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Thought and burdened prayer
 come to a woman's heart
 when she knows. That is,
 when she knows and realizes the pressing,
 demanding, overwhelming needs and
 the lostness of two billion persons
 who are living today without a
 knowledge of Christ as Saviour.
 Think and pray, and perhaps weep, will you?
 Last year it cost \$45.25 a
 minute for the work of the
 Foreign Mission Board.
 Will you give one, two—or how
 many minutes this year?

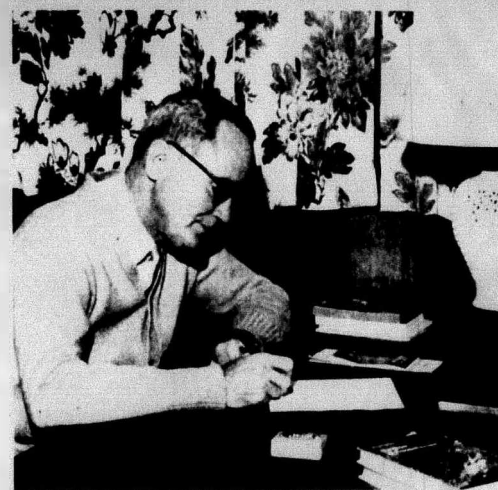


WEEK OF PRAYER for FOREIGN MISSIONS

November 28-December 5

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

GOAL: \$14,000,000



MAJOR PART of the explanation of Baker J. Caughen is the Christian home in which he was reared. Because of the environment of a godly home, he came under conviction of sin and accepted Christ as his Saviour at the early age of six and yielded to the call to preach two years later. At seventeen, he was pastor of a rural church not far from his home in Outlook, Texas. These events, plus teaching missions and serving as a missionary and secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board, help explain Dr. Caughen's love, concern, and motivation for the salvation of a lost world.

Another part of the explanation, too, is Elsie Gliss Caughen, his life's companion. Not only was Elsie an MK missionary and daughter of missionaries, but also a mission volunteer when she and Baker met at Baylor University. After waiting for assurance of God's direction, they were married on May 20, 1931. Elsie had just received her Th.M. degree at Southwestern Seminary, where her husband was to receive a Th.D. degree two years later.

The next step in their lives was also taken after much prayer and heart-searching because they thought their work was to be at Southwestern Seminary and in the

by Roberta E. Hampton



"The Field is the World"—the Caithens keep this truth uppermost in their lives



There's a bit of the farmer in most of us—and yard work must be done!

leadership of a growing church in which God had given them a happy ministry. But it seemed that God was calling them to China. For many months they made this a matter of prayer, and the conviction grew with such intensity that they felt assured it was the voice of God. In April, 1939, they were appointed missionaries to China.

Then two children—Carolyn, born in 1937, and Ralph, a year younger than his sister—accompanied them to language school in Peiping, North China. Later, when Dr. Caithen felt compelled to remain in China, he was able to go to Kweichow, in free Southeast China, but his family was not allowed to accompany him. The Japanese were overrunning many parts of China, so Mrs. Caithen and the children were

forced to take up residence in the Philippines for a time.

The family, providentially, was united again, but separation was followed by sickness. Ralph was stricken with polio. Carolyn was alarmingly ill with fever, and Mrs. Caithen herself was critically ill. "One of those occasions," recalls Dr. Caithen, "God wonderfully answered prayer in the skilful ministry of the doctors, and his gracious blessing so that life, vigor, and health recovered."

It is these experiences as a mission family which make it possible for the leaders of the Southern Baptist foreign mission enterprise to understand problems of more than 2,000 overseas missionaries.

Getting enough rest and relaxation

is a luxury for Baker J. Caithen. His only recreation is his family, and his home is a place of great joy and relaxation. Almost immediately he gets home, he says, "How about some music?" Soon an instrumental record is playing. If he's reading the news paper, the volume is turned up; but for studying, he likes quiet music.

Although he is rarely home in the summer, Dr. Caithen always sets that mowing the lawn is in his schedule. He also enjoys cooking on the barbecue grill. Most summer entertaining is done on the patio, with Dr. Caithen as chef.

As one could expect, Oriental furnishings are found throughout the Caithens' ranch-style home. Although Mrs. Caithen points out Carolyn's room and Ralph's room to visitors, neither Carolyn nor Ralph

actually lives there. Carolyn is now Mrs. Bill Ralph Matthews, Jr., and lives with her husband in Austin, Texas. Ralph and his wife are now living at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he is enrolled for graduate study in social work at the University.

Probably the favorite room in their home is the den, where Dr. Caithen studies and where they have their evening devotions. He is acutely conscious of his need for spiritual discernment and divine reinforcement. Constantly he is calling upon Southern Baptists to harness prayer potential because, out of personal experience, he knows the power of prayer. As one Foreign Mission Board staff member expressed it, "He always looks as if he has been talking with God." And truly, Baker J. Caithen is a man of prayer.

Baker and Eloise Caithen treasure the time for Bible reading together



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by Kay Aldridge

WHEN I saw a notice on the school bulletin board, I knew God had answered my prayer for opportunities to earn money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This was a statement made by a student's wife at Clear Creek Baptist School, a Bible institute for adults at Pineville, Kentucky. The sign had read "Wanted: Someone to Wash Windows."

Making ends meet was a constant struggle for this preacher's family with three daughters to support on the amount earned from the school's work program. After a title was brought, there was little left for special offerings. "So, I asked the Lord to open a way for me to earn extra money.

Aldridge and her husband who is president of the Clear Creek Baptist School serve with dedication in the Pineville school.

Someone to Wash Windows

And he did," continued Mrs. DeK as we talked together.

Another student, Mrs. Brown, also had prayed for a chance to earn extra money for her mission offering. One day I invited her to ride with me to a WML meeting in nearby Harlan.

As we left the church that afternoon, a friend handed Mrs. Brown a box. Upon opening the box, she lifted out a beautiful, almost new hat. "There's my Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!" she exclaimed.

"Your offering?" I questioned. "What ever do you mean?"

"A new hat is a must for me this winter. I have already put aside a small sum to buy one," she explained. "But in the meantime I prayed that someone would give me a hat, so I could add my hat money to

on Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. And," she added happily, "this lovely answer to prayer is a perfect match for the new dress I made last week. What about that?"

Another friend told how she had increased her offering. At the beginning of the year Mrs. Parrish placed a world-shaped bank on her dressing table. "All year I have been dropping quarters into that mission bank," she declared. "Now I shall add this money to the offering I usually make for missions."

At a Jacksonville, Florida church where we worshiped the last Sunday in December, this announcement was made: "The milk jugs are in the church office. You may come and get yours this week."

Puzzled by these words, I later asked the friend with whom we were visiting what the announcement meant. "Last year when I was WMU prayer chairman I felt terribly distressed when we did not reach our goal," Mrs. Bryant told me. "So we decided to get enough milk bottles for every family in the church. Our church members were urged to put into the bottles all year money for mission offerings. This year we have gone beyond our goal of \$800—and you should hear what the missionary jugs did for some of our families. Many say they have a concern for missions far beyond anything experienced before."

The best plan I have heard is that of a preacher with a limited income and a large family who said, "We have never been able to give as much as we want to give to the offering for foreign missions. We've determined to open a Christmas savings plan in January so we can give at least a hundred dollars next year." One hundred dollars is far more than that family will spend on Christmas presents. Truly, they observe

"Christmas for Christ."

Mrs. Adkins, whose mother had been intensely concerned about missions set up a trust fund with part of the inheritance from her parents. The provision was made that each year in December, the interest from this savings account would be sent to her mother's church for the foreign mission offering.

The beloved wife of a missionary heard pastor died early in December. His husband requested that gifts be made for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering instead of sending flowers. "Flowers are beautiful," he stated, "but they soon wither and die. A gift for missions will live until the end of time."

A few years ago my husband and I were inspired by the current mission study book to volunteer for foreign mission service. In answer to our letter of inquiry, Dr. H. C. Goerner gave a negative reply with these words: "Merrill, you and Kay were home several years too soon."

That year we longed to do something special in the way of an offering, and we set a goal far above anything we had ever given. We skimped on Christmas presents and many other things, but still the money would not stretch far enough. Then we talked with the Lord about it, asking him to provide money for our offering. One day about the time of the week of prayer letter arrived from a friend. Enclosed a check for us in the exact amount of extra goal we had set!

Miss Hattie Gardner, missionary in Nigerian bush, has written a letter to women to make a generous offering for foreign missions. She adds, "May each of you do your best, and that best will be giving of yourselves."

I—Mrs. Billy Frazier

MEMBER well the first morning I awoke in Campinas, Brazil. Beyond the doors of the strange room in which I lay I heard the hoofs of a horse trotting down the cobblestone street. How strange it seems to hear a horse in the city! And I felt cold—very cold, I thought; I had not expected Brazil to be cold. I awoke with mixed emotions... a sense of strangeness, a bit of despair (what have I done? sort of thing), but yet a sense of God's presence and direction. Many times that first year I awoke with this feeling of strangeness and wonder at the unknown future.

But now after a year, the things that were so foreign at first are familiar, though not yet commonplace. The houses seemed odd to my eyes, all jammed up close to each other, with tall, cement walls separating them. Each has a tiny garden in front, surrounded by a low wall and gate, beyond which one does not go without ringing the bell or clapping his hands. The sidewalks are mosaic, made of millions of tiny stones arranged in designs. How lovely, I thought at first... until I tried to walk on them in high heels. The women wash these side-



Agility is required to hop on and off.

"Onions, tomatoes, bananas today?"

walks faithfully as if they were part of the house. Even when the water supply is critical, women are out early in the mornings or late at night washing sidewalks while water is available.

Our first day here was Sunday, and by Monday while my husband was going through customs, I ventured out to see what my new world was going to be like. Although I didn't know a word of Portuguese, I took a streetcar to town, armed with a crudely drawn map of the city. These streetcars, called *bondes* because bonds were sold to pay for them, are really unique. They are completely open on the sides with benches going across the full width, which is about wide enough for five people, six if they're thin. Men and boys hang on the sides when it is crowded.

The ride is very jerky and downhill from our stop. One new missionary said it was as good as a roller coaster ride. In warm weather it is still cool and refreshing and really rather relaxing, for it is slow and

First Year



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Frazier

in BRAZIL

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier are missionaries in Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil.

one can enjoy the houses and flowers and people all the way to town.

The shops, I found, are different, too. Most have big metal roll-up doors so that they seem wide open to the street. At night the doors are rolled down and locked, which makes it impossible to window-shop. However, a few stores now have plate glass windows. Most are specialty shops, such as shops for plastic products, shops for paper products, shops for tools. I still find it strange that shops selling piece goods don't sell thread or buttons.

During the first months how I longed to shop in a supermarket! I had to go to the meat market, to the bakery, to another place for staples, and to the *feira* for fresh fruits and vegetables. The *feira* is very quaint to the North American. It is an outdoor market, selling all manner of merchandise. Individual stalks of wooden boxes, planks and canvas tops are set up on either side of the street, moving to different locations each day. To the *feira* housewives push their own little carts in which to carry purchases. Paper sacks are just becoming common in the cities, and I had to accustom myself to carrying a cloth shopping bag everywhere I went.

Some groceries come to my door. The bread man passes daily, likewise a meat man, a milkman, an egg man, a vegetable man . . . all in carts drawn by horses, usually equipped with a curious little horn to get the attention of housewives.

Bicycles are very common and often are equipped with a large box in front or back to deliver all sorts of things. It is not uncommon to see a man on a bicycle with a long rack over one shoulder on which are hanging clean clothes. I've noticed in front of factories long stalks for bicycles instead of areas of parking space for cars. However, the greater part of transportation is modern—cars by the thousands, buses, trucks, and planes.

Brazil is making much progress and is more modern than I had imagined, at least in the cities, but there were still a number of little adjustments that had to be

made. The gas for cooking comes in a metal container and has to be refilled periodically, then connected to the stove. I had no water heater so I heated bath water on the stove for a while. Then we installed an electric shower head which heats water as it passes through it, so with a hose attached we can run warm water into the bathtub. We are lucky to have a bathtub. Many homes are without one.

Electric current was not adequate for North Americans accustomed to many electrical conveniences. We found we could use but one or two lights in the house when the bath water was running. Nor could we plug in the heater for the bathroom until the bath water was ready. However, later we had the house rewired. Also we had no closets or kitchen cabinets.

But all of these were only minor adjustments compared to the language barrier. At first we had to point to what we wanted in the shops; we had to ask to have the price written down at the *feira*. We looked up words in the dictionary before going to town and communication with our neighbors was mostly nodding and smiling. I remember going to town to buy a spring for a screen door which we had made ourselves. Not knowing the word to use, I asked for "a thing to close a door." The man showed me a door knob, a latch, a lock, a hinge, but never a spring!

Going to church was another thing. One used all his energy straining to understand a word here or there and trying to make out the gist of the sermon. For the children it was misery, sitting there for two hours listening to strange sounds. Gradually, however, these sounds took on meaning. We chose to join a Campinas Baptist church which meets downtown in a converted residence. It is always highlyly crowded, the spirit and the music are wonderful. A man who lived for eight years within a hop-skip of our church, had to leave the house at 8:30 a.m. to catch a streetcar and to be at the church at 9:00 a.m.

It was a long time before we figured when Sunday school ended and the

service began. The closing assembly of Sunday school is very long, with contests, hymns, music, and declamation. An invitation is given only once or twice a month on very nights. People who want to join do so with usually talk to the moderator or pastor. Converts attend a class, then are questioned by the church before being accepted for baptism.

At I began to talk haltingly in Portuguese to people about the Lord. I was shocked to learn that people who regarded themselves as good Catholics had not heard of salvation. It is rare to ask them to read the Bible for use now their church encourages them to do so, but most have little idea what is in the Bible. Many who never attend church, we found, do not own a Bible and have never read one. Most of our neighbors never attend church except for a christening, wedding, or funeral.

Spiritism is a religion that is gaining momentum in Brazil. It has gained social acceptance and claims followers from all social strata. It combines some practices of the Catholic church with pagan beliefs and practices of the Indians and Africans. We attended one of their meetings with other language school students. The room was filled with a spicy aroma of incense, with sounds of people chanting, and with sights of bodies weaving back and forth in a semi-conscious state of trance. Later one woman told me that she is a spiritist and has already lived two lives, one in France, the other in India.

Brazilians love parades. You probably read about parades or marches in different cities in April, 1964, when women and school children expressed themselves in behalf of the revolution. There are many religious processions, and we were privileged to see one from the second floor of a downtown building. I had heard about these from other missionaries but I was stunned when I actually witnessed one. A woman standing by me said, "The people at home would not believe it!"

It was Good Friday, and this was the procession of the Dead Christ. It came down

the street very, very slowly. First were the priests in robes of crimson and purple, carrying large banners. Behind them came a band playing a funeral march, followed by people dressed in black and white carrying candles in tall candle holders. Then came a great host of people, filling the street from curb to curb, shuffling along, slowly, quietly.

When the melancholy music ceased, the silence was heavy, for all that could be heard was the shuffle, shuffle of thousands of feet. A throng of people passed for a long time. Finally three women, dressed in black with heavy veils, passed representing the women at the cross. More priests in elaborate robes walked slowly by, swinging censurers of incense that filled the night air with a thin smoke and a pungent aroma, a scent very strange to me. After another multitude of people had moved slowly by, six men came, bearing a bed with a dark velvet canopy on which was a reclining image of Christ. People on each side of the street howled to the ground and crossed themselves as this image passed. Behind it came another image, that of Mary. She was upright and surrounded with flowers. The people howled to this image, too. This all chilled me—the funeral sounds of the band, the smell of the incense, the slow shuffling of the feet, and now the howling to images.

