The worthwhileness of your work is one of the strongest appeals to the prospective member. Efforts spent on improvement will

bring dividends in new members.

Enlistment means bringing prospects into full participation in the WMU program. It is more than putting names on a roll; it is involving members in participation. Begin with a prospect list and confront every woman in your church with the possibility of membership in WMU. If you have provided enough units and if your society is doing high quality work, the enlistment task is easier.

How much could your WMU grow next year? Set a goal and work toward it!

Designing a Poster

With genuine desire, a spark of creativity, correct information, necessary materials, and a willingness to try, you can be a poster artist.

The purpose of posters is to (1) alert and inform the reader, (2) arouse the interest of the reader, and (3) move the reader to action.

Here are some rules to follow in designing a poster.

1. **Make it simple.** Plan a neat, simple layout using interesting balance in spacing of design and lettering. After determining colors, type of lettering, illustrations, and message, compose a rough draft. This avoids unnecessary mistakes in the finished product.

2. **Make it colorful.** The event publicized will largely determine the choice of colors. Use warm colors (yellow, red, orange) to portray an exciting party event, and cool colors (blue and green) to tell of a worship service. Novelty in color combinations establishes immediate eye contact. You may choose from monochromatic colors (shades of the same color); vivid, contrasting colors; and blends.

3. **Make it speak.** The message should be clear, concise and forceful. Include all necessary information, but use as few words as possible. Check information for accuracy. Communicate only one idea, fact, or event. Simple language is best remembered.

4. **Make it create interest.** The use of unusual materials creates immediate interest. Try such things as lettering in yarn (applied with glue); three-dimensional objects; artificial flowers; suspended objects; and cutouts from construction paper. Various styles of lettering also add interest—lower-case letters or capitalised key words.

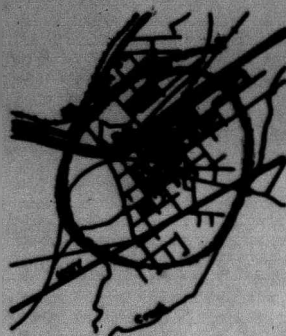
Displaying the poster is important. The place of display will determine its size. Place poster at eye level. This gains attention and provides easy reading. Remove posters immediately after the date of an event. Become poster minded. Filled clippings of ideas from magazines, newspapers, advertising mailouts, etc. can be excellent starters.

Posters attract and hold attention by the wording, colors, and interest created. Good posters will be seen, read, remembered, and acted upon.

—Marcell C. Ewell in Church Administration magazine, used by permission.

The Community Missions Survey

The first step in community missions is to find out what needs there are in the community. Get a map of your community from the city hall, chamber of commerce, county engineers, or state highway department. If one cannot be secured from any of these sources, draw a simple map of your com-



lating to population (nationalities, ages, education), health conditions, home life, industrial life, schools, recreation, and religious life.

When the survey is finished, your work is just beginning. Study the findings prayerfully. Then formulate community missions activities which should be carried on in your community.

Periodically your survey will need to be reviewed. It must be kept current if it is to guide your WMS in an effective community missions work.

Sunbeam Band Focus Week August 9-15

The Sunbeam Band committee makes plans for the observance of this important week in the church and Sunbeam Activities suggests ideas for creative planning.

There are many ways in which the Woman's Missionary Society can co-operate to make this week an outstanding one. If society members are needed to help with parent-leader meetings, or publicity, or visitation, or the Christmas in August party, offer your assistance. Often WMS members have participated in the Christmas in August plan. If your society wants to help your Sunbeam Bands collect the gifts and prepare them for mailing, see the July-August-September issue of Sunbeam Activities for suggested gifts and directions for packing boxes.

Your Sunbeam Band may be having a day camp for eight-year-olds. Do the leaders need additional cars for transportation, or help with preparing the food?

Sunbeam Band Focus Week is a good time for fostering Sunbeam Band work in your church.

unity. On the map show positions of churches, schools, hospitals, community centers, day nurseries, etc. Mark by color, numbers or streets to indicate areas of special interest, such as slum areas, different nationalities, etc.

Begin the survey with the community missions committee by recording all the specific and concrete information committee members can give. Then go to others in positions to know of community needs. Your department of public welfare will know about the blind, the deaf, the crippled, the aged; school principals and the county superintendent of education will know about transients, delinquency, and related facts. The mayor can tell you about unemployment. The district and city and county health officers can give facts about health conditions and hospital needs. A lawyer can tell you about crime—causes and prevention. If a room house—board religious center has not been made, make this personal investigation.

Your WMS community missions survey will include questions re-

HELP Sunbeam Band LEADERS with Christmas in August this month.

or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Rom. 8:35 (read vs. 23-38).

Billy P. Keith says of Japan. "Second- and third-term missionaries believe that the new Japan demands a new approach, one that will make a quicker and deeper impression. Speaking of rapid progress there, Mr. Keith says that today there is freedom to think, to live, to work, travel, and invent."

Pray for Mr. Keith, Sapporo. Mrs. M. J. Wright, Jr., Tokyo, Japan. O. E. Jomarr, Ecuador. Mrs. M. D. Stodd, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Mrs. G. E. Harvey, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ex. Vera M. Gardner, Bangkok, Thailand, RM. Mrs. Emiliano Miranda, Ancon, Panama, ex. S. P. Miralles, Tex. ex. E. W. Parker, New Orleans, La., Negro ex.

WEDNESDAY That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. Rom. 9:8 (read Rom. 9).

In the fabulous country of Venezuela to the south of us Baptist work is comparatively new. Baptists struggle against aggressive communism and dead Catholicism, a new awakening and old traditions. To this field the E. J. Whitneys were appointed last year. Today is Mrs. Whitney's birthday. Pray for them today.

Pray also for P. W. Nelson, Victoria, Brazil. Mrs. H. J. Moorhead, Davao City, Philippines. D. E. Merrer, Yokohama, M. E. DePruitt, Japan. Mrs. E. H. Clark, Kismu, Kenya. Mrs. R. E. Nicholas, Gass, ex. Mrs. J. D. W. Watts, Zurich, Switzerland. Mrs. R. L. Korb, Brazil, ex. Mrs. J. J. Coover, J. R. Allen, Brazil, ex.

THURSDAY Now then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Rom. 10:16 (read Rom. 10).

Revival depends on Christians because God is always ready! The first step is humility.

We are truly humble when we recognize our helplessness without God—unable to care for our needs, unable to care for the needs of others.

Pray for J. F. Naranjo, Havana, Cuba. Mrs. J. W. Bentley, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay. G. B. Cowart, Brazil. Mrs. B. L. Spear, Ayudha, Mrs. L. E. McCall, Thailand, W. E. Allen, Der es Salaam, Tanganyika. Mrs. P. S. C. Smith, Ajloun, Jordan, ex.

FRIDAY Take heed to yourselves, that your hearts be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them. Deut. 10:16 (read Deut. 6:4-17).

