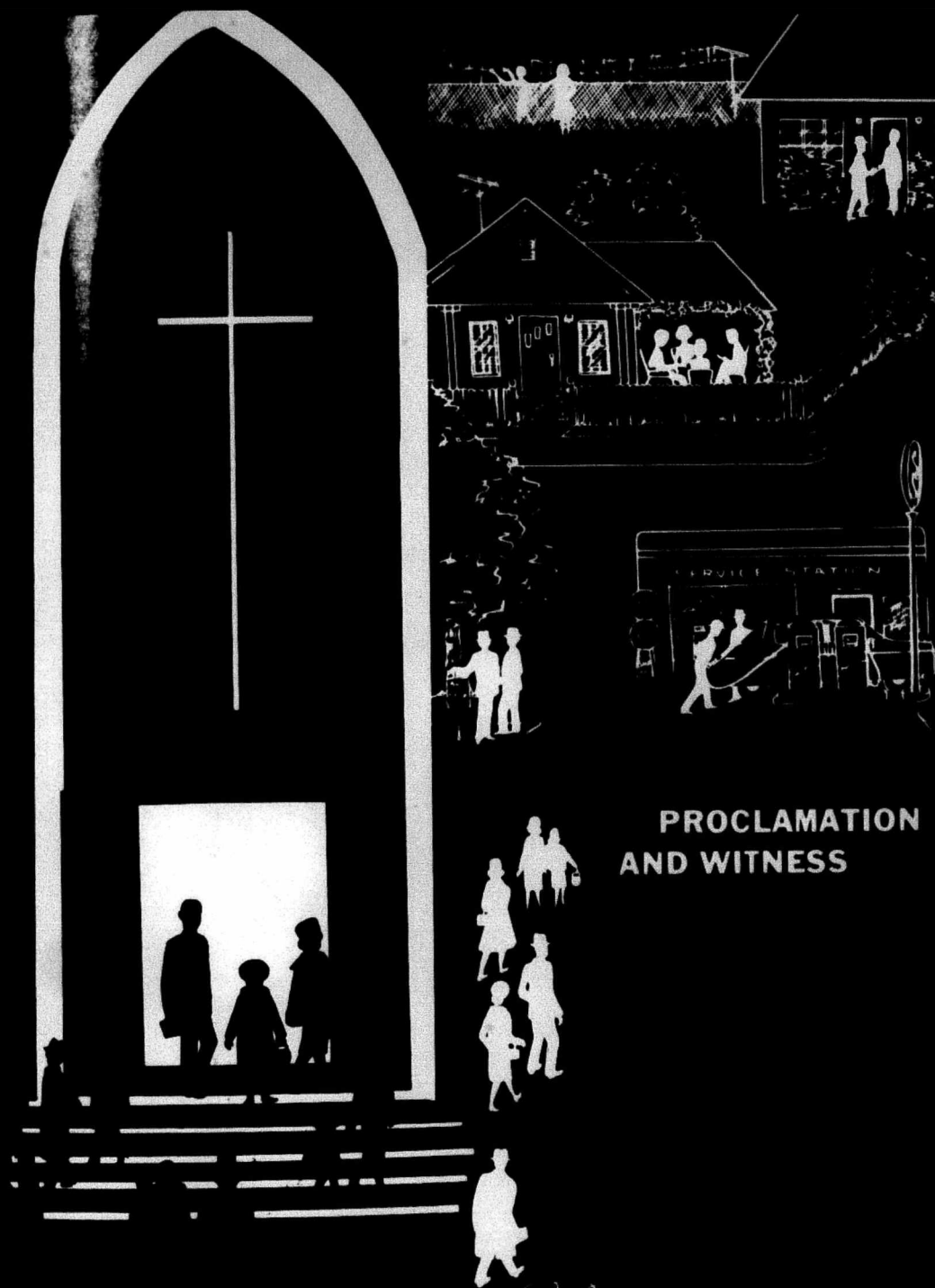




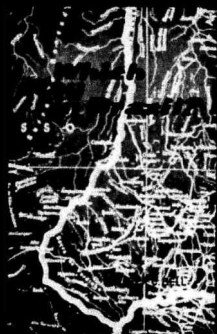
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PREACHERS WHO LIVE DANGEROUSLY

by Maxie Kirk



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TO be a minister of the gospel in Brazil is to live dangerously. The financial security of this calling is precarious at best. There is little social status. Frequently churches demand more of their pastors than they can give.

Brazil is, in some places and under some circumstances, that good ground which brings forth fruit, sixty or eighty or even a hundredfold. It can be hard, rocky soil, where the sowing of the seed produces little visible results. There is increasing evidence all over Brazil today that "the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches" choke out good seed. The fruits of evangelism are the true rewards men of God seek, and these are not always immediate. To their faith in God's Word, and in his providential care, preachers must add another quality—that of patience.

The first preacher of the Word whom we came to know well in Brazil was Pastor Eliseu. His name translates into English as Elisha, and serves to describe his role as preacher of the Word in Brazil. He is typical of that host of preacher-pastors who place implicit trust and confidence in God's Word and in his providential care.

Pastor Eliseu came to the church where we were members during our first year in Brazil. It was a small church, located in one of the poorer neighborhoods of the city of Rio. The men of our church were largely unskilled laborers or tradesmen. Their children often came to church "sharing" a pair of shoes; each wearing a shoe and a wooden sandal. Some children were undernourished; most were unschooled. Their houses were shanties or shacks put together out of salvaged materials.

After being with the church several months, Pastor Eliseu suggested that we launch a tithing campaign! Tithing when there was so much need? How could they give a tenth and still survive?

God's Word teaches tithing; and he promises to bless the tither, our pastor at-

Mrs. James P. Kirk is a missionary in Brazil.

firmed. The church considered, discussed, prayed, and voted to undertake tithing. Seventy per cent of the church members pledged to try the tithe!

Blessings of succeeding months and years were like those which others have experienced. Individual families prospered. The nine-tenths seemed to do more than the whole amount had done before. Dedication of money was matched by a new dedication of life and purpose. Young people responded to the call to full-time Christian service. The church grew numerically as well as spiritually.

Today Pastor Eliseu is in the pulpit of the "first" church of a large city in Brazil. He is still deserving of his name, and in faithfulness to God's Word is typical of many preachers in Brazil.

Lest the impression be given that Brazilian preachers are spiritual "supermen" with no limitations as to preparation, gifts, or understanding of their calling, let us focus our attention on a small group of Baptist pastors who worked within the confines of a state convention fifteen years ago. Their divergence in degree of preparation and understanding of the nature of their calling brings to mind Baptist preachers in the States a generation ago. The marvel is in the degree of fellowship and harmony which united them, and the evident fruits of this fellowship.

The seven men who served as pastors of the 21 churches comprising a newly-organized state convention met for the first of

what was to become an annual Pastor's Retreat. One among their number had experienced excellent training. A Brazilian scholar, writer, and able pastor, he had been to the States for graduate study. Another of the seven, highly esteemed by this well-educated man, as well as by the others, was a man who was barely literate. He even read the Bible with difficulty. Yet he pastored several growing churches in the far interior of the state. He was known throughout a large area as a man of Christian compassion, with a deep sense of justice and high standards of personal piety. Converted and called into the Christian ministry after reaching adulthood, he stood among the other men as a remarkable testimony to what God could do, even through "earthen vessels."

One of the seven had an immediate and sole response to every problem, situation, and opportunity brought before the group. It was "Let's pray, brethren." A mystic, he found it difficult to express his faith in any sort of action. His closest friend was at that time a fairly new Christian and a recently ordained pastor. He was a physically handicapped young man, one accustomed to the quick and purposeful activity of the business world. For every suggestion of his friend that they pray, this man's proposal was that they do something! It was interesting to observe how the friendship of these two men caused prayer and activity to mellow into a fruitful blending of the two in the ministry of each man.

Another of the seven considered that a preacher had but one primary task. For him the church was an agency for the preaching of the Word to sinners in need of repentance. He endured daily programs, living for the night evangelistic preaching services when people from the village and surrounding countryside crowded into their small building.

One of the seven pastors was extremely skeptical of any joint, or co-operative, enterprise. He pastored two large rural churches in the state, and felt that his church field was a small world within itself.

The seventh pastor present at the Retreat was a man whose preparation and previous experience were varied and sketchy. He had served as a judge within the state circuit court system and was a man of very practical faith. Of the seven, he was the oldest, yet his quick wit, appreciation and understanding of the points of view of his colleagues endeared him to all.

In spite of diverse gifts, training, and background, these seven men were able to lay foundations for work which has grown through the years.

Several things may be said about today's preachers of the Word in Brazil. These characteristics are typical of many, if not of most of them. Brazil's Baptist preachers and pastors are:

Willing to evangelize. A preacher of the Word in Brazil today is still primarily an evangelist.

Some who pastor larger churches with

educated young people and professional men and women as members are able to lead their churches into a full-scale service program, such as Adult literacy classes, primary schools, outpatient clinics, distribution of food and clothing to needy families, and an office of legal counsel, as means of evangelization.

Pastors in other churches lead their people into programs of personal soul-winning, open-air preaching, evangelistic meetings in the homes of believers, preaching and visitation in jails, hospitals and in leper colonies, to evangelize those in their communities.

Radio and television are widely used in Brazil today. Paul's advice to Timothy, "Proclaim the message, press it home on all occasions, convenient or inconvenient, use argument, reproval, and appeal . . ." certainly is put into practice daily by preachers of the Word in Brazil.

Apt to teach. The church on the mission field must be a teaching church. At times the oral evangelist has appeared to overshadow responsibility to teach "all things" necessary for the full Christian life. Today's preachers are giving increasing attention to the teaching ministry of the church.

In Brazil, the larger evangelistic service in most local churches is the evening service. Pastors also are using the morning worship hour, the midweek prayer service, and weeks for pastoral teaching. Brazilian Baptists are receiving a firm doctrinal basis from this teaching, as well as a deeper

Bible class—Marambaia Baptist Church, Belém. Often the pastor is teacher.



Stewardship poster—Tijucas Baptist Church, Rio. Pastor Oswaldo Bonis



Pastor's study—First Baptist Church, Rio. Pastor John Søren



Preaching service—Memorial Baptist Church, Brasília. Pastor Eber Vasconcelas



understanding of total Christian stewardship. One result of teaching is the increased financial support now given to their "Cooperative Program." Enthusiasm for the work of Brazil's Home and Foreign Mission Boards, is another manifestation of growth.

Leaders in worship. On our first Sunday in Brazil, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor invited us to go with them to the First Baptist Church in Rio. I clearly recall his invitation to us. "You will not be able to understand what is said, but I do think you will be able to worship with us."

We accepted the invitation, and that first night "in a strange land, and among people of a strange tongue," we did worship, as Dr. John Soren led us in Portuguese.

Among the many contributions Dr. Soren has made, and is making, to the life of Brazilian Baptists, perhaps one of the most lasting is his emphasis on worship.

This emphasis is found in churches throughout the land today, and the fruits of worship are beginning to be manifest in those congregations where the preacher of the Word is also striving to become a leader in worship.

Broad of vision. Baptist work in Brazil has been blessed from the beginning with leaders of unusual vision. In recent days this vision resulted in the 1965 Evangelistic Campaign which God greatly blessed.

One of the goals of this campaign was to reach every person in Brazil with the gospel message. This meant the dweller in the penthouse apartments of the cities as well as the man living in the darkest corner of the over-crowded slums. Included also was the family in the open country, far removed from community life, as well as the inhabitant of every small village and town in the interior.

This staggering challenge was born in the heart of one of Brazil's great preachers of the Word, Dr. Rubens Lopes. However, it received the immediate and enthusiastic approval of virtually all pastors and laymen in Brazil.

The translation of this vision into reality and fact has opened another chapter in the



Building—Missionary E. G. Berry and Pastor Elias B. Sohrinho consulting

Fellowship—Vila Mariana Baptist Church, São Paulo, Pastor Rubens Lopes greets members

history of Baptist work in Brazil. It is still too early to evaluate the results of this campaign, but that God poured out his blessings on Brazil is evident.

The next task will call for more vision and daring, perhaps, than the actual campaign. It is the task of conservation of results—in bringing the thousands who made initial decisions for Christ into full discipleship. Recent history indicates that these "Preachers of the Word" as they rely on God's guidance will be ready for this task also.

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COVER STORY

This year the denomination is highlighting one phase of continuous emphases in our churches: it is proclamation and witness. The theme for the year is "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Proclamation and Witness." Christ's church buildings are not places of sanctuary for his believers; they are the places where his church worships, is trained, instructed, and inspired to go out to do his work in the world. Christians proclaim the wonderful truth that Christ died for all, and they witness in their lives to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Proclaim His Name



by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

Choral Arrangement of the Year's WMU Watchword and Hymn

Watchword: "Having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" Revelation 14:6.

Hymn for Year: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Four Voices: (speak) O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!

Instrument: (One stanza "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

Four Voices: Having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

Four Voices: (Sing verse "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

Voices One, Two: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Voices Three, Four: The firmament showeth his handiwork.

One, Two: Day unto day uttereth speech.

Three, Four: Night unto night showeth knowledge.

All: O for a thousand tongues to proclaim . . . proclaim his glory and his gospel . . . proclaim his name—to earth's busy places—earth's out-of-way places.

One, Four: But how shall the people hear who have no preacher?

Two, Three: And how shall the preacher preach except we send him?

All: Having the gospel to preach let us no longer delay, but send the Word to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people . . . that men may hear; that men may be saved; that the Saviour may be known. Proclaim his name!

One: O for a thousand tongues

All: To sing my great Redeemer's praise to all people! (softer) all people! (whisper) all people!

Instrument: (One stanza)

All: (Sing verse 2.)

Four: Assist me to proclaim! Dare I pray that in his name I may give witness to the truth of God's own Son who died?

Two: Dare we ask thy pardon, Lord, who fail to do thy will? Who dawdle by the wayside when thou thy blood did spill?

All: Assist me to proclaim! And spread thy name through all the earth.

One: People die in every land knowing not the honor of his name.

Three: People die in our men land who know him not, and do not own him Lord.

Two: In my town, and in yours, far off Tanzania [tan-za-NE-a], across the sea,

across the hearth, perhaps as close as this — they have not heard.