At the time, I was preparing to teach my first Sunday school lesson in Portuguese. It was the Easter story, and the words of the angel to Mary Magdalene held fresh meaning for me. "He is not here . . . he is risen!"

The customs of this land are far from familiar to us still, but they are not so strange any more. When we go to town now we can read most of the signs. We read newspapers with little help from the dictionary, and we enjoy television, especially How Carnwright speaking Portuguese!

Brazilian Baptists, of whom we are proud to be a part, are engaging in crusades of evangelism. It is our prayer that this special effort will give dynamic thrust to the cause of Christ, yes, even change the course of history in Brazil.



WE GET LETTERS

Answered by Marie Mathis

A New WMU in a Mission Chapel

We are pleased to write you concerning the organizational WMU meeting that was held on January 14. After traveling approximately twenty miles and getting lost several times, twelve women of our church mission in Cambridge, Massachusetts met in our home to organize a WMS. Several who could not attend "volunteered" themselves for any office or place of service; therefore, it was felt we should elect the slate of officers that evening. Officers were elected following the "Organizational Plan for a Society Without Circles." In addition to these five officers we also needed a vice-president and a publicity chairman.

Our mission-chapel is sponsored by the Home Mission Board, Rice Memorial Baptist Church is our sponsoring church. The mission is now meeting in a rented high school building near the Harvard campus. The need is great in this great academic area. It is hoped that we can acquire a building soon to meet the needs of this growing work among the

students at Harvard, Radcliffe, and other colleges in this area. Rev. Tom Rathcote is the pastor of our mission.

Because of the many problems inherent in pioneer missions, our WMU work will have to be tailored somewhat to the most important needs of the mission. We are happy to be forming a Sunbeam Band and will be reporting the progress being made as we become fully organized.

The enthusiasm of the group of women in our Cambridge mission is beyond description on paper, but has best been described by a woman of another faith who attended this organizational meeting as a guest. Her comment was, "I have never seen women get so enthusiastic over the study of missions." We are enthusiastic because we feel that women have a great challenge before them in telling others how Christ saves and changes lives.

MRS. BEVERLY WALL,
Massachusetts

As Ye Go, Serve

Many Americans go overseas every year

Many as tourists, while others are with the military or diplomatic service of our country. Still others are businessmen.

H. Bailey Mundy is a native of Georgia, where he grew up in a rural community. With his family, he attended a small Baptist church near his home.

Mr. Mundy is a construction engineer for E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. Before going to Luxembourg he had an assignment in New Jersey, where he and his wife helped to begin a Southern Baptist mission which has now grown into a thriving church.

In January, 1963, Mr. Mundy was sent to Luxembourg to help du Pont construct a new plant. As soon as he and his wife located a house they planned for the beginning of a Baptist mission. The first meeting of the mission was held on February 10, 1963, with 35 people present for Sunday school.

Preachers for the worship services were secured from the faculty and student body of a Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, from American pastors in Europe.

ary personnel. The November, 1963, the Foreign Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted to send a couple to help establish new Baptist work in Luxembourg. Rev. and Mrs. Randolph M. Wood, arrived in September to begin their ministry.

In a recent letter, Randolph Wood said: "The Mundys have moved now to other places of service, but their dedication here in Luxembourg opened a door on a new opportunity of untold potential. If all Americans overseas applied themselves with equal zeal in serving the Lord, the world would be quite different."

ROGERS M. SMITH,
Foreign Mission Board

Wishes for a Royal Service Weekly!

When we move it is necessary to change churches, but I am so thankful we can still have the same Royal Service no matter where we move. I'm looking forward to receiving my next copy and only regret we do not receive one for each week instead of each month.

MRS. L. DRYDEN,
Georgia

Missionary Journeymen

By August 12, 1965, 46 young people could count themselves ready to enter into the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Journeymen. They were appointed for service in 27 countries where they would work for two years alongside missionaries.

The 46 joined in a response of dedication: "Before thee now, Lord, with all our personal powers, gifts of understanding and reason, skills, opportunities, and capabilities, we acknowledge the challenge that thou dost give and the obedience thou dost demand. We dedicate our lives unto thee."

"We send you with confidence that when your journeyman task is done there will be left on the other side of the world a deposit in the lives of the people that will go on and on to show the love of Jesus."

DR. BAKER JAMES
CAUTHEN,
Foreign Mission News,
Richmond, Virginia

A Question Asked in April Royal Service

(Is your society studying 'The Missionary Message of the Bible?' As a society or in circles? Please write us and let us

know what you are doing. Are you reading the Bible passages and Dr. Guffin's comments each month?)

Answers:

Yes, in circle meetings.

MRS. H. H. PARKER,
Texas

At our WMS meeting yesterday, I was asked to write you to let you know our WMS is studying "The Missionary Message of the Bible." We read the passages and Dr. Guffin's comments each month. We have two circles. One circle meets each week on Tuesday afternoon and the other circle meets twice a month at night. One meeting each month is set aside especially for this Bible study. We are all enjoying it. Dr. Guffin's comments cannot be equaled. Many are saving these lessons to keep for future study and reference, including our pastor.

We would say to all WMS organizations who are neglecting this study, "You just do not realize what a great opportunity and blessing you are missing."

EILEEN HAINS,
Nebraska

We study the Bible study by Gilbert L. Guffin, each month at our circle meeting. We have all received something new from the study, and enjoy reading and studying together.

Also, some of our husbands are reading it each month, as soon as our Royal Service arrives.

MRS. P. CANTRELL,
South Carolina

BIBLE STUDY:

The MISSIONARY MESSAGE of the BIBLE

by Gilbert L. Guffin

Lesson II

Backsliding, Struggle, and Revival

Read Judges and Ruth

Too often people read the Bible as though it related events belonging to some other world. Many find difficulty, it appears, in realizing that the events the Bible records took place here on our earth. They took place, moreover, at the same time many other events of history were also transpiring.

The events in the books of Judges and Ruth, in fact, transpired in a day (covering a period from about 1375 B.C. to 1075 B.C.) when the Olympic games, now attracting world attention, came into being and when the elopement of Helen and the Trojan Wars also were occurring. The early stages of Grecian history were then unfolding, too, and Egypt was at that time experiencing great cultural advance.

But with the people of Israel, now in the

land promised them yet far from having made full conquest of it, this age was a time largely of struggle and backsliding, and, on occasion, of revival. Much of the period is characterized by Judges 17:6 and 21:25, where it is said, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

Israel, despite their fervent promise, began not long after the death of Joshua to forsake the Lord and to worship foreign gods. Because of this disobedience, the

For gist of passage, light on words and phrases, as methods of study order the booklet "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible—Joshua Through Malachi," 50¢ from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Lord according to Judges "gave them over to their enemies." Repeatedly, however, when the people would repent, God would raise up a leader, called a judge (there were many in all), and the judge would call the people back to Jehovah.

In certain verses we may also infer that Judges was written sometime after David. The statement, "In those days there was no king in Israel," would seem logically to have been written only after there was a king in Israel.

The history recorded in Judges is of great significance. Some scholars think it is even more significant than that of Joshua, as it seems to give a more realistic portrayal than does Joshua of the times, conditions, and struggles through which Israel was then passing.

When it is remembered the events recorded in Ruth also took place during the period of the Judges (see *Ruth 1:1*), it is realized that we have a picture in these two important books (Judges and Ruth) not only of the flow of political and religious life in these times but also of the private life of some of the representative people of the day.

Though we do not know the writer of either Judges or Ruth, we do know the latter, even more than the former, was a master storyteller. Ruth is, in truth, a historical romance of great beauty, emotion, and human appeal. Called "idyllic in its character," it describes pastoral life among the Hebrews in a time of peace and order, and shows impressively how deeply some of the people at the time respected the laws and customs they had been taught by Moses.

Judges largely is given to a record of the exploits of a selected number of leaders (called judges) of the period. Personalities in the book such as Gideon, Deborah, Barak, and Samson are unforgettable.

But interesting as these heroic or unusual personalities may be, what, if anything, do the two books reveal regarding God's missionary plan of the ages? On examination of the books, several things of significance for missions come to view.

Man's Tendency to Moral and Spiritual Decay

The first to be noted in Judges, perhaps, is the dangerous tendency, so common to man, toward moral and spiritual decay and the serious consequences involved. Even to be redeemed and richly favored of the Lord is not to be insured against backsliding. This grim fact must never be forgotten. Churches, denominations, and Christians may all, at times, be threatened with spiritual decline and impoverishment. For them to slip into such a condition always casts a blight upon their witness and retards the missionary conquest of the world. The closing chapters of Judges as well as several other parts of the book reveal what such occasions actually cost Israel in sorrow, shame, and suffering.

Repentance Toward God

A second lesson suggested in Judges is the fact that the repentant cry of God's people for divine deliverance and forgiveness is always heard. This truth which stands out again and again in the book should encourage Christians in this day of their seeming weakness to seek similar mercy from God. We should be profoundly disturbed about our weakness when we realize the number of non-Christians in the world is increasing many times faster than the number of people being won to Christ and when we also sense that one of the reasons for this deplorable condition is likely our own backsliding.

God Calls Men

A third insight given in Judges is that of the strategic importance of divinely called, dedicated, and inspired leadership. Inspiring followers help greatly, no doubt, to inspire leaders, but it seems even more true that inspired leaders tend to begin inspired followers. Most human advance has come as a consequence of the inspired vision of a man or woman here and there who has risen up and, by courage, foresight,

edness and self-denial has set the world forward.

Abraham, Moses, and Joshua were surely of this kind. So were Gideon, Jael, and Lottie Moon. What would missions now be without the benefit of these lives or of the lives of others who have followed in their train? Our present world, with its teeming masses of lost people, needs more men of the metal of a Gideon and women of the high courage and faith of a Deborah.

God Uses Natural Endowments

A fourth truth the book of Judges reveals is that God's call comes in various ways and to men and women of various backgrounds and abilities. Indeed, of those called to be judges in Israel, there were no two alike, nor did the "call" come to any two in the same way. The same has been true of those called of the Lord in all ages. It is sufficient to know that God can use people of all kinds of natural endowment; it only those endowments are given over to him. No one can rightly disclaim responsibility for the missionary task of the world simply because he does not feel he has the gifts of mind, physique, personality, or strength that someone else possesses. Every Christian is called to be a missionary.

One of the supreme tragedies unfolded in the Bible is that of Samson (Judges 13:1 to 16:31). Samson was a man with remarkable endowments. Everything seemed to be in his favor. Yet Samson squandered almost all the endowments given to him on himself and on personal pleasure. But this sort of thing still happens. The vast "gifts" of talent and learning, mind and money possessed by Christians in this day are almost incalculable. What if these gifts were more fully dedicated to the good of man and the fulfillment of God's desire to redeem the world?

The missionary thrust could be a thousand times greater than it is if so many did not, Samson-like, squander, or at best carelessly waste, their "gifts" on the satisfying of their own desires rather than glorify-

ing and serving God.

Judges has its ringing challenge to youth. Its heroes are youthful spirits who caught a vision of God and of the need of men. Missions, too, we must remember, was largely on youth—called, inspired, courageous, and full of faith—for its expansion. How important it is that young people be warned against the tragic dissipation of life and opportunity of a Samson and won to the emulation of the noble heroism of a Gideon.

God Empowers Men

In Judges is seen also the power of even a few people when dedicated, filled with faith, and moved by desire to do God's will. Gideon's forces reduced to only 300 against a numberless foe were made equal to their host. God does not wait to give his favor to an effort until the crowds are large enough. He waits only until the few are dedicated enough. Jesus chose only twelve disciples to launch his worldwide mission; yet endeavor. Pentecostal fires fell not on the multitudes who had followed Jesus in fair weather, but on the 120 waiting in full commitment in the Upper Room. The modern missionary society or a church, however small and insignificant, may in God's hands move the world.

God Brings the Results

Closely related to the point just made is another; namely, that after everything has been said as to the importance of "called" and inspired leaders and the far-reaching impact of the witness of a small group or even of one dedicated person, it should be added that the results are finally the gift of God.

"Deliverance" is a gift to men, as it was to beleaguered Israel in the days of Gideon or Deborah and Barak and comes only through the mercies of God. Let men get their best in response to the divine call or command to the world-circling missionary task; their best in wisdom, perfection of o-

ganization, and dedication of effort. Let them look not to these but to God for victory.

We ought to recognize that the Spirit is and can be free, as he is revealed to have been in the days of Judges, to do God's work in his chosen way and at his chosen time. To recognize this is not to subscribe to a kind of fatalism, to adopt the antimissionary view that when God wants to save the world he will do it, or to subscribe to a strict Calvinistic position that everything is predetermined. But it is to recognize that men cannot bind God to their own courses of action or assume that if they only do one or two or more specific things in a specific way, spontaneously, as though one had dropped his coins into an automatic drink machine, the results will come pouring out. God cannot be manipulated. If it were otherwise, our sense of the need for prayer and faith would, at best, be greatly reduced.

God Deals with Men

Israel, as can be seen in Judges and other historical books of the Old Testament, experienced periods of revival and spiritual awakening and also periods of declension, division, and spiritual dearth. What bleak times the latter were! They were also times of weakness, times of compromise with evil about them, and times of increasing subjection to their enemies. Such is pretty much the story of the church too through all the ages since New Testament days. The book of Judges thus holds a mirror to the church in this day. What is seen in that mirror may not be pleasing, but those are wise who consider it reverently.

The book of Ruth, to be sure, provides some relief from the dark shadows cast by most of the book of Judges. At what time in the history related in Judges the events in Ruth took place no one knows precisely. They must have occurred during a time of calm and relative peace. One should read the book for details of the story. In so doing one will discover a number of lessons of considerable general value, such as:

1. The beauty and value of a godly life in any land at any time.
2. The possibility of true nobility even in a day of widespread depravity.
3. The worth and lasting power of love in binding people together.

The last named lesson, though it may not at once appear to be of missionary significance, in the context of Ruth does have pertinence. Indeed, is the author of the book saying that love, inspired of God, can bind people together despite all the human barriers which impel their union? Naomi and Ruth were evidently of different, and at times hostile, backgrounds. The Moabites, Ruth's people, had been hated by the Israelites and considered to be Gentiles. Some scholars, in truth, think the book of Ruth was intended to be a gentle effort to overcome racial prejudice. Ruth was to be not only an ancestress of David, the greatest king of Israel, but also of Jesus (Matt. 1:5-6).

God-given love, of course, can overcome every barrier. This fact is of far-reaching implication for missions. The New Testament reveals that the love of Christ can dissolve all "walls" separating men (*see Eph. 2:14-22 where the reference is to the wall between Jew and Gentile*).

Another lesson in Ruth which speaks at least indirectly to missions is that opportunities to be channels of blessing to many exist even in the normal course of life among humble ordinary people when they are chastened and guided of the Lord. Naomi felt her sorrow caused by the death of her husband and sons was the chastening of the Lord. There is, however, no sign of her rebelling toward God. She seemed rather to desire now more than ever to find God's purpose for her life. In so doing, she not only returned home, but conceived the plan for Ruth's marriage to Boaz. This all eventuated in a union from which blessing to all mankind was to flow.

