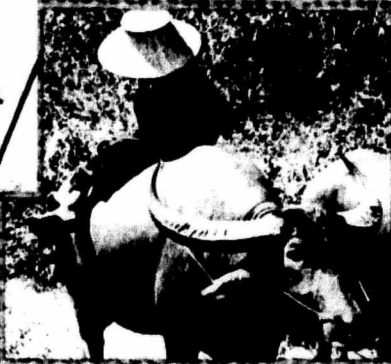




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As you prepare and
pledge your budget

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As your church sets goals for the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and
the Annie Armstrong Offering

the Gift

It is not uncommon to hear a person give a tithing testimony and tell how God has given back all the money he has given in tithes and offerings! This may be true, but if this is all that we see in giving, we have missed the true meaning.

God wishes us to have something far richer than a mere interest on our money. He has a great deal more to give to us, and his gifts are to the enrichment of our lives. Spiritual gifts are God's increase.

God increases our vision of love and concern. Because Christ so freely gave of his life and love for us, he must always be the center of all our giving. A pair of binoculars are useful only as they are kept in focus. The viewer sees what is in focus. Some binoculars are fixed with zoom lenses. The viewer fixes his focus and then he moves the zoom lens. Instantly the object at which he is looking is greatly magnified.

Giving is a kind of a zoom lens. When we give we see beyond the small world around us, and the more we give the bigger we see it.

God increases the meaningfulness of our worship. Giving in God's name is certain to make his name more meaningful in our experience. Giving freely and faithfully without seeking credit or benefit will lead us to contemplate the glory and majesty of God who made the greatest gift of all, the gift of his son Jesus Christ.

As we give to him, our worship will cease to be secondhand, hearsay, and meaningless rote. We will see that his ways are above our ways, that we must not twist our lives to our own ends, and we will turn away from the way of selfishness and confusion to the way of service and love. There are two sayings that belong together, one, we give to that which we

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and the Giver

by
Albert
McClellan



Fiber board huts and crowded apartments offer little privacy to refugees



The street peddler offers for sale cabbages and other vegetables along the streets of Hong Kong



Before debris can be cleared away refugees begin moving into new housing units



Survival "On the Brink"

by Kitty Anderson

YES, millions of struggling human beings in Hong Kong live each day on the brink of hunger and deprivations, of forebodings and anxiety—all as part and parcel of life. For it is to Hong Kong that millions of Chinese have fled from Communist China. For many of these just existing demands all their energy and time. For it is here to this British Crown Colony that countless refugees miraculously have escaped to live and breathe in a freer environment.

Mrs. Maurice J. Anderson is a missionary in Hong Kong.

The big and difficult question remains for them and us: How can Christians reach out a helping hand to these people in transition? We who have chosen to follow the teachings of Jesus must realize our responsibilities in this task. It is not possible to teach effectively about God of compassion and love, without demonstrating concretely that this teaching incorporates a concern for the physical distress of refugeeing people, in other words, love must be demonstrated, giving renewed hope and courage to people faced with disaster and despair.

Let me tell you about only one of thou-

sands of refugeeing families. The Tsois—father, mother, and five children—became separated at the Hong Kong—Red China border. Mrs. Tsoi and the three youngest children, ranging from one to six years of age, managed to steal their way through the Bamboo Curtain at the border, but the father and the two older children were held.

With no one to help her care for the three small children, Mrs. Tsoi was limited in the type work she could take on to pay for the rented shack on the hillside and for the food that was needed for survival. For-



Mrs. Anderson, right, with refugee students at Hong Kong Baptist College canteen

Talking with and encouraging students is part of the work of a missionary



unately clothing and blankets from the USA were available. Cold wind blew freely through the inadequately built shack; the baby's face was chapped and cracking from constant exposure. With Southern Baptist relief money at my disposal, I helped them out with extra food, vitamins, and needed medication. Church World Service after investigating this family's needs financed the oldest child's schooling, and gave the family a monthly rice allotment. The desperate mother assembled plastic flowers, made purses, dolls and did any other work she could find to do. Sunday mornings as a rule she would come to Tsim Tsa Tsui Baptist Church. Gradually she brought her neighbors and friends as well. Most likely, it was both spiritual and material needs that made these people reach out to find a more endurable existence.

At the end of a very difficult year Mrs. Tsoi, in tears, came to me after a church service saying, "I can't continue here without the help of my husband and older children; perhaps I had better go back into China." Our Woman's Missionary Union president happened to pass by the pew we were seated on. I reached out and asked her to stop a moment and join us in prayer that somehow Mr. Tsoi, an able mechanic, would soon manage to join his family in free Hong Kong. We continued in prayer.

The next Sunday as I was finishing my rounds to check on whether all Sunday school teachers were present, I saw Mrs. Tsai with her baby strapped on her back. She was waving a piece of paper from the foot of the stairs in the church lobby. She called out, "He's coming! He's coming!" Sure enough, she had a telegram from her husband indicating when and where he would arrive. How infectious was her joy and gratitude to God who cares, and she wanted her friends to share in her acknowledgment of His miracle.

The Tsois, who lived for years in an atmosphere of constant anxiety and of impending disaster, have found a new freedom of the spirit. Yes, crowding in the resettlement areas is real, but there is safety when

the typhoon blows and there is not enough food and water to sustain life. Also the Baptist and other clinics and hospitals reach out to these poor as well as to others.

As I was packing to come on furlough, Mrs. Tsai came to visit, bringing gifts—a live chicken, a purse she had made, and a tin of cookies. She put her arms around me and with tears on her face she said, "I have life, and my family has life because you helped me to find the hope and the strength to continue." Today the Tsai family live in one of the steel reinforced concrete resettlement apartment buildings. The combined earnings of husband and wife is enough to meet their most urgent needs. Church relatedness and economic stability are undergirding this family's solidarity.

In Hong Kong all educational opportunities are not encumbered by a Communist stranglehold, although the long arm of communism with its twisted and oppressive ways does reach, in a frightening way, into all of Southeast Asia. Hong Kong included.

Because many people who lived in Communist China feel that the future under such a political-social system is unbearable, they have sought refuge in many Southeast Asia countries. Some are elsewhere. Many Hong Kong Baptist College graduates are doing graduate study in the USA. They have a great longing to return to family and service opportunities among their people in the Orient. But a realistic fear of becoming engulfed in a life situation that restricts and undermines their most cherished life values have caused some to say, "Hong Kong is like the Dead Sea with inlets but no outlets."

Among 16,000 Baptists in Hong Kong there is a large group of dedicated, militant yet patient and steadfast Christians. These observe the storm signs and hear the distant roll of thunder, yet they live day by day "on the brink" and go about their life serving God and man as they find opportunity. These marvelous people need out constant prayer and helping hands reaching across the miles in love.

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COVER STORY

The cover photos represent the customs, the youth who more readily hear the gospel, and the desire and competence of many in the Orient who preach the Word of God to their countrymen. On the back cover is listed the countries of the Orient where Southern Baptists maintain a missionary staff,

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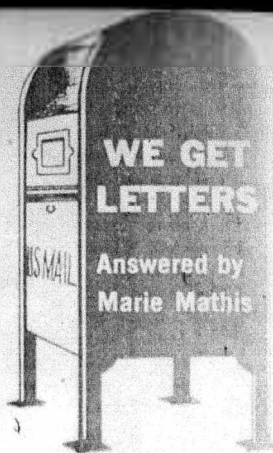
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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

The V.I. has been in the news lately because of the recent explosion of a ship in the harbor. The ship was a cargo ship and was carrying a large amount of explosives. The explosion was caused by a fire that started in the cargo hold. The fire spread quickly and caused the ship to explode. The explosion was heard for miles around. The ship was carrying a large amount of explosives and the explosion was very powerful. The explosion was caused by a fire that started in the cargo hold. The fire spread quickly and caused the ship to explode. The explosion was heard for miles around. The ship was carrying a large amount of explosives and the explosion was very powerful.



An Honor WMU "Played A Part" in Securing A New Pastor

I am the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gould, Oklahoma. I am answering your letter regarding the Honor award earned by our WMU last year. I am more than grateful to our WMU for the work done to earn this award and will gladly present the award in a public worship service.

I readily admit that the knowledge of the attaining of the Honor recognition for the previous three years was one of the primary factors in helping me with my decision to move to this church as pastor. Our WMS is not as large as it should be, but I am thankful to say it is a strong one. I shall ever be grateful to the WMU and its work.

TOM MORGAN, Pastor,
Oklahoma

Asks for Help in Pronunciation

After struggling again with a program of names which are not familiar,

I've wondered if it would be possible to include a pronunciation guide in the program material. It's so distracting to have a part go to pieces because of pronunciation, especially with names of people and places in other countries. I think that in respect to these churches and people we should at least try to present them correctly through WMU programs.

I work with GAs and we need help in pronunciation also.

MRS. R. E. CUTTINO,
South Carolina
(This is difficult due to lack of space in the magazines, but we shall try to help out with this problem.)

Thanks for The Window

May I just take this opportunity to say that The Window is one of the most informative, well written, and attractive magazines of today.

The staff very obviously spends many hours in thought and planning before even beginning to

write a single word, for the content, features, art work and all of the other features of the magazine reflect this. The content which was recently held allowed others to evidence their creativity, and we especially appreciate your reproducing the winning selections.

MARY ANN FARIS,
Tennessee
(Thank you, Mary Ann Faris!)

Letter from Malaysia

When our son Eric wrote from Baylor of Mrs. McMurry's death, I felt a personal sense of bereavement. While I was yet a pastor's wife and member of WMU, her awareness of world affairs and personal involvement in missions captured my imagination. When our family answered God's call to Southeast Asia, much of what Mrs. McMurry had spoken and written began to have special meaning. On the ship to South the reading of her *Spiritual Life Development* made an important contribution

to my personal preparation for the opening of new work in Sandakan. It was a feeling that the most fitting memorial to the life and work of Mrs. McMurry would be the message of this book lived out in the lives of Baptist women around the world.

ERICA MORRIS,
Missionary,
Malaysia

GAs in Africa Like to Have Houseparties, Too!

Last weekend we had a GA house party at my home. There were 50 African girls here from Friday after school until time for Sunday school. I just let those come who had finished a step plus their leaders and the pastor's wife. I prepared chili con carne for supper on Friday. We moved all of the furniture out of my living-dining room onto the porch and sat on the floor to eat. The girls washed the dishes and cleaned up. Then we began a mission study book called *So This Is Africa* which is about Nigeria. Then we played games. The one they liked best was from Mexico. I had filled up a large paper bag with suckers and hung it from the ceiling. Then I blindfolded the girls one by one, turned each one around once, gave her a broom and let her try to hit the bag and break it. No girl could

break the bag so I let the leaders try and finally the bag broke and the suckers fell to the floor. The girls really enjoyed the suckers. Then we had our Bible study and prayer circle. Each girl had brought her own blankets and pillow and they slept on the floor—when they slept—in my living room.

MARY ELLEN GARRETT,
Missionary, Untali,
Rhodesia

Our YWA Is Really Growing

Our YWAs have expressed their desire to begin work on a Citation. Our organization is relatively new; it is now in its third year. Our growth in the past year in number and concern is something that has been noticed by our church and of which we are quite proud. We have a definite enthusiasm for growth and achievement since our YWA Focus Week.

The Window is provided for us by our church and we sometimes take it for granted or let some "obstacle block our vision through The Window." To illustrate this point, the program chairman used a window shade on which she printed information in outline form about The Window after questioning the girls about their knowledge of the magazine. Our program chairman was aided

by Windy who pointed out that most girls don't know that The Window contains anything more than programs and Window Shudders. The result of this program—our girls got out past issues of the magazine and caught up on some really great articles.

GLENDIA BULL,
Tennessee
(Congratulations—your enthusiasm is contagious. Windy in each issue of The Window helps all of us to appreciate her points of emphasis.)

Quotes from Letters Received at "600"

My daddy is an insurance man.

My friend and I have made a club. We want a membership card of our own. Could you print us four for a dollar? If you can, print them and send them to us. If you can't, write us about it.

We want an allegiance too. On a 12x15 card. Could you make that for a dollar? And a 12x15 card that says DETECTIVE CLUB on it for a dollar.

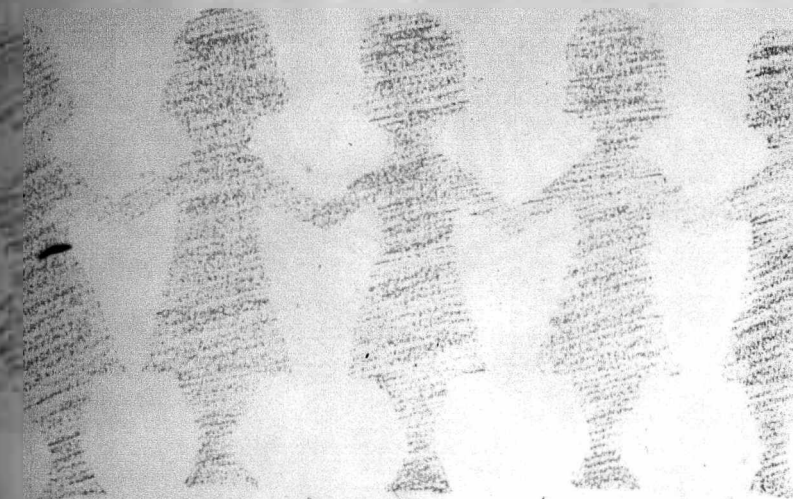
This club is secret. Bill us after you send the supplies.

