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COVER STORY

The United Bible Societies, which includes the American Bible Society, provides Scriptores which missionacies and colporteurs distribute all over the world. Beginning at top right: Eskimo children, South America, Africa, India, seminary students getting instructions about distribution of Scriptures-USA, and Thailand. This month you no doubt will begin again or enlarge your service of Scripture distribution in your communits. See Society Program and Forecaster.

T is easy to construct a good house; it is not so easy to create a good home. It may be doubtful if this particular accomplishment was ever easy—in any age or land. Did Abraham find it easy? I doubt it. One reason he left the pagan city of his birth was that it was full of idolatry and wickedness. And when he came to Canaan, he found plenty of loes of the good life.

Yet the nobility of the man is seen in the repeatedly recorded fact that everywhere lie camped with his caravan, there he erected an altar. There he called upon the God who is at once above us and within us, forever the Greator, the Judge, and Redeemer. There he worshiped.

"Having a Christian home," says Dr. Paul C. Payne, "means far more than having a houseful of nice people who treat each other fairly kindly and who go to church fairly regularly. It means a home where Christ is known and loved and served, where children come to know Him through their parents: where the Christian training of the children is put ahead of the social ambition. of the father; where the father is determined to carry on his business in conformity with the mind of Christ; where both father and mother are determined to make their social life conform to high Christian ideals; and where eyes see far horizons of a world to be won for Christ."

What a thrillingly splendid and at the same time solemnly gigantic task that is! Qualitatively speaking, managing General Motors is not so big!

Having affirmed that the achievement of Christian homes is big business, I want to say next that the altar in the home is its biggest blessing.

Of this man Abraham we read that he was "... very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2). A prosperous desert chieftain was he.

Ver knowing all that the Sext thes tell us about him, I think I know who his answer would have been if someon and said to him, "My dear sir, you are to tith man!" With a significant light othis eye, he would have said, "If I am only not friend, my real wealth lies around that altar you see there. It is God and my built in Him! Even so, Sarah and I feel poor when we realize that we have no children II only we had a son, we should be wealthy indeed!"

You and I know that when that dican seemed dead, God revived it. He gave Miraham and Sarah a son. And so well did Ahaham train him that when you skip over a dozen chapters from the one in which out text is found, you read of Isaac: "And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tem thece; and there Isaac's servants digged a well" (Genesis 26:25).

None can fully appreciate what a reward that was to Abraham excepting those mature Christian parents who have seen their children begin the business of housekeeping by the setting up of a family alian.

Such an end result, for me add, does not commonly come by chance. If you and I, as today's parents, want our children one day to have genuinely Christian homes, where the Bible is revered and Christ is worshiped, we shall have to concern ourselves with the altar and the central place it should have in our family experience.

A friend of mine recently gave a lecture at one of our large universities. He was speaking to graduate students in animal husbandry in the agricultural college of that university. Many of them were married persons. Among other things, he said: "Some of you. I am afraid, are more interested in herds than you are in home, more concerned about flocks than you are about families." It was part of his plea for the te-



H. Armstrong Roberts

* * in the HOME

by Paul S. Rees

overs of a high sense of sucation in the building of the Christian home and the rearing of children for the kingdom of God.

That responsibility, we may be sure, can never be carried out as it should be unless, quietly and quiveringly alive at the center of it, is the alter.

Is there one in your home? Is there?

And now, having taken the position that the achievement of Christian homes is hig business and that the aliar in the home is its higgest blessing. I want to stake out the dain that there are aids to Christian alterhuilding that may be employed by the husiest of builders.

Please do not nation your thinking . . . to the act of full—and shall we say formal?—family prayers. When you make a commitment, "I will endeavor to conduct or take part in family devotions," I should like to have you think of your dedication in broader terms. . .

Let me try to pinpoint some ways and means by which, even in our high-speed culture, a family really intent on Christian development can entich its devotional life.

I. My first suggestion is: make something very real out of your table grace. This is especially applicable to that one meal a day when the whole tamily is most likely to be together. At every meal, even when a {person is cating alone, there should be the pause silent or audible—for the giving of thanks. To the Christian this is one way of keeping us reminded that we are dependent creatures and never otherwise. . . .

But especially, I repeat, at the daily uteal where all the family is assembled the calling upon God for His blessing and the giving to God of our thanks should be so sincere and unhutried that it "atmospheres" the meal. Wise parents never allow this moment to fall under the curse of dull routine. They vary the practice. Sometimes grace is said by one of the parents, sometimes by one of the children. Sometimes it is sungmore often it is spoken. Sometimes—and I've seen this done beautifully—the members of the family (losp hands and bow in silence, each one oftering thanks in his own vay.

Whatever practice you use, remember, parents, that children, even very young, have a way of knowing what depth of reality or what shallowness of unreality there is in [adult behaviour].

2 My second suggestion is: make your more extended family devotions as regular as you can, remembering that what you are deeply determined to do you can almost always accomplish.

Let's be realistic. Let's suppose that the

The ALTAR * * *

daily schedule is such that the family simply cannot, even by getting up fifteen minutes earlier, be united for Bible reading and prayer. Then work out something either after the evening nead or at bedtime. Let's go further, by supposing that work-hours and school habits ac'such as to make a full family get-together impossible any time in the day. Then the parents, if they be wise and deeply dedicated, will encourage devotions by such parts of the family as can be together. I will go even further. If weekday difficulties are too unmanageable, by all means have a pattern of regular family worship on Stunday.

But some listener says, "We have never had any regular devotions in our home life; how are we going to start?"

Start simply and briefly, particularly if your children are small or if there are older members of the family not in complete sympathy with the idea.

Lay a Bible on the table where you eat or have it on a shelf nearby. Decide in advance what portion you are going to read—one of the shorter psalms, it may be, or a choice saying from Jesus, or an instructive bit from one of the epistles. If some comment comes naturally to you or another member of the family, let it be given. If not, how in prayer. Kneel if you prefer. But, most likely, you will find it best to fold the hands and [bow] the head. . . .

Although you have consumed only a little [time], you have opened windows in your soul and the soul of your family through which more light and energy can come streaming in than you can possibly realize.

 Another suggestion, following closely on the one just made: make your devotions as specific and meaningful as you can.

And here's how:

a. Regin to accumulate a shelf of devotional materials for the enrichment of family worship. . . . To accumulate these materials gradually is small expense to the purse and incalculable enrichment to the soul.

b. Another step: make full use of concrete situations in order to give point and day, for instance, a neighbor box to with an accident and is in the hospital. So roday at family worship, the mother or the author will feall attention to the specific rods of this family).

Or, it happens to be the bitchday of one ... of your family. [Add this family both day name to those of the missionaries fixed in Call to Prayer.] What more natural thing than for the Christian family to give thanks for the life of that son or daughter or tathes or mother? ... By this very exercise of thanks and prayer God becomes more real as a living and infinite part of the family life.

Or, the particular work or calling of the individual members of the family may well come up for special mention from time to time. A contemporary author, in the indistributed witting a book, tells of the indescribable lift that came to his spirit when one of the children prayed, "And God, help Daddy to use the right words in the book he is writing!"

c. One other suggestion for making our family altar meaningful: have a few things that the whole family knows from memory and can repeat together. The Lord's Prayer, of course. The Commandments. The Beattudes. The Golden Text of the Bible—John 3.16. And some such table grace as:

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, For all Thy loving care; For food and clothes and shelter And all Thy world so fair.

... Make it possible for ... God to say of you what he said of Abraham long ago: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord ..." (Genesis 18:19).

The altar in the home! May a Hame of faith and love which only heaven can light be burning there!

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Dear Pastor,

"Once in a lifetime" may well be applied to the opportunity June holds for pastors and lay people alike.

Many Southern Baptist pastors have never had the privilege of attending a Baptist World Alliance Congress.

Many, many women, active in our churches have never had the experience of fellowship with Baptist women from around the world.

The nature and composition of the Baptist World Alliance demands that the congresses be held on different continents. With growing Baptist memberships in other parts of the world the meeting place no longer alternates between the United States and Europe. The 1960 Congress was held in Rio, Brazil—the first south of the equator. The 1970 Congress will most likely be held in the Orient—the first in that part of the world.

The 1965 Congress is being held in the territory of Southern Baptists. We have an opportunity to hear President Dr. John Soren. Dr. Soren in a measure is a product of our missionary endeavor. His father was won to Christ by Dr. W. B. Bagby, Southern Baptists' first missionary to South America.

We hope you can have the privilege of being a part of the world gathering in Miami Beach, June 25-30. The two sessions of the Women's Department meetings are open to you. Those who are working on the program and plans for the women's sessions would rejoice to have you present. But you are not likely to come—not likely to choose women's meetings when "masculine meetings" are scheduled at the same time. So please encourage at least one of your WMU leaders to attend. For her it may truly be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity.

Because the Congress is being held in our territory we feel a hostess responsibility. The presence of a woman from your church will help her, the Women's Department meeting, the Congress itself, and after that should find expression in an increased world awareness in your church. A large attendance by Southern Baptist men and women will say to those who come from outside our territory that we cherish the ties which bind all of us who share a common faith, and that we rejoice in our opportunity to have the meeting on North American soil.

Sincerely,

WMU Staff

MANY WAYS TO STUDY MISSIONARY MESSAR THE BIBLE

Lest We Forget"

KUDYARD KIPLING in his poem, "Recemional," reminds the British Empire of its moral responsibilities and of the consequences nations may expect when they longet God. The closing words of the poem are familiar for they are often quoted:

"God of our fathers, known of old— Lord of our far flung battle-line— Beneath whose awful Hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine— Lord God of Hasts, he with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget!"

Through the seventy-five years and more of Woman's Missionary Union's existence this organization has kept watch over the missionary message of the Bible and the study of contemporary missions. Man's self-ishness and his desire to satisfy his own needs and wants before sharing with others tempts him to forget "a world lying in the evil one" and our Lord's command to go into all the world and make disciples.

This year Woman's Missionary Union is giving special emphasis to the study of the missionary message of the Bible. Each month since last October, Royal Service hits presented Bible study lessons which point

up missionary implications.

How is your WMS using this materials We've asked this question to several societies and have received some interesting replies. Those societies that meet every week are using it as a part of their regular curriculum which includes the society program, circle program, mission study, and Bible study.

One WMS meets one Thursday each month for community missions. After that they have lunch and then Bible study.

In one society they have Bible study following the regular circle meetings. In another they have it after lunch on the day of their society meeting

Non-WMS members are especially encouraged by one WMS to attend the Bible study planned for one night each month. Some societies are using the material for devotional messages at circle or society meetings. Some are encouraging members to study the lessons individually.

Word has come that some pastors are using the material at Wednesday evoluing prayer meeting services. At least one scalor citizens group is using it. At the general

BY MARGARET BRUCE

meeting of one society they have a Bible quit. During this period they ask and answer questions on the material in *Royal Service*. Then there are the traditional weekly Bible classes for women that are using these Bible study lessons.

We remind you to keep a file of your Royal Service magazines. When the year is over you will want a complete set of the twelve studies of the missionary message in the Pentateuch.

We also remind you to order your copy of "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: the Pentateuch," 50¢ from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores. You will want to use and kerp these helps for future study.

Whatever considered choice your WMS has made for the study of the missionary message of the Bible, be faithful in the study. We must never become so involved in the minimia of our organization or that of our church that we forget God's world plan and our responsibility for a lost world.

"Land God of Hosts, be with as yet," Lest we forget, lest we forget!"



Small group in one woman's living room study the Bible's missionary message

Larger group go to the church for more intense study



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.



New Names for Old Countries

Calling attention to the birth of the independent nation of Malawi (formerly Nyasaland) in July, 1964, Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, told the Board that modern leaders are "not unmindful" of the fact that much of the country's early development was due to the labors of Christian missionaries. "They are friendly toward Christian missions today, so long as missionaries take account of the political rights of the African people," he said. There are six Southern Baptist missionary couples under appointment for Malawi.

Neighboring Northern Rhodesia became independent in October, 1964, and now "forges ahead, enjoying the fact that it is one of the few African nations with an abundance of material resources which insure a balanced budget and the

possibility of rapid development," Dr. Goerner said. A Southern Baptist missionary, with training in the field of radio and television, was asked by the director general of the Northern Rhodesia **Broadcasting Corporation** to help plan and develop a five-year program of educational and religious broadcasting. The plan has been accepted by the Government; equipment is being ordered; and the station is expected to be on the air within the next year. This country is now called Zambia. Southern Baptists have eight missionary couples under appointment for Zambia.

Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to become Tanzania [pronounced tan-za-NEE-a] Southern Baptists had not previously had work in Zanzibar, so this merger increases the area of our work in Africa, though it does not change the number of countries.

A Strong Mission Work in the Philippines

The English-speaking church at Clark Field Air Base in the Philippines is a wonderful Southern Baptist mission effort. We had the privilege for a year to serve there where over 17,000 are stationed The church has established and sponsors eight missions for Filipinos in the needy towns and villages close-by This work was started and is carried on by dedicated US Airmen, their wives, and national leaders

JOHN and JEWEL
ABERNATHY
Philippines

(The Abernathys were former missionaries to the Orient. Like other so-called retired missionaries they find it hard to retire and when called upon to spend several months at Clark Air Base they gladly accepted the assignment. They have returned to the US with a deep satisfaction (bout the strong work sening done in the Philip wes,

not only at the Air Base but by fairful missioncries and nationals who are so wonderfully building a strong missionary program in over two hundred churches, a hospital, a college, and a theological seminary.)