Many of us rebel at God instead of allowing our sorrow or chastening to bring us closer to him. How many widows are

there in America, for instance, left with more than their needs demand and with children grown and independent, who could either now or through their wills provide gifts that would send out missionaries, establish schools, open new mission stations or endow scholarships for the training of missionary doctors, nurses, teachers, and evangelists? How many of these could be doing missionary work under one of the short-term plans of our Mission Boards? Women, largely as a result of resources received from deceased husbands, possess the greater part of the wealth of America. Many of these as some are doing could become, through their gifts or wills and in other ways, channels of blessing to untold people for generations to come.

TOGETHER . . . the Three of Us

by Irene W. Bark

HE thinks . . . "Such a challenge . . . such an opportunity for service. I wonder if she feels the same tugging at her heartstrings. But she is so young . . . so beautiful . . . so close to her family. It would be difficult, so difficult for her to leave them. How could I ask my wife whose dream is a home and family to climb the terrific mountain of missions with me. She is so tiny . . . so beautiful . . . life has been good to her . . . she's never known hardships . . . and yet . . . and yet there is a depth and strength about her I cannot describe. I remember her words to me the day we were married . . . how her eyes shone as she said, 'Together the Three of Us can do anything.' I wonder if that 'anything' included South America, or Europe, or Africa. I wonder what she is thinking now . . . Oh God . . . I wonder."

She thinks . . . "Together the Three of Us can do anything . . . I wonder if he remembers those words I said to him the day we were married. Such an opportunity for service . . . such a challenge . . . we are young and strong and healthy. Our education is behind us . . . such an opportunity to serve God. And some day there will be children . . . my own children to share this opportunity with us . . . I wonder if he feels as I do . . . Oh, God . . . I wonder . . . he looks so serious. I saw him glance at me a moment ago as we sang 'Wherever He Leads I'll Go.' He's looking at me again . . . his eyes . . . I've never seen them shine like that . . . He's taking my hand . . . such a firm grasp as though he's trying to tell me something . . . or ask me. Suddenly I am aware of a Strength I never knew. I know this Strength will be beside us all our lives . . . he is moving out of his place . . . I am moving too . . . still holding his hand."

They think . . . "Thank thee God . . . we are right beside us . . . the Three of Us together. Now we know . . . we must tell the world that with your leading we can do anything. Must hurry down this long aisle . . . last we're at the front . . . funny, only the Three of Us seem to be present . . . always we will be together . . . Africa, Europe, America, anywhere . . . makes no difference . . . wherever He leads we'll go . . . mountains to climb . . . valleys to travel . . . sunshine . . . shadows . . . His strength to guide us . . . such happiness . . . frightening . . . but I'll will guide us all the way."

God's Plan Through the Ages

Finally, it may be said that the great significance of both Judges and Ruth Commissions is the record these books give of the further carrying forward of God's plan to prepare a people through whom would bring blessing and redemption to all the world. That plan, at times, to be sure, can but dimly be seen in these books and on occasion almost fades out completely; but in other instances, as in the marriage of Boaz and Ruth it is clearly discernable. In the union of a penniless young Moabite widow and an eligible Israelite farmer, reverently brought about in the fear of God, the main current of the divine purpose flowed steadily onward.

WMS CIRCLES for



by Jean Mitchem O'Brien

Two newcomers to the WMS general meeting, my friend and I were surprised to see only two other young women our age. After making inquiry, we were told that the enlistment committee was planning a notice for "young mothers" interested in forming a new circle. Our church had fifteen circles at this time.

In October, 1963, a lovely coffee was held in our church parlor and our pastor, WMC president, and enlistment committee were there to greet guests. There were eleven young mothers present and, after refreshments, we talked together about our plans for a circle.

Prior to the meeting, I had been asked to be chairman. The offices were defined and the girls volunteered for those places in which each felt a keen interest, such as community missions, mission study, and so on down the line.

Now our circle meets on the third Tuesday morning of each month at ten o'clock. Two of us volunteer each month to furnish light refreshments. We enjoy fellowship and coffee for fifteen or twenty minutes.

We follow the order of business as suggested in the WMC Year Book. At each meeting, the chairman interviews one of us in order to help us get to know each other better. Some of her questions are: "Where were you born and reared? Where did you go to school? When were you married? How many children do you have? What are your

hobbies? What is your pet peeve?" (The answer to this question is always accompanied by some laughs.) What is your favorite hymn and book of the Bible?"

Program suggestions in *Round Service* are utilized to their fullest and we often supplement our programs with guest speakers or films.

At the present time, our prospects are unlimited. With the help of the Lord and other WMS members, we are grateful for the opportunity of helping to form a circle which is meeting the need of mothers with small children.

There are often a number of young mothers in our churches who were in Girls' Auxiliaries and Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and for some reason, after marriage and having children, they are no longer a part of Woman's Missionary Union. These women must be reached so that they and their families will have proper missionary education and will support Baptist mission endeavors. The cost for a church to provide a nursery for children of young mothers would be nominal in comparison to the rewards for missionary advance. If these mothers are reached, very likely their children will be involved in the youth organizations of Woman's Missionary Union.

My prayer is that our Woman's Missionary Unions will study their society membership and make plans to start at least one new circle which will meet the needs of this group of women. There may be other women with specific needs who would be blessed by a circle or a society and who wait on the WMC leadership to provide it.

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With THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God Philippians 4:6.

During this Thanksgiving season let us thank God with heartfelt gratitude for the ministry of emeritus missionaries, both home and foreign, who have served so faithfully and who continue to serve him.

Prepared by Carolyn Rhea

1 MONDAY Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord Psalm 33:12 (read Psalm 33:1).

"I am a retired missionary as far as pension is concerned," says Mr. L. C. Quarles, "but might I not be called an active missionary still?" Former missionaries to Argentina and pioneer missionaries to Uruguay, Mr. and Mrs. Quarles stay busy helping to provide for the spiritual needs of Cuban people who have come from Florida to Richmond, Virginia. They conduct a monthly service in Spanish and minister each week to this and other language groups. Mr. Quarles also translates books for our Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas.

Pray for Mr. Quarles, Elizabeth Gray, China-Malaysia, ret.; Oleia Suell, Antofagasta, Chile, son; Shirley Jackson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; HA; Mrs. D. I. Mills, Kingston, Jamaica, ex.; Helen Masters, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. Antonio Ramos, Havana, Cuba, M. F.; Salazarana, Panama, ex.; Oscar Hill, Alamogordo, N. M., Sp. sp. ex.; Michigan WMC annual meeting Kalamazoo, 1-2; Oregon-Washington WMC annual meeting, Spokane, Wash. 1-2.

2 TUESDAY O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him Psalm 34:8 (read Psalm 34).

Miss Pearl Todd, former missionary to

China and Japan, taught for 19 years in the Williams Memorial Girls' School in Chebo, China. She requests that we "pray that every Baptist home in our country and in the 36 foreign mission countries might have a daily functioning family altar. Envision millions of world-shaking, world-changing altars of prayer in our homes. Pray especially for our dear fellow Baptists in China today that the peace of God shall keep their minds and hearts in Christ Jesus. Cease not to pray also for the Japanese people—a magnificent people for whom my heart abounds in love."

Pray for Miss Todd, Mrs. L. M. Hatcher, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. R. P. Rollington, Port Velho, Brazil; Mrs. Adriano Robles, Panama, ex.; Aileen Williams, Tucson, Ariz.; GWC Hawaii WMC annual meeting, Kailua, 2-3.

3 WEDNESDAY For with thee is the fountain of life, in thy light shall we see light Psalm 36:9 (read Psalm 36).

"We feel that a new day is dawning to evangelicals in Colombia," says Donald Or. "In this country where Baptists were formerly persecuted in public schools and their evangelistic ministry depreciated we believe any future restrictions by governmental or civic authorities will be on an individual basis and of no consequence in prohibiting us in our work here. Thank God for the victory in Colombia, South America

for Dr. and Mrs. Alan P. Neely who the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, Colombia, B. E. Cader, Santana, G. A. Canzoneri, Brazil, ex.; E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, ex.; M. Crabb, Jr., Rome, Italy, med.; M. M. Wood, Gonderange, Luxembourg; T. W. Wilson, Grande City, Ill.; GWC; J. G. Galt, Atlanta, Ga., MC; Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, Galt, J. E. Enriquez, San Antonio, Tex.

4 THURSDAY A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked Psalm 37:16 (read ex. 1-18).

"Love and thanksgiving to God for souls saved and lives reclaimed in the two years I have been serving as director of weekday activities at Fulton Avenue Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland," writes Mrs. Beryl Hanson. "This is a downtown church in a community that has changed from home-owner to a low-rent area. There are a few families who are interested in missions and see this area as a mission field. They are the volunteers who help with daily Bible club. Pray for God's continued guidance in our work."

Pray for Miss Hanson, J. C. Moss, Valencian, Venezuela, ex.; S. R. I. Connata, J. G. Galt, Rhodesia, MD; Betty Jo Craig, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ex.; Mrs. F. W. Miller, Zurich, Switzerland, M. F.

5 FRIDAY The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord Psalm 37:23 (read ex. 24-40).

After serving in Germany for a year and a half, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rose were asked to go to Greece to look over possibilities for Baptist work there. Pray that God will lead in the decisions which are made in regard to these possibilities for consideration of witnessing in Greece where heretofore Southern Baptists have not labored.

Pray for Mr. Rose, J. M. Watson, Madrid, Spain; Mrs. R. H. Fagou, Eku, Nigeria; Mrs. Leroy Benfield, Baguio, Philippines; K. W. Babcock, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mrs. J. H. Ture, Santiago, Chile, ex.; Mrs. Will Roberts, Kenya, RN; Mrs. A. P. Pearson, El Paso, Tex.; J. M. Galt, Togo, Negro

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ex.; Mrs. M. S. Leach, Sr., Kingsville, Tex.; Sp. sp. ex.; Muriel Salter, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Marjorie Ann Shread, Whitesburg, Ky., WDM.

6 SATURDAY Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6 (read 1 Sam. 1:1-2; 10-11; 20-28).

"We have so many things for which to be thankful," says Aletha Fuller, missionary nurse in Nigeria. "We're especially grateful for a wonderful, peaceful country like Nigeria in which to serve. We're thankful for able, consecrated nationals beside whom we work. We are appreciative of religious freedom in this area and for you at home who make our being here possible. We are grateful for the two new buildings erected with Little Moat Christmas Offering funds—a laundry and a building which provides an operating room suite, the central supply, X-ray and administrative offices." Thank God for Nigerians who are sharing maturity in guiding their people.

Pray for Frances Hammett, Nigeria, RN; J. H. McTear, Santiago, Chile, BA; Mrs. John Lake, Eden Beach, Hawaii, ex.

SUNDAY And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God Psalm 40:3 (read Psalm 40).

Pray for Dr. Nelson Bryan who retired in 1957 and is living in San Angelo, Texas. Dr. Bryan was a medical missionary in China for 29 years. In 1951, because of Communist occupation of China, he transferred to Korea and opened Southern Baptists' first medical mission work in Pusan where he served until his retirement.

Pray for Dr. Bryan, Mrs. H. D. Olive, Baguio, Philippines, ex.; Mrs. E. W. Glass, Singapore, Malaysia; Mrs. W. T. Moore, Dacca, E. Pakistan; W. H. Jones, Jr., Chingola, Zambia; Georgia Mae Ogburn, Santiago, Chile, ex.; L. J. Harper, Paraguay, BA; Ernestina Mesa, Havana, Heriberto Rodriguez, Las Villas, Cuba, ex.; M. D. Garbarrin, Reddell, La., Fr. ex.; Mrs. Alfonso Flores, Jr., East Brou, N. V., Sp. sp. ex.

8 MONDAY As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God Psalm 42:1 (read Psalms 42 and 43).

"I am preparing to leave for two weeks to work in schools of missions in Mississippi," Mrs. Olga Berry wrote. Retired in 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Berry are still busy. For 41 years

they were missionaries in Brazil. A son is now a missionary in that country, and two other sons are in business there.

Pray for Mrs. Beech: Mrs. C. R. Young, Hawaii; Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Jr., Sri Lanka, Thailand; Mrs. R. L. Locke, Owerri, Nigeria; Mrs. T. L. Lane, Jr., Seattle, Spain, etc.; Mrs. D. G. Hooper, Nairobi, Kenya; Mrs. M. R. Hicks, El Paso, Tex.; Mrs. M. K. Wasson, Ogburnville, Nigeria; Mrs. D. W. Morgan, Kowloon, Hong Kong, BA; California WMU annual meeting, San Jose, 8-9; Kansas WMU annual meeting, Great Bend, 8-9; Oklahoma WMU annual meeting, Oklahoma City, 8-9.

TUESDAY *Thou art faster than the children of men: grace is poured unto thy lips. Psalm 45:2 (read Psalm 45).*

Retired home missionary to Cuba, Dr. A. T. Bequer, was pastor of the Baptist church at Cienfuegos in Las Villas Province for 36 years. He served the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba as treasurer for 6 years, as vice-president for 15 years, and as president for 10 years. *Pray for Dr. Bequer and for other Baptist workers still in Cuba during this critical period.*

Pray for Maurice Smith, Kuonasi, Ghana; Mrs. W. L. Medwell, Bangkok, Thailand; H. C. Knight, Argentina, etc.

WEDNESDAY *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1 (read Psalm 46).*

"Our ministry is to the Indian people in the Phoenix, Arizona, area," says Mr. Horace Fisher. "We work with students at the Phoenix Indian High School, a government boarding school, and also with Indian families who live in Phoenix. We have 18 tribes in our service. In addition to preaching each Sunday, I also help to enlist Indian people in Baptist churches in the community where they live." *Pray for Indians of Phoenix.*

Pray for Mr. Fisher: Andres Viera Rosacell, N. M., Sp. sp. ev.; Andres Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba; Laura Frances Snow, Santiago, Chile.

THURSDAY *Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish. Psalm 49:20 (read Psalm 49).*

"My prayer for many years," writes Mr. D. F. Stamps, emeritus missionary to China-Hawaii, "has been this: Holy Father, please do not let the Communists remain in control of China until all trained Christian leaders have passed on to glory. Open up China to

the gospel again and hasten that day." Mr. Stamps feels that the saddest period in all Christian history was the take-over of China by the Communists. Let us unite our prayer today with that of Mr. Stamps.

Pray for Mr. Stamps: Gladys Hopewell, Taiwan, Taiwan, SW; H. T. Cummings, Nairobi, Kenya, etc.; Alan Robin, Ibadan, Nigeria, etc.; Mrs. R. G. Register, Jr., Petah Tikva, Israel; RN; Sam Annon, Evangeline, La., Fr. 44; Fred Chestnut, Selma, Ala. Negro, etc.

FRIDAY *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 (read Psalm 51).*

Mrs. Lok-Tin Cheung, Chinese missionary in Houston, Texas, makes the following prayer request: "Pray with us, please, for our fine group of Christian Intermediates and Young People, children of Chinese war brides who came to this country after World War II. They face tremendous temptations and do not receive encouragement from their parents, since most of them are not Christians." Both Mr. and Mrs. Cheung are products of Southern Baptist missions in China. Mr. Cheung is pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church in Houston where church membership is 547, about one eighth of the total Chinese population in the Houston area.