—FLORIDA

I've agreed to serve as president of a WMS for next year that is dead as a door nail, and I don't know how to be a president. But if you will send me any literature that will be helpful, I'll sure try to bring it to life. Send us some pep and enthusiasm along with the literature if you have any to spare!

—TENNESSEE

Send your comments to Letters, 600
10th Street, Birmingham, Alabama
We will not have space to print
your letter, of course. Please include your
name and address.



WHAT kind of attitudes am I bequeathing to my children these days?

Do I speak "my mind" in such a way that any other person is being taught to harbor ill will and hatred because of what I say? Perhaps I need to realize that even my tone of voice gives evidence of love or hate for others in my heart. I may inadvertently be planting the seeds of hatred in my own home or community. These may some day grow into full-scale bigotry!

What happens when my child talks about "different" children attending his school? Do I immediately condemn the school board? Do I vow in the presence of children that I will never allow such a thing to take place?

Do I follow this pattern? Or do I quietly see what kind of guidance I can give my child so he will be happy and secure in these changing times? Do I honestly try to guide my child to treat any child in a kind and considerate and courteous manner?

What happens in groups where I am? Do I try to contribute toward deciding what

is right or do I just express the "expedient" thing? at the moment? Do I take Scripture verses out of context and try to prove that God is "for" or "against" this or that, or do I honestly face questions and try to deal with them in the light of my understanding of God's Word and the character of Jesus' love? Do I have the courage to open my Bible and ask for enlightenment from the Holy Spirit as I search God's Word?

And, what about that Negro who boards the bus and sits down next to me? Do I make a scene, get up and move, express myself in loud words or haughty stares? Or do I pray that God will guide my actions, which speak louder than words, and refuse to embarrass others and myself by an unmannerly response?

Can I see this as opportunity to witness to others so they will know that love is the motivating principle of my life?

What about it? Am I passing on all will to the next generation? Am I helping or hindering the cause of Christ by example? by words? by attitudes?

If I have to admit that there have been ugly remarks crossing my lips, I have

What Kind of Person

Am
I?



acted unworthily and unwomanly toward any person, then I must admit that I have added to my community's burden in solving its complexity of problems! I must admit that I bear responsibility for the world's sorrow and despair. But finally I must come face to face in realization that I am not a "peacemaker" about whom Christ spoke in the Sermon on the Mount. He called them "children of God."

What can I do to correct mistakes of the past? I must pray more, love more, seek with God's help to understand God's requirements for Christians living today in a much troubled world. When I stop using the standards of the world and begin using God's measurements, it is then that I will be able to rid myself of despair and hate. When I "come to have the mind of Christ" I will want for every person maximum fulfillment of his life's potential.

As we live in this present age, will you pray with me that neither of us will be guilty of adding to man's burden and that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes and burden our hearts that we shall be "channels of blessings" to every person?

BY
MARY
ALLRED

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BIBLE STUDY:

The Missionary Message of the Bible

LESSON XII

by Gilbert L. Guffin

A Delivered People Developed Through Instruction

Read Deuteronomy

One cannot read the New Testament carefully without soon discovering that its writers had a high regard for the book of Deuteronomy. Over eighty references to Deuteronomy are made in the New Testament. The name of Moses occurs there 98 times and every reference sheds light on the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy has been the chief source from which references to the Mosaic Law have been quoted for 33 centuries. It is called therefore "one of the great, fundamental books of all time" and "one of the most influential ever written." J. Lawrence Eason thinks "It is . . . well nigh impossible to overrate its value."

In the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus is said to have answered the Tempter by use of four quotations of Scripture. Three of these were taken from Deuteronomy (8:3; 6:16; 6:13).

Deuteronomy takes its name from a

Greek word meaning "the second law" or "the law repeated."

The purpose of Deuteronomy was to re-emphasize God's special relationship to Israel, to rehearse before the people the content and meaning of the Law and the Covenant, and to lead the congregation to renew their vows to the Lord. The author seeks to turn the mind of his people back to the past to the great figure in the history of Israel—Jehovah, their God. They were his people and their action was to be according to his righteous character.

Deuteronomy is the only book in the Old Testament which specifically attempts to interpret the meaning of Israel's unique life and position. In doing this it considers such basic themes as the meaning of God's saving and preserving a people—obviously unworthy as Israel, the significance of the Covenant and the revelation of God's will within it, and the true source of security of

a people who are to face unique and great temptations.

Deuteronomy is looked upon by some as a valedictory or farewell address of Moses. Others think it is a series of three or four separate addresses, with a final section added which deals with the installation of Joshua and includes the Songs of Moses, and an account of Moses' death.

Though many modern scholars have thought Deuteronomy as it now appears was written later than Moses' day, possibly in the day of Josiah, even among these scholars there are those who admit that "an investigation into the origin of Deuteronomy . . . will lead ultimately to the figure of Moses himself. . . . It is . . . not improbable that the book rests on the tradition of an actual address of Moses before his death" (Wright).

The book itself clearly purports to consist of an address or of addresses by Moses. Perhaps an addendum was added by someone else regarding Moses' death. Conservative scholars hold strongly to this general opinion. The book seems, actually, to contain four addresses.

In the first address (chapters 1 to 4:43), Moses speaks forcefully of the love of God and his providential care over Israel.

In the second (chapter 4:44 through chapter 26), which comprises the larger part of the book, Moses restates the Ten Commandments and the Law of the Covenant (5:1-21), gives expression to the Great Commandment (6:4-9), emphasizes that the Lord's people are to be holy unto the Lord (7:8-16) and interprets what God expects of his people in life and in their relationship to himself and to others.

In the third address (chapters 27-28), Moses gives accent to the importance of

"putting into practice" the laws of God and contrasts the results of obedience with disobedience.

In the fourth address (chapters 29-30), Moses emphasizes the renewal of the Covenant Israel had so gravely broken some 39 years ago at Sinai and at Kadesh-barnea.

In the last address (which is possibly more of a miscellany of Moses' general remarks than a formal address) Moses gives farewell directions to Joshua, his successor, and records his farewell song or songs (chapters 31-33).

Now what are the great teachings of the book of Deuteronomy and do these teachings have any value for understanding the missionary plan of God in the ages?

Some of the major teachings of the book, given directly or inferred, are:

1. *That God is a God of love and marvelous faithfulness.* Israel was enjoined to remember, "It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love upon you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples; but it is because the Lord loves you, and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you" (7:7-8, RSV). Though the demands of God may have seemed at times to be severe and his judgments swift, this was only because he loved the people and was moved to chasten them as a loving father an erring child. The love of God is still the greatest thing in the world. It is the basic fact upon which the structure of world missions is built. If God loves men, there is yet hope for them.

2. *That God desires the love of men* (10:16 and 11:1). Few if any stronger appeals are made in the Old Testament, except possibly in Hosea, for devotion toward God. Obedience is important, but the attitude of the heart is revealed to be the main thing. Prophets like Jeremiah and Malachi later severely denounced mere outward religious practice which lacked true devotion of the heart to God. One of the gravest dangers of our day may be the same weak-

For got of passage, light on words and phrases, and methods of study order the booklet, "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: the Pentateuch," 50c, from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 600 So. 20th St., Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

ness, God wants men to keep his commandments because they love him. The greatest appeal the Scriptures make for man to love God is that God has first loved him. This is the thrilling message of hope which missions bears to all mankind.

3. *That the ultimate victory God would give Israel over the Canaanites, as the chosen people entered the Land of Promise, would not be given because God was partial to Israel. It would be because of the wickedness of the Canaanites that he would drive them out of the land and not because of the partiality of God (9:4-7).* Only as we understand this, may we avoid the erroneous conclusion that God would not take a land from one people just to give it to another.

God, as history reveals, continues to judge nations and peoples. The message of missions is in part to reveal to men the way to avoid such judgment and the doom which wickedness eventually brings.

4. *That God is holy (26:15).* To realize how tremendously important this revelation really was one needs to recall that the god of all the surrounding nations at that time were immoral, capricious, and as evil as the people who had conceived them. The reiteration of the Ten Commandments and the setting forth of all the other moral and ethical laws of God were expressive of the truth of God's holiness. The task of missions will not have been consummated until all the earth has been informed of and brought into reconciliation with this Holy God.

5. *That God wants people to be holy (7:6).* A holy God naturally desires a holy people. This means that men are to be "set apart" and consecrated to the Lord and are to live righteous and obedient lives before him.

When all the evil and wickedness of the world are contemplated, how urgent the need is seen to be for the missionary proclamation of the gospel of redemption and recreation.

6. *That God has a purpose for his people (7:6 and 14:2).* His purpose includes both what that people are to be and what

they are to do. God expected Israel to become a spiritual and dedicated nation, a people devoted to him and righteous in all their ways. This was first. Beyond this, he wanted Israel to be faithful in fulfilling their eventual mission. They had been appointed by him to become a channel of blessing to all nations.

Christians may well contemplate what God's purpose is for them. Could it be any less than it was for Israel?

7. *That the decisions and choices of men determine what they really are and what their destinies are to be.* How graphically this truth was set forth in such declarations as, "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey . . . and the curse, if you do not . . ." (11:26-28, RSV; see also chapter 28). Men themselves choose whether they will have divine favor or dreadful judgment. The moral laws of the universe may be violated but they cannot be broken. In this knowledge, Christian missions pursues its task. How decisive the proclamation of God's Word is to a lost world. The future course of men and of nations is really involved.

8. *That idolatry in any form is heinous and perilous (13:6-11).* Throughout Deuteronomy there are warnings against worship of false gods. Such worship has always been one of man's gravest dangers. The making of idols however is still a major business. Many who deplore falling down before an image will nonetheless give first place in their hearts to money, clothing, politics, sports, houses, lakes, and the like. This is modern idolatry. The purpose of missions is to turn men from their idols to the true and living God. Nothing is more needed than that.

9. *That to please God, people are to love their neighbor and to exercise moral and humanitarian concern.* The God of the Bible is that kind of a God. Most teachings concerning the release of Hebrew slaves (15:12-18), cities of refuge for the protection of those guilty of accidental or unintentional injuries to others (19:10), justice (19:15-21), and help for the poor and

the weak (10:18) are all evidences of this truth. Though Deuteronomy does not restate the command found in Leviticus 19:18 to love one's neighbor as oneself, very nearly the same idea is expressed in "Love the sojourner, therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt" (10:19, RSV; 24:17-18).

A deep concern of missions is that of service to all "sojourners"; that is, to the needy, the poor, the ill, the helpless, the victims of injustice, and the enslaved. The reason for that concern lies in the fundamental fact that God who cared for such people in the past cares for them now. Jesus' own teaching, as well as his acts of compassion, reaffirms the Christian's responsibility.

From the book of Deuteronomy, viewed as a whole, at least two further lessons of major value may profitably be noted. One is that for people to grow into responsible spiritual maturity they need much instruction. Experience alone is seldom, if ever, sufficient. It was not enough for Israel, as Moses realized. By recapitulation of their experience and review of the Law he sought to help the people understand both the nature of God and the meaning of his purpose. "Consider this day," he pleaded, "since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it, consider the discipline of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, his signs and his deeds . . ." (11:2-5, RSV). How important it is to recall what we have experienced and to "consider" what we have been taught.

Someone has said, "The future of our country depends upon whether we can take the policeman off the street corner and put him in our hearts." It was something like this that Moses was attempting to do for Israel. He longed for them to have an inner motive and power that would compel them voluntarily to love God and their fellow man, to be just, and to live righteously.

A second lesson then which Deuteronomy seems vividly to teach is that neither the hard facts of experience nor the repetition

of instructions (though both are valuable) is enough to make men do right. You cannot make people good. Unless their hearts rightly motivate them, mere knowledge and memory usually will not. This brings us to the very center of the task of missions, and, in truth, to the center of the need of the whole world. It is so to awaken men, or to be awakened, to the love of God ("God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son") that everywhere men will truly love him, professing "We love him because he first loved us." Then and only then will they steadfastly seek to do his will and confess with the Apostle Paul, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

In Deuteronomy, a people are instructed through recapitulation of what God had done for them, rehearsal of their own weaknesses and failures, repetition of divine directions, and re-emphasis upon the meaning of it all. They are instructed in the love of God, the holiness of God, and the purpose of God; in the need of men to be rightly related to God and to man, to be holy, to love God, and to realize that their decisions to obey or to disobey God determine their destiny. In Deuteronomy a people are instructed for life in a Promised Land, for a destiny as a people set apart for a divinely designated mission, and for a witness as God's people to the world. As part of that witness, they were destined to give a unique vision and understanding of God to the world; and eventually, under the Divine Spirit, also to "give" Christ to the world. In all of this giving the credit is not due them, but God who chose them and who, almost in spite of them and certainly despite all his disappointments with them, nevertheless gloriously used them, as he had promised and purposed to do, to bless all nations.