Four: Or having heard they wait for a more convenient day; or hope unknowingly for one to urge the truth and force decision for the Lord.

One: Dare we pray?

All: Yes, we dare! Assist me to proclaim! (softer) Assist me to proclaim!

Instrument: (one stanza)

All: (Sing verse 3.)

One, Two: The matchless, incomparable name! The name of Jesus!

Three, Four: The Rose, the Lily, the Dox, the Way!

All: Sing his name with myriad-tongues! Sing praise to his power, his saving, keeping power. Sing praise to his mercy and goodness.

One: That name brings the sinner peace.

Four: That name makes our sorrow cease.

Two, Three: Proclaim that glorious name above all names! That matchless name we have; that worthy name we know; that saving name we own.

All: Proclaim his name, the name of Jesus! (softer) Proclaim! Proclaim that name!

Instrument: (one stanza)

All: (Sing verse 4.)

Two, Three: The blood of the Son of God poured out on Calvary avails for all.

One, Four: All nations, all kindred, all tongues, all people.

All: Having the everlasting gospel to preach . . . we send the message everywhere.

One: To Eastern Orient

Four: African tribes

Three: Latin villages

Two: Europe's cities.

One: And to the Middle East, land of our Lord. Thousands of people who walk his footsteps in his land, know not the Lord.

Four: And thousands of thousands of every nation know not his praise to sing.

All: The rich, poor, young, old, the hungry for bread and the hungry for gold—all must be told.

Two: That Christ is the Bread, the Wealth and the Warmth, the Way and the Life.

Three: They must be told of Christ in his beauty; of Christ in his love; of Christ in his death and his rising; who now lives with God interceding and pleading for us at the Father's right hand.

All: Then, having the gospel, let it be preached to all that on earth do dwell.

One, Two: We must give, pray, and tell to make his name known;

Three, Four: and messengers send to earth's every shore . . .

All: Preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses, men, mothers, wives, daughters, sons—messengers all, every one . . .

One, Two: With the gospel to preach unto them that dwell on all the earth;

Three, Four: To every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

All: O for a thousand tongues to sing to all the people,

Two, Four (soft) of all the people

One, Three: (loud) of all the earth

Two, Four: (soft) all the earth

All: Our great Redeemer's praise!

All: (Sing verse 1.)

Instrument: (one stanza, or briefer interlude)

All: (sing) Amen!

In Atlanta-- A CHURCH MINISTERING



Pastor William F.
Doverspike, Sr.

Not only are the people in Techwood project blessed by this ministry, but other church members gladly serve also



THE BAPTIST TABERNACLE of Atlanta, Georgia, is demonstrating what it means for a church to realize its mission in the area of ministry and witnessing.

This downtown church with a glorious history is now surrounded by shops, two bus stations, the city YMCA, small and large hotels, business colleges, rooming houses, and housing projects. This church never considered moving its location. Census after census indicated that a large concentration of unchurched people are located in this neighborhood.

Trends point up the fact that, if a church

Mrs. Beall is mission center field worker for the Home Mission Board.

Rev. and Mrs.
David Beal,
directors of
Clark Howell
Techwood pro-
gram for Baptist
Tabernacle



it needs to maintain a strong witness for Christ today, it must be unafraid of creative venturing to meet the needs of people for the message of God's love.

Hundreds of people, young and old, are in low-rent housing projects, often located in the heart of a city. Many a parent is without a partner. Children and old people are often crowded into small quarters.

Tabernacle church, in Atlanta, realizing challenging opportunities sent buses to pick up children for Sunday school. Volunteers went early to remind parents that buses would be by at certain times. This was helpful, but was not enough.

Rev. William Fred Doverspike is pastor of Tabernacle church. He and other members knew it was time to call a director for special ministries. Now David and Helen Beal are on the job in nearby Clark Howell Techwood housing project.

This venturing church studied its challenges one by one and came to realize that each situation required unique approaches.

To establish a meaningful relationship with the residents in the Clark Howell Techwood area, a building in the midst of the community is used for small group ex-

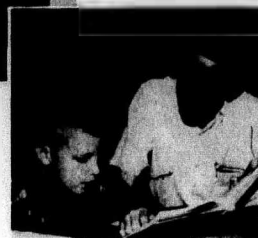


Providing a nursery is vital for mothers



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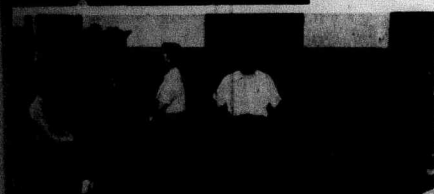


by Mrs. Noble Y. Beall





Mothers leave children in play area while they are in Mothers Club



Dayle Grose trains boys and girls in singing—both at the church and at Techwood



Juniors come for activities of all kinds—here a Bible class

periences. The missionaries work closely with individual need and gradually seek to lead those who are lost into the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the fulness of fellowship with him, and to help each person to rebuild his personality.

In an informal situation with their

neighbors, interest groups, classes for all ages, and classes for special studies appeal to those who come.

But Mr. and Mrs. Beal do not work alone. More than forty other church members help each week in various activities in which they have talent or interest.

The minister of music trains groups in singing, many of whom move with ease into the regular church choirs.

In addition young married couples in the Sunday school sponsor a young married couples group in this community. The enrolment in this department has increased 80 per cent in the last six months!

Vacation Bible school had for its goal 1,000. The attendance was 701. Most of the children were from the Clark Howell Techwood area.

In recent months 41 have accepted Christ and 13 have joined the church by letter. Every year hundreds are enrolled in Sunday school. One-fifth of the leadership in Tabernacle church is from this part of the neighborhood.

This is only a part of the total work and outreach of this New Testament church. Names and addresses of students attending business colleges are secured and these young people are invited in the church for worship and recreation. A banquet is given for each new group.

The church also maintains a special interest in those attending conventions in the city. Materials announcing schedules for services with an invitation to the church is placed in hotels. Many attend while they are in the city. Baptist Tabernacle is seeking effective ways of serving travelers who wait in nearby bus stations.

The unusual ministry provided in the Clark Howell Techwood area is financed by the Tabernacle Baptist Church, with assistance from the Atlanta Baptist Association, the state convention of Georgia, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

All in all, the relevancy of Christ to today's needs is fast becoming a reality in the crowded streets around this church.

from Birmingham

Dear Pastor—

This is the first month of the 1965-66 year of emphasis on "Proclamation and Witness." We hope that this will be a year of "growing and learning," of all that is implied in these functions of a New Testament church.

During this quarter members of Southern Baptist churches will be learning in Training Union more about how to witness—how to proclaim His gospel of salvation. Very soon we shall all be gearing ourselves to take up the idea of "Every Christian a Witness—Now," which is the theme of the 1966 revival period January-April. The Sunday school will give emphasis in its teaching program and WMU and Brotherhood will undergird plans for visitation made by the Sunday school for your church to reach its prospects.

Other wonderful plans involve WMU and Brotherhood in a study-action program which you will see in forthcoming issues of Royal Service and in Brotherhood materials. This is what we are calling "one example of correlation and co-ordination."

We shall be offering guidance each month—now and through the summer of 1966—to win the lost, the unenlisted, and major on family witnessing, as well as personal witnessing, day by day.

We hope you will study these plans and make suggestions when you see how your WMU can better serve your church.

Sincerely,
WMU Staff

THOSE who have followed the series of Bible studies in *Royal Service* during the past year have reviewed a course of events of tremendous and incalculable significance. That course of events has moved from the great acts of God in creation through the calling out of a "Nation," or people, through whom he would cause "all families of the earth [to] be blessed" (Gen. 12:1).

Apparently, the wonder and glory of God have been disclosed before our eyes as we have witnessed not only his forming of the earth and fashioning of the universe; but also his making of man in his own "image" and thus capable of fellowship with the Creator, his power in delivering a people who had fallen into bondage, and his marvelous pursuit through this nation of his redemptive purpose for all the world. Always bestowing his loving care as their Heavenly Father upon this people, yet correcting and disciplining them, he led them patiently and graciously toward the "land of promise."

The first five books of our Old Testament tell in unforgettable and vivid terms how the world and man came to be, how evil got into the world and into man, the ruin sin wrought in the soul and affairs of man, and how God in his gracious mercy determined to provide a way of redemption and restoration for fallen man. The substance of the account is deeply theological and the answers of undying importance.

In it all, God the Sovereign Creator disclosed in myriad ways his own marvelous nature and exalted purpose to man the creature, and revealed repeatedly the terms on which the fellowship broken between man and himself could be restored. The dependence of man upon his Creator and his responsibility to his Creator are written large in man's experience, and the story that ensues is properly called "salvation history."

In the experience of Israel it is discovered that God is holy in nature, that he is just and righteous as well as merciful and for-

The Bible

God's Missionary Message to Man



giving. It is found that his laws are unvarying and that he requires moral purity and ethical responsibility of all who walk acceptably before him. Above everything else, so it is revealed, God desires that love of God shall be the motive of all man's endeavors to walk in the way of the Lord. It is revealed, moreover, that God's own love of infinite depths for man is really the foundation of all man's hopes.

Through the history of Israel, especially under the leadership of Moses, the nation was prepared for the great step of entrance into the Land of Promise. Moses, however, was to lay down his task of leadership before Israel entered that Land, and upon Joshua the responsibility was then to fall for guiding the nation in this great step of faith and courage.

At this point the second year's series of studies in *Royal Service* on the missionary message of the Bible begins.

From Joshua to Malachi, around one thousand years of Hebrew history unfolds. This history is of highest significance. Yet in the next twelve lessons only the briefest summary of this history can be given.

In this summary, however, we shall follow Israel as this people enter the Land of

Canaan, as they go through periods of spiritual advance and declension, as the nation is developed into a kingdom, as the kingdom then divides into two nations, as the history of the Northern Kingdom runs to its tragic end, as the Southern Kingdom falls into captivity, as a remnant of those taken into captivity and refined by exile, finally return to rebuild Jerusalem, and as the course of events in Jerusalem point more and more toward the coming of the Messiah, whose long-awaited coming through Israel would both fulfill the divine plan to make that nation a channel of blessing to all mankind and would bring to a climax God's redemptive purpose in the earth.

Through this great stretch of time the most significant material concerning God's missionary plan of the ages will not, however, be found so much in the events of the history reviewed as in the revelation given of God through the great prophets whose voices are repeatedly raised in thundering tones and the echoes of which may still be heard to this day.

The plan of study for the year before us will be chronological, and will trace the experience of the nation from around 1300 B.C. to the end of the Old Testament era.

INTRODUCTORY ARTICLE for SECOND YEAR'S SERIES

by Gilbert L. Guffin

The traditional view of this biblical chronology will largely be followed. Note will be taken in some instances, however, of differing views as to when certain books were written or certain events occurred.

Following this course, we shall take note of each of the remaining books of the Old Testament at the point of time it was supposedly written. Thus we shall have the background of the historical events of that particular time in view as the contents of the books are considered. This could be especially helpful in understanding the message and concern of the prophets.

A vast amount of biblical material lies before us. It is hoped many will read all of it; but as much of the biblical material as possible ought to be read or at least reviewed.

Throughout this period of study, we shall be looking, of course, specifically for the material or events and especially for the statements in prophetic, poetic, or other utterances which had or have bearing upon God's missionary purpose in the world and have meaning for missions today.

Obviously, many more lessons than twelve could well be written on the missionary message of the Old Testament as seen in the material from Joshua to Malachi, as was true of the material in the first five books. It is hoped, however, that at least the more significant lessons given in the material under consideration will be found in the studies before us. The writer has already prepared these lessons, even before writing these lines, so he can assure every reader that the lessons on missions in the section of the Bible now before us are numerous and profound. It is his prayer that these lessons may be as deeply moving and meaningful to the readers as they have proved to be for him.

And now for the next twelve months, as we launch into this great and greatly important course of further missionary study, may the writer prayerfully wish for each reader and for each circle, WMS, or church following the studies—

Ron Voyaget!



The MISSIONARY MESSAGE of the BIBLE

by Gilbert L. Guffin

Possessing the Land of Promise

Scripture Reading: Joshua

"In the book of Joshua," says Dean Stanley, "we have what may without offense be termed The Doomsday Book of the Conquest of Canaan." This remark suggests the great importance of that book. Whatever one's view of the book, he must admit that it contains history of greatest significance for Israel and for the Christian faith.

Moses had led Israel almost to the borders of the Land of Promise. Though he was permitted to view the land from Mt. Nebo (at the right time of day one can get a view from the top of this mountain of the southern end of the Jordan Valley and the heights overlooking Jerusalem itself), he was not allowed to lead the people into the land. (Recall his offense at Meribah and the judgment which followed it as recorded in Num. 20:1-12.)

Moses was directed of the Lord to choose Joshua as his successor and as the new leader of Israel.

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Of all who were twenty-one years of age or older at the time the spies were sent from Kadesh-barnea forty years earlier, Joshua was the only man in Israel still living besides Caleb (Num. 13:14). He had been born in Egypt, as were Moses and Aaron. Not only did he show great faith in God and true heroism at the time of the report of the spies, when only he and Caleb stood against the ten others, but he had been a loyal assistant to Moses across the years. He was no novice, newly come upon the scene, nor was he chosen out of mere popularity; but he was a proven leader.

Often people seem to think someone would be a good pastor, missionary, or Christian worker if only he is placed in an important enough position. But experience proves, as God knew in selecting Joshua, that only the person who has already proved himself where he is, however unspectacular the place, can be depended upon to fill the larger role responsibly.

The book of Joshua reveals how ably and responsibly Joshua did fulfill his new duties. If the towering figure of Moses did not

shadow him somewhat, it would be easier to see that Joshua truly merits an abiding place in the admiration of the ages. He, too, was one of the giants of the faith.

The book of Joshua, according to Jewish tradition, was written by Joshua himself. Although, as observes Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, "Nothing definitely is known" as to the authorship of the book, much, if not all of it, except the account of his death, could have been written by or under the direction of Joshua, though an editor may later have completed the material.

The book is divided into three general parts: the conquest of the land (chapters 1-12); the settlement of the people (chapters 13-21); and the farewell of Joshua (chapters 22-24). The whole book should be read for an adequate understanding of its contents.