Pray for Mrs. Cheung: G. W. Ballard, Pecos, NM; T. R. Lipscomb, Fresno, Calif.; JR; M. Enrique Lacralde, Pinar del Rio, Cuba; M. W. A. Hickman, Jr., Asuncion, Paraguay; V. R. Plouk, Argentina; M. A. Mobley, Japan, etc.; H. B. Boone, Jinja, Uganda, MD.

SATURDAY *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 (read J. Sam. 20:12-15, 23:15-18).*

FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce

So You're Elected

by Elaine Dickson

WHAT makes a leader? Election may thrust upon a person the title of "leader," but real leadership comes only through patient and painstaking development.

Successful leadership is estimated by some to be 10 per cent technical competence—knowing what to do—and 90 per cent human relations—knowing how to work with others in getting the job done. The following are some of the qualities of leadership which need to be cultivated.

Sense of Purpose "The world stands aside to let pass the man who knows where he is going." An awareness of purpose is like a compass pointing consistently in the right direction. The pivotal issue in leadership is evaded when the leader does not understand organizational purposes and his followers' relationship to them.

Have you felt the impelling force of missionary responsibility in Christ's commission? Have you sensed the significant place WMU has in helping its members express missionary concern, and in assisting the church to fulfil its missionary task? If the leader believes in the deeper purposes of WMU, this gives meaning to meetings and planning and doing.

But purpose must not only be understood, it must be communicated. The leader's sense of purpose is revealed by what she says, but more by what she does. A physical energy should charge her actions with life and vitality. The formula is this: Energy on the physical side and pur-

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pose on the mental side equal enthusiasm. And enthusiasm is contagious!

Willingness to Learn Leadership techniques and methods are constantly changing. Although the "why" of doing remains constant, the "what" and the "how" are ever new. A prime requisite for the leader is a willingness to learn. Even the leadership courses for WMU leaders are not an end in themselves as learning experiences. They merely provide a foundation of basic information on which the leader can build. The refresher course, taken each year after the leadership course is completed, is another reminder that learning should never cease.

By persistent study and careful listening the leader can add to her information and increase her ability to understand, interpret, evaluate, and lead. And once a leader believes she can, she will become the beneficiary of an invaluable continuing education.

Realistic Attitude Nearly everyone engages in wishful thinking from time to time. But a steady dosage of daydreaming can impair the ability to think realistically. Problems do not get solved by turning away and thinking how pleasant it would be without them. An unpleasant relationship with a co-worker will not disappear by ignoring it. The further one strays from reality the harder it is to get back to it.

But realistic thinking is valuable in more ways than solving problems. It is necessary in choosing people who will assist the leader with her tasks. It is a compliment to the judgment of any leader who can accurately evaluate the abilities of others and enlist them in just the right place of service to tap their potential. This requires awareness and sensitivity. There are always dimensions of human personality and ability which run below the surface which only the penetrating eye can see. Final judgment must be based not only on what a person is, but what she can become. Realism is just as valuable in assessing the potential as the actual.

It is bad enough when the leader allows other people to fool her, but certainly it is far worse when she fools herself.

Flexibility Flexibility is the ability to adjust quickly to new developments and changed situations.

Inflexibility is a malady which affects the aging. But as one expressed it, "Some people are old at twenty because their notions harden before their arteries." And some people are young at ninety because they

maintain a flexible attitude toward life.

"We've always done it this way, why change?"

"If you divide my circle I won't be a member."

"Have two societies in our church? Not if I can help it."

The creative leader is flexible. New ideas are welcomed, thought through and tried. And even an accidental change in plans is used to advantage, just as the sculptor's chisel may slip and produce a striking, if unintended, effect.

Integrity People love to be led and like to place implicit trust in their leaders. The leader is one to be looked up to, to be respected, even admired. This requires a leader with sound moral judgments, impeccable character, and Christian dedication.

"We can trust her" and "She keeps her promises" indicate that followers feel their interests are safe in the hands of the leader.

When followers lose confidence in a leader, it is not usually for major transgressions, but for minor, even subtle, inconsistencies which eat at the heart of effectiveness.

Willingness to Give Credit The desire to give recognition to others is a mark of a mature person. The successful leader gives recognition freely and frequently—not only by what she says, but by the relationship she bears to others.

Dedication to God The best and most inclusive characteristic is dedication. Dedication to God provides the motive for effective service. It provides the source of strength and confidence for all tasks. What man cannot do alone, can be done with God's help.

When Jesus enlisted people in his service he often said, "Come after me and I will make you to become..." A leader in WMU does not serve WMU; she serves Christ and his church. Because of this, there is no substitute for loyalty to God and dedication to his purposes.

"I cannot lead,
Dear Lord," I said;

"I cannot see
The way ahead."

"You do not need
To see," said He;

"Just walk with them,
And walk with me."

—Marjorie Lou Stump

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memo to P residents

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, November 1

The Baptist women of the world, through the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, have set aside the first Monday of November as "Baptist Women's Day of Prayer." If it is impossible to meet on this day choose another day during the week and urge all of the Baptist women in your town or city to come together to pray for our world.

The theme for the day is "Pray Ye... That He Will Send." An attractive booklet prepared by Miss Carrie Vaughan, WMU Executive Secretary of Virginia, will be provided those arranging for this day of prayer. In some places it will be necessary to plan for day and evening prayer meetings so that business women may also attend.

The offering to be taken on this day will be used for such projects as strengthening the work of the Continental Unions, making possible the women's sessions at the BWA Congress, providing materials, and helping with Baptist World Relief.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The 1965 date for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is November 28-December 3. Plan with your pastor so that the entire church may have a part in this significant week and may have the privilege of giving to support our foreign mission work through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The goal this year is \$14,000,000. We must pray earnestly and give abundantly that the world may know Him! The theme for the week is "A Living Sacrifice." See the suggestions given in this Forecaster for promoting the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at your WMS meeting and the preview which may be given at circle meetings. Lead your prayer committee, stewardship committee, enlistment committee, and publicity committee to work diligently in order that the week will be meaningful to your church and to foreign missions.

Leadership Refresher Course

The WMS Refresher Course is a reading course. Its purpose is to keep those who hold

the WMS Leadership Card informed of current WMU plans. The 1965-66 Refresher Course requires the reading of the WMU and WMS sections of the 1965-66 WMU Year Book and the Aims book, *Christian Witnessing* by Floy Barnard (price 85¢ from Baptist Book Stores).

Check carefully with those holding the WMS Leadership Card on the date their card was issued. The leadership card is valid for one year and must be renewed each year on or before the date of issuance. Spaces are provided on the back of the card for renewal dates to be entered. Each person keeps her own card up to date and notifies her president when the card is renewed.

WMS Committee Work

Committees have been described as "small groups of people which keep minutes and waste hours." Is this true of your WMS committees? Face the situation squarely. Do you want to improve the committee work of your society? These suggestions may help.

1. Be sure that committee members know what they are to do
 2. See that the composition and size of each committee is right
 3. Orient the chairman and committee members
 4. Stress the importance of the chairman preparing a tentative agenda
 5. Encourage chairmen to give tentative agenda to members before the meeting
 6. Help chairmen realize the necessity of committee members taking responsibility and accepting assignments
 7. Show committee members the need for follow-through and evaluation
- Remember that committees are appointed to do a job for your WMS. It is important that they do the job effectively.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26

Often we give thanks to God for WMU leaders who serve so joyously and give so generously of time and energy for the promotion of Christian missions. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you at this wonderful Thanksgiving season!

memo to Circle Chairmen

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

November 28-December 5 is the week when Baptist churches will be praying for and giving to the support of overseas mission work. You will want to encourage each member of your circle to participate in the prayer plans of the week and in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Use the preview of the Week of Prayer in this Forecaster to inform circle members of this significant week and to encourage them to prepare for this offering for foreign missions. The 1965 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$14,000,000. Challenge your circle members to have a worthy part in this great mission effort.

WMS Refresher Course

Do you know how many members in your circle hold a WMS Leadership Card? Do you know whether their cards are up to date or have they expired? The WMS Leadership Card is valid for one year. In order to keep it current the holder must take a Refresher Course or take the WMS Leadership Course again. The 1965-66 Refresher Course consists of the reading of the WMS and WMU sections of the 1965-66 WMU Year Book and the book, *Christian Witnessing* by Floy Barnard (85¢ from Baptist Book Stores). Check with

those in your circle holding the Leadership Card and urge them to do the required reading for the Refresher Course.

Which Way in Brazil?

The recommended mission study for October, November, December is *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell, 65¢; Teacher's Guide, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores. As circle chairman you will want to encourage every member of your circle to read the book. Be sure to see the suggestion given in this Forecaster for encouraging members to read this book. You may want to use this idea or create one of your own. Some circles will be studying the book at circle meetings instead of using the circle programs. Each society will decide how mission books are to be taught in the circles or in the society.

My Church—Hearing and Obeying

The circle program topic for November is "My Church—Hearing and Obeying" and the society program topic is "The Indonesian Story." These two programs will introduce WMS members to mission work in Indonesia, Europe, Tanzania, Nigeria, Japan, and Brazil. Encourage WMS members to attend both of these programs and learn of Baptist mission work in these different areas of the world.

Promotional Features



by ABBIE LOUISE GREEN,
Executive Secretary, Oklahoma WMU

SOCIETY

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

You will want to read and study material for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions as found in December Royal Service.

Start the promotion of this week by working with your mission study chairman. As you study *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell (85¢; Teacher's Guide, 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores), this should cause members in

your WMS to want to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Plan for devotional messages to be given in each Sunday school department to promote the week. You may want to work with your prayer chairman as you plan for these talks to be made in the different departments.

Secure from your state WMU office the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes.

You will want to be sure to order enough for your entire church.

Set a worthy goal for your church. See that the goal is announced and give opportunities for all to give.

It will be well to decide on an interest center to show progress of the offering. A large map of the world cut out like a jigsaw puzzle could be used. Divide the amount of your offering goal into the number of countries or continents where we have Baptist missionaries and as the money comes in, paste on a poster board the different countries until the goal is reached and all countries are in place, thus completing the world map.

A Coffee Cup Review of WMU (Enlistment Skit)

Place: Home of Enlistment Chairman

Time: Any time from 8:00 to 11:30 A.M.

Characters: Enlistment Chairman

New Member #1

New Member #2

New Member #3

New Member #4

Chairman: Good morning, girls! Do come in; the coffee is ready. Hope no one uses cream—we had cereal for breakfast.

No. 1: Oh, that's fine. We are calorie cutters anyway.

(Women are seated around table.)

No. 2: I like this dry toast. You are a thoughtful hostess.

Chairman: A thoughtless one would be more like it. I'm out of just about everything but double-stamp day is not until tomorrow.

(Women respond: "I know what you mean," "me, too," etc.)

No. 4: I was a YWA member once and am interested in the WMU youth organizations. Do we have a YWA in our church?

Chairman: Yes, perhaps you know that the WMS fosters Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band. (Tell about the youth organizations in your church, naming the directors, counselors and leaders; their needs, etc.)

No. 1: Well, there is something I would like to ask. I would not dare speak up yesterday in the meeting but I don't mind asking you. What is the WMS Round Table?

Chairman: (Explain about WMS Round Table and show a WMS World in Books catalog and explain. See WMU Year Book, pages 39-40, 48.)

No. 2: I was really impressed with the woman who displayed that clever poster with pictures and names of missionaries who had birthdays yesterday. How can she remember all those birthdays?

Chairman: (Hands each woman a Royal Service and turns to Call to Prayer with names and birthdays of missionaries.)

No. 1: Isn't that the magazine the woman used for our WMS program?

Chairman: Yes. (name the program chairman and tell about missionary programs, stressing the one for the coming month.)

No. 2: Is this magazine very expensive? How do I get one?

Chairman: (Tell price of magazine and whatever plan your WMS uses for members receiving Royal Service.)

No. 3: I have been thinking about what Mrs. _____ said about every mem-

(stewardship chairman) ber a tither and I believe the Bible teaches tithing but you see, my husband is not a tither nor a Baptist and I don't think he would go along with tithing.

Chairman: (Hands each one a leaflet, "A Woman Looks at Tithing," available free from state WMU office. She then tells her how she can tithe with what is here.)

No. 4: Do you know we have not talked about a thing but WMU.

No. 2: Somehow I have a feeling that's what we were asked over for.

Chairman: (Smiles and winks as women get ready to leave.) Yes, I always like to talk about WMU with new WMU members.

—Prepared by MRS. RALPH DAVIS, Oklahoma

Promote Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

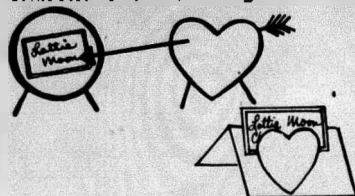
Suggestions are given below for materials which can be used to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

(1) Poster:

Dollar Interest Follows Heart Interest
Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions



(2) Poster:
Our 1965 Target
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal



(3) To keep the offering before members give to each one an offering envelope slipped between a white heart mounted on red construction paper as illustrated. Print poem on each heart.

It is in loving, not in being loved
The earth finds its quest
It is in giving, not in getting
Our lives are richly blessed.

—Suggestions by MRS. JOHN T. ROBISON, Stewardship Director, Oklahoma WMU

CIRCLE •

—by RUTH PROVENCE, Executive Secretary, South Carolina WMU

Use of Royal Service—Reading, Study

Make this a lively "Did You Know?" period as a person gives in rapid succession a number of interesting facts she has learned by reading *Royal Service*, phrasing each with the question, "Did you know that . . . ?" Conclude: "Well, the way to know is to read *Royal Service*! Read it every month!

Or, ask each member to read November *Royal Service* in advance of the meeting and to come prepared to mention one new fact or idea which impressed her. This will make for interesting participation and a variety of sharing. Close with a comment that reading *Royal Service* makes for greater knowledge and stimulating thoughts.

Reading of Mission Study Book,
Which Way in Brazil?

With a piece of stiff cardboard folded and inserted in a copy of *Which Way in Brazil?* by Lester Bell (85¢ from Baptist Book Stores), so that the book will stand in a partially opened position, elevate the book on a table by placing it on a box covered loosely with a piece of blue cloth. Attach to pages of the book green and yellow ribbons or narrow

strips of crepe paper and extend these to different positions on the table top.

Write the name of each member on a signpost cut from a filing card in the shape of the top portion of the design on the back cover of this mission study book, with "pole" cut in sufficient length to stand; or write each name on a tall question mark cut from a card. Fold 3"x5" card lengthwise; make a small slit in the center of the fold and insert the "pole" or question mark in upright position.

Stand at ends of ribbons the names of members who have read *Which Way in Brazil?* Leave other ribbons without names. See that those who have not yet read this book have immediate access to a copy and urge them to read without fail.

Preview of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

On poster board or wrapping paper, outline a sketch of an altar made from stones. Cut five "stones" from colored construction paper in shapes to fit the sketch. Write on each one of the daily topics for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Make two strips, one with the words, "A Living Sacrifice"; the other, in red in the shape of flames, with the figure, \$14,000,000. Using masking tape or Plast-tak have each "stone" ready to be placed in proper position at the right time.

A Living Sacrifice



In dialogue fashion, let two women present enthusiastically essential facts about the plans for the week.

First Woman

"It's a Week" "November 28-December 5"
"A Week of" "Prayer"
"The theme is" "A Living Sacrifice"

(Have a third person place the words just below the altar.)

