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#### in WORLD MISSIONS

HE time has come for Southern Baptists to fix their open upon a new horizon in world mission. The Foreign Histon Board, after long and careful combination, has been a call for 5,000 missionsries to be pinced across the world at the earliest possible time.

This call is for a new forward thrust in world mistion.... Our limited forces now at work must be greatly reinforced. They are already inadequate for the responabilities weighing upon them, and if they are not strongly reinforced, the population increase from three billion to the hillion people in the next thirty-six years will create a transc situation....

We cannot evade the fact that God has given to Southern Baption phenomenal growth, making us one of the largest bodies of people ever to bear the name of our Lord. He has mabled us to experience many years of deep followship and blessed unity. He has caused people to respond to the teaching of stewardship so that last year Southern Baptists gave a grand total of \$555,000,000. As a body of Christian people we are fully capable of producing a new thrust in world missions and on scale never before known—Baker James Cauthen.

#### Your Sons and Daughters\_\_

What about your college-graduated sons and daughters? Do they know about the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Journeyman Program?

Today young people are active in world affairs. A program designed to mobilize Baptist youth for Christian witnessing abroad has materialized. It is the Missionary Journeyman Program.

DURING THIS YEAR youth by the thousands have been on the march in Panama. Japan. Vietnam. Colombia, Argentina, and in many of the new nations of Africa. An aroused youth is moving into action.

Baptist young people are also being challenged to participate in "student demonstrations." But this demonstration is different from those which have been written about in newspapers. It requires person-to-person contact of Baptist young people from this country with youth in other lands in an effort with love and concern to communicate and

ary Journeymen begin to make a contribution to

interpret the Christian

This June fifty Mission-

gospel.

## MISSIONARY Journeymen

writing a new chapter in Baptist missionary work. They are the first short-term workers to be selected and trained in the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Journeyman Program, which provides opportunities for single college graduates under twenty-seven years of age to serve overseas two years.

These Journeymen will work under the direction

Louis Cobbs

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#### WORKING in an OFFICE

of Southern Baptist career missionaries in thirty nations—Africa. Europe and the Middle East. Latin America, and the Orient. These Journeymen are not amateurs: they are laymen with a journeyman's competence in performing a task and Christian commitment to help meet special needs in areas where they can share their faith while working and living with people.

Fourteen different job categories are included in the requests for 1965. Some of these are elementary teachers, high school teachers, college teachers, nurses, medical technologists, pharmacists, youth directors, student workers, secretaries, bookkeepers, printers, draftsmen, and civil engineers. A total of one hundred thirty requests for Journeymen were received from mission stations in thirty-five countries. Fifty of the jobs will be filled this year.

Teachers fill regular classroom as-

signments in schools and colleges operated by our Baptist missions. Nurses assume staff duties in Baptist hospitals and clinics. Office workers perform clerical tasks in mission offices, hospitals, and schools. Youth workers plan and direct church evangelistic programs to reach high school and college young people.

Upon the completion of an eightweek intensive training session, the first Missionary Journeymen begin their tasks in the spirit and tradition of the journeyman shoemaker and missionary, Englishman William Carey, who is perhaps the most famous missionary beloved by Baptists. Training sessions included a study of the history and culture of the country where the short-term missionaries serve, missionary methods, Bible and theology, language study, and other subjects.

Although a majority of the work is conducted in English, each Missionary Journeyman will become familiar with the language of the people whom he serves, thereby sharing his Christian faith by becoming involved in the life of people in the country where he works.

The first group was chosen from a large number of applicants from twenty-six states. Basic qualifications include a required skill, a college degree, good physical health, spiritual maturity, a record of active work in a Southern Baptist church, and a desire to serve people in need.

Their assignments are not easy. Like regular missionaries, their hours will be long and the pay low. But the rewards will be great.

Beginning in 1966 the Foreign Mission Board plans to select one hundred Missionary Journeymen each year for assignments in many of the fifty-six countries where Southern Baptist missionaries are now serving.

The Missionary Journeyman Program was approved by the Foreign Mission Board in April. 1964, and officially named the following July. It is a part of the foreign mission program of expansion which calls for the appointment and support of 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries in the field as quickly as possible.

Growing interest in Christian service overseas and an increasing awareness of the vital role of laymen in our worldwide mission task figured prominently in the development of this new short-term mission program for college graduates.

For ten years or more, Baptist pastors, missionaries, and denominational workers have talked about and prayed about finding new opportunities of Christian service for young people. Today the first group of Missionary Journeymen are assigned.

The Missionary Journeyman Program is a supplementary ministry to that of 'career missionaries. It is designed for single college graduates who do not feel called to a lifetime missionary career overseas, but who have dedicated their talents and vocation to Christ and are willing to serve a two-year nonrepeatable term abroad.

Application forms for 1966 are now ready. To receive additional information, please write to the Missionary Journeyman Program, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230.



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## ROYAL SERVICE

#### **COVER STORY**

Opportunities for trained young people are abnot unlimited on mission fields today—both at home and overseas. Out of short-term experiences of missionars service youth may be able to see more clearly where God is calling. This month in your society you will study about Missionary Associates. Read the article page I, also. Are there young people whom you should influence for short-term missionary service? Write to Personnel Department, Home Mission Board. Ital Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and to the Personnel Department, Foreign Mission Board P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, for information about qualifications and applications.

#### Dear Pastor,

On March 4, 1905, the President of the United States in his inaugural address, spoke significant words which are relevant to our day and particularly to Southern Baptists in June, 1965.

He said, "We have become a great nation, forced by the fact of its greatness into relations with the other nations of the earth, and we must behave as beseems a people with such responsibilities. Toward all other nations, large and small, our attitude must be one of cordial and sincere friendship. We must show not only in our words, but in our deeds, that we are earnestly desirous of securing their good will by acting toward them in a spirit of just and generous recognition of all their rights. . . . Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us."

It was in that same year, 1905, that the Baptist World Alliance was born in London, England. Now, June 25-30, 1965, the 11th Congress of the BWA is meeting in Miami Beach, Florida. In fifty-seven of the more than one hundred countries that will be represented. Southern Baptists have missionaries. So many of these people coming from overseas have written that they want to see the people of the Seuthern Baptist Convention, their churches, and their work, and say, "Thank you for sending the gospel to our people."

What an opportunity for us to seal the ties of fellowship and love so bravely and worthily begun by our missionaries. It isn't too late for you and some of your people to make plans to be there. As we said in our letter to you last month, it may be "a once in a lifetime opportunity." We cannot refrain from asking one more time, won't you come?

Sincerely.

WMU Staff

## WHAT ABOUTHISTIANITY IN

"How much do we know about Christianity in Communist China today?"

This question is often directed to WMS program chairmen as well as to leaders and missionaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Let us piece together information available for a general picture of Christianity in Red China.

#### Sources of Information

The Foreign Mission Board does not maintain direct contact with Christians in Communist China. It is not possible, nor would it be wise. Sources of information may be classified in four groups, none of which gives anything like a complete picture and in some cases not necessarily even a reliable one.

One source is occasional "guided tours" in the mainland of China by people from outside. This gives the picture the Communist government wants to convey, but it still imparts some information. The second source is the evaluation of the official protestant church periodical in Red China. Again that's to some extent a propaganda organ, but information can come from it.

Personal contact—by letter or occasional visits—which Chinese people on the outside have with those in Communist China is the third source of information. The fourth source is the information from refugees who come out of Red China from time to time and who bring with them some news about church life there.

#### Christian Strength

There was quite definitely a falling away in numbers after the Communist

take-over in the late forties. Later reports indicated that there had been a building back up to the point where the monther of Christians was roughly estimated as being about what it had been at the time of the take-over. It is not known to what estent there may have been any further growth or maybe some leveling off. But perhaps it wouldn't be too far off to say that momerically Christianity is about holding its own in China during these years of persecution.

The situation in Communist China is not to be thought of in terms of all dark or all light. Rather, it is a mixture of discouraging and encouraging elements. Christians live under very severe tensions. There are persecutions and there have been marry-tions, but at the same time there are baptisms and there are evidences of church vitality. Thus the picture is a mixed one.

Ohristian witness is being made inside Red China even though a person may be fimited in what he is able to say. The manner in which a Christian patiently bears his load, the response of a loving Christian heart to other people under a difficult situation, the whole Christian manner and attitude can communicate a witness in Christian ideals and to the reality of a hy-



## RED CHINA?

ing Christ even though the person might not be able to say as much as he would like to say.

#### Religious Persecution

Many people here are not aware of the fact that the pressures to which Christians have been subjected in a great many cases have not been in a form outwardly presented as religious persecution. The matter of the taking over of properties is simply one phase of the Communist doctrine that all properties belong to the State. All property is nationalized, and church property is no exception.

Many of the actions which the Communius have made at least in outward guise have been something other than religious persecution. They have tried to maintain a face of freedom of worship which is technically guaranteed in their contitution. Some local administrators have not avoided outright religious persecution, but the government policy apparently has been to limit Christian groups by means other than religious persecution. And they have been quite elever in discovering ways in which there things could be done.

For the individual Christian, a great many of the pressures that come from the Communist government are not direct but are in the form of social pressure for conformity. Though more extreme in degree, they are not a great deal different from the things that make many Christians in America choose the way of the world rather than the way of Christ. It is not so much a direct persecution approach as a method of trying to let Christianity dry up.

Also by controlling the printing of Bibles, Christian books, and other publications, they strive to let the materials necessary to carry on Christian work be depleted. By thus eliminating what the young people can do and by making more difficult the coming into the life and fellowship of a church, the Communists by constant pressure seek to take away gradually some of the vitality of the Christian movement.

#### Interpreting What Has Happened in Communist China

Basically our interpretation rests on the whole matter of a Christian view of history; that God in his sovereignty is able to let such events arise and be channeled and terminated according to what in his own divine wisdom and understanding may in the long run contribute to the spread of the kingdom of heaven.

We cannot think of our investments solely in terms of the churches that are still there, but also what it meant to the several generations of people touched by the gospel between the time Southern Baptists entered in 1846 and had to leave a century later.

#### What Can We Do Today to Help Christians in Red China?

We can do at least four things to help Christians in Red China: (1) Be sympathetic with them in the situation in which they live. (2) Be appreciative of the fact that in difficult circumstances they are trying to use those circumstances as an opportunity for the glory of God. (3) Be in continual prayer for them. (4) Be hopeful for the future of Christian work in China and for the renewal of our relationship with those Chinese Christians when God's time comes.

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.



Everywhere, Opportunity to Serve the Lord

For many years I have read Royal Service and anjoyed it. It has always been the place to go for mission information for my children and myself. The man of the house is interested, also.

My husband has been in the Navy for eighteen years and has been in the Orient a great deal of the time. He has visited the places in Hong Kong and Japan where we have work. He has been to the seminaries and achools there. He lived for nearly two years with a Seabee unit on Guam and served as a deacon in the church there.

All of us who are in service have opportunity to serve the Lord as we are sent from place to place. Royal Service gives me all kinds of things for use in programs. I sometimes wish to stay in one place as I see others doing, but the life I have is filled with chances to see what God can do in all the places where we

go. I am grateful for the belp that Woman's Misaionary Union has been to me in teaching me to live a life filled with missionary emphasis whether overseas or at home. MSS & R. CERTORY

MRS. K. R. GREGORY, California

Missionary Appointees Tell of God's Call

(Dr. Floyd North, editor of The Commission, sent the following testimonies from two young women who were appointed by the Foreign Mizzion Board last October—Miss Mary Louise Clark to Rhodesia and Mrs. Steve Ditmore to Peru.)

I am here tonight because of a mission-minded church. It was 1839 before I became aware that we even had a foreign mission program. My partor, through his emphasis of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, opened my eyes to the work we had and aroused my interest in foreign missions. Then, just after Christmas, the president of the WMS invited me to a circle meeting. I attended and became an active member of that organization and for the first time in my life a mission magazine was placed in my hands-Royal Service. I would read this magazine from cover to cover when I first got it, with the exception of the calendar of prayer. This I kept for my private devotions. Then one night in August of 1981 I turned to the calendar of prayer and there I read of an appeal made by a missionary that we pray for the need for personnel that was so needed on the foreign field, especially medical personnei. I was moved with compassion and concern that I had not felt before, and I knelt in prayer. As I prayed, the question came to me Why not me?"

My immediate response was: "This is absurd This ended my prayer but not the question. The question had to be answered by me. The answer to that question was given on May 8, 1962, when I committed my life to fureign missions.

MARY LOUISE CLARK, Rhodesia

When I was in Girls' Auxiliary and working on Queen with Scepter step, there was a project called "My Dream Fifteen Years From Now" and I chose to write on this subject. And tonight is the beginning of a dream come

It was easy for me to dream this since my parents were Christians. In fact, when people asked them, "Do you want your children to go to the mission field?" they replied. "We want their happiness; and we know they can only be happy in God's will."

This dream to be a missionary started when I was a Sunbeam and grew when I became a GA. But m 1 matured spiritually I realized that one doesn't go to the mission field because of a dream; it takes a call from God. During every worship service, in encampments and youth meetings I always had this compulsion. to surrender for missions. When I was in college I worked in evangelistic services and in vacation Bible schools, and this call deepened. When I was in my sophomore year I heard God speak to me in a revival service. Shirley, I've called and I've called; if you don't answer now, I'll never call again." And I alm I ran down the sisle

to tell everyone my decision.

It has been ten years since then—and last year God culted me through Royal Service to go to Peru. And so, it's not because of a wishful dream that I had but it is because of a definite call from God that we gu to Peru.

MRS. STEVE DITMORE,

Rains Fail to Dampen Baptist Enthusiasm

Water plays a large part in Baptist experience. It was decidedly involved in the annual meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, held in Niterol, a city across the bay from Rio de Jameiro.

To begin with, many messengers to the convention were housed in Rio; for them, attending convention sessions each day entailed at least two twenty-minute ferty rides across the bay.

Then there were the rains. They were welcomed as cooling experiences for the most part, but on Wednesday afternoon a cloud burst damaged power lines, flooded streets, and blocked transportation.

In spite of rain and ferry rides, great crowds filled the stadium (afternoon and evening sessions were held in the stadium, marraing sessions; the stadium, marraing sessions; Thousands heard inspirational speakers such as Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Dr. Homer G. Lindsey, of Jacksonville, Floragy, of Jacksonville, of Jacksonville, of J

ida, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Samuel Libert, secretary of evangelism for the Argentine Baptist Convention, and Dr. Antonio Mauricio, Baptist pastor from Coimbra, Portugal.

"Christ, the Only Hope," was the theme of the nationwide evangelistic campaign.

JERRY P. SMYTH, Brazil

A Ninety-Two-Year-Old Leads a Mission-Conscious Family

Mrs. J. R. Whitmire believes that Christian missions should be a family affair

This ninety-two-yearold great-grandmother of Mt Morieh Church in Transylvania Association. North Carolina, leads out as program chairman of her WMS circle. With her in the circle are a daughter, a daughter-in-law, and a grand-daughter. Two of these daughters have served as GA counselors. Another daughter is church clerk and also active in WMU work. Two great-grand-daughters, who are members of GA and Sunbeam Band. round out four generations of WMU perticipa-

Mrs. Whitmire has another daughter and four sons who, along with their families, are active in church work.

She has been a WMU member for forty years. MRS. J. L. GILLESPIE, North Carolina Here's How

## ROYAL SERVICE **Subscribers Look**



#### by Elaine Dickson

THERE is hardly a part of any person's life that has not been probed by a questionnaire, indexed by a decimal system and hung as a graph. In the US it is impossible to grow up without becoming a statisticor a whole set of them. In fact, someone has suggested that when you put all the figures together into a statistical portrait of us all, you have a sort of United Statistics of America.

Right now, however, we are not conrerned with the fact that 3,000 carloads of rutabagas were eaten in the US last year or that the International Kitefliers Association reports 40 million kites sold. We have a report on the latest statistics about the reading habits and interests of Southern Baptist women who subscribe to Royal Service. This information is from a special survey conducted by the Department of Survey and Statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board at the request of Woman's Missionary Union.

#### Who Reads Royal Service?

Most readers (79.8 per cent) are housewives between the ages of 35-64. Eightythree per cent voted in the last state and national elections. They participate more in P.T.A. and women's clubs than in professional clubs, lodges, or sororities. Almost half are not members of any of the above named organizations. A majority of the women are high school graduates; 11.3 per cent are college graduates, and 19.7 per cent have one to three years of college or professional training. Most of them (69.1 per cent) belong to churches with less than 750 members. Seventy-five per cent indicate they have a copy of the WMU Year Book in their home.

Reading occupies from a half hour to two hours of the subscriber's time each day. The women tend to read newspapers, Royal Service, their Baptist state paper, and Reader's Digest more than they read The Commission, Newsweek, or the Saturday Evening Post. The main reasons for reading are: information, interest, pleasure, and inspiration.

Sixty-seven per cent of Royal Service subscribers have been members of WMU lot seven years or more.

#### What Do the Readers Think of Royal Service?

Subscribers feel the major objectives ... Royal Service to be: to promote the prayer

life of WMU members, to carry the missional, story to members and others, and to encourage personal evangelism in the WMU organization. Thirty-three per cent of the subscribers feel the magazine accomplishes its objectives completely, and 54.4 per cent feel it accomplishes them almost completely.

Roughly three out of four subscribers think the circle program section contains about the right amount of materials, while 12 per cent feel there is more than enough material.

Sixty-nine per cent of Royal Service subscribers feel that the general program section contains about the right amount of material while 20 per cent think there is more than enough material.

Level of education of subscribers has little or no effect on the reading of various sections of Royal Service, and does not have any appreciable effect on the frequency of reading a particular section.

Subscribers who save Royal Service or who find valuable use for it after they have finished reading it tend to have more favorable attitudes toward the periodical, Subscribers who pick up Royal Service for reading a number of times are more favorable toward the magazine than those who pick it up only a few times.

When asked for negative or critical statements about Royal Service, persons answering the questionnaire tended to write "Members will not take part," rather than specifying some major flaw in the magazine

#### How Is Royal Service Used?

The greatest use of Royal Service is as a Diogram resource.

One out of four feels the greatest strength for Royal Service is its prayer calendar, while one out of five feels it is the general program.

One out of four subscribers reads Royal Service "regularly and thoroughly." Signile only more presidents read the magazine regularly and thoroughly than other off its and nonofficers. Eighty-seven per cent of the subscribers pick up Royal Serreice for reading or browsing two or more times before it is discarded. Thirty per cent of the group pick it up five or more times. Slightly more than one half of the subscribers file Royal Service for future refer-

#### What is the Future of Royal Service?

The Royal Service survey measured "what is" and not "what can be." The future of the magazine is unlimited.

Will subscriptions increase?-They should. In the last ten years Royal Scroice subscriptions have almost doubled in number, from 245,645 in 1954 to 476,380 in 1964. Yet, this means that only about 63 per cent of the WMS members in the Southern Baptist Convention receive Royal Sern-

What per cent of your members receive Royal Service! The goal should be 100 per cent. One good way to reach this goal is by putting the magazines in the church budget so every member automatically receives her copy. Another way is to encourage every member to subscribe individually.

The future of Royal Service is up to its editors and you. The editors pledge constant attention to making the magazine meet the needs of WMS members and organizations. You hold the key to getting the magazine into the home and hand of every WMS member in your church.

Royal Service subscribers look good in statistics!



## FROM Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant Editor, The Raptist World Publication of Baptist World Alliance

#### The Peace Corps Gives Birth to VISTA

THE Peace Corps sent its first youthful recruits overseas near the end of 1961. Four years later, 10,000 recrnits are serving in 46 countries.

Peace Corpsmen do not go into any country except on invitation of the government of that nation. But invitations run ahead of available personnel, "We need 16,000, rather than the present 10,000, to meet current requests," a Corps spokesman said.

These requests from other nations in an era of history when much of the world is proclaiming "Yankee, go home" is a proound tribute to the Peace Corps idea.

Listen to this word from the foreign min-

ister of Thailand, where 245 Corpsmen are at work:

"It is indeed striking that this important idea, the most powerful idea in recent times, of a Peace Corps, of youth mingling. living, working with you, should come from this mightiest nation on earth, the United States. Many of us who did not know about the United States thought of this great nation as a wealthy nation, a powerful nation, endowed with great material strength and many powerful weapons. But how many of us knew that in the United States, ideas and ideals were also powerful? This is the secret of your [America's] greatness, of your

might, which is not imposing on or crushing people, but is filled with the hope of future good will and understanding."

The Peace Corps had three primary objectives, as President Kennedy first presented the idea to Congress. The first hope was to help people of other countries to help themselves through education and community development projects. The second objective was dependent upon success of the first: to give other peoples a better impression of America. And the third objective was to give young Americans a more intelligent view of the world.

The enthusiasm with which 46 nations have asked for Peace Corpsmen bears evidence of the first two objectives. Seventeen other nations, seeing the effectiveness of the American idea, have instituted their own similar programs.

Success of the third objective is still being tested as Peace Corps "alumni" return home after two years of overseas service. Of the lirst 2,000 returning alumni, 55 per cent went back to college or graduate schools, and 38 per cent took jobs in government or private organizations-most of the latter group working in teaching or other positions where overseas experience adds tremendously to their performance.

Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps from its beginning, has been asked to give direction also to President Johnson's War on Poverty. Perhaps he paid the highest possible compliment to Peace Corps alumni when he said he wished he had 25,000 of them to apply their experiences for remedying problems of the underprivileged areas of our own nation.

One of these programs is a domestic version of the Peace Corps. Mr. Shriver has labeled it VISTA-standing for Volunteers in Service to America. VISTA seeks 5,000 volunteers eighteen years of age or older (even retired persons are invited to apply). These volunteers will serve as teachers. counselors, ourses, and in many other capacities among migrant laborers, on Indianreservations, in rural and urban community action programs, in slum areas, and in hospitals, schools, and institutions for the mentally ill and retarded. They will live anning the people with whom they work. The term of service will be one year (as compared with two years in the overseas Peace Corps) and volunteers will receive a living allowance and \$50 a month. Applications should be addressed to VISTA. Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C.



#### Short-term Missionary Pervice Overseas for COLLEGE GRADUATES

ISSIONARY JOURNEYMEN are Baptist young people under twenty-seven years of age who want to apply their talents to meeting critical spiritual, physical, and

Missionary Journeymen will work under the direction of career Southern Baptis' missionaries for a term of two years, in cluding an eight-week training period

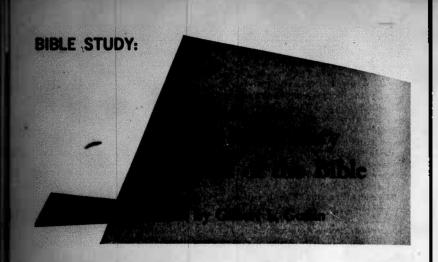
Single college graduates under twenty

seven years of age may apply. Basic qualifications include a required skill, a college degree, good physical health, spiritual maturity. Christian dedication . . . and a desire to serve people in need.

All expenses will be paid for both the training period and overseas service. Tra. portation will be provided to the field and eturn, a living allowance for food, clothing, housing and incidentals, plus a small stipend.

Missionary Journeymen will be carefully selected and given a thorough eightweek orientation in the language, history, and culture of their host country.

Categories of Work: Educational, youth, medical, clerical. Other job categories will be added.



## From the GIVING of the LAW to the COMING of GLORY

Read Exodus, Chapters 2140

The story of God's awesome appearance to largel at Sinai may give to a casual reader the impression that Exodus presents a deity of austerity and of terrifying presence. The fire and the smoke above Sinai and the quaking of the mountain rould strike one with dread of God, and cause him to ask: Is this a true picture of the God we know in Christ? Is God after all a kind of arch-Puritan, or a thousand heartless judges rolled into one? Does he order men to obey him and to do it merely out of fear and dread of him?

Without doubt it is the intention of Exodim to reveal the awesomeness, the glory, and the holiness of the Almighty. Men need to know, of course, that God possesses these attributes, else they will ignore him or despise him. But one only half reads Exodus if he discovers in the book these things alone about God. True it is that God hates all unrighteousness and loathes all impurity, that his wrath is kindled against all evildoers, and that he despises all iniquity and all hypocrisy. True it is that he wants men to keep his commandments and will judge those who do not. But this is only one side of the story.

#### God's Grace and Mercy

Exodus makes plain, as does the rest of the Bible, that God is also a God of grace compassion, and mercy; that he has gree concern for all men and especially for the afflicted, and the victims of injustice; and that above all he wants men to obey him because they love him and because they know his rommandments are right and just. Though some other books of the Bible will underscore these truths more than does fixed it takes no special effort to see that Exodus gives powerful emphasis to the reality not solely of God's judgment and of his exalted demands of righteemsness and for fealty to himself, but also of his great mercy, lorgiveness, and compassion, and of his desire to give his blessings freely and abundantly.

Apparently the Decalogue, as given in Exodus 20, is only a kind of outline of the Law revealed to Israel. In Chapters 21-28 there is an amplifying of the Law particularly as it concerns social relationships. Further amplifications of these Laws will appear especially in Leviticus and to some degree in Numbers and Deuteronomy. Though these expanded laws may seem severe in some cases, particularly when judged by the loose standards of our day, an examination of them will reveal they are primarily concerned with man's justice to his fellowman.

#### Jehovah's Concern for Man

Here is evidence then that Exodus wants us to see Jehovah is a God who is infinitely concerned about what all humans do to one another: to the orphan, to the widow, to the slave, to the poor, to a manger. What a significant sentence, for example, 22:27 is, "And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate" (RSV), One easily recalls the remark of Matthew about Christ that "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion." In a world of such indescribable need as now exists. Christians cannot recall these remarks and retain an easy conscience unless they are doing their utmost to help.

Is sel had cried unto God in Egypt and God had shown them compassion and had delegred them from bondage. Now Israel is to two compassion to others. Jesus remo, that, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." One can hardly avoid the responsibility of missions seen in this reminder.

#### Jehovah Reveals Himself

A further fact, Exodus and especially the chapters covered in this lesson reminds us of, is that Jehovah is a God who reveals himself and his will to man. The Hebrew and the Christian religious are called "revelational." The Bible which is related to their origins is considered a record of God's revelation of himself. Christ, furthermore, is God's supreme self-revelation. Exodus depicts God as engaged in conversation with Moses and as speaking also to the elders and to the people. Jehovah is not a God, therefore, of silence or a God so far removed from man that he cannot communicate with him. He is not a God about whom we can at best only draw inferences as to what he is or as to what he thinks, or only make feeble human guesses as to what he expects us to be and to do. Man is not left to grope in a night of spiritual darkness where he must always be asking, but never knowing, about God, or about the meaning of things, or about what he is to do and why he is here and what his destiny may be.

One of the great and incalculable contributions of Exodus, therefore, is its vivid and unlargettable disclosure that the Creatur is the living and personal God who, under circumstances chosen by him has revealed and will reveal himself and his will to men. In this fact lies the foundation of the doctrine of the inspiration of the Bible. Men believe the Bible is uniquely inspired because they believe God spoke "at sundry times and in divers manners in times past" to those who wrote the Scriptures. There are various opinions, to be sure, as to the way God "spoke" to those who wrote, but the Bible is a book of unusual authority because God bimself speaks through it to men. In the work of missions. attempt is made to give to the whole world the authoritative message which God has provided man in the Bible.

#### A Nation's Spiritual Growth

considerable part of Exodus, Chapters 1007 and 50-51 is given to directions about shernacle and the ark. Was not the tasis placed on these things for the me of revealing that worship is of exe Importance? Whatever one may lind I fastructive value in the many details m about the tabernacle and the ark, and the facts of greatest and most abidworth are that worship is of vast sigcause in spiritual development and that appropriate place and a fitting and aful setting are desirable for wor-Man may have communion with God ever and whenever he truly opens his et to his Creator, but God meets with people in a special way as they come in ight spirit to the place consecrated for ip and for making offerings unto him.

Chinely related to a concern for the practice of corolin and for an appropriate place and setting for worship, is the concern that ligious leaders be consecrated and propy prepared. In Chapters 28 and 29, espedly, great emphasis is placed on the need dedication and sanctification of Aurona bis sons, the special spiritual leaders the neonle.

Though ordination to the Christian miny does not require the particular forms in used for the consecration of Jewish ens, the spirit and purpose that were evintly back of these forms are still as essenthat as ever. The adage "Like priest, like graphe" never ceases to be pertinent. The ferel of the spiritual life of any group is not likely to rise higher than the genuine dedication, the spiritual perception, and the godly motivation of its religious leadcm. This is a principle of obvious imporsauce to every church on the home front, but how crucially necessary it is to the er Christian bodies on the mission field. There, where the culture surroundthese groups may be almost totally nonintian, it is imperative that the leaders secople of deep dedication, godly walk, aniritual underwanding.

After all that is said in Exodus above the consecration of the priests and the proper preparation needed for worship, it may be surprising to those who have not noticed it previously that the very next part of the story tells of the appalling and very nearly incredible making and worship of the golden call.

#### Worship of Idols

This instance of idol worship and the drunken orgies which accompanied it have rightly been called an "outrage." How could it all have happened? The bland alibit given by the people for their actions was the extended absence of Moses. When the people grew uncertain that Moses would return, they demanded that Aaton "make" them "gods" to "go before" them. Later Aaton gave the pathetic alibit that he "threw" the golden ornaments the people had brought him "into the fire, and those came out this calf." So the people placed the blame on Moses for their sin and Aaton placed the blame on the people!

Israel's backsliding here, in the very sight of Sinai, is tragic from every viewpoint. The full proportions of it must be meaured against the background of all God had done for this people in delivering them and in bringing them to this hom. It must he measured also against the background of all they had been raught on the way. and especially against the background of God's coming down on Mt. Sinai in their very presence to reveal unto them discrib what they should be and do. Worse than all, however, as Moses seemed to see it, this defection had to be measured against God's gracious plan to make a Covenant with Israel to bless them and to take them into the Land of Promise.

As Stephen was later to charge in his no mortal sermon recorded in Acts 7, when ever God got ready to do something great for them and through them, Israel was no ready. How true this was here. It was older that these people were not yet tead for responsibility and that they obeyed Go.

only because of outward circumstances and not because of the welling up in their hearts of live and gratitude. The disappointment and grief of Moses were so great that, as it has been aptly observed, Israel's folly and backsliding "first hurt him to the heart and then mixed him to such wrath as frightened the wretched Aaron and his staff out of their wits" (Routley).

#### Man's Sin and God's Mercy

Now what may we learn from this sad and tragic event? Does it not warn us regarding:

- 1. The awful power of temptation and the disturbing weakness even a redeemed people base in themselves to resist temptation? The daily cry of us all may well be. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
- The danger of idolatry resulting from the natural appeal the gods of this earth have for us all?
- It has been charged that the false gods of America are "Success, Sex, and Security." The tragedy is that even many professing Christians how down to these gods or to others like them. Who could adequately estimate the cost to our Christian witness in the world, or the resources withheld from the work of missions, because of our idolatries? Who can tell how often God may have been ready to do something great through or for us, but has been prevented by our idolatries?
- 3. The mercy of God to forgive when men repent? The answer of God to Moses' pracer in behalf of the gospel is significant: "Whoever has sinned [sin is a matter of individual guilt] against me, him will 1 blot out of my book. But now go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you." The assurance that God would give them the Land of Promise, despite their sins was an undeniable expression of the renewal of his mercy toward them.

The genuine repentance of people and their getting right with God always to also in true stewardship—an outpouting of cosure, talents, and time to him and to

his cause? One of the most remarkable records contained in Exodus is: "The people bring much more than enough." (See Ex. 36:1-7). Where else, especially in the work of world missions and exangelism, has it been reported that any congregation or any denomination has brought "Much more than enough?" Who knows what wonders of grace might be wrought even in this day if God's people truly prayed.

"Cast down ev'ry filof throne; Reign supreme, and reign alone!" —Andrew Reed

5. The possibility that when God's people truly repent and taidfully meet the tests of full-orbed stewardship, the glory of God will come down upon them? Chapter 39:32, RSV, reads, "Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished; and the people of Israel had done according to all that the Lord had commanded Moyes; so had they done." Later it is said, "Thus did Moses; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so be did" (10:16, RSV). There follows then one of the most beautiful passages of the whole losses.

"Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" (40:34-35, RSV). What greater evidence was needed of forgiveness and of divine favor than this? But the closing verses of the book add also that God's presence with the people was further naturlessed by his giving of a cloud to rest upon the tabernacle to lead them by day and a fire in the tabernacle to lead them by night.

To a wayward and lost world God's favor upon a repentent and faithful church may still be as a "cloud" by day and a "fire" by night, giving the church the authority and the power and the persuasiveness of the evidence of his presence. How the church does need such favor from above and how the world needs to see convincing evidence of it.



## Call to Prayer

Prepared by Janice Singleton

very thing
by PRAYER
and SUPPLICATION
with THANKSGIVING
our requests be made known unto God

Philippians 4:6

1 TURSDAY O thou that heavest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come Psalm 65:2 (read Psaim 65).

George Madison is a missionary in the midst of a unique and overwhelming environment in Detroit, Michigan. In front of the church is Case Park fitled day and night with lonely, sick, bewildered human beings. Nearby there are resident hotels filled with older people, career men and women. Down the street a medical center is developing. In another direction there is a tremendous housing project where thousands of Negroes live.

Fray for Mr. and Mrs. Madison as they direct the weekday ministry in Highland Park, Detroit, Mich. This is Mr. Madison's birthday.

Pray for Theresa K. Anderson, Passy City, Philippines, Mrs. B. W. Hunt, Taichung, Taiuan, Mrs. C. O. Griffin, Surakuris, Indonesis, ev.; Olive Riddell, China, ret.

2 WEDNESDAY Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of

prayer, being the ninth hour. Acts 3:1 (read vv. 1-11).

It was midnight when two teen-age boys went out to a nearby migrant camp, awoke another teen-ager to talk to him about his need of the Saviour. During the potato harvest in this southern community, our missionaries, the Andrew Fosters, were conducting vecation Bible school each night, with the help of young people from the Baptist church in the town. Several of the migrant young people had surrendered their lives to Christ. but one boy was rejuctant about his decision. He was the one about whom the two boys were so concerned that they could not sleep He was saved that night, and there was rejoicing in all hearts. Mrs. Foster asks us to pray that more Christian people will be concerned for the migrants in their communities

Pray for Mrs. Foster, Albany, La.: Cornells Leavell, Koulcon, Hong Kong, ed.: Mrs. W T. Roberson, Vietnam, Mrs. J. B. Gauliney Eku, Nigeria, ev. 2 THURSDAY Then the priests and the Levites areae and blessed the people, and their power was heard, and their proper come to his holy habitation in heaven 2 Chron. 30:27, RSV tread vv. 13-27).

Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia and Victnam are making plans for expansion of God's work to new cities. Pray for Ross B. Fyer, Jr., and his wife.

The main concern of missionaries is not so much with the crises around them as with the opportunities for Christian witness and work and the need for more helpers to do it. Pray for Mrs. Fryer, Sumatra, Indonésia, Mrs. P. C. Mosteller, Haadyai, Thailand, R. L. Rummage, Gotooma, Mrs. R. H. Garrett, Rhodesia, ev.: Mrs. F. T. Woodward, China-Hawaii, ret.: Bibiano Molina, Las Villas, Cuba,

4 FRIDAY Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people Isaiah 56:7 (read vv. 3-8).

Pray today for Korea with its 26½ million people; for our 48 missionaries there including L. Parks Marler and his wife, Martha Ellen, both from Mississippi. Extensive war damage has been largely erased in Korea and our mission work has made steady progress, giving reason for much encouragement for the future. Of particular significance is the emergence of strong national Baptist leaders.

Wrote Dr. Cauthen, on returning from a visit to the Orient last fell, "We find ourselves conscious of responsibility to seek out the most effective ways of making the gospel known, realizing that no approach can be of value except as it is empowered by the spirit of God."

Pray for Mr. Marler, Seoul, C. R. Bumpus, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. David Mein. \* Brazil, ev.; Mrs. D. Bejarano, N.M., ret.: Marnelle S. Bouen, Tex., Ind. ev.: A. L. Jarrett. Okla, TM: Mrs. Ruth Watson, Amelia, La., French

5 SATURDAY The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is his delight Prov. 15:8, RSV (read vy. 3-9).

Historacy is not simply the inability to read with comprehension. Often it is a way of

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free Irum Forcish Mission Board, P. O. Bac 6597, Bickmond, Vir-901 23230, and in HOME MISSIONS. life which has developed because of this inability. Thus reports Virginia Ogletree who works in the Hill Street Baptist Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Other areas of her work include rehabilitation through counseling and distribution of clothing and food; a full program which functions as a mission of the church. Their greatent need is for leaders leaders of WMS, GA, Sunbeam Bands, for a circle in a housing project, students to tutor slow readers. Pray for Virginia as ahe and her co-workers face overwhelming opportunities.

Pray for Quinn Morgan, Bakersfield, Celif., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. David Richardson, Montgomery, Ala., deaf ev.; R. C. Watson, N.M., ret.; Mrs. C. R. Crowder & Nigeria, Mrs. W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy, Mrs. W. H. Matthews, Davaa City, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. A. J. Glaze, Jr., Argentina. Stella A. Austin, Iwo. Nigeria, ed.

SUNDAY
JUNE 6
tread vv. 1-8).

But we will give ourgelves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Picture if you can a Volkswagen station wagon nosing its way through the ruts of mountain roads in Guatemala-across streams, finally onto the paved highway of the coastel plain to Finca Oro Blanco. This is "White Gold Farm," a cotton farm in Guntemale to which a Baptist layman from Arkansas invited missionaries. After supper a loud speaker, movie projector, and a portable light plant were set up. Several hundred barefoot workers gathered as darkness fell, seeing a movie on the life of Christ and hearing a simple gospel message Thirty men trusted Christ, and made it known. Clark Scanlon one of the missionaries, says, "Those vast fields will soon be covered with white balls of cotton. Some 1,500 men and boys from the highland will move into this harvest. We tremble in anticipation of opportunity!" Pray for the lost who hear the gospel.

Proy for J. W. H. Richardson, Jr., Zaria, Nigeria, C. R. Owens, Tanzania, S. C. Jowers, Davao City, J. A. Smith. Philippines, J. A. Jimmerson, Indonesia, L. E. Lee, Lima, Peru, Mrs. P. W. Stouffer, Sao Paulo, Mrs. H. M. Floursoy, Santa Catarina, Brazil, eu., T. E. Halsell, Belem, Brazil, ed., T. A. Marris, Hattiesburg, Miss., TM

7 MONDAY You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us in answer

to many prayers 2 Cor. 1:11, RSV (read vv. 8-16).

Southern Baptists have sent missionaries to Nigeria for 115 years. But still there is urgent need for workers: couples for field evangelism, secondary education, public health work, hospital administration, doctors, nurses, technicians. "With every mission meeting comes a renewed consciousness of the great needs about us," writes a missionary.

Pray for Mrs. W. H. Congdon, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. H. P. McCormick, Nigeria-Havoit, Mrs. Hary Clark, Rhodesia, RN. O. W. Gwynn, Campinas, Mrs. D. J. Spiegel, Teresina, Brazil, W. H. Ferrell, Argentina, ev.; Eunice Parker, Austin, Tex., Int.

S TUESDAY In those days, . . . he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God Luke 6:12 (read to . 12-23).

The people in St. Rose, Louisiana, with French beckground live in a community right on the river—and in spite of the Catholic influence have a thriving church. Perhaps the success is due in part to Mr. W. O. Cottingham's love for young people. Reports show 105 earolied in Sunday school, attendance around 250; enrolled in Training Union 51, attendance 250. Pray for this work.

Pray for Mrs. Cottingham, Callie Brown, New Orleans, La., GWC: Nadyne Brewer, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. T. W. Hill, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. O. W. Reid, Mexico, Mrs. P. A. Taylor, Cordoba, Argentina, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Jr., Chingola, Zambia, Mrs. J. W. Merritt, Vicenza, Italy, ev.

2 WEDNESDAY But the end of everything on earth is near. So be serious and soberminded, that you may give yourselves to prayer 1 Peter 4:7, Williams (read vv. 7-11).

Anne Rebecco Bruner Woo was appointed in March, 1964, to serve along with her husband, Thomas Matthew Woo in a mission center in Port Arthur. Texas

Urgent requests call for the appointment of 1,172 new home missionaries during the next two years. There are vacancies among the Spanish and Italian. Seven million Polish descendents in our land present a barely touched work. Request for nurses and good will center missionaries come from Metropolitan missions. Is Christ impressing you that you should volunteer?

Pray for Mrs. Woo; S. M. Hernandez, Phoe-

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nix, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; Mary Frances Gould,\* Thailand, pub.

10 THURSDAY When he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vails full of odours, which art the prayers of saints Rev. 3.8 (read vo. 6-14).

The Baptist World Congress will be held in Mismi Baech, Florida, this month—June 25-30. Pray for this gathering of Baptists from all over the world. Pray for local committees, preparing to receive people from all over the world; for those who will represent their groups in various lands, for Baptists of the United States that we shall be Christ's affective representatives.

Pray perticularly for Dr. Joao Soren, president, and Mrs. Edgar Bates, chairman of the BWA Women's Committee, that they and all of the officers and chairman may be led by the Spirit of God.

Pray for Eugene Bragg, Livonia, Mich., Sp. ep., ev.; S. D. Swinney, Jr., Baltimore, Maryland, MC, L. E. Blackman, J. H. Ware, Chino-Hawaii, ret.: Mrs. R. C. Davis, Jr., Nhatrang, Vietnam, J. H. Hammett, Taipet, Taiwas. ec.

11 FRIDAY For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live Amos 5:4 (read vv. 4-7, 21-24).

From Der es Salaam, Tanzania, comes a letter from Joe and Dot Getlin who have recently completed language study and accepted responsibility for the Baptist Center in Dar There they carry out a program of kindergarten, youth clubs, adult education, and Bible study, working in co-operation with an organized church using the same building. In a visit recently through Kenya and Uganda they were impressed with the way God harblessed the Baptist witness but were concerned for numerous towns where there in owitness. Pray for the Gattins and other new misconarties in East Africa.



WHE eleventh Baptist World Congress will convene in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1965. This meeting of the Baptist World Alliance is the fourth one that has been held in the United States since its organization in 1905. Other meetings have been in Philadelphia, Atiania, and Cieveland. The objective of the Alliance is "to show the essential oneness of the Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation among its members."

The Baptist World Alliance encompasses more than 25 million Baptists in 115 countries. If possible you will want to attend this great gathering. For reservations write to: Baptist World Alliance Houring Bureau, Miami Beach, Florida.

#### **FORECASTER**

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#### ear President

Royal Service has a very personal slant this month and we hope you will urge every WMS member to read the entire magazine. You will not want a single woman to miss reading the article by Sue Smith, "The Stronghold of Family Life," nor the one by Louis Cobbs, "Your Sons and Daughters - Missionary Journeymen." The general WMS program and the circle program for this month also put you right in the middle of this tremendously urgent job of world missions. Involve each woman, help her know about missions, and to participate in missions through prayer, gifts, and service.

There are important meetings coming up which we hope you and some of your members are planning to attend. The Southern Baptist Convention follows the WMII Annual Meeting (May 31-June 1), in Dalles, Texas, June 1-4; Baptist World Congress, Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30; WMU Conferences are:

Glorieta WMU Conference, July 22-28

YWA Conference, Glorieta, July 29-August 4 Ridgecrest WMU Conference, August 12-18

The sessions for each week begin on Thursday evening and continue through the following Wednesday

Do you realize that after this month there is only one more quarter left in this 1964-65 WMU year? How is the WMU work in your church progressing? Are you accomplishing the goals you set for your organization at the beginning of the year? Is each circle functioning properly. Have you been visiting among the circles, giving counsel and encouragement where needed? Are circle chairmen carrying out responsibilities? Are members receiving missionary information and inspiration at circle meetings? Do they feel a vital part of all that the society is doing? Are circles divided as equally as possible in number, in talent, and ability? Is there need for additional circles? Lead the executive board in deciding about the number of circles needed now and later.

Again we bring to your stlention Go Home and Tell, the book being recommended for class study or for reading this quarter. A recent description of the book from Broadman Press says the book "records a retired missionary's enthusiasm to tell what God has done through prayer in the lives of missionaries in China and Talwan. . . The book gives a firsthand account of some experiences of the Shantung revival of the 1920's and reveals the courage and resourcefulness of missionaries during the Japanese and Communist campaigns in China" Your faith will be strengthened by reading the book. Don't miss it!

(Go Home and Tell by Bertha Smith may be accured from Baptist Book Stores, price, ps \$1.25; cl.

## Dear Circle Chairman

Have you thought of how you might improve the circle for which you are responsible in your WMS? Reviewing the reasons for which year circle exists may be a good place for you to start such a thought-provoking exercise.

(1) Circles assist in implementine society plans

(2) Circles help in enlisting women in missions (1) Circles help in distributing

responsibility (4) Circles help in developing

leadership (5) Circles help in stimulating participation

(6) Circles help in providing felkwahip

Now ask yourself how effectively your circle does these things. Does it help to carry out the work of the seciety in enlisting women in the study of missions and in mission setion?

Perhaps there are other questions you could ask. Have the circle meetings been well attended? Have members been contacted regularly? Have you held to the time schedule? Have the programs been informative, interesting, challenging, and have they produced the desired responses? Are your circle members praying for and giving for missions and rendering missionary service in the community?

And now, Just one more question: Do your circle members believe that "joining a circle is an adventure, a new world for them to explore . . that membership is a privilege and an opportunity, not only for service but for self improvement"?

(Adapted from The Complete Book for Chairmen)

We hope this little mental examination will help improve your WMS circle

#### Promotional Features AT YOUR MEETINGS

by Edwins Robinson, Executive Secretary, Mississippi WMU GENERAL .

#### Intercemery Prayer League

the church have an interview with

two or three people who are "members." If men share in this ministry If the League is functioning in one of the persons interviewed could be a man. The one asking the questions (prayer chairman or member of the prayer committee) should ask questions that set forth the purpose and plan of the League. Some testimony of answered prayer should be included in the snawers.

If you do not have a League in your church, this would give opporturity to present the purpose and plans through a similar interview. (See chapter 4. WMS Manual.)

#### Reporting on Youth Work

Vacation time gives opportunity to have young people present for this feature. One or more representalives of Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band representatives could announce plans for day camp for eight-year-olds, using puppets dressed to represent special emphases and each child tell one thing about plans for camp. These puppets might be made from paper sacks and crayons used to draw faces. Girls' Auxiliary representatives, using lollipop posters, could give emphasis to camps or some other special GA plans for your church. These posters might be different colors and sizes; use cardboard, cut in shape of a lollipop. and paste on a stick.

Young Woman's Auxiliary representatives might be dressed for travel—suitcases, etc.—and give plans for YWA Conference at Glorieta.

Youth directors, working with counselors determine what to promote, how to do it and who can be used and make it effective in order for all to know and why it was done

Promotional Features

#### CIRCLE .

by Mar. C. J. Humphrey, President Texase WALU

#### Reading State Baptist Paper

Collect neveral recent issues of your state Baptist paper. In these, locate articles on the following subjects:

- A Baptist institution in your state—school, hospital, children's home, etc.
- 2. Two articles which give thoughts pro and con on some controversial issue among Baptists in your state
- 3. An article on Baptist doctrine
  4. News items of worldwide Baptist interest
- An especially interesting article concerning a local church in your state

Several days before your meet-



Will all your WMU afficers and leaders for next year sttend this summer a WMU Conference in your state, at Glerista or Ridgecrest?



ing sealign each article to a different circle member and ask her to be prepared to give a one-sentence

At the meeting, suk for four of the sentences. The fifth one could be given int the fashion of the children's game of "Gossip." (The fifth woman whispers her sentence into the ear of the woman next to her. Thus the information goes around the room until the last woman tells aloud whatever she has heard. Probably this will be quite different from the original sentence.) Then the woman who originated the sentence should tell it correctly upon which you will say: "If

you read it for yourself in the

(your state Baptist paper),
you will not have to depend on
gossip for your information."

#### Sharing Community Missions Experiences

Hold upla large map of your city or your association. Having previously covered the names of landmarks which would identify it for the women, ask them to guess which of our mission fields is represented by the map. When they have guessed its ideatity, explain that this is the mission field where God has placed each of us to serve as his missionarjes. Quote Acts 1:8. From the records of your circle, tell how many members have participated in community missions and issue a challenge for greater commitment to being his witnesses in "our Jerusalem."

Ask a circle member who has participated in community missions to tell of some work she has done which has resulted (directly or in-

directly) in a soul won to the Lord. Example: A teacher in your community mission's literacy class or other weekday ministry might tell how she has used this area of service as an opportunity to witness.

### Current

#### Undergirding Prayer Plans of Church

The prayer chairman and her committee will know of prayer plans which include the entire church so that the WMU prayer plans may be co-ordinated with church plans.

In almost every Baptist church Wednesday evening is set apart for a midweek prayer meeting of the church. This wonderful period of fellowship and prayer needs to be experienced by all church members and Woman's Missionary Union can accept responsibility for promoting prayer meeting attendance.

Before church revivals, prayer meetings are often held in homes throughout the community. The WMU prayer committee may be a great help in undergirding this prayer plan of the church. Members may help in securing homes for the services and making other plans as needed. Often the WMU and the Brotherhood work together on this project.

One of the important prayer plans of Woman's Missionary Union is promoting family worship. (See article, "The Stronghold of Family Life" in Royal Service.) This, no doubt, is a part of your church prayer plans too. The WMU prayer committee can also encourage the use of Call to Prayer in Royal Service to add dimension to family worship.

Whatever prayer plans your church has, be sure that your Woman's Missionary Union is cooperating in them and promoting them in the finest way possible.

#### Church Program Guidebook, 1965-66

The Church Program Guidebook. 1965-66° is available as a tool to help a church plan its most significant work for the year. Your church may be using it. The book contains suggested church goals and plans for the accomplishment of the goals. Some of the goals will relate to missions. If your church is using the Guidebook, WMU will be asked to carry out assignments to help reach church goals. For example, one goal in the Guidebook suggests increase in gifts to world missions. WMU can provide organization and leadership to help the church reach this goal. Another goal suggests beginning ministries to persons of special need. WMU is equipped to minister to special groups in the community. Resources for this ausignment will be available for the new year. They will be listed in both the Guidebook and the 1965-66 WMU Year Book.

If your church is using the Guidebook, the WMU preadent will need a cupy. She will use the book in two planning groups, the Church Council and the WMU executive board. The executive board will use the Guidebook to plan in detail the WMU assignments related to church goals.

-BILLIE PATE,
YWA Promotion Associate,
WMU, SBC

#### Checking on Absenters

Does your organization check regularly on absentees? This is an important part of enlistment

June could be a good month to give special attention to overcoming "absenteeism" in your organization, Begin by asking some questions:

- What per cent of the members of each of our circles attend circle meetings regularly?
- What per cent of the total WMS membership attend general meetings regularly?
- Who are our chronic obsentees?
   These questions can lead you to discover the extent of "absenteeism" in your organization.

The next question is "Why!" Interviews with chronic absentes might help, but the Important thing is to discover the reasons women give for being absent. Once the reasons are known, you can snalyze them to discover the ones you can overcome. Don't take them lightly; they can become some of your best clues to holding the interest and participation of members.

- A member doesn't enjoy the circle she is in. Can you put her in another one?
- A member does not think the programs are stimulating. Can you improve them?
- A member needs transporation to the meetings. Can you provide it?

Lead your organization to constantly improve its work so it offers a stimulating and challenging involvement to every member.

And let absentees know you miss them! Visitation is still in style.

#### Training for Mission Study Teachers . . . the Mission Study Institute

The study of a mission book can be a high fight in the life of WMS. This activity requires a good book, a well trained teacher, and the active participation of society mem-

The well trained teacher is a key to effective mission study. Knowing this, many states and/or associations provide Mission Study Institutes for the training of mission study teachers. In these institutes teachers learn the best techniques for teaching the books suggested for study in WMS.

Watch the calendar of activities for your state and association. If an institute is offered, make every effort to get your teacher(a) to altend. It is a training opportunity which will enhance the effectiveness of your mission study by equipping your teacher(s) to do a better teaching job.

#### WMS Accessories

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#### The Prayer Betreat

The late Mrs. William McMurry. in her book, Spiritual Life Development, said: "Prayer is the thrust of the mind Godward, the lifting of heart, mind, and will to God in an effort to see the world through his even."

Troy C. Bennett, missionary in East Pakistan, writes: "Many Southern Baptists have asked what they can do to help us here. The greatest thing you can do is pray. Do not take this lightly. Your prayers can make our service effectual through the Spirit of God."

Intercessory prayer for missions is one of the major areas of work in WMS. And a prayer retreat is one of the best ways to draw aside from the everyday distractions of life to worship God with new vitality and meaning. The retreet may lest a few hours or much longer, but the interest is the same—time

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for prayer, with an emphasis on Expansion in Missionary Person. intercessory prayer.

Has your WMS had a prayer retreat this year? If not summer is an excellent time when the out-ofdoors beckoms

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nel," is evallable from the Foreign Mission Board, Dept. of Missionary Education and Promotion, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230, You may want to order copies in quantity to distribute to members attending the program.

-MRS. LOUIS DABNEY. Alabama

>>>> SPICING CIRCLE . YOUR PROGRAM 

GENERAL .

Print the topic, "Assignment: Missionary Associate" on a child's slate and use it above an interest center representing the "tools of the trade"—the open Bible, pencils and paper to represent teaching. crasers and stenographers' supplies for business administration, cookbook and sewing supplies for dormitory parents, replica of a morterboard for the college graduate Journeyman.

A world globe or Foreign Mission Board map of the mission fields can be used on which to spotlight the areas from which the letters come. and also places where specific needs are to be met through the Journeyman Program.

Those on the program may represent foreign correspondents making their report to the head of a new bureau. Or they may present the material informally as though they were the recipients of the letters.

A free pamphlet, "Horizons of

Make an interest center for the table around which your panel members will sit. Use a globe, a dollhouse family of father, mother, and children seated around a miniature table. Provide a ribbon streamer on which you have written, "For God so loved the world." Arrange the family in front of "world." Fasten one end of the ribbon to the globe with transparent tape and allow it to fall free on the "family" table.

Review and recall are useful to reinforce learning. This is the third and last of this series of programs on the Home in Missionary Education. Your circle members might enjoy a quick quiz at the end of this series. Prepare a true-false test of 25 statements. Furnish each member with a copy of this test. Read the correct statements after the test and allow each member to score herself.

Or, let each member recall one statement that was made during any one of the three programs that she thinks is worth holding onto. Write out and then read to the ETOND

-ALICE DAWSON CHEAVENS, Teras

Pray for Mr. G. G. Pitman, Shaki, Nigeria. RY. J E. Potten, Thailand, Mrs. R. D. Hedy Wrs. H. L. Raley, Taipei, Tai-Mrs P M Moore, Dalat, Vietnam, R. L. Smith Mrs. A T Willie, Jr., Bandung, Indo-Mrs. M 1. McKay. Anchorage. Alaska. a G.B Joshu, Garland, Tex., deaf ev.; Mrs. Orer Hill. Alamogordo, N.M., Sp. sp. ev.

tt SATURDAY So I want the men everyphere to affer prayer, lifting to heaven holy tends which are kept unstained by anger and dustrations 1 Tim. 2:8, Williams fread pr.

This is the birthday of Mrs. Maxey G. White she was for many years a missionary in Brazil She and her husband, now retired. ive in Miami, Florida, Dr. Frank Means reports: "From the first national baptized in 1992. Brazilian Baptists have grown to more than 220,000 in 1964." The quality of leaderhip among Brazilian Baptists is exemplified n Rev. Joso F. Soren, who, as president of he Baptist World Alliance, will preside at to meeting this summer in Miami Beach. Prop for Brazilian Baptists and for the World Спистеля.

Pray for Mrs. White: Mrs. J. H. Green Merico, H. L. Price, Tokyo, Mrs. W. L. Welker, Fuknoka, Japan, ev.: Mildred I. Crabree, Agbor, Nigeria, ed.: S. C. Reber, Singapare, Malaysia, MA: Cary S. McCall, Richmond, Va., TM., Mrs. Francisco Diaz. San Blas, Ponama, Raul Freire, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.

SUNDAY Let they eyes be open to the JUNE 13 supplication of thy servant, and to the supplication of thy people brael, giving our to them whenever then rall to thee 1 Kings 8:52, RSV (read ev.

"Our Indian community has had a populaion explosion. We have an overflow of children in homes, schools, and in our church. During school months we have up to one hundred children in services, most of them without their parents. Adults make up about 10 per cent of our enrolment. We need adults -mothers and fathers of these children, to become tearhers and helpers in Sunday school and to be with the children in worship servkes Pray short we can reach the older people. They have the answer to the spiritual plight of our re-vation, for guidance of young people me begin at home."

This def the request for prayer comes from Allen Elst missionary in the Warm Springs Saptast M. son in Oregon.

Proy for Mr. Elston: Mrs. J. C. Redding.

14 MONDAY And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sacketoth, and ashes Daniel 9:3 (read er. 3-10).

Dorotha Del Lott was appointed in June, 1964, by the Foreign Mission Board as missignary to South Brazil This past year she has spent in studying Portuguese. A "new" missionary has many adjustments to make. Pray for Miss Lott, and others like her Pray for young people in your church to follow their example.

Prou for Mrs. J. G. Vestal, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. J. T. Harvill, Guadalajara, Mexica, ev.: Ruth Dickerson, Dacca, E. Pakiston, MD: Mrs. J. R. Estes, Switzerland, ed., J. W. Beam, Sarannah, Ga., Truett Fogle, Ohio, GWC; R. H. Green, Memphis, Tenn., TM

15 TUESDAY These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the reomen, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:14 (read vv. 9-14).

Jeani Margaret Hashman was appointed in May, 1964, with her husband William Lewis Hashman, III. to serve in Japan. Pray for these young people. Pray for young people in many areas of the world, in armed forces, in business, as exchange students and lourists that they may be willing, if God calls, to be missionaries.

Pray for Mrs. Hashman, Tokyo, A. R. Scull. Palembang, Indonesia, et .. Mrs. L. I. Myers. Jr. " Vietnam, pub.; Mrs. I. V. Larson, Ching-Philippines-Tailean, ret.: Mrs. J. M. Wilson. Campinas Brazil, RN: Mrs. Rose Naranjo, El Prado, N.M., Ind. er.: Jane C. Pringle, Park Victe, N.M., Sp. sp. ev., F. C. Roteland, N.M., Mrs. A. G. Ortiz, Tex., ret.

16 WEDNESDAY Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the hamble; thou will prepare their beart, thou will cause thine ear to hear Psalin 10:17 (read Psalm 18).

In July, 1964, Nyusaland became independent with a new name-Malawi [Ma-LAHwel. October, 1864, brought independence to Northern Rhodesis as Zambia. The Logan Atnips who are now on furlough in Georgia have prayer requests about the third country Southern Rhodesia, now Rhodesia where there is great unrest and keen desire by the Africans for independence, "Ask God to lay his hand on Rhodesia and its people that they

#### What People Say

Missionary service is not a sacrifice. It is the greatest privilege God ever allowed to a man and his Limity—RICHARD L. USK, missionary in Macan.

God does not use an IBM machine in making his calculations—BAKER J. CAU-THEN, executive secretary of the Southern Implist Foreign Mission Bourd.

The greatest visual aid to the understanding of God's love is the life of love lived by the follower of Christ—HUGH T, Mc-KINLEY, missionary to Central Africa.

A missionary could well use the age span of Methuselah, the wisdom of Solomon.

Reverie

the patience of Job, and the common Ruth—BERTHA MARSHALL to Japan.

Christmas for Southern II. Onssignaries overseas usually comes in M.o. when lunds from the Lorrie Moon Christmas Offering are sent out to the virtous mission fields—JAMES O. MORSI.

to Colombia.

may work out their destiny in peace and harmony in recent months many in our mission have experienced a new awareness of the need for revival. Pray that this revival spiril may spread throughout our churches, and the whole country as well," they ask,

Pray for Mrs. Ainip\*; C. E. Thomas. Limbe, Malawi, Mrs. H. E. Poovey, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. J. O. Watson, Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.: C. J. Briscoe, Kansus City, Mo., CD; F. A. McCaulley, Tex., rei.

17 THURSDAY Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication Psalm 55:1 (read vv, 1-8).

Mrs L. H. Morphis, formerly a missionary nurse in Nigeria, has found a field of service with her husband who is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Augsburg, Germany. This is one of 21 English language churches ministering to military personnel and their dependents in Germany.

With a membership of 120 they meet in a German Lutheran church A bus facilitates the work and they find many German young people, wishing to learn English, who are attracted to services.

Pray for Mrs. Morphis, MA; Mrs. B. P. Keith, Sapporo, Leslie Watson, Miyazaki,

Japan, Mrs. F. P. Lide, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. W. G. Henderson, Abnakurs Korea R. H. Lloyd, Buenos Aires, Argentium Mrs. H. L. Adams, S. Negeria, ev.: Bettye Jame Eure, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Minnie Lon Lamier, Rude Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. M. H. Wilson, Taichung, Taiwan, RN: J. L. Bice Braul, et.; Mrs. Isabel A. Estrada, N.Y., Celso Villareal, Albuquerque, N.M., Sp. sp. cv.; Mrs. Antonio Santona, Cuba, ev.

18 FRIDAY But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus Phil 4:19 (read or 15:23).

Anthony and Mary Virginia Stella were appointed a year ago for work in Korra. Tony formerly was in the Air Force in Korea. They have two children, Ted and Molly

Pray also the Lord of the harvest that be will thrust forth more laborers. The sty-four per cent of Southern Baptist foreign sissionaries made their decision to become insionaries in a regular church service onew program of advance calls for 5.00m crsess missionaries.

Proy for Mr. Stella, Seout, Mrs. E. Holloway, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, R. E. W. field. Singapore, Malaysia, ev.; Mrs. L. G. I. Hord. Tokyo, Japan, MA, F. Catharin. Fryan, In the Soul of the Day

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the cool day Sod's vo boke, 'Adam, v. art thou?' teed the time Bible is the receive of God's persister! Harch for man closes will that moving picture of Christ knocking at man's heart, Schold I stund at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice. and open the door, I will come in." Heart doors need to swing open wide and bid the persistent, loving Master enter to indwell, to motivate, to enlarge in love tled with the Master, a heart takes

for its purposes the Master's purpor Clasps to itself his will. Responds to his voice. "Where art thou?"

> Those Who Hold the Promise

> > by Antonina Canzoneri

No ultimate aloneness; No terminal despair; The end is not destruction, Nor is death.

Surer than the morning:
As undeterred as air;
More confident than quietgreen and shade,

Those who hold the Promise Watk through turmoil Undismayed

China, rel.: Mrs. W. A. Hatton. Brazif, ed.; Nrs. J. M. Freire, Las Villas, Benjamin Valder, Cabo. Carlox Perez. San Blas, Panama. et. E. R. Murlile, Richmond, Calif., Int.

18 SATURDAY I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me: I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me initia 65.1, RSV (read vv. 1-3, 11-12).

The Spanish Boptist Theological Seminary in Barcelona, Spain, which was closed for two years opened last October with the largest entelment to its intermittent history. The 19 students, 10 men and 9 women (wives of nane of the ment are a representative group—coming from various cities in Spain, and one from Puerto Rico. Because of urgent need for pastors and increasing opportunities for eventelm witness in Spain the seminary runs on a scelerated program. Pray for Mrs. J. W. Mellord, Jr., who teaches special courses for Poulors wires, and for faculty and students. Pray for Mrs. C. L. Whaley, Jr., Yokohama, Japan, B. Lynch, Tainan, Taiwan, ev.

SUNDAY I cried unto the Lord with my roice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplica-

tron Psalm 142:1 (read Psalm 142).

Mrs. 1. B. Williams of the Spanish Mission in Flagslaff, Ariz., is grateful for answered prayer. The young man, superintendent of the Sunday school, shows concern and underständing. He encourages his feachers to take training and is organizing the Sunday school. Pany for this young mine and this work.

Pray for Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Elma Perez. San Benata. Tex. Sp. sp. en., Mrs. Ruby Mc-Gehec, III. rel. Mrs. W. T. Hunt, Darao City. Philippines. Harriette L. King, Penang, Malaysia. C. A. Beckett, Dacca. E. Pakissan, M. D. Stedd. Nigeria, ev.; C. F. Clark, Jr. appan, Mr. M. Garrott, Japan, Mrs. Gerdid Ruddell, Punta Arenas Chile, ed.

21 MONDAY Sing farth the honour of his name, make his praise glorious Psalm 66:2 (reed ev. 1-8).

Orientation began this month for the Missionary Journeymen Program of the Foreign Mission Board in which single college graduates under twenty-seven years of age are to work two years overseas (see the story, page

In Ghana, where James E Foster serves in evangelistic work, openings for Journeymen

include agricultural worker in leprosy settlement, good will center worker and teacher, nurse in medical center. Bible teacher in secondary school. Pray for the Fosters and for young people accepting assignments throughout the world. Should your son or daughter apply?

Pray for Mr. Foster, Mrs. M. G. Fort, Jr,, Gatooma, Rhodesia, MD

22 TUESDAY Enter into his gates with mankagiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his nome Paalm 100.4 (read Paalm 100).

R. Carroll Bruce in Yokohama, Japan, writes. "There are no barriers too great for the Holy Spirit." The first time I was asked to preach in Japanese I was nervous, with a mixed feeling of complete helplessness and burning desire to be understood. The Japanese man who introduced me said that every Christian there was praying for the service and anxiously awaiting the message of God. Almost instantly my fear and anxiety changed to confidence and assurance. My Japanese did not suddenly improve, but I realized that God's was there! At the invitation 35 persons rededicated their lives and two accepted Christ.

Pray for Mr. Bruce. R. F. Coy, Valparaiso, Chile. Mrs. E. P. Dosher \* Nigeria. ev.: S. D. Springle, Jr., San Jose. Costa Rica. BA: Clara Brincefield. Temuca, Chile. ed.; R. R. Harvey, Tex., migrant ex.

23 WEDNESDAY Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen Eph. 3:21 (read vv. 14-21).

"I have had three fathers: Buddha, Buddhist teachings, and the priests. These were only foster fathers. Now I know my true Father." This testimony by the father of a lay preacher in Thailand was quoted by B. L. Spear, missionary in Thailand. Since then the new convert has not only done the first honest work in his life, but he has been a glowing witness in villages along the river.

Mr. Spear states: "Wherever there is solid spiritual growth, numerical growth is inevitable Evidence of depth of faith on the part of a few gives us the greatest joy and hope for the future."

Pray for Mr. Spear, Mrs. J. G. Goodwin, Jr., Kwangju, Korea, T. C. Hollingsworth, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. J. S. Key, Brazil, ev., S. L. Jones, Rhodesia, pub.; Mrs. Imogene M. Hatley, Tez., Sp. sq. ev.

24 THURSDAY From the rising of the san unto the going down of the sam, the Lord, name is to be pressed Psatm 113:3 (reed Psatm 113).

The beautiful little church building of the Indian Baptist mission at Gallup New Mexico, was ready when the 101 members welcomed new missionary Jack Conitr last October.

Immediately reports were good, with 13 average attendance in Sunday school increased gifts to the Cooperative Program and other mission causes, and ministry to the lws schools for Indians, close by, one a government school and one a dormitory to accommodate Indian children attending public schools.

Pray for this church as it witnesses and trains for service, and for Mr. Comer and his family.

Pray for Mrs. James Huse. Rividoso Down. N.M., Ind. ev.: Fausto Morales. J. B. Pere. Havana. Cuba, ev.: Joanna Maiden. Joinkrams. Nigerio. MD: Mrs. T. L. Walson, Durazno, Uruguay, ev.

25 FRIDAY Now unto the King eternal immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen 1 Tim. 3:17 (read vv. 14-17).

A story of answered prayer and a prayer request come from Pearl Gifford, Baltimore, Maryland.

"Gladys, John Edward, and David moved into our area and began to come to the Kathleen Mallory Good Will Center Then the mother and the youngest girl came. Gladys accepted Christ as Saviour and recently the mother and three children became beliavers and were baptized. They are faithful to the church. Pray for the father, a servicemen in Alaska, that he may find Christ as Saviour. Pray for this familu."

Proy for Miss Gifford.

26 SATURDAY Blessing, and homour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteh upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever Rev. 5:13 (read ov. 17-14).

The local congregation of the Spanish mission in Talleson, Arizona, and the sponsoring church, called Pedro Hernariez to be pastor of the mission last fall. Though smell in number—about 50 members—the have a good record of gifts. Mr. Hernand writes,

We need a revival. The mission has been without a missionary for several months, and we need to get those who have stayed away to come back. One large family has already been contacted; only the mother is a Christian." Pray for this work.

Pray for Mr. Hernandez; N. M. Carter, Selms, Ala, Negra ev.; Mrs. Casta Lima, Las Villas, Cuba, ec.; Mildred McWhorter, Hourm, Tex., GWC. W. W. Logan, Enugu, Nigeria, DDS; C. A. Leonard, China-Hawaii, ret.; Mrs. T. C. Hollingsworth, Buenas Aires, Argentina, G. W. Doyle, Ecuador, Joy Hall, Ahoada, Rigeria, ev.

SUNDAY socrifice to thee: I will give thanks to thy name. O Lord, for it is good Psalm 54:6 (read Psalm 54).

On the top floor of a building on an island in British Guiana a tiny congregation of East Indian Christians formed the Maria's Pleasure Baptist Church. The first floor is the meeting place of an organization of politically active young people attached to a Communist-oriented party. In back of the buildings the Hindu owner lives, surrounded by his prayer flags. Under a tamarind tree in the front yard village men meet to drink and talk politics.

On September 27, 1964, the 12 members of this thurch were haptized and that night missionary Harvey J. Kneisel, Jr., was moderator when the church was organized. Pray for the vitness of this, the accord church Southern Septitus organized in British Guiana.

Pray for Mr. Kneisel, Georgetown, British Guino, B E. Adams, Concepcion, Chile. A. Bruce Oliver, Baia, Mrs. H. H. Pike, Vitoria, Brazil, L. C. Turnage, Medellin, Colombia, Mr. C. S. Ford, \* Nigeria, ev.

# BONDAY Now unto God and our Father be giory for ever and ever. Amen Phil. 4:20 (read vv. 19-23).

Missionaries have many demands on physical strength. When Peggy Vinson and her husband realized that she could not meet the physical demands of migrant work in Texas and Oklahoms with revival meetings, irregular dining and resting schedules, they prayed asking God that his will be accomplished in their lives and recommitting themselves to him. The day came when surgery had to be performed but again prayer bought peace and assurance. Now, after several months there is evidence that the will be able to regain her health com-

pletely, and share his ministry to the migrants. Pray for her today, for physical and spiritual strength.

Pray for Mrs. Helen Solomon, Margarita, Canal Zone, ev.: Mrs. L. H. Gunn, Jones City, Okia., deaf ev.: Mrs. Nadine Elsom, Antonio, Tex., Long Instruction: W. L. Crumpler, San Ysidro, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.: Mrs. C. W. Bryan, Mrs. D. R. Kammerdiener, Cali, Colombia, L. B. Akins. Kachsiung, Taiwan, R. R. Stewart, Chacheungsao, Thailand, Mrs. W. P. Carter, Jr., Santiago, Chile, ev.: Violet Popp, Ajloun, Jordan, RN; Herbert Maher, Guam, MA

21 TUESDAY Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk of all his wondrous works. Paalm 105:2 (read vv. 1-6).

When Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Nichola arrived in Encaraction in January, it was the first time Southern Baptist missionaries had been stationed in Paraguey's third most populous city since 1958 when the Craigheads retired. The Nicholaes are from Arkansas. They have four children.

In Paraguay, with a population of nearly two million, there are 22 missionaries Another couple is urgently needed for field evengelism Will you and your husband go?

Pray for Mrs. Nichols, G. L. Johnson, Argentina, R. C. Davis, Jr., Nhairang, Vietnam, ev., Mrs. W. M. Gilliland, Nigeria, MD: Evelyn Epps, Tampa, Fla., GWC: Mrs. R. G. Falcon, El Paso, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

36 WEDNESDAY Exalt the Lord our God, and worthip at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy Psaim 99:9 (read Psaim 99).

A summer student missionary writes vividly of work in Panams: "We rode for thirty minutes without seeing a sign of life. The trees and vegetation are thick right down to the water's edge. Then there was a breek in the shoreline and we saw women beating their clothes on rocks in the river and pulled up beside them. While my husband and another man worked on the church building in the clearing on the hill I talked in Spanish to one women. I could not imagine where people came from but she said they had church and Sunday school in her home. Pray for missionaries willing to live in primitive areas.

Prov for Delbert Fann, Magdalena, N.M., Ind. ev.: Mrs. J. L. Nollette, Los Angeles, Mrs. R. M. Douglas, Calif., Int.; H. E. Spurgeon, Tainan, Taiwan, B. R. Frazier, Sao Paulo, Katherine Cozzens, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. P. W. Homlett, China, ret.

## IT TAKES A LIFETIME

#### by Herman L. King

HETHER we will it or not the mantle of leadership to some extent has fallen upon our shoulders. Some of us are church leaders, but all of us have leadership responsibilities of some sort. Those of us with growing children realize this every day! There are those who wear this mantle lightly, others wear it with a sense of frustration, and some are leaders with a real sense of satisfaction. Leaders need to ask soul-searching questions, such as, What makes a Christian leader? How can I become an effective leader in the responsibility I have to my church?

First of all, perhaps we should examine our concepts of leadership. Do we think in terms of a prima donna with one person by sheer force of personality or drive pulling others along? Or, perhaps we may be on the other end of the spectrum and realize that leadership means serving together in a group.

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Fortunately, there are concrete guidelines which we may follow. First of all, spiritual direction and God's guidance in every detail is available for the Christian leader. In John 15:16, we find lesus saying. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should temain. . . . " Truly we are chosen for leadership. In Isaiah 41:10 we read, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea. I will help thee; yea, I will uphobl thee with the right hand of my rightcontness." God has promised us strength for the task for which we are chosen. In Joshua 1:2, we find God saying, "Moses my servant is dead: now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel." God is commanding us to forget the past, get going, and arlinge the objectives he has set before us. R lizing that God chooses us, that he provides his strength for us and that his committee is to

advance to meet the opportunities of our day, let us see how a leader approaches his assignment.

Actually, what is leadership? Could we mit is the ability of a person to take the initiative in working with others, to plan together and organize action, and with the soluntary co-operation of others, to achieve desired objectives?

Creating the "we feeling" or togetherness in a mutual task originates from the deep receive of the human heart. When a group develops this relationship, energies are released for productive and creative results.

Fortunately for us, leaders do not have to know everything, but they do have to know enough to help set objectives, to involve others in getting the job done, to inspire others to do a good job, and to evaluate the job that has been done. Therefort, every person needs always to be a learner. All sorts of people make good leaders. Think of your friends. They are all distinct and individual in personality. To be an effective leader one must continue to grow. Leadership is a practical, continuing experience which takes a lifetime of trial and error and practice. Further development is always possible and desirable.

Leadership is earned, not conferred or grasped. A good leader does not rely on his position, prestige, or authority. In our durcher a Christian leader shows by his life, his interests, his friends, his use of time what he is. These speak loud to those sho would follow him in the work of the lead.

A leader may be skilled at working with people, he may know his subject matter, he may be discerning and a perennial learner, but unless his close relationship to God is meridence, his energies are lost. People will not believe in him nor follow him.

The president of a large corporation was asked to share from his experience. Let us see some of the ideas of this Christian executive.

l. Make the most of your God-given

abilities. We must recognize that we have personal limitations as well as potentialities. No leader can do everything. Earli leader is strong in some areas. We must carefully examine ourselves to see what our potential is and our limitations are, and then strive to make the most of what God has given us.

2. Seek always to bring out the best in people. Manifest genuine interest in them. Speak their language. In other words, communicate. Treat each one fairly and impatially. Awaken within others an enthusiassit for his job.

3. Plan to get things done through others. By all means set objectives, have a timetable, and he constantly on the alert for ways of improving your work. Be sur: to delegate responsibility. No matter how good a leader you are, your responsibilities will always be greater than your capacity or time to carry them out. Learn to delegate responsibility. Delegation means assigning to others Pesponsibilities and commensurate authority to carry out specific jobs for which you are responsible and for which you will be held accountable. Nominal delegation is frustrating both to the delegator and delegate. Besides, it's possible that he can do a better job than you!

1. Co-operate up and down and around: co-operate with others.

5. Make decisions. All of us will make some mistakes. But a person in a place of leadership must make decisions and stand by them.

 Stay mentally alert. We must constantly be on the lookout for ways and means to improve ourselves.

Perhaps the mantle of leadership has fallen upon your shoulders. The measure of the progress of our churches this year depends much upon our concept of leadership, our application of sound leadership principles, our relationships with people, and our submission to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God expects us to become dynamic leaders for his dynamic program of reconciling the world unto himself through Jesus Christ our Lord,



#### OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study Book: Go Home and Telf' by Bartha Smith Make plans to have this bush tampht in circle or acciety. The beak may be substituted a circle program.

#### The Home: Relating to World Missions

by Alice Dawson Cheavens

#### OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (From Call to Prayer read Scripture passage, relate missionary information, call names of missionaries. Let members recall pertinent information relating to any of the missionaries or countries where they serve which their families have shared recently through reading, TV viewing, etc. Pray for missionaries.)

Song (Choose one appropriate to Scrip-

Business Period

Promotional Features (see Forecaster)
Program Chairman in Charge

Program or Mission Study Book

#### INTRODUCTION (Moderator)

This is the third and last program with

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the expressed purpose: To help us—women of Woman's Missionary Union—to use our homes as centers of missionary influence, beginning in the lives of family members and extending to all the world.

Our first program in this unit took into account the primacy of the home as a teaching center. Because it can and does build lifelong attitudes and concepts, we asknowledge that the home has a peculiar and special responsibility to implant and cultivate missionary truths.

Last month we explored specific areas and relationships in which the home could demonstrate missionary concern. We saw that the home not only implements missions, it can actually be a laboratory or workshop for missions.

This month we want to see how the home can become a link in the living chain that is missions around the world. These are our topics:

- 1. The Family Learning
- 2. The Family Vacationing
- 3. The Family Giving
- 4. The Family Praying

a panel discussion. Choose to discuss the topics in which the family experiences may illustrate or parallel those suggested in the program material below. Act as moderator yourself. Ask women to add to or develop further each topic. Encourage questions and discussion from all. If your group is small, two women may be assigned for discussion of two topics each.

TOPIC 1. The Family Learning

in our first program we pointed out that every medium of communication into our home can be a source of missionary enlightenment and appreciation: books, magazine, newspapers, radio, TV. The information is at hand. The question is, do we use if! If we do, how?

Examples are always worth more than theorizing. One family we know makes use of the dinner hour to direct the thinking of the children. The father wisely turns the talk to subjects and issues by posing questions like these: What was the most interoting fact you learned today? What did you see or hear today that made you recvaluate some opinion? How do you think the political situation of a country in the news will affect work which our missionaries are doing there? Mary (or Sue or John) looked up for us the kinds of mission work we have in that country. Let us hear from her before we discuss the effect of this event reported in the news.

The father can lead the family to think in terms of Christ's love of persons and cause involved. He stimulates them to broaden their understanding. This is missionary teaching.

Another family keeps a large map of the world on the dining room wall. Below it is a strip of paper on which is beautifully lettered John 3:16. After the newscast each

day pint are stock in the area where news broke that day. As the family shares their experiences of the day, limited as they are to their own small corner of the world they look at the whole world and think of it with its multitudinous problems. The pinpointed places are the scenes where real people live, die, suffer, rejoice today.

Like the family mentioned above, they can logically and effectively identify with others calling on God for spiritual resources to sustain and guide people. This is the world God loved and gave his Son to save. Knowing this and being concerned about possibilities for sharing the gospel is a great and glorious part of being a Christian. Such discussion is becoming involved in world missions.

#### **TOPIC 2.** The Family Vacationing

Already many of us are leaving on vacations. Most of us have already planned how we shall spend it. Some of us will be going to Ridgecrest or Glorieta for instruction and inspiration at a conference. Some programs, of course, have more missionary emphases than others—WMU Conferences feature missionaries. These conferences are: Glorieta—WMU, July 22-28, YWA, July 29-August 4: Ridgecrest—WMU, August 12-18. Then there are Home Mission Board conferences at both assemblies and also Foreign Mission Board.

Wherever you go, families can secure from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30305, "Travel Guide" which will help you know where there is mission work which you and your family will want to get into your schedule, making study preparation before

Some families will travel abroad. Along with the tours of art museums, ancient historical sites, and natural wonders are the score of mission centers to be visited all around the world. What are they and where are they? Every Southern Baptist tourist going overseas ought to consult the Directory of Missionary Personnel (free from

<sup>\$1.23,</sup> from Baptisi Book!Stores; Teachers Helps. 25¢ from Woman's Missionary Union. 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Alabema 33203, and Baptisi Book Stores.

Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230) before he leaves home. He can plan his itinerary and schedule to see for himself the churches, the schools, the hospitals, the orphan homes, and the missionary families which his concern, prayer, and mission dollars support.

For the benefit of the young people in families, vacation time can be very especially missions time. This summer at Miami Beach, Florida, Baptist World Congress meets June 25-30. Baptists from all over the world will gather for fellowship, information, and inspiration. A family can write Baptist World Congress Housing Bureau, P. O. Box 1511, Miami Beach 39, Florida, for reservations. This is a once-ina-tifetime opportunity. For the Congress will not meet again in the USA for many years.

Every summer there go out from our many college campuses "summer missionaries." Sponsored by she Foreign and Home Mission Boards and by the Baptist Student Union. These young people serve in the United States and around the world. Could it be that your son or your daughter will be one of these? Maybe a young person from your church will be chosen. If not this year—then next summer.

In addition to this enterprise, there are the US-2 program of the Home Mission Board and the Missionary Journeyman Program of the Foreign Mission Board (see page 1). These provide opportunity for short-term service. In the Society Program this month we will learn about Missionary Associates who are uniquely serving with missionaries oversess.

A family could well "adopt" for the summer an overseas student to live in the home. You can learn about his country and customs as you "go" there shrough his eyes.

Scores of Southern Baptist families go abroad every year to work for oil companies, in military service, work for the US government. Others are exchange students or professors. Many are zealous missionaries. They are like Reagan and Betty Dec who have recently been translerred from Trinidad to Cairo, Egypt. In Part of Spain Trinidad, they let in the organization of a Baptist church. Today they are trying to get in touch with other Baptists who will join them in beginning corporate worship and ministry in the Moslem world of the Nile. Even without a church, they and thea five children make of their house a beaton of Christian concern. He is officially an oil company employee. They are very real missionaries.

#### TOPIC 3. The Family Giving

Economists tell us that the American woman is very largely responsible for spending the family income. The husband has much to say about major expenditures such as the purchase of a car or the family's residence. The week by week, year in year out outlay is largely in the hands of wive, however. Does this say something to us a women committed to missions?

Most of us would agree that ideally the whole family will know what the financial resources are and will share in responsible stewardship. Even small children who cannot comprehend the difference between coins can soon learn where the family place its values. When still quite young, they can be brought into family councils. Assuredly, part of the maturing process is the intelligent, wise handling of money and wise parents insist that their children as the parents insist that their children as the grow into teen-agers and young adults as sume responsibility in planning how the family uses its income.

Carefully and prayerfully a family can consider income and the possibilities of giving as much as possible for Lingdom causes. If plans are not made, then giving is apt to be haphazard and small.

The Christian family thinks of its income in terms of giving, first the giving of the tithe. After the necessities of for 1, shelter, clothing, and education are as 1 for, what the family does with the reminder reveals its true missionary concern.

how it judge what is really necessary is revaling indeed.

in most of our churches we gave regularly through the Cooperative Program to world missions, work in our state and droughout our country, as well as overmitted by the country when all our gift is for overseas ninimary work. This is when we bring our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Then in March each year our special effering gifts go only to home missions. This is the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Perhaps we would give more, perhaps we would give with added joy if our families rould learn to give imaginatively. What does your family gift mean besides a check in the envelope, a percentage in the budged Do you say, "We are giving to the Cooperative Program or to the Lottie Moon of Appie Acustrong Offering"?

Rather, could you say, "Our family is giving to make a child in Africa well; our lamily provides an old man in South America with a chance to hear the gospel. Our family sends a young mother in Southess Asia a new hope for a hetter life for her baby." "Our family is helping to provide a place of worship for a small group in Utah or New Mexico." Or "We are helping through our gifts to provide a witness to the Spanish in New York."

#### TOPIC 4. The Family Praying

Most of us are aware that 1964-65 has been designated by Southern Baptists as a time to emphasize worship. The church asembled worships, but the church dispersed worships, too. The church that is your family and mine fulfils its highest function when it becomes the family worshiping. Members of a family can also worship in private devotions.

Prayer is an indispensable component of worship; therefore, as the family worships, it prays.

This program began with the Call to Prayer. Many families use daily the Royal Senice Call to Prayer to enable them to stretch intercessory prayer to include the whole world. You will notice that the comments which precede the listing of missionaries tells about an incident or a need of a person on a mission field. These comments are not written to make you concerned with yourself, but rather with others. Intercessory prayer is on behalf of others. (Ask members to turn to Call to Prayer in Royal Service and notice how these coments keep your concern on missionary needs for which you are asked to pray.)

As you know, the mission offerings are preceded by weeks of prayer. Many families are now making these weeks family enterprises. Not only the mother, the YWA and GA daughters, the Sunbeam Band rhildren, but the lather and brothers in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors set aside these days for special times of prayer, study, and giving with other members of the church Eamily. In such lamilies, missions is vital and significant for children as they grow toward adulthood. Last month we talked of the many doors open for the missionary home. Prayer is an open door to missionary

Response and action are proof of concern and commitment. But the Christian who tries to witness for Christ without the power of the Holy Spirit in his life finds himself failing. The family finding a need to be met will pray together and seek to be led of the Spirit in ministry and witnessing. Burdened prayer of Christians on behalf of others results in people being won to Christ and a family becoming a Christcentered unit.

#### Conclusion (Moderator)

#### Suggestion:

- Summarize pertinent statements made in discussion of each topic.
- 2. Restate over-all unit aim.
- 3. Allow time for further discussion or comment.

Prayer of rededication to missions by families of circle members.



of FAMILY LIFE

by Sue L. Smith

WORSHIPING TOGETHER has been the stronghold of our family life since the day Ralph and I were married more than eighteen years ago.

There are days when worship seems routine—most of the time this in the case, but we greatly mim this sustaining experience when we are separated. Since we were married, my husband and I have prayed nightly together and usually have read the Bible. What a source of daily strength this has been for us. Problems are quietly discussed, joys of the day reviewed, and unpleasantness or differences made right. Sometimes this requires only minutes and sometimes longer, but each new day is free of yesterday's worries! I'm sure that over a period of years this has been a greater strengthening fonce for a happy marriage than we realize.

A friend, in writing to us while we were engaged, remainded us that a good sense of

humor goes a long way and truly it doe Many situations which could result in tragedy, when discussed become humorous and later are looked back upon in great amusement!

I learned early that the husband—the father—truly sets the pace for family activities either by entering into them or by avoiding them. This particularly is true in austaining Christian home life. Christian families must take time to worship Gol together within the home and acknowledge the lordship of Christ within the walls of the home. Indeed, this one thing can make the difference between a house—where people sleep and eat, come and go on buy achedules—and a home where people are nurtured in Christian graces.

Not only must a family practice expresing gratitude to God at mealtime, but a scheduled time each day when the Bible is read and the family prays together it imperative. When the father leads out in this there is family solidarity which make home a place of security and blessing.

The members of Christian families need

deperately a strength and closeness resulting from suppanionship with God. But careful planning and guarding of family ageherics—required. Children and parent activities may need to be curtailed so that meals can be enjoyed together; schedules checked and changed so mother, dad, and children are at home on certain evening. Care and concern about the spiritual growth of a family give strength and stability to every member. This, Ralph, my son, have experienced.

But let us admit that all of this requires determination and concern. Family altars are never easy to maintain. Any family that has tried it knows this to be true. There never seems to be the right time of day for everyone's busy schedule; however, it is with all effort. When its importance is well established and a time scheduled, then perhaps it should be entered into regularly be all members who can be present.

We have used a mission map on our wall to locate countries where missionaries are sutioned. From the calendar of prayer we mark the places of those whom we know personally or have heard speak recently. Over a period of years a number of maps have been literally worn out! This practice gives our family an awareness of missions. Missions and missionaries are as current in our conversation as the daily paper. Letters from friends on the mission fields are eagerly enjoyed by the entire family. Such experiences prepare us to try to serve in our church.

In teaching my Sunday school class of sixteen-year-old girls, one of the points which I try to get across is the importance of reading the Bible and praying daily about school, family, friends, or whatever looms before them as problems.

My husband in the day-to-day work of the business world has many far-reaching contacts. Over the years we have rejoiced to see first one and then another of his business associates become more involved in their church work.

I remember in particular a man working

with him who was a non-attending church member—and so was his wife. Through visiting with the family and special invitations, the family moved their church membership and began to attend Sunday school as well as church regularly. Soon thereafter, their children were converted and baptized. I could name family after family where men who work with him have been led with their families to become active church members.

Ralph often takes men of other faiths to the Men-of-the-Church meetings and to other such services where they feel more at case at first. He encourages all his employees to attend regularly the church of their choice and to take an active part. He will visit with them in their meetings and has at times helped, when requested, in the programs of their churches.

This past year he has had a special visitation team of boys and girls from his Intermediate Sunday school department. The group was limited to twelve-and one department teacher, Mr. Kikugawa, worked with him. This was an entirely voluntary group of young people and they met every other Thursday night throughout the school year to go out in teams of twos to visit prospects. Then they returned to our home and reported on their calls. Many of them found a new enthusiasm for visitation or it really should be called witnessing, as they went into a wide variety of homes throughout the city talking with mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters as well as the identified prospects. At times they returned with tears in their eyes and at other times jubilant. To some homes they went back again and again, never giving up. Needless to say new members were added to the deparement.

It is such a joy to work with these young people. In fact it is always a joy to worship and to witness. Truly, worshiping and witnessing go hand in hand. People who would win others must be sustained by reliance on God and a close companionship with him each day. In our home we try to keep this before each member of our family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Smith and their sons, Ralph fr. and Rusty, Hoe in Tules, Oblahome, and are members of First Baptist Church.

to be used individually and with the Society Program.

READ ISAIAH 6:34. In the midst of his vision of the Lard on his throne Isaleh responded with a yielded will and trusting heart. "Here am t; THE PERSON

call come to a select few, or do the come and daughters of the heavenly King have a unique place of service to fill? Is it likely that he would have given up talents and special abilition had he not intended for us to use our gifts in particular tasks which honor him?

Often we try to convince ourselves that God calls youth, and that if we have bypessed his call once we must find sitisfaction in smaller ways. Yet God would direct and guide us through all of life, in meturity as wall as in youth. This continuing call of God his been revealed perticularly in the testimonies of missionery associates.

meny of whom had led church-centered lives and yet felt that wife was some other special place of earlyice where God wished ham to so.

> Wes Miller, who was chief engineer of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, was invited to

so to the Internetional Septist Seminary at Reachillion-Zwich, Switzerland, to draw up plans for a recording studio to be used on campus. Through a series of unusual "coincidences" the Lord's will use revealed to the Millers.

They cought employment under the Missignery late program of the Foreign Mission Board to go to that seminary to operate the studio after It was not up. In retrospect Mrs. Miller has conclusted that this was Gott's plan all plong in lives simely dedicated to him. Concerning this step, she wrote, "I feel deep satisfaction in doing the Lord's work in Switzerland, because I know I am where he wents me to be. A person's greatest inum in life is knowing that he is in the will is Lard. God must work through his servants have on earth, but if he is to work within the lives

ASSIGNMEN lissionary ASSOCIATE Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

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of Christians they must be in tune with God and be prepared to listen to him when he calls."

To what work has God called me? Perhaps to go nowhere assersohically. Has he called me to the inner heart of my family, to guide their spiritual and physical growth with patience and love? Has God called me to remain steadfastly true to the real values in tife in a neighborhood devoted to materialistic status-sacking? Has God called me to exhibit the teaven of Christian fellowship among shut-ins and the needy in my city! Hes God called me to reevaluate my talents and experience in the light of world needs?

Have I engwered his calls with trust and eager ness like that of Issiah?

"Here am Is send me"-to live for Him

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You will recall the chorus, "Give me that old time religion: It's good enough for me." Certainly there is great truth in these words, for the religious faith of Paul and Silas and of our fathers is indeed "good enough for me" and good enough for our age. It does not follow that methods and means of carrying the gospel to the world must be old-fashioned. Indeed the Foreign Mission Board is a prime example of an agency ever seeking better and more progreative ways of making Christ known to the nations.

A recent approach by this Board is in giving needed support to career missionaries in some of their many responsibilities and reinforcing mission work among English-language groups around the world. One new approach is the development of the Missionary Associate Program. This program, involving 37 associates was begun in October, 1961

Through the Missionary Associate Program persons who are between the ages of thirty-five and fifty-nine are employed for a term of service of from three to five years to do a particular job for which they are uniquely equipped. The term "missionary anociate" indicates a short-term assignment to meet needs that cannot be met by a reguiar missionally.

Training requirements are evaluated on basis of experiences as well as education in meeting . particular iob.

The missionary associate goes to tasks

which can be done in English and he does not attend regular language school.

Already in 12 countries around the world there are the 37 missionary associates who are teachers, dormitory parents in schools for missionary children, secretaries and business managers for mission headquarters offices, nurses and doctors in particular hospital situations, and as pastors for English-language churches. This program is only one of many ways in which this Board seeks a more flexible approach to the missignary task

Perhaps the best way to understand the workings of this program of short-term missionary appointment and the gratifications experienced by those involved as associates is to hear from them firsthand. Come along as we make a quick world tour and look through the eyes of these "special" missionaries at the tasks they perform in love and devotion.

Missionary Associates from Nigeria

Program Chairman: At Newton Memorial School in Oshogho, Nigeria, Missionary Associate Jamie Crenshaw Maiden teaches the children of missionaries who serve in West Africa. Will you read to us from Mrs. Maiden's letter?

Letter: "Teaching MKs [missionary kids] on weekdays is wonderfully satisfying, but I soar to the mountaintop on Sunday mornings at Union Baptist Church in Oshogbo where I teach the English-language class of Yoruba girls from Baptist Girls High School. They aren't exactly MKs but they represent fruits of God's great missionary enterprise through Southern Baptists."

Program Chairman: From Nigeria also comes a report from Dr. Ruth Berres, pediatrician of Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Herrey, a widow and fond grandmother. left her practice to serve under the Foreign Mission Board for one term as a missionary associate in Nigeria. At present she is in her second term into position which can be mied only by a person with her training and special ability. In the western region of Nigeria there are three single women missionary associates, a teacher, a muse, and Dr. Berrey. Also, there are a pharmacist and a teacher with their families Let us listen to Dr. Betrey's letter.

Letter: "My work is fastinating. This week I have seen more than 1,000 children in our child clinits held in churches in many different regions. We have had a severe epidemic of polio this year and are so glad we were able to add oral polio vaccine to regular immunizations against smallpox and tuberculosis, etc. The patients pay enough to cover the salaries of the Nigerian nurse, health workers, transportation, drugs -everything except the missionary salary. Pastors and people are co-operative and very grateful."

#### Missionary Associates from Guarn

Program Chairman: Herbert and Maurine Maher, employed for work in Pakistan, have had a change in plans which sent them instead to Guam. Listen as Mes. Maher describes the path which led them to serve as missionary associates.

Letter: "My husband left the business world with the idea that we would find greater satisfaction in serving God in a more specific way-in a Christian school perhaps. Herb thought of serving as an administrator. Then in the back of his mind he felt that maybe God really wanted him to do something drastic, like going to the

"We had three children who were two,

#### Program Chairman:

Order enough copies of this free less to provide one for every member, it "Horizons of Expansion in Missionery & ful to be working in Guam while we wait. sonnel 1965" from Department of to sionary Education and Promotion, Form Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmon Virginia 23230.

Each person who reads a letter m take it from an envelope Some may a parts of the letters to avoid so mu reading.

five, and eight at the time. Our home was pleasant and roomy. We were active in a nes Southern Baptist church in New York. Still there was a persistent unrest within as which seemed to indicate we needed to do something else. Eventually we reached the decision and trusted it to be God's will-to enter seminary.

"No sooner had this momentous decision been made than we found there were other decisions to be made! At the seminary we found ourselves among men who all seemed to have had some pastoral experience. We began to wonder how God could especially

"We heard about the Missionary Assoriate Program and how people over fore could be used as business managers at dormitory parents. We besitated at fint because we could only be employed for a term at a time, but we finally made our decision to go ahead and really trust God with our luture. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Each step we took from our first interview with Dr. Jesse Fletcher. personnel secretary at the Foreign Mission Board, seemed to be logical.

"We were oriented and commissioned as missionary associates in June, 1961, and since that time have been waiting for our visas for Pakistan. By August it became evident that new missionaries were not being admitted to Pakistan. (In entire possessions are in storage in Sic. opore, while we work here on the island of suam

"In time we trust the Pakistan - ration

to be clarific and, if it still is God's will, suproceed on our journey. We are so thank-

This temperaty assignment in Guam is mother part of God's plan, too, for it seems besurely wants Herb to do some preaching and pantoring. Our-children have been survelous in adjusting to each new move se make. How we thank our Saviour for preparing their hearts.

"We do not think of ourselves as temprary missimuries. God has accepted our sillinguess to serve. He has increased our underganding and love of people. The past les months of unexpected events have mored be realized our need for manuring annually. He knew we needed some tests -living each day as it comes, living with es material possessions, really trusting has with the Intore, a better prayer life and more Bible study-to name a few."

#### Missionary Associate from Taiwan

Program Chairman: Lucille Dawdy beone a Christian as a freshman in high shool and felt the call to mission work in China which she was not able to answer. until some thirty-live years fater.

the graduation from high school she legan to teach in Illinois. She was refused appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1932 because she had not completed colige. She returned to teaching and to her durch work which occupied her time but sill her heart yearned for the mission field. After the death of her parents and after almost thirty-three years of teaching, she wrote again to the Board asking if an appointment were possible. She had passed the age for regular appointment. But berauc of the mitiation of the Missionary Asvocate Program she could apply for employment for a short term, she was told. In May, 1964, completing preliminary requiremenu-numerous interviews, physical and psychological tests, writing of life history and doctrinal beliefs-Miss Dawdy was acrepted for work in Taiwan at Morrison Academy.

Hear her restimony,

Letter: "We have children from Australia, the Scandinavian countries, and the United States. There are military and missionary children of many denominations, children of Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, and Puerto Rican ancestry. One Negro family comes and one high schooler from Thailand is here. Everyone is in a Bible class.

"In Taiwan the missionary associate also can have a very real part in bringing the gospel to nationals. I have a class of high school students every Sunday morning. Even though I use Laubach's simplified stories of the New Testament, I feel that I can make a telling impact for Christ on the lives of these young people. Teachers of English are in demand here. One could spend twenty-four hours a day doing nothing but reach English! The problem is to know how far one's energy can be stretched. But when one sees the multitudes, one is tempted to be unwise in expending all the energy one has!

Program Chairman: Missionary associates may or may not have theological training or even training in Christian education. They are, however, well trained for the career which they have followed. They are dedicated Christians and must above all be convinced that God is leading them to the mission field. God's delinite call is an absolute essential and of prime importance. Without that conviction we are told, the missionary associate would falter and fail.

Furthermore, the associate must anticipate some of the adjustments he must make. Food will be different. Language is a great barrier. The missionary associate is thrown on his own resources spiritually because he hears very few, if any, sermons in his own tongue. His circle of friends and acquaintances is limited. Sources of relaxation and entertainment are few. The psychology of the national is often a mystery which may bring him to near despair. Smells and sounds are different! He is a foreigner! Every day his heart is filled to overflowing by the pull of the multitudes and the meagerness of his efforts. But he must learn to lose himself in dedication to the task God has given him, and to depend on God for results.

Missionary Associates from Germany

Program Chairman: Let us consider two missionary associates in Germany. Don and Trudy Rose are at present in Mainz, West Germany, where Mr. Rose is pastor of an English-language church. It has been estimated that no less than two million US citizena are now living outside our national assundaries. In many countries English-language groups have organized Baptist churches. When the need for pastors for such congregations was presented to Don and Trudy Rose, then serving in a church in Austin, Texas, they applied to serve abroad as missionary associates. Mrs. Rose's letter tells of their significant work.

Letter: "We have many wonderful experiences in Mains, and are convinced every day that this is the place the Lord has chosen for us.

"Our work is with three groups of people. The first group is US servicemen and families, sing's servicemen-all are stationed here with the Atm. Their needs are far greater than many people in our country. realize. Over and over again we find people who were very active in church in the States. but have participated in no religious service over here. But with the shades of morality here in stark black and white iones, we have seen God work wonderfully in the lives of some. For instance, John, a young Negro in his mid-twenties who hadn't been to church in over fifteen years, came under conviction and was saved. How he grew in gracel He later became a teacher in our Primary department.

"A second group we enjoy are the University students who worship with us. Repeatedly we find ourselves ministering to young people who have never before been in a Christian service. Buddhists, Moslems, and others who are studying here, come perhaps because of curiosity or out of a desire to see how Americans do things. They hear the gospel for the first time! It is not unusual to have people from twenty

states and six or seven constries represented in a service.

"The third group is made up of Germanyoung people who wish to learn English and come to hear preacting in English 1 wish you could hear the closing of our youth fellowships held each Sunday night. Often thirty to forty young people will join hands around the rirele and sing "Blest Be the Tie." Half will be singing in German, half in English. We play game with instructions in English and German You should bear them play a game like Fruit Basket Turn Over, when each responds with the mane of a fruit, some speaking German, some English. We have English classes during the week for the group.

"There are also boys attending on church from a German Boys' Home. The speak no English but they love the fellosship. They often come to prayer meeting on Wednesday night."

Missionary Associates from Japan

Program Chairman: The Missionary Associate Program seemed to have been "made to order" for the talents and dedication of Artine and Brad Bradford, Major Bradford, pilot with the US Air Force, was given orders for Japan in July, 1956. Here, in the words of Mrs. Bradford, is the story behind their present employment as domitting directors for Baptist students in Mitaka. Japan.

Letter: "When my husband received his orders, I said to him, 'I have a feeling that there is something special for us to do it Japan.' In June, 1957, he became the chain man of the Tokyo Southern Baptist Military Fellowship which met in the Chapd Center in downtown Tokyo, near the Diet Building or Japanese Government Building.

"This group organized into the Tokyo Baptist Church.

Before our three-year tour was up, we felt led to extend our tour for mother year, which we were allowed to do. Then after prayer and wondering what the fu

Missionary Associates

At least thirty-five and not more than fiftynine years of age.

Otice Regeneration: Persons who feel led of the Lord to bear a Christian witness overseas.

Experience in fields where there is need, such as women's workers, teachers in schools for missionary children, nurses, secretaries, printers, and many others.

Joseph Service: From three to five years. Service is limited to one term, with the possibility of a second term when recommended by the mission and the area secretary.

The missionary associate carries on his work in English. He does not attend language school.

It includes base salary, child allowance, cost-of-living supplement, housing, and transportation.

ture held we heard about a proposed student domittury here in Mitaki Inc missionav dildren.

The Lord called us to volunteer to work in the student dormitory. We asked for early retirement from the Air Force and wenthonic to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth, Texas, for religious relucation courses where we studied for eighteen months.

"My hishaud turned forty in August, lew than a month before our call, so we were not eligible for career missionaries, but we retired on faith.

"The Foreign Mission Board's Missionity Associate Program for older people is sonderful for usf "At the dominion we work with high school sons and daughters of Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. These parents do not live near an English-language high school. Therefore, dormitory facilities are

"We are organized as a hig family and home, and treat the young people as our children. Much of our time is spent in counseling. It is a good feeling to know you are helping missionaries whom you have grown to appreciate, taking care of their young people in a home away from home. We feel the Lord has opened up this avenue of service especially to let some of us lay people "help out." Our cups are running over! We have never really been

more contented in our lives. This is not to say it has all been an easy transition into this work, but certainly it has been rewarding all along the way."

Special Project Nurses from Tanzania Itan za NEE al, formerly Tanganyika

Program Chairman: Akin to the Missionary Associate Program but slightly different is the Special Project Nurses program instituted by the Foreign Mission Board. Because of urgent needs in medical work on at least two fields, two nurses now serve under a short-term appointment. Ava-Nell McWhorter assists at Baptist Hospital, Gaza, and Dorothy Ruth Scott at Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Mbeya, Tanzania. Miss Scott could not offer herself as a career missionary for family reasons, but was able to apply for this limited term. She writes:

Letter: "By coming here under this program I am meeting emergency need. The hospital was without a nurse for a couple of months before my coming. The average number of patients at the hospital is 120, It is all but impossible for one nurse to administer nursing service in a hospital this size. But much of the work here is done by competent, well-trained nationals.

"Because God called me in showing me need and how I could help, I teel he will call others. Therefore, I believe this program not only is good to help meet critical needs, but also I think it gives trained young people a chance to see needs and actual conditions—to see that opportunities are many and fields white, ready for harvest.

"People all over the world and especially Africans are demanding our best. We are no longer listened to just because we are missionaries. We cannot expect to be able to witness as effectively to them when we are poorly staffed. We need well prepared people who can give their best talents, winning their confidence and being able to share the gospel of Christ with them. . . . If a young person wants to be of service to

God and mankind, work in mission program is quite ideal. I do beheve it give satisfaction as no other type work."

#### Missionary Journeymen

This special program of the Foreign Mission Board gives opportunity to te another group, it has been developed for young college graduates. It weks to find young college graduates who do not wish a career as a missionary but who wish to serve God and man in a joint undertaking on a short term.

(Use information from the article on bage I to briefly tell of this program of missionary outreach.)

Today we have presented the Missionary Associate Program and seen places of serice which supplement the work of caree missionaries. But the call continually tones to the Foreign Mission Board for more workers. Current needs for missionary asociates include pastors for English-lan guage churches, general evangelists, wom en's work, teachers for missionary children's schools, nurses, a secretary, and a printer. Perhaps there is a place of service for you. Does God call you?\*

We have heard also of the Special Project Nurses and Missionary Journeyman Program today.

We realize that the entire missionary outreach is dependent upon Christians joining in prayer, gifts, and personal witpessing to Initil God's greenal purpose for man. Does God call your sons and daughters? Does he call you? How do I answer God's call?

Devotional Moments: Use "To Live for Him," page \$4.

Prayer: Ask women to pray silently about their response to God's call, then close with audible prayer.

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#### MONDAY Evening

CALL to WORSHIP "By Spirit and th	e Word" /:15 o'clock
EACE IS WELL	Choir
Music	Paul Brooks Leath
From the Scriptures	1 201 9 001 2
Hymns of Lave and Praise	as a water africa
Today in Prayer	Mrs. R. T. Bowlin, Africa
GOD'S WORD for MY COUNTRY	
	Mrs Emanuel Dahunsi
Migeria	Mrs. Glaucia de Peticov
Brazil	Mrs. Leon Chaw
Taiwan	Mrs. Yoshie Kaneko
Japan	
Caylon	Mrs. Willie Wickramasinghe
•	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
HAMM	Mona Gett
SOLO	James Z. Nettinga, American Bible Society
COD'S WORD for a NEW AGE	Harpist, Julia Louise Herrmann
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#### TUESDAY Morning

CALL IS WORSHIP	"By Spirit and the Word"	9:00 o'clock Choir
Music		Paul Brooks Leath
From the Scriptu	KA9	
Hymna of Love 2:	nd Praise	Mrs Roger Duck, Latin America
Today in Prayer		Mrs Hoger Duck, Lain America
BUSINESS		Baker J. Cauthen
FOREIGN MISSIONS	In a NEW AGE	J. D. Hughey
Stery of Yemen		Frank K. Means
Revivel in Brazil		Winston Crawley
Open Deer to In	dia .	H. Cornell Goerner
New Matiens in	Africa	H. Collissi Guerre
HYMN		Mona Goff
SOLO		Wayne Dehoney
"THE CHURCH VIC	TORIOUS"	Harpist, Julia Louise Herrmann
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1:30 o'clock "By Spirit and the Word" CALL to WORSHIP Music Paul Brooks Leath From the Scriptures Hymns of Leve and Praise Mrs. John D. W. Watts, Europe Today in Prayer BUSINESS Report of Meminating Committee NEW WAYS for NEW DAYS Woman's Missionary Union Presentation Mona Gott MYMM President's Message, Mrs. Robert Fling **30LO** "THE VISION GLORIOUS"

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Theme: "Except the Lord build . . . Psalm 127:1

President, Mrs. Robert Fling
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Organist, Beatrice Collins
Choral Group Southwestern Singers
Director, Robert Burton

#### MONDAY Morning

CALL to WORSHIP "By Spirit and the Word"

Music From the Scriptures Hymns of Love and Praise Today in Prayer

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HYMN SOLO

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From the Scriptures

Hymns of Love and Praise

Today in Prayer

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A Missignary Church for the Navajos

A Missionary Journeyman to Hong Kong

A Missionary Associate to Japan

A Missionary Emeritus Returned to the Orient

A Missionary Appointed to Gaza

HYMN

Choir Paul Brooks Leath

Lucy Smith, Orient

2:00 o'clock

Charles Case Allen Neskahi, Jr. Jill Titus Mrs. Beryle C. Lovelace John A. Abernathy Mrs. Merrill Moore, Jr.

David Ford