If in teaching the conquests of Israel it is difficult to understand the seeming severity of Israel's belief that they were not only to dispossess but also to destroy the Canaanites, it should be recalled that Israel was being used, according to Deuteronomy 9:5; 16, to execute judgment upon that people. The depth of moral depravity which marked these people could hardly be overdrawn. It was necessary that an evil nation be destroyed so Israel would not fail in the task of bringing God's message to the world.

So much for an introduction. Now what bearing, if any, has the book of Joshua on God's missionary message to man? Is there really anything in the book that is of pertinence?

God's Ways with Men

In answer, it may be said there is at least one deep, basic truth in Joshua which has a direct bearing on missions; and there are several lessons of general nature which are abidingly important for missions and for

For gist of passage, light on words and phrases, and methods of study order the booklet "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: Joshua through Malachi," 50c, from Baptist Book Stores and Women's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 3-703.

the work of the church as a whole. These will now be discussed, but in inverted order.

First, what are some of the lessons of general nature in the book of Joshua which may be of value to the work of missions?

One of these, already suggested, pertains to the training and experience which Joshua had before his call. The missionary who is useful abroad, for instance, is the person who has been useful at home. The man or woman who can be counted upon to win souls on the mission field has already been trying to win souls in the home field. Training and experience are ever important. This is a lesson for missions as well as for every local church and every individual Christian. Many want positions of honor and importance in the church, but they forget the only proper way to such places is that of preparation and of faithful, dedicated service.

For missions in particular and for all Christian work, a second general lesson of value in Joshua is that for fulfillment. The promises of God wait on both the faith and the fidelity of his people.

"Ask of me," we read in Psalm 2:8, "and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." We pray for the salvation of all the world and wonder why God does not give it to us, forgetting that he will do this only as we fulfil the necessary conditions.

God had promised Palestine to Israel and assured them, even from the time of Abraham and especially from the day of Moses, that he would bring them into this land that flowed, it was said, with milk and honey. But theirs was to be no easy entrance. Only stalwart faith and stern fidelity could win the fulfillment of this promise. Hard tests were to be met and decisive battles fought. Conquest of the land was to come slowly and every compromise in religious life and every act of disobedience delayed progress all the more. (Reread the story of Achan at Ai, chapter 7.) How firmly this principle yet holds. Who can estimate how often the work of the church and of

missions has been retarded, or prevented by covetousness? The selfishness and compromise of even one man like Achan may afflict the whole church and hamper the whole cause. The consequence may be more serious than we can estimate.

God's Desires for Men

The winning of the nations to Christ and the conquest of a lost world are God's desires for his people. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," Jesus commanded. But our progress is appallingly slow. Are not the reasons for this slowness much like the reason for the delays and failures of Israel?

God's promises to his people, moreover, are to be worked for. It is said, "God provides for birds their food, but he does not throw it into their nests." The requirement that we work to receive what he has promised is obviously for our good. Our growth in faith, understanding, and strength of character depends on it. Someone has observed, "No promise of God is a transfer back to Paradise." Though this is not wholly true, as God is willing to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, generally his promises can be realized only through obedient, dedicated pursuit of them. What we do and what we are, in other words, cannot be divorced from what we hope to achieve in the service of our Lord.

A third truth of importance which may be seen in Joshua is that, although God wants his followers to be a separated people, that is, not to be a part of or participants in the corrupting world about them, he nonetheless wants them to be in a place of strategic opportunity for witness and service. He led Israel into a place where, after purging the land from the wickedness of the Canaanites, they would be less endangered by the gross temptations of the false and corrupting religions and practices of the day (note the natural boundaries of the country); but it was also a place where their influence would nonetheless go out to all the world.

As a glance at the maps of Palestine will

reveal, Israel would have natural barriers to reduce intermingling with other nations, but at the same time, Palestine was a "bridge" in the ancient world between the East and the West. All commerce between China, India, and other Eastern nations with Egypt and Europe passed across this little country. This gave it contact with the rest of the known world. Was not this contact for a purpose?

Does God not also want us to maintain a "bridge" to all other people, a bridge over which we may extend our witness to them? This principle seems to apply to Christians personally and to a nation such as ours. Favored with divine mercy, the opportunity our nation had for more than a century to hear a Christian witness to the world is both awesome and tremendous. Have we, like Israel, forfeited this opportunity? Our defilement by evil and our defection from Christian duty have undeniably cost us greatly in the influence we might have wielded for the salvation of the world.

God's Pattern for Service

A further fact of value in Joshua for all Christian usefulness and especially for missionary outreach is that although all advance and all success are gifts of God, wise strategy, good organization, and sound wisdom, as well as training and experience, have an important place in our service. Though Israel was ever to understand that God was giving the land of promise and that without him they could never make conquest of it, this was not to be an excuse for blundering or looseness of organization.

Joshua's "acute military strategy," as it has been called, is still a subject for study in military affairs. We must not underestimate the value and need of the use of the best in consecrated reason. Says G. Campbell Morgan, "Obedience includes the use of reason, the employment of common sense." The ferment on many a mission field and the rapidly changing character of nations and of the international scene call for the exercise of the utmost in reason and in wisdom in these times.

God Directs by His Word

The importance of God's Word to the success of man's endeavors is suggested by the book of Joshua. No mission is an undertaking and no work of this kind is an effort to disregard this lesson of the book of the land. Joshua's commission was that he should lead the people out of the land, but they shall not forsake their God, and they shall make the way of the Lord their duty. This is a great promise, added to a grave command.

Joshua, of course, had at best only a portion of what now constitutes the Bible. (Some think he had the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible; others think it was much less.) But what he had was extremely important. Knowledge of how to live and conform to God's purposes depends upon knowledge and understanding.

If ever the Bible is neglected among us, missions will soon die. They who know the Bible well and never let it depart out of their mouths and hearts, however, will find in it a continued compulsion toward and guide for the missionary task until the last man on earth is given the gospel.

The ethics of refuge mentioned in Joshua suggest God's compassion for the unfortunate and his mercy toward the innocent, abiding and necessary concerns of missions.

Warning: Achan Fails God

The repeated warnings in Joshua, especially in Joshua's closing address, against the danger of adopting the gods which had failed other people should be a warning to us that although we respect the valid ethical precepts of other religions and acknowledge the fervor, sincerity, and sacrifice often given to them, we must not compromise our witness by trying to synthesize these religions with Christianity. Nor must we ever conclude that these religions, though there may be some good in them, are good enough, or are as good as Christianity.

In few places in the Bible is the accent placed more strongly on the urgency and importance of choice as in Joshua. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," Joshua commanded. This command and consequent trial is the significance of choice. Man's creature is an essentially made as to be able either to accept or to reject his Creator. The New Testament, as well as the Old, abounds with evidence of this. Both should also warn us that man's destruction would be the result of his choice. Knowledge of this is one of the driving forces of missions. Until every man is confronted with responsibility of this choice, the task of missions cannot be concluded.

So much for the lessons in Joshua that have a bearing only in a general way on missions. Now it remains to ask, What, if anything, in Joshua is of specific significance for missions? The answer is the same as might be given for a number of other Old Testament books. It is that Joshua further discloses the history of God's development and preparation of a people to be his special instrument through which his witness would be given to the world and his redemptive purpose for all men set forth. This fact tends to constitute the very backbone program of the book. This is seen, for instance, in "To let all the nations on earth know how strong is the hand of the Eternal, that they may stand in awe of the Eternal your God for all time" (Josh. 24:24, Moffatt). Thus the missionary purpose of God through Israel was explicitly declared. But Israel was tragically to fail to sense the full implications of that mission. In time, they came to feel too commonly that God was only doing something of special favor to them, and became selfish, ingrown, and prejudiced (as later studies will reveal). How many Christians are content to say, "I'm saved and I'm satisfied." But is all our obligation settled? The Bible declares, "We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

A final lesson in Joshua is that God may suffer setbacks in his plan and purpose but he cannot be finally defeated.



WE GET LETTERS

Answered by Marie Mathis

Prayer Power of GAs Felt in Brazil

Last year, in response to a request from Miss Ione Gray for a prayer petition to appear in the September calendar of prayer in *Tell* magazine, I asked that GAs pray for the 1965 All-Brazil Evangelistic Crusade.

If I had ever wondered whether the girls read those requests—or if you have ever wondered either—we can both stop wondering! I have lost track of the number of letters that members of Girls' Auxiliaries sent to Bahia, Brazil, and that were subsequently forwarded back to me in the States. Had I known they were going to keep on coming, I would surely have kept a record of them. I imagine I have received over two hundred and there is no way of knowing how many never found their way to me.

This has been a real inspiration to me and I wanted to share it. Most of the girls, after assuring me of their daily prayer for the crusade, closed their letters with the now famous words, "I know you are so busy, so I do not expect an answer."

I can't resist this, and tried at first to write to every one, for a personal note to them must be as helpful as it is to us who are missionaries abroad. But I have not been able to keep up with the volume of letters.

Reports from Brazil on the campaign there are most encouraging. I know the girls who were faithful in their prayer promises had a part in this success, and I trust they will continue to pray as the work of conserving the results continues for years to come.

Our thanks to you who make *Tell* possible—and

to the girls who through your magazine understand more fully how they can have a part in sharing Christ with the whole, wide world.

MRS. J. R. KIRK,
Missionary to Brazil

A Pastor's Opinion

Thank you so much for notifying us that our WMU achieved Honor Woman's Missionary Union for 1964.

I wish that I could claim some credit for this achievement but I must place the honor where it belongs. Our WMU President, Mrs. Robert Cooper and those ladies who worked with her consider the responsibility of women in missions every day that passes. It is through their day-by-day consistency that our church has been able to achieve this recognition.

REV. W. G. TANNER,
Mississippi

Circle Program

As a circle program chairman I have questioned other members of our circle about their preferences of program material.

We would like to see more programs about the work on the mission field.

Programs like those on Cuba and Alaska awaken us to the need and recognizing the need is the first step to meeting needs. Our circle sent "welcome kits" to the Cuban mission in Miami.

Please give us more information on the things which missionaries could use in their work so that we may participate more personally in the work.

MRS. J. R. MESSER,
North Carolina

I recent conference someone asked, "Would you advise a person to borrow money, if necessary, to keep up with his tithe?"

This is not an easy question to answer. If you say a person should never borrow to meet his church obligations, you may lead another to believe that he can put off giving until everything else is taken care of. If you say a Christian should be conscientious even to the point of getting a loan for his tithe, others may accuse you of being legalistic.

One thing is certain. In our efforts to "raise money" for our churches and the denomination, we must never leave the impression that we are *just out for the dollar*. We *could* do this if we have appeals only on "pay your tithe or else!"

Before trying to answer this question further, let's look at what Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth. He was appealing to them to give liberally for the poor at Jerusalem. In the J. B. Phillips translation of 2 Corinthians 9:5 we find him saying, "I should like it to be a spontaneous gift, and not money squeezed out of you by what I have said." Then in the King James translation of verse 7 of the same chapter: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Paul was just as concerned over *attitude as amount*. They were not to give with a grudge, or out of a sense of compulsion. It was to be spontaneous, willing, and without

reservation. The pressure under which they were to give was the pressure of their own love and concern, not the pressure of his words of appeal.

This means that it may be possible for a person to give large amounts of money but still lack generosity in his own heart. He may give large amounts because of social pressure, or out of hope for recognition, or even out of pity. But the size of a person's gift cannot be totaled on the adding machine. It must be computed on the basis of that inner mark of Christian maturity—generosity.

Does this mean that a person is excused from giving when he does not have the "right feeling"? Let's answer it this way. Suppose you are a mother, and one of your children is ill in the night. He calls for you. Would you turn over and go back to sleep because you didn't "feel like" getting out of bed to minister to his needs? Indeed not! You would rise from your bed regardless of the hour. And in so doing, you would soon develop a "feeling" of good will and concern whether you had it at the beginning or not.

There is somewhat of a parallel here in our giving. If everyone waited to give until he "felt" like it, all of us might excuse ourselves! The *feeling* is important—that feeling of generosity and concern—but sometimes it has to be "primed" by a call out of the night!

The point of all this is that the gift without the giver is truly bare. Jesus emphasized this in his teachings, and Paul reaffirmed it. And in the twentieth century, it

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by Robert J. Hastings

BORROW — TO TITHE?

Please send your comments to Letters, 600 North 26th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. We will not have space to print every letter, of course. Please include your name and address.

is still a prerequisite that a person not only give his money, but that he have also the willingness to give it if he is to grow as a "cheerful" giver.

Willingness in the heart is just as essential as sufficient money in the checking account because only the truly generous can give of themselves along with material gifts. And maybe that is the keynote of Paul's appeal—that the Corinthians are not ready to ~~send~~ money to the poor Christians at Jerusalem unless they can also give themselves in prayerful concern. Paul is not begging for crumbs of pity, but for leaves of loving concern.

Emmerson magnifies this point in an essay titled "Gifts":

Rings and jewels are not but apologies for gifts. The only gift is a portion of thyself. . . . There is the poet brings his poem; the shepherd, his lamb; the farmer, corn; the gem, the sailor, coral and shells; the painter, his picture; the girl, a husband; the chief of her own seeing.

Next Sunday when you prepare your church offering you might ask yourself, "Am I putting myself into this as an act of worship, or just putting my dollars in an envelope?" There is a difference, you know!

A Psalm for Today

by Stella Curry Sawyer

THE Lord sits in majesty still: how holy is His name.

Who among men are conscious of His presence?

Our ears are filled with the supersonic thunder of the bombers; but we hear not the still, small voice.

Our eyes behold the terrible atomic blossom in the skies; but we see not the beauty of His creation.

Our tongues savor rich, exotic viands; but we hunger not after righteousness.

Our nostrils delight in rich and rare perfumes; but the incense of prayer we raise not.

Our hands caress the softness of silks and furs; but they touch not the hands of our brothers.

Nations hate and fear each other, but they fear not God.

The fog of confusion comes creeping over the world

Lord, send the sun of Thy glory to dispel it.

Help us to know Thee with all of our senses, in worship, Thee with the whole of our being.

Be merciful to us, O Lord

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FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce

WMU Annual Planning Meeting

by Elaine Dickson

OCTOBER 1 marks the beginning of a new WMU year in your church. How well this year begins and how successfully it ends will be determined largely by the preparation made for it.

The most helpful thing a WMU can do to prepare for the new year is to have a planning meeting. The importance of this is emphasized for WMS leaders as a basic objective in WMS Aims. Participate in "annual meeting of officers, chairmen, counselors and leaders for making broad plans based on current WMU Year Book." The Aims of youth organizations carry a similar emphasis on counselor or leader participation. This meeting builds "togetherness." It allows each organization not only to look at itself and its work, but beyond itself to the whole plan of WMU work in the church.

Since this is a WMU meeting, the WMU president bears responsibility for it. WMS presidents, in churches with more than one society, and youth directors may form a committee to work with the WMU president in making plans. When these leaders have a voice in the planning, they do a better job of encouraging leaders of their organizations to participate.

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Time and place are important considerations. August, September, or October are choice months. A date convenient to participants and a time in keeping with their schedules should be cleared in advance on the church calendar. For many groups a night meeting is necessary because of women who work during the day. Saturday is another possibility because it affords opportunity for an unhurried, thorough, spend-the-day affair.

All WMU Officers, Counselors and Leaders--

Come to our Annual
Planning Meeting
AT THE CHURCH
Tuesday - OCT 5 - 10 N.Y.

The place demands careful attention. A nearby campsite or park may provide a retreat atmosphere. Someone's patio or backyard may offer a relaxed approach to planning. The church is always an excellent meeting place. Having this meeting in a different setting often highlights interest in it and encourages better attendance and greater participation.

If properly planned, the meeting should accomplish three broad purposes: inspiration, training, and planning. Leaders must be brought back again and again to the missionary purpose which motivates, guides, and gives meaning to all the work they do. Leaders need a knowledge of the plans for the year ahead—an appreciation for the "why" an understanding of the "how." Out of these experiences grow broad plans which will guide each WMU organization for the year ahead.

Two factors will guide the WMU president in planning the content of the meeting—the purposes to be accomplished and the length of time scheduled for the meeting. Here are some of the things which might be included in the meeting:

Inspiration

A meditation period based on WMU watchword.

Calendar of prayer.

Message by the pastor or minister of education about what WMU can mean to the church in its program of work for the coming year.

A brief message from the WMU president

about her dreams for the year ahead.

Testimonies by leaders about blessings which have come through serving in WMU.



Training

WMU plans for 1965-66 (from WMU section in Year Book).

"Year Book Drill"—ask leaders to find certain items in Year Book; see who can locate first, then follow up with discussion of how the WMU Year Book is organized, types of information it contains, how it can best be used, etc.

Reports from officers and chairmen who have attended state or Convention-wide leadership training meetings.

Leadership techniques—qualities the leader should have, how to do better committee work, etc.

Planning

Organizational group meeting—WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band leaders meeting in separate groups, studying together the section of the Year Book relating to their organization and making broad plans. (WMS president(s) and youth directors would be in charge of these group meetings.)

Reports from organizational group meetings.

Co-ordination of broad plans which relate to all organizations—weeks of prayer, mission offerings, enlistment, community missions leadership training, etc.

This planning meeting is the bare beginning for WMU leaders. From it WMS committee chairmen will go to their committees to engage them in an annual planning meeting for the year ahead. After it YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors will meet with their committees to personalize the plans for youth. Officers will use the broad plans as guide lines for the year's work. But as each leader serves, she will continue to see her task in relation to the whole purpose and plan of WMU.

As plans lead to action, undergirded by dedication to God and to the purpose of WMU, Woman's Missionary Union is well on its way to fulfilling its mission in the church and throughout the world.—Reprinted from September, 1963, *Royal Service*.

memo to P residents

Change in Forecaster. How do you like the change in format of Forecaster? The new size with more space should please us all and we hope it does. If you are disappointed that the new size does not fit into your notebook, get a larger one or punch three holes in the top of Forecaster, place it in your regular notebook, and fold. Then it will fit!

As you already know, a memorandum is a note to help you remember something or to jog the memory. That's what we've tried to do each month through the "Dear President" paragraphs. Month by month we've tried to alert you to matters which need your attention and in addition we have had something to say about leadership techniques. With the enlarged size of Forecaster we expect to include leadership articles which will be more detailed, such as the "WMU Annual Planning Meeting" this month.

Some of you are new presidents and you feel your inadequacy. That's good. You will depend upon the Lord more. You will trust in the promise he has made to supply your every need (Phil. 4:19). I like this prayer of another needy soul:

"Replace our weakness with thy strength.
Dissolve our confusions through the wisdom
that cometh from above.
Saturate our lives with thy Spirit
Thus we would forever find our source of
strength and peace in thee."

(From *At Worship*, \$1.50 from Baptist Book Stores. Used by permission from Harper & Brothers.)

Executive Board Meetings. With each new WMU year there comes a challenge to do better the work of the Lord. Read carefully the WMS Statement of Aims (chapter one, WMS Manual) and then study the "how to" outlined in the basic objectives and electives of WMS Aims for Advancement. Challenge your leaders to use Aims for Advancement as their guide.

At your executive board meeting you, with the help of your leaders, will determine goals, make broad plans, and co-ordinate the work of all committees. Read all about the

executive board in the 1965-66 WMU Year Book and in the WMS Manual. Regular meetings for planning and evaluating will improve and simplify the work. In order to have successful executive board meetings remember these ten S's:

1. Schedule regular meetings.
2. Select appropriate meeting place.
3. See that each officer and chairman is notified of the meeting.
4. Supply an agenda for each meeting.
5. Secure reports from executive board members.
6. Stabilize future plans.
7. Seek to evaluate every phase of the work.
8. Share information regarding work of the church and denomination.
9. Solve problems as they arise.
10. Strengthen the work through leadership training.

New Pamphlets for Leaders. A new lift-out pamphlet called "Leads for Leadership" is now available. Two of these free pamphlets are provided each Woman's Missionary Union. One is for the use of the WMU president, the other is to be taken apart and given to the respective officers and chairmen.

New Mission Action Pamphlets. Presidents and community missions chairmen will welcome the new Mission Action Series. There are five of these pamphlets (price 10¢ each from Woman's Missionary Union, 800 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores). They are named as follows:

- "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"

It is hoped that these pamphlets will help each Woman's Missionary Society discover needs of people in their community and to involve WMS members in meeting needs.

Society Program: I'm afraid this is getting to be a long letter to presidents instead of a memo, but there is one other thing of which I must remind you!

The WMS program for this month sets forth the 1965-66 plans for participation by Woman's Missionary Society in the denomination's emphasis on proclamation and witness. Why not work with your enlistment committee on plans for having 100 per cent attendance for this first program of the new year? You will also want to make every effort to get your prospects to attend.

This emphasis on proclamation and witness should cause every Christian woman to want to be a part of a vital, vibrant organization which seeks to promote Christian missions through a program of mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship.

May you be adequate for your task through Christ Jesus.

Jewish Holy Days Last month Forecaster commented on Rosh Hashanah (September 27) which is the Jewish New Year. October 6 is Jewish Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement. This is the most significant of all holy days in the Jewish religion's calendar. Lead members of your WMS to remember their Jewish friends on this day. They may have opportunities to witness of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Fall Mission Study: This month we begin the study of the new foreign mission book. The book is *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell, price 85¢; Teacher's Guide, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores. Upon recommendation of your mission study committee, the executive board will decide whether the book is to be studied in circles or as a society. See suggestions in Current Comments for using the available resources and making this an outstanding study of one of our most fruitful mission fields.



memo to Circle chairmen

In writing the "Memo to Presidents" I came out with the same sort of letter which we have been addressing to "Dear President." I'm trying to remember that this new section of Forecaster can be "an informal record of something; a note to help or jog the memory." That's the definition Mr. Webster gives for the word "memorandum" which we are abbreviating here.

• **Circle Programs:** October begins a new WMU year. We will be using the denomination's emphasis on proclamation and witness in circle programs this year. The quarterly units are:

October-December, My Church Proclaiming to the Whole World

January-March, Educating for Missions

April-June, Witnessing Through the Home

July-September, A Study of Major Cults

• **Mission Study this Fall:** *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell is the book that will be studied this quarter (price 85¢; Teacher's Guide 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores). Some Woman's Missionary Societies will have the book taught in circles instead of having circle programs, others will teach it when all circles meet together as a society. There are excellent resource materials of which you will want to be aware. These are listed in Current Comments.

• **The 1965-66 WMU Watchword:** "Having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" Revelation 14:6b. The hymn is "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

• **New Materials:** These you can use with profit.

Mission Action pamphlets, price 10¢ each:
"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"

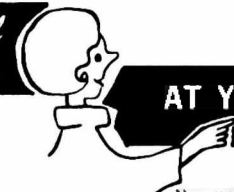
Playlet, "You—a Missionary," price 10¢; a dramatic presentation on Christian witness.

Requires two women, one teen-age girl and simple staging for production.

The 1965-66 WMU Year Book, price 25¢, is a necessity for every circle chairman. Order yours and the priced materials listed above from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.

"Leads for Leadership" is a free lift-out pamphlet available for WMU presidents. Included in the pamphlet is a folder for circle

Promotional Features



AT YOUR MEETINGS

CIRCLE

Encourage Participation in Community Missions

Present to your circle members the new Mission Action pamphlets listed below and produced by Woman's Missionary Union. These are 10¢ each and may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.

Secure information about your community that will determine the need for such mission action as work in institutions, among international students, juvenile delinquents, etc. Then display these "how to" leaflets:

"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"

chairmen. Additional copies for circle chairmen may be ordered from the state WMU office by the WMU president.

• **Reminders:** See the suggestions given in this Forecaster for promotional features to be used at your circle meeting. Your ideas may be much better than these so use them, but promote the reading of *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell (85¢ from Baptist Book Stores); encourage members to participate in community missions and encourage attendance at the November general meeting by previewing the November WMS program.

Oh yes, one other memo... don't forget to attend the executive board meeting. You are the link between your Woman's Missionary Society and your circle. You will be strengthened in your leadership by attending regularly the executive board meetings.

October begins a new WMU year, and fresh beginnings always inspire us. As you begin this new year as circle chairman, remember "He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

You will seek to lead circle members in participating in community missions as directed by the WMS community missions committee.

Reading of Foreign Mission Book

The book recommended for study this quarter is *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell (85¢ from Baptist Book Stores). At your circle meeting tell plans for class participation and encourage members to read the book by making a map of South America on which Brazil is outlined. Print the names of circle members inside the map. Explain that as members read the book the flag of Brazil will be drawn by their names. See illustration on page 4.

Preview November WMS Program

Have someone introduce the November WMS program who will present it enthusiastically and will encourage every member

to attend. Some of the following information may be used and if you are near offices of travel agents you may be able to secure a map of Indonesia to use in the presentation.

The November WMS program topic is "The Indonesian Story." This program will tell of the 3,000 beautiful South Sea islands known as the Republic of Indonesia. Marco Polo wrote of their vast wealth when he visited Sumatra. "The treasure of this island is so great as to be past telling."

This program will tell of the wonderful treasures Southern Baptists have discovered in these islands. Today there are more than 3,000 Indonesians who are members in our Baptist churches. These have been won to Christ through (1) the preaching of the gospel in our churches, (2) through the ministry of our doctors and nurses in our hospital in Kediri, (3) through the seminary's educational program in Semarang, and (4) through the publication work in Bandung.

Come to WMS ^{update and places} and learn more of this thrilling Indonesian story.



Mission Study Resources

The foreign mission book to be studied this first quarter is *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester C. Bell, one of our missionaries in Brazil. The Adult Teacher's Guide for this

book gives information concerning the author, suggests materials to be used in teaching the book, and outlines teaching procedures for each chapter.

Other books in the Brazil series which you may want to read are:

Young People—*Sao Paulo Hears the Gospel*, Gene H. Wise, price 85¢

Intermediate—*Banner-Bearers*, Maxie C. Kirk, price 50¢

Junior—*A Boy Named Nelson*, Mary Hazel Moon, price 50¢

Primary—*Francisco's Happiest Day*, Sue P. Vernon, price 50¢

All of these and Teacher's Guides (25¢ each) may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

The Adult Teacher's Guide lists such materials as slides, filmstrip, napkins, puzzle-mat, centerpiece which may be used as an interest center, parrot, palm tree, donkey, Brazilian flag favors, and paper flag of Brazil. These may also be ordered from Baptist Book Stores.

The 1965 Leader's Mission Study Packet on Brazil may be ordered free from Dept. of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230. Six weeks should be allowed for delivery.

Prepare for a Good Committee Meeting

When a committee meeting is weak it is usually the result of poor planning and preparation. What takes place before the meeting begins deserves just as much attention as what happens during it. Here are three easy steps in preparing for a committee meeting.

(1) Choose the best time and place. It might be a luncheon meeting during the noon hour for business women, a meeting at the church, or an informal "coffee session" at the chairman's home. Consider the convenience of every member.

(2) Make a suggested agenda and assign responsibilities. Make a list of things to talk about and plan for. Think through what committee members can do to prepare for the discussion. If the enlistment committee is planning enlistment week, for example, assign every member to read the WMU Enlistment Week pamphlet ahead of time.

(3) Send a written notice to members. Include the time and place, the agenda and responsibility for preparation. It takes time, yes! But it saves valuable time when the meeting begins.

1965-66 SOCIETY PROGRAM TOPICS

To advertise each month's program topic you may use these poster suggestions



October
"Proclaiming Through
Woman's Missionary Society"



November
"The Indonesian Story"



December
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions — Theme: "A Living Sacrifice"



January
"The Indians of New Mexico"



February
"Trends in Home Missions"



March
Week of Prayer for Home Missions — Theme: "As My Father Hath Sent Me So Send I You"



April
"New Foreign Mission Fields"



May
"French in Louisiana"



June
"Baptists in Spain and Portugal"



July
"Thriving American Cults"



August
"Understanding Malaysia"



September
"Developing Baptist Leaders in Central America"

SPICING



by JUNE WHITLOW, WMS Director, Georgia WMU

CIRCLE

Prepare an open-book flip chart to be used during the quarter. This chart is similar to other flip charts except it is bound at the side, permitting the pages to be opened like a book. On the cover, picture a church and use the caption, "My Church." On the inside pages give theme for each month. (See *WMU Year Book*.)

The nature of the October program lends itself to discussion. Divide group into small study groups and allow time to study material. A discussion leader, having been assigned previously, will lead each group in a thorough discussion of material. Through this program women are encouraged to become personally involved in Christian witnessing and every effort should be made to help them see mission opportunities at hand.

Some guide lines for discussion of program material are needs which existed in each community, types of people reached, how church members became aware of needs, how needs were met, visible results of their ministry, joy received in witnessing. These experiences must be translated into the local community and the leader will be prepared to help women look at their own community, the needs there, and the opportunities for meeting these needs.

After discussion the group will reassemble. Each leader may give a brief report of mission opportunities discovered within the community.

Close by encouraging each woman to make a definite commitment to be a better and more effective witness.

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If program choice number 1 is used set up a "related resource center" consisting of objects which suggest time—clock, watch, calendar, hourglass, metronome—to be used as devotions are given. These objects may be used effectively to call attention to the

fact that "It Is High Time" and that each woman must dedicate to God her moments and her days.

To present the 1965-66 watchword and the proclamation and witness emphasis prepare a strip chart, which is a chart consisting of points in an outline covered with strips of paper which may be removed to reveal specific points. "Having the everlasting gospel to preach" may be used as the heading with the outline as follows:

"to every nation"
"and kindred"
"and tongue"
"and people"

The watchword may be presented by using four tableaux. The introductory remarks following each division, "to every nation," "and kindred," "and tongue," "and people" are very important and must be emphasized so that the women will realize the significance of each tableau.

Remove the first strip on chart to reveal "to every nation." While this section of the watchword is being given, spotlight a scene depicting women dressed in costumes of other nations.

As second strip is removed, spotlight a woman, seated at desk, preparing herself for Christian witnessing and missionary service in her own community. Include Bible, Christian Witnessing by Floy Barnard (85¢ from Baptist Book Stores), and other soul-winning books and pamphlets in scene.

Remove third strip and spotlight two women as they portray a witnessing scene. One woman uses her Bible and points out to the other various soul-winning passages in an attempt to win her to Christ.

As the last strip is removed, spotlight an easel on which is placed a map of the community. Specific needs in the community may be included in this portion of the watchword at which time a woman holding a pointer notes the specific areas on the map where the WMS can minister to those in need.

Call to Prayer

Prepared by Carolyn Rhea

Telstar

When I pray
For someone around the world,
Does he know?
Is it worth the worry spent?
Can it really help?
If human hands have fashioned
Telstar out in space
To bounce again to Earth
The words and image sent across the seas,
Surely God
Can redirect my little prayer
Into that life
For whom I pray
And fuse with it
His wondrous love and care.

1 FRIDAY He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. John 21:16 (read vv. 1-17).

"I find myself wondering," a newly appointed missionary says, "if you who send us out as missionaries will truly support us in prayer. Will your prayer be limited just to the phrase, 'Lord, bless the missionaries, especially those on the prayer calendar today.' Countless furloughing missionaries echo the cry, 'Prayer is our greatest need on the mission field. We missionaries do not face a difficult situation; we face an impossible one.' God, however, can do the impossible in response to prayer of his believing people."

How deep, how personal, how specific is your prayer concern today for these missionaries and their work?

Pray for Mrs. R. N. Boxwell, Campinas, Brazil; C. L. Tribble, Santiago, Chile; Mrs. H. W. Smith, Treinta y Tres, Uruguay; D. E. Abbott, Bangkok, Thailand; ev. M. N. Alexander, Bangkok, Thailand; BA Helen McCallough, China-Hawaii; ret. T. K. Muskrat, K. K. Kan, Ind. ev.

2 SATURDAY But as for you, ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Gen. 50:20 (read Gen. 37:3-4, 39:20-22, 45:1-8).

This year W. Truman Powell of Atlanta gave to the Home Mission Board 30,000 shaves in his company. He testifies that the kindness and concern of a former Sunday school teacher—Mrs. Charles J. Dean—brought him to the decision of the gift to honor her memory. His investments will pay exceedingly high dividends as this money is used of the Lord. Thank God for his own who are good stewards of their wealth.

Pray for Mrs. Francisca Platillera, Boca Raton, Fla.; Mrs. Gilbert Oakeley, Espanola, N. M.; Sp. su. ev. Mrs. Truman Granger, Lawtell, La.; Fr. ev. Frederick Brown, Mobile, Ala.; center director; Mrs. Gil Aldape, Tex.; Mrs. T. N. Johnson, China, ret.; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Loughbottom, Jr., Saigon, Vietnam; A. V. Jones, Ecuador, ev.; D. L. Orr, Cali, Colombia; Mrs. H. D. Duke, Temuco, Chile, ev.

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**.

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SUNDAY Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him: What doest thou? Job 9:12 (read ps. 1-12, 25-35).

"We ask for toys when we should ask for continents and claim the world for Christ." Prayer helped open the door to mission work in Pakistan, Indonesia, Liberia, Thailand, Tanzania, and many other countries. Pray today and throughout this month that God will open doors in North Africa; look at a mission map; choose a country to pray for specifically.

Pray for W. L. Jester, Ophomoshu, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. S. R. Flewellen, Nigeria. Mrs. J. F. Baugh, Jr., Mbeya, Tanzania. Wheeler Kidd, Malaysia, ed.; Mrs. F. J. Baker, Korea. MA. Claribel Jeffers, Tex., ret.

4 MONDAY O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor! Job 16:21 (read ps. 1-22).

Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Boutin, missionary teachers in the African Baptist Theological Seminary in Rhodesia. The seminary, now ten years old, has graduated 41 men, and 38 wives of pastors have attended classes provided for them. The original class of 12 students had a mere 120 volume library which consisted mainly of study course books contributed by Texas Baptist churches. Today there is a 2,200 volume library. There are also four classrooms, a chapel, three small offices, a mimeographing room, faculty residences, and quarters for married students. Pray for the faculty and students at this seminary and for those in all Baptist mission field seminaries.

Pray for Mrs. Bowlin, R. B. Hilliard, Barcelona, Spain, ed.; Mrs. E. B. Trotter, Aracaju, Brazil. Mrs. J. J. Harfield, Mrs. J. E. Taylor, Mexico. Mrs. C. M. Hobson, Bogota, Colombia. Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Argentina. H. V. Warten, Indonesia. H. A. Fox, Bangkok, Thailand, ed.; J. C. Brown, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica. BA. Altit Mae Popwell, New Orleans, La. Sellers Home, Francisco Plattillo, Boca Raton, Fla., Sp. sp. ed.; Mrs. Bertis Fair, Ridgcrest N. C., migrant ev.; Aurelio Dawkins, Panama, ed.; F. M. Cassidy, Va., ret.

5 TUESDAY For I know that my redeemer liveth Job 19:25 (read ps. 1-6, 21-27).

Home Missions magazine reported last March that \$25,000 from the 1965 Annie Armstrong Offering and \$50,000 from Cooperative Program funds were earmarked for a mission thrust in Los Angeles where more than

two and a half million people live. Will you pray faithfully for those who are seeking God's will in this metropolitan area? Pray for Thomas Lowe, Los Angeles, Calif. Chinese ev.; Mrs. Rafael de Armas, Perrine Fla., metropolitan missions. Mr. Robert Gross, Albuquerque, N. M. MC. Mr. Lillian Robertson, La. Sellers Home, Atlanta, La. Chorrera, Panama. Mrs. J. M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba. Mrs. D. H. Redman, San Jose, Costa Rica. B. W. Coffman, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Mrs. A. A. Guennette, Campinas, Brazil. D. E. Kendall, Broken Hill, Zambia. Mrs. G. D. Herrington, Selangor, Malaysia, ed.; Marine Lindsay, Israel, med.

6 WEDNESDAY But he knoweth the way that I take, when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold Job 23:10 (read ps. 1-17).

"Pray that God will enlarge the opportunities of reaching the deaf by means of television," requests Mr. Jerry Potter. There is no other way to reach deaf people on a mass scale, for only as they see the message preached in sign language can they hear. Radio does not exist for them. We have a television program for the deaf. Each Sunday it is on sixteen stations on the east coast. Pray that God will expand this ministry.

Mr. Bill O'Brien, musical specialist missionary in Indonesia has charge of a thirty minute television program in Djakarta once every six weeks.

Pray specifically for missionary ministry through television and radio on home and foreign fields.

Pray for J. F. Potter, Thomastown, N. C., deaf ev.; Helen Stuart, Balboa, Canal Zone. Sp. sp. ed.; Mrs. R. J. West, Cebu, Puerto Rico. Mrs. D. M. Lawton, Keelung, Taiwan. Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Jr., Hong Kong. Mrs. D. L. Hill, Mati, Philippines. C. D. Dingle, San Jose, Costa Rica. Mrs. C. T. Hopkins, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed.; Gerald Riddell, Punta Arenas, Chile, ed.; W. C. Newton, China, ret.

7 THURSDAY Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare it thou hast understanding Job 38:4 (read ps. 1-23).

"Pray for me that I will not lose heart and that I will be faithful to the task to which I have been called" (Donald J. Robertson, Ft. Yukon, Alaska).

Sun rays can be intensified through magnifying glass. Intercessory prayer is a spiritual magnifying glass. Pray for all saints and others on the prayer calendar, that they feel in greater measure God's love and strength and joy.

BA business administration
ED center director
Tech. Czechoslovakian
ed. educational
L English language
ev. evangelism
F French
GWC Good Will Center
nd Indian
I juvenile rehabilitation
work with Jews
MA missionary associate
MC mission center
MD doctor
med. medical
pub. publication
ret. retired
RM rescue mission
RN nurse
soc. social work
Sp. ki. Spanish kindergarten
Sp. sp. Spanish-speaking
Sp. WMU works with Spanish
WMA Woman's Missionary Union
SW student work
furlough

Pray for Mrs. L. F. Lawson, Louisville, Ky., GWC. Marie Van Lear, Agbor, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, Barcelona, Spain. Mrs. P. M. Anderson, Quezon City, Philippines. J. A. Lunsford, Brasilia, H. E. Renfrow, Nairobi, Brazil. Mrs. M. J. Ledbetter, Solola, Guatemala, ev.

8 FRIDAY I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee Job 42:5 (read ps. 1-17).

A new concept for Southern Baptist mission work with Navajo Indians finds expression near Farmington, New Mexico, at the small village of Fruitland.

Property of the mission chapel of the Emmanuel Baptist Church is used for a Navajo Training School under the direction of Missionary Victor Kaneubbe.

The school provides for Navajo leadership training without taking the individual out of his environment. Pray for this work.

Pray for Mrs. James Nelson, Cuba. M. V. Gonsen, Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla., Ind. ev.; Mrs. J. F. Spann, Recife, Brazil, ed.; R. G. Durkin, Columbia, Mrs. J. E. Walker, Mbeya, Tanzania. Mrs. J. E. Mills, Ivory Coast. Mrs. J. E. Talar, Jr., Shaki, Nigeria, ev.

9 SATURDAY He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed Prov. 13:20 (read Ex. 14:5, 14-11, 13-22).

Intercessory prayer is no magic wand to save over missionaries on their birthday. It does not necessarily transform their birthday into one of special "bliss" or immunize them from trouble.

"My first birthday on the mission field was miserable," says one missionary. "It made me realize, though, that we do not serve a selfish, capricious God who blesses us one day in the year. He did not say, 'I will be

with you on your birthday,' but 'Io, I am with you always.' The answers to your prayer are meted out to us day by day and week by week as we serve. God bless you for remembering us."

Pray for Dorothy Latham, Manaus, Brazil. soc.; Mrs. J. B. Matthews, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. F. D. Stull, Arequipa, Peru. J. D. Hooten, Uganda, ev.

SUNDAY For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish Psalm 1:6 (read Psalm 1).

"There have been happy experiences mixed with sad ones too," says Mrs. D. C. Cather of Ghana. "A bright spot has been the evident growth of some of the students in the Pastor's School. Their enthusiasm and improvement are heartening. Sadness came though when two students were recently dismissed. A thunderbolt struck when we learned that a trusted teacher had been dishonest in handling funds. These are the times when we need your special help in prayer both for our own spiritual condition and for these who have fallen that they might be restored (Gal. 6:1)." Pray for these two students.

Pray for Mr. Cather, J. L. Moon, Belem, Brazil. Mrs. T. E. Douthitt, Jr., Seoul. Mrs. D. B. Ray, Korea, ev.; Mrs. J. B. Stock, Manila, Philippines, med.; G. H. Hays, Tokyo, Japan. BA; Mrs. W. M. Garrott, Japan. J. F. Mitchell, Chile, ed.; Mrs. R. B. Alvarez, Harlingen, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Enriquez Vazquez, Pinar del Rio, Francisco Ruero, Cuba, ev.

11 MONDAY Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion Psalm 2:6 (read Psalm 2).

Someone has rightly said that the doors of opportunity swing open on the hinges of prayer.

Dr. Baker James Caithen suggests that we pray earnestly for further opening of Baptist work in India. Preliminary permission for medical work has already been established. Dr. and Mrs. Jasper McPhail, medical missionaries are serving as visiting professors at the interdenominational Christian Medical College and Hospital at Vellore.

Pray for Mrs. J. T. Adams, Tanzania, med.; Mrs. A. G. Dunaway, Jr., Okuta, Nigeria. RN. O. C. Robinson, Jr., Nigeria. J. D. Bryan, Spain. Mrs. R. C. Sherer, Japan, ev.; T. C. Hamilton, Philippines. MA. L. M. Krause, Wiesloch, Germany. EL. V. W. Chambliss, Jr., Mexico. BA. Mrs. Frank Mendez, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.

12 TUESDAY I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8 (read Psalm 4).

Detroit is a city of unlimited mission opportunity. Some two and three-quarter million inhabitants are to be found in Wayne County or Greater Detroit. Home Missionary Francis DuBose, superintendent of city missions of this area has worked where challenges include 250,000 Negroes, 100,000 Italians, 50,000 Jews, 30,000 Latins, 200,000 Poles, plus thousands of others. Pray that God will give insights and direction in this gigantic task.

Pray for Mary C. Page, St. Louis, Ill.; GWC, Mrs. Edmon Burgher, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.; Russian ev.; Mrs. Richard Mazanec, Masaryk-town, Fla.; Czech ev.; Mrs. H. L. Shoemaker, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; R. W. Smith, Treinta y Tres, Uruguay; S. L. Simpson, Ecuador; R. A. Hulifield, Genoa, Italy; Mrs. G. F. Tyner, Jr., Baguio, Philippines; Mrs. A. L. Hoar, Thailand, ev.

13 WEDNESDAY My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3 (read Psalm 5).

"This past year our mission family has experienced more than the usual number of crises—matters of health, family affairs, loss of loved ones in the States—taking several off the field and keeping others away unavoidably. This has affected the entire group, directly or indirectly," so writes a missionary in Hong Kong.

Pray for Mr. E. C. Morgan, Kowloon, Hong Kong; Mrs. B. L. Nichols, Semarang, Indonesia; Mary Elizabeth Treib, Abeokuta, Nigeria; R. C. Henderson, Abuakwa, Ghana, ed.; Mrs. H. H. Holley, Petaling, Malaysia; Mrs. O. J. Quirk, Taichung, Taiwan; Evelyn Schwartz, Djakarta; Mrs. R. H. Stuckey, Bandung, Indonesia; Mrs. G. S. Williamson, Tarroon, Meziro; Mrs. P. J. Tcherneshoff, Santa Maria, Brazil, ev.; Esperanza Ramirez, Waco, Tex.; Sp. kid; J. G. St. John Jackson, Miss., deaf ev.

14 THURSDAY What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Psalm 8:4 (read Psalm 8).

"There are times when, after months or years of labor, it may appear to those looking in at the moment of achievement that God has suddenly granted a spectacular answer to prayer. But those close to events often know better. God had been answering prayer behind the scenes every day by providing

strength and guidance thus accomplishing his will" (Dwight L. Baker, Israel).

Pray for Mrs. Baker, Mrs. G. H. Baker, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; R. K. Benson, Montevideo, Uruguay; Mrs. S. J. Clark, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mrs. W. C. Dunker, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. T. O. High, Lagos, Nigeria; J. B. Sutton, Brazil; ed.; Mrs. O. W. Gwynn, Campinas, Brazil; RN.

15 FRIDAY For the righteous Lord loatheth righteousness, his countenance doth behold the upright. Psalm 11:7 (read Psalm 11).

What does the Home Mission Board encourage juvenile rehabilitation missionaries to do? Check on foster homes for Southern Baptist children who are in trouble, plan and conduct worship services in detention halls, attend hearings at the request of parents, counsel, speak to WMU, Brotherhood, and other groups about how they can help with juvenile rehabilitation, and in many other ways.

In Fresno County, California, Missionary Travis Lipscomb says more than 4,000 children are helped each year. Pray for this work.

Pray for V. L. Nichols, Tex.; JR, J. F. Plumfield, S. C., ret.; J. D. Belate, Mrs. G. R. Wilcox, Jr., Kowloon, Hong Kong; Carol Hanson, Santiago, Chile, ed.; B. W. Hunt, Taichung, Taiwan; Mildred Lovegren, Kowloon, Hong Kong; SW, Martha Hagood, Kyoto, Japan; MD; O. W. Brady, Georgetown, British Guiana; Mrs. J. C. Bridges, Mexico; Mrs. R. C. Hensley, Nassau, Bahamas, ev.

16 SATURDAY Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rom. 12:11 (read Ex. 35:30 to 36:3a, 38:22-23).

Last year's Annie Armstrong Offering included an item of \$166,594 for home mission work among National Baptists. Pray for this teaching and evangelistic ministry.

Pray for Muri Platt, Angola, Lo., Negro ev.; Freddie Mae Bason, Atlanta, Ga.; GWC; Mrs. Curtis Boland, San Antonio, Tex.; Sp. ev.; C. W. Stumph, N. M., ret.; Mrs. Benjamin Valdes, Havana, Cuba; Mrs. G. M. Hughes, Brazil; H. L. Hardy, Jr., Temuco, Chile; Mrs. E. B. Kimler, Jr., Caracas, Venezuela; M. Carpenter, Liberia; Mrs. R. F. Spencer, Rome, Italy, ev.; Mrs. H. E. Spencer, Boston City, Philippines, ed.; T. A. Hicks, Lagos, Nigeria; BA; Mrs. W. J. Blair, El Paso, Tex., pub.

SUNDAY The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Psalm 14:1 (read Psalm 14).



My Heart Kneels Too

by Carolyn Rhea

Mrs. Claude (Carolyn) Rhea is not new to Call to Prayer readers. This is her second six-month stint.

My Heart Kneels Too by Carolyn Rhea, price \$1.50, from Baptist Book Stores.

Dr. Claude Rhea is chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Houston Baptist College. Their children are Claude III who is ten years old, Randy, eight, and "Meg" three.

Mrs. Rhea has written two other books, *Such Is My Confidence*, \$1.00, and a children's songbook, *A Child's Life in Song*, by Carolyn and Claude Rhea, \$2.95. *My Heart Kneels Too*, \$1.50, is her latest book. *Such Is My Confidence* and *My Heart Kneels Too* are both provocative and devotional in content. They make excellent gifts to friends. All of Mrs. Rhea's books can be bought at Baptist Book Stores.



"Many mission fields have had tremors of revolt, internal confusion, new government, riots, and general instability. This affects the well-being of the missionary and the people as well as the effectiveness of the work," writes a missionary.

Are you intelligently informed—world aware—so that you pray with a great degree of understanding? There is a stewardship of knowing which is significant today.

Pray for Mrs. J. K. Park, Chile, ed.; L. R. Bruck, Jr., Arcosverde; Mrs. J. D. Carter, Bahia, Brazil; Mrs. I. E. Ledford, Puerto Rico; R. E. Shelton, Conchillas, Uruguay; W. A. Salesber, Makati, Philippines; Mrs. F. C. Parker, Tokyo, Japan; E. O. Sanders, Indianapolis; Mrs. S. M. James, Saigon, Vietnam; Z. H. Reese, Nsukka, Nigeria; Mrs. T. E. Gomer, Monrovia, Liberia, ev.; Mrs. Isaac Valdivia, Tex., ret.

18 MONDAY Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? Psalm 15:1 (read Psalm 15).

The Don Smiths, missionaries in Venezuela, express their needs in this manner:

"We need

—Christ's power and presence daily, else all we do is in vain.
—a place in your daily prayer as we face rich opportunities here this year.
—your faithfulness in the task where you are linking victory there to victory here."

Will you pray concerning each of these requests? Include in your prayer those persons for whom you are trying to reach for Christ. Pray for Reenie Sanderson, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough, Kaduna, Nigeria; W. L. Page, French West Indies, ev.; M. D. Moore, Jr., Gaza, MD; Eunice Fender, Israel, ret.; Mrs. Carter Bearden, Gadsden, ev.; H. E. Hardin, Sumter, S. C., Negro ev.; Mrs. Rogelio Paret, Las Villas, Cuba, ev.

19 TUESDAY I have set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalm 16:8 (read Psalm 16).

"We are facing a crisis in national church leadership," writes R. W. Fuller of Hong Kong. "Our seminary last year graduated

Goal: \$14,000,000

21 THURSDAY Some trust in chariots, and

Dr. Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary

Before effective mission work can be accomplished with any person, one should have the answers to questions about his family, class, language, tribe, occupation, loves, hates. "Have we" as a mis-

Pray for E. E. Hasteg, Merion W. C. Grant,
Tokuno Japan Mrs. R. F. Thomas, Nigeria
Sakana Tomomura, ex. E. P. Doshier, Nigeria
MD J. C. Goodwin Jr. Kwangchi Korea
BA Mrs. J. L. Bice Brazil ex. J. A. Cooper
Plainfield, Ind. deaf ex. J. W. Hasteg, Dong-
las, Ark. Sp. sp. ex. Aurelio Durkins
Bangna ex.

"We need especially to pray for the Eskimo men and young people. In the villages in the arctic it seems that Christianity touches only old people and women. This is true in all the churches. We need men and young peo-

ple who are dedicated Christians and then there will be a change in Eskimo life and standards of living" (Valerie Sherard, Alaska).

Pray especially today for the young people these missionaries are trying to reach.

Pray for Miss Sherard: Mrs. Eddie Savoie, Lafayette, La., Fr. ev.; L. E. Ledford, Pirra, Peru, W. P. Malone, Jr., Argentina, Mrs. S. T. Tipton, Mombasa, Kenya, Evelyn Stone, Kumasi, Ghana, Mrs. T. E. Savage, Zambia, B. D. Evans, Malaysia, ev.; Olive Allen, Thailand, ed.; O. E. Gilliland, Jr., Indonesia, MD.

24 THURSDAY Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness Psalm 29:2 (read Psalm 29).

We might not know how best to pray for a missionary's work, but the missionary does! Make an honest effort now to think "Amen" to prayer these missionaries pray today—in the sense of making their prayer yours. As these individual missionaries pray for personal needs, for spiritual needs of their people, for local and national leaders of their country, for church leaders, for new Christians, let us try "fusing" our prayer with theirs in united effort. Let them "lead" us in prayer today. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" Matt. 18:19.

Pray for Mrs. R. W. Terry, Keflavik, Iceland, ev.; Wanda Ponder, Asuncion, Paraguay, Everley Hayes, Kediri, Indonesia, Mrs. C. G. Tabor, Pusan, Korea, RN.

25 FRIDAY Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning Psalm 30:5 (read Psalm 30).

"One of the joys of furlough," says one missionary, "is that of sharing with our loyal supporters at home information about what the Lord has been doing here on the mission field. It is a tremendous responsibility and for this task we covet your prayer for all furloughing missionaries. It often means being apart a great deal of the time. It also means adjustments for 'missionary kids' who must change schools, make new friends, and rediscover America. In four or five years they almost forget what it is like. It means too that we carry a burden for the work we leave behind and for this we especially ask your prayer." Pray for furloughing missionaries.

Pray for Mrs. H. L. Smith, Ghana, R. R. Compher, Dalat, Vietnam, D. L. Miller, Garanhuns, Brazil, ev.; J. D. Cave, Buenos Aires,

Argentina, ed.; Josephine Ward, Taipei, Taiwan, SW; Martha Thomas Ellis, San Antonio, Tex., Sp. WMU.

26 SATURDAY He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32 (read Judges 13:2-5, 24; 16:4-15-21).

Prayer is made up of stitches which knit our hearts together in Christian love and fellowship. Remember this as you pray today for Margaret Fairburn who devotes full time to WMU work in Liberia. The WMU convention last April spotlighted Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors on youth day, and the evening service featured their first GA coronation. Pray for Liberia's link in the WMU chain and for all WMU efforts in mission countries throughout the world. Pray also for the ministry of Ricks Institute in Monrovia, Liberia. Last year almost 300 students were enrolled, and many applicants had to be turned down. Their great need is for a new dining room. Tables were set up outside until the rainy season began.

Pray for Miss Fairburn, J. T. Norman Manizales, Colombia, Mrs. J. O. Trel, Jr., Argentina, Mrs. R. B. Hilliard, Barcelona, Spain, F. L. Lewis, Semarang, Indonesia, ev. Rebekah Lambert, Pusan, Korea, med.; Mrs. J. W. H. Richardson, Jr., Zaria, Nigeria, MD, J. W. McGavock, Chile-Pub House Hannah Plowden, China-Hawaii, J. W. Gardner, Tex. ret.; J. J. Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba, ev.

SUNDAY October 31 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered Psalm 32:1 (read Psalm 32).

"In the edge of Tin country," writes J. D. Johnston in Nigeria, "we had one organized church and three preaching points but recently there has been a lot of trouble in that area and most of the people have fled to other areas. Please remember these people as you pray. They are very young Christians. Many of them were baptized this year."

Pray earnestly for these and other new Christians who have been won by missionaries listed on the prayer calendar today.

Pray for Mr. Johnston, Mrs. C. F. Miller, Cotabato, Philippines, Mrs. G. C. Thomson, Caravelos, Portugal, Mrs. A. Ben Omer, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. S. S. Stover, Sophia, Bolivia, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. W. J. Webb, Mexico, Guatemala-Venezuela, ret.; B. L. Nichols, Semarang, Indonesia, Anita Coleman, Japan, ed.; Hubert Neely, Memphis, Tenn., RM.

CIRCLE PROGRAM

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

My Church — Seeing and Doing

by Clyde Maguire

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (read Scripture passage, give missionary information, and pray for missionaries)

Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)

Business Period

Promotional Features (see Enclosures)

Program Chairman in Charge

Program or Mission Study

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

There is a folktale of a mortal man and a fairy maiden. The fairy maiden loved the mortal, and agreed to marry him on one condition—that he never look inside a basket, the one possession she brought as a dowry.

Mrs. John Maguire lives in Florida where her husband is executive secretary of Florida Baptist State Convention.

MISSION STUDY BOOK

Which Way in Brazil?

by Lester C. Bell

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

They were married and lived happily for almost a year. One day when his wife was out, mortal man's curiosity compelled him to look inside the basket. As he bent over it, gazing inside, his wife returned.

"You are looking in my basket," she exclaimed.

"Yes," he said disgustedly. "And there's nothing in it!"

The story ends on a sad note. As she took her final departure from him she said sadly, "I could forgive your looking into the basket. You are only a mortal. But I cannot live with a man who could look into my magic basket and see nothing."

Does this remind you of our sad condition? Do we often look all around us and see no one in need, no mission opportunities? Having eyes, do we see not? The Bible describes us (read Mark 8:18). Remember the story of Elisha? He prayed for his serv-

*Order Which Way in Brazil, Bell, \$54, and Teacher's Guide, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores.

ant that his eyes might be opened to see the great resources of God (read 2 Kings 6:14-17). Recall a blind man healed by Jesus. He affirmed, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

Will we pray, "Lord, please open our eyes to see the mission opportunities that lie right at our church door."

Prayer

A Church Saw—and Gave

Perrine, Florida, is a town of about ten thousand people, located south of Miami, in the agricultural section of South Dade County. Like many churches today, the Baptist church there planned to relocate. They were offered \$150,000 for their building.

They needed the money to apply on a new building, needed it badly. But each time the members thought of selling, they remembered the Puerto Rican migrants, who are in Dade County for six months of the year to gather crops. These migrants needed a church, a church where Spanish was spoken. They knew this.

But they needed the \$150,000! It was God who opened their eyes. "If we can find someone who will match our gift with \$150,000 worth of mission work, we will give our building for this work," they decided.

God works in wondrous ways! He led to them Cuban-born Señor Rafael de Armas, a young man who recently had graduated from Golden Gate Seminary, and more recently was appointed a missionary by the Home Mission Board.

Wonderful things are now happening to the people using that building. There is a nursery for small children of migrant workers. This means that babies are no longer left untended while their mothers pick produce. Baptists care for them tenderly. There is a kindergarten where other migrant children are loved and told of the love of the Heavenly Father. Mr. de Armas has dreams for a day school to teach older children. He knows the estimate that only one migrant child in five thousand finishes high school, but believes he and his men-

Put a circle around November 1 on your calendar. It is an important date!

Read more about it in November *Rural Service*. Keep your eyes open for the program material which will be distributed through state WMU offices.

An important date . . .
Program material . . .
For what?

The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

bers can instill an appreciation for education in young minds.

And while these people dream of a still larger work ahead, church services continue in Spanish, souls are being won, and lives are being redeemed.

WMU members in the Miami Association rejoice as they help in this mission enterprise. They bathe migrant babies, provide clothing for migrant children, and tell Bible stories or furnish Bibles for migrant young people. They help with the mothers group, and give thanks for the opportunities for witnessing.

Working here has opened their eyes to other mission opportunities such as visitation in their own communities, or using chance opportunities to witness as they ride buses. Wonderful work is being done because church members' eyes were opened, causing them to give a building instead of selling it.

Program Chairman: Are we thinking snugly, "But there is no migrant work around our church. This does not apply to us?" Then let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to see what the needs are in our community. It might be underprivileged or disturbed children. It might be families recently moved into our community that need the encouragement which you and your family

can provide. Are there groups of people who do not come to your church? Could you provide a regular Bible story or study period for them at a location convenient to them? What about a trailer camp nearby for crippled children's hospital? a language group? What are the needs of people in your community to which your circle needs to be aware? What can you do?

Prayer: Bow your heads. We will pray for the work at Perrine, for Mr. de Armas as he directs it, and for our own eyes to be opened.

A Church Saw—and Proclaimed

Those who attended the Baptist World Alliance in Miami, Fla., this past summer often saw Dr. Conrad R. Willard, general chairman of arrangements.

Dr. Willard's eyes were opened to an overlooked opportunity for proclaiming the gospel to unchurched people in Miami, and he helped his church members to open their eyes. His experiences before he came to Miami caused his eyesight to be keen.

Conrad Willard, executive vice-president of a bank when he was twenty-six, joined the US Army infantry during World War II and served two years of military duty in Europe.

One day his company was plagued by both an enemy attack and a blinding snowstorm. His buddy lying next to him froze to death. Several others were killed by enemy bullets. "Since I was spared," Dr. Willard affirms, "I have felt that each day is another gift from God, during which I must tell others of his love."

Experiences during the war helped the young banker to hear God's call to preach.

In 1962 he became pastor of Central Baptist Church, Miami, a downtown church with more than 4,000 members. Ministering to his own flock might have consumed all his time.

But his keen eyes noted the many unemployed men who had followed the sun to Miami, and who walked the streets, homeless, unloved and unwanted. They needed

someone who showed interest in them and to have the claims of the gospel proclaimed of them.

He led his church to rent a vacant store building two blocks from Central Church. He put up a sign "Downtown Bible Class—Free Coffee and Donuts—9:30 a.m. Sunday." Who would teach the men about the love of God and its power in human lives? Why, he would, even though it would be in addition to his regular Sunday duties.

At first these homeless men thought that there was some trick to it. A score or two dozen came to get the free food. Now about 200 men attend each Sunday—men who would never come into a church building to be reached by regular church services.

A WMU officer said enthusiastically, "We women have become so concerned about these men that our husbands say they have to lock their closets to keep us from giving away all their clothes! What a thrill it is to see these men accept Christ. What a challenge to see their personalities change with the realization that Christian people care and, best of all, to know their Heavenly Father cares. This ministry has blessed the men, and oh, how it has blessed our church."

Program Chairman: Bow your heads while I read about a church in London. "It was the church in which the congregation was no more shocked at hearing the minister pray for the streetwalkers, than pray for schoolteachers, for the crooks than for the clergy, for the blackguards than for bishops; it became a refuge for the unhappy, and a home for the homeless. In short, it was a Christian church."

Would you like to be part of a church like that? Is our church a church like that? Will you pray for your church, for yourself that your concern be deepened and your eyes open to opportunities? (Pray.)

A Church Saw—and Grew

A pastor's wife in Eastern North Carolina told how her church overcame prejudice and widened its witness. Her story went like this:

It took a tragedy and an unusual occurrence to make our church enlarge the circle of its concern. About three years ago a Navy family moved into our community. It was not long before the parents and thirteen-year-old daughter were baptized.

The three-year-old daughter was a favorite in the community. How we grieved when she was struck and killed instantly by the family car rolling down a hill.

There were so many memories in the little house that the father decided to enlist for three more years in the Navy. He and his family moved to the island of Antigua, British West Indies. The people there are Negroes, who speak English with a British accent.

This Navy family found a Baptist church and joined. All the members were black except a missionary family. The Navy family became missionaries, too! They formed Sunday school classes that met on Sunday afternoons in their home and under date trees in their yard. Seventy-five children ranging in ages up through Intermediate now come. These had not been in Sunday school before.

"Our church here in eastern North Carolina is sending literature to them," the pastor's wife adds, "even better, many of our people are praying earnestly for this family from our church, and for the ones to whom they witness."

"When the three years are up, our Navy family will return to their home here. Surely they will find a more missionary-minded church than they left. They have helped to open our eyes to needs at home and abroad.

Pray: Will you pray for this Navy family, the church in the British West Indies.

Church Members—Seeing and Witnessing

Think of the word "church." The letters "ch" are on either end of it, but what is the heart of the word? Why, CR! (A poster could visualize this for your members.) You are the heart of our church. Our church

will not proclaim unless you are witnesses.

Mrs. Lewis Martin, whose husband has served with the Home Mission Board for 31 years, told this story.

One day as she was ironing, she prayed for her children. She became so very burdened that she unplugged the iron, went into her bedroom, and knelt beside her bed. Her prayer was, "Lord, please make my children soul-winners. Whatever field of service you lead them into, make them soul-winners. I think I cannot bear it if they are not soul-winners."

God's reply was almost audibly to her. "What about you? Have you been concerned about lost souls? I have a witnessing task for you."

Mrs. Martin let her ironing wait. She dressed for a visit and went out like Mrs. Ham, not knowing whither she was bound. She came to a big house which she had been passing for months. Today she felt that this was where she was needed.

She rang the bell. A young mother, still in her teens came to the door. Her husband worked from early dawn until late evening in a filling station. This handsome girl was grateful for a caller. It was not difficult to lead the conversation around to the question, "Are you a Christian?" No, the girl confessed, "But I want my baby to be one. God had prepared her heart for a loving witness."

Mrs. Martin read from her Bible, which she had brought. Then they prayed together. The young woman confessed Christ for her own salvation! How marvelously God guides if we heed him!

Program Chairman: Will you pray silently concerning what you have heard and felt today (silent prayer) then close with:

Open wide my droopy eyes,
Stir awake my listless mind,
Fill with love my selfish heart,
Make me aware

Of Thee.

Thy world,
Thy need of me,
O Christ!

—Sadie T. C.

by BILLIE PATE

Were We SUCCESSFUL? That all depends

WERE WE SUCCESSFUL? That all depends. The measure of success is its own standards. A true artisan could never be content with the mass production of his product. But the manufacturer is pleased when the sale of cheap look-alikes skyrockets. Their standards of success are different. A creative dress designer cringes at the unimaginative sameness of the garments on the rack in the department store. But the store manager couldn't care less if every woman on the block has a dress just alike. He has an eye for selling. And there is still a rare species of womanhood (though fast becoming extinct) who would not dare revert to a prepared cake mix for a shortcut to family dessert. She takes pride in creative cooking. But there are millions of women who use cake mixes and remain in

good standing with their families. It's all a matter of value standards.

How does this principle apply to a missionary organization? Though it is painful to admit, some Woman's Missionary Societies are content to tally an impressive list of "things" done in community missions and then consider themselves successful. But it is all too true that mileage traveled may not equal distance gained. Statistical criteria are not adequate for measuring mission action. And even some value standards need to be upgraded or replaced by other values. Members of WMS frequently express their bewilderment about "what to do for community missions." Their honest questions reflect a desire for involvement in something vital and direct. Many are seeking renewal in missionary activity. Busyness that exhausts must be replaced with meaningful work that renews the spirit and gets an important job done.

The society, circle, or individual who is

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genuinely interested in meeting need and in helping the church fulfill its mission must first establish criteria for mission action that is acceptable. Before selecting an activity or project, certain standards should be considered. After completing an activity or a project, success is measured in terms of the same standards.

First, ask yourself this probing question: "Will this mission activity help our church be and do what Christ intended for it to be and to do?" "Doing the work of Christ's church" properly shifts the emphasis. This is a dynamic concept with the possibility of moving the participant to the center of Christ's purpose for his church. The New Testament is the guide for such activity. The Christian today, working alone or with a group, must follow the example of Christ. The work he did is the work we must do in our communities. And we do it through his church. This concept is the first and foremost criterion for measuring mission action. For mission action is the organized effort of a church to extend its ministry to persons of special need or circumstance in a community. This gives meaning and magnitude to the responsibility of Woman's Missionary Union to lead persons to participate in missions.

Meeting the needs of persons in Christ's name would seem to be a second worthy standard for mission action. And it is. But this concept must be further delineated. Most communities have overwhelming needs, all of which are clamoring for the church's ministry. Therefore, each church or church group needs a plan for ranking the needs for priority attention. For example, making hospital pay cards is a worthy project. But it would be a secondary use of time and energy if there were a need for a mission vacation Bible school for children of migrant laborers in the community. Of course, the most urgent needs will not always be apparent. But selection must not be left to chance or mere opinion. Plans should be made with a thorough understanding of what the needs are. The pamphlet "How to Discover Needs for Mission

Action"* offers helpful guidance in determining the most pressing need in your community.

The meaningful involvement of members in mission action is a third vital standard. The WMS member is a learner. Learning does not take place unless the learner responds. Participating in mission action is a significant member response in a missionary organization. But each member is different, with a unique contribution to make Mission action, like all facets of WMS, is an opportunity to suit the person's need for fulfillment in a particular job to be done. When a member has participated in mission action she should not only feel that she has met a vital need in the life of another, but that a part of herself was fulfilled in the experience.

Finally, an organization must objectively seek to carry out mission action compatible with its potential. Hundreds of WMS groups are performing far below their level of capability. Others are straining members with too much activity. A realistic appraisal of time, abilities, and resources within the organization's membership will lead to both reasonable and rich activity.

These four criteria are not all that could be applied appropriately to successful mission action. Each society and each individual will need to measure mission action in terms of these and other factors unique to her church and her community. But these four are indispensable. They can be repeated in four brief questions.

Will the activity or project help our church do its vital work?

Will the activity or project meet top ranking needs of persons in our community?

Will the activity or project involve WMS members in ways that are meaningful to them?

Is this activity or project in line with our organization's potential in mission action?

If the "aves" have it, your WMS is fully engaged in mission action.

*See *Forerunner* for price, information on the mission action series.

THE BEST Sandwich I EVER ATE



I was a very cold Monday morning in December, 1956. My wife, my four-year-old son and I climbed into our dilapidated 1950 station wagon to make the long trek from Moncks Corner, South Carolina, to Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Behind the overloaded station wagon was hitched an overloaded, four-wheeled, small trailer which we used as a moving van. To load all our belongings, odds and ends had to be tied to the sides of this cumbersome vehicle. Little wonder the sight of it caused my usually unabashed wife to plead, "Please, let's not drive through town. The people will think we are the goat man!"

Now we made the trip without tragedy I will never know. I can only look back and know that God watched over us and protected us during that two hundred forty miles and during the eight long hours it took to drive that distance.

I was leaving my first pastorate. I had preached on Sunday, moving on Monday and was to enroll at Southeastern Seminary on Tuesday. As my family and I were leaving our wonderful country church in the lowlands of South Carolina, a group of women gathered to see us off and to wish us God-speed. We tearfully said good-bye, and the president of the Woman's Missionary Society handed us a lunch basket, casually remarking, "You will need some food along the way."

As we drove along the highway, my wife and I were stirred by mixed emotions. We were sad because we had left behind a precious group of people and we were afraid because financially we had spent all our savings and had only enough resources for a month's stay at Wake Forest. Yet, we trusted God to get us there and to keep us there.

We had driven only a short distance when my wife opened the lunch basket. Unfolding the immaculate cloth, she said to me, "Look

at this!" On top there was a sandwich which was wrapped in waxed paper with a note held in place by a rubber band. The note read, "Eat this one first." Eagerly she unwrapped it and exclaimed, "Have you ever . . . ?" No, I had not, because between two pieces of bread there were folded one hundred clean, crisp dollar bills!

I do not remember all that my wife and I said then. However, I do remember we sang the Doxology. And, it seemed that the hanging moss on every cypress tree swayed in the breeze in accompaniment to our song of praise.

Each December I recall that lovely and gracious deed done by those women of the Wassamassaw Baptist Church. I have recently realized that that sandwich was more than a sandwich packed full of money. It was packed full of love and wrapped in concern and compassion. It was made other than by human hands. It was made by hearts warmed and lighted with the glow of giving. Of course they wanted us to open that one first! They wanted us to know of their love for us. And their love was exemplified through bread, but God turned the bread into dollars for my family and me.

Such acts of love by the WMS are being repeated a thousandfold. What was done for my family and me by a very few women is being done today by many for the multitudes. In small churches and in large ones all over our country the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has been promoted and prayed for. Now dollars and dimes are beginning to fill the collection plates. God's transforming power will turn these dollars into bread for the hungry multitudes. It will be said again from the lips of over 2,000 missionaries to a needy and hungry world. "You will need something to eat along the way. Take, eat this one first . . . the Bread of Life!"—reprinted with permission from *Biblical Recorder*.

by Marion S. Terry

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MEETING OUTLINE
Song
Call to Prayer
Business
Promotional Features (per Forecaster)
Program

TO the PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

There are two choices for program procedure this month. Study both, and choose the program to suit your needs.

Get Ready! It's that time. The denominational emphasis for 1965-66 is "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Proclamation and Witness." In this October WMS program we are introducing this theme, "Proclaiming Through Woman's Missionary Society."

Set WMS' watchword before the group, using a poster with a giant outline of the WMSU emblem above center (order pattern of WMSU emblem, assorted sizes, \$5.00 from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores). Across the bottom of the poster write the 1965-66 watchword: "Having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" Revelation 14:6. On an open Bible, underneath the poster, place a wide, long, red ribbon to hang over edge of table.

The community missions chairman will sound the alarm for action! The 1965-66 WMSU Year Book lists "proposed actions for a Woman's Missionary Society." Your members will need to wake up to the possibilities of individual participation in community mission action. No one should be a spectator in this important time of 1965-66 when our desire is to strengthen proclamation and witness by all of us in our churches. In addition to Forecaster helps this month, and that in the current WMSU Year Book there are five new pamphlets, priced at 10¢ each, which are available from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham.



SOCIETY PROGRAM

Ma. 35203. The new 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." The community missions committee, meeting well in advance of the October society program can make definite plans about your community needs and the resources which you have for meeting need.

Before time for the October meeting, definite plans for survey of community needs should be ready (see pamphlet *How to Discover Needs for Mission Action*, listed above). The community missions committee will have worked out details and the president will clear plans in the church council or with the pastor. The WMS executive board will be informed of plan

PROCLAIMING through Woman's Missionary Society

The stewardship chairman will have ready for the October meeting the church goals for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Offering.

Time-Watchers: Program chairman, you and the president are the time-watchers. Don't let your members go away saying, "We ran twenty minutes over, and I had to pick up Mary, too!" or "If that's a sample of how we will do this year, I'll think a second time about coming to society meeting." As you know, it is the president's responsibility to see that everything is well-organized and moves on exact time. Therefore your program will need to be timed beforehand.

A second responsibility is that whatever you do, make a program have meaning to your women. Involve their thinking and they will respond. You want to help them be world aware and personally concerned—and they want both or they would not continue in a missionary organization! Program chairman, use either program choice number 1 or program choice number 2 this month, whichever is suitable for your society.

PROGRAM CHOICE NUMBER 1

PROGRAM OUTLINE NUMBER 1

Sing: "Take Time to be Holy"
 Silent Prayer

"It's High Time. . ."
 Proclaim His Name, or
 Proclamation for the New Year
 Calendar of Prayer
 "Having the Everlasting Gospel to Preach"
 Presentation of Plans for Year
 Reread "Proclamation"
 page 38 if you used it earlier in the program
 Prayer of Dedication

AT YOUR MEETING

Sing "Take Time to Be Holy"
 Silent Prayer

"It's High Time. . ." (DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS)

(Read Romans 13:11-14.) The beginning of a new year makes us think of time. There extend before us new minutes, hours, and days in which we can make a fresh start, try again, resolve to do better.

The word "time" itself has great significance for it comes from the Old Testament words meaning "to extend" and "man." Our time is an extension of ourselves. How we spend time is perhaps more significant than how we spend our money, for we all have the same amount of time.

The Scriptures speak of the dawning of

a new day: "It is high time to wake out of sleep." The alarm has sounded: "the day is at hand." We are resurrected from the darkness of the night to walk in the light of the day (read Rom. 13:11-12).

Each morning we are confronted with the question of what to put on. The Scriptures say we are to take off the garments of night and put on the apparel of day. We are to be clothed in honesty. We are to be un-abiding, peaceable, disciplined, moral, pure, friendly, and kind. This is a positive way of stating what the Scriptures say negatively (read Rom. 13:13).

Our ornaments should be a "meek and quiet spirit." Our raiment is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." We who have put "on the Lord Jesus Christ" are ready for a new day and a new year.

How much time, thought, and money do we spend on clothing our bodies? Do we seriously concern ourselves with our spiritual apparel? We have often quoted, "Man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart." The Lord's evaluation has eternal significance. We must also be aware that "man looketh on the outward appearance." What do our actions and our spirit say to our contemporaries? Do we look any different from those who have not "put on the Lord Jesus Christ"? Do we want to appear different? Do others see us spending first-class time on second-class causes?

One of the most interesting biblical references about "time" is that found in Ecclesiastes 3:11 in which is listed events which fill our days on earth. It should be noticed that only our "time to be born, and a time to die" are not determined by us. All the other actions and emotions are within our power although the circumstances that call them forth at a precise time may not be. We either succeed or fail as we take advantage of time—or neglect it. Our wisdom lies in knowing our duty for our time. Like Esther, we must have vision and know that we were born for such

a time as this! Certainly we were born for no other time.

God gave us time to use for him. What do we dedicate to him at the beginning of this new year? We sing, "O for a thousand tongues." Will we dedicate the one tongue that we have? We declare that God is our "gracious Master." Will we obey and serve him? We express determination "To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name." Will this world include our backyard, kitchen, store, school, club? Another year is dawning! Will we dedicate our moments and our days? God grant that it may be so. "It is high time . . . put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Proclaim His Name

(Use arrangement on page 4)

"Proclaim His Name" may be simply or more elaborately used. Four people may sing and speak all the parts assigned or increase the number of singing and speaking voices. An out-of-sight quartet, a choir, or the audience may sing the verses of the hymn. Rehearse carefully including the music. All may wear choir robes if desired.

If you do not use "Proclaim His Name" ring an alarm clock or play chimes on the piano and read from a rolled up paper the proclamation which follows:

Proclamation for the New Year

"The time has come to proclaim a new year! New chances for service and witness are here.

In '65-66 we undertake

Proclamation and witness for our Master's sake.

So be it declared throughout all the land.
We are laborers together! We have His command!"

Introduce the Hymn for the Year, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," use material on the hymn in the 1965-66 WMU Year Book.

Calendar of Prayer

Living the Everlasting Gospel to Preach" (Introduction)

This new year brings a new WMU watch-

word. The denominational emphasis for 1965-66 is "Proclamation and Witness." Our new watchword carries out this idea: "Living the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6.

From organizational beginning in 1888, Woman's Missionary Union members have stated the purpose of "stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving" in women and youth. The concept of missions was not just to send others to work. Each person was to be a missionary.

The Great Commission is a mandate to women as well as to those sent as missionaries. All must "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." There are those who go to the far places. There are others who see our own nation and community as their mission.

Perhaps you noticed that word "preach" as we presented the watchword for the year and perhaps you thought, "I am not a preacher." We have no women preachers in Southern Baptist Convention churches. But this word "preach" has many synonyms. The Revised Standard Version and J. B. Phillips both translate it "proclaim." Helen Barrett Montgomery, the only woman to have translated the New Testament from the Greek, uses the word "evangelize." Actually, we combine in the word "evangelizing" the two main emphasis for our new year, proclaiming and witnessing. How can our Woman's Missionary Society participate in this?

Presentation of Plans for the Year

Ask your president to see suggestions "Get Ready" page 36, and be sure officers and chairmen are prepared for a meaningful presentation of your Society's plans for the year. (See also suggestions to chairmen in program number 2.)

Close with a rereading of the Proclamation, page 38 and challenge women to become involved in witnessing for Christ.

Prayer of dedication

PROGRAM CHOICE NUMBER 2

PROGRAM OUTLINE NUMBER 2

Read Philippians 2:9-11

Solo: "The Name of Jesus"

Proclamation for the Year

Present Your Society's Plans for 1965-66

"You—A Missionary" a playlet

Sing Hymn for the Year: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Repeat 1965-66 WMU Watchword

Prayer of Dedication

AT YOUR MEETING

Read Philippians 2:9-11

Solo: "The Name of Jesus"

Proclamation for the New Year, see page 38

Present Plans for the Year, see "Get Ready," page 36

Stewardship chairman: Present definite plans which your committee has planned for your Society this year. Be sure members are encouraged to pledge to the church budget and that you present prayerfully the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Offering goals which have been set for your church.

Mission study chairman: The mission study committee can present plans for study of the four books recommended to societies:

First quarter—*Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell, 85¢. Teacher's Guide, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores

Second quarter—*Panama, the Land Between* by Walker Knight, 75¢. Teacher's Helps, 50¢ from Baptist Book Stores

Third quarter—*Meet the American Jew* by Belden Menkus, cL \$3.75, pa. \$1.25.

Teacher's Helps, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

Fourth quarter—*Great Is the Company* by Violet Wood, pa. \$1.00. Teacher's Helps, 50¢ from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

Watch *Royal Service* for the dates when the paperback books and Teacher's Helps for *Meet the American Jew* and *Great Is the Company* will be available.

Prayer chairman: The prayer chairman's plans should be a moving presentation on the meaning of intercessory prayer. She should have ready definite and challenging materials to involve the women in Intercessory Prayer League. Do more than announce that women should use Call to Prayer in their homes daily. Give practical suggestions or have women share experiences in using Call to Prayer.

You may have on hand a few copies of the leaflet "O Come Let Us Worship" which was available last year. If not, there are still enough on hand for each society to order five of these leaflets, but order no more than five from your state WMU office because the supply is limited. Words from this leaflet may be written on a chalkboard or you may type them in your program if you plan to use a printed program cover this month. Read the words together and close with prayer.

Program chairman: The program chairman will present very briefly both society and circle program subject matter (see 1965-66 HMI Year Book, 29¢ from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203 or Baptist Book Stores), calling attention to the wide range of study for the year in books, programs, and "Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: Joshua Through Malachi." She will with enthusiasm congratulate the women on being in a missionary society where there is possibility of stretching the mind. But more importantly, of stretching

the heart. There is no other comparable range of study in the missionary available to a woman's group.

Community missions chairman: Use your committee in an informal discussion of your Society's plans, closing with specific assignments for October. Three to five minutes should be sufficient (see helps under "Get Ready," page 56).

The President: The president calls the names and office of others who will serve, including the circle chairman, and all of them will come to stand at the front, lining the members.

She will have available for each person to read the words printed on the back of the Membership Folder. This may be printed in your program, or written on a chalkboard, or you may prefer to order enough copies of the "Membership Folder," 15¢ a dozen, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, and present to each person, asking after all have read the words together that everyone place the folder in her billfold for reference.

Prayer of Dedication

"You—A Missionary." This is a playlet. Order copies, 10¢ each from Baptist Book Stores or Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203. Practice it and encourage women to present it prayerfully so that each woman will take the message to her heart and apply it. Recognize that you are not so much presenting a playlet as you are a message. Pray together with those who are in the playlet that God's Holy Spirit may empower all of you.

Sing: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Repeat 1965 WMU Watchword: "Holding the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6.

Solo: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" (use only verse 1).

FROM WASHINGTON

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World Population Boom

BUIGING classrooms in cities, towns, and villages across America speak dramatically of the population growth of this country. Witness also the repeated announcements from college campuses that dormitories are filled and that all applications for freshman admission even a year from now must be received not later than January.

The "baby boom" that hit this nation following World War II is thus reflected in the academic area. But few people complain. We can build new schools and hire more teachers with little more damage than an increase in taxes. Real estate men are delighted with the great increase in newly formed families, and the manufacturers of consumer products have fallen heir to multiplied thousands of customers they did not foresee as recently as 25 years ago. This is to the delight of businessmen and a tremendous boost to the nation's economy.

America's baby boom is ending, however. There are fewer youthful marriages and there is a vastly increased emphasis on "family planning." The cost of raising a child and of educating him in an era when college degrees are as important as high school diplomas only a few years ago—has caused many parents to limit the number of their offsprings. America's birthrate has plummeted nearly one fifth in eight years from 122.7 live births per 1,000 women

of child bearing age in 1957 to 100.5 births per 1,000 women in 1965.

But what of the rest of the world? The population increase is booming so rapidly in the so-called "underdeveloped nations" of Asia, Africa, and Latin America that famine is in prospect by 1980, maybe sooner. The US Department of Agriculture says that even America with its vast capacity of food output cannot fill the need of these underdeveloped areas while meeting demands of its own population and those of its paying customers in more well-to-do countries.

U. S. News and World Report, a highly documented news magazine published in Washington, reports that while the advanced nations of the free world (U.S., Canada, in Western Europe and Australasia) can anticipate a population growth of 22.4 per cent between 1960 and 1980, Russia and its Eastern Europe satellites will increase 29.8 per cent. But the underdeveloped nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America—the nations least able to feed and care for booming population—can expect an increase of 52.9 per cent!

We have long heard stories of the plight of India, where the birthrate spirals ever higher. Per capita income is only \$60 a year, grain harvests have increased only 3 per cent in the past 60 years, and three-fourths of the people are illiterate to the extent they cannot be taught new agricultural methods.

Red China, Pakistan, and Indonesia are in much the same plight. These three countries and India contain 1.4 billion people—almost one half the world's total. Communist China's food resources have been falling since 1958, while its population leaps ever higher.

The world picture as regards population, food supply, and possible famine is not pretty. But it is a challenge and a matter of deepest concern to Christian people who know they should feed the hungry, minister to the suffering, and bear one another's burdens as they witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ.

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the three most important advantages of annual planning meeting (see column at right)

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Now you know why
your WMU should
have an Annual
Planning Meeting

On the positive side, a good WMU annual planning meeting is much more than a point on Aims for Advancement. It is enthusiasm, co-operative effort, good work. On the negative side—without a planning meeting—you begin a new year in low gear.

INSPIRATION—a sense of purpose, a proper perspective, a realization that in all meetings, activities, study, witnessing, giving, praying, going, you are seeking to do the work of the Lord together.

TRAINING—a knowledge of emphases, a comprehension of 1965-66 plans, an understanding of specific tasks as they relate to all the work for the year, means satisfaction in being Laborers Together with God.

PLANNING—a looking ahead, a relating of plans to the total work of the church, assigning of tasks, a proper balance, these result in prayerful planning.