"Daily topics point
the way"
"Monday"
"Tuesday"
"Wednesday"
"Thursday"
"Friday"

"In my giving"
"My Life"
"My Prayer"
"My Home"
"My Money"
"My All"

(Let the third person place the "stones" on the sketch of the altar as each is named.)

"Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering Goal"

"\$14,000,000"

(The third person adds "flames" with this figure.)

"Meet me _____"
(place)

"each day"
(or evening)

"At _____"
(time)

Both women together: "Don't miss this experience!"



WMS Leadership Course

The basic leadership course is for all WMS members as well as for officers, chairmen and committee members. This course may be taken in one of two ways: class study or individual study. A WMS Leadership Card is given upon completion of the study. Materials needed for the basic leadership course, when taken in class, include the *WMS Manual*, 75¢; 1965-66 *WMU Year Book*, 25¢; *Teacher's Helps for WMS Leadership Course*, 50¢ (outlines the course and gives suggested teaching methods for each session); and *Series of Posters for Teaching WMS Leadership Course*, \$1.25. When the course is taken individually, the *WMS Assignment and Answer Booklet*, 35¢, is needed. All of these materials may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.

Looking Toward the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

November 28-December 5, 1965, is the week set aside to pray for foreign missions and to learn of our mission work overseas. The theme for the week is "A Living Sacrifice."

Program material will be in December WMU magazines, *Royal Service*, *The Window*, *Tell*, and *Sunbeam Activities*. The SBC Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$14,000,000. Churches are encouraged to set goals which will stimulate interest and increase participation in their financial support of foreign missions. Focus attention on individual participation in the goal set by your church.

WMU Enlistment Week

Are there prospects in your church which need to be enlisted in WMU organizations? The purpose of WMU Enlistment Week is to unite all WMU organizations in the church in an intensive, concerted endeavor to reach all prospects for WMS, YWA, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band. To enlist prospects there must be adequate organizations to care for growth. In order to enlist members in full participation constant attention must be given to improving the organizational program. Therefore, the full purpose of WMU Enlistment Week is threefold: enlistment, enlargement, and improvement. Consider the need for a WMU Enlistment Week in your church.

Accent on Youth Work

The missionary education of youth has always been a primary concern of Woman's Missionary Union. The graded program for missionary education of youth includes Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, and Young Woman's Auxiliary. In these organizations WMU seeks to cultivate in children and youth a concern for the people of the world; to help them to know where and by what means the gospel is being proclaimed at home and abroad; to obtain their participation in the work of worldwide missions.

Sustained fostering of the youth organizations by WMS is essential and providing trained leaders is one of the most significant phases of fostering. Aim V of WMS Aims for Advancement emphasizes the importance of missionary education of youth by encouraging the organization of Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Young Women's Auxiliaries and the sustained fostering of these. Is your WMS adequately fostering the youth organizations?

Order Program Covers

The WMS November program topic is "The Indonesian Story." Program covers with an oriental design are available for use with the November program. Order yours today. They are available (price 25 for 50¢ or 100 for \$1.75) from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.

SPICING

by JUNE WHITLOW, WMS Director, Georgia WMU

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A floor map will be very helpful in presenting the program on Indonesia. Using the Foreign Mission Board world map or a map from an encyclopedia as a guide, trace with crayon, felt-pen, or other marker onto large sheets of wrapping paper or table cover paper, the islands of the Republic of Indonesia which are mentioned in the program. In order to be effective this map must be large. Accuracy is not all-important; the general impression is the main thing. The large outline is then placed on the floor and the group sits in a circle around the map. A long pointer may be used to indicate the specific location of each city as it is mentioned. A map study or geography lesson is a must for this program!

Give women a small mimeographed map of Indonesia on which they fill in the names of the islands and cities as program material is presented. If the mimeographed map is not possible, give women a piece of paper on which the ten cities are listed. Leave enough space for them to write important facts about each city as program develops.

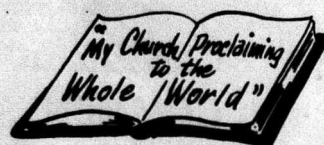
Use interview method to present information about the nine cities. This may be done effectively by using a tape recorder. After carefully studying material, plan an "interview" with Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, asking him questions about missionary planning and strategy in each city.

At conclusion of program ask women to write on paper at least one need which has been presented in this program. Challenge them to pray daily for this specific need.

CIRCLE •

Use again the open-book flip chart (prepared last month) displaying the unit theme, "My Church Proclaiming to the Whole

World." As book is opened, give summary statement of October program. Throughout program display second page bearing theme, "My Church—Hearing and Obeying."



Present this program as a meeting of the church missions committee. The chairman and members are seated around a table. On a chalkboard or poster board the chairman writes two questions which are points of discussion for this meeting:

- (1) How missionary is our church?
- (2) How can our church increase her mission witness?

Following the devotional message, the chairman states that in order to inspire them and help them answer these questions she has asked three members to gather information concerning missionary-minded individuals and churches that are proclaiming the gospel in all areas of the world. Three women give material as found in program.

After this presentation allow time for committee discussion. The two questions for discussion should be given members in advance so that they will be able to relate them to their own church and be able to participate effectively in the discussion. On the chalkboard or poster board, the chairman will list definite ways in which their church can increase her mission witness.

Close with a period of meditation, each praying that her own eyes will be opened and that she will be willing to obey God's call to witness.

Pray for the William Graves family while they are on furlough this year. For seven years Mr. Graves was director of the Baptist Publishing House in Argentina. "It was his dream when he went there," says Mrs. Graves "that by the end of his second term an Argentine would be in that place, and also that nationals would be promoting religious education. God is letting that dream come true. At the end of this year, Aldo Broda, a very capable Argentine businessman will become director of the Publishing House. Two young men are promoting Sunday school and Training Union in the entire country. We feel these to be a great step forward." Pray for these nationals in their responsibility.

Pray for Mrs. Graves: J. A. Poe, Blumentau, Brazil; H. A. Goble, Guam; D. C. Jones, Seoul, Korea; E. R. Martin, Tanzania; Mrs. J. E. Foster, Tamale, Ghana; ev.: J. M. Young, Jr., Yemen, MD; A. L. Nations, Kyoto, Japan; ed.: R. E. L. Mewshaw, China; ret.: Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Morgan City, La.; Fr. ev.: Bailey Sewell, Okla.; Ind. ev.

SUNDAY November 14

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee Psalm 56:3 (read Psalm 56).

Though listed officially on paper as a "retired" missionary to the Navajos, Mrs. Melvina Roberts is just beginning a new phase of missionary service! "In my 18 years on the Navajo mission field," she says, "I have not seen a Navajo student complete his education in a Southern Baptist college or university. A native Christian leader can be twice as effective as an Anglo missionary. I was led to secure a place near Oklahoma Baptist University where Navajo students can live while they attend OBU. They need someone who understands them to help prod them along to complete their university work." Pray for Mrs. Roberts in her unique missionary ministry.

Pray for Mrs. J. R. Isaacs, Fairbanks, Alaska; ev.: Thomas Phillips, Crowley, La.; CD; R. S. Franks, Mexico, SW; Mrs. J. L. Garrett, Santarem, Brazil; Mrs. E. O. Ray, Point Cumana, Trinidad; Jennie Alderman, Taipei, Taiwan; ev.: Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan; ed.

15 MONDAY Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast Psalm 57:1 (read Psalm 57).

Pray for Dr. Lorne Brown in Kenya who

seeks to bring local churches into full participation in the work of medical evangelism. He has a mobile medical circuit among seven churches. The clinics are held in the church buildings or in simple adjoining dispensaries which church members have built. There are no hired assistants; each church supplies volunteer workers. Dr. Brown remarks, "These folks get nothing out of it except the joy of service for the Lord, and I have never anywhere seen service so freely given."

Pray for Dr. Brown: Ammon Bradford, New Orleans, La.; Negra; ev.: Mrs. Harmon Papham, Roosevelt, Utah; Ind. ev.: J. C. Willard, Austin, Tex.; deaf ev.: Mrs. R. W. Brentlinger, Rapid City, S. D.; ev.: New Mexico WMU annual meeting, Hobbs, 15-16

16 TUESDAY My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him Psalm 62:5 (read Psalm 62).

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, emeritus missionaries to Romania and Paraguay, have participated in over 70 schools of missions since their retirement in 1958. Their son, Albert, is a missionary in Italy. "We keep in touch with both our former fields through correspondence," says Mrs. Craighead. "The first letters since 1948 from Romania arrived in January, 1965. The greatest help we can give now is prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide and sustain Baptists who serve Christ behind the Iron Curtain. We need also to pray for the land of Paraguay, for the gospel impact by our missionaries and national Christians. We praise God for open doors in Latin America." Pray for Romania and Paraguay.

Pray for Mrs. Craighead, Bertha Smith, China-Taiwan; ret.: Helen Nixon, Rosario, Argentina; Mrs. C. H. Golden, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; ev.: Ernelle Brooks, Abeokuta, Nigeria; RN; Arizona WMU annual meeting, Tucson, 16-17

17 WEDNESDAY Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee Psalm 63:3 (read Psalm 63).

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10) is a favorite Bible verse of Miss Mary Headen, retired home missionary. Certainly she must have experienced its truth for herself during her years of faithful service in the Good Will Center at Frankfurt, Illinois. She recalls the many parents who were won to Christ through the Christian influence of the Good Will Center upon their children. Pray for Good Will Center ministry. Pray for Miss Headen.

Pray for L. C. Jenkins, Columbia, S. C., TM; R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Uruguay, P. H. Miller, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. J. D. Ratliff, Trujillo, Peru, Mrs. F. L. Hawkins, Jr., Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. S. J. Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, T. O. Badger, Cavite City, Philippines, Mrs. F. M. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. L. A. Luvegren, Ajloun, Jordan, ev.

18 THURSDAY Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness Psalm 65:11 (read Psalm 65).

Missionary Ned Brown serves as pastor of Gardena-Torrance Japanese Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Some 15,000 Japanese people live in this area. Starting as a mission of the Sawtelle Japanese Baptist Church, it soon acquired property through a loan from the Home Mission Board. The seven-room dwelling on the church property is the place of worship, the educational center, and a residence for the Browns. Several Sunday school classes meet outside. Pray for this growing young church and for three young people who recently dedicated themselves to God's work.

Pray for Mrs. Stephen Corradi, Albuquerque, N. M., Antonio Martinez, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; R. J. Glasco, St. Louis, Mo., Negro ev.; Mrs. Hilario Valdes, Havana, Cuba, J. D. Crane, Guadalajara, E. H. Walworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, D. L. Bailey, Argentina, R. E. Johnson, Jr., Feira de Santana, Brazil, ev.; C. F. Yarnell, Jr., Jesselton, Malaysia, J. L. Wilson, Bangkok, Thailand, ed.; Mrs. E. M. Bostick, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Morgan, C. H. Westbrook, China, Mrs. G. W. Strother, China-Malaysia, Lucy Wright, China-Korea, ret.

19 FRIDAY All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name Psalm 66:4 (read Psalm 66).

Vada M. Waldron, missionary in Mendoza, Argentina, requests prayer for a family who are her friends and neighbors. Recently the father of the family was critically ill, and was miraculously cured. Miss Waldron feels that prayer of Christian friends determined his recovery. Now there is another chance for him and his family to accept Christ! Pray for this family.

Pray for Miss Waldron; Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Malawi, Mrs. B. E. Allen, Indonesia, ev.; S. E. Grinstead, Tenn., Negro ev.

20 SATURDAY For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him Heb. 11:6 (read 2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-15).

In September, 1964, the Rutledge Avenue Baptist Church of Charleston, South Carolina, began training six lay teachers in the Laubach method. Literacy classes are now held on Sunday evening during the Training Union hour. Many times at the preaching hour, sitting by their teachers, are Moslems, a Roman Catholic from Austria, a Mexican family, a Libyan, a Cuban family, a nominal Catholic Venezuelan. Charleston has a large military population because of an air base, missile and huge Navy installations. These bring to the city many foreign born, non-English speaking people. Is there opportunity for such a ministry in your own community? Pray for this Christian literacy ministry in Charleston.

Pray for Lee Auliff, retired home missionary who worked among the Navajos in New Mexico; Mrs. G. P. Ramos, Socorro, N. M.; David Espurroa, George West, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. W. L. Clinton, Brazil, H. E. Poore, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. C. R. Trotter, Indonesia, ev.

SUNDAY November 21 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth Psalm 67:4 (read Psalm 67).

Pray for the Christian ministry of the Marvel Iglesias Clinic on Atitlan Island in Panama. It will serve all the fifty inhabited San Blas Islands. Heretofore, medical needs in the islands have been served by small medicine dispensaries, with little equipment and almost no facilities to deal with emergencies or serious cases. Pray for the nurses who staff this clinic and for the doctors who visit on a regular schedule. Pray that through the ministry of this clinic to suffering bodies many souls may be drawn to Christ.

Pray for Mrs. V. M. Kaneubbe, Farmington, N. M., Ind. ev.; David Mein, Brazil, ed.; H. B. Mitchell, Brazil, Mrs. G. W. Doyle, Manta Ecuador, Mrs. S. B. Sears, Indonesia, Mrs. F. M. Horton, Fukuoka, Japan, D. I. Baker, Haifa, Israel, ev.; Paula Kortkamp, Guadalajara, Mexico, Lawanda Couch, Eku, Nigeria, RN; Marjorie Stephens, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA.

22 MONDAY Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation Psalm 68:19 (read Psalm 68:1-19).

Let us join J. Franklin Baugh, administrator at Tuberculosis Hospital in Tampa, in prayer today. "Pray for Buana Edw. ed., our national chaplain here at the hospital for his evangelistic work among patients, and those

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who receive Christ as Saviour, especially for those whose homes often are not near any missionaries or other Christians, for more missionaries to fill large geographical areas of work, for the newly-opened clinic at Kyela which we visit once each week, for ourselves that our lives mirror the love of God continually."

Pray for Mr. Baugh, Bettye McQueen, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. D. E. Smith, Kanchan, Nigeria, Mrs. V. H. Moorefield, Jr., Pavia, Italy, Mrs. Alcides Lozano, La Chorrera, Panama, Mrs. David Torres, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. E. R. Hill, Las Cruces, N. M., Mrs. A. G. Johnson, Calexico, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.; Utah-Idaho WMU annual meeting, Mountain Home, Idaho, 22.

23 TUESDAY He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment Psalm 72:2 (read Psalm 72).

Since her husband's death in 1961, Mrs. Anna M. Swenson, emeritus missionary to Argentina, resides in El Paso, Texas. She is active in WMU, in Sunday school, and in Training Union. The Swensons began mission work in Bahia Blanca in southern Argentina. For ten years Mr. Swenson worked with Baptist publications in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Today, their missionary daughter, Ann Marie Swenson is at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso. Thank God for these lives dedicated to him.

Pray for Mrs. Swenson; William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD; Mrs. L. L. Gregory, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. H. C. Starnes, Taejeon, Korea, ev.; E. L. Sloan, Hollis, Okla., Sp. sp. ev.

24 WEDNESDAY When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me: Until I went into the sanctuary of God Psalm 73:16-17 (read Psalm 73).

Mrs. Bradley Brown assists her husband who is associational missionary for Baptist churches in Grand Bassa County, Liberia.