C. E. Lake, because of ill health, had been denied appointment to Africa. But missions was in his heart. In February of last year, he moved his family to Indianapolis. A small chapel was opened. By March 30 these Southern Baptists were meeting in the fire station. Within another month, 63 were in attendance at Sunday school and a search began for a church site. By the end of the year, this became the 1500th church of the Great Lakes Area organized, with Dr. Curtis Redford there to help constitute it.

Pray for Julia Blanche Burdett, Savannah, Ga., GWC, Ted Truitt, Chino, Ariz., Ind. ex. Mrs. Willie Johnson, Emmonak, Alaska. A. G. Dunaway, Jr., Nigeria, Doris Blittner, Manila, Philippines, ex. Lenore C. Hudson, Kokoro, Japan. N. C. Welch, Campinas, Brazil, ex. Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, ex. M. G. Fort, Jr., Gatoome, So. Rhodesia, MD.

SUNDAY Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. Rom. 11:5 (read Rom. 11).

Remember today Mrs. R. J. Cannata, Jr. Her husband, a doctor, suffered an eye infection and lost the eye. When a fellow physician lamented this loss of vision, Dr. Cannata rejoiced in the new spiritual vision that had come to him. He said to his missionary and African friends: "I stand before you today with only one eye—but it is God's eye." The Lord's ways are not our ways. Dr. Cannata's spiritual victories with new insight may prove to be far more valuable to Africa and to him than service with two eyes.

Pray for Mrs. Cannata, Buck Donaldson, Jr., Tanganyika. Mrs. E. L. King, Jr., Kediri, Indonesia. O. J. Quick, Tachung, Mrs. R. E. Morris, Tahuan, Wayne White, Mexico, J. E. Lingerfelt, Salvador, Brazil, ex. Mrs. A. E.

Nages, Brazil, rev.; C. W. Applewhite, Kediri, Indonesia, MD; Mrs. W. L. Crumpler, San Ysidro, Calif., Sp. sp. rev.; Robert Falls, Stroud, Okla., Ind. co.

MONDAY I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1 (read Rom. 12).

Clipping was heard outside my door one night at ten o'clock. When the door was opened, two women were standing there, one of whom was crying. One had a baby in her arms that seemed to be dying. She said: "This friend thought it too late to bother you, but I tell you might be able to do something." I grabbed my pocket book and hastened with them to our clinic doctor. She sent us to the first aid station. That night a little life was saved because Southern Baptists maintained a clinic in the industrial section of Belo Horizonte.

Pray for Mrs. E. C. Pippin, Argentina, A. R. Milligan, Mombasa, Kenya, Mrs. Tomoki Maseki, Kyoto, Japan, co.; Vera L. Campbell, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. M. V. Gonsen, Albuquerque, N. M., Ind. co.; Allen Seaward, Romack, Va., OWC

TUESDAY Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour. Rom. 13:7 (read Rom. 13).

For many years Baptists have had work among Spanish-speaking people, but now the Home Mission Board has appointed missionaries to the more than half million Portuguese in our country. The Ronald Mathews of Leesburg, Florida, are studying the language in Campinas, Brazil. Soon they will be in California to begin their work.

Pray for Mr. Mathews; R. J. McQueen, Charleston, S. C., JR; Mrs. Sam Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Ind. co.; S. G. Cernuschi, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. V. L. Dietrich, Bangkok, Thailand, co.; Mrs. E. C. Reber, Malaysia, MA; J. A. Roper, Jr., Ajloun, Jordan, MD; Mrs. O. C. Robinson, Jr., Benin City, Nigeria, RN

WEDNESDAY It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, or any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Rom. 14:21 (read Rom. 14).

Prayer retreats have spread in Brazil the last fifteen years, because of a prayer-burden for revival. Groups have taken advan-

tage of holidays to seek the silence of a home, under a tree, or an interior mission to spend a day in God's presence. Long time has been given for weekend retreats. These prayer retreats have had great influence in deepening the spiritual lives of Christians.

Pray for G. N. Wier, Campinas, Brazil, pub.; R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ed.; D. N. Dudley, Naha, Okinawa, co.

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

"The world is my parish." All of the USA, with Panama and Cuba, belong to the Home Mission parish now. Last year Austin Dab Maddux of Oklahoma was named superintendent of missions in northern Michigan, with home base in Clio. He was moved there with his wife and two sons.

Pray for G. O. Foulon, III, rev., Mrs. P. S. Johnson, E. Pakosten, Mrs. H. P. Nages, Vietnam, co.

FRIDAY Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. Rom. 16:16 (read Rom. 16).

Evangelists rejoice in more freedom for Baptists and others in Spain. It was a significant fact that a Latin Baptist Conference could be held in Barcelona last Fall. It brought together 300 representatives from Spain, Portugal, France, and Italy. The conference was sponsored by the European Baptist Federation. Rev. John Soren of Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance, was an outstanding speaker.

Pray for D. R. White, Madrid, Spain, Mrs. J. R. Mosley, Katsanga, Nigeria, Mrs. B. D. Billings, Guatemala, co.; C. T. Hopkins, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA; Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, rev.

SATURDAY And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will do for us, and his voice will be obeyed. Joshua 24:14 (read Joshua 1:10-11; 23:1-2; 24:14).

"This is the day of one world," said Dr. M. T. Rankin. "America is a part of the agency of the world. Oceans can no longer separate us from the terrible conditions of Europe and Asia. We cannot sit in our borders and watch that our people are suffering, suffering, and destruction of our

world. We shall find a solution of our own problems only as we help find solutions for the problems of all the world."

Pray for S. A. O'Neal, Maricao, Brazil, E. D. Feltz, Nagasaki, Japan, rev.; Mrs. Ruth R. Berlin, Oppama, Nigeria, MA; M. T. Rodriguez, Tex., Sp. sp. co.

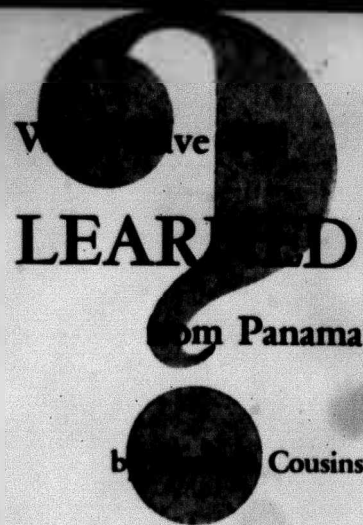
SUNDAY Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Cor. 1:10 (read 1 Cor. 1).

Honduras is a small country of Central America. An independent group of Christians formed a congregation there in the 1850s. Paul C. Bell of the Home Mission Board visited Honduras and the first Baptist church in the country was organized from this independent congregation. Baptists now maintain an theological institute, book store, radio ministry, and a strong evangelistic program. This year the first class—three young people—graduated from the institute in theology. Pray for Mrs. H. E. Hurst, Honduras, RN; Mrs. J. C. Mann, Jr., Quetz, Ecuador, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Panama, Jalp. W. B. Paw, Jon, Nigeria, C. B. Williams, Thailand, C. A. Tapp, Kenya, E. A. Perez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, co.; A. P. Perron, El Paso, Tex., pub.