It will be recalled that Moses, when God first called him (Ex. 4:10), begged to be excused, saying, "I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." After studying Deuteronomy one is inclined to exclaim, "For one who couldn't speak, how mightily he did speak—and indeed still speaks."

Dear Pastor,

Perhaps you will recall that in 1963 WMU celebrated its 75th Anniversary. In preparation for that significant milestone forward-looking goals were adopted for the five-year period preceding the celebration. One of those goals was for each missionary society to have a Prayer Retreat. A Baptist leader has said that our next historian may record that this was our most significant 75th Anniversary goal.

This goal has turned out to be an annual emphasis. Baptist women seem "hungry" for opportunity to go aside for a few hours or more and quietly discuss the work of our churches, our world, and then to pray together about many things. We believe that God has heard these earnest prayers and has blessed our denomination in many ways.

It is true that today in our world confusion and uncertainty surround us. But this is not a unique twentieth-century development. In the early days of Christ's church strife and unbelief and even heresy were attacking continually from within.

Yet, evidence is plentiful that the victories which characterized those early days of church history were wrought out in the midst of the most impossible conditions. There is, then, perhaps no more important question for us to ask than, "How? How did they in the face of the impossible do the impossible?"

We believe that the power of the Holy Spirit was mighty after "fervent, united, expectant" prayer of early believers.

In Acts 1:14 we read, "... and apostles are joined by women. . . ." We dare to hope that mission-minded Baptist women help to make the difference in what happens in our generation about the impossible situations we all face.

We would like once again to encourage every Woman's Missionary Society, every Young Woman's Auxiliary, and even some of our older Girls' Auxiliaries to experience Prayer Retreats during the year ahead. 1965-66 Prayer Retreat plans are on the denominational emphasis, "Proclamation and Witness." Your encouragement may well make the women of your church more eager for this prayer experience. Pastor, will you help the women of your church grow through prayer and engage in your church's plans for proclamation and witness this year?

Sincerely,

WMU Staff

Call to Prayer

Prepared by Janice Singleton

"In every thing

by PRAYER

and SUPPLICATION

with THANKSGIVING

let your requests be made known unto God"

Philippians 4:6

1 WEDNESDAY If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him James 1:5, RSV (read vs. 5-8).

The J. P. Kirks have just returned to Brazil after a year's furlough in the States. Preceding the furlough Mr. Kirk served as executive secretary of the Bahia Baptist State Convention, a territory larger than Texas. Mrs. Kirk kept busy seeing that her husband and the four children "got where they needed to be, on time and acting as hostess to many who pass through Salvador en route south—missionaries and others. City-wide and state-wide activities, writing, and local church work add zest to a schedule that is as varied as it is unpredictable." Pray for Baptist work and for the lost in the state of Bahia.

Pray for Mrs. Kirk, J. E. Troop, Brazil, J. T. Harrell, Guadalajara, Mexico, R. D. Harlan, Venezuela, Mrs. N. W. Wood, Chingola, Zambia, ev.; Mrs. Clarence Thurman, Jr., Malayan, RN; Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Roy Muncy, N. M., Ind. ev.; John Reid, New Orleans, La., GWC

2 THURSDAY I do not pray for these only, but also for those who are to believe in me through their word, that they may all be one: even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me John 17:20-21, RSV (read vs. 20-26).

Rev. and Mrs. Roger Duck are our missionaries in Barranquilla, Colombia. Last January one of their pastors, Carlos Henriquez, was elected president of Colombia Baptist Convention. Messengers were present from 37 of 46 churches.

The WMU of Colombia, meeting prior to the convention, awarded silver pins to three who achieved the rank of expert in Plan "Abrera" (plan "worker") a WMU program of Bible study and soul-winning.

Pray for Mrs. Duck and her family today and for their ministry in Colombia.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, and in HOME MISSIONS.

ag. agriculture
BA business administration
ed. education
ev. evangelism
Fr. French
GWC Good Will Center
Ind. Indian
MA missionary associate
MD doctor

pub. publication
ret. retired
RN nurse
soc. social work
Sp. sp. Spanish-speaking
SW student work
TM teacher-missionary
WDP weekday program
* furlough

Pray for A. B. Oliver, Brazil, ed.; J. B. Brasington, Trujillo, Peru, Mrs. T. H. Doubell, Tarjon, Korea, H. P. Hayes, Dalat, Vietnam, Mrs. J. I. Nance, Surabaya, Indonesia, Mrs. W. L. Lofland, Comilla, E. Pakistan, Mrs. W. R. Norman, Jr., Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. R. C. Moore, Chile, ret.

3 FRIDAY If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Psalm 66:18-19, RSV (read vv. 16-20).

David B. Richardson has been serving for four years with the Home Mission Board, working with the deaf in Alabama. He reports new work in one area, and two persons added to a church. He encourages the workers in local situations by assisting in messages, classes, and personal visitation.

The Home Mission Board has 32 missionaries to the deaf, three added last year, and 308 won to the Lord. Pray for workers with the deaf.

Pray for Mr. Richardson, Montgomery; Napoleon Guarnero, Okla., Sp. sp. ev.; A. W. Gammage, Jr., Korea, J. A. Treadway, Taipei, Taiwan, ed.; B. P. Emanuel, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. G. H. Clark, Malaysia, Mrs. W. O. Hern, Jerusalem, Jordan, ev.

4 SATURDAY And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." John 11:41-42, RSV (read vv. 38-44).

The first Baptist church in Spain's north-eastern industrial section was organized last fall in Basauri, near Bilbao. The pastor, in whose home the organization took place, came from Cuba three years ago. Others who had part in establishing this church were a Baptist salesman from Tarrasa and two laymen from Madrid. Rev. Charles Whitten was present and led the dedicatory prayer. Pray for the Baptist witness in Spain.

Pray for Mr. Whitten, Madrid; W. B. Glass, China, ret.; W. R. Davis, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. W. P. Clemmons, Italy, W. T. Hunt, Davao City, Philippines, E. C. Pippin, San Juan, Argentina, Mrs. M. L. Corley, Bucaramanga, Colombia, L. R. Martin, Monroe, La., ev.; Gilbert Ramos, Sororro, L. E. Saunders, Taos, N.M., Sp. sp. ev.

SUNDAY Trust in him at all times. O people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8, RSV (read vv. 1-12).

"The key that opened the heart of an eighty-nine-year-old man in Concepcion, Chile, is effective also when used on a large scale. It is a key," says Rev. Evan F. Holmes, "which has brought 710 forward in five tent meetings to confess a need for Christ." Mr. Holmes is secretary of evangelism for the Chilean Baptist Convention. "The key," he explains, "is prayer." If every Baptist around the world would pray at noon, what a force of power that would be!

The old man in Concepcion was one of 1,300 persons attending the revivals. Let us pray that the results of these meetings may be conserved.

Pray for Mrs. Holmes,* Mrs. J. G. Tidenberg, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, ev.; R. L. Bivins, Petah Tikva, Israel, ag.; R. T. Boulton, Rhodesia, ed.; Pauline White, W. B. Sherwood, Brazil, ret.; B. R. Conrad, Brigham City, Utah, Ind. ev.; Carolyn Evans, Macon, Ga., WDP

6 MONDAY Three times I brought the Lord about this, that it should hear me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:8-9, RSV (read vv. 1-10).

Mrs. J. D. Fite and her husband live in Cuba as our missionaries. Mrs. Fite, Margaret Caudill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of Baptist work, Dr. Caudill and Mr. Fite were at the last

Spring by government authorities. Pray for the Fites, the Caudills, and other Cuban Baptists.

Pray for Mrs. Napoleon Guarnero, Okla., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. J. D. Holt, Dallas, Tex., GWC; T. N. Callaway, Fukuoka, Japan, R. J. Hall, Jos, H. A. Brown, Jr., Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. C. E. Compton, Jr., Cuiaba, J. L. Garrett, Santarem, Brazil, Mrs. L. P. Marler, Seoul, Korea, ev.; Virginia Miles,* Indonesia, Mrs. W. E. Verner, Abukawa, Ghana, RN; Edith West, Brazil, ret.

1 TUESDAY You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. James 4:3, RSV (read vv. 1-10).

In Tegucigalpa, capital city of Honduras, Central America, live Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Roberts with their daughters Linda, Dale, and Rebekah. Mr. Roberts is pastor of Bethel Church, with 70 members, 100 in Sunday school, and several mission Sunday schools. These missionaries made a study of opening work in LaCeiba, a city of 30,000 in northern Honduras. Like the weather, they explain, the work has its changes. After the rainy season, bringing beautiful flowers and green trees and grass, comes a dry season making a desert out of the land. Pray for the spiritual climate of this country and for the missionaries witnessing there.

Pray for Mr. Roberts, E. E. Jolley, Buenos Aires, Argentina, P. C. Mosteller, Haaduai, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. T. B. Stover, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA; W. H. Matthews, Davao City, Philippines, ed.; J. M. Freire, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Wilfred Hsu, Mill Valley, Calif., Chinese ev.; Eddie Sanchez, Houston, Tex., Luis Gomez, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.; L. M. Tobin, Atlanta, Ga., Negro ev.

3 WEDNESDAY Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." Gen. 32:26, RSV (read vv. 22-32).

The Grover Tyners spent several months studying Ilocano, one of the more than 120 known dialects in the Philippine Islands. About three million people speak this dialect in the northern part of Luzon.

Because mastery of the language is so important students are limited in ways they can serve. The Tyners are working in the English-speaking Baptist church, where Libby teaches a women's class and Grover Junior boys. He also takes some preaching engagements. They report with enthusiasm the rapid growth of new work in a nearby barrio (village), where the captain of the barrio

came for baptism in a recent revival.

Pray for Mr. Tyners, Bagoio; Mrs. M. G. Pray, Jr., Gataoma, Rhodesia, W. P. Andrews, Osorno, Chile, ed.; Mrs. L. B. Akins, Hainchu, Taiwan, U. L. Green, Jinkrama, Nigeria, ev.; C. F. Frazier, Coolidge, Ariz., ret.

9 THURSDAY And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Matt. 14:23, RSV (read vv. 22-27).

Who can say why God calls one sister to a foreign field and one to home mission work? Mildred Womack's sister Ruth is a nurse in Oyo, Nigeria, while Mildred serves in a good will center in Miami, Florida.

Ten years ago this Miami center was in an Anglo neighborhood. It has changed gradually to a Spanish-language area. Mildred continued to minister to the people moving in. Later Puerto Ricans took the place of the Spanish group. Now it is almost wholly Puerto Rican and Negro and Mildred's work is still overwhelming. A recent visitor was greatly impressed with her effective visitation. Thank God for her loving concern for all people. Pray for the people among whom she works.

Pray for Miss Womack; Mrs. Emilia T. Barry, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. C. A. Leonard, China-Hawaii, ret.; Mrs. C. W. Shirley,* J. D. Divers, Argentina, B. W. Holloway, Mbale, Uganda, ev.; Betty Hart, Chile, soc.; Mrs. Herbert Maher, Agaña, Guam, MA

10 FRIDAY And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12 (read vv. 12-16).

Mission fields all over the world are the second homeland of many young Southern Baptists, children of foreign missionaries, some born there. Carol Claxon, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Neville Claxon, Ibadan, Nigeria, is an example.

Mr. Claxon works in the business office at Baptist headquarters in Ibadan. The family enjoyed a visit from Carol last summer, under a new provision from the Foreign Mission Board allowing missionary children in school in the States to visit their parents. In a letter to the Board, Carol expressed her pride in Nigeria and appreciation for its growth and progress. She is continuing her schooling in this country. Pray for missionary parents and children who must be separated as children continue their education.

Pray for Mr. Claxon; Mrs. R. V. Lindholm, Nigeria, ev.; W. C. Lewis, Anuncion, Paraguay, MD; Nicholas Andrade, Dilley, Tex.,

the Gift and the Giver

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love. And two, we love that to which we give. If we give to God we are bound to hold more respect for his will.

God increases our ability to bear our crosses without bitterness. We do not mean by this that we buy grace, because certainly this is not true. This point is in reference to a saying of Jesus about a grain of wheat dying before the green shoot comes forth. We die through giving, a little bit at the time, with each gift, most of all the gift of ourselves.

Several years ago a lovely woman had to have both legs amputated. She had been one of the most faithful members of her church, and her love of God led to sacrificial giving and service. She was a magnificent woman

of true faith, and through faith she accepted herself in her new condition and through faith she accepted the circumstances of her new life.

It was not surprising that she found ways to continue her service to God. Her home is an open door to all the world. The GAs and YWAs meet in her house. People visit her just to be touched by her spirit. Bitterness has no place in her life. But this did not just happen. Her living and giving had always been a response to the presence of Christ in her life. She gave her money, but the really big gift was herself. We have not caught the true meaning of stewardship until we recognize that the giving of spiritual gifts is just as important as the giving of our money.