Pray for the ministry of the book store the Bradleys are opening, for the 33 Baptist churches in Grand Bassa County, for the three Sunbeam Bands in Liberia, for Mrs. Brown's work as advisor to GAs in the Thankful Baptist Church, for attempts to organize women's missionary groups in the churches.

Pray for Mrs. Brown, Mrs. L. S. Dittmore, Peru, Mrs. A. F. Garner, Argentina, ev.; W. R. O'Brien, Semarang, Indonesia, ed.; R. M. Wright, Pusan, Korea, MD; Francisco Diaz, San Blas, Panama, ev.; L. H. Gunn, Jones City, Okla., deaf ev.

25 THURSDAY Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly Psalm 69:10 (read Psalm 69).

At the dedication of the new building for Hinds Baptist Center in Jackson, Mississippi, someone said, "We say thank God for the erection of such a beautiful building and for those responsible for it—nothing like it in the state—but we also say thank God for Miss Gertrude Hart whose heart of love made this a reality." Pray for Negro children at this Baptist center.

Pray for Humberto Dominguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, G. S. Lozuk, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. J. H. Sullivan, Nigeria, Lois Glass, Chungli, Taiwan, ev.; A. H. Dyan, Jr., Minna, Nigeria, ed.

26 FRIDAY I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old Psalm 77:11 (read Psalm 77).

As we approach the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, let us also pray for our own country. Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, reminds us, "Man lives today in the midst of a society marked by urbanization, automation, population growth and shifts, moral crises, racial tensions, multiplying minorities, and increasingly active non-Christian religions. Because of Southern Baptists' size as a major denomination, our responsibility is a significant one." Pray for the Home Mission Board, for these specific areas of their work: program planning, adjustment of new staff to the programs, and survey and long-range goals.

Pray for Mrs. M. L. Seaborn, Jr., Davos City, Philippines, Mrs. M. N. Alexander, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. D. B. Houle, Seoul, Korea, ev.; Mrs. F. J. Snyder, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.; Mrs. W. H. Carson, Nigeria, J. L. Hart, Argentina-Chile, W. W. Enete, Brazil,

ret.: B. J. Yelvington, Espanola, N. M., Ind.
 ev.: Mrs. J. C. Angiano, Premont, Tex., Sp.
 sp. ev.

27 SATURDAY But let judgment run down
 as waters, and righteousness as a mighty
 stream. Amos 5:24 (read Amos 7:12-15; 5:14-
 15, 18-24).

Mrs. S. L. Watson, emeritus missionary to
 Brazil writes, "A wider use of the Calendar
 of Prayer in Baptist homes is imperative. In
 using it, let us take time to present each mis-
 sionary and the respective field to the Lord,
 asking for clear discernment of opportunities
 of witnessing and of his will for all tasks,
 together with power for noble living and
 serving."

Pray for Mrs. Watson: Mrs. R. T. Plampin,
 Curitiba, Brazil. S. L. Goldfinch, Sr., Costa
 Rica, F. C. Parker, Tokyo, Japan. R. L. Lusk,
 Marao, Mrs. V. A. Greene, Makati, Philip-
 pines, ev.: Bertha Jane Marshall, Kyoto, Ja-
 pan, Miriam Willis, Paraguay, RN: Minor
 Davidson, Malaysia, ed.: Mrs. Nelson Rod-
 riguez, Cuba, ev.: Patricia Ervin, Savannah,
 Ga., MC

SUNDAY My soul longeth, yea,
 even fainteth for the
November 28 courts of the Lord: my
 heart and my flesh crieth out for the living
 God. Psalm 84:2 (read Psalm 84).

"A Living Sacrifice" This theme from
 Romans 12:1 is being used this week in
 churches observing the Week of Prayer for
 Foreign Missions which begins today. Pray
 for your church that we may learn to sacri-
 fice for worldwide missionary effort. Pray
 that your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 and that of your church be worthy and ac-
 ceptable to Christ.

Pray for R. L. Lambright, Kediri, Indo-
 nesia, MD: Martha Morrison, Selangor, Ma-
 laysia, C. W. Fenner, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.:
 Mrs. R. E. Shelton, Conchillas, Uruguay, Mrs.
 H. C. Knight, Argentina, C. D. Riley, Brazil,
 Mrs. H. O. Hurt, Panama, ev.: Lucille H.
 Ladd, New Orleans, La., RM: Gregorio Perez,
 San Benito, Mrs. Eddie Sanchez, San An-
 tonio, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.: Rafael deArmas, Per-
 rine, Fla., Metropolitan missions; Mrs. D. A.
 Dalby, Los Angeles, Calif., Ind. ev.

29 MONDAY Will thou not revive us again:
 that thy people may rejoice in thee? Psalm
 85:6 (read Psalm 85).

Thousands will be gathering today for
 prayer in Baptist churches all over this coun-

try—and the world. The theme for the week
 is "A Living Sacrifice." May God bless you
 and your family as you grow in his grace.
 Pray for faithfulness in prayer by Baptists
 of the world.

Mrs. Lou Ellen Hawkins' life has truly been
 a living sacrifice," for she and her husband
 "gave themselves unto the Lord" through 41
 full years of service in Argentina. Mr. Haw-
 kins passed away in 1964, and Mrs. Hawkins
 who is quite frail, continues to live in Argen-
 tina—one block away from her daughter and
 her family. "I have a small vegetable garden
 a bit bigger than your handkerchief," she
 says, "and I'm taking a fascinating cor-
 respondence course. Since I can seldom go
 out, I ask God to send to me those who should
 touch my life and I shall try to ever be a
 faithful witness for him." Pray for Mrs.
 Hawkins. Pray that your own life might
 truly be an effective witness for Christ to all
 who touch it. Pray for these missionaries
 whose lives touch many people today at home
 and throughout the world.

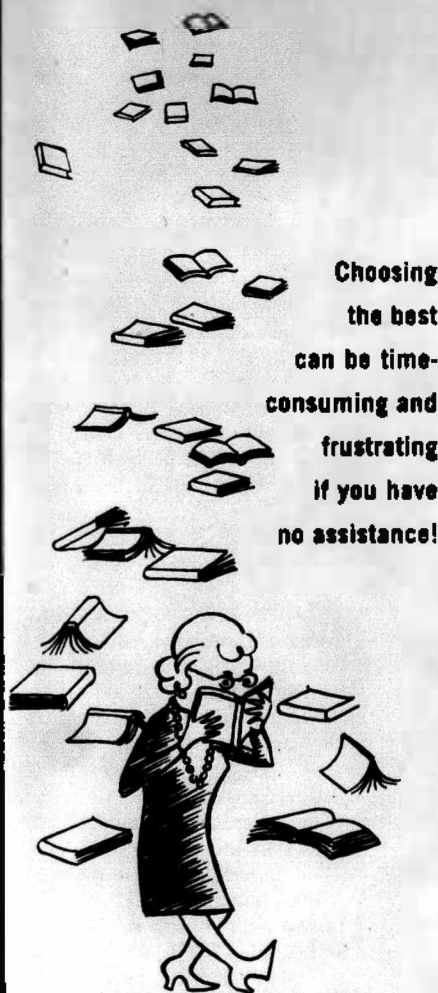
Pray for R. T. Plampin, Curitiba, Brazil,
 Mrs. W. S. Wester, Blantyre, Malawi, H. K.
 Jacks, Indonesia, ev.: Annie Sue Clift, Tokyo,
 Japan, RN: Nannie Owens, Nigeria, ed.: Mrs.
 A. T. Cabrera, Belen, N. M., P. G. Carranza
 Utah, Sp. sp. ev.: J. O. Johnson, Morgan City,
 La., Fr. ev.

30 TUESDAY For thou, Lord, art good, and
 ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto
 all them that call upon thee. Psalm 86:5 (read
 Psalm 86).

My Prayer . . . "My prayer today," says
 Dr. Curt Abell, missionary to Nigeria, "is for
 our most urgent need—personnel. The need
 for nurses trained to teach in the nursing
 school is critical. It is our concern and prayer
 that the Lord continue to call Nigerian med-
 ical personnel as well as missionaries to fill
 places of need. We should pray for leaders
 of the Nigerian Baptist Convention as the
 work of this body increases during this time
 of expansion and transition. This convention
 is gradually taking over work which mis-
 sionaries have been doing, thus enabling mis-
 sionaries to begin new work." Would you
 make Dr. Abell's prayer your prayer, too?

Pray regarding your gift to the Lottie Moon
 Christmas Offering.

Pray for Dr. Abell: E. L. Holladay, Jr.,
 Japan, Mrs. H. M. Roberts, La Ceiba, Hon-
 duras, ev.: Mrs. C. A. Allen, Jr., Guatemala,
 ed.: Andres Garcia, Havana, Cuba, Lucille
 Kerrigan, Miami, Fla., ev.: Wilfred L. Mill
 Valley, Calif., Chinese ev.



SOME JUST AREN'T WORTH IT!

■ It's true. Some books com-
 ing from our presses aren't
 worth your precious time. And
 time is infinitely precious
 these days. There is so much
 to know, and there are literally
 dozens of good books which a
 modern, alert, young-minded
 woman just cannot afford to
 miss!

Are you in a WMS Round
 Table where a group of women
 come together to exchange
 bits of information about
 books and then everyone goes
 home to read a book from the
 WMS Round Table Booklist?
 These books are worth your
 time. They are chosen to help
 you be selective in your read-
 ing. Some books aren't worth
 it, but these are.

Does your society need
 more than one WMS Round
 Table? Ask your mission study
 chairman to get going at once.
 Women everywhere are enjoy-
 ing and profiting from WMS
 Round Table reading!

Are
There
No More
Prophets?

I
IN A DREAM
I ENTERED INTO
THE PRESENCE
OF THE CREATOR SUPREME

"What wilt Thou have me do?"
cried I with burning tears,
As I looked into the face of the
Keeper of the years.

Searching me with a penetrating
look,
He purposefully turned to read
from his book:
"In the building of my ever-grow-
ing churches, you shall have a
share,

Mrs. Matthews is a missionary in Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

Yours is a work of destruction to
perform with care.

"Tear down, destroy, eliminate
"Wrong foundations; false
molds break."

"I, Master, a destroyer of molds en-
casing man?"

"Yes," said he, "By my Spirit, you
can."

Leafing through the pages of time,
he showed men grouped together
in proud hardness of mind.

Some shouted:

"God loves only those who are
white, those of *my* kind."

Others, in a hypnotic spell:

"America, America, the fairest
of lands,

"God shall always bless you,
though you disregard his
plans."

Armed with clear logic, and pro-
grams in hand,
Before all others, marched the
leaders of man.

Their standards unfolding with a
majestic sweep,
United, they read in tones strong
and deep.

"The program commands! Heed
its demands:

"The individual must obey all
the collective rules

"In town halls, business, churches,
and schools."

Untouched by humanity's suffer-
ings yet devoid of all shame,

A few stepped forward, this mes-
sage to proclaim:

"Oh, my holy denomination you
are without wrong,

"As long as everyone smiles and
sings the same song."

There were others in their ranks
dressed in masks as for a ball,
Smooth operators, actors, small of
stature yet appearing tall.
Ever agile of foot, as pirouetting in
a dance,

They chanted this ditty, play-act-
ing in a trance.

"One hand washes the other
hand, and they both wash the
face,

"Tis the Great political game
which is played in every
place."

From still others were heard these
philosophic creeds:

"Are not all things relative—
both motives and deeds?"

"The ends, do not they justify
the means?" cried they.

"We are so very sincere in all
that we say."

My eyes opened and with choking
voice I pled.

"Lord, let me escape from all
they have said."

"Oh, Great Master, too great is
the task.

"To break these molds — oh,
how?" I ask.

As God spoke to Isaiah, his re-
sponse was the same.

His sovereignty was felt, as his
answer came.

"With battering ram as Luther
of old

Attacked crumbling walls; his
spirit ever bold.

By a gentle touch, a physician
with scalpel lay bare,

The diseased organ to be made
whole, by the Master's care.

From some minds weighted
down with the barnacles of
the years,

Chip away superstitions, blind
traditions, crippling fears.

Truths faithfully repeated, their
impressions shall make,

As water dropping on rock, even
granite can break.

As the germinative working in
bread is the leaven,

You shall proclaim the kingdom
of Heaven."

Touched by Almighty God and
feeling undone,

I prostrated myself at the feet of
his Son.

With gratitude and praises, ever
shall I sing,

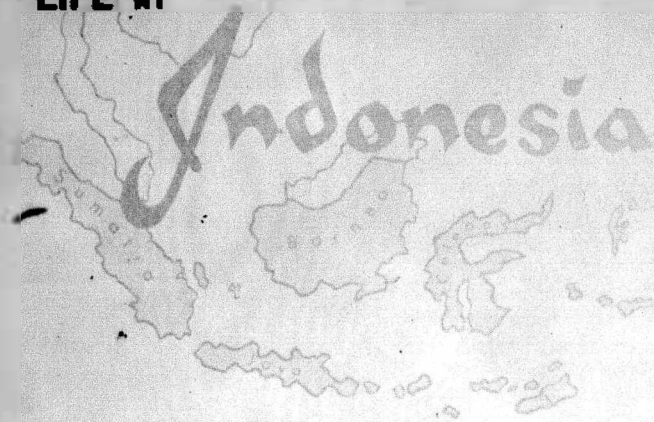
As I give thee my life, Great
Saviour and King.

Power, honor, and glory be to
thy holy name,

Christ Jesus, my Lord, eternal is
thy reign!

by LOIS WARE
MATTHEWS

LIFE in



by Johnni Johnson

Crowded, Complex, Changing.

At least in part these words describe life in Indonesia today.

An island country, the world's largest archipelago, Indonesia lies in the Indian Ocean between mainland Asia and continental Australia. Her three thousand islands comprise a land area three times as big as Texas. Almost a hundred million people inhabit most of her islands, but sixty

In small shops along this street in Djakarta one can buy almost anything!



million of them are crowded onto Java, an island slightly larger than Tennessee.

Indonesia—formerly the Dutch East Indies—declared her independence from the Netherlands in 1945. Four years later she achieved self-government and for two decades now has been changing—politically, economically. What is going on is a national effort to throw off colonialism and to make her own way in the twentieth century.

The complex nature of Indonesian society grows out of her particular situation. Indonesian people—short, slender, brown-skinned—are basically Malays but through many generations bloodlines and cultures from India, China, the Middle East and Europe have had significant influence. In matters of religion, Indonesia is a Muslim country, largely because Arab traders of other generations were zealous to carry their militant faith far from the Middle

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East. On the surface of Indonesian life today, Islam is seen and heard. The country has many mosques. The people know the Koran and recite it as it was written, in Arabic. They also know Ramadan, the sacred month of fasting, called *lebaran* in Indonesia.

"But," says Mrs. Buford Nichols, a missionary of fifteen years in Indonesia. "Few people in the *kampungs* (neighborhoods in the cities) are able to observe *lebaran*."

The reason is not unwillingness to fast from dawn to sunset as Islam insists, but inability to afford the nightly feasting which follows every day of fasting. Like Muslims everywhere, Indonesians study the Koran, use it in their mosques and memorize many of its passages.

The ever-present mosque—in Jogjakarta



"But," says Mrs. Nichols, who often visits in the *kampungs* of her city, "I have never seen a copy of the Koran in an Indonesian home."

Changing, Complex, Crowded.

Indonesia today is a restless country where this Arab religion added to Oriental culture has produced a Muslim faith more tolerant than that found in most predominantly Muslim countries. Whether by toleration or necessity it is hard to say, but



Women, everywhere working in fields, looking after their families

the fact is that family and local relations in Indonesia are quite involved.