MONDAY And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babies in Christ. 1 Cor. 3:1 (read 1 Cor. 2:1-5).

In 1948 the first Baptist missionaries went to Beirut, Lebanon, where they found two small churches. In this small Middle East country, evangelical Christians are very missionary. The Lebanese Baptist Convention now contributes to Holland for a memorial to early Baptists and in Chile after the earthquake there. Two women's societies opened in Beirut in Beirut's slums. Several Lebanese evangelists have worked in Egypt and Jordan. They have maintained encouraging contacts with Syrian and Arab believers.

Pray today for Mrs. J. P. Kirkendall, Beirut, Lebanon, J. S. Graham, Tapan, Taiwan, Mrs. A. P. Coy, Valparaiso, Chile, co.; Mrs. E. L. Jones, So. Rhodania, pub.; C. G. Taylor, Rome, MD; Delores A. Kuba, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Bertha P. Madison, Highland Park, MD; W. D. L. K. Solomon, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Mrs. Mrs. Emiko Uyehara, Calif., Japan, co.



THE eruptions in Panama may represent an even more serious problem than Castro's Cuba to the United States. Two facts stand out.

The first fact is that the kind of trouble we are experiencing in Panama is also fast approaching a critical stage throughout a large part of the hemisphere. From southern Chile to Canada, long-dormant antagonisms and resentments are taking visible and ominous shape. The flag-raising incident in Panama was only a superficial but dramatic indication of the ease with which the situation throughout the Americas could turn from plus to minus in our hemisphere security estimates.

Second, the break with Panama occurred largely in the psychological and not the ideological arena. Ever since Cuba turned Communist, the US has believed that what was most to be guarded against was further Castro-style Communism in the hemisphere. Accordingly, we placed great emphasis upon an Alliance for Progress with our Latin American neighbors. We built retaining walls around Cuba. Suddenly, however, we are discovering the potency of deep resentments, layer upon layer thick, that have

been accumulating for more than a century. Some of these resentments are no more complicated than the feelings of a small and dependent nation toward a prodigiously wealthy and powerful neighbor. But radiating out beyond these reflex reactions are antagonisms that reflect something fundamentally wrong in our relationships to the peoples of the other Americas, Canada not excepted.

What has gone wrong is that we have attempted to superimpose a policy of economic and military aid on a flawed psychological base. We have never really convinced the Canadians and Mexicans and Brazilians and Argentinians and Chileans and Venezuelans and Colombians and Bolivians and Ecuadorians and Panamanians and all the others that we were genuinely interested in them, or that we profoundly respected them, or that we placed real value on their opinions, or that we had any curiosity about their books or music or art or any of the things that give them pride and a sense of achievement. We paid attention to our neighbors in the Americas only when we ourselves became insecure and wanted to be certain no outsider would gain in influence or power. We tried to make foreign policy do the work of an insurance policy; we weren't trying to change anything that was basically wrong.

Consider our relationships with the Canadians. Nine out of ten citizens of the United States, if asked to name the one country in the Western Hemisphere with whom we have the best rapport, would mention Canada. Yet our relations with Canada today are uneasy and indeed almost precarious. The Canadians, many of them, are tired of being taken for granted. They are tired of being a cultural, economic, and military appendage. They have ideas of their own about what their foreign or domestic policy ought to be. They resent the severe markup they have to pay on American automobiles even when these products are assembled in Canada. They believe the United States is culturally ar-

rogant. They feel they are saturated with our television, movies, magazines. They are apprehensive about American military installations on their territory, for they see implications in terms of retaliation in even of a war. They have been asked to play a major part in the defense of North America, but they don't feel they have any corresponding part in making the decisions that will help determine whether there will be war or peace, and therefore whether their country will live or die.

In the aftermath of the Panama crisis, newspaper stories out of Washington reported that the outbreaks there took our government by surprise. We have no way of knowing whether these stories were correct. If they were, concerned citizens may wish to know how this is possible. Quite apart from the hundreds of millions of dollars we spend in intelligence operations, some things should be apparent if we have a sense of history and a simple understanding of human responses in certain situations. But we have become so status-conscious—both government and people—that it ends when a vital problem reaches the crisis stage that we take it seriously.

Living in the big house on the top of the hill has always carried with it liabilities, problems, responsibilities. Some of the people in the surrounding countryside will be resentful, apprehensive, and antagonistic, especially if they are dependent on the hill-toppers for their subsistence, in part or whole. The burden for maintaining good relations, therefore, lies less with them than on those in the favored position. But meeting this challenge requires thought, time, and special effort—and not just power or money.

If the United States is troubled about the situation in the Western Hemisphere, one way to make a start on the problem might be by taking the wax out of its ears. Other people have something to say about it.

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CIRCLE PROGRAM

WMU . . . Helping the CHURCH Fulfill Its MISSION

by Elaine Dickson

Outline for Meeting

- Circle Chairman in Charge
- Call to Prayer (read Scripture passage, give missionary information, and pray for missionaries)
- Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)
- Business Period
- Promotional Features (see Foreword)
- Program Chairman in Charge
- Program (see "Spoking Your Program" in Foreword)

History of Women's Missionary Union. Hunt, et al. 1961. 192 pp. From Baptist Book Stores. Teachers' Bible. The Women's Missionary Union, 400 N. 1st St., Birmingham, Ala. 35201, and Baptist Book Stores.

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK
*History of Women's
Missionary Union*
by Alma Hunt
Make plans to have the WMU
history taught in circle or so-
ciety.

Introduction

When a church understands its nature as the body of Christ, children of God, and a fellowship of believers, it becomes concerned with doing the work that Christ left it to do. In order to worship, to proclaim, to educate, and to minister, the church is aware that there are certain actions it must take. The church must teach its members and unbelievers. The church must lead its members to worship, witness, and minister daily. The church must teach its members. Prospects must be reached for the church. New church members must be trained to perform the functions of the church. The church must send persons and gifts beyond itself to bring all men of all nations to Christ.

How does the church get its work done?

Some of it is done by the pastor and the church staff. Some tasks are performed by deacons and trustees, and some work is engaged in by the congregation as a whole. But most of the church's work is done through church organizations. As a church learns the work to be done, it organizes to do it.

In Southern Baptist churches, five organizations have been formed to carry on the work of the church. They are Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Church Music. Each organization has a distinctive "job assignment" from the church.

Dr. W. L. Howse says, "Organization, although characteristic of churches since New Testament days, is quite often misunderstood. When a congregation lacks an understanding of why an organization exists, there is a tendency to magnify the organization itself. . . . Church organization is the way whereby members relate themselves to one another for accomplishing specific church tasks. An organization should be evaluated on the basis of the help it gives the church in functioning successfully." The work that the organization does is really not its own but rather it is the work of the church which the organization does for the church.

This idea is not totally new to Woman's Missionary Union. We have held, at least as a lack-of-the-mind-belief, that the work we do is for the church. But sometimes we have not given full expression to this belief. More and more, Woman's Missionary Union, as an organization of the church will have to evaluate itself in terms of the help it gives the church in fulfilling its mission.

An attempt is being made in Southern Baptist churches to state the distinctive jobs assigned to each church organization. These job descriptions for organizations are called "tasks." Each organization has a set of tasks which takes into account the traditional purposes of the organization and gives the organization a distinctive contribution to make to the work of the church. Stating tasks for each organization helps us

see how the work of church organizations can be fitted together to make a meaningful whole. It can help eliminate overlap and overlapping.

In this program we will discuss the church tasks assigned to WMU. They are: (1) Teach missions, (2) Lead persons to participate in missions, (3) Provide organization and leadership for special mission projects of the church, and (4) Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination. These tasks state the work of the church for which Woman's Missionary Union is responsible. As we study them we might ask ourselves, "How well are we doing the work assigned to us by our church?"

Task I: Teach Missions

One of the functions of the church is education. Jesus expressed it when he said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me . . ." (Matt. 11:29). The Christian should never cease learning. Learning is essential to Christian growth and the church is responsible for teaching its members.

Every educational organization in the church has a teaching task. The Sunday school teaches the Biblical revelation. Training Union interprets systematic theology, Christian ethics, Christian history, and church policy and organization. Church Music teaches music. Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union share a distinctive task—teach missions. The task of teaching missions takes into account the traditional purpose of WMU, and this assignment assures the distinctiveness of the WMU study program as it relates to the program of other organizations.

Teaching missions is a big assignment. It means that WMU will lead its members to study the missionary message of the Bible, the progress of Christian missions, and contemporary missions.

The study of missions awakes WMU to be referred to as a missionary education organization in the church. Missionary education implies that learning is taking place. And learning implies that something is

happening to the learner. If WMU is doing an effective job of teaching missions, its members are growing in their knowledge of the world and God's plan for it. WMU members are developing an understanding of the peoples of the world and appreciation for cultures, races, and creeds which differ from their own. WMU members are growing in their attitudes of compassion and concern in the skills of missionary service. Missionary education is awareness of God's purpose for his world and personal response to the commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)."

Task II: Lead Members to Participate in Missions

Response is the test of effective teaching and learning. Learning about missions is not enough. WMU members must be led to participate in missions. Educators tell us that if education really happens, the climax to a learning experience is personal assumption of responsibility—"the new fact or idea is made a part of me; I act with regard to it."

"Lead persons to participate in missions" is an action task. WMU plans for its members opportunities for missionary action: praying for missions, giving for support of missions, and rendering missionary service in the community.

Praying and giving and serving are personal activities in which every WMU member can engage. Daily, through intercessory prayer, members can labor alongside missionaries around the world as they pray for them. Regularly, members can channel their faith through the church budget to missions. Periodically, members can give offerings beyond the tithe for support of missions work. Daily, members can be missionaries as they witness for Christ in their homes and throughout the community. Regularly, members as individuals and as a group can make loving response in Jesus' name to the needs of people in the community. These actions are labeled by WMU

as prayer, stewardship of possessions, and community missions. These three actions, combined with study, express the traditional purpose of WMU.

Task III: Provide Organization and Leadership for Special Mission Projects of the Church

This task reminds WMU that it has a responsibility beyond itself. WMU must not only engage its own members in mission study and action, but it must reach out and help develop in the whole church a missionary concern.

Anytime the church undertakes a special project it looks to one of the church organizations to provide leadership for it. For example, the Training Union is responsible for such projects as Church Membership Training Week and Youth Week in the church. A project is a short-term activity with a recognized beginning and ending time. If the project is related to missions, WMU can provide the leadership that is needed.

The best known church mission projects promoted by WMU are the Weeks of Prayer and special offerings for foreign and home missions, and the season of prayer and offering for state missions. WMU provides organization and leadership for these projects and engages the entire church in participation.

These special mission projects unite three big ideas: study, prayer, and giving. Church members cannot pray for definite objects without information regarding them. By providing this information and by leading the church to remember definite objects of prayer for home, foreign, and state missions, the prayer potential of thousands of church members is mobilized.

Study and prayer also personalize giving. As the church is made aware of missions, members give to meet the needs. There is a vast difference in giving money to missions through the church budget and in visualizing such giving as a means of sending a missionary doctor in Indonesia, a seminary student in Nigeria, or a missionary pastor

in Argentina. Knowledge of missionaries causes church members to give more generously to missions through the church budget and through special offerings.

These special weeks of prayer and mission offerings can be the most significant times for missions in the church each year. By making them churchwide projects, the WMU helps strengthen the mission interest of the church and helps the church fulfill its mission in today's world.

Other church organizations lend their support in the promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and the state mission offering. This is as it should be. WMU provides the organization and leadership and other organizations lend their support.

Task IV: Provide and Interpret Information Regarding the Work of the Church and Denomination

Churches need an informed church membership—church members who know what their church is doing and who have an appreciation for the work of their denomination. This is why all of the church organizations share the common task "provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination."

Every church organization, including WMU, is a channel of communication. As the WMU president serves on the church council, she becomes aware of all the plans of the church and can see that these are interpreted to members of WMU.

Providing and interpreting information regarding the work of the denomination is a big responsibility. Think of it this way: Sunday School, Training Union, Church Music, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union on the Convention level have corresponding organizations in the churches. But other denominational programs, such as the Stewardship Commission and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards do not have corresponding organizations in the church. These programs perform

worthy tasks which need to be communicated to the church. How does the church learn of their work? These Convention programs must either establish their own contacts with churches through letters and literature, or make them through already established channels. The "already established channels" are the five educational organizations—Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Church Music, and Woman's Missionary Union.

WMU will stand ready as a channel to communicate the work of the denomination. Much of this information is channeled through the WMU study program. Especially is this true of the work of the mission boards and the Stewardship Commission. Other Convention work will be featured in promotional and interpretative articles in WMU magazines and bulletins.

As WMU shares the responsibility of interpreting the work of the church and denomination, it helps the church have an informed membership.

In judging how well your WMU helps your church fulfill its mission, ask these questions:

1. Do we enlist a high percentage of the eligible church members in the study of missions through WMU?
 2. Are there evidences that our members are growing in participation in missions?
 3. Is our WMU engaging the whole church in a deepening missionary concern through churchwide participation in the Weeks of Prayer and Special Mission offerings?
 4. Does our WMU interpret the total work of the church and denomination to its members by keeping them informed?
- (Let members discuss the answers to these questions.)*

If your WMU can answer these questions with a positive "yes," you are helping the church fulfill its mission—in the community and around the world.

Prayer: That your WMU will faithfully discharge the responsibilities assigned to it by the church.



University Baptist Church meets on second floor of this building

IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

A Church for Americans

by James F. Kirkendall

THE name of our church—University Baptist Church in Beirut, Lebanon—indicates we are near a university. Just two blocks away is the American University of Beirut. English is the language of this institution.

The purpose of the University Baptist Church is to minister to Americans in Beirut and to any other English-speaking people in this cosmopolitan city of over half a million people.

Let me tell you about some of the people in our church. First, meet Howard Nelson. Howard is a sophomore in the American Community High School, located a few blocks from our church. Howard is a boarding student along with 165 other boys and girls in Junior and Senior High. Mr. Nelson's father, is with the Ford Foundation—teaching for a year at the University of Aleppo in Syria, so he and Mrs. Nelson live there. Howard is studying at this school not so far away.

The first snap Howard made in Beirut was at the University Baptist Church. His dad and mother brought him from the airport directly to church that Sunday evening but stopped even before taking him to a hotel to having supper!

Howard is like other boys and girls in the boarding department at ACS, except that he is more fortunate than some. Some of the parents work as far away as Nepal, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, or in other countries of the Middle East. Howard's parents can visit him every four to six weeks.

Howard and his roommate have some of the same problems any teen-agers have who live away from their parents. There is the problem of learning how to budget their allowance. The boys at ACS send out their laundry when, many times, it comes back minus buttons. They must learn—with mothers so far away—to sew them on themselves.

Both boys agree that fixed study hours are advantageous in helping them form study habits in preparation for college. They get up at 5:30 and study four to five hours each day. Outside activities, as well as study hours are fixed. The school has a chaplain who conducts services on Sunday evening; attendance is mandatory for all boarding students. This means that they can come to our church only for the Sunday morning services. They are there every Sunday for Sunday school and worship services. Our church wants to meet the needs of young people who are often here for only a year or two.

Mr. Kirkendall is pastor of University Baptist Church, Beirut, Lebanon.



Missionary pastor James F. Kirkendall

Just before school opened in September, University Baptist Church had a Youth Retreat for the students. Another one is planned for this September.

But young people are not our only concern. Meet Dr. and Mrs. Dean McCrary. Dr. McCrary is assistant dean of the School of Agriculture at the American University in Beirut.

This is not the first time the McCrarys have lived overseas. They spent four years in Ethiopia where Dr. McCrary taught in a university. After some time in Kentucky, they came here to Beirut more than three years ago.

Dr. McCrary says one of his most gratifying experiences was in Ethiopia. He had arrived at Addis Ababa about 4:00 p.m. on a Saturday. The next morning he walked five miles to a place where someone thought there might be church services. That day a Sunday school was organized with seven families. When the McCrarys left, there were nine families in the Sunday school, and this school is still functioning today. Dr. McCrary says he taught boys, went out in a jeep to pick up people for services, and at other times was a "chair-placer."

A compensation for living and working overseas, say the McCrarys, is the sense of appreciation of the people with whom they work. But there are times when they become discouraged by the barriers: cultural, language, and social. Often, they say, they realize fruits of their labors for the Lord which are greatly encouraging.

The McCrarys lived one year on the university farm about fifty miles from Beirut. There was one teacher for their two children. They tried to have Sunday school with one other family. Now they live near

our church in which they can work and worship. Mrs. McCrary directs our nurses in Sunday school, and Dr. McCrary is a very gracious usher.

Then there is Mrs. Earl Smith, another member of our church. Her husband "Smitty" works for an oil exploration firm which is searching for new oil fields in the Persian Gulf area. He is away from home for two months and then is back home for a month.

Mrs. Smith is church clerk, teacher of the Primaries, and flower chairman. She has developed her talent for arranging flowers since she has been in Beirut, and has warmed many hearts with lovely arrangements. She works as a volunteer at the American University Hospital in the flower shop.

Beirut is one of the most modern cities in the Middle East. Lebanon is also the most stable country in the Arab world. This combination of factors, along with the presence of the American Community School, means a lot of American families live in Beirut while the husbands and fathers work elsewhere, or are in and out of Beirut.

One of the dreams of the University Baptist Church is to have an enlarged ministry to the students of the American University. Such a ministry is emerging. University students have a variety of problems that are very urgent and real. There are questions that must be answered. There are opportunities to share with them the gospel which they can take with them when they return to their homeland. In many of these countries it is impossible to find a missionary, but a student who has the gospel of Christ can return and share with his people the good news of the Kingdom of God.

The ministry of this English-language church overseas is varied. It is exciting, it is challenging. We pray that the University Baptist Church will effectively minister to the spiritual needs of English-speaking people in Beirut, and that we can win Christ those who enter our doors without a knowledge of him as Saviour.

Are You in the Know?

THERE isn't a member of WMU anywhere who does not want to be knowledgeable about Woman's Missionary Union. So to be sure that you are up to the minute we want you to know about the suggested plan of organization for societies without circles.

This plan has fewer officers and no standing committees. A free pamphlet, "Woman's Missionary Union Organizational Plan for a Society Without Circles," giving the functions and duties of each officer is available from your state WMU office.

The recommended officers are: president, secretary-treasurer, youth director, study chairman, and activities chairman. While this simplified plan of organization requires fewer officers, it does provide a plan whereby the society can accomplish its work as outlined in Aims for Advancement. For instance, the president is responsible for the usual duties of a president; she also assumes the responsibility for enlistment, leadership training, and reporting. This does not mean that she has to perform all actions involved in enlistment, for she may assign these tasks to different members from time to time.

The study chairman guides the society in its study program which includes the program, mission study, missionary reading, and study of the missionary message of the Bible. The study chairman does not do all of this work but she enlists other WMS members to help by assigning responsibilities for the year, for the quarter, or month by month.

Likewise, the activities chairman enlists others to help her guide members to pray for missions, support missions through the stewardship of pennies, and to participate in community missions.

Whenever possible, there should be three directors—a Sunbeam Band director, a Girls' Auxiliary director, and a Young Woman's Auxiliary director. But a director may also serve as a leader or counsellor. She works with the president in planning and directing the work of WMU youth organizations and leads the WMS in providing leadership, materials, and other help.

The secretary-treasurer's function is to keep records of the organization and to promote subscriptions to WMU magazines, *The Commission*, and *Home Missions*.

As the society enlists other members it is suggested that circle chairmen be elected and the membership divided into circles.

If there are few members in your Woman's Missionary Society, this simplified plan for a smaller organization may be just what you've been

by
MARGARET BRUCE

by Eda Stertz

AMERICANS in GERMANY.

THE tiny German church faces a city park and is closed in by the straight-lined houses with pointed roofs so typical of Germany. In the street European cars of infinite variety dart and maim one another by scant inches. A short distance away scattered ruins of the last war stand silently reminding the passerby of an incredibly terrible time. Suddenly the German air waves are profoundly disturbed by twenty junior-sized sets of vocal cords rendering a hearty chorus of "Do Lord."

These are American children, sons and daughters of military men stationed in Germany. They and their parents make up the congregation of the Baptist English-language church in Mainz. Their lusty young voices echo the quieter sentiments of listening parents. "Do Lord, remember us. We get so homesick for our families and churches. We are so often frustrated by life in a land strange to us and by the military life itself. Remember us Lord, do."

Rev. and Mrs. James G. Stertz are missionaries in Ruzelshelm, Deutschland (West Germany).



There are twenty English-language Baptist churches and missions in Germany. The congregations, none larger than 200, consist largely of military personnel and dependents, but many have a sprinkling of German members and all have visitors from many nations drawn by curiosity, loneliness, or spiritual need. These churches belong to an association including similar congregations in France, Spain, and Luxembourg. Landrum Haddis, graduate of Southern Seminary and formerly pastor in Kentucky, is moderator of the association and pastor of the church in Baumholder, Germany.

All the problems typical of Baptist churches everywhere and a number peculiarly their own confront the members of these churches. The most persistent ones exist because of the transient nature of the congregations. Rotation of military loves overseas bring a yearly loss of up to 75 per cent of the membership. This could mean the entire board of deacons would leave over a period of several months and 50 per cent of the Sunday school teachers. Not only leadership but financial support is dealt what would seem a death blow. The remnant faces discouragement, to say the least, and the pastor wonders with good

Landrum Haddis, international moderator of English-language churches, with WMU president Mrs. Dick From

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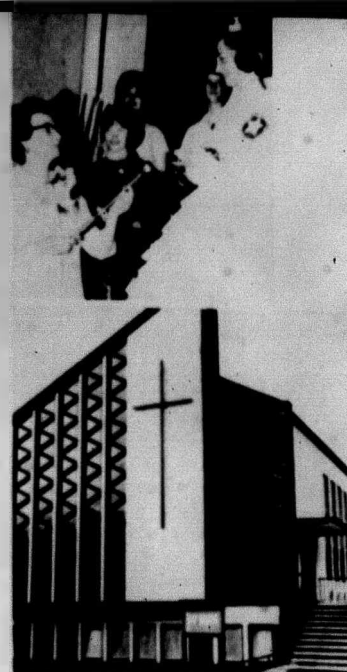
David Williams receives Scepter from Rev. James Stertz at Koberlaubers, Germany. New German Baptist Church in Ruzelshelm, English-language congregation shares building.

reason whether his boat will have butter.

Finding an adequate place in which to worship is a problem to most of the congregations. Last winter the church at Fureth, using the fifth floor of an old furniture warehouse, had almost no heat throughout one of Europe's coldest winters. In Wiesbaden the church uses every inch of the main floor and basement of an old hotel and rents additional rooms several blocks away for Sunday school space. Movie houses, restaurants, schoolrooms, garages—nothing in the way of available space is overlooked by these Baptists in Germany, bent on having a building in which to meet.

A continuously pressing problem is that of pastoral leadership. A handful of the churches can call and support a full-time pastor. Two missionary associates serve as pastors and in the other churches men in military service, though often newly called and therefore inexperienced, give devoted service. These men, like their members, are subject to rotation and at intervals full-time pastors leave the field for varying personal reasons. Two district missionaries travel extensively, assisting leaderless churches as pulpit supplies and in search for pastors.

However many problems the churches face, they continue to function and new ones organize because they meet real needs. Jake Armstrong, pastor at Euth, shivered along with his people in a cold sanctuary but he baptized 62 converts that year. Koberlaubers worshiped in a converted garage but a young girl earned her sceptor as a C.A. Queen. The Americans in the



church at Bad Kruznach could not speak German but they helped their pastor, Ray Hume (who speaks German), provide a place of worship for the first German Baptist church in that city.

The relationship between English-language and German congregations, though thus far limited, is a good one. Two of the older churches belong to the German Convention (Bund) and it is possible that others will in time enjoy this relationship.

American and German congregations, both faced with the problem of housing, help one another in many cases. In Frankfurt the Americans met in the German Baptist

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Like Baptists everywhere, the congregations linger to visit and greet visitors



tist church five years before moving into their own building. This church building, the only one among the English-language congregations, stands because of tireless efforts of the members led by Pastor Herbert Stout and through gifts from Southern Baptists through their Foreign Mission Board. This group hopes to conduct bilingual services and eventually the building itself will serve a German congregation.

In Heidelberg the German church, with Theophile Rehse as inspired young pastor, dedicated its new building in 1963 after eight years of patient waiting, working, and giving. Gifts from the Foreign Mission Board gave this group a financial boost at a time when it was most needed, and the local American church contributed toward furnishings for the sanctuary. Now both congregations worship in this lovely church, a monument to Christian faith and co-operation.

The greatest opportunity and challenge of the English-language churches lie in the faithful presentation of the gospel to all whether German or American.

Though the vast majority of the German people are church members this may mean only that their names are on official tax and church rolls. They say jokingly, "We Germans go to church four times—to be baptized, to be confirmed, to be married, and to be buried."

This happens in countries where there is a state religion. Taxes deducted from members' salaries build the churches and support the pastors. Pastors find it hard to feel personal about such members and the members have very little in the way of a personal relationship with church or pastor.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

by Mrs. Bradley Allison

Baptist churches are called "free" because their members do not pay taxes but rather directly support their own work with freewill tithes and offerings. The difference this makes shows up in a statement of the pastor of a state church in Wiesbaden: "You Baptist pastors are so fortunate. You know your people and you know they will come to church. I have fifteen thousand names on my books but I feel lucky if two hundred people attend my service."

Members of state churches, though making no pretense of attending their own services, will usually not go into a German Baptist church where they might hear of their need for a personal relationship with the Lord. Tradition is too great and, after all, they are "Christians."

To draw such people German Baptists conduct revivals in tents throughout the summer and offer various other religious services in public buildings. Members of state churches will come also into English-language churches. They come perhaps out of curiosity, perhaps to practice English, but for whatever reason they come, sometimes they find the Lord.

Occasionally the question is raised as to whether the Foreign Mission Board should invest personnel and money in English-language work. Let the question be put to the German woman, who finding the Saviour first in an English-language church now serves him happily in the German Baptist church up the hill. Ask the sergeant who spent thirty years running from the Lord and then in a tiny English-language church in Bad Tölz he suddenly decided to run to him. Let the question be put to the children singing, "Do Lord."

In Iceland

A woman's son who is in service wrote his mother that he was to be transferred to a military base in Ireland or "the rock" as he called it. "Mom," he wrote, "I'll probably be the only Southern Baptist in Ireland!"

Immediately she wrote the Protestant chaplain in Ireland inquiring about Baptist work. He gave her letter to Mrs. Rice, the Woman's Missionary Society president of the Keflavik Baptist Mission. Soon she received a reply.

Mrs. Rice says in her letter that the Baptist mission is less than three years old and her husband is the first pastor. The enthusiastic Baptist group rents a community hall for services. Sunday school and worship services are on Sunday afternoon with Training Union and prayer meeting on Wednesday night. There is an active missionary society with its youth organizations, and the Brotherhood sponsors a Royal Ambassador chapter.

Listen to this: "Over 100 were enrolled in vacation Bible school last summer with an average attendance of 98. Through this program many Icelandic children were contacted, although the language barrier made communication difficult. Several American children made decisions for Christ. A special blessing was the number of Icelandic parents who came for the commencement exercises.

"At the New Year's watch night service a young man praised the Lord for sending him to Ireland. Another young man who was not serving the Lord when he arrived became a dedicated Christian before he left Ireland.

"Last Sunday three children of one service family were baptized. Three young men have heard and answered the Lord's call to preach and fifteen have been baptized."

The time has come for the Rice family to come back to the States. Mrs. Rice is grateful that the Foreign Mission Board has appointed the Terry as the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Iceland.

To the Program Chairman before the meeting check your membership for anyone who has been connected with an English-language church overseas. Perhaps your church has members attending English-language churches. If so, write them by personal accounts. Use accounts during program.

Interest Center: Mount a world map in cardboard. Place it above a table on which is placed a replica of a church on an open Bible. Place six streamers in the Bible to connect the streamers to the church. Before each topic is given, the leader will place a streamer on the map denoting the location to be discussed.

In Germany, France, and Spain

Many Southern Baptists are overseas. There are more than 180,000 among the military forces alone in some 74 different countries. The United States Department of State reports that each year millions of Americans in business live and work overseas. Many of these scattered or displaced Americans are devout Christians and wherever they travel they witness for their Lord.

Like early Christians they are scattered abroad and they go "everywhere preaching the word." Military and business families from this country in sixty English language churches overseas today stand as evidence of concern for the proclamation of the gospel and spiritual nurture. Many Americans feel responsibility for forming a church where their children can be taught in Sunday school and in mission organizations. Others realize that in places where there is no Baptist witness they are the ones whom God is leading to start such work.

These churches often spring up almost spontaneously, once a few people are willing to begin it. Over and over again these families away from home are led by the Holy Spirit in ways which are thrilling indeed. Calvary Baptist Church in Orleans, France, traces its beginning to a tragic automobile accident. The testimony of the

Christians whose baby was killed in an automobile accident convinced the prayer meeting which was started matured into a church.

In Manila the English language Baptist church was originally a fellowship of believers. This group first formed a mission, and then a church was organized.

The Home Mission Board took a special interest in the early development of the English language churches since the Chaplain's Commission is closely related to it. For a period of time there was a lack of clarity as to whose responsibility it was to assist the struggling congregations. In 1958 by action of the Convention, the Foreign Mission Board was asked to continue and expand efforts to establish churches for English language people. The Home Mission Board is still interested in the work, and the chaplains' work has grown in this country to include industries, hospitals, and institutions as well as the military.

The most extensive English language work in Europe is found in Germany where many thousands of American military personnel live. This work was fairly well developed before the Foreign Mission Board came into definite relationship with it. At least two of the churches had called civilian pastors from the United States. They were self-supporting and carrying on a vigorous program of local evangelism. Rev. and Mrs. James G. Stett were in Germany to assist the English language churches in 1961 and the Lewis Krauses followed in 1962. The work has steadily grown.

In France, Missionary Jack Harmon and his wife, the first couple to serve in English language work, relate the phenomenal development of the churches. The work centers in the First Baptist Church of Orleans where a new building was completed in 1962. Most of the funds were raised by the local congregation with some assistance from the Foreign Mission Board. In 1962 the budget of the church, composed of 60 families, was \$20,000 and 60 per cent of the members were officers. One church in Paris is located where more than 150,000

English language people live.

A most interesting development in Europe has been the Immanuel Baptist Church of Madrid, Spain. The first American military personnel went to Spain in 1953. Two years later a woman's missionary society was organized, known as the "Coffee Group" for fear that a Baptist group might be against regulations. As they grew so did the desire for an English language church. Missionaries, the Charles Whittons, were asked to work with this group and assist in the church organization. Since 1961, when official permission was received from the Spanish government to organize, the church has experienced rapid growth. Entirely self-supporting, it rents a large apartment at a price of about \$400 a month. In the spring of 1963, the James Watsons began their duties at the Immanuel Baptist Church, the only English language congregation in Spain.

English language churches and missions of Europe constitute a demonstration of dynamic New Testament Christianity in the midst of people altogether too familiar with religious forms and rituals. As one member exclaimed: "You can't imagine how hard it is to convince my children that Christ lives when everywhere they turn they see the images of a dead Christ." Europe presents a real opportunity for more than 1,600 Baptist members of English language churches to be spirit-energized witnesses of the power of a living Christ.

One might think of Glorieta or Ridgecrest when learning that 375 persons from 24 English language Baptist churches and missions in France, Germany, Spain, and Luxembourg attended a summer assembly in Switzerland in July, 1963. Most of the people were connected with American military communities. A special feature of the week was the baptism of 15 in the icy waters of Lake of Thun.

The real purpose of the assembly was practical preparation and inspiration for the simultaneous revival crusade to be conducted in September. The congregations participating in the crusade ranged in mem-

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important to them: it should be important to us to listen. Our policies affect other people; they want to be represented in the debate leading up to those policies. The peoples of the Americas would like to think that their achievements—and not just their headline-making crises—are worth notice. As nations, they may be small alongside the

United States, but their aspirations and their sense of dignity are large. No amount of material aid we give will make a genuine friendship unless we also give respect and the things that go with respect.

In short, the human necessities count first. The fact that we should have to learn or rediscover this fact is itself a problem.—reprinted by permission from *Sunday Review*.

bership from 40 to 185 members and minister to half a million Americans living in Europe.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant for evangelism and church development for the Foreign Mission Board, served as crusade director. The pastors and missionaries were assisted by 15 preachers and 12 ministers of music from the United States.

The blessings of the crusade have been profound and far-reaching, according to Mr. Underwood. Many people heard an evangelistic message for the first time. Men and women turned from lives of shame and renewed their faith in God. A lieutenant made a decision to prepare for foreign mission service.

Incomplete reports of the crusade show 87 professions of faith and requests for baptism, 109 additions by letter, loan commitments to God's call for special service, and scores of rededications. In addition, there were approximately 125 additions to the churches during the six to eight weeks of preparation prior to the beginning of the crusade. There will be many more visible results of this first simultaneous crusade of English-language churches in Europe.

Pray for the work of English-language Baptist churches in Europe and for the pastors and missionaries.

In Luxembourg and Argentina

All Americans "scattered abroad" are not military personnel. Many thousands are engaged in business enterprises. Among the number are Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Mundy.

Early in 1963 they were sent to supervise the construction of a huge plant in Luxembourg, located in northern Europe. Finding no missionary or evangelical groups among the 314,000 population, they determined to get busy. Their first effort was a Sunday school in their home. Thirty-six attended. At the present time the mission meets in a rented school auditorium. This Baptist witness is in Luxembourg because a dedicated couple was "scattered abroad" and recognized a spiritual need.

In Lujan, Mendoza, Argentina, the English-language Baptist church was organized in April, 1959, and during its more than four-year life span, fulfilled a real need among families who were sent to that country under contract to U.S. oil companies and a U.S. construction firm. It also proved a blessing to many Argentine people who heard the gospel because of the missionaries' interest in the church. Since most of the North Americans have finished their contracts and gone home, this church was disbanded recently, but God's hand was clearly evident in its formation and ministry.

When Walter Bennett, petroleum engineer, who now lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, first came to Mendoza, Argentina, in November, 1958, under contract to a large U.S. oil firm, he lost no time in looking up Bond Robertson, then missionary in that city. Together, they contacted the more than forty English-speaking families who were arriving over a period of several weeks. After a few months, when Walter's wife Jimmie and their small son arrived in

order for a full witness was added to a growing group of Baptists, and in April, 1959, an English-language church was organized in the Bennetts' home, with thirteen charter members. Several missionaries and Argentine friends were there, as well as a number of faithful Christians of other denominations who continued to co-operate with the church through their gifts and attendance. Bond Robertson pastored the church until enough time in 1962, when missionary James Fred took over. When the Freds moved later to Buenos Aires, Missionary Charles Shirley became pastor. Miss Vada Waldron, missionary and Gospel Will Center director in Mendoza, was a faithful visitor in the North American homes.

A number of people were won to Christ through this small English-language church, and the membership increased until, at one time, there were around twenty-four resident members. Its ministry was international in scope. One of the converts, Edlie Alves, a Portuguese by birth, was won largely through the influence of Steve French, a Baptist deacon and construction foreman. Edlie had emigrated to the U.S. where he became an American citizen, and started working in other countries for a construction company. His work led him to Argentina where he married. Because he was "at home" in English, he came to the English services, requested to be baptized, and was baptized.

Another life affected by the ministry of this church was Lou Nekam, an Argentine, who had done graduate work in Florida. Her decision to follow Christ was made one Easter morning in a simple service.

Many others, who did not join the church, were converted, and many renewed their vows of faithfulness to the Lord.

In God's mysterious plan and providence, this church was also used to tape up a new Spanish-language church.

Southern Baptist businessmen and their families have followed their jobs to various parts of the globe, and "home mission work" done on foreign soil has borne fruit.

One who had a part in the work writes: "Our conviction is that God may well be scattering his people abroad at this time in human history so that the hands of our missionaries may be multiplied many times."

Pray for American civilians overseas. Thank God for those whose witness is fresh and challenging.

In Guam and Japan

Over 5,000 miles from San Francisco is Guam, the largest of the Mariana Islands. The Guamanians, all American citizens, number 68,000. Here the United States Navy and Air Force bases have perhaps 25,000 servicemen and their families. Many of America's largest corporations maintain branches in Guam staffed by thousands of civilians.

Southern Baptist work began in Guam in 1939 with the organization of a monthly military fellowship. In a short time the group became the Ardmore Baptist Mission and requested aid from the Foreign Mission Board. After visiting Guam, Winston Crawley, Secretary for the Orient, estimated there were probably 1,000 to 1,500 Southern Baptists on the island. He also noted that less than half were actively engaged in any type of Christian worship.

Harry and Doris Goble, Southern Baptist missionaries, assisted the mission in becoming a church with 114 charter members from at least 20 states. The missionary zeal of the Guam church includes not only mainland Americans but Guamanians as well. A mission for them has been opened near the south end of the island. Its program includes Sunday school and Training Union.

In Japan, the Kanto Plains Baptist Church, thirty miles west of downtown Tokyo, has demonstrated missionary zeal and experienced a steady growth. Starting as a fellowship, it soon became a mission and then an organized church. However, during the busy weeks of locating a build-

ing site, securing loans, and planning building construction. Japanese services were started at the church on Thursday nights. The future for the Japanese work is promising. In a short time they hope to have their own pastor, building, and program.

Mrs. Pat Cox, who with her missionary husband has pioneered in the work of the Kanto Plains Baptist Church, rejoices in its ministry. It has given women from the States opportunities to visit Japanese mission fields and study missions first hand. Testimonies of church members on returning to the States have been thrilling. Many have shared how they learned to tithe and to teach their first Sunday school class. Some are already returning to overseas fields as missionaries.

Conclusion

Leader: Our study reveals that English-language churches overseas provide for the spiritual development of Christians and reach the unchurched. They not only provide the privilege of public worship, but furnish men and women with invaluable preparation for missionary service. In Orleans, France, a major surrendered to preach the gospel and the church's assistant pastor volunteered for foreign mission service.

Dr. Winston Crawley states that English-language Baptist churches overseas "send back to the United States a steady stream of Southern Baptist people deeply committed to world missions, including many new candidates for the ministry and mission fields."

These churches often become the means of opening new fields or expanding work already started. This is happening in Okinawa where in 1960 the Bud Spencers became our first missionaries to that country. They watched the English-language Central Baptist Church become one of the strongest churches of its kind. The ministry of its more than five hundred members extends to several Okinawan Baptist churches, to a

Japanese-language mission, and to the newly organized international community town.

English-language churches overseas have needs. An urgent one is for trained and experienced pastors. During the European crusade ten of the twenty-six churches were without pastors; seven had pastors from the States who were serving at serious financial sacrifices; two were served by missionary associates. Often military men attempt to meet the need by serving churches until full-time pastors are secured.

An additional need is for more and better buildings. Congregations are meeting in former garages, hotels, warehouses, or small residences. When the English-language Baptist congregation in Besen, Lebanon, held its first service in a rented apartment, the pulpit was a Formica-covered packing crate, the platform of rough lumber, and the chairs were of plywood and black iron frames. The Foreign Mission Board answers appeals for better buildings as money is supplied by the Cooperative Program and the Little Moon Christmas Offering.

Southern Baptists working overseas ask for our prayers. Not only are pastors needed, but because the membership of the churches is constantly changing, there is a real need for leaders. Let us pray for these needs. We will also ask God to supply the pastors and bless the dedicated Christians who are witnessing where they are. (Pray.)

Follow-up Activities

Discuss follow-up activities which may fit your situation:

Correspond with church members living overseas, encouraging them to share their Christian faith with their neighbors and church paper and bulletin.

Add names of those overseas to program of Intercessory Prayer League. Pray daily for their witness.

More than two million Americans travel abroad each year. Urge those planning a trip overseas to visit English-language churches.

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