Leland Warren, Granger, Wash., Sp. sp. ev.; J. D. Back, Whiteriver, Ariz., Ind. ev.

11 SATURDAY And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed Mark 1:35, RSV (read vv. 32-39).

C. Irwin Dawson is co-ordinator of language missions with four groups in Arizona. There are 4 missionaries among the Chinese; 27 missionaries among Indians in 8 churches and 14 missions; 25 missionaries among Spanish-language groups, 1 Spanish-speaking church and 15 missions; and 2 missionaries among the deaf.

Mr. Dawson reports steady progress and

an encouraging stability. A new church building and missionary residence on Fort Hall Indian reservation have been built. There have been 434 professions of faith, 323 of whom have joined a church. Pray for Mr. Dawson and these 58 missionaries in Arizona.

Pray for Carl Conrad, La., Fr. ev.; Enrique Larralde, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, H. O. Hendrick, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. S. L. Simpson, Ecuador, ev.

**SUNDAY
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And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass for him Mark 14:35, RSV (read vv. 30-32).

"One of our hospital workers recently had to leave his father's home because he has become a Christian. He is still afraid to be baptized." Amanda Tinkle, missionary nurse in Baptist Hospital, Shaki, Nigeria, writes: "We witness every day to Moslem people, as well as pagan. Our daily prayer is that every person who comes to our hospital shall hear the gospel. Please pray for us as we witness, especially to Moslems. Also pray for those who have accepted Christ but are afraid to confess him publicly for fear of persecution."

Pray for Miss Tinkle, Arlene Rogers, Barroquillo, Colombia, Mrs. L. R. Brock, Jr., Arcovide, Brazil, RN; H. H. Snuggs, China, F. T. Woodward, China-Hawaii, ret.; R. V. Calcote, Nagoya, Mrs. D. E. Mercer, Takomatsu, Japan, Mrs. R. E. Beatty, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, ev.

11 MONDAY I cry to thee, O Lord; I say, Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living Psalm 142:5, RSV (read vv. 1-7).

Last October the former British territory of Northern Rhodesia became the independent republic of Zambia. President Kenneth Kaunda has made many statements indicating his faith as a Christian. It was especially notable that so many religious services were a part of the independence celebrations. Rev. Milton E. Cunningham, Jr., chairman of the Baptist Mission of Zambia, participated as representative of Baptists in the country. Pray for President Kaunda and for the leaders of this new republic, and for Baptists there.

Pray for Mr. Cunningham, Lusaka, W. H. Gray, Jr., Selttilo, Mexico, Mrs. T. E. Dabberly, Mercedes, Uruguay, ev.; G. W. Schmeer, Semarang, Indonesia, ed.; D. C. Dorr, Gam, MD; Eddie Savoie, Lafayette, La., Fr. ev.

14 TUESDAY And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications Zech. 12:10 (read vv. 9-11).

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Leonard Gentry, having served as summer workers under the Home Mission Board, were appointed last December by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries in Taiwan. Pray for young people who served last year as summer workers with our mission boards and for their influence this fall among their college friends.

Pray for Mr. Gentry, Taipei, C. A. Veatch, Sr., Nassau, Bahamas, G. E. Hickey, Campinas, Mrs. B. J. Davenport, Belo Horizonte, P. J. Tchetnehoff, Santa Maria, L. C. Schoch-

ler, Natal, Brazil, ev.; Virginia Terry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA; H. L. Stevens, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Minnie Melroy, Argentina, ret.

15 WEDNESDAY Epaphras, who is one of yourselves, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always remembering you earnestly in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God Col. 4:12, RSV (read vv. 10-17).

In Spring revivals in Buenos Aires, Argentina, there were 236 people who made professions of faith. In one church alone there were 103. The young pastor of that church caught a vision and within a month after the revival he had visited 95 of the new converts, and had won 13 more in their homes.

William Graves, missionary in Buenos Aires, was pastor of a church in La Plata, 30 miles away. He wondered if it were worth the effort of competing with Sunday traffic to get to this church until a Ukrainian man, for whom they had been praying, accepted Christ and several university students followed his example. Pray that a full-time pastor be found for this church.

Pray for Mr. Graves, pub.; W. P. Carter, Jr., Santiago, Chile, Betty Smith, Campinas, Brazil, Frances Knight, Nigeria, ed.; L. L. Gregory, Costa Rica, G. M. Swicegood, Recife, Brazil, Mrs. H. G. Smith, Singapore, Malaysia, R. C. Sherer, Japan, Mrs. R. M. Parham, Jr., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mrs. Heriberto Rodriguez, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.; Melvin Plauche, Mamou, La., Fr. ev.; Mrs. J. B. Parker, Tex., ret.; C. A. Fanshaw, Cave Springs, Ga., deaf ev.; Troy Cunningham, La., GWC

16 THURSDAY Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them Psalm 99:6, RSV (read vv. 6-9).

The first Southern Baptist medical missionary to Nigeria was Dr. George Green, who, in 1907, began by treating patients in his home. The hospital in Ogbomoso was built in 1923. As the mud walls eventually began to deteriorate and the hospital's ministry grew, new buildings were constructed, the most recent being a maternity center dedicated this year.

The nursing school has been moved to Eku, in the Niger River delta. Pray for the medical ministry in Nigeria.

Pray for Dr. J. E. Tolar, Shaki, Nigeria, MD; J. D. Smith, Bandung, Witma Weeks, Surabaya, Indonesia, E. M. Cross, Manila,

Philippines. S. A. Smith,* Ecuador, Mrs. R. E. Baker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; J. J. Cowser, Brazil, Mrs. T. J. League, China, ret.; Samuel Delgado, Bay City, Tex.; Pedro Hernandez Tolleson, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Humberto Dominguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.

17 FRIDAY Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near Isaiah 55:6 (read vv. 1-13).

Rev. and Mrs. Frank M. Alonzo request, "We are praying and visiting. Please pray for us." He reports 30 rededications in a recent revival. There were 37 professions of faith last year, with 22 additions to the church, making a membership in the First Mexican Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas, to be 188. There are 208 enrolled in Sunday school, 100 in Training Union, and 25 women in WMS. Pray for this pastor as he leads his church.

Pray for David Matthews, Shreveport, La., Negro ev.; J. K. Ragland, Lebanon, ev.

18 SATURDAY Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually! Psalm 105:4, RSV (read vv. 1-6).

Pray today for Mrs. Pastor Camara, and for her husband who is pastor of the Spanish-language church in Port Lavaca, Texas. Pray also for Benjamin Sergio, their son, a Margaret Fund student at Howard Payne University, and Sara Elida, who graduated last year from Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Over a thousand visits were reported by this busy couple resulting in 37 conversions. Ten were added to the church by baptism and eight by letter.

Pray for Wiley Henton, Globe, Ariz., W. E. Craighead, Romania-Paraguay, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan-Hawaii, ret.; Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Mrs. E. E. Jolley, Mrs. K. W. Balyeat, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. M. E. Dodson, Leon, H. E. Sturgeon, Mexico, J. B. Durham, Enugu, Nigeria, ev.; E. W. Nelson, Santiago, Chile, C. L. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. R. C. Covington, Penang, Malaysia, Marilyn Moore, Rome, Italy, ed.; J. O. Morse, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD; Mrs. J. W. Ross, El Paso, Tex., pub.

SUNDAY For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him 2 Chron. 16:9, RSV (read vv. 7-9).

"Probably the most important event of last year for us was the dedication of the Baptist

Hospital. We have had the satisfaction of watching it progress from the very beginning to the completion of the first unit. The eight-story building is completed on the outside but only four stories are finished. These house the outpatient clinic, pharmacy, laboratory, business offices, staff quarters, dining rooms, library, kitchen, etc., as well as delivery room and the wards. At present about 50 beds are in use. More beds and living quarters for staff will be added." The Lewis Smiths send this report from Kowloon, Hong Kong. Pray for Mrs. Smith, a nurse and the work.

Pray for Mrs. O. E. Gilliland, Jr., Indonesia, Mrs. L. E. Brown, Kisumu, Kenya, I. L. Northcutt, Peru, S. A. Scarlett, Canal Zone, ev.

20 MONDAY Always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father Eph. 5:20, RSV (read vv. 15-20).

The Wendall Parkers ask for our prayer for a small church in Santa Clara, Panama, and for the five mission points sponsored by this church. "To win unsaved people, some of whom have never heard anything of the gospel, and help them develop into strong witnessing Christians, has been one of our greatest joys," they write. Also pray for the Panama Baptist Encampment which they manage, and for Wendall's work as area missionary. There are a number of towns in his area without an evangelical witness.

Pray for Mr. Parker: C. B. Lewis, Natchez, Miss., Negro ev.; Lola Mae Daniel, Taichung, Taiwan, MA; F. S. Wells, Jogyakarta, Indonesia, SW; Mrs. F. B. Owen, Indonesia, V. L. Dietrich, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; A. J. Powell, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.

21 TUESDAY Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Psalm 41:13, RSV (read Psalm 41)

The Japan Baptist Convention has launched its first television series—a thirteen-week run of "The Answer." Since 80 per cent of Japanese homes have television sets and there is no restriction on presentation of the gospel by TV, the only handicap is the extremely high cost of prime time.

The high literacy rate of the populace is advantageous, and the Baptist Jordan Prom is publishing a book about new life in God to be sent to all who request it.

Pray for our missionaries in places where doors are now open to the gospel.

NEW LIFE

"In the evolution of the concept of Rosh Hashanah [Jewish New Year] its 'New Year' aspect went through a gradual transformation. . . . The inference was that every time an individual turned his gaze within and illumined his conduct with the lamp of conscience, with the result that he repented of his errors—that was the real Rosh Hashanah! It became the New Year for a new life. . . . They conceived repentance to be a state of mind and of feeling, a spiritual illumination which had to grow on one through much reflection. Each person . . . had first to prepare himself, by means of extended prayer, introspection, and— even more—by the daily practice among his fellow men of acts of loving-kindness."—(From *The Book of Jewish Knowledge* by Nathan Anshel; © 1964 by Nathan Anshel, used by permission of Crown Publishers, Inc.)

For the Christian, "new life" begins with conviction, repentance, faith in Jesus Christ, confession, and obedience. Remember your Jewish friends on September 27 which is the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Your concern for them could mean "new life in Christ."

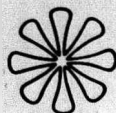
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Forecaster

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Dear President

Building upon the work of the past year, make plans for the 1965-66 WMU year

The WMU year, 1964-65, is almost over. During the month of September you will lead your executive board to consider seriously the work of the past year and building upon it, make plans for a new WMU year just ahead.

In winding up this present year's work, check carefully on WMS Aims for Advancement. With the help of the secretary carefully prepare the annual report which is due October 5. A study of reports will give new insights to the work being done by your WMS and will help you see the strengths and weaknesses of your organization.

Have leadership training plans been made? You will be aware of different possibilities for leadership training. There is the leadership course which may be taken in a class or individually. The annual planning meeting of officers, chairmen, counselors, and leaders for making broad plans based on current WMU Year Book is another opportunity for preparing leaders for the work they are to do. Regular executive board meetings, regular meetings of committees, and attendance at associations, state, and Convention-wide gatherings help leaders understand their responsibilities. Individual conferences with officers and chairmen is another way by which leaders can be trained. You will decide on the best plan or plans for giving your organization an informed leadership.

You will be careful in the appointment of all committee members. Choose those who are particularly suited for the different types of work to be done. Usually you will appoint three members who can serve well with each committee chairman.

With more and more emphasis being given to church programming, the church council is coming into focus. The WMU president, representing the Woman's Missionary Union, works with this group in setting church goals and in planning the work of the church.

Current Comments for this month lists new materials which you will be using and will be encouraging your leaders to use. "Leads for Leadership" should help with leadership training, and the Mission Action Series with community missions work. See Current Comments and order the materials as directed.

Jewish New Year is September 27. Are there Jewish people in your community? If so, encourage WMS members to be thoughtful of them on this day which is second only to Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) in significance and solemnity.

Encourage every member to attend the September WMS meeting. The program, "Scattered Abroad in the Orient" is such an important one. They can't afford to miss it!



Dear Circle Chairman

Coming to this final month of the 1964-65 WMU year, your circle will be studying the concluding chapters of the book, *My Money and God* or you will be having the September circle program which is "The Result: God's Increase."

Whether you are studying the book or having the program, WMS members will be confronted with Christian sharing of possessions. This is good for it will prepare them for the new church year, with a new budget, and a study of percentages given to local expense and to world missions.

There is a new book by the same author of *My Money and God*. It is *How to Manage Your Money*. The book deals with various aspects of the family budget including the

food dollar, the clothing dollar, the savings dollar, etc. Those who are members of the Broadman Readers' Plan will automatically receive this book the last quarter of the year. Those who are not members may buy a copy for \$1.50 at any Baptist Book Store after October 1.

Current Comments has some information you will want to read for you will be interested in the new WMU materials which are now available.

Urge every circle member to attend the September WMS meeting. The program, "Scattered Abroad in the Orient" is most interesting and will give an understanding of the growth of our mission work in the Orient.

Promotional Features

AT YOUR MEETINGS

CIRCLE • by Dorothy Pryor, Executive Secretary, Georgia WMU

Understanding My Circle

Make a poster or three flash cards using the following three words and symbols (see page 4):

WHY?

HOW?

WHAT?

In this month of the beginning of the school year, have a "teacher"

use the prepared visuals and give this explanation:

"I met a friend in the pages of Mrs. Fling's book, *Enlistment for Missions*. This friend had an enthusiasm for WMU which she said she 'caught' in the doctor's office from the doctor's wife. The doctor's wife

had served as a circle chairman who did not draw any names at the beginning of the year but by the time the local handbooks came out she had enlisted 17 new members."

WHY?

The why of circles goes back to 1917 when the plan was adopted as an energizing factor to kindle flames of enlistment, stimulate participation, provide fellowship, and to activate the development of leadership and the sharing of responsibility.

HOW? $\times$ by $\div$

How the circle plan works is simple. We multiply the outreach for missions by dividing into circles. Division may be according to meeting times, age, geographical areas, by drawing names, or by assignment. Societies sometimes vary the way this division is made from year to year. Remember the friend in Mrs. Fling's book. We multiply membership by dividing circles.

WHAT?

Circles are small working units of the basic unit which is the society. Circles never supplant the society; they supplement by re-emphasizing to a small group what has been emphasized in WMS. With a membership of 10 to 12 when the initial division is made, the circle should divide again when it grows to a membership of 18 to 20. Circles named for missionaries, home and foreign, give members an added contact with missions in action.

Preview of October Society Program

Using a roll of shelf paper, prepare a streamer poster giving the October program topic, "Proclaim-

ing Through Woman's Missionary Society." Roll it to resemble a diploma and tie with ribbon. If there is a piano in the meeting place, have someone play the suggested background music or use recorded music instead.

Music: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

READER: The WMU hymn for the coming year reminds us of the responsibility which Woman's Missionary Society has for helping women proclaim the everlasting gospel to every nation. The hymn, the WMU watchword for 1965-66, and an introduction to the plan of work for the year ahead, will be featured in the October society program.

Music: "Pomp and Circumstance" or another composition associated with an academic procession. Enter person wearing an academic cap, carrying a diploma—the shelf paper poster, rolled and tied with ribbon.

READER: Woman's Missionary Union is academically prepared by a long history of active participation in missions to share with other Christians in proclaiming and witnessing. 1965-66 is the Year of Proclamation and Witness. (Have someone assist in unrolling the diploma.) The October society program topic is: "Proclaiming Through Woman's Missionary Society." To proclaim the gospel is to declare what God has done in and through Jesus Christ for the salvation of man. Plan now to learn how Woman's Missionary Society will participate in proclamation and witness. Attend the WMS meeting, October

(date, time, place)

Here are diplomatic reminders for each of you. (Distribute written invitations, rolled and tied as miniature diplomas.)

SOCIETY •

Leadership Training—To Tell the Truth

Have an emcee to ask the following questions and call on each member of the panel to answer each question. At the end, the emcee asks the audience which panel member was telling the truth.

1. Is it important for leaders to be trained?
2. Since you disagree on this, is it important for leaders to study and use the Year Book?
3. Is it true that the WMS Manual is important for leaders?
4. How can leaders be trained and who is responsible for it?

Panel Member 1 answers:

1. No, they don't do anything. oh-h-h... not much, anyway.
2. A 25¢ book important! No book that costs less than \$3.95 is worth reading, with inflation being what it is.
3. It's too complicated for me! I'm tired. I'll not think about it now.
4. My motto—"You can't teach an old dog new tricks." That settles that question.

Panel Member 2 answers:

1. It is an honor to be elected to an office but no one really expects you to do anything.
2. Guess I'm dumb! It talks about tasks, a watchword, Aims for Advancement, by-laws, themes, and all that stuff. It is too complicated for me!
3. The president is the only one supposed to do anything. Why should I, the program chairman, study the Manual?
4. Let's see—it seems that I have heard something about a leadership course and I think the vice-president is responsible.

Panel Member 3 answers:

1. I disagree. A leader should be trained and the honor comes when

we serve to the best of our ability.

2. The Year Book is very important to a leader. It gives her duties and all the information about the work for that year.

3. Again, I must disagree with you. The Manual is very important. The Year Book tells us what to do—the Manual tells us how to do it.

4. You are half right. The WMS Leadership Course is a study of the WMS Manual and the WMU Year Book. In addition we have Royal Service, associational, state, and Convention-wide leadership conferences, camps, conventions, and many other helps provided for leaders who will take advantage of them. The president is responsible for training. There is no excuse for our not being trained leaders. Agree?

Panel Members 1 and 2:

Agree!
—MRS. A. L. KIRKWOOD,
Executive Secretary, Ohio WMU

How Is Your Mathematics?

$1/10$ = selfishness = my tithe
My tithe + your tithe = adequate church budget
Adequate church budget = proportionately among local needs and Cooperative Program = worldwide witness

Worldwide witness $\times$ 56 countries and US = kingdom expansion
This is one way of carrying out our Lord's command to "go... into all the world and preach the gospel."

The above formula may be used at your WMS meeting to promote tithing and giving through the Cooperative Program. Placards may be made using the information or it may be printed on chalkboard as presented.

Current COMMENTS

Annual Planning Meeting

The WMU annual planning meeting is almost a "must" as your organization approaches a new church year. The president is responsible for planning it; all WMS officers, circle chairmen and committee chairmen participate along with directors, counselors and leaders of youth organizations. Has your WMU set a date for this important meeting? Watch for an article on the annual planning meeting in October Forecaster.

NEW MATERIALS

Community Missions Resources

For sometime need has been felt for additional help with such mission work as that done in institutions, with international students, with juvenile delinquents, and with

language groups. Now a new Mission Action Series is available for 10¢ each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores. Titles for these pamphlets are:

"How to Discover Needs for Mission Action"

"How to Minister to International Students"

"How to Minister in Institutions"

"How to Minister Through Juvenile Rehabilitation"

"How to Work with Language Groups"

"You—a Missionary" is a dramatic presentation which emphasizes the fact that Christian witnessing is an everyday business. The playlet requires two women, one teen-age girl, and simple staging for production. It may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, and at Baptist Book Stores for 10¢.

A new Prayer Retreat pamphlet with the 1965-66 Proclamation and Witness emphasis as its theme is available for 10¢ from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from

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Baptist Book Stores.

"Leads for Leadership" is a lift-out pamphlet outlining the duties and work of a WMU president, WMS president, circle chairmen, secretary-treasurer, mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship, program, and enlistment chairmen. YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors.

Two pamphlets are provided for each WMU president. One is for her use and one to be taken apart and given to the leaders listed above. Additional pamphlets are available for circle chairmen free from your state WMU office.

State Mission Season of Prayer

Two references are made in basic objectives, WMS Aims for Advancement, to state mission season of prayer. The first is under Aim II and reads, "Observance of Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Home Missions, and Season of Prayer for State Missions." The other is under Aim IV and reads, "Members giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, and State Mission Offering." Reference is also made to an increase in total gifts to state missions (elective three, Aim IV).

This indicates how important Woman's Missionary Union considers state mission work. Churches in each state co-operating to form state conventions are basic to all mission work. Mission work in each state is different; for this reason, each state prepares program material and distributes it. The date and offering goal are set by each state also. You will want to become informed of the mission work where you live and lead WMS

members to become prayer partners and supporters of state missions.

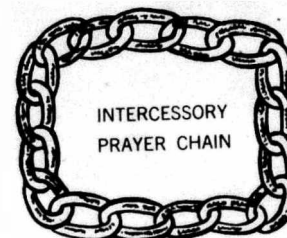
Intercessory Prayer League

Intercession is one of the highest forms of prayer. In the Old Testament and in the New Testament we are instructed to pray for others. Jesus, by example and by word, teaches the importance of prayer for one another.

The Intercessory Prayer League promoted by Woman's Missionary Society is to guide concerned persons in interceding for the lost, for our missionaries, and for crises as they arise in the church, the community, and in the world.

One prayer chairman, Mrs. Lucia C. Ray of West Columbia, South Carolina, mimeographed an Intercessory Prayer League chain. On each link she placed the name and telephone number of an Intercessory Prayer League member. Prayer requests were relayed from one member to another as their names appeared on the chain. Now they have divided the members into three groups with a leader responsible for calling those in her group.

If you want more information concerning the Intercessory Prayer League, see chapter 4, WMS Manual. Do you need to begin a prayer group in your church?



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WHY

The why of circles began in 1917 when the plan was adopted as an energizing factor to kindle the flames of enlistment, stimulate participation, provide fellowship and to activate the development of leadership and the sharing of responsibility.

HOW

How the circle works is simple. We multiply the efforts of our missions by dividing them. Each Division may be operating during the same time, or each may be operating by drawing names for the month. By drawing names for the month, the division is kept active all year long. In Mrs. Huse's division, the membership is kept active all year long.

WHAT

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SPICING YOUR PROGRAM

SOCIETY •

Use a colorful panel!

As leader gives the introductory paragraph, those who take part on the program take their places as for a panel discussion. They may wear purple, yellow, red, white, and green crepe paper dickies or streamers or carry folders made of construction paper. If one person is presenting this program, streamers attached to a map of the Orient may be unfurled as each part is given.

A map of Southeast Asia mounted on cardboard will be helpful. Use Christmas tree lights to show areas where missionaries from China have gone. These can be turned on as areas are mentioned in the part, "The White Missionaries." Save this map for the November program on Indonesia.

These Purple Proverbs may be used as a responsive reading with the program leader reading the Scripture verse and the devotional leader the comments. Or, the verses may be handed out in advance and read by different members. In small groups, members might give their interpretation followed by leader's comments.

Have a riot—of color, that is, if you are installing your officers at this meeting. Use a rainbow idea with Genesis 9:12-16. Develop the thought of a covenant relationship, "laborers together," and of God's promise to be with us to help, sustain, and guide. These color suggestions have been used effectively: royal purple (president), lighter

purple (circle chairmen), spring green (membership), deep green (program), true blue (secretary), silver (stewardship and treasury), yellow (youth directors), black or white (publicity), orange (mission study), red (community mission), sky blue (prayer).

—MRS. LAMAR JACKSON, Alabama

CIRCLE •

Place a map of the United States and a map of the world on the wall. (The world map may be secured free from Dept. of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230. The US map may be secured free from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.) Show on the world map where we have missionaries in 56 countries. Show on the map of the United States how we are at work in all 50 states. Pinpoint various types of work of the Home Mission Board. Show how this work has been sustained and advanced by our tithes and offerings.

Secure a copy of *Our Cooperative Program* by W. E. Grindstaff, from your church library, your pastor, or the Baptist Book Store, price 75¢. Give a short review and stimulate reading of this book.

Conduct a brief testimonial service. Let circle members tell how giving has blessed their lives. Restricting the testimonies to reports on blessings other than material.

Secure a map of your state and locate all the Baptist causes supported by your church.

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William H. Warren is pastor of the English-language Baptist church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It is now called the International Baptist Church, indicating its ministry and the varied nationality of its membership.

A recent report shows 25 new members. Its location in the Leblon area of Rio, across the street from the American schools, provides access to "foreign" residents. A Portuguese language mission is sponsored which they hope will grow into a Brazilian church soon.

Pray for Mr. Warren, D. H. Burt, Jr., Sao Paulo, Brazil, N. R. Beckham, Venezuela, ev.; P. E. Sanderson, Belem, Brazil, Nancie Wingo, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.; Hazel Moon, Naleriga, Ghana, RN; Martha Tanner, Lagos, Nigeria, BA; Mrs. W. B. Pearce, Nairobi, Kenya, pub.

21 MONDAY Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! Psalm 9:11. RSV (read vv. 7-14).

Jose Perez served two churches on San Blas Islands, Panama. There are 197 members and 21 "promises"—that is, candidates who will become members after a period of instruction. They had 28 baptisms last year. Sunday school enrolment of 350 bespeaks opportunity for further witnessing. The 100 in Training Union and 49 in the WMS indicate that Christian training and activities are not neglected. Pray for the unique opportunities for witness which Baptists have on these Islands.

Pray for Alfonso Flores, Jr., Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. P. C. Bell, Sr., S.C.; Mrs. D. F. Stamps, China-Hawaii, Mrs. J. C. Powell, Nigeria, ret.; H. T. McKinley, Gwelo, Rhodesia, Dorine Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; W. L. Morgan, Brazil, Mrs. J. D. Divers, Argentina, ev.

22 TUESDAY For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands Isaiah 55:12. RSV (read vv. 10-13).

Rev. and Mrs. James D. Holt both have birthdays this month. Mr. Holt's is today. Mrs. Holt's on the sixth. Mr. Holt is pastor of Ervay Street Baptist Center in Dallas, Texas. This mission center has preaching services, Sunday school, and other organizations on Sunday, as well as kindergarten, clubs and other weekday activities.

Most of those who attend are Spanish-speaking, though some Anglos are included.

Miss Joan Frisby works with the center. Pray for this ministry in a growing Metropolitan area.

Pray for Mr. Holt: LeRoy Scott, Dallas, Tex., TM; Mrs. Fausto Morales, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Mary Ellen Warren, Lawton, Okla., Ind. ev.; D. R. Cobb, Songkhro, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. C. F. Clark, Jr., W. W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mexico, RN; W. H. Smith, Paraíba, Ona Belle Cox, Brazil, M. G. Fray, Jr., Gatoama, Rhodesia, Fern Harington, Taipei, Taiwan, ed.

23 WEDNESDAY Praise ye the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power Psalm 150:1 (read vv. 1-6)

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Olmeda are in Aguadulce, Panama, where there are 36 members of the Spanish-language church, with 15 candidates. Ninety are enrolled in Sunday school and there were 11 professions of faith last year.

The two missions of this church offer additional avenues of service. Pray for Panama crossroads of the world, where people of differing cultures live, and for Baptists there.

Pray for Mr. Olmedo: Mrs. D. M. Regalado, Deming, N.M., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. H. E. Sturgeon, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. W. R. Davis, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, RN; Jean Dickman Gato, MD.

30 THURSDAY And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer Isaiah 56:6-7 (read vv. 6-8).

The building for the Third Baptist Church of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, begun with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, is being finished little by little by the members. The church was organized in 1961 and now has 60 members and a national pastor. They have an auditorium seating 300, nine Sunday school rooms, and a baptistry. This church seeks to carry out its mission. Pray for Baptists in the capital city of Honduras.

Pray for Arthur R. Haylock, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Mrs. J. M. Short, Jr., Chuabua, Mexico, Mrs. G. A. Clark, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Z. V. Moss, Kitwe, Zambia, ev.; Mrs. J. B. Hill, Igede, Nigeria, RN; Lillian Rogers, Singapore, Malaysia, BA; W. C. Taylor, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. Juan Perez, Havana, Cuba, S. A. Candal, Ponce, Puerto Rico, ev.; District of Columbia WNU annual meeting, Washington, September 30-October 1.

FROM

Washington

by Cyril E. Bryant

Editor, *The Baptist World*
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The Question of Compulsory "Religion" on Radio and Television

CAN THE GOVERNMENT constitutionally require the nation's radio and television stations to give a percentage of their air time to religious programs?

This is the question that has arisen in the Federal Communications Commission. The Commission grants licenses to broadcasting companies to operate, and it reconsiders those licenses every three years.

Every applicant for a broadcasting license these last thirty years has been required to specify how much time he will provide in the broadcasting day or week for religious programs, and whether the sponsoring churches will be given or charged for the time they use. When renewal time comes around every third year, the FCC examiners take a close look to see if the operator has lived up to all promises.

Many considerations go into the final decision as to whether Applicant A or Applicant B is granted a license to broadcast in a particular community. It is seldom that one can categorically say that Station A was selected because of its more generous schedules for religious purposes. But *The*

Reporter magazine observes that "the commission has clearly implied that religious programming could be a decisive factor if two or more applicants were equally qualified on all other points."

Also implied, in a history of FCC decisions through the years, is an obligation to give preference to those religious faiths and denominations which are better established, or stronger, in the community. This amounts to discrimination against smaller groups which are not strong in a particular community or whose type of programming may be considered inferior by station officials. On occasions, the FCC has upheld the right of stations to refuse to sell time to a church, even though that church has no other opportunity to broadcast its programs.

Such ability (even the implied requirement) to discriminate in favor of one religious group over another comes mighty close to government partiality to one faith over another. And this is the same danger signal that caused the Supreme Court to act in public school cases to preserve the First Amendment's guarantee that Congress "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

There will be much discussion of this issue in future months. A Supreme Court decision may be necessary. It is a problem that has existed, relatively unnoticed, for thirty years of Federal Communications Commission history.

There is wide consensus that a decision by either the FCC or the Court against compulsory broadcasting time for religion will by no means force religion off the air. The contrary probably will be true. Stations will be free to sell or give time to religious organizations as they choose. And, says Marcus Cohn, a Washington, D.C., communications attorney, "As a practical matter, it would be quite unusual for a manager of a radio or television station to turn a deaf ear to the requests of religious organizations for the use of his station."

COMMANDMENTS for WIVES

by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

Be careful that thou dost give God first place in all thy planning and in all thine executing in order that thy members may continuously be made aware that it is God whom they serve, and no other. Run not before God, but rather let him go before thee, for in so doing thou shalt have an unparalleled guide, and thy guide shall have a faithful follower. Neglect not the worship period in thy program, for it is essential that members be reminded that God is God, and thus be inspired to worthy praise and worship of him in moments of meditation in the meeting. Thou shalt surely take time to pray, privately and corporately. Nor shalt thou forget to pray by particular name and need, as the Holy Spirit directs, for missionaries on the calendar of prayer. As thine own representatives they go for thee, and they shall surely be stronger and more fruitful if thou art faithful in thine intercession on their behalf. Thus shall they serve both God and thee more profitably because of thy praying.

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.

Be sure it is God thou serveest, and that thy motives are Godward, not

selfward, serving self and human desire. Let love of God be uppermost in thy thoughts, not love of position. Seek not an office for any gain it may bring thee. Examine thyself that thy purposes be pure, but take care not to examine others when it is thyself who should be subject to thine own examination. Make not the Aims for Advancement an end in themselves, thinking to attain the distinction of approval, advanced, or honor only for the sake of getting thy society's name on the list. Seek rather, in the spirit of the Aims, to go beyond any goal, endeavoring to involve all thy members in service. So shalt thou render thy service in a manner well pleasing to God, making his name known and giving glory to him.

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.

Let thy profession be honest and honorable. Be not afraid to say, "I love God and I serve him through Jesus Christ his Son." Have no fear when some may call thee fanatical because thou speakest so, but beware thou say not the words to the head of another, who, being impressed, may say, "Look now, how religious she is!" Be reminded withal that thy life shall be for thee. Assuredly, God is Lord, he created all things, and thou shalt take

care a profane or flippant manner of speech toward him, referring to "the Man upstairs" or "Somebody up there." But let the name of God be upon thy lips in reverence, and upon thy life to honor God through all thy days. And may thy days be made memorable by thy ministering.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.

Make of the Lord's day a day of spiritual exercise and development; of war on thine own spiritual poverty, as well as a day of rest and refreshment. Remember the sabbath as a good day to spend with thy family, attending together the worship and other services of thy church. Remember as well, it is a good day for reading and deepening the wells of thine inner resources, taking care not to dissipate the holiness of the day with the Sunday newspapers alone. A quiet afternoon spent with the Bible and missionary periodicals will bear fruit in activities of the week ahead. Remember also, it is a good day to bring cheer to someone who needs thy Christian love.

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.

Give due respect as well to those who are older and wiser in experience than thou, for having walked life's pathways ahead of thee, they are able to point out certain dangerous pitfalls. And though it be a new era, and though new methods be employed, be not guilty of condemning thy predecessors for being old-fashioned, inasmuch as what thou now deemest out-of-date was once new and sound to thine elders. Bestow credit where credit is due, honor to whom honor is due. Fearfully pursue a new path if it seem good and good. Nor shalt thou ever, when

thou reachest a ripe old age, be tempted to say, "We always did it thus. . . ."

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Let thy life and thy motives be as clean and as honest as thou dost expect the other members to be. Be discreet in conduct and above reproach in character. Take care thou strike not a match to kindle a fire which is able to destroy both body and soul—both builder and building. Make not thy religion a mockery for six days of the week by reason of words and deeds which belie thy devotion on Sunday. Rather must thy religion be a seven-day practice. Refrain from criticizing thine acquaintances and co-workers for those faults and shortcomings which thou dost secretly abhor in thyself. Seek for the good in others, and help those who depart the straight and narrow, setting for them a high example in thine own life.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Be not guilty of killing time, especially the time of others. Time, said a man of great wisdom, "is the stuff life is made of." By its brevity life is made precious. Begin thy meetings on time; make each minute count; then certainly thou shalt stop at the appointed time, lest thy listeners stop listening and leave instead. And having left they may be loathe to return another time, saying, "Pray have me excused. I have other fish to fry." Likewise, shorten not thy meetings and programs to such a degree that it takes longer to adorn thyself and go than it does to hear the program and the minutes, thus making the whole endeavor seem of little consequence. Kill not the spirit nor the peace of the meeting, nor even wound a member's feelings, by wantonly disturbing the chip thou knowest another to carry.

remembering thou also, at times, hast a chip of thine own carving. Let peace prevail with good will to all, even if thou must needs bite thy tongue now and then.

COMMANDMENTS



for WMS

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

Steal neither a purse, a good name, nor thy neighbor's thunder when she does follow thee on the program. Nor steal a member's genuine concern and misjudge her ability by reading thy part. Better were it to let her read for herself. Instead, be diligent to study thy part, presenting it as it originated with thee, although everyone knows well enough thou didst get the information straight from *Royal Service*. To do so will benefit both thee and thy hearers, for thou shalt readily call to mind the facts, and perhaps thy listeners will act upon the challenge thou didst give. Nor shalt thou steal the strength of the missionary message by overwhelming thy audience with the mechanics of program presentation in a manner to make method outweigh message. And when thou art in charge of the program, thou shalt not squander even one second by saying, "We will sing hymn so and so . . . but I don't know the number. Will someone look it up?"

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. *Matthew 22:36-37, 39.*

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thyself by hiding or belittling thine abilities, nor against thy fellow members by withholding thy commendation of their sincere efforts to serve. And when one shall commend thee, thou shalt graciously say, "Thank you," forbearing to undervalue the thing on which thou didst labor long and fervently. Inflict not thy excuses on others when thou hast done thy best, lest thou be known for thy much excusing. Neither attempt to impress thy audience with thy profound knowledge or ability—be it ever so great—for those who both see and hear thee shall be able of themselves to draw their own conclusions.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

Covet not thy neighbor's ability, because thou shalt strive with zeal to develop thine own, considering well that talents die with lack of use, but being cultivated they grow and blossom to bless others with the fragrance of their usefulness. Especially, covet not another's depth of spiritual perception, saying, "Oh, that I could be like so and so." Rather, say, "Oh, that I could be like Christ." Then, be thy desire deep and well founded, thou shalt busy thyself to be Christlike indeed, seeking that perfection, grace and character which comes only through firsthand knowledge and daily companionship with him. So shall Christ be honored and his name exalted!

All these shalt thou do, and more also, when thou thinkest of other good practices by which thy society and members may be profited.

CIRCLE PROGRAM

The Result: God's Increase

by Albert and Mabel McClellan

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK

*My Money and God**

by Robert J. Hastings

Make plans to have this book taught in circle or society. This book may be substituted for circle program.

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (read Scripture passage, giving missionary information, and praying for missionaries)

Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)

Business Period

Promotional Features (see Forecaster)

Program Chairman in Charge

Program or Mission Study Book

INTRODUCTION

Program Chairman: For the past two months circle programs have emphasized various phases of Christian stewardship. We have discussed the Cooperative Program and special mission offerings, as well as other. We have looked at Bible teach-

ings on giving and we have examined motives for giving. This program will point toward the results that God provides as faithful Christians willingly bring their tithes and offerings to Christ.

We must realize that giving is inherently a part of a well-adjusted life. No single illustration can describe all the benefits to a life and to others which accrue from an out-going generous life. One kind of benefit accrues when an Idaho teenage girl works after school and on Saturdays in a sugar beet field and gives with abandon all her earnings to erect a modest church building. Other benefits accrue when a great industrialist gives huge sums of money for missions. Yet in a sense both accomplish the same end, the building of the dominion of God. Moreover, in both instances it is not merely the gift but God who blesses the gift which brings the increase and provides blessings which go on and on until Christ comes again. Dedicated giving increases the stature of the giver, and sustains and advances missionary work.

**My Money and God*, Hastings, R. J. 25¢ per copy. Baptist Book Stores; *Teacher's Helps*, 25¢ per copy. Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

Increased giving is needed to sustain and advance existing programs. Southern Baptists have been seeking to do the work of the Lord for a long, long time, and throughout our long history we have built a far-reaching mission work. Some of these enterprises are very old and still they are very significant and must have our continuing and enlarging support. This is true of Baptist schools all over this country which are supported through your gifts and the Cooperative Program.

A fifty-year-old school teaches language and math, but it also teaches Christian values. Now more than ever the 66 Baptist schools and colleges need our support. Their halls may not be bright and new and their buildings may be in some instances out of style, but they are essential to the work of God's kingdom and we want to support them wholeheartedly.

Overseas there are 1,110 Baptist schools in 36 countries served by 362 missionaries and 3,112 nationals. Through your gifts you add your influence to their Christian witness. A twenty-five-year-old hospital may not look quite as new as a more modern one built with a municipal bond issue, but it continues its important healing ministry in Christ's name in our communities and states. For these we gratefully give our interest and support. Southern Baptists have 11 of these hospitals in the homeland and help support 69 hospitals and clinics on foreign fields.

A seventy-five-year-old seminary was not built yesterday, and it stands as a great institution of learning for our young people entering church-related vocations in our country and overseas. We have 7 of these schools with around 3,000 enrolled. Add to these the 11 seminaries overseas. Thank God for the thousands of pastors and others who have been instructed in God's Word at these seminaries. They now serve on every continent.

Southern Baptists have done home and foreign mission work since 1845. The long

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his of this work reveals evidence of God's blessing. He has taken note of the devotion and gifts of his people and provided his mighty increase. Man has sown, God has given the harvest.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, and sometimes every day, bring new opportunities for witness. As the world around us changes, we seek to add new dimensions to our work. Following are two types of new opportunities. 1. Two industries recently came to Cherokee, North Carolina, and offered employment for nearly 100 Indian women. This improved the economic condition for many families but it presented the problem of caring for pre-school children. The missionaries and the local church saw a challenge. They opened a child-care center geared to the working hours of the mothers. The aim is to provide a balanced program which will allow each child to grow spiritually, physically, and mentally. It is also a means of attracting Indian mothers to the gospel. There are literally thousands of opportunities all about our churches to which each church needs to give creative attention—now.

2. Another example is ministry to prisoners and ex-prisoners. Though there are many programs for prisoners, little is being done for ex-prisoners. The men and women who come out of prisons need friends who can help them cope with problems encountered with living as free persons. Without the help of Christian friends, these persons may soon drift back into their old habits. Every church no doubt has this opportunity for concerned Christian influence.

These are two examples, but there are many others that need our understanding and help. We could speak of the vast metropolitan areas, the opportunities in industry and hospitals and many, many more. *Deborah Chapman, chair of The Commission on Home Missions for articles of all kinds of opportunities and report on how they were met.*

EMERGENCY OPPORTUNITIES

God blesses our gifts when they are given to meet emergencies, and every year brings many new emergencies.

Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher of the Foreign Mission Board has written, "An emergency . . . is a situation which calls for immediate and decisive action. An emergency exists in Kingdom expansion. It is called world missions. It is not a new emergency, but it has never been more critical than it is today." But let us be more definite. What is the emergency and where is it?

"There is critical need for prepared persons to take up the missionary task in areas where recent advance, shortage of personnel, and newly opened doors make it imperative to move at once," he continues. "It is a call for preachers, teachers, doctors, and nurses, religious educators, journalists, and others to say, 'Here, am I, send me!'"

Some of us should answer this call now. But those who answer the call of world missions cannot go without the help of those whom God does not call overseas. Tithes and offerings must provide salaries, schools, hospitals, homes, and equipment for work. It is doubtful that the world has ever known of a greater series of crises. These produce emergency opportunity for Southern Baptists. The unrest in Cuba, war in Vietnam, confusion in Europe, not to mention the racial turmoil and the teenage terror in the streets of America. Our leaders recognize the great opportunities every crisis presents our churches. The cause waits on the total stewardship of all members of all 33,399 Southern Baptist churches in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

This opportunity of emergency also has implications for our local witness. Any life broken is a life in crisis. Instead of deploring these conditions and whining that they ought not to exist, Christians should do something about them—now. We should go to the broken lives of our community and help bind them to Christ. We should

"While It Is Day"

"My responsibility for world evangelization must be discharged in my generation—which, indeed, may be the only generation, but in any case is the only one for me. . . . Today is the only time given to you and me to cast our lives into the ongoing stream of the kingdom of God"—Luther Copeland.

Find those who suffer and offer ourselves to them as healing instruments of God's mercy. This is stewardship too, perhaps the highest kind of stewardship. We give our lives by giving ourselves and giving our offerings. God gives the increase by bringing his spirit to bear on what we give. He also multiplies the spiritual gifts which we bring to him.

(Program Chairman: Should your circle suggest to your community missions chairman or to your church that you find need in your community which your church can meet and that you get ready to serve more significantly?)

LOCAL CHURCH

(Note: Lead your members in a helpful discussion. Use your church's giving as a basis. Give to each member a copy of your church budget and the latest financial report of your church. Take a look at the way your church spends its tithes and offerings. Find the answer to how much is given to the Cooperative Program and to associational missions. Does your church support a mission? How much is spent on your own church program? How does it compare with your gifts to world needs? How much was given to special mission offerings? Is your record better than last year? How do gifts to mission offerings compare with goals?)

What plan for stewardship training does your church follow? How does the WML help? What more can your WML do?

How many pledges are made to the

church budget? How many titheers are there in the church? Are the young people given opportunity to help plan the church budget? How many of your members pledge to the church?

How does the money given help the church to meet its objectives? Do you think you and your church should have a larger part in world missions? Are there helpful suggestions you can make to your society president which she might take to the chairman of the finance committee of the pastor? Tell of some of the blessings that have come to your church through dedicated giving?)

PERSONAL MEDITATION

As you pray, do you have burdens that are greater than your strength? Is your life like dry leaves that rustle and have no life?

Do you pray long enough to let God show you an open path amidst your perplexities and the doubts which torment you? Do you pray long enough to walk in His open path with assurance and joy?

Do you let dreams lure your spirit but reject the labor and giving that will cause your dreams to flourish?

Do you pamper your feelings and fail to serve God with your giving?

See "The Gift and the Giver" page and close with its thought-provoking verse.

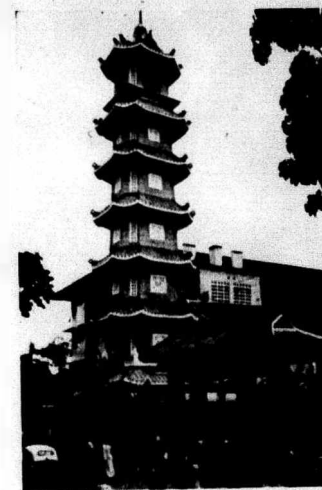
Pray that God will bring to each of you an enlarged understanding of his relationship to you; pray for your church.

Scattered Abroad in the Orient



SOCIETY PROGRAM

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson



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TAIWAN Chapel at Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary in Taipei

THAILAND Missionary Dan C. Cobb in front of Baptist Chapel at Songkhla



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MALAYSIA Mrs. G. Harold Clark, missionary teaching young people at Ipoh Baptist Church

INTRODUCTION

Two decades ago we thought of China as yellow rather than red. We ourselves were green as a great international power. Our mission fields in China were white unto harvest, as well as being the oldest, largest, and most mature. The ancient wisdom and culture of China was royal purple in its richness and depth.

We take these colors as symbols of deep significance as we look at the Orient today. Put together, they give the appearance of a rainbow. A rainbow stands for promise and hope. As we explore the reasons for the displacement of Chinese and missionaries in the Orient, we will show how God used disaster to open up new areas to missionary work. As in New Testament days, "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4).

There are similar words in the Old Testament. (*Use meditation below on Proverbs 11:24-31.*)

MEDITATION

Wisdom from the East: the Purp Proverbs

The book is inscribed, "The Proverbs of Solomon, Son of David, King of Israel and so we are calling them royal or purple

proverbs." So condensed is their insight and so profound is their meaning that we need to read them slowly in order to grasp their great truths.

Have read Proverbs 11:24.

We know there are things which are scattered and lost. A small child scattered the small beads his mother was using to decorate a blouse, and many were lost. Seed scattered carelessly are wasted. What things are scattered and yet increase? Every act of love and kindness brings a return to the heart.

Have read Proverbs 11:25.

To the poverty-stricken, fatness is a sign of prosperity. No people spend as much to keep themselves from fatness as do Americans. On the other hand, no country has ever taxed itself as we have to help undeveloped parts of the world. The proverb assures us that those who bless others by liberal giving will prosper in the end. And prosper means much more than material wealth.

The ancient Chinese spoke of "men who die with all their music in them." The world is left unenriched, poverty-stricken, "unwatered" by their presence because they lacked a giving, sharing spirit.

Have read Proverbs 11:26.

An unforgettable cartoon showed an enormous Chinese sitting by baskets of rice. On the curb, a near-skeleton of a boy was holding out an empty bowl.

Who among us would not care for this boy if we found him in front of our home? It is part of the joy of giving through Woman's Missionary Union to know that unseen needs are anticipated and met. Yes, there are still empty bowls, but there have been many filled. There are yet millions of empty hearts for whom we express concern as we pray faithfully for them, and have heart concern for them.

Have read Proverbs 11:27.

Those who strive to do what will benefit others and what is good in the sight of God receive His favor. Likewise, those who seek mischief or evil will find it. Jesus laid down this principle of life when he stated

that we find that for which we seek (*read Matt. 7:7*).

Jesus spoke of fields white unto harvest. Now is a time for renewed effort, not for despair and retreat.

Have read Proverbs 11:28.

Putting out trust in riches, leads the heart astray, away from God. There is danger in the habit of depending on accessories of wealth.

The Pyongyang Church congregation escaped to Pusan, South Korea, with only those possessions they could carry. At the time of their first Christmas offering, they decided to give all they had acquired during the year. This would remind them that when they had nothing, God had provided and cared for them.

Have read Proverbs 11:29.

A Chinese proverb says, "Be not as a lion in thy house nor frantic among thy servants." We must live as Christians in our homes and nation as well as in the world community.

The wise of heart realize that they are not islands living unto themselves. A Chinese proverb says, "A heart that is distant creates a wilderness around it." Like Solomon, Christians must plead for "an understanding heart" (*read 1 Kings 3:9*).

Have read Proverbs 11:30.

Donald Kim describes three kinds of Communists. "Apple Communists" are those red on the outside. They co-operate against their will. The "Watermelon Communists" do not look like Communists but are followers of the Party line in their hearts. They infiltrate groups until the time seems ripe to take over. The "Tomato Communists" are red inside and out. They are completely dedicated to their cause and are obviously a part of the movement.

"There are more Baptists in the United States than there are Communists in Russia. An evil faith in which men believe is too strong for the truth that men hold lightly."

Have read Proverbs 11:31.

It is the duty of the righteous to share the fruits of "the tree of life" with the world.

He who has what the world needs is debtor to the world. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (read Luke 12:48).

The message of these "purple proverbs" for us today can be summarized in one sentence: we cannot expand ourselves too lavishly in the great work of winning men to Christ. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." They "that were scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the word." May we pray for a rich harvest in the Orient.

Prayer

Leader: An interior decorator discussed what she believed were the effects of different colors upon personality. Greens and blues are soothing colors often used for a psychiatrist's office and chosen carefully for our churches, she said. A woman will avoid a yellow kitchen if the color makes her nervous. Red rooms are stimulating, and in them the conversation is often loud. Dark colors are depressing.

We are using colors in this program as a means of stimulating thought. We are going to hear from old Yellow China first and then talk about what actually took place in the Christian community in Red China. Next we will show how our white missionaries scattered abroad in the Orient thereby enlarged the witness of the gospel miraculously and as never before. Then we will think about us green Americans and how we have grown in our response to human need.

The Yellow Chinese

I speak of the "Yellow" Chinese. Perhaps the colorful adjective comes as no surprise since this is the natural color of their skin. It was also the color of their flag until this century: a vast yellow field with a giant black dragon. Chinese mythology attributed such wonderful powers to the dragon that it became the symbol of the empire, and the ruler sat on "The Dragon Throne."

The antiquity of China is another reason we might speak of her as "yellow." Old things tend to yellow with age, and history

reminds us of a great Chinese empire at the time that Abraham was a wandering nomad. Incidentally, paper was used in China a thousand years before the process was developed in Europe. The Chinese printing press (black type) was centuries old when Gutenberg printed the first Bible on the first movable type. When the Crusaders were fighting with bows and arrows, the Chinese were using gunpowder in warfare.

You may be wondering why this information is being given in a missionary program. It has bearing on our basic attitudes as well as our knowledge in regard to the influence of China in Southeast Asia. For three thousand years, China dominated this part of the world. Lasting influence is seen in the use of Chinese characters as a basis of several written languages although there is great variety in pronunciation. China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan all read Chinese, but in their own tongues.

The Chinese considered themselves a superior people, and the natural leaders of the world. They spoke of others as "barbarians" and "foreign devils." Then came the part of their history that Americans know best, the past 150 years, a relatively brief span in a 3500-year history. To these years, our adjective "yellow" has been applied in less complimentary ways, as the "yellow peril." Our school texts generally have mentioned China only in connection with our own history.

This more recent China was a humiliated nation, forced to give up much of its best territory to Japan, Russia, Portugal, England, Germany, and France. Many Americans read Pearl Buck's *The Good Earth** and got the picture of a vast feudal society living in ignorance, poverty, and civil war. Because of our own lack of knowledge, we have underestimated a people who still consider themselves the natural leaders for Southeast Asia and even for the whole world.

During the past century, 120 million en-

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TAIWAN On streets of Taipei great loads are drawn through traffic of wagons, pedicabs, bicycles, and cars



VIETNAM A Bible class is taught by Missionary William Roberson in the home of the minister of public work in Nhatrang



MALAYSIA Singapore street, crowded with market stalls



PHILIPPINES Missionary Faye Tunmire visiting in M'lang in the home of the principal of the high school



THAILAND Along the canals of Bangkok floating markets bring to the shores fruits, vegetables, and other supplies

terprising Chinese have been "establishing themselves as 'the merchants of the Orient.'" The economy of every major city in Southeast Asia is largely Chinese-dominated. They own most of the best shops, restaurants, newspapers, banks, and schools.

The loyalty of these 12½ million scattered Chinese is suspect in every one of these countries. Indonesia requires that every licensed business must be at least 51 per cent locally owned. Even though some have lived on Java for generations, they are not looked upon as full citizens. In Thailand, the Chinese pay an alien registration tax and an additional fee if they print the name of their business in Chinese characters. The Malays bar them from the police force, and permit only limited numbers to hold civil service jobs.

The overseas Chinese are clannish, living in their own communities and often never learning the native language. They keep their traditional holidays and try to maintain contact with their families back home. October 1 is Red China's big national day and October 10, the Double 10 festival of the Free Chinese. One or both of these days usually ends in strife because of conflicting loyalties.

When the Bamboo Curtain was closed around China after 1949, missionaries who had served in China saw these scattered Chinese as a great opportunity and determined to witness to them. Before we hear their story, however, let's get a report from Red China.

The Red Chinese

Red China is a dragon with nuclear teeth. It has the largest standing army in the world. It is the most feared and aggressive nation of our day. Yet sixteen years ago, this was a land unable to maintain order within or to defend itself from aggression without. How can we discover what has happened behind the Bamboo Curtain?

Hong Kong and Macao have been referred to as the two peepholes on Red China. Information has also been brought out by millions of refugees. Each month,

10,000 continue to elude both the Communist and British patrols in their desperate attempts for freedom. Their stories reach the ears of these 12½ million scattered Chinese who are making no effort at all to move back to the homeland.

Red China attempts to court these influential minorities in many ways. The Communist line is: "You cooperate with us now, and when we take over, your family both in this country and back home, will be safe." The Communists have made several big mistakes in their propaganda, and these had to do with religion.

There were 208,000 Buddhist temples in China. Fewer than 100 remained by the time of the international festival in Burma commemorating the birth of Buddha (1956). Criticism was so severe in Southeast Asia that Mao Tse-tung of Red China, was pressured into appointing official representatives to attend this meeting. The story of extermination was told. Monks had been ordered to enter "productive occupations." Buildings had become "cultural palaces" in the cities and government granaries in rural areas.

No shrines of Confucius remained. The Communists explained that everything must have a practical use. Ancestral burial grounds had been plowed under as part of the government land reform program. Some refugees said ancestral bones had been ground up for fertilizer. Whether this is true or not, there was deep resentment against the desecration of holy places both by those outside the country and among those 700 million captive people behind the Bamboo Curtain.

In dealing with Christians, the Communists were more subtle and shrewd. The Protestant community in China was estimated at a million and a half (800,000 full members). They had 13 colleges, 230 middle schools, countless village schools, and 230 hospitals. Roman Catholics claimed 3 million with fewer institutions except for more orphanages.

Communists emphasized Christ's desire for peace when they were at war. They



PHILIPPINES In the Baptist Center in Manila, Missionary Mary Lucile Saunders conferring with sister, Miss Saunders heads up publication work

undermined confidence in the existing government of Chiang Kai-shek and in the character of leadership both in political and religious circles. They reported degrading stories about Chiang Kai-shek and these were widely circulated and many people in this country believed them. His wife, a third-generation Methodist, paid an official state visit to America to try to counteract this subtle propaganda.

Catholic allegiance to Rome was attacked as alien with the spirit of nationalism. The Communist line was to criticize the fellowship of evangelical Christians in any worldwide association. "Form your own Chinese organizations," they were told, and emphasize self-government, self-support, and self-propagation. The new Christian-front organization was called the Three-Self Reform Movement and was headed by an American-educated Chinese.

Some prominent and sincere Christians affiliated with this new organization. In February, 1957, a most revealing episode took place. Mao felt that things were going so well in China that he would sponsor a national forum. "Let a hundred flowers blossom and let a hundred schools of thought contend," he poetically announced.

Prominent churchmen charged both Russian and Chinese Communists as being

"imperialistic missionaries," attacked the government for deceiving and corrupting the people, maintained that the few religious shrines and churches left were just for show to foreign visitors, called The Bureau for Religious Affairs a police officer, and asserted that four-fifths of the farmers had been alienated by the land reforms. Mao quickly shut down the conference, and the critics disappeared. The Three-Self publication was reduced to a quarterly instead of a weekly issue.

The next year The Bureau of Religious Affairs announced that they wanted to help the churches win their long struggle for Christian unity. "Missionary imperialists," they charged, had stressed division and denominationalism. Non-productive churches were barriers to scientific progress. In Shanghai, 240 churches were reduced to 20. In Peking and Canton, with 60 churches each, there were now a consolidated four. Accusations of treason against colleagues or leaders were required as "proof of sincerity." Tortured "confessions" were made public. The climate became one of terror and doubt: who could be trusted and who would be next?

This is a picture of Red China.

The White Missionaries

This picture you have just had from Red China is one that the missionaries saw being sketched back in 1948. Most of them had just returned after having been evacuated in World War II. During this time, sixteen former China missionaries had worked with Orientals in Hawaii. Prior to this, there had been no Southern Baptist mission staff in the islands and so the first fruits of being "scattered abroad" began.

In 1950, a group of several thousand Baptists in Korea requested aid, and former Chinese missionaries were sent there. The Free Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek set up their government on Taiwan (Formosa), and so this country was added to our list of foreign mission fields in 1948. A few China missionaries relocated in Japan. Others returned to those last two accessible

spots on the mainland, Hong Kong and Macao. Further south, the scattered Chinese beckoned, and missionaries went to the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, states that our mission work "has been carried on against a backdrop of threatening storm clouds." This "curtain of light," however, that our missionaries have hung around the borders of Red China now extends to India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Okinawa, and Guam.

There are those who compare the persecution in China to that of Christians in Jerusalem, and they would paraphrase from Acts 8: "There was a great persecution against the church which was in China; and they were all scattered abroad. . . . Now they which were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." One veteran missionary said, "The downfall of China has compelled the Christian movement to realize these were great areas in East and Southeast Asia where we had never had work before."

Naturally, many were discouraged as they thought of the efforts of Baptists since 1836 in China: the schools, hospitals, churches, and lives that had been given. One who had served thirty years said, "China has fallen under the judgment of God. . . . China had received more of the wealth of the Christian world in missionaries, in churches, and schools, hospitals, and orphanages, in famine and flood relief, over a hundred years than had ever been witnessed in all human history. Still only a small minority had repented and turned to God in Christ Jesus. Foreigners and foreign nations were blamed for their calamities. Christianity was still a foreign religion. I believe that God 'gave them up' until they 'know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.' In the meantime his people are going through the fires of persecution and purification, but the Son of God will walk in the furnace of fire with them as he did with the Hebrew children of old, until a better day dawns."

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Others pointed out that we had never given as we should in either money or personnel. In one year, the Russian Communists sent 16,000 party members to China. This was more than all Christian bodies put together had ever sent. Christian missionaries in the whole

the missionary movement.

One of the most interesting facts that came to light as the missionaries scattered was the faithfulness of Chinese Baptists who had also scattered. In Malaysia even before the missionaries arrived, three congregations had been organized by Baptists who had migrated from the homeland. The two in Singapore spoke different dialects as one was organized by refugees from Canton and the others were from Swatow. Further up the peninsula in Alor Star, a Chinese woman had rented a storeroom and hired both an evangelist and a Bible woman to witness in her community.

On a preaching trip to a Chinese community in Thailand, missionaries discovered a Baptist church that had been started in 1927 by a Chinese businessman who had been ordained in China. The church had 110 converts and eighty resident members. Since there was no Chinese school in the community, the parents in the church took turns teaching. Their only textbook was the Bible, and every child of school age was able to read it.

Another interesting fact about the witness of these scattered missionaries was that materialism proved to be more of a hindrance in witnessing to the scattered Chinese than any other one thing. Southern Baptists were the first to send missionaries to the Philippine Islands to work exclusively with the Filipino Chinese residents in their own language. It was soon discovered that the nationals were much more responsive, and so the major mission effort was diverted to a witness to the Filipinos.

One final observation should be made. This part has been called "The White Missionaries" and this is what we will always be in areas of the world that have become increasingly nationalistic and at times even hostile to our country and anyone associated with it. We have already observed how Communists in China talked of the "imperialistic missionary."

In these new areas, therefore, there has been a special sense of urgency in strengthening the converts and developing national

conventions as soon as possible. There are eight seminaries in Southeast Asia for the training of workers. Seven publication centers provide needed literature. An emphasis has been placed on student-center evangelism near the big government universities.

Today there are over 600 national pastors and a similar number of missionaries serving with 66,000 church members related to our work in the Orient. Thus the renewal from China has been turned into mission advance as we continue to try to find ways to minister to more than half of the world's people living in the Orient.

The Green Americans

When I speak of "green" Americans, I refer to our inexperience on the world scene. We tried to be isolationists from the time of Washington on down to the Twentieth Century. After two world wars, we reluctantly assumed leadership on an international scale. Our missionaries carry the American image, and their work is helped or hindered by events in America and by Americans.

"Green" stands not only for inexperience but also for growth. We have learned many lessons. Let us consider some of these. Perhaps you would add others.

1. There are no foreign or distant lands in the Twentieth Century world. There are no great unexplored areas. There are no hiding places. We live in the world and are neighbors to the world whether we want to be or not. It has been well said, "We are all exposed to the weather of our modern climate."

It is only in this century that people who cannot read and write know what is going on everywhere because of "the talking box." Missionaries tell repeatedly of villages barely accessible even to the hardy Jeep, but places where Coca-Cola, Singer sewing machines, and radios are found in homes with dirt floors. Modern communication increases our responsibility as well as our opportunity.

The radio ministry is a vital part of Baptists.

tist witness throughout East and Southeast Asia. Especially effective have been Bible correspondence courses offered over the air. Evangelistic services in "the language of the heart," in national tongues, have been significant opportunities not only in the Orient but all over the world.

2. A second observation is that we live in times that are full of hope for underprivileged people and nations. America is partly responsible for that dream of freedom shared by humble people of all races. Those of us who are Christians know that education of the head must not outrun the education of the heart. Dr. Frank Laubach says, "All knowledge is dangerous if the heart is savage." We know that only Christ provides hope for the world's people, and changes the savage heart.

The chief problem of our day is how Christians in every land can feel the urgency of proclaiming the gospel to their own people—and quickly. A second challenge is how those whom God has called to go outside their own country can be most effectively helped by those who stay at home.

Americans need to remember the Communist techniques used in Red China: the smear campaigns, the undermining of confidence in others, the retreat from world affiliations, false testimony and accusations. We need to know that Christian men who understand the principles of the Christian gospel, who dare to live by them can, like the apostles of old turn the world upside down for Christ. It is such Christians who are able to convince others that the way of love triumphs.

3. A third observation is that God still works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. Retreat from China was changed from disaster into opportunity as missionaries went with a Christian witness into areas where we had never been before. In some ways, the times were similar to that "fulness of time" in the Roman world when Christ was born. The Jews had been dispersed then to all the lands, and like them the scattered Chinese were living in many countries, waiting for the gospel.

4. A fourth observation is that we must not lose hope for those Christians imprisoned behind the Bamboo Curtain. Many are "found faithful." One pastor from inside Red China was quoted: "We frequently hear Christians asking, 'Has Christianity any future?' That is a strange question to be upon the lips of a Christian. What has happened to his faith? Does he believe that the eternal God who made heaven and earth exists today and will not exist tomorrow? It is not the faithfulness of God that we need to be concerned about, but our own faithfulness. If we have deeds to match our words, if we make an effective witness for Jesus Christ, then all our anxieties will be found to have been needless."

The last generation had the task to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Our generation is called upon to emphasize the last part of the Great Commission: "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The mind of Christ must be applied to every dimension of life in America, in the Orient and unto the innermost parts of the earth.

Leader's Conclusion

During this program, I have been reminded of another flag of China. It was adopted after the Revolution of 1912 and had five broad stripes: red, yellow, blue, white, and black. These colors represented the different people who made up the republic. Under "The Rainbow Flag," China hoped that the dark clouds of tyranny would be pushed off the horizon forever.

We conclude this program with a prayer that the storm of communism will pass, and the sun once again will cast its beams over the clouded sky. Then a rainbow of hope will be seen by these oppressed people, and the very heart of China will have a witness to the Son of Righteousness.

Affirmation of Faith: Read just verse "Jesus Shall Reign," then have it sung.

Close with prayer for Christians in Red China, for the Christian witness among the Church of the Orient.

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Japan	136	101	16,844
Korea	47	160	6,600
Macao	2	1	753
Malaysia	44	25	2,450
Okinawa	4	2	1,129
Pakistan	24	5	177
Philippines	79	79	8,390
Taiwan	58	30	9,700
Thailand	56	7	767
Vietnam	20	1	130