Large families in small houses are the rule, particularly on Java where the population density—the greatest anywhere in the world—exceeds a thousand persons per square mile. Yet, even here, the routine of everyday life shows a basic accommodation to the crowded, changing complexities. The many children carry water from the *kali* (the canal, often a chief water supply for the families in *kampungs*). With a younger brother or sister held to the hip by a

Lebaran or Muslim new year brings out for prayer many followers of Mohammed



selendang tied across one shoulder, they are babysitters. They sweep dirt floors. They fan the cooking fires. Along with their elders, they contribute to the richly-variegated fabric of life in which intricate patterns of activity are passed from generation to generation.

For the outsider, these patterns are called to mind by batik, the skirt cloth of Indonesia. Not yet so familiar in the West as the madras of India, batik is made in factories, where still today, most of the work is done by hand. But, even so, seldom does a young woman of Indonesia fail to make at least one piece for her trousseau. For her, the tedious



Feeding her baby brother at Baptist kindergarten in Surabaya

The highly-skilled art of making by hand batik designs on cloth is gradually being replaced by mechanized methods



Living along a canal has many advantages, especially for boys!

handwork of applying dye and wax to cotton cloth is not dudgey; rather, it is an opportunity to make something beautiful. According to her skill and imaginative fan, her batik becomes something as simple as a piece of intricate design, or a simple one. Her batik can be the continuation of a family pattern, however complex, or an expression of change, something new.

Life in Indonesia today is a complex process of adjusting mind and heart to reality. The result is happy days—and sad; hard days—and easy. But life continues, moving on toward . . . a better day; perhaps, as God the Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ is known, a new day in that time determined by him. In the meantime our responsibility is to pray and go, encourage and give.



CIRCLE PROGRAM

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

My Church—Hearing and Obeying

by Clyde Maguire

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (read Scripture passage and give missionary information)

Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)

Business Period

Promotional Features (see Forecaster)

Program Chairman in Charge

Program of Mission Study

Leader: Last month we thought about seeing eyes. This month we consider hearing ears. Philosophers have reminded us that, since we have two ears and only one tongue, we should listen twice as much as we talk. The Bible has a great deal to say about ears—and hearing.

Devotional Moments: Proverbs 20:12 declares, "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them."

*Order *Which Way in Brazil?* Bell, 85¢. Teacher's Guide. From Baptist Book Stores.

Mission Study Book

*Which Way in Brazil?**

by Lester C. Bell

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

But God desires more than hearing ears. He wants obeying hearts. Old Testament prophets were sorrowful as they described their people. Ezekiel said, "For they hear thy words, but they do them not" (33:32). Jeremiah tells of God's command: "Obey my voice, and I will be your God." He adds sadly, "But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear" (7:23, 24). New Testament writers warned that those who hear but do not "shall be likened unto a foolish man" (Matt. 7:26).

Ponder this story of modern times. A Sunday school teacher wanted to give a surprise birthday party to a boy in her class. She talked to the boy's mother, who promised to keep him home on party afternoon. The day came. Class members arrived dressed in their Sunday best. They brought presents. There was ice cream and cake. But there was no boy.

The mother looked for him and called to him, but there was no reply. Finally, regretfully, the guests ate the ice cream and went home. Eventually the boy came in. He had been hiding in the barn. He had heard his mother calling but he wouldn't

answer. He was afraid she wanted him to do chores!

Have we been afraid to answer God's call? Listen to the words of our Master.

First Reader: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

Second Reader: "The field is the world" (Matt. 13:38).

First Reader: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Second Reader: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, . . . that ye should go and bring forth fruit" (John 15:16).

Our ears have heard those words. How well will we obey? Consider the needs in our homeland.

First Reader: Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, secretary of the Home Mission Board, said, "During 1961 the United States population increased by 2.5 million. During the same twelve months, membership of all churches increased by an estimated 1.7 million. At year's end those unreached by any church numbered approximately one million more than at the year's beginning."

What of our world situation?

Second Reader: Dr. Billy Graham said, "For the past 50 years we have been steadily losing ground. By the year 2,000, we are told, the number of Protestant Christians in the world's population will have dropped from 8 per cent to 2 per cent. In the meanwhile, the 3 billions now on earth will have increased to 6.9 billions."

Let us pray that we may hear God's word and obey it. Then he will be able to use us to help stem this frightening downward trend.

Prayer

A Businessman Hears and Obeys

(On map indicate countries.)

H. Bailey Mundy was going overseas—not as a tourist, not in the military service,

not in the diplomatic service, but as a Christian businessman.

Mr. Mundy, a native of Georgia, grew up in a rural community. The church he attended was a small one, small in membership, that is, but large in vision. His eyes were opened to see the needs of the world. His ears were opened to the Lord's urgent commission: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

In January, 1963, Mr. Mundy, a construction engineer, was sent to Luxembourg to help construct a new plant for E. I. du Pont de Nemours Co. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a small country in Northwest Europe, surrounded by France, Germany, and Belgium. Its population is 321,000. Yet tiny Luxembourg is one of the leading iron and steel producers in the world.

There was not a Baptist church in the entire country. Mr. Mundy, his wife, and five children felt that Baptist work should be established. They lost no time in enlisting the support of other Americans. On February 10, 1963, at the first meeting of the English-speaking Baptist mission there were 35 present for Sunday school.

Preachers from near and far were secured to conduct worship services. Finally, in November, 1963, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted to appoint a couple to serve this congregation and to help establish other Baptist work in Luxembourg. Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph M. Wood were appointed. They arrived on the field in September, 1964.

The Mundys have moved now, but the church they helped to establish goes on. Like the church of his boyhood days it is small in membership, but it, too, has a vision of reaching out, enlisting others in Christ's service.

How wonderful it would be if all Baptists who find themselves in other lands would have a deep concern to spread the gospel where they are. Let us pray to the Woods and for the witness in Luxembourg.

Prayer

by Maude Dillard Fryer

Serving

*Serving the Lord is more than lip-service,
More than repeating his name in a prayer,
Serving the Lord means heart-consecration
True to his teaching always, everywhere.
Serving the Lord means telling the story
Of Jesus to those who are out of the fold.
The fields are white already to harvest
And Jesus is saying, "Behold!"*

Mrs. Fryer lives at Baptist Village, Waycross, Georgia.

Deny Thyself

*"If you would my disciple be"
Says Jesus Christ, the Lord.
"Deny thyself and follow me,
Feed on my Holy Word.
Deny thyself, thy will, thy way,
Submissive unto mine,
Until at last thy heart can say,
Not my will, Lord, but Thine."*

Churches Overseas Hear and Obey

Tanzania is an unfamiliar name to us. In 1964 the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged, taking the name Tanzania [Tahn zah E ah]. How different from ours this country seems when we read a news item: "Two Southern Baptist missionaries were injured when their car struck a zebra one night."

But in two respects our country and Tanzania are alike. People have problems and Christ is the answer to those problems.

An amazing miracle of mission work has taken place in the Rungwe District of Tanzania (the area around Tukuyu). Much of it may be attributed to the tenacity of a man named Anosisye [Ah no SIS yeh]. For six successive weeks he walked the 45 miles from Tukuyu to the missionary's home in Mbeya to plead with the missionary to come and preach to his people. Five successive times the missionary explained that he could not come for he had too many other responsibilities. He could not say no again, however, when this man for the sixth time walked across the mountain. Six trips of 90 miles made 540 miles he had walked with his petition.

What a responsive group the missionary found when he went to preach. Ninety-five people were gathered in a corn field. At the close of the service sixteen men and women accepted Christ. Soon a church

was established in this remote place.

The Foreign Mission Board wanted to send help and in 1960 Bill and Nina Lewis moved to Tukuyu. So missionaries are the people of Rungwe District that now there are 80 Baptist churches and congregations in the District. Recently, 200 people were baptized in a single month.

Nationals with very limited training have been pressed into service as pastors. We might smile at the statement that when a pastor indulges in unbecoming conduct he is "demoted" to member status.

But let us salute their zeal. Recently, the annual meeting of the association was held in a place where there was no church. Result? Eight converts and a new church.

May we ask ourselves soberly, "How missionary is our church?"

Mission Fields Send Missionaries

(Stretch ribbons from country to country.)

Jeremiah 22:21 says, "I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but . . . thou obeyedst not my voice."

Some of us are unaware that churches on mission fields bear God's call to go into all the world and obey his voice. Or that individual Christians there hear God's command to witness and obey that command.

Consider Nigeria, the most populous

country of Africa. We sent our first missionaries there in 1850. In 1960, the Nigerian Convention appointed its first foreign missionaries—two couples to serve in Sierra Leone. One of our missionaries in Nigeria wrote a letter about these two couples at the time they were appointed. She said, "Both of these couples are very fine Christians. Their witnessing through their homes has been a shining light which has led many to Christ. As I sat in church thinking of them, I was deeply touched as I saw an elderly woman witnessing."

"This Nigerian woman has never walked. She was born a cripple. A newly appointed Nigerian missionary saw her, a beggar, in the market and witnessed to her. Later the woman accepted Christ and began coming to church. Each Sunday she comes, crawling on her hands and knees. It takes her about two hours to crawl the short distance from her home to the church, then two hours back home. You ask why I do not bring her in my car? She is so crippled it is almost impossible to get her into a car; so she prefers to crawl."

"But this is not to tell her story. I feel that these two couples who have witnessed so well at home will be splendid missionaries in Sierra Leone."

Think of Japan, the island nation off the east coast of Asia. The Japan Convention supports missionaries both in Okinawa and in Brazil. There is a large Japanese population in Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. Togami of Japan came to the US for a year's study at the seminary in New Orleans, then, this year, went to Brazil to serve as Japan's first missionaries there. When Mrs. Togami became a Christian she prayed, "What can I do for you, Lord?" Then, when many Japanese were emigrating to Brazil, she prayed that God would send someone to win them to Christ. His voice came, "Not someone; but you."

Mrs. Togami feels that she will never see Japan again. Money is scarce, and only Mr. Togami will return to the home country for occasional reports to the Japan Bap-

tist Convention. Yet she is radiantly happy in her answer to God's call.

Brazil, largest nation in South America sends missionaries, too. The Brazil Baptist Convention maintains mission work both in Portugal, her mother country, Paraguay and in Bolivia.

Brazilian Baptists have set an example for us in their great evangelistic crusade this year. The crusade was greatly blessed of the Lord. Wonderful results were reported. One campaign slogan was "One Plus One Equals 500,000." This refers to their hope to double their church membership of approximately 250,000. Another goal is the establishment of 300 new churches. Many churches in the USA have given prayer support to the Brazilian campaign this year. Let us pray that Brazilian Baptists may continue their winning work. Pray also for the new converts.

Prayer

Leader: We have heard the stories of missionary-minded churches and groups of churches that are proclaiming the gospel. What is our response? If our response is simply, "That was an interesting program," have we not wasted our time? Unless we hear God's call to become more missionary-minded, was not the program a failure?

First Reader: Paul heard God's commission and obeyed. Listen to Phillips' translation of Colossians 1:28-29:

Second Reader: "So, naturally, we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about him, so that, if possible, we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ. This is what I am working at all the time, with all the strength that God gives me." Does this describe you? Does it describe me?

How can our church increase her mission witness? How can I?

Prayer

Have soloist sing "Open Mine Eyes," verse—or read it, closing with Amen.



The Indonesian Story

SOCIETY PROGRAM

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

MEETING OUTLINE

Song

Call to Prayer

Business

Promotional Features (see Forecaster)

Program

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Sing: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Devotional Thoughts: The Old, Old Story

The Legend of Treasure Islands

A Tale of Nine Cities

Paradise Found or Lost?

Sing: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Sing: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Devotional Thoughts: The Old, Old Story (John 4:13-15, 21-26)

In a faraway country of the East there once lived a woman in a beautiful valley surrounded by high hills. She was very sad because the other women in the village would not speak to her. Instead of going to the well to draw water in the cool of

the evening, she went alone at noon. The hot rays of sun were easier to bear than the hot scorn of the village women.

Sitting beside the well was a stranger. The woman saw that he was a Jew. She knew Jews looked down on her people as a mixed race of inferior breed. She also knew that one of the daily thanksgivings of devout Jews was, "Blessed art thou, O Lord, who hast not made me a woman." And so, she was surprised when he asked her for a drink.

It was not long before the woman found out that this man knew something about her. He knew that she had been married five times and was now living with one man after another, not bothering with ceremony or vows. Everyone knew this, but probably only the man and woman knew one thing. She hated her life and longed to be different. Now this man knew something that the woman did not know. She could live a new kind of life and be a new creature.

He said to her, (read John 4:13-15).

Notice the woman's thinking. Are there women today more interested in the by-products and the fringe benefits of Christianity than in Christianity itself? Are we guilty of materialistic thinking or do we value more highly the things of the spirit? Do we spend more time with the glitter of Christmas than with the meaning of the story of Christ?

The woman of the East did not attempt to justify her bad habits. There was an honest simplicity about her as well as a degree of intellectual perception. She realized that she was talking to no ordinary man. In fact, she perceived that he was a prophet. And so she asked him where she could find God. Would he be in the holy places of Samaria or in Jerusalem?

Jesus said to her, (read John 4:21-26).

What great truths Jesus revealed to a woman. A scholar has called this section "the grandest discourse ever uttered on the universality and spirituality of worship." The woman did not need to go to a so-called holy place made by man. God was seeking her. As the great Indian missionary, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, puts it, "There are many religions, for religion is man's search for God. There is only one gospel: God's search for man." How marvelous to know "the Father seeks," loves, helps, saves, those who with heart and mind will worship him in "spirit and truth."

There is a story of another woman of the East who lives in a beautiful, faraway land. Volcanic mountains stand 30,000 feet high. Streams of water flow in abundance. The woman and her neighbors bathe in them, wash their vegetables and clothes in them, bring their water-buffaloes down for a drink, and draw their own water from the abundant streams. But she too is sad. Of the twelve children she has borne, only seven have lived. She is always careful to put rice and meat on a banana leaf to please the spirits at the time of birth. She gives the babies rice softened by water dipped from the canal, but one by one, an evil spirit takes the life away. Now she

has changed her name to confuse these unknown powers.

Missionary-nurse Everley Hayes of Indonesia writes:

"In their ignorance they are seeking for spiritual cleansing in the muddy streams of idol worship or the polluted canals of political ideology or the stagnant ponds of the religions of self-justification. If a person knows the dangers of using polluted water for cleansing and bathing and does not warn those using it, he stands condemned for his neglect. How much more we stand condemned because we do not point men to 'the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.'"

The Legend of Treasure Islands

In our program today, we invite you to come with us to the treasure islands of the South Seas. Marco Polo wrote of their vast wealth when he visited Sumatra around 1300. "The treasure of this island is so great as to be past telling." The Chinese, Indians, and Malays had already known about them for centuries and had made them part of a great Buddhist empire stretching from India to the Philippines. Magellan came around the world in search of their Spice Islands, the Moluccas. The earliest evidences of man's life on earth have been found on Java, proving that the islands have been occupied for half a million years.

Sumatra, Java, the Spice Islands—you know them today as part of the Republic of Indonesia. We would not have time to mention each of the 3,000 islands which together are almost three times the size of Texas. But a flying sweep on the wings of Garuda, Indonesia's national airline, would remind us of vast wealth sometimes rated second only to our own among the nations of the world and sometimes third after Russia.