I want to write to you

Related Thanks

whom I met in Glorieta during the WMU Conference several years ago. I was to become president of the WMU the following October and I shall never forget the wonderful time we had and the inspiration and information I received. I met so many people from all parts of the world whom I came to love. It was an "unforgettable experience"-and I never wrote and thanked you for it. Please accept my thanks at this late date and an additional "thank you" for the plan of organization for a society without circles. This will just fit our need.

> MRS. C. WARREN, Texas

(Although this exprestion of appreciation came late it makes us very grateful to know that memories of a WMU Conference at Glarieta helped a new president to carry out her work more effeclively The WMU Conferences this summer will be just as helpful for the women in your church. Perhaps you can encourage several to have this "mountaintop" experience cather at Glorieta, New Mexico, July 22-28. or at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 12-18.

The second item for which Mrs. Warren ex-

pressed appreciation is the atternate plan of organization for a WMS without circles. This pattern is so workable for a small society and we recommend it to you. A free leaflet, "Woman's Missionary Union Organizational Plan for Society Without Circles," setting out the plan may be secured free from the state WMU offices. With three officers and two chairmen you will find it possible to carry on the WMU propram.)

YWA Made Wonderful Reports

Five girls went with me from our association to YWA Conference at Ridgecrest last summer. If you could really know of their renewed dedication, the WMU staff in Birmingham and all those who participated on the program would consider their prayers and work well rewarded. I was amazed at their enthusiasm in reporting to the churches. Their purpose was to use their reports as a means of getting the women interested in organizing new YWAs Thank you for the most wonderful experience of my own life.

MRS. PHILIP MARTIN, Alabama

(This letter is typical of many we receive from airls and counselors who attend YWA Conference. We are hoping for many girls to go to Glorieta this summer to the YWA Conference July 29-August 4. Every associational WMU president has been asked to encourage at least one YWA to attend, for there

is to be a special conference held on the YWA Council in the Association.

Are These Your Questions, Too?

We need an interpretation of the last elective in the Aims under World Awareness We are not sure whether it means that each of the three methods can be used only once during a year or if any one of the three can be used more than once in a year. We have two interpretations of this matter in our society.

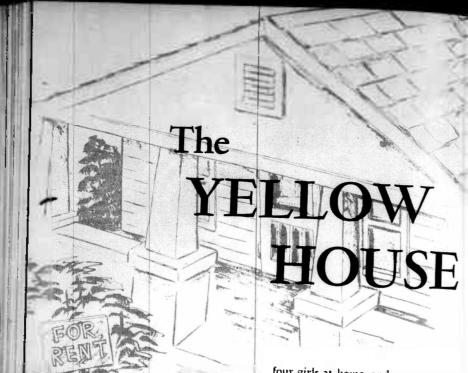
MRS. D. E. RESER, Nebraska

(Elective 7, Aim I reads
Use of relay, extensive
or intensive method of
teaching two or more
books listed in WMS
World in Books. The
sume method may be used
for more than one book.)

Does every book studied have to be taught three hours or more to be counted on Aims for Advancement?

MRS. W. MAXWELL, Kansas

(There is no time requirement for the basic objective and the elective in WMS Aims for Advancement regarding the teaching of books. It is the seventh elective regarding the use of different methods of teaching books that have time requirements which are relay, three hours; extensive, five hours: and intensive, seven and onehalf hours, plus the other requirements that describe these different methods of teaching.)



by Ruth McFerron Morris

ACROSS the street the yellow house with one gable has a "For Rent" sign in the yard again. I see it clearly through the big picture window of our parsonage. In the five years we have lived in this parsonage, there have been nine families moving in and out of the yellow house.

To be honest, the yellow house is an eyesore in our community, but when I look at it I say, "Thank you, God. Thank you for the opportunity to witness which this house has given to my husband and me."

First there was the Brown family,

four girls at home, and one son away in the service of our country. Mrs. Brown and the two older daughters joined our church by letter. Soon Mrs. Brown became a nursery worker in our church.

Later, Mr. Brown moved his letter, and my husband baptized the two younger daughters. Then Geril Brown, the son, came home. Geril wasn't a Christian. One day Mrs. Brown came to our home asking if Geril and his bride-to-be could have their small family wedding in our home. What an opportunity! My busband always has a pre-marital conference with a bride and groom. He witnessed then to Geril and Kay Several months afterwards, during our revival, Ceril and Kay accepted Christ as Saviour, and they were baptized

But two years later the Browns moved because they had bought a home in our community.

The next family to move into the sellow house had a small boy and girl. Soon the new family had cleared the ward and trimmed the big tree in front. One afternoon I went to visit Mrs. Williams. I learned that she and her husband were lost. Although we witnessed often to this family, they showed no interest at all. They never came to church.

It was early spring, and the yellow house had been empty for a month or so. One afternoon I was working in the yard. A moving van drove up to the yellow house. That was when the Collins family moved in. They were a young couple with a new baby. Mrs. Collins was already a member of our church and Sunday school. While the Collinses lived in the yellow house, she was faithful in Sunday school and Woman's Missionary Society. But soon this young family bought a home in another part of our city. It wasn't long before a request for her letter came from a Baptist church.

The Lewis family was next. There were really two families—a son's family living with his parents. There were sisters and a younger brother. They were from a small town in the eastern part of the state. I have to report that we did not win to Christ these families, but we invited them to our church and tried to witness to them about our Lord and Saviour. Mrs. Lewis went with me once to a church service.

The next family had two Junior boys. They did not stay long in the yellow house, but long enough for us

to enlist the boys in our Sunday school. After this family moved, the mother called me on the telephone wanting to know if the boys could go with us to camp at our state assembly grounds. It was there that the oldest boy. Ralph, accepted the Lord as Saviour.

Before school started, the Howe family moved into the yellow house. I met their two Junior girls in our backyard. They came across the street to play tether ball with our children. We invited them to go the next day to Sunday school with us. On Sunday morning I sent our eleven-year-old son over there after the girls. Mary, the eleven-year-old, was ready but nine-year-old Louise was still asleep. Mary sat with our family, and that afternoon I walked across the street to visit Mary and her family.

For tour Sundays in a row Mary went with us. On the fifth Sunday Mary was in Training Union and the evening services. During the invitation she indicated she knew Christ as Saviour. I had not spoken to Mary about being a Christian. All I did was to take her to church and Sunday school and to pray that the Lord would use these experiences to show her that she needed the Saviour. The Holy Spirit did the rest, as he had done in the lives of all my neighbors. A few weeks later. Mary's big brother was married in the living room of our home. Here was my husband's opportunity again.

Yes! Yes! I thank thee, Lord for the vellow house across the street. Help me O Lord always to be a witness to neighbors regardless of the color of the house.

FROM Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant

Editor, The Buptist World

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The Influence of Paperbacks

DAPERBACK BOOKS were born as an American industry some 25 years ago. They are very much with us now.

A great portion of these volumes have doubtless contributed to the nation's increase in perversion, illicit sex, and other crimes. Selling for 35 cents or a little more, they have brought sensuous literature within the reach of children—and immature adults—who have learned to read but not discriminate.

But having said this about the objectionable titles among the mountains of paperbacks, one needs to evaluate, happily, the valuable contribution the paperback industry has made to intellectual and cultural progress. It made the better current books and even classics available to great masses of people. Even the Bible can be bought as conveniently as the evening paper.

Perhaps you'll be as surprised as I to learn that the best-selling paperback of all times is Baby and Child Care by Dr. Benjamin Spock. It has sold 17 million copies. The book with second highest sale total is The Meriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary, which has caused the cash register to ring 14 million times.

Less desirable ritles are found in third and fourth place. But Roger's Porket Thesourus has been bought by 5 million customers, a Spanish-English dictionary by 5 million, and a French-English dictionary by 3 million. Homer's "Odyssey" has self over 1 million and Shakespeare's tragethes over 3 million.

The market for these better books is divided between adults and the bundleds of thousands of high school and college sudents who have outside reading assignments. Most students prefer the inexpensive paperback books to library copies.

Another spectacular element—of missionary significance—in the rise of paperback sales comes in the distribution of American books overseas. Eleven million books were distributed in 40 countries last year as part of the United States Information Agency's effort to present a favorable picture of America abroad. But these volumes are only a small part of the overseas distribution. Greater millions flow through commercial channels, and are sold in many other languages as well as English.

An international survey by the New York Times reveals that the influence of these volumes in other lands is about as varied as here in America. We might be either happy or unhappy—depending on our own points of view—about the candid explanation by a correspondent in London. He said, "The American image as projected by paperbacks sold here is a fairly accurate one." But we certainly cannot be pleased by the report from Hong Kong, where American books dominate the book store displays: "On balance, the range of commercial paperbacks sold in Southeast Asia projects a ridiculous image of the United States."

The question doubtless predominant in the minds of Royal Service readers has to do with the effect of these books coming from "Christian" America. The damaging influences of American movies shown abroad and the damaging influence of ancourth American tourists who travel abroad is now being supplemented by the flood of inexpensive books. On the other hand, will this new media of international propaganda prompt Christian writers and Christian yahlishers to accelerate their production of sed books both in this country and overse.

BIBLE STUDY:

The Missionary Message of the Bible

LESSON VIII

by Gilbert L. Guffin

A Delivered People Tested and Trained

Read Exodus, Chapters 14:1 through 20:26

A people just delivered from bondage, like new converts, may not as yet be prepared to meet successfully the tests which are certain to befall them. Those who are delivered usually need to be developed. The redeemed need to be trained, and those who have been brought into newly found freedom need to be disciplined. And to enable them to do this may be the most difficult pari of a religious leader's task. Strenuous and even dangerous as was Moses' work in convincing Pharaoh, it was God's intention that he should "Let my people go." The more strenuous and dangerous, and even the more heart-rendering part of his task yet lay ahead. This the present lesson impressively reveals.

It will be remembered that even in the night of the Passover, Pharaolt at last had been convinced by the dreadful visit of the Path Angel on the first-born in every Egy in home that God intended for him

to let the Hebrews depart. He, therefore, had ordered them not only to leave, but also, it is remarkable to note, to take all their possessions with them.

There had then evidently been an orderly and likely a somber exodus, despite the joy and thanksgiving that must have filled the hearts of the people over the reality of their finally being set free. The awesome events of the night surely would have hambled them and moved them with solemnity as they saw that it was God alone who had delivered them and that it was at great cost that he had done so.

A Great Test

Soon the Hebrews were met with a test of crisis proportions. Brought to the edge of the Red Sea, near the border of Egypt, and hemmed in on either side, they now looked behind them only to discover the horrifying

sight of the advance toward them of Pharaoh and his army. This experience of Israel has been likened to that of newborn Christians in the early state of their Christian life. Tests immediately begin to meet them after conversion and often they are so threatened by the old enemy of their souls that they fear they will be overcome. Sometimes they may, like the children of Israel, almost give up and may be more than tempted to think it would be better to return to the former life of bondage. It is at this point that Christian leaders can be marvelously helpful. Their faith, like that of Moses, their resolute leadership forward into the unknown, and their challenge to the hesitant to follow, may be decisive in keeping these from turning back to their former parterns of life, as it was with Israel at this juncture.

The leader himself will need strength and wisdom beyond his own at such times as these. Moses here and on many another occasion, sensing his own inadequacy and lack of knowledge as to what to do, felt driven to seek guidance and help from above. When Moses placed the plight of the people before God, God answered with another outpoining of his grace (Ex. 15-16), not only in delivering Israel again but also in letting his judgment fall apan Pharaoli.

God's Power to Save

The amazing deliverance of the Hebrews at this hour was to be a stupendous and never-to-be-forgotten lesson to that people regarding the power of God to save them whenever and wherever they trusted and obediently followed him. It was the first step in an experience of long spiritual discipline that would be essential before the Promised Land and, more importantly, to fulfil the divine purpose for the nation.

To be God's servant in helping Israel in her process of spiritual growth became Moses' unreasing and often exacting and trying responsibility. Such service is, however, nonetheless a responsibility of Christian leaders everywhere. This is the reason

it is imperative, especially on missian fields where the culture is little affected by bilds ral knowledge and by Christian peniciples. for the newer Christian churches to have strong, highly trained, deeply dedicated Christian nationals who can lead then penple patiently and steadily out of their former lives of bondage to sin, to evil forces, or to paganism into mature lives of trust in and obedience to God. This is the reason also why Christian churches and colleges are so essential to missionary endeavor, even as they are essential for the health of every Christian denontination at home, and why Christian teachers, both missionary and national, by the bundreds and thousands are so argently needed just now on all the vast mission fields of the world.

Dr. Martha Hagood, a Southern Baptist medical missionary to Japan, recently challenged a college student body to commitment by saying that every Christian student on that campus could make a living now teaching English in Japan. The desire of the Japanese to learn English is so great, she said, that anyone would be welromed. What a breath-taking opportunity this is for Christian young people to use the teaching of English as a means of giving a Christian witness to that nation. The president of a great American university was heard to give a similar challenge a while ago regarding the vast continent of Africa. No one knows how many nations might be led out of their spiritual bondage into faith in Christ in only the next few decades if a great armyof our Christian youth would heed the unparalleled challenge now confronting them to be Christian teachers on mission fields of the world.

A People Tested

Great as was the rejoicing of Israel over God's deliverance of them at the Red Sca (Ex. 15:1-21), they needed other tests to the ripline them and to help strengthen their laith in God. These tests came for example when the people grew fearful of stativation the wilderness and God fed them (Fx. 16), or when they were lamished for year.

seen at a Baptist Book Spurgeon's Morning and Store C otions from the Bible? Evenin, rellent book for private This is devotion for those who wish each day or "morning and evening" to discuss lated passages from the Scriptur The selected passages from the Word of God have running comme to provoke thought There are two revotions for each day in the year. The book, Morning and Evening Devotions from the Bible, is priced at \$5.95 from Baptist Book Stores.

and God gave them drink (15:25), or when they learned in battle that only God could give them deliverance.

Among the most lasting lessons Israel was to learn, however, came at Sinai (read Ex. 19). What were the great and unforgettable lessons taught there?

A People Learn About God

1. That God the Creator, the One who had called out for himself a people for his own purpose and had redeemed and preserved that people until now, was also a God of absolute sovereignty, of supreme majesty, and of ineffable glory.

Why were the people forbidden even to much the mount over which God's special glory rested if this restriction was not for the purpose of revealing to them that God who now spoke to them out of the cloud which covered the mount was a God of such great glory and majesty that the deepest possible reverence and awe were required before his presence? The only attitude appropriate for man the creature in the presence of his Greator is that of reverence and awe, of undivided attention and hamble adoration.

The light and frivolous attitude of sentiment - familiarity sometimes revealed in

people's comments about God or expressed in their songs (like "The Man Upstairs," etc.) about the Almighty makes one shudder. Often these seem to burder on sheer blasphenty. God was revealed at Sinai as the one before whom sintul man can stand only in trembling awe and the deepest sense of unworthiness.

It is possible that the loss of this conception of reverential lear before God is one of the most decisive reasons in our day for the widespread carelessness and indifference toward God which now exist. God wants us to have fellowship with him, to be succour human level and makes of him a kind fellow civic club member is utterly out of character with what is revealed about him at Sinai, or, for that matter, elsewhere in the Bible.

It is said that 96:89 per cent of Americans believe there is a God. It they really believed in the same God as was disclosed at Sinai, they would be compelled to conduct themselves differently. A recovery of the biblical revelation of the wonder and glory of God is long overdue. It is, moreover, a worldwide need. The low and corrupted conception men hold of God allows them either to be indifferent to his tearful judgment or to assume that God can be manipulated to suit their whims and desires.

2. That God is not only the God of glory and of universal sovereignty, but he is also a holy God. In such tremendous accents no one who listens can miss, Sinai declares by inference it not otherwise, that God is righteous and just and is the source in himself of all "goodness.".

This conception of Gad was toreign to all other religious of that day. In the advanced civilization of Greece even of a much later time, the gods known then were considered to be fickle and often lacking in basic moral and ethical purity. In many present-day religious this is still the case. Of course, a god who is not wholly rightcous and in himself the very perfection of holimes can be no god at all. God, revealed at Sinai, and supremely revealed in Christ

Jesus, is perfect in moral and ethical purity and is the source of truth and the criterion of right. Such must be inferred from the fact that he gives to Moses and Israel a law of moral and ethical demands as well as of theological dimensions.

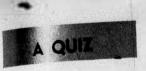
3. That God expects man also to be holy and pure and righteous. In 1 Peter 1:16 we are reminded that God commands men, "Beve holy: for I am holy." Men live before a holy God who is oflended by all lack of purity, truth, integrity, and righteousness seen in men. How else can we explain the giving of the Law at Sinai than that God was making clear through the giving of the Law, the kind of men he experted us to be? To make this conclusion, however, does not imply that we must also believe men can inthemselves live sinlessly perfect lives. This they obviously do not do. But though all have sinned and come short of his glory, this fact does not remove the requirement of God that men are to strive to be like. him in purity of life and conduct. One reason we are sure many of the religious to which men adhere in various parts of the earth are inadequate is that these religious know little or nothing of the moral and ethical demands which a true religion would be expected to make of its adherents.

4. That there is only one God and can be no other. The first Commandment is emphatic about this. Any other god, it declares, besides the God who is Creator and Sovereign in all the universe is either an imposter or an intolerable fiction men have created for themselves. This truth helps constitute the fundamental necessity of missions. Most, if not all, men are religious, Either they have found the true God of all the universe or they are yet in the bondage of illusion and ignorance and thus without hope. A profoundly important motive for missions then is to help men to find the only true and living God, the God revealed to us at Sinai and further disclosed to men in the Scriptures and most fully in Jesus Christ. The answer of the Christian to the question, "Isn't one religion as good as another?" is an emphatic "No."

5. That man's duty to God came a be divoiced from or serve as an adequate substitute for his duty to his fellowman. True religion cannot be merely perpendicular; it must also be horizontal. Religion that has only an upward and not an optward reach is matrue to the revelation of man's duty given at Sinai and indeed in all the Bible One's religion cannot only be between himself and God. God who gave the first parof the Decalogue also gave the second. He who requires that there be no other gods before Him also requires us to live in right and just relationship with others, Indeed one cannot be in right relationship to God unless he strives also to be in right relationship with his fellowman. This is expressed in the commandments: "Honour thy lafter and thy mother." "Thou shalt not sted" "Thou shalt not kill." "Thou shalt not commit adultery," "Thou shalt not cover." Christ, moreover, far from temoving or mullifying these commandments, filled dren to the "full" of meaning and depth,

Man's Responsibility to Others

It is impossible in fact in the light of the Ten Commandinents, to say nothing of the message of the prophets and especially of the message of the New Testament, for one to please God unless he treats others as those who have been made in God's image, lesus himself declares that the second command ment of all, next to the commandment to love God supremely, is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." If this be so, then in a world like this, tilled as it is by human tensions, prejudice, harreds, injustice, hunger, disease, war, and death, as well as with massive spiritual losmess, how extremely targent missionary endeavor, embracing the whole earth, must be. If men must be properly related to their fellowman to be properly related to God and if Christ alone can break down the middle wall of particion that separates men, making of the "twom one new man." Missions-the hearing of the gospel to every man-becomes imperative for all who have discovered the way of and salvation in Jesus Christ.



GOD'S WORD for a NEW AGE

Order from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, copies of the free leaflet "Into All the World" and ask for the one with the Southern Baptist co-operating statement on the back You will find below brief answers to the quiz, but the leaflet gives fuller information.

- When will the American Bible Society celebrate its 150th anniversary?
- 2. What is the theme for the year's celebration? "_____
- 3. What is the goal for Scripture distribution in the United States in 1966?
- 4. How many languages are spoken in Africa?
- 5. The complete Bible has been translated into _____ of these languages.
- How many Bible Societies are there in the world which make up the United Bible Societies?
- In spite of curtailment of missionary work in Vietnam, how many volumes of Scripture were distributed in a year in that war-torn country?
- 8. What was the percentage of increase in Bible distribution in Brazil 1959-1963?
- How many denominations help support the work of translation, printing, and distribution carried on by the American Bible Society?
- 10. How is money given to the American Bille Society by Southern Baptists?





Call to Prayer

Prepared by Janice Singleton

In every thing

by PRAYER

and SUPPLICATION
with THANKSGIVING

let your requests be made known unto God"

Philippians 4:6

1 SATUEDAY "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near" Isaiah 55:6, RSV (read Isaiah 55).

Have you ever had a vacation Bible school in a tent in your back yard? Ben and Shirley Yelvington were glad to have 88 Indians of all ages, including 20 adults, coming to the school. They were from Santa Clara and nearby pueblos. Other Bible schools were held in other pueblos. Now they have experienced an increase in attendance at Sunday school and church services. An all-Indian camp, a youth rally at Glorieta, the wedding of an Indian couple, revivals, and music festivals made a "full summer" for these missionaries. But in some areas Indians are afraid to go to any Baptist meeting. Pray for this work.

Pray for Mrs. Yelvington, Espanola, Mrs. Seferino Jojola, N. M., Ind. ev., Mrs. J. A. Cooper, Ky., deaf ev.

SUNDAY Ask, and it shall be given you:
seek, and ye shall find; knock,
and it shall be open unto you
Matt. 7:7 (read vv. 7-12).

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Cabrera serve in Spanish-language work in Belen and San Juan, New Mexico. Nineteen persons who attended Spanish camp in June last year came back with great inspiration. A corogation service for Girls' Auxiliary, "M" night observance, season of prayer for state missions with an offering of \$40.37 reflect real devotion from this church of 55 members at Belen and the mission at San Juan.

Pray for Mr. Cabrera; Mrs. Oma Hannwack. Tex., ret.: Claudio Iglesias. Okla., Ind. vv. G. S. Harvey, Salisbury, Rhadesia, R. F. T. was, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, ev.

3 MONDAY But the tax collector, story ing far off, would not even lift up his even to

Missionarius are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free im Fornige Mission Board, P. O. Box 6592, Richmond, Virginia 23230, and in HOME MISSIONS.



- · Have prayer at the table before meals
- · Quote Bible verses that the children know
- · Read a passage from the Bible and discuss its meaning
- Sing familiar hymns and learn new ones
- · Proy together with the family and for the family
- Tell a Bible story to the children at bedtime
- · Encourage the use of Christian literature
- · Have discussions on sermons heard and lessons learned
- # Make plans for the entire family to attend church services

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Planned by Margaret Bruce and Elaine Dickson

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Dear President,

Enlisting leaders is one of the most important tasks to be done in your organization for having the right leadership can mean success or failure. The suggestions in Current Comments will help in enlisting the right persons for your Woman's Missionary Society.

As circle chairmen are enlisted to serve, impress upon them the need for a close working relationship of the circle with the society.

Two ways to strengthen the link between the society and circles are:

(1) Have regular executive board meetings for making broad plans and for co-ordinating and promoting WMU activities.

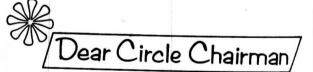
(2) Relay plans made in executive board to circles for implementation in the circles or in the society.

Urge WMS members to read the hook, Go Home and Tell . It is the book by Bertha Smith which is recommended for study this quarter. It may be used in eircles instead of circle programs or it may be taught to society members all together.

The question has been asked, "If a woman cannot read one of the books recommended in WMS World in Books, may she choose one from YWA, GA, or Sunbeam Band World in Hooks?" The answer is, "Yes." When there was only one World in Books, WMS members were expected to choose books for sludy and reading from the WMS section, but if those books were not suitable for some, they were encouraged to choose books from the youth sec-

This month has special emphases of which you will want to be aware. Some of these are: Christian Hume Week, May 2-9; GA Focus Week, 9-15; WMU Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, May 31-June 1. We hope to see you there!

*Pa. \$1.25, cl. \$2.75, from Baptist Book Stores; Teacher's Helps, 25c from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203 or from Baptist Book Stores.



In 1966 the American Bible So- anniversary Its program of adciety will commemorate its 150th vance, called "God's Word for a

New Age was a dynamic world miect which seeks to make the Bible available and meaningful to every person in the language and form he can best read and under-

Our society program for May is The Book That Lives." It underukes to show the place and power of the Hible in world missions. Encourage each circle member to attend this WMS meeting which will help her understand better how she may co-operate in meeting the need of "God's Word for a New Age."

As you use a preview of the program for the general meeting as suggested in Forecaster each month, you can interest members in the

society program.

Perhaps this is a good time to reevaluate the effectiveness of your circle. Is your circle enlisting women in mission study and action? Is your circle helping to distribute the responsibilities of the society among a larger percentage of the members? Is your circle belping to discover and develop leaders? Is your circle stimulating the participation of members in the society's efforts for world missions? Is your citele meeting the needs of its members for friendship and fellowship? If you can answer these questions affirmatively, you lead a vital, dynamic unit of your Woman's Missionary Society.

Promotional Features AT YOUR MEETINGS

GENERAL . by Mrs. A. B. Constantz, WMS Director, Missouri

WMS Round Table . . . How-to

To promote the WMS Round Table make a flip chart and use it at your WMS meeting. Your chart rould have three pages using the following suggestions.

- I. Find Time to Read
- I. Follow a daily schedule
- 2. Evaluate present activities: eliminate less important ones
- 3. Hupt for wasted minutes
- 4. Talk less
- 5. Keep book handy
- f. Read while you wait
- 7. Emphasize reading instead of meeting
- 11. Create Interest

- 1. Talk about what you have read
- 2. Relate new facts learned
- 3. Select books with interest apneal
- III. Get Books
- 1. Each one buy one
- 2. Use church library
- 3. Use public libraries

WMS "Craus" for Finals on Fostering GAs

(Make display of GA Manuals, Tell magazines, mission study books, Forward Step emblems and charts, counselor's notebook, plan hook, etc.)

Use the following introduction and fostering ideas if they fit into the plans of your GA committee.

The merry month of May is a time for final exams and GA activities. What does our missionary society need to do to be ready for vacation time fostering to overcome Pocus Week leidown? Let's do some "cramming" on summer plans.

- 1. Help with a spring "GA Hunt" to find and enlist more girls.
- (a) Contact mothers of prosperts and give scope of GA work.
- (b) Provide homes and food for a progressive dinner featuring food from other lands.
- (c) Have a yard party, playing games of other countries.
- 2. Plan "Operation Adoption Center"—seek to get a WMS member to adopt a girl and be to her a special friend. Help with Forward Step work; encourage and assist her to attend associational or state GA ramp; let her feel free to discuss her problems at any time; give her love and be an understanding grownup.
- 3. Plan a June mission book shower of books listed in the GA World in Books. Forward Step work and GA Aims require the reading of mission books. Each auxiliary needs more copies of the mission study books so the girls can participate in reading and study.

Attendance at State and Convention-wide Meetings

Make a stick figure. On one side draw a sad face, on the other a glad one (as illustrated).

Use it to encourage WMS members to attend Ridgecrest and Glorieta WMU Conferences. The following questions and answers may be used in your presentation:

Is our WMS ailing? (Show sad face.) Do we need a checkup? Are our officers sluggish and do our meetings drag on through the pain-



ful months? How about our executive board and business meetings!

Are they boring? What action of members is evidenced from the mission programs? Is our society failing to enrol new members?

Let's answer these questions Do our officers show a smiling face because they have new ideas and a deepening concern? (Show glad face.)

WMU weeks at Glorieta and Ridgecrest and our state leadership camp will give that shot. Make plans now to attend. We'll return with enthusiasm and we'll hardly be able to wait to get started in restoring life and vitality to the entire society.

Plan now to attend Glorieta, July 22-28 Ridgecrest, August 12-18

CIRCLE .

by Mrs. Charles Standridge, Virginia

Use of Call to Prayer in Family Group

Secure a map of the world and colored-head pins. Show how these can be used as you promote use of Call to Prayer in homes. The following information will help in preparing for the presentation.

Do we let the children have a definite part in the time for family devotions? Material has already been prepared for you in Call to Prayer in Royal Service which, when coupled with a little bit of imagination on your part, can make this devotional period one of the

most cherished periods of the day. Consider letting each child in your family who can read, prepare each day for a week one or two facts of interest about one of the countries represented by the missignaries listed in the Call to Prayer. If there is room on a wall near the place where you have your family devotions, place a map of the world and let the child place some identifying mark, pin, or seal on the country about which the fact is given; place a pin (short ones with colored heads may be bought at stationery stores) on each country where there is a missionary for whom you are praying on that day. At the end of the week, remove all of the pins and stickers and prepare for the next child to have the assignment for the following week. If there are younger children who cannol read, they may still have their "assigned week" with an older child assisting.

Preview of June General Program, "Assignment: Missionary Associate"

In recent years there has been a trend to produce plays using a minimum of props. Adapt this technique in announcing your June general program, "Assignment: Missionary Associate."

Secure four telephones. Toy phones would do if you cannot bornow four from your telephone company. Prepare the front of your room for four stations (places to locate your "actresses"). Suggestions are (1) a member seated on a kitchen stool, (2) a lady standing with a cup of coffee in her hand, (1) a lady perched on the top of a short ladder, (4) and a lady seated it a table as though it were her desk. Give to each woman a telephone.

Review the general program in Royal Service and select several pertinent statements for your speakers to use in the "telephonerelay" announcement. Let each woman use her given name as she identifies herself to the person whom she is calling. The woman seated on the kitchen stool, will dial the woman next to her with the cup of coffee. After identifying herself she will tell about the upcoming program and how she wants her to be there. She calls her friend, the woman next to her on top of a short ladder, and tells her. She then calls the next person and identifies herself. The upcoming program is discussed briefly and she is asked to call the woman seated at her desk. A brief conversation follows and she then tells her something about the program and asks if she can come by and pick her up. She responds enthusiastically.

The one presenting the "telephone-relay" announcement may then say to the group: "Won't you not only be present for the June general program meeting but telephone a friend and bring her along?"

Reading of Mission Study Book,

Go Home and Tell

Have the question, "Do you know how to read?" printed on poster board or begin the presentation with this question, then give the following information briefly.

It takes know-how to read a newspaper. Columbia University's School of Journalism spends the first few days each term teaching its sudents how to do it. Its rules

1. Read every headline on front page

- 2. Go back and read every lead, or first paragraph
- 3. Read news summary, if your paper has one
- 4. Go back and read the firstpage stories that interest you—and then the rest of the paper.

In other words, grasp the whole before getting into details.

(Adapted from Just Between Office Girls, Bureau of Business Practice, 24 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford, Conn., copyright 1964 by Prentice-Hall, Inc.)

This is one way to read the newspaper.

This is one way to read books. But if you know how to read—this way of some other—read Bertha Smith's book, Go Home and Tell. (Price pa. \$1.25; ct. \$2.75 from Baptist Book Stores. Teacher's Helps, 25t from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.)

Current

The Nominating Committee at Work

It is a big assignment to find "the right person for the right job" in WMS. But it is important! And the success of work in your society depends on it.

Most nominating committees succeed or fail at the point of making the enlistment contact with prospective leaders. How a person is enlisted lays the foundation for that person's future work. If her agreement to accept the position is

shallow or coerced, her service will reflect it. If her commitment to serve is prayerfully and thoughfully made, her service will show

Consider these pointers as you enlist leaders:

- Seek God's leadership. He will guide your efforts and lead you to the right persons. Prayer should precede all contacts.
- 2. Study the entire WMS membership roll to discover prospective leaders. Many societies make the error of using and reusing the same people as leaders when there are not leaders because they have never been asked. Judge a prospective leader not only by what she is, but also by what she can become.
- 3. After the president is elected, ask her to work with the nominating committee in suggesting other leaders and in making enlistment contacts with prospective leaders. It is good for the person who will be supervising the work of others to help enlist them. The relationship established between the president and her co-workers as they are enlisted lays the foundation for working relationships throughout the year.
- 4. When enlisting leaders, appeal to them on the highest level Help them see that accepting the position requires more than loyally to a president, or to an organization, but loyally to God in the discharge of responsibility. This is where Christ placed his appeal—"Come, follow me." Out of personal loyalty and devotion to Christ comes a willingness to do what is necessary in carrying on his work.
- 5. After talking with someone about accepting a responsibility, give her something to read which further explains the job to be done,

and ask her to pray about it before piving an answer. Good materials to use to acquaint prospective leaders with their responsibilities are the WMS Manual, WMU Year Book, and Royal Service (especially Forecaster section which shows some of the monthly helps available to leaders). When a person, after prayerful consideration, finally gives her answer, accept it. Pressuring people into positions it. Foresuring people into positions its outsually the best way to get good leaders.

Happy hunting!

Emphasis on the Tithe

Have you used the WMU stewardship leaflets on tithing in your society? Two are available—The Whole Family Tithing" and "A Woman Looks at Tithing." Both may be secured in quantity, free from your state WMU office.

Interest-Talent Survey

Is it true? A person does best the things she is most interested in. Is it true? Making use of a person's special talents and abilities is a good way to involve her in WMS work.

Both statements are true. Where a person is—in interest and ability—is the best place to begin in involving her in study and other actions in your WMS. An interest-talent survey of your members will help you discover the keys to the full enlistment of them.

An Interest-Talent Survey Card is pictured in chapter 8 in the WMS Manual. This can be mimeographed to use in conducting the survey, or the cards may be purchased from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No.

and each her to pray about it before 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores; price,

10 for 10t, packaged only as listed. Consider taking the survey through your circles. Keep it up to date by having every new member who joins your society fill out a survey card. Make the information on the cards available to your nominating committee and to society leaders as they enlist people to do the significant work of WMS. You will find the technique helpful.

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 9-15, 1965

Focus Week, a special week for Girls' Auxiliary, has a purpose. The attention of the church is on the activities, reason, value, and the girl of the missionary organization. During this special week, emphasis is given on the place of the girl in world missions through her church and its missionary organizations.

The Girls' Auxiliary director and counselors determine what Focus Week will mean to the churches, the members of Girls' Auxiliary and to those unenlisted girls who need missionary education.

Members of WMS can advertise, foster, and promote activities during Focus Week. Put forth the extra effort to enlist every girl in the church in a Girls' Auxiliary and give special attention to the members of today.

Girls' Auxiliary House Parties... Queens' Courts...Camps

Spring and summer call for Girls' Auxiliary house parties, Queens' Courts and camps in every state. GA directors and WMU presidents will have information about time and places of these in-

fluential meetings. Reservations should be sent to the proper persons early because most states have a limit on the number of girls who can be accommodated.

Queens' Courts and house parties are a delight to a girl. Most of them are held in schools, colleges, or churches away from home. Programs are planned to appeal to and influence the girl in every phase of her life.

Opportunities are given for individual expression and growth with mental, spiritual, and social development in a camping environment. Missionary oriented campa are an important phase of Girls' Auxiliary summer activities. Will the girls of your church go to a house party—a Queens' Court—a camp this year?

> -MARJORIE JONES, GA Director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

YOUR PROGRAM

GENERAL .

Use hymns about the Bible: "Holy Bible, Book Divine," "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

Ask members to give their favorite Bible verses. Notice the ones
with promise, ones which promise
God's protection in time of trouble,
ones which tell of God's love for us,
ones expressing gratitude. Suggest
that there are verses that meet all
the challenges of life-moments of
great joy and sorrow, of temptations and strength. God's Word is
the Book that lives because it
meets every man's need in every
are.

If you have members who speak another language, have them recite a Bible verse in their own tongue. Suggest that reel communication depends upon ability of both sender and receiver to understand the words. The Bible is God's communication with main words that both understand.

Use as display different versions or translations of the Bible.

Write the American Bible Society for a catalog which suggests free and priced materials for your own use and for gifts to others. The address is: 450 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

-MRS. LOUIS L. DABNEY,

CIRCLE .

In the program members are asked to share missionary information that their families were exposed to during the past month. Plan to clip newspaper stories pertinent to missions that you and your family read during the past weeks. Paste these up on a poster board. On circle day arrange an exhibit with this poster, plus megazines and books open at related extions.

Get the next month's programing schedules from your local TV and radio stations. Make a copy for each circle member's use at home.

Order for each member a free copy of the leaflet, "Into All the World," from American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 16822. Suggest that every member share with her family something of the information in the leaflet. In your society meeting you will be studying about distribution of the Bible.

-ALICE DAWSON CHEAVENS,

heaven, but beat be breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner?' Luke 18:13, RSV (read vv. 9-14).

A seeking of divine guidance in plans for the years ahead marked the twelfth annual Arghnine Baptist pastors' conference held last year in June. Last year was the first in the Argentine Baptist Convention's "Decade of Advance" aimed at doubling the number of churches and members in the country in ten years. A missionary writes, "This program seems to have unified the efforts and spirit of Argentine Baptists more than anything else in the fifty-six-year history of organized work here."

The Stephen Walker Davenports were appointed in 1963 for Argentina. Pray for Mrs. Davenport and Argentine Baptists.

Proy also for D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina. D. W. King, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.; J. B. Stepp, Jr., Brazil, ev.; W. C. Harrison, Brazil, ret.: Mrs. A. E. Corugedo, Matonzos, Cuba. ev.; Clara A. Lane, Fresno, Calif., GM

4 TUESDAY And the very God of peace senctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be prescribed blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ I Thess. 5:23 (read vv. 23-28).

Our attention is centered today on Switzerland where two missionaries have a birthday, Mrs. John Alten Moore and Mr. John P. Wheeler

Mrs. Moore and her husband who teaches in the Baptist Seminary and who is director of European Baptist Press Service, report that representatives from thirty English-language thurches and missions met last September in Germany, electing leaders and adopting new organizational forms: an association of English-language churches in Germany; a second association of churches in France and Luxembourg; a third, of churches in Spain and Italy.

Mr. Wheeler and his wife are also in the Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, where he teaches.

Pray for Mrs. Moore and Mr. Wheeler, Maye Bell Taylor Brazit, J. J. Hartfield, Mexico. ed.; J. B. Matthews, Buenos Aires. Argentma, E. H. Clark, Kisumn, Kenya, ev.; T. E. Douthit, Jr., Seoul, Korea, MD; Mrs. A. B. Crughead, Rivoli-Turin, Italy, RN; Mrs. Cirilo Aleman, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. J. D. Beal Atlanto, Ga., Dorothy Ruth Milam, Spray N. C., MC

5 WEDNESDAY Therefore let every one who a godly offer prayer to thee; at a time

of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him Psalm 32:6, RSV (read Psalm 32).

The Nigerian Baptist Convention observed its Golden Jubilee last June. Anita Roper writes enthusiastically of the phenominal growth of this body from just a handful of churches in 1914, to more than 1,500 last year—one baptism to every seven members.

She adds that many places of responsibility were transferred from missionaries to Nigerians. Dr. I. N. Patterson terminated his work as general secretary as a Nigerian, Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, assumed responsibility.

Pray for missionaries and nationals in this time of changing leadership.

Pray for Miss Roper, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed.: Mrs. T. G. Small, Lusaka, Zambia, ev.: Rosemary Spessard, Bangkok, Thailand, RN: Mrs. J. D. Ragan, Singapore, Malaysia, MA: J. K. Solomon, Margarita, Canal Zone, ev.

6 THURSDAY Before they call. I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear Isaiah 65:24 (read vv. 17-25).

Rev. Jack D. Hancox has been secretary of a five-year plan of expansion and advance by the French Baptist Federation. Last October he was preacher in a revival in Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, where American military personnel and their families attend. There were three who made professions of faith, eight for transfer of letters, and nineteen rededications.

Pray for Mr. Hancox, Luynes, France, Mrs. H. L. Sinclair, Mrs. J. D. Hollis, Mrs. E. J. Thurpe, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mary Cannon. Japan, J. D. Spann Uruguay, M. E. Torstrick, Chile, ev.: Alma Jackson. Brazil. RN: Mrs. J. E. Taylor, Clewiston, Fla., migrant ev.; Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Pueblo Nuevo, Panama, ev.

7 FRIDAY But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly Matt. 6:6 (read vv. 5-15).

There was great rejoicing in the First Spanish Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, when the goal of \$168 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was met. It was the first time they had given so much, reports Rev. Armando G. Virgen, pastor. They also established a record by having 128 in Sunday school. In the spring revival four persons were saved, and both people and pastor were revived, so that preparation for the Latin

American crusade for evangelism began at once. Young people gave out tracts and New Testaments, "Back yard study courses" in evangelism and cottage prayer meetings were held, new homes visited and a list prepared of lost persons.

Pray for Mr. Virgen, Mrs. J. A. Monroe, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; A. A. Moore, Flagstaff, Ariz., Ind. ev.; G. K. Offutt, Louisville, Ky., Negra ev.; Mrs. E. O. Sanders. Mrs. R. C. Bethea. Indonesia, H. P. Haynes, Ill, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. D. E. McDowell, Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.

8 SATURDAY If you give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those that ask him! Luke 11:13, Montgomery (read vv. 1-13).

Mrs. Nanelle Bragg, appointed in 1963 to serve in Michigan among Spanish-language people, had heard the call of missions through BSU while in college. Since she had nurse's training and experience as director of nursing, she considered foreign missions. Gene Bragg, however, a seminary acquaintance, began to write to her of the opportunities for service in Michigan. Both young people were willing for God to lead them. Before long they were married, and they continue to work among the Spanish people. Pray for this fine couple as they witness in our country.

Pray for Mrs. Bragg, Livonia, Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.; Sam Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Ind. ev.; W. M. Clawson, Torreon, Mexico, R. E. Baker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. R. L. Lambright, Kediri, Indonesia, med.; Virginia B. Highfill, Tokyo, E. P. Bennett, Oita, Japan, Mrs. B. P. Emanuel, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. R. E. Wakefield, Singapore, Malaysia, ev.

SUNDAY
MAY 9

upon the name of the Lord over all upon the name of the Lord shall be saved
Rom. 10:12-13 (read vv. 1-21).

Neither rain nor a visit by French President Charles de Gaulle could stay 38 women of the four missionary societies of Baptist churches in Quito, Ecuador, from their appointed plans last September.

Led by missionaries, including Mrs. James C. Muse, Jr., women with 18 children spent a day at the Baptist encampment, studying the new Spanish WMU manual. They also swam in the camp pool, ate a picnic lunch, and viewed a Baptist film. Three of the societies represented were newly organized, and this

BA business administration ed. education ev. evangelism GM general missionary led. Indian MA missionary associate MC mission cunter

MD doctor

med. medical
pub. publication
ret. retired
RM rescue mission
RN surse
Sp. up. Spanish speaking
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was their first joint meeting.

Pray for Mr. Muse, Mrs. W. M. Parker.*
Brazil, W. R. Hull, Nyeri, Kenya, Mrs. J. Y.
Greene, Mrs. R. E. Snell, D. B. Howle, Seoul,
Korea, Mrs. Juan Narranjo, Hawana, Cuba,
ev.: J. E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla, Ind. ev.;
Mrs. Gregoria Gonzalez, Tex., rel.

10 MONDAY Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them Neh. 49 (read pv. 1-18).

Senorita Maria Luisa Hidalgo, a Baptist from Spain who has expressed a desire to be a missionary since her teen years, will help Dr. and Mrs. James M. Young, Jr., hegin medical work in Yemen. She will work in the Baptist hospital in Gaza several months. She received nurse's training in England and studied in the Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, Italy, and in the Baptist seminary, Ruchlikon, Switzerland. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Young and Miss Hidalgo.

Pray for Mrs. Young, Yemen, Mrs. J. L. Wilson, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; J. P. Satter-white, Kyoto, Japan, MD; Cora Ney Hordy, Yaba, W. L. DuVall, Oshogbo, Nigeria, W. Arnold. Ghana, ed.; E. R. Hammock, Tex., ret.; Antonio Santana, Havana, Cuba, ev.

11 TUESDAY After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name Matt. 6:9 (read vo. 1-15).

From the Spanish mission in Clovis, New Mexico, characteristically varied reports are made by the hard-working missionary Julian C. Reyna: "Two new families coming to our mission . . a couple made profession of faith . . a family of five added to the church . . somebody had been praving! . . our baptistry is not in good condition . . four professions of faith in veation Bible school . . the big rains made the vader jump inside the church and get into the heater . . we had a church study coul to be phesians . . "a wedding, a revival, and stion of deacons, all make up the work in the stage of the s

mission center.

Prov. Mr. Reyna, Mrs. A. P. Olmedo, panama, Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Reiji Hoshizaki, Nagon: Japan, H. C. Starnes, Taejon, Korea, J. I. Kance, Bondung, Indonesia, Mrs. C. E. Westbrook, Argentina, ev.

12 WEDNESDAY For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers 1 Peter 3:12 (read vv. 8-22).

Helen Meredith writes from Cartegena. Colombia: "I had known for some time that the term 'missionary' is not restricted to those who leave home for a distant field of service. But the fact is impressed upon my mind frequently when I hear women in the missionary society of the Alcibia Baptist Church refer to being a 'missionary' in a certain barrio (section of the city) in Cartagena. By this they mean that they go with tracts from house to house in that neighborhood to try to get people interested in the gospel. Wisdom, patience, tact, perseverance, and love are all necessary to overcome prejudice against anything that threatens change from a traditional religion. Our women make it clear that they are interested primarily in the salvation of all, and so give a positive, direct testimony of what Christ can do in the heart and life of one who repents and trusts Him Please pray for these women and those to whom they go."

Pray for Miss Meredith, Mrs. Burton de Walfe Davis, Fortaleza, Brazil, Ethel Guest, Nigeria, ed.: Mrs. W. C. Waemath, Japan. T. G. Small, Lusaka, Zambia, R. R. Morris, Tanga, Tanzania, ev.: Auris Pender, Sinoapore, Malaysia, BA

13 THURSDAY He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness Joh 33:26 (read vo. 26:30)

In California Baptist college Rev. George B. Joslin, missionary to the deaf, teaches a class in sign language for those who minister to the deaf in their churches. One student, because of his interest in a friend whose parents were deaf, has started work in Sterling Baptist Church near San Bernardino, Helping him is Mrs. Jean Autrey. Six deaf people were in church services on Easter Sunday. The ministry extends into the homes of deaf where visitors find a warm response. There are four other groups in the association, as well as a ministry to the children in the California School for the Deaf.

Pray for Mrs. Jostin, Calif., deaf ev: H. D. Shield. Hoopa, Calif., Ind. ev.: F. W. Wiggins, Tex.. Sp. sp. ev.: Mrs. Aurelia Baez, Cuba, ret.: Mrs. R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Temuco, Chile, ev.

14 PRIDAY Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for 1 am God, and there is none else Isaigh 45:22 (read vv. 20-25).

"The night I was baptized." says missionary Amelia Diaz, "I gave myself to tell my people about Jesus. It began to pray at the same time I worked. During the twenty-six years I have taught kindergarten I have seen many children and parents give their hearts to Jesus. A five-year-old boy in San Antonio one day said 'I am going to be a preacher.' Now he is pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church, Dallas Prayer keeps me in the Lord's work."

Pray for Miss Diaz, Las Cruces, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.; Mary Lee Ernest, Singapore, Malaysia, J. E. Ingonf, Surabaya, Indonesia, ev.; Roberta Ryan, El Paso, Tex., pub.

15 SATURDAY They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say. The Lord is my God Zech. 13:9 (read vv. 2-9).

Last year on her birthday a missionary was leading the feature period at a youth conference in Mindanao, Philippines. She and her fellow-worker. Mary Lucile Saunders, had had a busy month holding vacation Bible school clinics, attending the bonk shop institute in Manila where their own book store won recognition for good work, attending literature and promotion meetings, and, in between time, catching up on duties in the publication offices. Pray for these book store and publication workers as they try to meet schedules and deadlines necessary in their work.

Pray for Virginia Mathis, Manila. Philippines, Mrs. J. T. Poe. El Paso, Tex., pub.: M. D. Oates, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Francisco Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.

SUNDAY
MAY 16
let him ask of God, that gweth
to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him
James 15 (read James 1).

A seven-year effort to buy property for Baptists in Jerusalem, Jordan, has culminated in success, with the purchase of a large lot in a strategic section of the Arab city, reports Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, press representative

for the Arab Baptist Mission.

Located between the American colony and the National Pelace Hotel, the site has a house which will be remodeled and used as a home for the pastor of the newly organized Jordanian Baptist Church. The church now meets in a basement chapel below the Baptist hook store.

Rev. William O. Hearn, leader of Southern Baptist mission effort in Arab Jerusalem, called the purchase a "prayer victory."

Pray for Mrs. Puller, P. H. Carter, Merida, Mexico, J. O. Watson, Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. J. E. Possey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, ev.; Catherina-B. Walker, Semarang, Indonesia, ed.: Mrs. Louis O'Conner, Jr., Korea, RN; Mrs. Roe Beard, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ev.; Mrs. S. M. Hernandez, Phoeniz, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.: J. M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, ev.: Mrs. Lawrence Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz., Chinese ev.: Mrs. F. H. Watters, Canal Zone, ret.

17 MONDAY Again I say unto you. That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven Matt. 18:19 (read vv. 15-20).

"As Christian ambassadors in Kenya it is our sim not only to bring people to know and accept Christ but also to help them come to realize and accept responsibility toward building a Christian nation. Problems here are the some as they are the world over.

"It may seem abourd to mention materialism as existent alongside overwhelming poverty and unemployment; however, these factors seem to intensify the struggle and blind man to all but the material." Thus writes a thoughtful missionary.

Pray for J. G. Partain, Kitale, Kenya, W. R. Wakefield, Makati, Philippines, R. Z. Chamlze, Jr., Peru, ev., T. W. Talkington, Miss., ret.

18 TUESDAY But verily God hath heard ms; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer Psalm 66.19 (read Psalm 66).

We are grateful that we still have missionories in Communist Cuba. Letters received from them report: people are responding to the gospel and are being baptized, preachers are being trained in the seminary, youth conferences are continuing. Pray for wisdom for Cuban Christian.

Pray for Felix Torna, Havana, Cuba, J. E. Hampton, Tanzania, C. W. Campbell, Buenos Aires, Argentina, A. L. Gillespie, Toyonaka, W. C. Warmath, Mrs. M. E. DuPriest, Japan, ev.: A. L. Davis, Jr., Hong Kong, MD; Mary

Jane Whorton . Nigeria, ed.

19 WEDNESDAY And I knew that thou hearest me always; but because of the propte which stand by I said it, that they may helieve that thou hast sent me John 11:42 freed vv. 33-46).

Edmon Burgher, Russian missionary in the Los Angeles area reports his first Russian convert. "Using a Russian Bible which had been given to her by the Baptist church in Texas where she was a Sunday school member, I led her to a clear understanding of salvation."

Pray for Peter Chen, San Francisco, Calif... Chinese ev.: Mrs. Claudio Iglesias, Okla... Ind. ev.: S. F. Dowis, Ga., Mary C. Alexander. China-Hong Kong. Mrs. H. H. Snuggs. China. ret.; W. D. Bender, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; C. W. Bedenbaugh, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, J. N. Westmoreland.* Rhodesia, Mrs. Wayne White, Mexico, ev.

20 THURSDAY I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thon most High Psalm 9:2 (read vv. 1-11).

Dean Duke has been learning Spanish while he and his wife and three children serve in Temuco, Chile. He writes: "In addition to preaching in a local mission I taught English in the colegio (school) last year and enjoyed it. The mission voted to recommend me as sub-director, assisting the director who is a Chilean, a fine Christian man and product of the colegio." The Dukes request prayer for the colegio and directors, that the school may be the spiritual light it should be; and for the country of Chile, that Communists not get control of the government.

Pray for Mr. Duke, Mrs. G. H. Wise, Campinas, L. C. Bell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, J. S. McGee, Igede, Nigeria, Lorene Tilford, Taichung, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. Lee Streeter, Moore, Okla., Ind. ev.

21 FRIDAY Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise Neh. 9:5 (read on. 1-6).

The president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. John Wash Watts in his inauguroi olderes last August said, "The Baptist mini try at its best has been a means of enlist training, and employing the total manner of the church for its mission to the we Baptists have expected primarily a preact

ministry, preaching which is biblical, pleading persuading: a witness to the direct authority of Christ and the Scripture." Proy for this school which prepares European Baptist leaders.

Pray for Mary Hester Powell," Nigeria, RN: G E Kingsley, Malawi, ev.: N. D. Brown, Oghomosho, Nigeria, ed.: Mrs. Asuncion Sugasti, Pacora, Panama, ev.; N. E. Donales, Tenn., Neppo ev.

22 SATURDAY And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God, and having favour with all the people Arts 2:46-47 (read vv. 41-47).

"Last year we made contact with 13,139 patients in hospitals. Many were Indians we had won to the Lord in our 33 years as missionaries in Oklahoma." report the Roe Peards.

"At Easter and Christmas it is our custom to give out Bibles, tracts, portions of God's Word. We distributed 1,244 Bibles or portions of God's Word, last year. There were 56 who trusted Christ as Saviour; 14 of these were baptized into a Baptist church. Pray for us as we visit each week."

Pray for Mr. Beard, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ec.: Noemi Cuevas, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.: O. W. Reid.* Mexico, V. O. Vernon, Fortaleza, Bratil, A. W. Compton, Santiago, Chile, ev.: Maurice Perryman, Ajloun, Jordan, ed.

SUNDAY 1 will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and for ever Paim 145:1 (read Psalm 145).

Joan Frisby was appointed by the Home Mission Board to work in the Good Will Center in Dallas, Texas. After a few months on the field she wrote, "I've never been happier in all my life. I've never known God's blessings more than these past few months. I've tried to understand this. Why would God bless me? Why should I have all this happiness? In reading the Gospel of John I found the answer. Jesus said. 'If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them?' " Pray for John and this work.

Prop for Miss Frisby: Mrs. H. T. Gruver, Phoenix Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. W. N. Claxon, Ibadau H. E. Cockrum, Jr.,* Nigeria, Mrs. H. T. M. Kinley, Gwelo, Rhodesia, Mrs. R. W. Harrell Nairobi, Kenya, W. G. Henderson,* Korea vr.

24 MONDAY Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 7:12 (read pv. 9-17).

On Brazil's Independence Day, Baptists of Pernambuco traditionally have held evangelistic gatherings in the center of downtown Recife. Last year there was a parade with band music and standard hearers. Hundreds of Baptists marched singing and carrying Bibles. Twelve to fifteen hundred persons watched. The 1965 evangelistic endeavor is scheduled for June, 1955. Pray for the lost that they may be won to Christ.

Pruy for Doris Penkert, Recife, Brazil, ed.: Mrs. A. J. Terry, C. D. Hardy. Brazil, Mrs. Earl Parker, China-Korea, ret.: Lonis O'Conner, Jr., Korea, Mrs. C. W. Campbell. Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. W. W. Stennett. Quezaltenungo, Guatemala, ev.: D. Bejarano, N. M., ret.: N. L. Peyton, Wake Forest, N. C., deaf er.

25 TUESDAY O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever Psalm 30:12 (read Psalm 30).

The Japan Baptist Convention met last fall at the convention's assembly grounds, Amagi Sanso, with 300 messengers from 102 churches and 114 missions. Eight new churches reported, including two English-language churches. Goals have been set to double the number of churches by 1970, to accelerate the growth toward self support for churches and convention, to enlarge the Sunday school enrolment, and to give a more positive evangelistic emphasis.

Pray for G. A. Clark, Fukuoka, Japan, S. M. James, Saigon, Vietnam, T. E. Bryant, Sao Paulo, Brazit, D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, A. F. Garner, Santa Fe, Argentina, ev.: H. E. Spencer, Quezon City, Philippines, ed.; Maxing Joyce Carmichael, La., RM

26 WEDNESDAY For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever, Amen Rom. 11:36 (read vv. 25-36).

Charles H Morris has served as missionary in Malaya and Singapore since 1958. Since the states of Malaya. Singapore, Sarawak, and Sabah united in September. 1963, to form Malaysia, Mr. Morris surveyed this area for mission possibilities. There are political and religious complications involved in this newly formed republic. Let us pray for the Christian witness in this land, and for a time of peace that will make possible the establishing and

advance of churches.

Pray for Mr. Morriz, Sandakan, Malaysia, Mrs. W. M. Moore, Joinkrama, Nigeria, Mrs. J. E. Thrower, Brazil, W. D. Morgan, Rainbow City, Canal Zone, ev.; Carter Bearden, Gn., deaf ev.

27 THURSDAY Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalm 107:3 (read vv. 1-14).

"We bought a house recently with money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, It seems that the custom here is to pay one price and resort another, so that buyer and seller would pay lower taxes and closing costs. When I demanded that our transaction be honest, legal, and exact the seller finally consented, though he did not want to. The outcome is that people in the town are saying this is the first completely legal document ever written here. I have the joy of explaining that a consistent Christian is honest, and does right." This interesting statement comes from Samuel Perkins from Baia, Brazil. Thank God for the Christian witness he and Mrs. Perkins are giving daily.

Pray for Mrs. Perkins; F. M. Horton, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.

28 FRIDAY ... the blessed and only Savereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be hanor and eternal dominion. Amen 1 Tim. 6:15-16, RSV (read vv. 11-16).

Miss Louise Mitchell works in an Indian mission. An effective way to win the lost is to provide a vacation Bible school. Many people, adults as well as children, come to a meeting of this sort when they would fear tribal custom and rule too much to attend a church service. The problem is often in getting a place to meet. Miss Mitchell reports with satisfaction her experience last summer when the Red Mesa tribal chairman was approached with the matter of using the old trading post for vacation Bible school. "It's all right," she was told, "We'll just move out and have church there all the time!" Pray for Bible schools to be held this summer.

Pray for Miss Mitchell, Magdalena, N. M., Ind. ev.: J. B. Parker, Tex., ret.: Mrs. T. N. Clinkscales, Curitiba, B. J. Davenport, Campinas, Brazil, W. R. Medling, Japan, ev.

29 SATURDAY Blessing, and honour, and

glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lanch for ever and ever Rev. 5:13 (read vv. 11-14)

"When April went home from nursery school with a high temperature that developed into meningitis Carver Center community was in an uproar since more than a hundred had been in contact with her Many prayed and freatment at Charity Hospital was effective. April returned to the Center and no one else contracted meningitis.

"April's illness brought us into more direct contact with her home where a mother and grown daughter have eight children five years old or under. These live with four other adults in a shotgun type duplex house There are seven children and four adults in the other side."

Pray for Johnnie Hobbs who writes this appealing story, and for the work she and her co-workers do in New Orleans.

Pray for Mrs. L. F. Gomez. Tex.. Sp. sp. ev.: Mrs. R. K. Evenson, Uruguay. Paul Boz. Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia, ev.: Mrs. J. A. Foster. Baguio. Philippines, Mrs. J. D. Belote. Hong Kong. ed.: Ruth Porter, Asuncion. Paragnay. Donna Stiles, Gatooma, Rhodesia, RN

SUNDAY
MAY 30
Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation

El Paso, Texas, is a gate city to Old Mexico. For a few cents and in a few seconds visitors pass through customs to shop in Juarez, Mexico. In the same way many Mexicans come into the States, some to visit or work temporarily, some to stay. Rev. Daniel R. Contreras moved to El Paso last June to work in the Sage Land and Belaire Spanish Baptist Missions. Already he has reorganized the Training Union, and assisted WMS and Girls' Auxiliary to organize. Pray for him and the members of these churches in this strategic center.

Proy for E. D. Evenson, Ariz., superintendent of missions; G. L. Gladney, Carthersville, Mo., Negro ev.; Mrs. Rafael Guillen, Panuna, H. O. Hurt, Balboa, Canal Zone, H. V. Davis, Brazil, Mrs. R. W. Burnett, Buenos Aires Argentina, Mrs. J. A. Herring, Taichung, Taichung, Mrs. A. L. Davis, Jr.,* Hong Kong ev.; Mrs. L. M. Southerland, Jr., Fukuoka, Jepan, Mrs. G. D. Grober, Brazil, RN: I. N. Paterson, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA

31 MONDAY While I live will I praise ...

RED-LETTER DAY

by Glen Dabney

Last September the Japan Baptist Concention opened a new Baptist book store in Tokyo, the world's largest city. "This is truly a red-letter day for us," said Mr. Toshio Kusanagi, managing director of the Jordan Press, the publications division of the consention: "to be able to open our first bona fide book store in a building bought for that purpose and dedicated to reaching people with the gospiel by means of the printed page." This is a distribution renter for the Bible and other literature.

Japan has the highest fiteracy rate of any nation in the world, and yet less than one per cent of the people are professing Christians. Here indeed is a field "white unto harvest" in a nation hongry for reading material. Last year more than five million topics and portions of the Scriptures were sold, an all time high.

Even in Tokyo there are thousands who have yet to see their first copy of the Bible. "If through the ministry of this Baptist book store we can introduce people to the Word of God our work will be well rewarded," says Mr. Kusanagi.

We rejoice with Japanese Christians at this God-given opportunity to put the Bible into the hands of the people. But at the same time we remind ourselves that the distribution of the Bible is a preliminary step to the most vital durshold upon which a man must stand, a lace-to-face encounter with the Father through the Son Christ Jesus. A belief about the Saviour must be come a belief in his power to save, transformed with the Spini's help into complete commitment into God's keeping.

The Christian must move on another step in his search for growth in grace and knowledge Paul reminded Timothy: "For yourself, concentrate on winning God's approval, on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, and who knows how to use the word of truth to the best advantage" 72 Tim. 2:15. Phillips). God's Word, just as a physician's prescription for a life-giving portion, must be applied internally to bring the desired results. God's Word must be probed, must be applied to the ills of mankind and to the health-robbing worries of our day to be effective. How often do we seek remedies of our own for spiritual sickness before consulting the Great Physician!

In our day of complex living God's Word continues its analterable course into the hearts of men with eternal promise. We can hold in our hands the Book romaining the promises of God but we must hold in our hearts the Saviour about whom the Book tells before we can claim these promises for our own—our personal red-letter day!

Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being Psolm 146:2 (read Psolm

Baptists of Santiago, Chile, wanted to know each other better.

The city was divided into four districts with the churches in each section visiting each other during a week of meetings. Services were held in a different church each evening with a layman doing the preaching. A gue 'choir sang.

Rev Alan W Compton reports that attendand was good in spite of cold weather. On Saturday night 800 Boptists from all the churches gathered at First Baptist Church. "The spirit of prayer and co-operation which reigned made all of us sure of good evangelistic meetings," he writes. Thank God for these blessings.

Pray for Mrs. Compton, Santiago, W. W. Stennett, Quezaltenango, Guatemala, Mrs. William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, June Cooper, Ichikawa, Japan, ev.; Mrs. H. L. Price, Tokyo, Japan, RN; J. W. Nelson, Cuba. N. M. Ind. ev.; Mrs. J. F. Potter, Thomasville, N. C., deaf ev.

JOUL CAN HELP... by Doris Cutter

HERE'S HOW

CHORTLY after I became editor of The Braille Baptist, my telephone rang one day! A feminine voice said, "I have become interested in helping blind people through studying our missionary programs. Can you tell me what to do?" Now there is in The Braille Baptist-not missionary programs-but excerpts from Royal Service.

As a member of Woman's Missionary Union, you are in a strategic position to find and help persons in your community. No doubt you want to have a part in leading others to know Christ as Saviour. Yet you may need to provide help in other ways before you can witness to their need of Christ.

Under three headings I am listing sources of help for exceptional persons

BLIND PERSONS

If the blind person knows nothing about government services:

Contact the nearest Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and ask for information about the agency serving the blind in your state. In some states this agency is part of the State Department of Welfare.

If the blind person connot read braille:

Contact your state agency which serves the blind. In most states a home teacher of braille will be provided. While he is learning braille, contact Christian Education for the Blind, P. O. Box 6999, Fort Worth 15, Texas, for information about their free taped Sunday school lessons. This agency has other free materials, too,

If the person can read braille, but does not know how to get materials:

Write to the Braille Editor, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, and ask that your blind triend be sent The Braille Baptist. It is printed in two grades of braille: 11/2 and 2. Send your friend's name, address, and the grade of braille he reads. This free monthly contains excerpts from Royal Service, the Sunday school lessons, Training Union study materials, missionary prayer calendar, and missionary articles.

If a person wants to know about the loan of free material for the blind:

Write to the Division of the Blind, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540. Inquire about books and magazines in braille, recordings and tapes of music including speeches and Bible reading. Ask that full information be sent to your friend. (Even record players are provided free for blind persons.)

If the blind person has no Rible in braille:

Write for the latest price list on braille Bibles to the American Bible Society: 1662 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 17, California (Western and Pacific

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state-); and 1435 G Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C. (Eastern Scaboard). Your society may be able to provide several volumes (priced) of the Bible in braille for your blind friend.

DEAF PERSONS

It the deaf person does not know government services available to him:

Advise him to get in touch with the nearest Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. In most states it is a part of the State Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation counselors seek to help deal persons get trained for a job so they can become self-supporting.

If the person does not know about the Sunday school and Training Union periodicals available for the deaf:

Encourage your church, or a nearby church, to provide literature for deaf persons whom you and your society may minister to, Sunday School Lessons Simplified and Training Union Quarterly Simplified have been prepared with the deaf in mind, seeking to meet many of their needs. These quarterlies may be ordered (127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203) in the regular literature order, and cost fifteen cents per quarterly copy.

If you discover deaf persons in your community, and no one is prepared to minister to them through the sign language:

Write to Mr. Carter Bearden, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and ask for his help. He is a general missionary to the deal with the Home Mission Board. He may be able to point you to a temporary interpreter, or help your church to get someone trained as an interpreter.

OTHER PERSONS

If a person cannot read and write English:

Write to Miss Mildred Blankenship, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and ask for her help. She is the literacy missions field worker for the Home Mission Board and is in constant touch with people who are qualified to teach adults to read and write English. She might even be able to come and hold a workshop to train literacy workers.

If you know a blind young persoo, you may write to Braille Editor, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, and ask that your friend be sent the Intermediate Braille Baptist.

Braille Baptist

E Albert Miller

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LAST NIGHT T WATCHED



by Mrs. Joann Wood Laney

AST NIGHT I watched a Girls' Auxiliary Coronation. Sitting in the hush and darkness of the coronation service, I took stock of the dreams of my GA girlhood.

As a Queen-Regent-in-Service spoke on budgeting her time I recall that as a GA I wrote a paper on "My Dreams Ten Years from Now." Ten years have come and gone. What of those dreams? How have I used my time?

Yes, what of those dreams? And what of that idealism of youth? Has it already dulled and faded? The dreaming girl was not perfect, but somehow her dreams inspired even the ordinary. Is the WMU woman that I am today a fitting "end result" of those high ideals of my girlhood?

Many dreams have come truethose of college, career, husband, and

children-but what of the others? Dreams of character and courage, of service and selflessness? This morning, even in the brightness and warmth of a new day. I can't get away from the chill, the uneasiness in my inner self which was so strong last night as I watched the girls with pure faces and golden dreams. Do I still have that faith-the faith to dream and with God's help to make the dreams come true?

Must womanhood bring a loss of faith? Surely a dream could infuse a woman as well as a girl. As a woman I know that everything of value requires work, cost, and at least inconvenience, if not sacrifice. Does accepting the fact of liabilities among the assets mean I have lost faith?

Last night I was afraid so, seeing to

insulfied hope of the girls. But this morning in the light of day I think not. Dreams should mature into action. I can't deny that my great plans have become worn and tarnished somewhat with experience and daily tasks. However, this honing of gilded edges reveals, not a surface plate, but solid stuff. It I am honest, I must admit some of my unfulfilled dreams may not have suited the pattern of God's design for me.

Perhaps this is God's way-this dreaming of youth-to renew the faith of us older ones whose way may have become commonplace and dull minus the beckon of dreams.

Yes, I watched a GA Coronation last night.

Today I find I am dreaming again!

How to Start a Girls' Auxiliary

CHURCH



Start with a girl! Make a prospect list from Sunday school rolls, church roll, daughters of WMS members.

Study the needs in your church and decide on the number of Girls' Auxiliaries you will be able to have. At least aim for one Junior Girls' Auxiliary and one Intermediate. Secure good GA leadership. Leaders should be elected by the WMU before a new Girls' Auxiliary is organized.

Subscribe to Tell (at least three copies, including one leadership edition) in advance so the counselor will have materials available for planning the first program.

Sufficient manuals (Junior or Intermediate) should be ordered to give to girls at the first meeting. Director and counselors should study the GA Leadership Guide, and GA

Select a meeting place and date for the new organization to meet. Steer attention of girls and parents with good publicity of first meeting.

Sparkle your first meeting with GAs from your church or association. They can tell you how to have a good Girls' Auxiliary meeting. If this isn't possible, the counselor must guide the girls in their first meeting. (See GA Leadership Guide, 65¢ from WMU. 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, and Baptist Book Stores, and "Let's Organico a Girls' Auxiliary" free from state WMU offices, for suggested activities for first four meetings.)

Show your new officers and members how to work.

Sky I the limit on what you can do in Girls' Auxiliary. That's where the stars belong!





















OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK Go Home and Tell* by Bertha Smith Make plans to have this book taught in circle or society. This book may be substituted for circle program.

The Home: Expressing Missionary Concern

by Alice Dawson Cheavens

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge Call to Prayer (read Scripture passage, giving missionary information, and praying for missionaries) Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture Business Period Promotional Features (see Forecaster) Program Chairman in Charge Program or Mission Study Book

Introduction

This is the second of three programs planned to stimulate us in finding ways to make our homes centers of missionary influence, beginning in the lives of family

in order to strengthen and develop mission-

Program Chairman

(Recall emphasis made in last month's crite program that the home be a learning center concerning world attairs. Let members share any Information their families have read, viewed on television, or discussed during the last marrin which makes more understandable the prob----5 confronted by themselves and missionaries

members and extending to all the world. Last month's program was on building missionary concepts. First of all we recognized the home's inescapable effect upon the lives of its members because of conscious and inconscious influences there. Then we pointed out the responsibility of the woman who is committed to missions to maintain her enthusiasm and to implement her words with acts. We reminded ourselves of the value of continuing Bible study in the home ary convictions and attitudes. We also pointed out that the Christian woman who

lives in the world as a missionary must be informed of the world's problems and plight. She must utilize every means to keep herself alert. Her zeal must be matched with her sensitive understanding of people and their needs.

Next month we shall dig in even deeper on the subject of the home in its relation to world missions. Today we are thinking on the vital responsibility of the Christian home to express missionary concern. Our program is designed to help us implement out attimides (concepts) in concrete situations. It should help us to see that mission opportunities are ours to participate in.

Case Studies

Pregram Chairman: (Ask one woman to represent Mrs. Horton, another Dorothy, another Bob, etc. Arrange a simple seating arrangement to simulate the family at dinner or in the living room. Introduce the person of the case study. Let each role player react as she thinks the family member she represents might react. If you do not have time to confront the "family" with all the case studies, choose the ones which you think will cause your members to think hardest and occasion the most spiritual growth for the

In order to give guideposts for discussion of each case below, give to each woman a copy of the following questions. Or write them on a large piece of paper and place so all can see. Use them in the discussion of each case):

- 1. What is the most apparent need?
- 2. What are the spiritual needs?
- 3. What course of immediate action do you think might be appropriate to take?
- 4. What roles might various members of your family take in being Christian witnesses?
- 5 What skills do you and others of your fam-By need to develop to become more effectively. missionary?
- 6. What problems might be created for you and your family if you undertake being missionary to these persons?

The Case of David Eostein

David knows he is a Jew because the youngsters down the street have called him one. But they also called him "dirty" and he has just taken a bath-so five-year-old David is a bit mixed up. David's mother and dobly are gone all day and late into the night and he gets very lonely. Still Stella who is black and cheerful, and is always very affectionate is there to comfort him. Last night his parents had people at their house very late. By the sound of their words he knew the grownings were very angry. He hid under his blanket and almost did not hear the police siren on the car that came to take them away. Today the kids down the street said words like "gambling," "liquor joint," "jail," Stella went next door and asked if Dorothy the big girl over there. could "sit" with him while Stella went home for clean clothes. Stella was plainly frightened, and the way she acted she just might not come back at all.

(Use list of questions, at left, to guide in thoughtful discussion.)

The Case of Manuel Puentes

Manuel is twenty-two, handsome, from a wealthy and socially prominent family in Boenos Aires, Atgentina. A nominal Catholic, he has come to the United States to study medicine in a Baptist university. He shares an apartment with Boh Lester, a Baptist whose family lives in a city a hundred miles away. The boys are not especially close friends despite their apartmentsharing; each has his separate interests.

Then there is a sudden change in his government's fiscal policy and Manuel finds himself embarrassed for funds. He receives a call from home that his father is dead of a heart attack and his mother expects him to return home and assume family responsibilities. He needs only three months to finish his course. For that matter, until his accounts are "unfrozen" how could be go home? Manuel is greatly distraught.

Boh suggests that Manuel go home and spend the Easter vacation with his family and telephones his mother that he is bringing Manuel.

(Use questions to discuss this family's best missionary response.)

The Case of Ruth Jones

Rith is really not a child though she is an immate of state "school." She is an epi-

^{*}Order Ga Hame and Tell, Smith, cl. \$2.75, pa. \$1.25, from Raptiss Book Stores: Teacher's Helps, 25¢, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or Baptist Bruk Stores.

leptic and was turned over to the custody of the state by her parents. After Ruth was at the school five years all letters from the administration concerning Ruth were returned unclaimed.

New drugs have in recent years controlled Ruth's seizures. Her doctor thinks she might become a self-supporting individual if she has a family to sponsor her for a while, provide for her a place to live "outside" until she can adjust to working and taking care of merself.

Mrs. Jones has been for some years playing the piano for chapel every Friday at the school. She knows Ruth. Dr. Pietre suggests she take Ruth home to share her Peggy's

(Use above questions and discuss possible teactions of your family.)

The Case of Kitty Yeng

Kitty lives in Hong Kong, a refugee from Red China. She is a religious skeptic. She has a Christian friend, however, who is a missionary from the United States. Her missionary friend thinks Kitty has extraordinary abilities in chemistry and that she ought to come to the United States to study. First, of course, she must learn English, finish her course in Hong Kong and acquire some shill by which she can earn her way abroad.

Her friend thinks there is a family in the United States that will "adopt" her if she can go to a Baptist college. The missionary promises to write the Hortons and tell them about Kitty. It seems amazing to Kitty that complete strangers would do such a thing. Maybe the missionary is just dreaming. But Kitty does go to live with the Hortons who will send her to a Baptist college in the town where they live.

(Use questions. If you were the Hortons, how could you confront this young woman with her need for Christ as Saviour?)

The Case of Henry and Ella Miller

Henry is a college graduate. So is Ella. They both teach in George Washington Carver High School. They subscribe to the Saturday Evening Post, Time, and Saturday Review. Regularly at the library the clieck out the latest books. They go to the learest church every Sunday and each reaches a class in Sunday school.

Ella is a faithful member of the miss onary society. Both have friends among the faculty and the students at the high school. However, in their home city neither knew a white person except by name. In the sits where they are teaching there are tensions over Negro voter registration. Henry and Ella are active in persuading the parents of their Negro pupils firmly and peatefully to claim their citizenship responsibilities.

Seeking a Christian solution to their cite's problem, the pastors of First Baptist and Ebenezer Baptist suggest to some of their members that answers might be discovered if they got to know each other as persons. Their pastor asked the McNairs to invite to their home a couple which the Ebenezer pastor will suggest. The names sent them were the Millets.

lems, the Christian and missianary possibilities for witnessing by the McNairs and the Millers?)

Conclusion

Perhaps no one of these "cases" on the situations with which the families found themselves involved parallels out experiences. Yet each of us has some opportunity to reach out from or in our home to show love, fellowship, understanding, and restoration. Sometimes it takes looking for but it is surely there.

Lead directed prayer that

- We will be willing to make out homes express missionary involvement.
- 2. We will actively seek missionary opportunities in which our families can be involved.
- 3. We and our families will grow in missionary skills and attitudes so that men and women, boys and girls may know the deeming love of Christ because of our mess.

Pray about your home and your oping tunity to witness.

SOCIETY PROGRAM The BOOK That by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney To show the place of the Bible and the power of God's Word in world. missions. **Meeting Outline** Sing: "Holy Bible, Book Divine" (all to Prayer Business Promotional Features (see Forecaster) Program Pregram Outline Introduction Sing: "Break Thou, the Bread of Life" God's Word in Many Tongues Sowing the Seed Harvesting the Fruit Commitment to Action Worship Time (see "Red-Letter Day," page 27.) Prayer

Program Chairman, Got Really:

American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue. New York, New York 10022, a catalog so you will have information for making plans about Bible distribution. You will find in the catalog Gospels and other Scripture portions with colorful covers, with very large print, in Braille. The Talking Bible (on records), exhibits which are available free on loan, Bible posters, filmstrips, motion pictures.

Order from American Bible Society enough of the free teaflet "Into All the World" for each member to have a copy. Distribute these as woman enter. Prepare sufficient copies of the quiz or large 19 and let women get together in groups to find the answers in the above leaflet.

Introduction

(For about a minute ask women to quote a favorite and meaningful Scripture verse, Then ask, "Do you recall the first Bible you ever saw?" No doubt no one will be able to do so. You may wish to discuss why this is true.) Could it be that we are so used to having available copies of the Bible that we have lost appreciation for it? You might say, "Does the Bible have significant meaning for you? Continue with the thought that today we are studying "The Book That Lives."

The Bible is among the world's great literature. The King James version illustrates English prose at its best. It stands unexcelled by Shakespeare and Milron. But this is not the reason the Bible has lived through the centuries.

The Bible recounts stories which touch the human heart with pathos and compassion. In the heart of every forgiving father and every repentant son, the parable of the Prodigal Son strikes a responsive chord. But the teaching of its stories is not the reason the Bible lives on.

The Bible traces the development of a chosen nation from primitive days into a complex civilization. It lists a set of laws on which is based the judicial systems of nations of the world. But these are not reasons the Bible lives on.

The Bible lives today. It will continue to live throughout all measured time. It lives because it is God's Word to man. In the

Bible God reveals his plan for she i lemption of man through his Son Jesus christ, the bahn for sin-sick souls.

Let us consider "The Book That I is its power and place in world missions. I prepare our hearts let us see what the Bible has to say about itself (terrers may be read alternately by two womens:

First Woman
Hebrews 1:12 Psalm 18:7-8
Isaiah 55:11 2 Timothy 3:46 IT
Matthew 28:19-20

Those Christians who seek after Cod have come to know that he can be found in the pages of his Holy Word. Vitally knowing God through his Word through companionship with him in prayer and service, a Christian is impelled to follow him.

Sing: "Break Thou, the Bread of Life

God's Word in Many Tongues

Throughout the centuries God's Word has remained the "sword of the spiril" to pietee the heart of man with its etental truth. (Read Psalm 119:105,130.) Its power has not been diminished as it has been translated again and again into many trongues. The Holy Spirit instructs the human heart through God's Holy Word and smany responds to God.

From the time of the King James Version in 1611 until 1880 there were numerous English translations made of all, or part of the Bible. It still remains today, according to American Bible Society records, the most translated book in the world. But satisfactory translations into English and into other major world languages, does not solve the problem of getting God's Word into the hands of every man, not does it relieve as as Christians of obligation to take the message of the Book to the unsaved.

Because of the diversity of roughes throughout the world, the task of nious lating the Word into all languages remains unfinished. Parts of the Scriptures flave been published in 1.216 languages and dulects. In addition to the American Bible Society the Wydiffe Translators—linguage

missiona around the world—and other groups to guize desperately needed translations, to I are diligent in translation projects.

It has been estimated that 97 per cent of the world's population has in print parts of the Scriptures in its own tongue, but the other 3 per cent deserve the right to read and reread for itself the wonderful provision God has made for the salvation of souls.

This, then, is the task of the translator to discover the words whereby God's message is written down in the language of a group of the people.

In some cases the translator is faced with tribal dialects for which there is no written language. He must learn tribal customs, oftused expressions, accented syllables which thange the meaning of words. He may spend years (an estimated fifteen years by the Wydiffe translators) attempting to put the New Testament into a new language. He not only works with the transferring, of words and phrases from one language to another, but also in conveying ideas and theological thoughts. One translator lamented because of the difficulty of an insufficient vocabulary among the people by saving: "It's like trying to play a choral symphony with a mouth organ."

Theological meanings often have to be expressed in unusual ways, since there may be no direct translation for such. To a tribe in South Africa "repentance" may be translated as "to become untwisted," to another group in Indonesia "putting on a new "Bind." In French Equatorial Africa, thankfulness to God was "to sit down on the ground before God."

One tribe in Africa, accustomed to the missionary-translator's probing questions, called him "the white man with the book who forments us with questions."

In many cases the translator's life among people hears a great Christian witness. How much greater the witness if he can leave in their bands the Word of God in their own tongue. It has been pointed out by Dr. Eugene Nala, who heads the translation divisions.

sion of the American Bible Society, that there is no language into which God's love cannot be translated, and that the whole missionary task will not be complete until each man can read the story in his own tongue. God's dialogue with man is a heartto-heart relationship. It continues to bear fruit through the written Word.

Sowing the Seed

(Read the Parable of the Sower, Matt. 13:3-8.) Distribution of the Bible begins where the man with the Bible meets the man without one. Distribution becomes the obligation of every Christian in sharing the gospel with others. Man's hunger to own a Bible can usually be met in our time. But it was not always so.

The true story of little Mary Jones illustrates this point. Mary came from a desperately proof Welsh family. She had practically taught herself to read, and desired above all else to own a Bible. But there was none to be had in her village. Mary worked to save a few pennies to buy a Bible, but when illustration in her family, the money went for medicine.

She began again, and after five years of saving she heard that the Reverend Thomas Charles in a nearby town had an extra Bible which he would sell. Mary walked the twenty-five miles to see Mr. Charles, only to be told that he had promised the Bible to another. Mary was so distressed at the news that the minister relented and gave her the Bible.

But this was only the beginning of the story. When he attended a meeting of the Religious Tract Society in London later Mr. Charles told the assembly of the pathetic plea for the Bible. "We must find ways and means of printing the Bible for the poor people of Wales!" he said. Whereupon a Baptist minister named Hughes sprang to his feet and cried: "Why only for Wales?... Why not for the whole world?"

Two years later, in 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded. In 1816 the American Bible Society was formed,

Look at Inside Back Cover

The hand is that of Rev. Dale C. Recker, American Bible Society secretary for the blind. Seventeen years ago he lost his eyesight. He still preaches, typing his sermons in Braille before delivering them. He continues to get out on the golf course with his son.

"I try to help others face their problems," he says, "And this helps me face my own!"

with groups in other countries following after. These Societies had as their original purpose, and retain it today, to make the Scriptures available to all men at a very low cost. They translate, distribute, and provide the Bibbe without note or comment, and they encourage the reading of it.

Translating and distribution of the Bible go hand-in-hand with the missionary movement around the world. The American Bible Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 1966, and has set impressive goals for the printing and distribution of Scriptures under the slogan, "God's Word for a New Age." The American Bible Society hopes in its 150th anniversary year (1966) to distribute 75 million Scriptures. To do this requires contributions from our churches and individuals so that translating, printing, and distribution costs can be met.

Objectives of the American Bible Society and of all Societies are:

- · a Bible in every Christian's home
- · a Testament in every Christian's hand
- · a Scripture portion for every reader
- an opportunity for those who care to share God's Word

Today the Bible is sold in book stores and carried from village to village by colporteurs. It is given by individuals and by Bible societies whose purpose it is to distribute God's Word in public places. It is presented as gifts by Christians who are

concerned for Christ's kingdom. Regardless of the means employed. God's seed finits fertile soil through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Baptist book stores around the world have discovered effective means of distributing the Bible. In Ibadan, Nigeria, the book store carries schoolbooks and other literature, as well as the Scriptures. Many people coming in for schoolbooks or for hrowing have bought the Bible or religious literature to read.

For over sixty years the Gideons, an organization of businessmen dedicated to making Bibles available in public places, have put Bibles in prisons, motels, hotels, and in public schools.

A colportent went into a beauty parlor in Paris and persuaded a manicurist to buy a Bible. "This is a switch for me." she said nonchalantly. "I usually read love movels. The colportent answered her: "You have in your hands the greatest love story of all times. It tells of God's love for you."

Where there have been earthquakes, floods, and other disasters, the Bible societies, the Baptist World Alliance, and other groups have offered free Bibles to replace those lost with other belongings.

In Angola, during the great influx of refugees from the disturbed Congo, the call went out for "salt, soap, and Scriptures Whenever man faces the crucial issues of life he needs the reassuring Word of Cod in his own hands.

The Bible Society presented a Bible in his own language to a Congolese minuser

in a government department. His face lit up as he want. He exclaimed, "This is the Book. We are convinced that our Congolese people need the Bible!"

At a meeting this past summer in Driebergen. Holland, where men and women representing churches and Bible Societies from all continents gathered to discuss Bible distribution, this conclusion was reached: in view of the tremendous increase in world population, it has become impectative that each Christian take upon himself the joyous task of getting the Bible into the Bible of the unsaved, and also to make the Bible the remer of his family life. Only as we practice obedience to the Word of God tan we preach it to others.

Harvesting the Fruit

(Read Isaiah 55:10-11.) The Bible speaks to men in many ways. Testimonies from mission fields reveal the power of God's Word to pierce the unsaved man's heart:

"A Latin American man was won to Christ near Ballinger, Texas, when a water-soaked Bible came floating down the creek in which he was fishing. He had gone fishing to avoid Christians who might tell him about Christ! He fished the Bible from the stream and found part of Revelation still legible. As he read, the man became so concerned over his spiritual condition that he literally dropped his fishing gear and can to ask Pastor Garcia of the Spanish Baptist Mission to tell him how to become a Christian."

Mrs. Olivia de Lerin, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union in Mexico, received a letter from a prisoner asking for a Bible and also for financial help during his illness. She wrute to a friend who lived in the town where the prison is located. She asked him to go visit the prisoner. The visitor found a young man who had been in prison several times and who was now serving an righteen-year sentence. He was given a Bibli and the Baptist church in Tampico was told about this man. Prison authorities granted visiting privileges, and also permis-

sion to hold services. Several convicts made professions of faith.

The friend wrote Mrs. Lerin that these men had changed in a wonderful way—in a way that only Christ can change life. The young man, sentenced to eighteen years, showed such a remarkable change that his sentence was reduced to five years and he was later released from prison because of good conduct."

Bill and Connie Andrews, serving as missionaries in Chile, tell of visiting large humber camps near the Argentine border: "Living conditions, in general, we found to be deplorable. Not once, however, did the people complain or ask for material assistance. Harsh winters and hard work have molded them into sturdy, weather-resistant people, stoically resigned to a meager lot in people.

"But they did ask for spiritual food. And how they did feed upon the Everlasting Word! Until almost midnight they were asking for more." On the same tour, a man towed for two hours across the lake to ask the Andrewses to come speak to his people. When the missionaries explained to the camp hoss the purpose of their coming, the bass referred to the boatmen by saying, "If what you teach will give us more men like this one then you are welcome."

Miss Juliette Mather, after retirement in 1957 from Woman's Missionary Union where she was editor of Royal Service, went to Japan and Taiwan. Among her ministries there she taught English, using the Bible as text in volunteer classes. The following quotations are from letters she reecived from former pupils, showing the influence in their lives which resulted from Bible study: "I do think to follow God to comprehend the Bible is very important, because all that was written in the Bible is also the Word of God. If you want to be a good Christian you have to comprehend God's will at the first. I do believe there is no one who can be saved unless he opens his heart to accept God as his Saviour."

Another student wrote: "We never forget the fact that your departure from us will

One who distributes religious tracts and hooks, especially the Scriptures.

enrourage outselves to make efforts in search of truth from Holy Bible, which we have been taught by you. It is believed that the spirit and miracles of God you told us before will be living in our hearts forever."

From Colombia, South America, came the story of Operation Lightning, a planwhereby seminary students went out by twos, distributing tracts and witnessing, They invited all to whom they talked to come to services at night. The meeting place was crossled. After preaching twenty-five people made professions of faith, and fifty left their names requesting visits. One manbearing a copy of the Gospel of St. John which had been handed out that day came by the meeting place and asked, "Does this (the tract) belong here?" The answer was, "I don't know to whom this tract belongs but this is what we teach and believe." The man then replied, "I live near here and it you teach this truth then I want to come because this is what I believe."

In Rusia today services are held in overcrowded churches. At the announcement of the Scripture reading many in the audience lovingly unwrap Scripture portions or a Testament from scarces or newspapers. After the reading they weap them carefully again. Because of scarcity of the printed Bible in an atheistic society the owners realize that their Scriptures may have to last a lifetime.

In the Islamic State of Manretania in North Africa no Christian missionaries are allowed to work, nor is there any regular Stripture distribution. A colporteur, however, visiting a Muslem village was surprised when villagers bought his Scriptures cagerly. He was told that a young man had brought back with him a Gospel in Arabid and French when he returned from another country. His life had been so changed after reading the Gospel that his uncle, the local teacher of the Koran, asked to see the Book. God's Spirit also changed his beam as he read. As a result there is interest shown in the Gospel by other villagers. The Bible penetrates into many areas where missionaries cannot go.

The impact of a single copy of 1. Bible was revealed in a story from easiering damit A colporteur left a Bible with a near and he passed it on to another. By the time the colporteur returned he found two hundred new Christians, the well-worn Bible still being passed around. At a worship service he asked each one present to give a favorine Bible verse. His astonishment and humilus were great when they asked whether he wished a verse or a chapter. "Thy word have I bid in mine heart. ... What a blessing to a child of God!

The power of the Bible is not limited by time or by geography. But we who are Christians must recognize that we are stewards of the Bible and become "sowers of the seed" as we share God's Word with others, in this way we become "laborers together with God" in his eternal work.

Commitment to Action (Program Chairman may bring the suggestions below to the executive board and bring definite plans to the society. At this time decide on how you will proceed to accomplish and promote these plans.)

Personal Bible study devotions

Establishing and maintenance of family alters in the homes

Distribution of Bibles, with verses marked showing God's plan of salvation

Take part in a literacy ministry as a means of bringing the onsaved to Christ

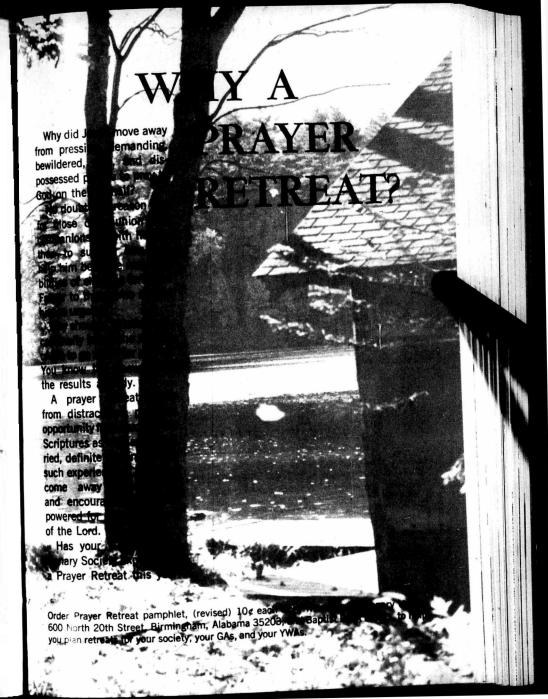
Provide Bibles for international students Support the American Bible Society's work of providing low cost Scriptores to many lands

Support vacation Bible schools in some own church and in mission churches

Worship time: See "Red-Letter Day," page 27.

Prayer of gratitude for the Bible and for its power to speak to our hearts.

Note: This month have you planned to detribute Bibles, Scripture portions, or transfer "You Can Help . . . Here's How." present the rideas. Make announcement of plans at this meeting.



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RIDGECREST, August 12-18

(Write for reservations to: Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Mana Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Caro

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GLORIETA, July 29-August 4

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