The Garuda Airline is named for the mythical bird that carried the Hindu god Vishnu on his journeys. It is the Republic's national bird, resembling our eagle

and used on a state seal that bears a remarkable likeness to our own. It reminds us of the great admiration the young republic had for the United States at the beginning. Their Declaration of Independence was modeled after our own, but great difficulties have been encountered by this government. Differences exist among the islands as to culture, population, language, and religions. We mention these at the beginning of our program, because it will help us to understand about our missionary strategy in Indonesia.

The island of Sumatra is as long as the distance from New York to Florida. The equator cuts it in half, but the most important geographical fact is the volcanic mountain range rising abruptly from the west coast, and sloping more gradually in the east. Its jungle swamps and mountains form one of the last great primitive areas on earth with immense wealth in oil, rubber, and tin. In the northeast there is a plateau from which have come many of Indonesia's outstanding writers, economists, and lawyers. Significantly, nearly a million of these people are Christians, representing one of the success stories of modern missions.

Another interesting fact concerns the dominant influence of women. They manage the economy and insist upon a good education. A young man gave his own explanation: "When you've lived under the rule of women until you're twenty, you work extra hard to get away. Then you work extra hard so you won't have to go back!"

Java gives the appearance of a well-cared for botanical garden. It is one of earth's most crowded areas with 1,000 people per square mile. Sixty million out of the Republic's total population of 99,500,000 live on Java in a land area equal to Louisiana. Headquarters for the government as well as the major efforts of our missionaries are located here.

The island of Bali lies only a few miles east of Java. It is impossible to describe life

here without reference to religion, for great energy is expended on pleasing the spirit world. Their belief is a mixture of Hinduism and animism. The evangelists confront a closed village community in which a convert can hardly continue a normal life. Even so, there are 2,000 Christians on the island.

To the north, Kalimantan (West Borneo) is an area of great swamps where sluggish streams are used for roads. Christians from Sumatra affiliated with the Lutheran World Federation witnessed throughout World War II making two thousand converts including three local chiefs. The northern section of this island, one of the world's largest, is part of Malaysia.

On its northern peninsula, Sulawesi (Celebes) has a population that is 90 per cent Christian and proud of its westernization. There are half a million Protestants. Timor, to the south, is shared with Portugal and has 250,000 evangelicals. West Irian, as the Indonesian part of New Guinea is called, is one of the most primitive parts of the world. Out of a population of 800,000, however, there are 300,000 Christians, a number of whom are Baptists as a harvest of the Australian Baptist mission work.

Other American denominations at work in Indonesia include Methodist, Presbyterian, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Mennonites, the Salvation Army, and the Seventh Day Adventists.

A Tale of Nine Cities

On Christmas Day, 1951, our first missionaries arrived on Java. Since that time, the work has expanded to all the major cities and to the nearby island of Sumatra. There are 85 missionaries and 41 nationals in full-time mission work. Baptist churches on Java reported a remarkable number of professions in the period from July, 1963, to June, 1964. God is blessing his work. In June there were 15 organized churches, 37 chapels and mission points, 2,210 professions of faith, 821 baptisms, 3,169 members

—ratio is about 1 baptism to every 4 members. All churches are served by national pastors, and all are self-supporting.

A look at nine cities will show the careful missionary planning and strategy.

1. Djakarta [ja KAHR ta], capital of the republic, has a population of 3,318,000. Since it is at sea level and at the equator, there is torrid heat and heavy humidity. Nearly half of the country's exports pass through this harbor. It is surprising to see the traffic moving British style down opposite sides of the street from ours, and to watch the thousands of bicycles and pedicabs (*betjaks*). The city has a western look with broad paved avenues and some block-sized parks. There is shanty-town, however, full of squatters who have swelled the city's population four times its size at the close of World War II. "Sunday" school is held five days a week, Sunday through Thursday, so that missionaries may go from place to place telling the story of Jesus. Baptist-sponsored television programs have been broadcast from here since the spring of 1964. The first association in the islands was organized in West Java (Djakarta and Bandung) more than a year ago.

2. Bandung [BAHN doong], called "The Jewel of Java," is 120 miles inland from the capital and 3,000 feet higher. There are wide thoroughfares and beautiful parks with more than a million inhabitants. The first Baptist church was organized here in November, 1952, with twenty charter members, and there are three times as many in Sunday school as there are members of the church. Our publication workers, located in Bandung, have produced a hymnal, Sunday school lessons, Training Union programs, vacation Bible school materials, a quarterly paper: *The Baptist Voice*, booklets, and various tracts and leaflets setting forth the message of salvation.

3. Semarang [sa MAH rahng] is an old town down the coast from the capital. Much of the business is conducted on the hot plains near the sea, but the newer part of town together with the residential section

is situated to the south and furnishes one of the finest examples of colonial town planning in the Far East. Our seminary has been located here since 1961 and enrolled 50 students this year. Evangelistic work has been stressed from the beginning. In the past two years, over a hundred baptisms and eight new congregations have resulted from this effort. Semarang has a population of over half a million.

4. In Surakarta [soor a KAHR ta] two graduates of the seminary are pastors of local churches and sponsor two active missions. The Ray Rogersey and Doris Blatter are the only missionaries as well as the only Americans in this city of 445,000 people. The city auditorium has been used successfully for revival services with more than a thousand attending and as many as thirty making professions of faith in one night. Religious films have been used with excellent results in the surrounding *kampung* (villages). Surakarta is the home of the famous "batik" industry where they stamp cloth by hand, wax those parts not to be dyed, dip in dye, and then re-wax. Each piece may be dipped fifteen times, and it takes ten days to finish some of the designs.

5. Kediri [key DEAR ree], a town of 185,000 in east-central Java, is the site of our hospital. On the island of Java, there is one doctor per 60,000 people. Dr. Kathleen Jones was the first of seven missionary doctors now under appointment. Before a month had passed, she was treating 130 people a day even though she had little understanding of the language. Last year, 32,000 outpatients and 3,000 bed patients were treated at this hospital which has a hundred-bed capacity.

In 1961, a school for training nurses was begun. It is one of only four class A approved government schools in East Java. The Republic insists that standards conform with the requirements of the World Health Organization. Out of the first class of ten, four were Christians when they enrolled, but all had accepted Christ by the time they received their caps. Six of them went

on to graduate in December, 1964. Over 100 professions of faith were reported among parents and their families last year. Three churches, four chapels, and a dozen scattered Christian groups are evidencing the strong impact of an efficient medical ministry in Christ's name.

6. Surabaya [soor a BAH ya], is the biggest naval base and second largest port in East Java. The first year the missionaries located here, there was no publicity given to a vacation Bible school as accommodations were so limited, but 450 came anyway. One lone missionary had a hundred Intermediate boys. The next year, there were 10 national workers so rapidly had the work grown in this city of 1,311,000. Now there are two organized churches and five chapels and mission points.

7. Jogjakarta [jog jah KAR ta], a strong Muslim city of 341,000 people, has Indonesia's only remaining sultan as ruler. Mission work began here in 1962 with a Bible study class. Now there is a lovely student center near Gadjah Mada University with its 20,000 students from every part of Indonesia. The US Information library was attacked and closed here several months before the center opened.

8. The next two cities are on Sumatra. Palembang [pah lem BAHNG], a city of 723,000, is located on the southeastern coast of Sumatra. First colonized in A.D. 683, it became the capital of a great Hindu kingdom. Later the Buddhist influence appeared, and the center of government was moved to Java. In the fourteenth century the Muslims of South India occupied this area. By 1824, it had become a great Dutch East Indies naval stronghold and was a prime target of the Japanese in World War II in their desperate need of oil refineries. The Anti Sluts began work here in 1961.

9. Bukittinggi [boo ke TENG ge], located in west-central Sumatra, was formerly old Fort de Kock, a delightfully cool hill station considered nature's godsend to the heat-weary Europeans. Among its least attractive aspects are the wild elephants

and giant pythons in the virgin jungles surrounding the settled communities. Dr. Frank Owen transferred here in January, 1962, to open our second hospital in Indonesia. The Ross Fryers arrived in June, 1962, for evangelistic work.

Paradise Found or Lost?

Indonesia looked like Paradise Found to our missionaries when they first started work in the republic. Here was a new country with the constitution guaranteeing religious freedom. It was one that publicly stated in November, 1945, that it looked to "the United States of America on which the whole of Asia builds its hopes and from which Indonesia expects her greatest help in the future, to help the country to develop further and to bring the standard of living of the people to a higher level."

Twenty years later, when Garuda Airlines opened a direct route from Djakarta to Canton, Sukarno, the president, welcomed a Chinese delegation on an initial flight by saying, "There is no closer revolutionary relationship in the world than that between Indonesia and the People's China." In April, 1965, at the Tenth anniversary of the Bandung Conference, the Communist Youth Front promised the Viet Cong that they would send volunteers to fight "the American aggressor." Then the Viet Cong and Indonesians exchanged gifts: the visitors presented their hosts with a piece of an American plane reportedly shot down over North Vietnam. In return, the Indonesians gave their guests a piece of an American flag ripped up when a mob stormed an American library last winter.

Is Paradise Lost? Our missionaries have never been under the illusion that they had an unlimited amount of time. From the beginning, they had a sense of urgency in training national leadership and encouraging self-support of all churches. Plans for further organization of associations and a national convention have been proceeding as rapidly as feasible.

Events for the past several years have

served as warnings. In 1961, the government began suppression of organizations that had worldwide affiliations, such as Rotary, Masons, Boy Scouts, but not churches. In January, 1965, the government withdrew from the United Nations.

The American ambassador left the first of May, and there were no plans to replace him. All members of the Peace Corps were out of the country by May 6. (*Bring news up to date.*)

The history of Christianity in these islands, however, encourages our missionaries to feel that even though they may be forced to leave, their work will not have been in vain. For ten years during World War II, foreign missionaries were expelled from the Dutch East Indies. Some were interned in prisons by the Japanese. There was some persecution of Christians by Muslim groups and by the Japanese in addition to considerable loss of property and personnel. Yet the Christian communities remained faithful. A Chinese businessman said, "These Christians have plenty of grit. I am not a Christian, but they have proved that they are more than Bible salesmen."

As American servicemen island-hopped from Australia back to the Philippines through the eastern islands, they expected to encounter cannibal head-hunters but discovered Christian communities with churches and schools. One wrote, "I wish some of our skeptical people back home could see what their filthy love has done for these natives!"

Another hopeful sign is that the Indonesian Communist Party has not dared to openly flout the first of Five Fundamental Principles of the Republic which states "Faith in the All-Embracing God." The prevailing attitude on Java is that "all religions are the same."

Indonesia has abided by its constitutional statement on religious liberty: "The State guarantees the freedom of the people to profess their own religion and to fulfill their religious duties." The number of evangeli-

zals is second in size only to India in Asia and carries more weight since it is much more homogeneous. A Christian physician, Dr. Johannes Leimena, Third Deputy Minister, has served as acting president in Sukarno's absence from the country.

Missionaries who came out to China, however, see in Indonesia today a striking parallel to those turbulent years prior to the Communist take-over on the mainland.

These "troubles in Paradise" point to an uncertain future. How can we best summarize the situation today and the tasks that confront us?

1. We have found nearly 4,000 Indonesian Baptists who have professed Christ as Saviour and have enthusiastically witnessed for him.

2. We lost the respect and admiration of the Republic because of failures on our part: selling planes and ammunition to the enemy during their war for independence; our hesitant foreign policy in Southeast Asia; the widespread publicity of our domestic troubles.

3. We found some of our most capable and efficient missionaries. These have lived before the people in an impressive way.

4. There is another lesson that we must learn concerning our dedication and the commitment of our resources to an engagement of our mission efforts while doors of opportunity are still open.

5. We found people who are animists, nomina! Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus respond to the gospel. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? . . . and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15)

We've a story to tell to the nations. Our prayer is that we will not be too late.

Sing: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Pray for missionaries and for national leaders as they develop more maturity in the Lord's work.

in Birmingham

Dear Pastor-

Someone has referred to the Cooperative Program as the main track on which Southern Baptists move to put the Great Commission into action.

WMU consistently—year by year, month by month—has endeavored to teach members of our organizations that it is by tithing and giving an increasing proportion of our dollars through the Cooperative Program that we are able to operate together so that future generations everywhere may come to know Christ.

Now that the time of year is here when most of our churches are adopting new budgets we want every pastor to know that WMU members are to be depended on to help.

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Much has happened in these forty years of promotion of the Cooperative Program as a way—a means—of supporting Southern Baptist causes. We are grateful for the progress of the forty years. But we also face facts and know that our churches need more support—our states need to advance in mission efforts—and that there are literally millions of unmet needs all over the world.

WMU members should be able to explain the Cooperative Program. Please ask them to do it! WMU members should assist with every plan you have for reaching your church goal. Please ask them to do it! They are ready to respond to your leadership. Please ask them to do it! And all of God's work will be blessed.

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Aftermath of a Baptist World Congress

BAPTISTS OF THE WORLD are more conscious than ever before of spiritual oneness. They also have improved the organization of the Baptist World Alliance to provide greater co-operation while still preserving the autonomy of each Baptist church, and of every member group.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of Alliance, made these observations in the aftermath of the 11th Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach last June. He came to his conclusions after talking with overseas Baptists who visited the BWA offices in Washington following the Congress and after surveying mail and editorial opinions from many countries.

This strengthening of Baptist unity, without establishing any authoritarian ecclesiastical structure, was urgently needed.

Election of a Liberian, Dr. W. R. Tolbert, Jr., as president of the Alliance was one unmistakable indication of the BWA's new international stature. Election of Dr. Joao F. Soren of Brazil to the presidency in 1960 was the first time anyone from outside Europe or North America had filled the office. Dr. Tolbert is the first Negro to serve as president of the Alliance.

Some 20,000 Baptists from 77 countries were much more concerned with oneness than with differences. They discovered that they sing the same hymns, they study the

same Bible, that they worship God, that each has accepted his part in the cooperative task of fulfilling the Great Commission. For six days these Baptists visited together, worshiped and planned together for the advancement of the Lord's kingdom.

When members of the nominating committee approached Dr. Tolbert—who serves both as vice president of Liberia and as pastor of two churches in the capital city of Monrovia—about the possibility of nominating him for the Alliance presidency, he is reported to have hesitated. He told them he did not want the nomination if their choice was based on the fact he is a Negro. He would accept the nomination only if the choice was based on his ability and his service to the Lord. He later told the press that he would not use his political position for religious purposes, though he will likely find his experience gained in government helpful in opening doors for gospel witness in parts of the world where religious freedom is restricted.

The Congress demonstrated its worldwide nature also by picking a city in the Orient for its 1970 meeting. Hong Kong was selected as first choice, with Tokyo named as an alternate in case arrangements cannot be made in Hong Kong. The Congress, since organization in London in 1905, has met five times in Europe, four times in North America, and once in South America.

Constitution and by-laws of the Alliance were amended to provide for each of the Alliance's 85 member unions, conventions or conferences to be represented on the Executive Committee. The action increased the committee's membership from about 70 to a potential 145 and gave smaller Baptist groups around the world a voice in the Alliance's international "fellowship, service, and co-operation."

Another major "plus" gained at the Congress in Miami was attributable to the largeness of the crowd and the fact that thousands of people were able to experience personally the fellowship of the Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ.