

*...A LIVING SACRIFICE,
consecrated to Him and
acceptable by Him*
ROMANS 12:1.

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THE LOTTIE MOON Christmas Offering is far more than money. It cannot be explained aside from study and prayer. Foreign missions is an enterprise that welcomes the closest scrutiny. The more people know about it, the more they believe in it. The more people have accurate detail about the work of missionaries, the utilization of mission funds, the fruitage of missionary labor, and the tragic needs which are unmet, the more they become thoroughly convinced that obedience to the Great Commission is an expression of the highest wisdom of Christian discipleship.

"The Week of Prayer preceding the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brings spiritual power to a worldwide task. Missionaries are aware that multiplied financial resources alone would not achieve a breakthrough on mission fields. This must come through greater spiritual power. The Week of Prayer undergirds God's servants and their labors"—Dr. Baker James Cauthen. (*Read Dr. Cauthen's article in this magazine.*)



IN a stirring farewell service, the people of Joinkrama, Nigeria, honored their pioneer missionary, Miss Josephine Scaggs, as she moved her headquarters across the river to Ahoada to expand Baptist work. They noted the growth of churches and schools during her seventeen years' service in the area once known as the "back side o' nowhere." Many pastors from the bush country had been trained in her Bible school. The small dispensary she started with "a supply of cough syrup, cod-liver oil, and quinine" had grown into the Baptist hospital.

A spokesman for the association presented a gift to the missionary saying, "We are confident that the Lord will go before you to prepare the land, while you will follow wherever he

leads. We have no silver and gold to give, but with all our souls we wish you the best. May God bless you."

The association gave Miss Scaggs an elephant tusk.

"How unusual!" one exclaims. On the contrary such giving is the normal response of grateful, loving hearts. True, the gift itself is unique, from our viewpoint, but it was most acceptable. It was a costly gift, cherished by the missionary as a concrete expression of love. Indeed, this is the secret of all acceptable giving . . . it must be an expression of devotion that has already been given.

How much more needful it is that gifts offered to God be expressive of life wholly given. "I seek not yours, but you," says 2 Corinthians 12:14. In this passage Paul reveals the desire of



by Helen Fling

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the Heavenly Father regarding our stewardship today. Paul did not seek to enrich himself at the expense of the Corinthians, but rather to develop their devotion. His motive was not their material support but their spiritual welfare. He discounted their indebtedness to him in order that they might recognize their debt to God, in self-giving first.

The tithe is more important than the tithe, the giver more significant than the gift, the offering of self greater than the offering of substance. But one follows the other in natural consequence if the order is correct. In his book *My Money and God*,* Robert Hastings speaks of the "right sequence of giving" and points to 2 Corinthians 8:5 as one of the mountain peak stewardship verses of the Bible: "They . . . first gave their own selves to the Lord." Paul commended the Macedonian churches not so much for giving out of their poverty as for giving self before substance. If ever one was qualified to write on the correct sequence of giving, it was Paul. Beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, he gave himself "in journeyings . . . in perils . . . in weariness and painfulness . . . in hunger and thirst . . . in cold and nakedness."

However, the supreme example of stewardship was One who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. He gave himself when he gave his life a ransom for many. Jesus leveled his harshest criticism at the Pharisees who were skilled in giving everything but

themselves. The twenty-third chapter of Matthew contains "woes" pronounced against miserable frauds who gave trifles and withheld themselves.

On the other hand, a nobody, in the eyes of the Pharisees, was recognized by Jesus as a VIP (Very Important Person), who cast two mites in the treasury and gave all that she had. The Dow Jones stock averages and all Wall Street's transactions cannot parallel the influential financial transaction of the widow's mite. Sacrificial gifts like hers are the real capital funds of the kingdom of God.

Marjorie Stephens, missionary in Africa, tells of winding her way to the outskirts of a Nigerian city, along dirt pathways, across stagnant streams, to a poor section where a group of Hausa transients live. Illiterate women crowd into a hot little room on Monday afternoons for a WMU program. "Any similarity to the WMU meetings you attend would be purely coincidental," says the missionary. Only one girl, fifteen, can read, so she reads the program in its entirety. The women especially like to have the missionary call their names from a roll book and receive their offerings of three pence (three pennies) each. Miss Stephens adds, "As I look at the women, I know that they need this money themselves, but they need the joy of giving more."

Giving is both a measure and a means of spiritual growth. An earthly father may buy his child a sack of candy and then, for the child's own good, request the first piece. So a simple illustration can scarcely be compared with our need to give

and offerings. "The covetous heart and the cross-bearing life are forever incompatible! The withholding of substance due the Lord or even the contribution of the minimum tenth required by Jewish law is not consistent with the ideal of sacrificial service which Christ held before his disciples," declared Annie Wright Ussery in *Christian Sharing of Possessions*.*

"The tithe is the floor not the ceiling in our partnership with God," wrote Mable and Albert McClellan in the July circle program. Certainly the tithe is holy and the Bible speaks with clarity concerning "storehouse tithing" and "firstfruits." There must be a careful distinction between loving expressions to friends or family and the sacred tithe that belongs in God's storehouse.

Mrs. W. James Moorhead, missionary to the Philippines, treasures a dress of beautiful Filipino material presented her by the members of Mlang WMU when she taught a mission study class. She says their explanation of how they were able to buy the material caused her to reevaluate her own stewardship. Believing that the tithe belongs to the Lord, these new Christians do not use it for special projects. Instead, each member removes one spoonful of rice from the pot before each cooking and saves it until the end of the month. Then the women collect the rice and sell it, using the money for special projects.

Tithes and offerings dedicated to kingdom purposes not only express love but also express belief in God. To

tithe from a meager income and give offerings in difficult times is a clear revelation of faith that is pleasing to the Lord. It is saying in effect, "I trust God and take him at his word." A sincere acknowledgment of God's ownership and Christ's lordship dissolves difficulties related to giving. First Chronicles 29:14 says, "For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." The Dutch paraphrase is even more meaningful: "All that we have comes from God and we give it out of his hand."

Sacred money, withheld either by individual or church, constitutes the greatest hindrance to spiritual power. In the life of a church, as in the life of a person, the tempter plants covetousness and spawns a whole set of sins. All deception begins in self deception. The church that persuades itself to provide lavishly for its own program and building needs, throwing a few coins now and then to a beggared world, invites spiritual paralysis. In today's guilt-edged church life, members must listen anew to the Sermon on the Mount regarding rusty treasures.

In *The Heart With the Treasure*,* George MacDonald wrote, "The heart which haunts the treasure-house where moth and rust corrupt, will be exposed to the same ravages. . . . Many a woman, fair and flourishing to see, is going about with a rusty, moth-eaten heart within that form of strength and beauty."

In violation of Jesus' teachings, [Continued on page 25.]

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COVER STORY

The cover, as you know, is the poster for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 28-December 5. Will you place this magazine in your living room on the coffee or tea table to remind your family during the Christmas season of the meaning of the sacrifice made by the Father and the Son?

Will you turn to page 41 and see the suggestions for individual or family participation in the Week of Prayer? Will you "sacrifice" and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at least \$45.25 which is the amount required last year to maintain the work of the Foreign Mission Board for one minute?

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from Birmingham

Dear Pastor-

This is a different type letter from previous ones addressed to you by the WMU Staff. Early in 1965 we received a letter from Leland C. May, pastor of First Baptist Church, Seneca, Missouri. We share with you our letter from him:

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they opened their treasures, they presented unto one another gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

"Anyone familiar with the Christmas story immediately will discern the misquotation of this Scripture verse about gifts of the wise men. Yet, this verse is stated correctly for twentieth century Christians, for it describes our selfish attitude toward Christmas today.

"When Jesus was born, he was the center of attention. The star shone brightly above him. Angels sang glorious praises to herald his birth. Shepherds paid homage to him, and wise men sought him to worship and to present to him rich gifts.

"Let each of us be determined to restore to the center of the Christmas season, Christ, God's only begotten Son, by giving to him a worthy gift through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Give at least as much to this offering as you spend for all gifts you swap with your family and others. Remember it is Christ's birthday that we commemorate, not your family's or yours.

"Your gift to this offering will help heal leprosy in Nigeria. It will build a hospital in the Moslem world of darkness. It will construct a church or a missionary's home in Asia. It will provide dormitory space and education for young men and women of Mexico. Your gift will travel to every continent, bring help to millions of needy lost people of the world."

Thank you, "dear Pastor May" for writing so well our December letter to all other pastors.

Sincerely,
WMU Staff



by William O. Hern
Missionary in Jerusalem, Jordan

"JERUSALEM THE HOLY!" "Jerusalem the Golden!" The city to which "the tribes go up!" The city made sacred by the life and ministry of Christ our Lord presents a unique challenge to the missionary in today's tempestuous world. Most Christians remember Jerusalem for its relationship to the life and ministry of Jesus. However, many Christians do not realize that Jerusalem is also remembered as a sacred place by the followers of two other major religions of the world, Judaism and Islam.

The city has been rightly called "the religious capital of the world." It has maintained its significance throughout history as a religious center. The entire social structure is built on religion. The economy is almost completely dependent upon religious pilgrims. And it is because of her importance to the holy places of Judaism and Islam that she remains a center of conflict and strife today. Most significantly her relationship to religions makes the missionary task here most difficult.

Every person who is born in the old city of Jerusalem is born into either the Moslem

or one of the nominal Christian communities. He grows to adulthood under the shadow of numerous mosques, churches, and religious shrines. The nominal Christian is usually taught that Jesus Christ was born in his country and that he needs no Western foreigner to instruct him about teachings of Jesus. The Moslem is taught according to the Koran that Christ was not the Son of God and that he did not die on the cross. He is taught from earliest childhood that those who proclaim the deity, death, and resurrection of the prophet Issa (Jesus) are perverting the message of the New Testament.

Since the annexation of the city by Jordan in 1948 the jurisprudence has been Islamic. Friday is observed as the official weekly holiday and the Koran is taught in the public schools. The law provides a way for a Christian to become a Moslem but no legal way for a Moslem to become a Christian. During recent days internal security laws have been interpreted to forbid even proselyting within the boundaries of the nominal Christian communities.

Religious laws within the Israeli sector of Jerusalem are also stringent.

The conflict by Arab and Jew over the city is deeply religious. The present-day struggle has been called "resurgent nationalism," but it is also a struggle between two religious groups.

Jerusalem and the surrounding area has been sacred to the Jew since the days of King David and the building of the Temple by King Solomon. They were expelled from Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70 and were not permitted to reenter the city. After Emperor Constantine of Rome embraced Christianity, Jerusalem became a Christian city filled with shrines and churches. In A.D. 614 the Jews attempted to regain their sacred places by joining the Persians in an attack on the Roman city. Inhabitants were massacred and shrines and churches destroyed. However, Jerusalem was almost immediately restored to the Christians.

In A.D. 636, Caliph Omar son of Khattab, arrived at the top of the Mount of Olives at the crest of the Islamic Conquest. Jerusalem surrendered to Caliph Omar and it became an Islamic city, but Christians were permitted to keep their churches and other holy places. Christian pilgrimages were also permitted. Caliph Omar took immediate

possession of the "al-Aqsa," "the faraway sanctuary" the enclosure where King Solomon's Temple had stood. The area is considered to be the third holiest place in the Islamic religion. From that time until 1917 the Jews were permitted to live in Jerusalem under Islamic rule. They were given a separate quarter and were permitted to build synagogues. They were also permitted to pray at their sacred wailing wall. However, the followers of Islam retained firm control of all places sacred to both Moslem and Jew.

It is said that the prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven from the altar stone that was used in King Solomon's Temple. It is also said that Jerusalem is the area where the prophet Issa (Jesus) will one day return to judge the living and the dead. A visit to Jerusalem and prayers in the famous mosques located in the area where King Solomon's Temple once stood is compulsory for all Moslem pilgrims until this day.

The persecution of Christians in Jerusalem eventually led to the organization of the Crusades. The Crusaders captured Jerusalem in 1099 and Moslems and Jews who were residing in the city were brutally massacred by the Crusaders. The city was recaptured by Saladin in 1187 and remained

Lottie Meen Christmas Offering Allocations for Jordan

Pastors and Other Church Workers	\$12,000	Scholarships	4,800
Radio and Advertising	4,500	Book Stores	8,000
Property Operating Requirements	3,000	Literature and Tracts	1,500
Evangelization	900	Ajloun Hospital	48,600
New Work	2,000	Contingent Fund	1,000
Conferences, Conventions, and Retreats	1,200	Entertainment	250
Sunday School and Training Union Work	600	Mission Committee Expense	200
Audio Visual Aids	1,200	Mission Meeting Expenses	500
Debbin Elementary School	2,500	Mission Treasurer's Expenses	2,000
Taybeh Elementary School	2,850	Sundry Expenses	2,840
Boys School, Ajloun	10,000	Legal Fees and Taxes	1,500
Girls Secondary School, Ajloun	10,000		
Ajloun Elementary School	8,000	Total for Jordan	\$120,540

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under Islamic rule from that date until it was captured by the British in 1917.

When the British captured the city in 1917 the "status quo" in regard to religion was left unchanged. The three religious communities were given equal recognition, with Friday, Saturday, and Sunday being kept as holy days by the members of their respective communities. However, the struggle for the possession of the sacred city was not ended.

At the close of the British Mandate in 1948 the Jews made a bold attempt to regain the city that had been sacred in the worship of their ancient fathers. With the help of the British who were seeking to implement the Balfour Declaration the Jewish people were able to place an army in Palestine and launch an attack on the city. Although they were unsuccessful in their efforts to capture the city the Jewish armies succeeded in seizing a portion of Palestine and reaching the outer West wall of the old city. For the first time the Moslem and Christian communities united to defend the city against Jewish invaders. A Truce Agreement was established by the United Nations which has continued until the present date. It has been rightly called a "Violent Truce," for border flare ups have been many during the past seventeen years.

The Moslem and Christian communities have remained united in their determination to protect the city from the Jewish armies. They have not forgotten that the conception of the state of Israel was made possible only with the help of the Western nations. Therefore, even missionaries who come from the Western countries are often looked upon with resentment and suspicion.

The first attempt to establish a Baptist witness in Jerusalem was during the days of the British Mandate. Property was purchased West of the old city wall in the area that is now called "New Jerusalem." A small church building was constructed and the witness was continued intermittently until the hostilities erupted in 1948. After the Truce Agreement was established the



In Jerusalem (Jordan) Baptist Book Store, Missionary William O. Horn, left, in conversation with Manager Fuad Shorrosh

Arab sector was left without a Baptist witness. Baptist visitors to the area sensed the spiritual need of the city that was so important in the life and ministry of our Lord. An appeal was made to the Foreign Mission Board and as a result our present work in Jordan was started in 1961.

Before 1948 there were more than seventy different mission groups working in the area. Many interpretations of Christianity and the disagreements that naturally developed had tended to confuse the missionary task. It was therefore decided that a different approach was necessary.

After seeking the Lord's guidance it was

decided to project our efforts through a Baptist Book Store and Reading Room. The store would serve both as a point of contact and a place of witness. It would also provide a place for the employment of the national evangelist until enough people were won to Christ to organize a church with a full-time pastor. We also planned to begin worship services in quarters located as near the Baptist Book Store as possible. The Lord's leadership and guidance in the matter was soon obvious.

Securing a location for the book store was not difficult, but finding a place large enough for worship services presented problems. While we were praying and searching we learned that the large banana kilt in the basement of the building in which the book store was located was being vacated. We praised the Lord when we learned that the owners were willing to rent us this place to be used as a place of worship. Pews and pulpit furniture were purchased with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds. Regular worship services were started in Arabic and special English-language services were begun for tourists. In spite of several setbacks and tremendous spiritual opposition we saw the Lord save those whom he had elected to salvation through this ministry.

The first person to be converted was a shoemaker. He was taking his children for a walk one Sunday afternoon, and his children were playing hide-and-seek in the storehouses along the sidewalk. One of the children hid in the stairway leading down to our basement chapel. Hearing the singing they looked in the door, then he called his father to see the strange place. After asking permission to enter, the father joined the small group gathered for worship. He was impressed by the message and started coming regularly to our services. He was converted during a prayer service and shortly thereafter was baptized.

Another convert was an elder in the Orthodox Church. He came to our services of another denomination but he had remained unimpressed. He was later con-

verted during a revival meeting and was baptized. His statement following his conversion was significant. He said that Baptists were the first evangelical group that he had found who considered their message important enough to provide a proper place in which to present it!

The Lord also worked in a miraculous way to provide land for a church building site. Our mission has searched for land in Jerusalem since 1956 without results. After starting our work in 1961 the search for land was intensified. We sought assistance from Land Commissioners without success, and finally decided to pick out a place that would be suitable and then ask the Land Commissioner to inquire if the property might be obtained. After carefully examining every possibility and asking for the Lord's special guidance we finally selected a certain location. The next day the Land Commissioner was contacted and told that there was a certain place we wanted him to investigate without telling him the exact location. He was quite willing to help but asked first to be taken to another location that had just been placed on the market. He directed us to the very property that we had been led through prayer to select. Although many obstacles developed the Lord brought about the transaction for the property.

In August of 1964 a small Baptist church was organized with eighteen charter members. Rev. Anis Shorrosh, a Jordanian, and a graduate of New Orleans Seminary was called as pastor. The church has continued to grow under his leadership.

Jerusalem has continued as a religious center for the past 2,000 years. And yet she has remained spiritually desolate because her inhabitants have refused to accept the living Saviour. We are thankful that the incarnate Jesus who yearned for the salvation of the city nearly 2,000 years ago does not change. He still desires to gather those who have rejected his message. How thankful we are for the small group who have learned to say "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."



WE GET LETTERS

Answered by Marie Mathis

Our Pastor Led the Way

We are enjoying the "Dear Pastor" letters which appear monthly in *Royal Service*.

Our local WMU can paraphrase the title in the February, 1965, letter and say "Our Pastor Led the Way." As we began planning for the 1964 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, our pastor, the Reverend W. Fred Kendall, II, suggested that he would like to see our entire church accept the mission challenge and participate more fully in the missionary activities, beginning with the Lottie Moon offering.

He called a meeting of the church council and asked that the Sunday school and Training Union take an active part along with the WMU in securing the co-operation of everyone in our church. The council set a goal of \$1,200. The pastor wrote a letter and sent it, with an offering envelope, to all members of our church. Then, to initiate the Week of Prayer he preached two outstanding missionary sermons.

Our Sunday school superintendent and Training Union director made plans and had someone

present Foreign Missions to each Sunday school department and each Union of the Training Union.

The Week of Prayer was observed and every one who could attend was invited to be present. On Wednesday night at the prayer meeting hour, our pastor and some of the men from the Brotherhood co-operated with our night circles in using the material from *Royal Service*.

The climax of the week came in the turning on of the lights on a large map of the world. These lights showed places where mission work would be benefited through the Lottie Moon offering. Each light represented \$120. We went over our goal!

Our pastor has said he will also lead for home and state missions, so we are saying "Thank you, Lord, for a pastor who led the way" and for people who followed. We are praying that we may continue to set high goals and accept the challenge to accomplish great things in every facet of our Lord's work through our church.

WILLIE MARGARET JOHNSON, Tenn.

(See suggestions on page 41 to encourage a

church and church families to participate in the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.)

In Her Files

Not long ago I was rummaging through files. A quotation I had recorded in my reading notes during school years caught my eye, and I can't forget it. Now the quotation has new depth of meaning. As together, though oceans apart, we enter a new year will you, too, reflect upon this which impressed me during student years and again recently:

"Henry Martyn lay burning with fever in India, when he received a letter asking how the missionary interest of the church at home could be increased. The dying man replied, 'Tell them to live more with Christ, to catch more of his spirit, for the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to him, the more intensely missionary we must become!'"

MRS. J. EARL POSEY, JR., Missionary, Philippines.

Christmas Greetings from New York

Once again thoughts are almost universally turned to the coming of the Son of God, born a babe in Bethlehem. We join with those of you who know him as Savior and Lord in raising glad voices and songs.

"Thine be unto God for his unbreakable gift!"

Our work in Western New York and North-western Pennsylvania continues to be slow and difficult. But God is ever gracious and we thank him for a place of service where the needs are so great.

We thank God for the fine pastoral leadership he has now supplied in our congregations.

We thank God for dedicated Christian people in this area who are willing to sacrifice and struggle with patience to establish, strengthen, and maintain New Testament congregations.

We thank God for Southern Baptists for faithful stewardship through their churches and their worldwide mission concern.

Above all, we thank each of you for your prayer in our behalf.

THE CHARLES E. MAGRUDERS,
Pioneer Missions,
New York

Ekime Children Enjoy Vacation Bible School

We started our second week of Bible school today and we have enrolled 68. Last week our lowest attendance was 76.

The smelt (little fish) arrived the first day of Bible school. They are here not more than a

couple of days. However, the Bible school workers were faithful enough that they came to Bible school. One of them told me that they went to get smelt after Bible school. And just in a short time they had more than the people who had been there all day! She said that she remembered Matthew 6:33. And they told the others that God had helped them because they had given some of their time to him. The other people laughed at them and called them "preachers." I just hope they will not forget the experience and will help them to put the Lord first all their days. With the exception of one day the weather has been cool enough to make Bible school pleasant for the boys and girls. Yesterday we had a strong wind and it played havoc with the two tents we are using in Bible school. So we had to restake them today. It is raining tonight. I just hope that it rains enough so we can fill all containers with rainwater—would save a lot of time.

VALERIA SHERARD,
Alaska

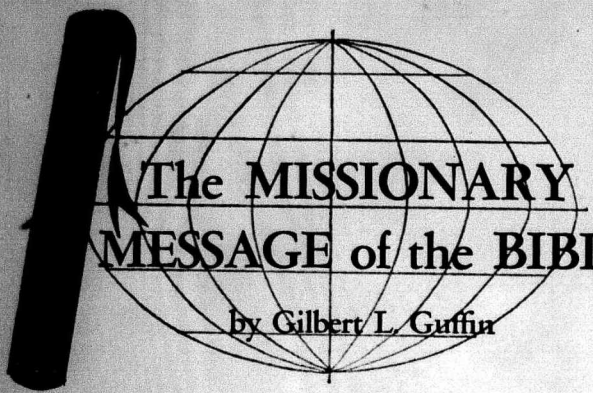
Changing Attitudes Makes the Work Worthwhile

"It all falls into a pattern after a while for the leadership, of putting just a few of the good ideas

that come out in *Royal Service* to work locally. Sometimes it is a job, and trying to get things to run in a smooth and constructive manner is no little feat. When you can see women changing before your very eyes in their outlook, attitudes, personalities, etc., you know it is really a worthwhile task. I can remember when I first started going to church in Mountain Home, there were three elderly women and about three my age who were the mainstays of the WMU. A handful of others came when they got around to it. These older women who had been in the work for years were really concerned. Well, a lot of praying was done by them! I was so anxious to be a part of WMU because it always sounded so interesting, and sure enough, I did find it to be more than interesting. It had everything that I wanted and more. It fulfilled my needs to grow and mature and rekindled a flame that had flickered mighty low. I literally loved every moment of everything we did, (and still do, and always will). I feel sure that this enthusiasm made at least one or two women take notice, and then those were used in getting others interested. So now we have grown to about six circles and are doing a wonderful work with the auxiliaries. They voted to visit, pray, and work in backing up the Spring Revival, so naturally there will be one if they really do this."

EDNA
LONGENECKER,
Arkansas

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The MISSIONARY MESSAGE of the BIBLE

by Gilbert L. Guffin

"The Kingdom Is Coming, O Tell Ye the Story"

Read 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles

This lesson brings us to a glimpse of the golden age of Israel as a nation. During the period covered in 1 and 2 Samuel the kingdom came into being and David, Israel's most illustrious king, was anointed and exercised his never-to-be forgotten influence.

The two books on which the present study is based record the lives not only of David but also of Saul and Samuel. The story in these books begins with the record of a birth, somewhat as does the New Testament, a birth that was to affect the history of the nation. This was the birth of Samuel.

Hannah, like Mary the mother of Jesus, was a devout woman, a woman of prayer and faith (1 Sam. 1:10-18). Elkanah, her husband, was evidently also a man of faith. Unlike many a husband of this day, he so feared the Lord that he would go to worship even when his wife could not go (1 Sam. 1:21-23). The careful reading of the

three books under study will suggest what great effect on the history of the nation the godly home of Hannah and Elkanah, and especially the prayer and faith of this devout mother, was to exercise.

Samuel, the son who was born in answer to Hannah's prayer and who after her careful instruction of him in early childhood, was "lent" to the Lord for his whole life, proved to be one of Israel's greatest leaders. Among the Jews he was regarded as second only to Moses.

It was Samuel's lot to be called into his work at a time when Israel's fortunes, both politically and spiritually, seemed almost hopeless. The period covered by Judges was a age which alternated between chaos and conquest and that age closed, as Judges reveals, on an exceedingly low moral and spiritual level. As had been true of Ruth and Boaz in their day (during the time of Judges), Hannah and Elkanah had been above the spiritual plane of the time. In both instances evidence is abundantly given

that, even in the worst of times, it is possible for people, who will to do so, to live the best of lives. And what blessing may come to the world from those who do! Indeed, the hope of a change in the moral and spiritual climate of any age of religious and ethical decline lies in this: that somebody, somewhere resolves to be what he ought to be.

From such a resolution and from the home in which such a resolution is made, may come influences which, under God, will change history. This is exactly what happened when Hannah put her whole life, and especially the son she loved better than her own life, into God's hands. If others do not quite understand what this cost Hannah and meant to her, surely mothers whose sons and daughters have been called to the mission fields of the world will understand.

In truth, it would not seem possible to over-emphasize the value of a godly home to a nation and to the world. Most crime is committed by people who come from godless homes. The baneful effect of a godless home reaches down, indeed, to the third and fourth generations. The iniquitous dividends of such a home are compounded again and again, to the curse of countless souls.

The home of Hannah and the strength of the son given to that home stand out in stark contrast, it will be noted, even to the home of Eli the priest. Though Eli was supposed to be a spiritual leader, he evidently grossly failed in rearing his own sons (1 Sam. 2:22). One wonders had Eli only had a wife like Hannah, what the story might have been. But the Bible seems to lay the blame for the wickedness of Eli's sons on Eli. He evidently was too tolerant

and too negligent. Whatever the reason for his failure, the cost of it was to come "high" (1 Sam. 3:12-14 and 4:1-22). It is always possible even for believers and for active church people to fail to see that their first responsibility is to their home and their children. Though we are not to neglect church and religious duty (for to do so is to go in the wrong direction), one can get so involved even in religious affairs that he or she has little or no time to bring up the child, given to the home, "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Though Samuel was strong enough evidently never to succumb personally to the evil influences of Eli's sons (*recall that he grew up in Eli's house*), he himself seemed to fail to some extent with his own sons. What grief it must have caused him later when the elders of Israel as they pleaded for a king, charged, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways." These sons had become interested only in "lucre" and perverted justice and took bribes (1 Sam. 8:3).

It is quite possible, after all, that the first step of importance in our Christian mission to the world is what we do at home. The most convincing thing to the unbelieving world is not what we say in our churches or pulpits, but the kind of people we produce in our Christian homes.

The request of the elders that Israel be given a king marked a new step in that nation's history, a step that was to have vast significance for God's great redemptive plan for the world.

Samuel had long and ably filled the offices of priest, judge, and prophet. "Now," pleaded the elders, "appoint for us a king to govern us . . ." (1 Sam. 8:5, RSV). The motivation of these elders was evidently deeper, however, than their feeling that Samuel was getting old and their fear that his sons would not be trustworthy, for they added "like all the nations." Their deepest reason evidently was that they wanted a king because all the nations around them had kings. The influence of the world on God's people or on the church is often

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Until now Israel had been content, at least in better moments, to recognize that God alone was ruler. From the theocratic

(the rule of God) they now wanted to descend, it appeared to Samuel, to a monarchy and this deeply displeased Samuel. But Samuel took the matter to the Lord

and was directed to "hearken to the voice of the people, for," said the Lord, "they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them." Though Samuel warned the people as to what would be demanded of them, the real motive that prompted them to want a king, this did not change their desire. The text unfolds the interesting and entrancing story of how Saul was then crowned as the first king of the nation.

Was it right for Israel to have a king? This question brings us to one of the remarkable and highly revealing disclosures as to how God works out his plans among men. Obviously, it was not God's desire that Israel should "reject" him as ruler over them, but he permitted them to have a king anyway. Evidently, he did so in order that Israel might in time come more clearly to see the meaning of his rightful kingship and also the nature of his kingdom. He thus turned their evil purpose into good and, through the institution of the kingdom and the anointing of a king in Israel, pointed toward Him who is "King of kings" and to whom alone belongs the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen and amen!

What took place in Israel's desire for a king has its parallels, it may be noted, in the events associated with the cross. God did not desire that men perpetrate the wickedness of crucifying Christ, but it was in his plan to use the death of Christ to save the world. He did not desire that Judas betray Jesus (and Judas must bear his guilt forever) but in God's plan Christ was a "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Because Christ is the King of kings to whom all authority is given in heaven and earth and because the kingdoms of this world are destined to become the kingdom of our Lord, missions is given its authority and meaning. Under Christ's sovereign authority the Great Commission is given. Under his sovereignty every "knee" is at last destined to bow and every tongue to confess him as Lord.

Israel was to learn through her experience with kings not to put their trust in earthly kings but in the Lord. "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help," warned the psalmist, but "Happy is he . . . whose hope is in the Lord his God" (Psalm 146:3, 5). They were to learn also the meaning of God's kingship and to be caused to long for God's Messiah and his blessed reign.

At first Saul had great promise of being a worthy king. He was impressive in bearing, being head and shoulders taller than all about him. He was, when anointed, probably modest and not too ambitious. When the time came for him to be crowned king, he evidently was so awed by the task that he hid himself in the "stuff" (1 Sam. 10:22). Of course, no one, when called of God to an office of national leadership or to the mission field, or to whatever, can be excused for hiding in the "stuff." When God calls, no matter how great our reluctance, it is time to act. It is time to heed God's directions and take up the task, regardless of our feeling of inadequacy.

Though Saul's reign began with real promise of success, soon a serious flaw appeared in Saul's character. When the real tests came, Saul seemed always to be lacking in his sense of the importance of obedience to God. In one instance he impatiently and irreverently assumed to himself the office of priest, as though all that mattered was the offering and not the attitude of his heart in making the offering (1 Sam. 13:8-15). On another occasion he revealed that he thought only partial obedience was enough (1 Sam. 15:1-33). For these and possibly other weaknesses the reign of Saul was brought under judgment. One of the great spiritual insights of all time was revealed in the latter instance when Samuel declared "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." No amount of formal acts of worship, no gifts made to the Lord, no religious forms or expressions can ever be a satisfactory substitute for obedience. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," said

Jesus (John 14:15, RSV). "He who says 'I know him,' but disobeys his commandments," says John, "is a liar" (1 John 2:4, RSV).

The world does not need more religion. It is now over-burdened with *more* religion. Even communism is thought by many to have become a religion to its devotees. Masters in the world seem veritably impudently in their religions. What they need and what all men need is a right relationship to God through obedience toward him. This need is a driving force in missions.

Even Christians must ever be careful lest they be led into assuming that because they do certain customary and prescribed things like merely attending church and Sunday school that this is enough. Partial or half-way obedience is never enough. In a world perishing for want of the knowledge of Christ, it is tragic for anyone to assume that a little obedience is ever enough.

Samuel was at first apparently pleased with Saul and, despite the fact that Saul's becoming king had reduced the place of his own leadership among the people, desired to help Saul make good in his reign: but at last he was called upon to anoint another—secretly, of course, because of the danger involved—to succeed Saul. The man anointed was David, youngest son of Jesse.

What a contrast David was to Saul. "The people had clamored for a king, God first gave them one after their own heart. Then he gave them one after his own heart" (Morgan).

The strenuous and dangerous years that followed for David before he was actually to become king were a severe test for him, a test which at times led him almost to loss of hope. Once he said, "I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul." But David's valor and David's respect for the throne never wavered. Saul, in one of the terrible confessions of all time declared of himself, "I have played the fool." Finally, he died at his own hands. David then assumed the throne to which he was earlier anointed and welded the nation together into a United Kingdom of great influence and

glory as God directed him.

In David was blended all that is considered "kingly" in a man. Except for one tragic and costly slip, David sought not only to be a strong political ruler but also a devout and effective spiritual leader of his people. His reign reached such eminence that thereafter kings in Israel were measured by his stature. He became the type, moreover, of the One who was to be born from his line—"great David's greater Son"—whose kingdom was to be one of righteousness and peace and whose reign should be everlasting.

Whatever David did, from the slaying of Goliath (see his testimony then 1 Sam. 17:49) to the end of his reign, he tried to do it for the glory of God. The one exception, of course, was his relationship with Bathsheba. For this sin he humbly repented, but suffered the results of it for the rest of his life. Faith, reverence, love, and thankfulness toward God characterized his life, as did repentance for his wrongs. In David, Israel was given a king who, in life and in type pointed toward the Heavenly King. Under him was formed a kingdom also that was to inspire the hope ultimately of an eternal kingdom of righteousness and peace, the dream of all the nations of the earth. "Thine house," it was revealed to David, "and thy kingdom shall be established for ever" (2 Sam. 7:16).

Thus the redemptive plan of God for all the earth was set forward. In time, from David's line, would be born in Bethlehem "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" and the angelic song would break on the Judean hills, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and the news which surpassed all other news would be imparted to shepherds on the same hills where David had long ago watched over Jesse's flocks, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." In that event "daybreak" came to the whole world. It is this daybreak, moreover, which missions is under the glad burden of sharing with all mankind.

Often when those we know, appreciate, and love accept new responsibilities our reaction is, "How grand that these friends are to lead us." Or sometimes we say, "Such a wonderful honor." All of us are eager to believe "The Lord's guiding was in that election."



Alma Hunt



Marie Mathis

TWO of our number were signally honored at Miami Beach during meetings of the Baptist World Alliance Congress there last June. They are Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMCU, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, promotion division director for Woman's Missionary Union.

Realizing that new opportunities and responsibilities are ahead, both Miss Hunt and Mrs. Mathis say, "Please remember to pray for us." Surely Southern Baptist women, believing in prayer will be faithful to do so.

Miss Hunt was asked to serve as president of the North American Baptist Women's Union. You recall that Mrs. William McMurry was elected to this place of service when the North American women of the Baptist World Alliance met in St. Louis in 1962. After her election Mrs. McMurry had shared with Miss Hunt some of her dreams and plans. But the Lord called Mrs. McMurry on January 2, 1965, and her dreams for this work were largely unfilled. It is fitting that Miss Hunt implement these dreams and add her own insights in leading the North American Baptist Women's Union for this term which expires in 1967.

Mrs. Mathis was elected as a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and reelected treasurer of the North American Baptist Women's Union. Mrs. Mathis is the third woman elected to the vice-presidency of the Alliance. Only Mrs. J. Edgar Bates and Mrs. Louise Paw have preceded her in this significant, worldwide place of influence and service.

In commenting on Mrs. Mathis' election to this worldwide responsibility, Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention wrote:

"I was happy to be chairman of the Nominating Committee which brought in this recommendation, and it reflects a real appreciation for the many contributions you have made in the life of the Baptist World Alliance.

"May God's richest blessings be with you in the unfolding days ahead."

Dr. Routh has expressed our continuing prayer that spiritually, physically, and mentally God will guide and sustain these two beloved leaders of world Baptists "in the unfolding days ahead."

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A Light on a Tree

THERE were 160 lights on the tall Christmas tree at my church. A bright star that reached up toward the vaulted ceiling. Each light represented a gift for foreign missions, and a sacrifice that began in a manger and continued through the years that followed.

Fifty-six of those lights were turned on in memory of beloved friends and relatives who had moved on ahead into the presence of God. One bright light was lit by overseas military officers who had become a part of the life of the church while they studied in this country.

I seemed to see only this light. It was shining all the way across the trackless ocean to the island of Taiwan. Colonel Hwa Heng Chang, a tall, quiet man, had never entered a Christian church until he came to study at an army quartermaster school in the United States. He was invited to share the friendship others had found in the church, and he welcomed the opportunity to get to know the average American family. He was introduced also to Jesus Christ, and after much careful deliberation he came to express his faith in a Saviour whom he wanted. He expressed it—"Not only for myself, but for my people."

When Colonel Chang returned to Taiwan, he found a struggling church

and through the weight of his considerable influence behind its ministry, found himself at the same time burdened increasingly for the Chinese whom he knew needed Jesus, but who would not come into a church to hear about Him.

In the same study group in this country was Colonel Yu Pei Chen, whose youthful spirit brightened any gathering. When he found Christ, Colonel Chen thought immediately of his wife, and promised, "When I get home, before I take off my cap or set down my suitcase, I will tell my wife about my Jesus."

Two years after his return to Taiwan, he wrote to his former pastor in the United States, "I have won my wife to Christ and we have seen several of our neighbors become Christians. I want you to know that the good seed you have sown has borne fruit here in Taiwan."

But that light on the tree also rekindled in my mind the bitter gleam I had seen in the eyes of a Nigerian student. Hurt by the insults he had endured in Christian churches, he was determined to seek out the missionaries in his country and fling in their faces the report of his spirit-wounds. Then I saw also the flicker of firelight in the home that had welcomed him in fellowship after he had been warn-

ly received in a church service, and I heard his voice soften when he said of that experience, "Yes, that helped to heal my hurt."

The light on the tree illumined the witness of these friends in their own lands, it also revealed the sacrificial spirit of those in this church who cared and made it possible for these men to find the Saviour.

I remembered the man who got up early every Sunday morning for several months to drive a round-trip sixty miles to bring a teacher who could speak the language of visitors who hungered for the Truth.

I remembered the woman who prepared, week after week, at considerable cost in time and money, family dinners large enough to include several of these lonely strangers. I remembered the letter one of these families received from Taiwan, introducing two men coming from his homeland, "Take these men into your home and tell them about Jesus."

As I remembered the Light reflected in the lives of all these Christians, I saw also a light in the eyes of Jesus, as he looked on the spirit of sacrifice and said again, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25:35 (RSV).

by
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Goldfinch
Ward**



Call to Prayer

Each day in December a foreign missionary will "guide" us in prayer for the country in which he serves. Won't you add your prayer in this concerted prayer effort? It's like saying "Amen" to the missionary's prayer. The prayer requests each day serve as guidelines as we experience this month the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Prepared by Carolyn Rhea

1 WEDNESDAY So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom Psalm 90:12 (read Psalm 90).

My home . . . Pray that your own home truly honors Christ. Enlist your family in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pray for witnessing power through the homes of the 45 missionaries among the ten million people of Tanzania. Pray for strengthened home life among national Christians in Tanzania. Pray with Mrs. Carlos Owens for (1) the six mission stations in Tanzania (2) the seminary in Arusha (3) the tuberculosis hospital in Mbeya (4) the community center in Dar es Salaam and the one planned for Ujiji (5) work with Asians in Dar es Salaam (6) the new agriculture specialist missionary couple in Tukuyu (7) peace and stability in the national government (8) continued reception of missionaries (9) young pastors and new Christians (10) more missionary personnel.

Pray for Mrs. Owens, RN; Dorothy Scott, Tanzania, med.; F. J. Snyder, Beirut, Lebanon, M. E. Fitts, Peru, ed.; Mrs. C. E. Harvey, Brazil. Mrs. E. D. Farthing, Japan, J. H. Teel, Faridpur, E. Pakistan, ed.; L. E. Johns, Casa Grande, Mrs. A. A. Moore, Flagstaff, Mrs. Ted Trent, Chinle, Ariz., ind. ev.

2 THURSDAY For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways Psalm 91:11 (read Psalm 91).

My Money . . . How much money will your "want" list cost this Christmas? How does it compare with your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help meet the "need" list for the world? Pray both for yourself and your church as each seeks to make a worthy contribution toward the \$14,000,000 goal for foreign missions. Pray for effective use of the encampment ground being constructed in Venezuela, made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Mrs. Charles Clark, one of 20 missionaries among its 6 million people, guides us in prayer (1) for the 24 churches in Venezuela (2) for the radio ministry of "La Hora Bautista" (3) that more Venezuelan young men will study to prepare themselves to pastor churches (4) for the nationwide evangelistic campaign efforts in 1968.

Pray for Mrs. Clark, Caracas, Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Jr., Mar del Plata, Argentina, D. H. Redmond, Costa Rica, Mrs. W. E. Matherly, Peru, ed.; R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Temuco, Chile, Mrs. W. L. DuVall, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.

3 FRIDAY Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the court of our God Psalm 92:13 (read Psalm 92).

My All . . . Has your family been blessed this Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? That the theme "A Living Sacrifice" could describe our lives? Pray about your spiritual needs. The ten missionary couples serving

actively in Vietnam are typical of many throughout the world who daily give their all for Christ. Pray with Mrs. Herman P. Hayes for (1) Grace Baptist Church in Saigon with its 85 members and for the English-language mission there (2) the two established missions in Nha Trang (3) the weekly Bible class and the preaching services held in the missionary's home in Hanoi (4) far-reaching plans for advance, including carrying the gospel to the border of North Vietnam—Da Nang this year and Hue and Cantho in 1968 (5) plans to locate a theological seminary near Saigon in 1967 and a medical clinic there in 1968.

Pray for LeRoy Albright, Lilongwe, Malawi, Mrs. J. L. Gerloff, Sr., Liberia, MA; Harmon Graham, Roosevelt, Utah, ind. ev.

SATURDAY Hear, O heavens, and give ear, earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me Isaiah 1:2 (read vv. 1:11-14-17; 31:1-3).

Mrs. C. W. Applewhite asks prayer today for Indonesia. "Pray for release from tension due to the political situation. Pray that we may be able to continue our work. Pray for our national Christians who are being put to a severe test by their association with us." Pray for (1) the 14 organized churches and 37 chapels (2) the students at the Baptist seminary (3) the hospital ministry in Kediri and the new clinic in Madura (4) the first Indonesian national missionary sent out by one of the two Baptist associations to help with work on another island (5) plans to build a hospital in Sumatra (6) the missionaries under appointment to the 100 million people of Indonesia.

Pray for Mrs. Applewhite, Kediri, E. C. Van der, Sao Luiz, Brazil, ed.; W. E. Viertel, Nassau, Bahamas, Mrs. W. D. Bender, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; Lydia Earle Greene, China-Hawaii-Seyn, ret.

SUNDAY And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight Acts 1:9 (read vv. 1-14).

Mrs. M. J. Bradshaw asks prayer for Japan for the "New Town Evangelism" program starting Baptist churches at the very beginning of new towns growing so rapidly in Japan.

Names are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in the DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23000, and in HOME MISSIONS.

today Pray for the "Home Church" program in which work is begun in a new area, meeting in the home of a Christian couple. Pray for our 132 missionaries among the 96 million Japanese. Give thanks for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions which ends today. Pray that members of your church may give themselves and their money to missions.

Pray for Mrs. Bradshaw, Hiroshima, Mrs. T. A. Hicks, Ibadan, Nigeria, A. C. Scanlon, Guatemala, Mrs. E. E. Hastey, Mexico, ed.; Kathryn White, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.; H. L. Willis, Thailand, MD; Sue Snider, Ghana, BA; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Taos, N.M., Sp. sp. ev.

6 MONDAY Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls Acts 2:41 (read vv. 1-8, 14-17, 38-42).

Let us pray with Mr. David Stull for Peru (1) that the 11 missionary couples among the 11,600,000 people be given wisdom and divine leadership in planning mission activities for the coming year (2) for the 7 organized churches and 10 missions (3) for the theological institute in Lima (4) for the book store in Lima (5) encampment activities (6) radio programs in 5 cities. Undergird with prayer their plans for advancement: (1) increased radio and television ministry (2) training of nationals through Laymen's Institutes in all churches (3) opening of social work and possibly medical ministry on a small scale (4) expansion of student work in universities.

Pray for Mr. Stull, Carol Leigh Humphries, Jos, Nigeria, Mrs. R. V. Calcutt, Chingusa-kun, Japan, ed.; Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, M'lang, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Mexico, ret.; M. E. Sharpe, S.C., Negro ev.

7 TUESDAY Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk Acts 3:6 (read vv. 1-16).

Mr. Wilson Danehoo leads us in prayer for Colombia. Pray for (1) the 39 national pastors (2) the 42 organized churches and 44 missions (3) the 40 students enrolled in the theological institute (4) the 3 missionary physicians, 2 missionary nurses, 11 national nurses, and 9 national doctors (5) the 80 national teachers in Baptist schools (6) the orphanage in Cartagena.

Pray for Mr. Danehoo, Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, Morelia, Mexico, Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, W. P. Clemmons, Italy, Mrs. R. W. Fields, Natanya, Israel, ed.; Mrs. Jamie Maiden, Oshogbo, Nigeria, MA; F. R. Scott, M'lang, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. Tony Jojola, Albuquerque, N.M., ind. ev.; Paul Rogosin, Calif., ret.

1 WEDNESDAY And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name Acts 5:41 (read vv. 16-18, 34-42).

Pray for two missionary couples, the Bradys and Kneisels, who witness among 600,000 people of British Guiana, where Baptist work began in 1962. Mrs. Brady asks prayer for Central Baptist Church in Georgetown and for Marias Pleasure Church. Almost all converts were former Hindus and are constantly persecuted by friends and families. Pray for outreach through five preaching points, for the two-fold ministry of the Guyana Theological Institute—intensive training for special Christian work and training of lay Christian workers; and for the radio ministry.

Pray for Mrs. O. W. Brady, Georgetown. Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Prachinburi, Thailand. Mrs. C. W. Whitten, Madrid, Spain, ev.; R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. Juan Acosta, Las Tablas, Panama, ev.; Mrs. Jose Flores, San Marcos, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

2 THURSDAY When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life—Acts 11:18 (read vv. 1-18).

Mrs. W. L. Lofland requests prayer for East Pakistan. Pray for 22 missionaries serving among 98,620,000 people. Pray for (1) the five churches (2) increased effectiveness of the mission industrial school (3) contacts made possible through four reading rooms currently operated (4) government approval of plans to build a hospital in Feni. At present the missionaries operate a mobile clinic until permission is secured. Pray for the Bible Crusade of 1966 in which intensive effort will be made to begin all-age Sunday schools in the churches. Pray earnestly for a strong Christian breakthrough in this Moslem nation.

Pray for Mr. Lofland, Comilla, R. W. Terry, Iceland. Mrs. B. R. Frazier, Santo Andre, Mrs. J. E. Troop, Itabuna, J. M. Wilson, Teresina, Brazil, R. C. Fricke, Mrs. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, J. D. McMurray, Montevideo, Uruguay, J. O. Teel, Jr., Argentina, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Jos, Nigeria, Mrs. J. G. Conley, Tukuyu, Tanzania, ev.; Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China, ret.

10 FRIDAY And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews Acts 12:11 (read vv. 1-11).

Mrs. J. W. Trimble of Lebanon requests that we pray especially for the high school in Beirut.

ag. agriculture	MA missionary
BA business administration	MC mission center
CD center director	MD doctor
ed. educational	med. medical
ev. evangelism	pub. publication
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Sp. sp. Spanish-speaking	

"This school is our only avenue, as foreigners to visit in Moslem homes—through missionary teacher visitation. We have had Moslem students make decisions for Christ during our special evangelistic meeting. Pray that students will be a living witness among their families who often persecute them because of their Christian faith." Pray for the nine couples and four single women under appointment to Lebanon's 10 million people. Pray for their work in (1) publications (2) the seminary (3) the Baptist high school (4) English-speaking church (5) student work (6) the seven Arabic churches and their mission stations.

Pray for Mrs. Trimble, Beirut. Mrs. P. Miller, Ogbomoso, Nigeria. Mrs. W. R. Hunt, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.; B. C. Atchison, Macao, J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, J. Moore, Zurich, Switzerland, ed.; T. W. Hill, Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. W. E. Allen, Brazil, M. Antonio Martinez, Cuba, ret.; Mrs. Hubert Neel, Memphis, Tenn., RM

11 SATURDAY Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereof according to thy word Psalm 119:9 (read Kings 22:1-2; 23:1-5, 25).

"Our greatest need," says Mr. Hugo Parkman, "for the Philippines is more men to be called to preach." Pray for the 77 missionaries among 30,500,000 people. Pray for (1) 79 churches, 10 missions and extension points (2) work in assisting Filipino Baptist College (3) a new couple just beginning agricultural work in Mindanao (4) the seminary and Bible school in Luzon and the Bible school in Davao City (5) publication work in Manila (6) the "Baptist Hour" program which is broadcasted each Sunday over many radio stations.

Pray for Mr. Parkman, Manila. Mrs. F. Starns, Thailand, pub.; Mrs. R. L. Smith, Bangkok, S. B. Sears, Indonesia, Mrs. A. C. Nation, Kyoto, Japan, Mrs. J. P. Smyth, Salvador, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. M. T. Bond, Kowloon, Hong Kong, B. R. Lawton, Rivoli-Turin, Italy, W. C. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mrs. D. M. C. Hill, A.

Argentina, M. G. White, Brazil, ret.; L. A. Neegren, Jordan, MD; S. M. Taylor, Detroit, L. Whitelocke, St. Augustine, Fla., ego ev.

SUNDAY And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people Acts 6:8 (read vv. 1-15).

Pray for the 53 missionaries who have come to freedom to preach and teach the gospel among 8½ million people of Chile. Mrs. H. K. Middleton requests prayer for (1) the 8,000 pupils in 100 churches and several mission centers (2) the new mother-baby clinic, the only medical work Baptists have in Chile (3) the will center and primary grade school in Biologasta (4) 207 students enrolled in the Baptist school in Temuco (5) three Baptist book stores and work of the publication board (6) the national home missionary couples (7) those who lost homes and belongings in the earthquake of March, 1965 (8) seminary students in this month of December are beginning summer activities in the churches. Pray as plans are made for the year of evangelism in 1967.

Pray for Mrs. Middleton, Santiago, T. L. Watson, Durazno, Uruguay. Mrs. G. M. Swicegood, Rio, Brazil, L. G. Legg, Kontagora, Nigeria. Mrs. W. J. Williams, Nigeria, RM; Vena Guillard, La., Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Tex., ret.; in Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Ind. J. L. Nollette, Los Angeles, Calif., International Center; Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Los Angeles, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.

MONDAY And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep Acts 7:60 (read vv. 1-2, 51 to 8:4).

Each area of Malawi is governed by a chief who may have jurisdiction over 100-300 villages. Pray with missionary W. S. Wester for 21 believers in the Baptist church in the village of Mankwala as they witness in some 25 villages nearby. Pray for the newly organized church in Mankwala, for pastor Makhaya in Lilongwe, for missionary LeRoy Albright as he assists in training leaders for several indigenous Baptist churches which asked him to be their adviser and teacher, for the ministry of the book store in Lilongwe that it will provide many points of contact for evangelism. A simple stall in the open market, it offers New Testaments, tracts, and inexpensive Christian literature for sale. Pray for Mr. Wester, Blantyre, Mrs. G. W. Mankwala, Bandung, Indonesia, H. W. Barker, Mankwala, Anna Wollerman, Campo Grande, Brazil, Mrs. J. B. Brasington, Trujillo, Peru, ev.

Bonnie Moore, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed.; W. O. Cottingham, St. Rose, La., Fr. ev.

14 TUESDAY And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? Acts 9:4 (read vv. 1-18).

Pray for (1) 4,600 Baptists in 51 churches and 52 missions in Spain with a population of more than 31 million (2) the Baptist seminary in Barcelona (3) the home for the aged supported by WMU of Spain (4) the eight missionary couples. Gerald McNeely makes these prayer requests: (1) the passage of laws that will give more freedom to witness (2) leadership of the Holy Spirit in using wisely the tolerance Baptists now have (3) for the fine group of seminary students preparing to take their place in preaching the gospel (4) for pastors and missionaries who preach and teach the Word of God.

Pray for Mr. McNeely, Barcelona, ed.; Mrs. G. S. Lozok, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Mrs. W. H. Gray, Jr., Saltillo, Mexico, R. L. Theford, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. F. W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. Deusedith Escobar, La Palma, Panama, ev.; Dr. A. J. Roddy, Riverside, Calif., deaf ev.

15 WEDNESDAY And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God Acts 9:20 (read vv. 19-30).

Gene Phillips, one of 48 missionaries among over 4 million people, guides our prayer today for Rhodesia. Pray with him for (1) 33 churches and 81 chapels (2) the 29 African pastors (3) 14 elementary schools and a new high school to open next month (4) seminary with 15 pupils (5) hospital and 3 outpatient clinics (6) extension of the mobile medical clinic work to the primitive Vatonga tribe on the Zambezi River (7) missionary couple responsible for publication work (8) new work in Gokwe and Triangle (9) program of self-support now in progress (10) for deeper spiritual growth of Christians in Rhodesia.

Pray for Mr. Phillips, Mrs. F. R. Scott, M'lang, Philippines. H. M. Flournoy, Santa Catarina, Brazil, ev.; L. R. Smith, Hong Kong, MD; D. L. Mitchell, Djakarta, Indonesia, BA; C. E. Perez, Havana, Cuba, ev.

16 THURSDAY For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard Acts 22:15 (read vv. 3-15).

Mrs. A. R. Haylock, one of ten missionaries to the two million people of Honduras, asks prayer today for (1) nine churches (2) Bible institute (3) Baptist book store (4) weekly television program, "The Church in the Home." Undergird

with prayer these plans for advancement (1) possible opening of medical work in rural areas (2) beginning a ministry to university students (3) establishment of a church and mission points in and around the coastal city of La Ceiba. Mrs. Hayinck requests that we pray also that God call a Christian physician to Honduras to minister to the multitudes in rural areas.

Pray for Mrs. Haylock, San Pedro Sula, W. L. Smith, Londrina, Brazil, Mrs. G. W. Corroli, Jinja, Uganda, Mrs. C. G. Carlin, Accra, Ghana, ev.; Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Sr., Brazil, ret.; M. E. Eider, Cubero, N.M., Ind. ev.; Daniel Elsom, San Antonio, Tex. Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris, San Blas, Panama, ev.; Betty Ruth Nicholson, New Orleans, La. GWC

17 FRIDAY And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch Acts 11:26 (read vv. 19-30; 12:24-25).

"In the churches of Brazil there is the feeling that this is not the end of the campaign but only the beginning." Let us join Mrs. H. V. Davis in prayer, thanking God for the thousands of decisions made in evangelistic efforts this year. Pray for new converts and for those who guide them in Christian growth. Pray in particular for these two who accepted Christ—the maid in the Bill Smith home and the young man whose wealthy family expelled him from home because of his decision for Christ. Pray for 52 decisions made in the young 46-member Jardim Sao Paulo church. Pray for (1) the ministry of the Brazilian Bible Press (2) seminaries, training schools, Bible institutes, and colleges (3) the new good will center in Manaus (4) for the Brazilian national who is the new president of Belem Institute.

Pray for Mrs. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. R. L. Thetford, Philippines, *ev.*

18 SATURDAY In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David: and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. Jer. 33:15 (read Jer. 31:15-17; 33:14-16; 31:31-34).

Let us join Mrs. R. E. Gilstrap in prayer for Guatemala with its 4 million people. Pray for (1) 18 missionaries (2) ministerial students in two institutes (3) 26 churches and 30 missions (4) the two book stores (4) 20th anniversary next year of mission work when there will be six months of evangelistic campaigns (5) the couples now studying Indian dialects—the first in Central America to study an Indian dialect (6) radio and television advance with a national Baptist radio program weekly and the possi-

bility of broadcasting on television for the
time (7) more personnel to open up post
work.

Pray for Mrs. Gilstrap, Quezaltenango, Guatemala.
Kimler, Jr., Caracas, Venezuela. Mrs. J. E. H.
phrey, Ogbomoshoh, Nigeria, etc.; Catharine
Chappell, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, etc.;
F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil, etc.; T. K. Edgar,
Nigeria, MD; Mrs. Pedro Arrambide,
Grande, Ariz., Sp. sp. cv.

SUNDAY

December 19 And the next sabbath came almost the whole together to hear the word of God Acts 1 (read vs. 1-44-52).

Bradley Brown asks prayer today for Liberia. Let us remember that 28 tribes of about 95 per cent of its 2½ million population. Pray about the language problem among these who speak 28 dialects. Pray for 13 missionaries and 4 missionary associates, for 3 missionary journeymen, 3 young women who care for Ricks Institute in September of this year. Pray for music and science teachers and librarians. Pray for the students at Ricks Institute and for the Christian faculty. Pray for even greater achievement in the already strong WMLC program under the direction of missionary Margaret Fairburn.

Pray for Mr. Brown, Grand Bassa Coast
H. L. Adams, Nigeria. R. E. Gordon Dagob
City, Philippines. R. C. Hensley, Nassau I
hamas, P. E. Potter, Dominican Republic. C
Shirley, Argentina. Mrs. B. E. Cuder, Fern
Santana, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. P. C. Porter, Braz
ret

20 MONDAY But we believe that through grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall saved, even as they. Acts 15:11 (read vs. 1-19)

Missionary Clarence Thurman says, "P that Baptist young people in this country have courage to witness to their families" P that land will become available for the buildings in Singapore. The uneasy political situation needs our prayer, also

Pray for Mr. Thurman, Singapore, D.
O'Reagan, Kobe, S. P. Howard, Jr. Kiakyo
Japan, Mrs. G. A. McNeely, Baranaga, Sp
ev.: Mrs. A. J. Bagby, Brazil, ed. J. L. John
Brazil, ret.: L. G. Breeden, Barranaga, Col
hina, MD: J. D. Crabb, Hundo, Jo. Flores.
Marcos, Tex., Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Plana
Calif., Mrs. Alexander Pasetti, Loma, Cal.
ev.: Donald Pheggar, Delano, Calif. Shipino
Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., Jo

Elephant's Tusk

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Some women do give evidence that woman's life consists in the abundance of things. The desire for material possessions, if allowed to grow unrestrained, builds up like an inverted pyramid, higher and wider, dangerously apt to topple over and crush spiritual growth. Surely life is too short to seek heaven on earth. There is all eternity to enjoy treasures that can be laid up in heaven.

Mark was careful to record the fact that Jesus sat by the treasury and beheld how the people gave. From time to time shallow stewards advance various schemes of raising special mission offerings "so you won't miss it." There is something unmiss in our lives if we operate on the principle of making

TUESDAY For it seemed good to the Holy
 and to us, to lay upon you no greater
 burden than these necessary things Acts 15:28
 (cf. vv. 22-33).

As Polly (Mrs. J. G.) Morris leads us in prayer for Thailand with its 28,850,000 people, we remember that the state religion is Buddhism. All state employees are required to be active Buddhists; hence, in order not to be patriotic people are not inclined even to listen to Christianity. Prey for (1) 800 Baptists in 7 states and 15 missions (2) the 81 people who accepted Christ as Saviour during spring revival (3) the 16 missionary graduates and 20 students currently enrolled (4) more trained workers and dedicated pastors (5) publication of Bibles. There were no missionary textbooks in the Thai language in 1950 when Baptist work began; there are 12 and a fully graded series of primary school lessons.

ny for Mrs. Morris, Bangkok, Frances Har-
Japan, C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., Quezalte-
go, Guatemala, Mrs. T. E. Bryant, Sao Paulo,
ed. J. G. Vestal, Concepcion, Chile, J. W.
Amble, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.: Anna Cowan,
ran, Jordan, ed.: R. M. Parham, Jr., Ogbo-

our Week of Prayer offerings "easy." It is right to "lay by in store" and plan prayerfully for one's offering. It is wrong to make an offering which involves no element of love or self-denial.

Instead, let us emulate the spirit of David in his giving. Second Samuel 24 tells the interesting story of how David wanted to buy a threshing floor and oxen so he could make a burnt offering unto the Lord. At once the owner offered them free to David because he was king. But David refused to accept the gift outright, saying, "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving" is a truth recognized by every thoughtful Christian. Love takes on form and substance in a gift. "God so loved . . . that he gave. . ." With the compulsion of grateful hearts let us both live and give in response to God's unspeakable gift."

mosho, Nigeria, BA; Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Chile, RN; Mrs. J. L. Gebhart, Rio Grande City, Tex., Long Inst.

22 WEDNESDAY And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us Acts 16:9 (read vv. 4-15).

Mrs. Robert Carlisle asks prayer for 2,800,000 people of Uruguay, an area slightly larger than Missouri. Pray for (1) the 24 Baptist churches (2) primary school (3) plans to launch student center work with thousands of university students (4) theological institute which Mr. Carlisle directs. Pray for 11 missionary couples, remembering that some are always home on furlough. "Due to more advanced development politically, educationally, and socially, the people are sophisticated and indifferent to religion. It is hard to reach them. Pray that they will be responsive to the gospel of salvation."

Pray for Mrs. Carlisle, B. H. Wellmaker, Colombia, R. L. West, W. A. Poe, Nigeria, ed.; J. L. Riffey, Teresopolis, Brazil, H. W. Schweinsberg, Santander, Spain, eo.; Virginia Cobb, Beirut.

Lebanon, Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Marvin Berry, San Antonio, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; Maxwell Johnson, Baltimore, Md., CD; Gladys McLanahan, Tex.; Mrs. Mollie Sweetnam, La., ret.

23 THURSDAY Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry Acts 17:16 (read vv. 15-16:22-33).

Medical missionary Don Langford asks prayer today for Hong Kong's 3,800,000 and Macao's 171,000. Pray for more missionaries for work in church and chapel development, and for those skilled in medicine, teaching, publication work, and social work; for the availability of local property on which to build churches and chapels. Property prices are so high that most local congregations can barely afford even to rent an apartment for use as a church, and there is no educational space in most churches. Pray for the evangelistic efforts with transient Russian migrants, for the publication house which supplies Chinese language materials to many parts of the world, for the Christian ministry of the hospital, the three high schools, the college, the seminary, and plans for a social work center.

Pray for Dr. Langford, Kowloon, Mavis Pate, Dacca, E. Pakistan, RN; Mrs. M. L. Garrett, Sakubva, Rhodesia, med.; Mrs. R. N. Nash, Manila, Philippines, W. E. Matheny, Peru, Mrs. V. E. Sydnor, Jr., Salvador, Brazil, H. B. Lee, Jr., Vauresson, France, J. T. Adams, Tanzania, ev.; Mrs. J. C. Willmon, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.; Mrs. Frank Alonzo, Bryan, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; J. D. Fite, Romelio Gonzalez, Havana, Cuba, ev.

24 FRIDAY And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there Acts 20:22 (read vv. 17-28).

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Littleton were our first missionaries to Ghana. After Mr. Littleton's death in 1964 Mrs. Littleton returned to Ghana as WMU director. Pray with her today for the three evangelistic campaigns in three major cities to take place in February. "Baptists gave up to the government the two schools they operated. The government gave permission to conduct religious services in our former schools and to teach the Bible to every class. We reserved one residence on the school compound in which a missionary couple can live. Despite repeated requests, no one has volunteered to come! What an opportunity for a dedicated couple! Should you and your husband go?"

Pray for Mrs. Littleton, Ejura, H. J. Palmer, Jr., Zaria, Nigeria, C. R. Rogers, Surakarta, Indonesia, ev.; H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ed.; Mrs. Ruth Lowe, Los Angeles, Calif., Chinese ev.

25 SATURDAY And let the beauty of our Lord our God be upon us: and establish the work of our hands upon us: pre. the word of our hands establish thou it Psalm 134 (read Neh. 4:6-14:21-23).

As we experience today the joy of Christmas with its message of Christ's birth, let us pray that Korea's teeming millions may know Christ as Saviour. "Evangelism is Korea's greatest need," says Daniel B. Ray as he requests prayer for Korea's 27,300,000 people. "There is a vacuum of religious faith. Eighty-seven percent of the people have no religion. Our opportunity is tremendous. There were 40 churches in 1940, now there are 160. Pray for Sunday school, and for the efforts in 1966, for evangelistic preaching, tent evangelism, radio and television evangelism, for the seminary as it trains leadership, for the hospital in Pusan, and for the 45 missionaries and 2 missionary associates in Korea."

Pray for Mr. Ray, Taejon, Mrs. R. R. Stevens, Bangkok, R. L. Shelton, Nokorn Nayoke, Thailand, Mrs. R. A. Holfield, Genoa, Italy, Mrs. J. N. Young, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ed.; W. J. Blair, El Paso, Tex., pub.; T. W. McMillan, Amarillo, Texas, Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Okla., ret.

SUNDAY For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to be loosed for the name of the Lord Jesus Acts 21:13 (read vv. 8-19).

Mrs. Charles Tope of Kenya requests prayer for (1) personnel to staff places while missionaries are on furlough, and where there is only one couple (2) teachers for schools and Sunday (3) doctors and nurses (4) courage in times of tension. "Please help us pray that the Negro problem in America will soon be solved. Often we see on television films of riotous papers headline strife. It is dealing us a devastating blow. We must have your prayer to help lift ignorance, witchcraft, and paganism with the message of Christ."

Pray for Mrs. Tope, Nairobi, J. C. Walker, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Mrs. J. C. Abell, Jr., E. Nigeria, Z. J. Deal, Jr., Colombia, ev.; J. Gaultney, Eku, Nigeria, med.; Antonio Gonzalez, Eku, Valda Long, Ophir, Nigeria, RN; J. D. Carter, Bahia, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. J. Shepard, Sr., Brazil, ret.; N. H. Brown, Garden Calif., Japanese ev.

27 MONDAY And when it was certain the Jews banded together, and they took Simeon under a curse, saying that he

neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul Acts 23:12 (read Acts 21:27-33; 23:11-15).

Missionary Grayson Tension requests prayer for Portugal. Pray for the two missionary couples who labor among the 8,100,000 Portuguese. Pray for capable national leaders. Pray for continued spiritual growth of converts from nationwide simultaneous revivals. Pray for 23 Baptist churches as they face a strong church-state relationship, for (1) increased emphasis on stewardship and evangelism (2) initiation of a theological school (3) securing property for church buildings (4) for an encampment program.

Pray for Mr. Tension, Mrs. R. H. Wolf, Mexico, M. M. Alexander, Jr., Mar del Plata, Argentina, D. C. Askew, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Tokyo, Japan, MA; Ruth Ward, Kediri, Indonesia, RN; J. R. Moseley, Antagora, Nigeria, med.; Jose Perez, San Blas, Panama, Ind. ev.; V. T. Yearwood, Panama, ret.

TUESDAY This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ed.; W. J. Blair, El Paso, Tex., pub.; T. W. McMillan, Amarillo, Texas, Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Okla., ret.

Let us join Miss Vella Jane Burch in prayer for Switzerland. Pray especially (1) for a spirit of evangelism as many church groups lack enthusiasm (2) young pastor from Italy who works among the 550,000 Italians in Switzerland (3) the unique ministry of the theological seminary (4) radio ministry. Programs taped there are broadcasted in Hungary, Spain, and Italy (5) 54 students of 15 nationalities now enrolled at the seminary, and for those graduates who are serving in strategic posts.

Pray for Miss Burch, Zurich, ed.; Mrs. C. F. Applefield, Nigeria, Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Sr., Rio Rico, J. D. Hollis, Kowloon, Hong Kong, J. D. Smith, Bandung, Indonesia, ev.; J. B. Cuba, ret.; Mrs. Erkle St. John, Jackson, Miss., deaf ev.

WEDNESDAY For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I do not deny it: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may alter me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar Acts 25:11 (read vv. 1-15:22).

Mrs. D. M. Carroll, requesting prayer for Argentina, says that only 15,000 of 22 million people are Baptists. Pray for (1) 203 Baptist churches (2) 100 students in the seminary (3) two good will centers (4) work of the publishing house now operated by nationals trained by the work (5) summer encampment program for the Decade of Advance program

launched in 1963. Its goal is to double the number of churches and church members by 1974. Pray that communism, which has already gained a foothold in Argentina, may not hinder the spread of the gospel.

Pray for Mrs. H. R. Tucker, Jr., Maracay, Venezuela, Mrs. J. G. Partain, Nairobi, Kenya, ev.; Marian Phillips, Nigeria, Mrs. E. H. Walker, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Ann Swenson, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Jean Fairfax, Louisville, Ky., MC; R. J. West, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

30 THURSDAY Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian Acts 26:28 (read vv. 1-3:24-32).

India's 450 million people are Dr. Jasper McPhail's primary concern. He and Mrs. McPhail teach at Christian Medical College in Vellore. "We have just secured permission to open a Southern Baptist hospital. This is a miracle since this will be the first new Christian mission of any kind since 1947. Our plans are to select a site and begin the hospital as soon as possible. Using the hospital as a springboard for the Christian witness we hope to move ahead with establishing churches in the surrounding area. Your prayer is needed during this period of building. We need adequate missionary and national personnel. We need supplies and equipment. We need God's guidance and grace."

Pray for Dr. McPhail, Mary Sue Menth, Jakarta, Indonesia, BA; Eva Sanders, Ire, Nigeria, RN; J. T. Pae, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. H. D. Shield, Hoopa, Calif., George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., Ind. ev.

31 FRIDAY And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him. Preaching the kingdom of God Acts 28:30-31 (read vv. 16-31).

The Nigerian Baptist Convention celebrated its 50th anniversary in the spring of 1964. Bennie T. Griffin asks prayer today for Nigeria. Pray for (1) Rev. J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the convention (2) other trained Nigerians who are replacing missionaries in positions of responsibility (3) missionaries as they open up new work in pioneer areas (4) the Christian ministry of a new maternity center at Baptist Hospital in Ogbomoso. During the past year over a thousand conversions were reported by the hospitals of Nigeria. Pray for 206 students enrolled in two theological institutes, for missionary Mary Frank Kirkpatrick who gives full time to a Baptist student program in secondary schools and universities in the Ibadan area.

Pray for Mr. Griffin, W. B. McNeely, Volta Redonda, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Brazil, ev.; V. C. Cuellar, Tex., ret.

BRAZIL • At Campinas, the press office. Missionary Gene H. Wise editing film for a motion picture.

Publication work\$58,638.48

TANZANIA • Tukuva area—rural mobile clinic. Missionary doctor Lorne Brown preaching

Medical missions\$32,700



Photos by Rachel Colvin and Gerald Harvey

How Far Does Mottie Moon Christmas Offering Go?

by Ethalee Hamric

THE answer could be "Farther than any other money you will earn." This is true geographically, as well as in many other ways. Your offering will go into twelve African countries: Liberia, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Libya. Into fourteen countries of Europe and the Middle East: France, Gaza, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Portugal, Switzerland, Spain, Yemen, Germany, Austria. Into nineteen countries in Latin America: Argentina, Bahama Islands, British Guiana, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica,

ISRAEL • Petah Tiqua Baptist Center and school. Mrs. Milton Murphey, missionary, leading chapel service.

Baptist schools\$2,000

BAPTIST SPANISH PUBLISHING HOUSE • In El Paso, Texas, press operator checking proof.

Literature and Publications\$1,000

A Splendid Question Indeed

Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad, Uruguay, Venezuela, French West Indies. Into fifteen countries of the Orient: Hong Kong, Macao, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Okinawa, Pakistan, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Guam. Add them up—there are sixty in all.

Now, last year the Foreign Mission Board had \$15.25 to spend per minute in all these countries. In all, the Board had \$23,786,976.97 and \$11,054,099 of this was the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. See how vital a gift to this offering is each year?

But your Sunday-by-Sunday tithes brought to your church are also vital to foreign missions. Of that money which your church sends to the Cooperative Program, a part of it makes its way to the Foreign Mission Board. So the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are the vital lifelines for all mission work done overseas by Southern Baptist missionaries. You, as a Southern Baptist in your church, no doubt keep an "eagle eye out" to see that your church does not neglect the Cooperative Program month by month.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is also the concern of every Southern Baptist. In addition to your church pledge, a special

gift for foreign missions at Christmas can be a wonderfully inspiring experience. Many people decide early what this gift will be. Some give as much to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as they spend on all Christmas gifts to family and friends.

In this day of affluence, most families could give at least \$15.25 which maintained foreign mission work for one minute last year. Some could give a five-minute or even a thirty- or sixty-minute offering. In fact many will do so if we judge from previous years. The Convention goal this year is \$11 million.

NIGERIA • Jos in northern area. Church demonstration farm—Missionary Wiley B. Fawcett and farmers inspecting guinea corn.

Agricultural missions\$3,100





NIGERIA • Ire Baptist Welfare Center—Missionary nurse Eva M. Sanders, and young mother in front of building.

Baptist Welfare Center.....\$3,500

BAHAMAS • Nassau Baptist Institute—student body around sign on campus.

Institute\$9,100



Every church will determine its goal in the light of its vision, and all of us together can victoriously give more than \$14 million!

Some people say, "O that will hurt our ongoing program." Yet many testify that when their church enters enthusiastically into a concerted effort for this offering that God blesses them with amazing spiritual gifts—and materially as well.

"What is the money spent for?" You could make a long list—only guessing—and no doubt all the items you listed would be on the Foreign Mission Board list, for it is varied.

Radio-television evangelism might head your list. Most of the countries or areas where missionaries are stationed are using these vital communication media: \$18,000 for radio and television work in Argentina; \$550 in the Bahamas; \$15,465 in Chile where people live in remote areas, often inaccessible to missionaries and national workers; \$2,500 in Rhodesia; \$780 in Malawi; \$3,500 in Spain; \$9,000 in the Philippines. The list could almost include everyone of the 60 countries where Southern Baptists have work.

The Foreign Mission Board studies carefully the requests which come from missionaries in farflung corners of the earth. With agonizing prayer and careful thought they finally come to decisions about each country. Pastoral, publication, medical, educational work are always on the final approved list each year. These are continuing and sustained. Missionary residences, cars for travel, student centers, Sunday school expansion, office buildings, a summer assembly grounds may appear one year for one country and on the list from another country another year.

But always the needs listed by missionaries far exceed the available money. Doors in many places are flung wide open, and God is leading Southern Baptists to respond. It requires dedicated church members who go themselves, who pray faithfully, who find ways to give even more, who help their children to heed God's call if we are to respond to the maximum. It takes all of us doing our utmost to do the work of the Lord.

On these pages pictures from mission areas show you what your past offerings have done. Your gifts this year will make possible continuance of work already begun. And it will provide for some new ventures.

How far does my Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go? It goes from here to eternity. For your gifts not only supply the means for doing God's work. They help to add precious souls to Christ's kingdom, and those won in turn bring yet other souls to him.



Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Central Africa—Logan and Ginny Atip work with highly skilled translators in providing literature in four African languages for use in churches of Central and East Africa.



So Little to Read!

by Ginny Atip

CAN you imagine what it is like not to read? You would be dependent on what you saw and heard, and on other people for understanding. Many, many people in Rhodesia, and in all of Africa, cannot read.

In times past missionaries or others sometimes had to sell parents on the value of education for their children. That time is long past in Rhodesia. Now parents are desperate to get for each of their children a place in the limited number of schools. They have learned that their children must learn to read, write, and comprehend the problems of a complex, changing world if they are to get ahead, if they are to get better jobs.

In the old African tradition it was always the *madala* (elders) who came first, not the children. If new clothes were to be had, parents, first the father, then the mother, got them. In descending ages others were provided clothing. The result was

that smaller children sometimes had no clothes at all.

But this principle does not hold true today when it comes to providing an education for children. Parents will sacrifice whatever is necessary to get the money for school fees and to buy school uniforms, which are common in Africa, to get a child a coveted place in a school.

Not only are parents desperate to get their children places in schools, but they themselves want this golden opportunity. A deacon of Bethel Baptist Church in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, where we live, has been attending night classes. He is in Standard 1 (third grade). Do you think that he is ashamed of being in the third grade? Not at all! He is very proud to go to classes at night after he has worked all day on the railways. And year by year he hopes to move up in his studies.

Even the women have hope. Last year

Allocations for Rhodesia

Missionary, Travel for Mission Business	\$12,000
Pastors and Other Church Workers	15,050
Radio and Advertising	2,500
WMU Work	210
Property Operating Requirements	2,360
Travel for Nationals	1,470
Evangelization	1,500
New Work	600
Conferences, Conventions, and Retreats	760
Audio-Visual Aids	1,520
Sanyati Central School	18,000
Gwelo and Gokwe Schools	14,400
Sanyati Kraal Schools	26,000
Scholarships	1,000
Seminary, Gwelo	11,000
Book Store	1,015
Literature and Retreats	2,260
Publication Work	10,500
WMU Literature	3,660
Gokwe Medical Work	6,290
Sanyati Baptist Hospital	25,500
Contingent Fund	1,000
Mission Committee Expenses	1,635
Mission Meeting Expenses	850
Mission Treasurer's Expenses	830
Station Expenses	19,200

Total for Rhodesia \$181,118

Two American women with the Lambeth literary movement came to Rhodesia. They reduced the two main languages of our country, Shona and Ndebele, to a simplified method of teaching people to read. Pastors' wives and missionaries took these courses, using this method. The first materials and simple books have come off the press. Classes are underway—and women are grasping with enthusiasm this wonderful key, an ability to read.

In our Bethel Church one old woman, MaNcube, did not know how to read. However, she faithfully brought her Bible and hymnbook to every service. When a Bible verse or passage was mentioned in any service, she would hand her Bible to one sitting near to find the reference. Then, digging a

pencil out of her handbag, she carefully marked the place. Her husband or a friend would read it again to her later. Her well-marked Bible is an inspiration to see.

Many times when we sang, her hymnbook was upside down as she sang joyously. But a new day dawned for MaNcube. She came to the literacy classes held by our pastor's wife at Bethel. The first word she recognized was "baba" (father)!

You may well ask, "What do people read when they have acquired this wonderful skill?" If they come to a Baptist church, small children are given leaflets at Sunday school. A Bible story is printed on the back in their language. Older children and adults get quarterly booklets for Bible study. Similarly there are printed quarterlies for Woman's Missionary Society week programs as well as those for Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeam Bands. We have been writing and condensing and translating books on such themes as stewardship, meeting the problems of youth, and growing in Christian living. We write and produce tracts which are distributed to lost people. All are eagerly read.

And yet we have barely scratched the surface of the need for Christian literature in Central Africa. People are hungry to read. They will read anything they can get their hands on. Too often what they find is of a Godless nature. Also, politically slanted materials are readily available and avidly read.

In the unsettled conditions in the world and in Africa today, people will not always listen when a white person speaks. However, they will always accept printed materials. We feel that this is one avenue of service that will always remain open.

As MaNcube and others like her learn to read "father," they need to learn to read further about the Heavenly Father, to know him as Saviour, and to grow in him. With God's help, and with his leadership, we hope to "launch out" in providing creative materials which will bring to the people of Africa a more precious knowledge than even that of reading, the gift of eternal life.

FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce

Lottie Moon



Lottie Moon was a daughter of the Old South, reared in its finest tradition of Christian culture, wealth, and educational advantages far above the standards of her day. . . . But Lottie Moon had not come to China for cultural reasons. She had come to bring the Bread of life to the perishing multitudes.

During the first six years in China Lottie Moon faced two difficult decisions. The first one came with the serious illness of her young sister who had preceded her to China by a year. They had lived and worked together in Tengchow until Edmonia's health failed. The doctors ordered her back to the States with Lottie to accompany her. When the sister began to improve, Miss Moon turned again to China and was back in Tengchow on Christmas Eve of 1877. The little sister was never able to return to China and died in January of 1909.

In her college years Lottie Moon had known a young professor who wooed her unsuccessfully. He now renewed his courtship. Miss Moon wrote her brother she would come home and be married, though it was not yet decided whether they would live in China or Japan. Then came another letter; there would be no marriage. Years later she said to an inquiring relative, "God had first claim on my life and since the two conflicted, there could be no question about the result." So love came and went. From that time on Lottie Moon forgot self more and more as

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she lived in the very presence of her Saviour.

In 1883 the scholarly, skilled teacher turned her back on the schoolroom within walls and went into the schoolroom of the open villages where she might teach women and girls the truth about God and his redeeming love.

The country work became her very life. The house at the "Little Crossroads" in Tengchow was merely a center from which to work with the women and children in the villages outside the city.

She met distrust and suspicion but she found teachableness and yearning that thrilled her. She ate Chinese food, wore Chinese dress, made her home Chinese in appearance so that no wall might be between the missionary and the people. The winning of Pingtu began. The need for more missionaries was evident at once. "It is odd that the million Baptists of the South can furnish only three men for all China," she once wrote. "I wonder how this looks in heaven. It certainly looks queer in China!" She wrote back to America again and again, "Send on the missionaries!" "But we have no money to pay their salaries," replied the Foreign Mission Board.

How could this difficulty be met? Day after day she prayed about this problem.

Through articles in state papers and the *Foreign Mission Journal* she knew something of the stirring of the movement for missions among the Baptist women of the South. She urged organization. She suggested a week in December for special prayer and offerings. And the Baptist women of the South did organize. Only a few months old, the new missionary organization undertook its first Christmas offering. The year was 1888. All the Baptist world knows that the first Christmas offering was a success. There was enough to send three missionaries to relieve the lonely woman in Pingtu who was not only giving her life but had taken \$1,000 she had inherited from her mother and sent it to the Board to use for reinforcements.

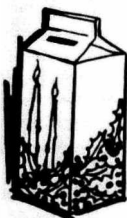
Economic conditions were unusually bad after the Japanese-Russian War. Living expenses were higher; there was poverty. There were epidemics following undernourishment. In 1911 came the Revolution and the American consul called the missionaries to Chefoo. Tengchow was easily accessible by boat and Miss Moon stayed there. Imperialists and Nationalists both held their fire at least one afternoon when she wished to pass through the lines after tending the wounded of both sides during days of battle.

The famine was spreading. She pled for

funds but the Foreign Mission Board had none. It was in debt. She drew out all her savings to send relief to Pingtu. Repeatedly she made large gifts out of her salary. The people were starving. Miss Moon was past seventy now. She became despondent during these sad months. If the Pingtu Christians were starving she would not eat. If there was debt on the Board she would not live on borrowed money. The first of December she was so ill the missionaries at Tengchow sent for Dr. Gaston, of the Southern Baptist Hospital in Laichowfu, to come quickly. One look at her told him the story. She was slowly starving to death. The doctor felt that if she could get back to the States there might be hope for her life. On the 20th of December, 1912, she and Miss Cynthia Miller, missionary nurse, sailed from Shanghai bound for San Francisco.

It was on Christmas Eve at Kobe, Japan, while the ship rode at anchor that Miss Moon died. The frail body was cremated according to Japanese law and the ashes brought back to America. They are buried in the little cemetery at Crewe, Virginia. There stands a marble marker with her name, the dates 1840-1912 and these words, "Forty years a missionary of Southern Baptist Convention in China," and underneath "Faithful Unto Death."

But that was not the end of her life. For such a life never ends. So long as the spirit of missions stays alive, so long as the work in which she believed so earnestly continues in any part of the world, so long will the life of Lottie Moon go on—Adapted from leaflet, "Biographical Sketch of Lottie Moon."



A WMS spray-painted milk cartons

- Decorated them with a Christmas motif
- Cut a slit at the top
- And gave one to each church family in October to use as a
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering bank



memo to P residents

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

One of the greatest concerns of presidents this time of the year is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 28-December 5. Read carefully all of the articles and suggestions given in December Royal Service which relate to the observance of this significant week. As you pray about this week and plan for it remember to:

- Work co-operatively with your pastor, your church staff, and leaders of the Brotherhood, Sunday school, Training Union, and Music Ministry.
- Plan carefully with the prayer, stewardship, enlistment, and publicity committees of your WMS.
- Seek to involve every individual in the church in praying for Foreign Missions during the Week of Prayer.
- Encourage everyone in the church to bring an offering for foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
- Lead church members to use Call to Prayer and other suggestions in Royal Service for observing the Week of Prayer individually and in a family group.
- Use *The Commission* and the leaflet, "Let's Face It," produced by the Foreign Mission Board to aid in promoting the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The leaflet is free upon request from the Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.
- Decide upon the best use of the small posters prepared for unit organizations in the church (WMU, Sunday school, Training Union, and Brotherhood).
- Include the large poster in your arrangement of an interest center and announcement areas.
- Order program covers with poster design to be used in various ways throughout the week (price, 25 for 50¢; 100 for \$1.75 from Woman's Missionary Union, 400 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores).

- Arrange for the church to be open all day on Friday, if possible, for meditation and prayer.
- Consult with leaders about arranging early morning, late afternoon, and evening observances for those employed during the day and cannot participate in morning or early afternoon meetings.
- Follow the daily procedure as outlined in Royal Service.

Christ for the World We Pray (intercessory prayer period—remembering missionaries listed in Call to Prayer, specific needs on foreign fields)

Christ for the World We Sing (devotional period, Scripture passage and hymns, "Christ for the World We Sing" and "I'll Live for Him")

A Living Sacrifice (illustrations of Christian nationals and people here in the United States—pointing up foreign mission needs)

With One Accord in Prayer (prayer time for nationals and specific requests)

Meditation (period of reflection with questions concerning mission response toward "a living sacrifice")

- Keep the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal, "\$14,000,000 for Foreign Missions" before your church and lead members to give worthily at this Christmas season.

- Realize the necessity of right motivation for praying and giving during this Week of Prayer.

The love of Christ constrains, compels, impels. . . .

Other Dates to Remember

Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday school is December 5. Help to conclude this Sunday-to-Sunday observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in a climactic way.

December 6 is Associational Training Union "M" Night. Inform WMU members of this annual event.

Student Night at Christmas, December 26, is an emphasis of the Baptist Student Union. Its purpose is to tell something of the church's outreach to the college campus through the Baptist Student Union.

Points for Presiding

- Look your best but not too "dressed up"
- Speak clearly, distinctly, and pleasantly
- Act calm, poised, and natural; be yourself.
- Know what you are going to say and do
- Plan an agenda and follow it
- Know parliamentary procedure; be courteous

in all relationships

- Keep on schedule; begin on time; close on time
- Introduce a speaker briefly and sincerely; too many compliments embarrass speakers
- Do not leave the platform except in an emergency and then ask someone to substitute for you
- Seek to curtail all unnecessary movement and noise in the room
- Make an effort to secure the attention and response of every individual attending the meeting

memo to Circle Chairmen

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

See "Current Comments" in this Forecaster and read about the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 28-December 5 and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As you read of plans for this Sunday-to-Sunday observance and the \$14,000,000 goal for the offering, realize your responsibility for involving each of your circle members in prayer and gifts for foreign missions. This month's "Memo to Presidents" gives information which you can use for increasing interest among your members in this special mission project.

My Church Telling and Sending

The circle program topic for December, "My Church Telling and Sending," is the third and last program in this quarter's unit, "A Woman's Witness." This program shows how a church can organize missions and can lead its members, especially young people, to know and follow God's call to mission fields. Urge every circle member to be present for the discussion of this important sub-

ject. The filmstrip, *Environment for Missions*, may be used in connection with the program. It emphasizes how Woman's Missionary Union can support the church's outreach through mission action. It has 48 frames, is in color photography and art with recording and manual, price \$7.00 from Baptist Book Stores.

Which Way is Brazil?

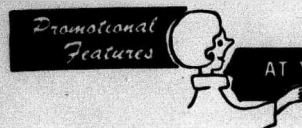
Has the recommended book for this quarter, *Which Way is Brazil?* by Lester C. Bell, been taught in your WMS or in your circle? Has each member of your circle read the book? The author says that the book attempts to appraise the present status of Brazilian Baptists in view of the increased attention Brazilian Baptists are receiving from fellow Baptists around the world; their unprecedented growth and recent political and social developments which are causing Brazil to be regarded in a new light since her role is becoming increasingly important in the world scene, especially in the Western Hemisphere. Circle members will want to be brought up to date on these new developments in this

strategic mission area. If you do not already have copies of the book, order them from your Baptist Book Store, price 85¢ each.

You and Presiding!

Yes, you are the chief officer in your circle and you have the responsibility of presiding

at circle meetings "Points for Presiding," addressed to presidents in this Forecaster, may be helpful to you as you check up on your presiding. Seek to do this part of your job to the best of your ability; it's very important.



AT YOUR MEETINGS

by NICY MURPHY,
Executive Secretary,
Colorado WMU

CIRCLE •

Reading The Commission

To publicize the reading of *The Commission*, hold up an oversized replica of a pair of spectacles cut from construction paper. On each lens draw one of the hemispheres.

Say something like this: "Do you want world vision? Then read *The Commission* magazine." (Hold up a copy.) Briefly tell high lights of some of the features in a current copy. Tell how to secure subscriptions. (Price, \$1.50 a year; \$3.50 for three years from Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230.)

Preview of January Society Program

To arouse the women's interest in the program on Indians in New Mexico give this true and false quiz either orally or duplicate it and give a copy to each woman.

1. There is a trend in America toward Indians moving from reservations to urban areas.
2. Principal tribes in New Mexico are Apache, Navajo, and Pueblo Indians.
3. Indians of New Mexico are located mainly in the southwest section of the state.
4. It was not until the year 1924 that reservation Indians in New Mexico were granted the citizenship right of voting.
5. The growth of Baptist work among the Indians in New Mexico since 1850 has been very slow.
6. \$10,000 of the 1965 Annie Armstrong Offering has made possible a school for Indians living in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

7. The Annie Armstrong Offering has also provided a church building for Indians in Shiprock, New Mexico.

Answers: 1—true; 2—true; 3—false; 4—true; 5—false; 6—true; 7—true.

What is your score? Come and find out more about the Indians of New Mexico at our WMS meeting.

(date) (time) (place)

Gift Subscriptions to Royal Service

December is a good time to promote gift subscriptions to *Royal Service*. This may be done by a dialogue between two women representing an agent and a housewife.

AGENT: Madam, I'm an agent for—
HOUSEWIFE: Sorry, I don't want any.
(Starts to shut the door.)
AGENT: I'm not selling. I'm taking a survey.
HOUSEWIFE: I'm awfully busy. Could you come back some other time?
AGENT: This will only take a moment.
HOUSEWIFE: (halfheartedly) We'll see.
AGENT: I represent the American Housewives Shoppers Guide, Incorporated, Amalgamated and Castigated. I'm finding out for my company the type of gifts women like best. I'd like to ask you just a few questions. Do you like a gift that is personal—one which has been chosen with your particular interests in mind?
HOUSEWIFE: Why, sure.
AGENT: Do you like a gift which you can enjoy over a long period of time—perhaps throughout the year?

HOUSEWIFE: Yes. You can quote me on that.

AGENT: Do you like a gift which looks expensive, that looks like it costs more than it really does?

HOUSEWIFE: I sure do!

AGENT: Do you like a gift which you don't have to exchange after Christmas because it isn't the right size or color?

HOUSEWIFE: You said it!

AGENT: That is all. Thank you, Madam!

HOUSEWIFE: Thank you! You have just given me a wonderful idea! Why, Royal Service fits all of the qualifications. (Agent leaves with a puzzled look on her face.) I'll start my Christmas shopping list right now with gift subscriptions to Royal Service. Now, let's see. There's Aunt Bet, and Harriet, and Cousin Mary. . . (Voice trails off as she begins writing.)



Recording Attendance at Society Meeting

Aim VI, basic objective three, reads "An average attendance for the year of one third of the members at the ten general missionary program meetings of the society." Aim VI, elective three, reads "An average attendance for the year of one third of the members of each circle at the ten general missionary program meetings of the society." In order to record this information there are three things to keep in mind.

(1) Attendance at society meetings must be kept each month except December and March.

(2) Enrolment at the beginning of the year must be kept in order to determine whether or not the average attendance for the year equals one third of the membership.

(3) Attendance at society meetings must be kept by circles in order to figure average

attendance for the year of one third of the members of each circle.

The secretary is responsible for recording attendance at society meetings. She will no doubt enlist the help of circle chairmen in getting this record. By using the following materials accurate reports may be made more easily:

Individual Monthly Record Sheet for WMS Member, price 25 for 25¢; 100 for 75¢ (packaged only as listed)

Circle Report Book, price 25¢
Both may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.

Extension Members

Are there women in your church who are kept from WMS meetings because of personal illness or confinement to the home for other reasons? Do not overlook these women.

Recognize that they need WMS and WMS needs them. Women who are unable to attend WMS meetings need to have contact with those who do attend. Visits and gestures of friendship should be encouraged by all society members. Extension members are members of the WMS and need to realize that they are counted with all other WMS members in figuring reports.

Vitalize the lives of extension members by providing a continuing personal interest in them. They need Christian fellowship and a sense of being needed. Enlist them in as many of the society plans as individual situations permit. Through reading or having read to them Royal Service, mission books, and other mission magazines, they will become more aware of world needs. Through participation in WMS prayer plans, by giving tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program and gifts through the weeks of prayer offerings, and by encouraging them to use whatever opportunities they have to witness, extension members will feel a vital part of the society.

Emphasize the necessity of maintaining contact with extension members through a newsletter, personal visits, or some means of reporting society activities and news about extension members. Some churches have a tape recorder which the society could use in recording programs to share with extension members. Circles sometimes meet in the home of a shut-in where it is suitable.

See chapter 8, WMS Manual and analyze the effectiveness of your work with women in your church who are kept from WMS meetings.

Fostering Sunbeam Bands

Sunbeam Band leaders may be calling on WMS members to help with their December plans. Some leaders may ask WMS members to write letters to parents of children explaining the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and their child's participation in the offering.

Other leaders may be requesting felt scraps or suggesting that WMS members buy stamps (15¢ a half ounce) to mail original Christmas cards made by the children for missionaries in Brazil, or to make refreshments for a Brazilian Christmas party.

Is there a need for a Sunbeam Nursery in your church or does the one you have need strengthening? See the Nursery section of October, November, December Sunbeam Activities and learn how your WMS can foster the Sunbeam Nursery in your church.

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

Read the article by our President, Mrs. Robert Fling, "Silver, Gold, or an Elephant's Tusk" and the one by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, "A Living Sacrifice," in December Royal Service and feel the inspiration of a week of prayer and giving for foreign missions. The week of November 28-December 5 can be a transforming experience if the WMU in your church and in other churches will pray and plan wisely for this tremendously important effort. See "Memo to Presidents" in this Forecaster for further suggestions for observing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Publicity Techniques

Do you have something you want the women of your church to know? Publicize! But do it effectively.

POSTERS AND BULLETIN BOARDS

• Catch the eye

To give your poster real "grab" try a color that is either very bright, appealing to women or currently popular. If only white poster board is available try a colorful and cleverly shaped design to draw the eye. Clipped magazine faces and figures can often "say something" for you.

• Make the message simple

State in as few words as possible exactly what you want to say. Sticking to the facts, include only the event, time, and place and

maybe one pertinent detail for appeal.

• Display in a prominent place

Be sure the most people will see your effort. One idea is to have one or more WMU bulletin boards located in the places about the church where women gather, such as the vestibule, Sunday school classroom, Nursery Department, rest rooms, etc. The board need not be big or expensive.

• Be faithful

Good publicity requires faithful responsibility. Each month the women may come to expect a change of news and information. Your faithfulness in providing this will insure their faithfulness in observing. Timely and appealing publicity contributes much to the success of any endeavor.

You may enlist the aid of the circle publicity chairmen or the various general chairmen to take the responsibility of keeping the board up to date and give special emphases, especially at conference time or weeks of prayer, mission study, etc.

There are many inexpensive items available at local art and school supply stores to help you make attractive posters. If you have difficulty with letters, buy and use cutout letters. Either draw around and paint in or glue on letters. Interesting effects may be had by splattering poster paint with a toothbrush or dabbing with a soft sponge in one or more colors.

PRINTED PUBLICITY

Advertising in any printed media whether church paper, bulletin, or handbill still requires the material be simple, straightforward, and appealing; though more detailed information may be given here because it is before the reader for a longer time.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

• Be enthusiastic

Remember that your audience will reflect your enthusiasm. So be radiant and be convincing because you are sold yourself.

• Be brief

In the announcement brevity is most important. Never give more information than can be easily and accurately repeated.

Remember, in any case, it is what the eye and ear can retain with the least effort that will be remembered.

—MRS. FLORENCE JEFFARES,
Artist, WMS Dept., WMU, SBC



by JUNE WHITLOW,
WMS Director, Georgia WNU

Display again the open-book flip chart bearing the unit theme, "My Church Proclaiming to the Whole World." The final page will reveal this month's theme, "My Church Telling and Sending."

Sketch a church or mount a picture of a church on large, heavy cardboard. Identify it as the West Moraine Baptist Church and place on table as center of interest. On smaller pieces of cardboard mount pictures of missions of varying sizes and shapes. Stand these up around the large church to represent its twelve missions. On the back of three mounted pictures place information about the missions as given in program material. Call on three women to share this with the group.

Following this presentation, change the name of the church to that of your own church. Leave on the table the number of mounted pictures to represent the number of missions your church has sponsored. Allow time for someone to tell briefly about the missions which your church has begun. This is an excellent time to evaluate what your church has done toward establishing new missions. Perhaps your circle can determine the needs in the area and be instrumental in establishing new work.

Once again the name of the church is changed—Seminole Heights Baptist Church. Replace the mounted pictures of missions with six stand-up dolls to represent the men and women who have gone as foreign missionaries from this church. After relating the information about the six missionaries given in the program material, use again the name of your church and the number of dolls which represent those from your church who are serving under the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Ask someone to tell briefly about these and their areas of service or if their mothers are present, interview them.

Close with period of prayer in which members are led to pray for their own church as it "proclaims to the whole world."

WEEK of PRAYER for FOREIGN MISSIONS, November 28-December 5, 1965

To make this a week of spiritual significance in your church, make available for use by Sunday school and Training Union leadership copies of November and December Royal Service. Suggest that they use these features:

November Royal Service

Page 1, "Baker J. Cauthen: Man of Prayer"

Page 5, "Wanted: Someone to Wash Windows"

Page 22, "Life in Indonesia"

December Royal Service

Page 1, "Silver, Gold, or an Elephant's Tusk"

Page 8, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem"

Page 22, "How Far Does My Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Go?"

Page 31, "So Little to Read"

Page 33, "New Freedom in Vietnam"

Page 35, "Make Me Care"

Page 36, "A Living Sacrifice"

How will you make available the Royal

Service suggestions for family participation in this Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? See page 41, December Royal Service.

Will you order extra copies of Royal Service (15¢ each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203) so that every church family has a copy? Or, will you make a folder in which you mimeograph helps for each day, November 28 through December 5? Or, what will you do?

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal,
\$14,000,000.**

Are you content with what your church gives to this foreign mission offering? Plan unusual emphases this year. Encourage families to make a family bank and put money into it each day or week. Suggest that they add this to their usual gift or see another idea for a family bank on page 2 of Forecaster.

New Freedom IN VIETNAM



by Herman P. Hayes
Missionary in Vietnam

TO all freedom loving people around the world there is a desire that a new birth of freedom may come in Vietnam, that the Communist enemy may be driven back and that the people here may have a new life. A great majority of the Vietnamese people have never lived a day when there was not a struggle for freedom going on, a struggle for a new way of life. Even at best this has seemed an endless, hopeless venture.

For some, however, in this nation which is in the throes of a battle for freedom, a new birth has come, a new life found in Jesus Christ, even in the midst of war. It is only in Jesus Christ that freedom from the bondage of sin comes to any man whatever his circumstances.

Searching for freedom in South Vietnam, Miss Khe, a beautiful young Vietnamese woman, came with her parents, brothers, and sisters, from North Vietnam in 1951. The Lord has done well. The father is the principal of an elementary school, the

children are well educated, and one brother is an officer in the Vietnamese army, engaged actively in the struggle for freedom.

Capitalizing upon her desire to improve in English, Miss Khe enrolled in two of our English Bible classes, one taught by my wife, and one taught by missionary Bob





Compher. It was not long before Miss Khe showed more interest in what was being taught than in the language used to teach it. She began coming to our regular Vietnamese worship services. Soon she asked for a personal conference in Vietnamese to help her understand more about the gospel. A fine Baptist layman, himself a Christian only a year, helped me witness to her. He assured her that better understanding of God's ways would come when she believed on Jesus. It was then our privilege to lead her to a personal decision in Christ. At that moment a new life was born in Vietnam. Miss Khe was very much aware that something altogether different from any other experience had taken place in her heart and life.

That night she came to a class we were having for new Christians preparing for baptism. The lesson was on witnessing. It was about Andrew who, upon meeting Jesus went and told his brother Peter about the Master. Miss Khe followed Andrew's

example. She went back home and witnessed to her sister and a friend. The following Sunday all three made public professions of faith in Christ. They had experienced new birth.

Miss Khe's father began coming to church with her. Now it is a rare thing for him to miss. In fact, he feels so strongly that he should be in service each Sunday that when he cannot come he always apologizes. One can almost see the struggle going on as the Holy Spirit works in his heart.

Miss Khe is now manager of the Baptist Book Room. An average of about eighty people per day enter the book room to read. To many of these she gives a witness and an invitation to our services. Three young people have already been won to Christ through the book room ministry. Daily Miss Khe is a living testimony of the new birth, of real freedom, which can be experienced in Vietnam even in the midst of the struggle to death with communism.



Allocations for Vietnam:

Language Study	\$7,500
Children's School Allowance	3,600
Missionary Residence Property Operating	12,000
Travel for Mission Business	3,600
Evangelistic Work	3,000
Direct Evangelism, Property Operating	6,000
Missional Work	7,500

Total

\$42,200



by Lou Case Murphy

Mrs. Burke C. Murphy tells us that "Make Me Care!" was "written for Women's Missionary Union." "All five of us are active members of the First Baptist Church in Southville, Mississippi, and of course, we are an RA, GA, WMS, and Brotherhood family. The children are Burke, Jr. (Bucky) age 13; Bill, age 11; and Mary Delia (Dee), age 8."

ROYAL SERVICE

Last night my children, in their beds,
Laid their neatly shampooed heads
On pillows warm and soft and sweet,
Were tucked about with nice, clean
sheet.
And after evening prayer, they had
A good-night kiss from Mom and Dad

While elsewhere in the world last night
Some little children, cold with fright,
Lay down in narrow street
And huddled at each other's feet.
With saddened eyes that told of pain,
They spilled their little tears in vain.
From dirty hovels here and there
The stench of filth had filled the air.
I heard a little baby's cry,
And in an alleyway nearby
A helpless mother watched to see
Her daughter robbed of purity.

Oh, God! I can't go on this way —
So unconcerned from day to day!
How can my soul commune with Thee?
There's so much else to hear and see —
The comforts of the room I'm in;
The record player's noisy din.

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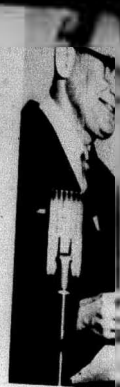
The lovely table set with care;
The bulging freezer standing there.
My smart new suit, my gloves, my hat—
(My missions gift? Not half of that!)
The television's vacant glare
Mocks me, as in my despair
I think how often that I choose
Just fifteen minutes of world news
Then send my worries on their way
With quiz show or some "give-away."
I can't find much time for prayer,
But sit for hours as I stare
At foolish things I now disdain
That once I thought could entertain.

Oh, God! Dear God! please help me see
The hollow, empty, vanity
Of thinking just of self and mine
Instead of others who are thine—
Or those who need salvation's power
To save them in this crucial hour.
Men whose eyes can never see
Beyond the long day's misery.

Tonight my children went to bed
Secure, and happy, and well-fed.
But Lord, when I lie down, I pray
That Thou wilt take my sleep away.
Withhold this blessing from my eyes
Until my soul can realize
That selfishness and greed are sin!
And all I fail to do to win
These dying souls to Thee, the Way.
I'll answer for a later day.

Stir my soul; make me aware
Of others' pain—then make me care,
Care so much that I may live
From this day forth to wholly give
My time, myself, my all, to Thee
In service full, and glad, and free!
Help me to see a lost world's need;
Convict my soul; help me to heed
The cries for help, then let me see
The task as it relates to me.

Yes, Lord, withhold all rest until
My heart is Thine, to do Thy will.



by Baker J. Cauthen

Executive Secretary
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A LIVING SACRIFICE

DURING 1965 the Foreign Mission Board has been impressed by great response to the call of worldwide missionary outreach. The largest year in the history of missionary appointment is being experienced. Not only have missionaries been sent under regular appointment, but others have gone in auxiliary capacities as missionary associates, special project medical personnel and missionary journeymen.

Every week letters are received from people who offer to go as God may open the way. Sometimes those letters come from business and professional people highly established in places of responsibility. Many come from pastors, ministers of religion, education and church music. Increasingly, doctors and other professional people offer to go for short periods at their own expense in order to share in missionary service. Special projects involving ministers, laymen, and young people have met with immediate response.

Part of this development is due to doors which are open in so many lands to the evident responsibility which follows. Never has the call for direct evangelism

and growing New Testament churches been greater. In many lands the day of harvest has come and reapers are needed on a scale that surpasses anything previously known.

Baptists have always emphasized church-centered evangelism. This means that in place of simply preaching the gospel in large-scale evangelistic efforts and stopping at that point, it becomes necessary to follow through and bring people who trust Christ into a larger understanding of the Christian life, obedience to Christ in baptism and acceptance of responsibility for witness and service. Missionaries on an ever increasing scale are needed for the multiplied ministries involved in church development.

All of this calls for leadership training in theological seminaries and other schools. Baptists maintain on mission fields more than eleven hundred schools with a combined enrolment of 175,000. Teaching opportunities are found from kindergarten through four-year senior college and theological seminary.

Medical work and social services present fruitful opportunities. The need for medical personnel is one of the most urgent in

the missionary enterprise. Doctors and nurses are urgently required in order to carry on adequately the work that has been established and make possible opening new work in other fields.

A growing sense of imperative is felt all over the world as this century moves into its climatic decades. Nothing on the horizon of international relationships gives any reason for delay, relaxation, or retreat.

Obviously all of this requires increasing financial resources. During the dark days of the depression in 1932, the total income of the Foreign Mission Board was a little more than \$600,000. In 1966, \$25,000,000 will be necessary to take care of worldwide ministries. Each year as new missionaries are appointed, long-range financial responsibilities are assumed. As work develops, more needs appear both from the standpoint of ministries to be undertaken and buildings to be erected. The people on mission fields are challenged to give their utmost, but the funds made possible by Southern Baptists accelerate development in ways that would take decades to bring about otherwise.

Financial responsibilities in foreign mission service must be balanced between the support of missionaries, funds for work on the fields, and capital funds for property and essential buildings. If resources should fail to grow, a ceiling would be reached beyond which advance as it has been experienced would not be able to go.

Throughout this period of progress, advance in missionary personnel and financial resources have grown in parallel lines. Funds are always inadequate to meet the recommendations which are presented by the mission fields. Those recommendations now exceed available resources annually at least four million dollars.

Financial resources for foreign missions come through two main channels. The Co-operative Program is frequently spoken of as the lifeline of all mission work. This

expression is used because it undergirds the mission work that is done both in this country and throughout the world.

Taking the Cooperative Program as a whole, approximately 65 per cent of it remains in the states of the Southern Baptist Convention to finance state mission causes including Christian education. The remaining 35 per cent goes to the Southern Baptist Convention to undergird the work that is done in home missions, theological education, foreign missions, and all other causes fostered by Southern Baptists. Of the Cooperative Program funds which reach the Southern Baptist Convention, approximately 50 per cent reaches the Foreign Mission Board.

The other chief source of funds is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Without this love gift year by year, the outreach in foreign mission work would be reduced on a tragic scale. It would be necessary to cut out seven million dollars of items essential in 1966 to the support of missionaries and the work of evangelism, Christian education, medical work, and publications on mission fields. More than five million dollars upon which missionaries are depending for construction of church buildings, hospitals, publishing houses, seminaries, mission residences and other necessary structures in 1966 would be nonexistent. Nearly one-half of our total foreign mission work would become impossible if there were no Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering vastly reinforces the Cooperative Program and enables Southern Baptists to maintain a foreign mission undertaking on a scale which otherwise would be impossible. If there were no Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, it would be necessary at the present level of distribution of funds to increase the Cooperative Program by seventy million dollars per year in order to deliver to the Foreign Mission Board the amount of money now brought to it by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Not only does the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supplement the Cooperative Pro-

gram so that Southern Baptists are able to project a world ministry on a scale which would be completely impossible otherwise, but it stimulates the growth of the Cooperative Program by deepening the missionary convictions of Southern Baptists through study of the Word of God and the needs of the world. Out of this study grows a deep motivation for missionary giving. It personalizes the missionary labors which are made possible through the Cooperative Program and thereby gives to each church member a clearer understanding of the significance of his gifts as they continue flowing throughout the year.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is far more than money. It cannot be explained aside from study and prayer. Foreign missions is an enterprise that welcomes the closest scrutiny. The more people know about it, the more they believe in it. The more people have accurate detail about the work of missionaries, the utilization of mission funds, the fruitage of missionary labor, and the tragic needs which are unmet, the more they become thoroughly convinced that obedience in the Great Commission is an expression of the highest wisdom of Christian discipleship.

The Week of Prayer preceding the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brings spiritual power to a worldwide task. Missionaries are aware that multiple financial resources alone would not achieve a breakthrough on mission fields. This must come through greater spiritual power. The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions undergirds God's servants and their labors.

May God grant that when the twentieth century is complete and Christian efforts are reviewed, Southern Baptists will have written a record of response to the dangers, perplexities, possibilities, and perils of our day in terms of unshakable faith in Jesus Christ, tender compassion for our fellowman wherever he is found, and a missionary thrust of the dimensions, quality, and power expected by our Lord. To write this kind of record each of us needs to be a living sacrifice.

PRAYER COMMITTEE,

Prepare

FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

● **Prepare carefully** and prayerfully for a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Read carefully all the material and adapt or cut according to your needs of time and circumstance. You will want to be careful that you plan so that you avoid a "program" idea by majoring on worship and prayer. This means of course that you plan every detail, leaving nothing to chance. Pray together as a committee. Impress upon those who will participate that they come prayerfully to the church, and that they are not performing, but are to lead others in worship.

● **Select participants** who are deeply concerned for missions and use as few as possible. Perhaps two each day will be enough and request that each be carefully prepared. One can lead; the other will guide in the meditation periods. Choose carefully the person who gives the two meditation thoughts each day. Perhaps the same person will present them all week if this seems wise. Be sure your musicians are well prepared and know exactly what to do and when.

● **The meeting place** should be orderly and entirely ready before the first person arrives. Avoid whispering and activity by committee members and those participating after others come. This means that all who have responsibility each day will arrive a bit early in order to be ready to lead others.

The appearance at the front of the room

should be conducive to worship but not demanding attention. Use candles, greenery, a Bible, lamps in ways to add beauty and inspiration.

If the group is small, chairs may be arranged in a semicircle. This gives an informal feeling of togetherness. Also, in such an arrangement, those speaking may remain seated, or stand where they are. If the group is too large for this, then arrange for those leading to be seated at the front where they may remain seated, facing the group as they speak quietly, calling on those who will pray, and giving information to stimulate prayer. The soloist may be seated on the front with back to group and sing acappella or with accompaniment. The pianist may be seated at the piano throughout.

● **Quiet Time:** Encourage early-comers to engage in quiet meditation. The leader will break this quiet time promptly at the time set for the observance of each day of prayer. Not only is this quiet time important, it is also vital that you time your daily observance and strictly adhere to the time schedule.

● **Gathering of Offering:** This is not something added, but the climax. Arrange an effective way to reverently and prayerfully take the offering. One way might be to instruct someone to start an offering plate around the semicircle. If the group is

large and the participants are seated in rows, a designated person or persons at the back may begin to pass the plates toward the front.

Or, those who have brought an offering may leave their seats as the pianist begins playing, "I'll Live for Him" and place their offering on a table prepared for this.

Or, the entire group may quietly leave the room as the pianist plays and each deposits her offering on a table near the door. All may continue to sing, "I'll Live for Him" as they leave the building.

● **Time:** Will you provide at your church a place of meditation and prayer? In churches where there is more than one society, some provide for an early hour; one church begins at 6:30 A.M. observance of the Week of Prayer. Breakfast is served or all go to a nearby restaurant at 7:10. Those going on to work can do so by 7:30 or 7:40. Then at 10:00 A.M. or 11:00 A.M. a second observance is provided for those who do not work outside the home.

Prepare for All-Day Observance on Friday, December 1

On Friday, you may decide to open your place of worship as early as 6:30 A.M. and keep it open until 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. for a day of meditation and prayer.

A worshipful atmosphere, with requests for prayer written on a chalkboard or poster or in a folder can provide direction to those who come when there is no person who directs. However, some groups ask women to be on hand throughout the day to quietly greet those who come and show them to the place of worship and suggest where the offering can be placed. Two women at a time might be scheduled for two-hour periods throughout the day. If a folder is provided, Scripture verses, information, and suggestions for prayer can be included. Or, copies of *Royal Service* opened to page 56 can be available for each person to follow along Friday's material.

Ideas for Posters

Poster Number 1

Give at Least a Minute
to Foreign Missions

\$45.25 for one minute
90.50 for two minutes
226.25 for five minutes
452.50 for ten minutes
1,357.50 for thirty minutes

Last year it cost \$45.25 a minute for our foreign mission work.

Poster Number 2

Cost of Foreign Mission Board Program in 1964

Per year	\$23,786,976.97
Per month	1,982,248.08
Per week	457,441.86
Per day	65,169.79
Per hour	2,715.00
Per minute	45.25

How many minutes will you give?

Poster Number 3

"One faithful, though totally unknown person praying realistically for God's work around the world is worth ten missionaries!"

—ROBERTA DORR, missionary to Gaza

Have Materials Ready: Large and small Week of Prayer posters

Program covers—25 for 50¢, 100 for \$1.75, from Baptist Book Stores or Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203

A leaflet to use in promotion is "Let's Face It" from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

The Commission and in state Baptist papers look for articles on the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Articles in *Royal Service*: "Baker 1. Cauthen: Man of Prayer," November; "Silver, Gold, or an Elephant's Tusk," "How Far Does My Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Go?," "New Freedom in Vietnam," "Little to Read!," "Jerusalem, Jerusalem," "A Living Sacrifice," in December



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Purpose, Theme, Hymn for the Week of Prayer

Purpose: To understand better the real meaning of "a living sacrifice"; to give ourselves to intercessory prayer; and to desire real involvement in winning the world to Christ.

Scripture Theme: "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him" Romans 12:1, Phillips.

Hymn: "I'll Live for Him"

DAILY PROCEDURE

(Monday through Thursday)

Quiet Time

Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the World We Pray

A Living Sacrifice

With One Accord in Prayer

Meditation

Gathering of Offering

For Family or Individual

Observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

During this Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, you will come from corporate worship with your friends at the church to family or private observance in a frame of mind to help your family add their concern and prayer to a concerted effort by Baptists around the world.

Observe the Week of Prayer at home—with your family, or privately. Let us bring the gifts of life, prayer, our homes, money, our all and lay them sacrificially on God's altar. Then we shall become living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. Will you and your family give at least enough to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to sustain foreign mission work for one minute? It cost \$45.25 for one minute last year. For two? five? ten? thirty?

Suggestions for Each Day at Home

Sunday—see page 43.

Monday through Friday, see pages 44-59.

Use at home material from "Meditations," "A Living Sacrifice," and "With One Accord in Prayer" each day.

Saturday—see page 59.

Sunday—see page 60.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

(SUNDAY through SUNDAY)

November 28—December 5, 1965

Theme:

A Living Sacrifice

by Mrs. Charles A. Maddry

Meditations by Miriam Robinson

Read Romans 12:1 (Phillips). Read it slowly, endeavoring to grasp its meaning for you.

This is the beginning of a special week—the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Will you make it a very special week in your life?

Will you make this week a time of earnest, intercessory prayer? Roberta Dorr, whose doctor-husband serves in the Gaza Baptist Hospital says, "One faithful, though totally unknown person praying realistically for God's work around the world is worth ten missionaries!" Read that again; do you believe it?

Jesus commanded us to pray one for another. He likewise exhorted us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest.

Dr. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, says: "If the prayer of ten million Southern Baptists can be marshaled behind the task of foreign missions, and if the intercession of emerging Baptist groups throughout the whole world be blended with them, we will have discovered our major resource for a powerful Christian advance in this century's closing decades."

Pray for Dr. Cauthen as he directs the work of the Foreign Mission Board. Pray that God will give him health and divine wisdom. Pray also for the staff personnel who work with him.

Pray that God will call out from our churches more missionaries; pray that God will call youth from your church, your family.

Pray for the success of the New Program of Advance which Southern Baptists adopted in 1964, calling for 5,000 missionaries to serve overseas.

Pray for your own church and for other Southern Baptist churches—that members may give thought and energy to living as Christians.

Dr. T. B. Maston, retired professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, speaking to a group of Baptists last summer said: "If we at home want to strengthen and revitalize the work of our missionaries around the world, we must seek in every way possible to revitalize the work of God in our churches. We need to attune our spiritual ears and see if the divine Spirit has a fresh word to speak to us in our day and through us to our age."

What are you doing to allow the Holy Spirit to have his way with your life?

Missionaries who were responsible for work in ten stations in a certain country wrote their area secretary that they were discouraged. Ignorance, indifference, and opposition made it impossible for them to see any results from hard

SUNDAY

November 28

(at home)

work. They suggested to him that he enlist ten people, each to take one of the ten stations and make it a matter of daily prayer.

Time passed and the missionaries wrote of phenomenal changes in seven of the stations. Revivals broke out. Indifferent persons began to listen to the gospel. The membership of churches grew with people who wanted to serve. God was blessing in marvelous ways! But in three stations there was no visible change. The puzzled missionaries were unable to account for the differences. But the secretary was not puzzled; only seven people had promised to pray for seven stations!

Will you consider the question, "Are you going to be a part of the Week of Prayer observance in your church?" God will bless you personally and bring about miracles on mission fields as you pray faithfully in his name.

The world is big. The needs are great and many. Even a whole week of intercessory prayer is not enough.

Have you considered the largest amount you can bring to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Has your family decided to observe this week together during family altar time? Have all of you discussed your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Will you do so today?

Pray for the missionaries who have birthdays today (see page 24, November Royal Service)

Sing or read, "I'll Live for Him" and make the words of this song a promise to yourself and to God.

As your family goes together to your church today to study, pray, worship, sing, will you be prayerful regarding this Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions?

My Life



"First they gave themselves to the Lord," Giving of life is essential to worthy service in Christ's kingdom.

Christ for the World We Sing

Meditation: MY LIFE

(Read slowly and thoughtfully.)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31; 13:1-13

"First [they] gave their own selves to the Lord"
(2 Cor. 8:5).

It is the love of the child which makes dear the extended bouquet of clover and dandelions held in a moist baby hand. The loved one, not the sparkling gem, is the treasure. The flowers are but weeds when the child is gone. The gem loses its luster when the love that prompted the gift is withdrawn.

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1).

Sacrifice? It is a pagan word: the blood of animals upon a crude altar to appease a frightful god.

Sacrifice? It is a holy act: a man, faultless, upon a cross, willingly, for somebody else.

Sacrifice? It is ever spoken of what another has done, and humbly denied by the doer.

What loving parent clocks the hours of labor, or counts the cost?

Sacrifice? It is a goal worthy to be sought after, but never admittedly attained. Its motivation is love, extravagant, immeasurable love, and love's reward is joy, not burden, however costly: life, not death.

... your bodies, a living sacrifice."

and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it avails me nothing" (1 Cor 13:3, Montgomery's translation). My body, spent—for God, to show my love for him, to show all peoples of the world his love for them.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37).

The wise men opened their treasures and presented gifts to the Saviour-child I too, shall be wise, and present to him my dearest treasure; neither gold, nor frankincense, nor myrrh, but my life!

My life—wholly, purposefully, willingly,
constantly—God's!

Sing "I'll Live for Him," verse 1, without announcement, and with heads bowed.

Christ for the World We Pray

(Directed prayer period)

Pray for missionaries on the prayer calendar
(see page 24, November Royal Service).

Continue to Pray:

It is not easy for missionaries to work alone in secluded areas. An example of this kind of sacrifice may be seen in the decision of missionaries in Costa Rica, where the small number of one center moved out to other points. Let us pray for these and other missionaries who are laboring in isolated places (pray).

Pray with thanksgiving for advance in radio and television ministries. Let us thank God for the missionaries who direct these and for nationals, who preach. A Japanese living in São Paulo, Brazil, said, "I saw your film a few days ago. Though I'd never given Christianity

second thought, this film was a real eye opener for me. It was like a lighthouse which made me see the errors of my way of life. If possible, will you please send me a Bible" (pray).

Pray for Alan Compton, missionary to Chile, elected in May of this year to be radio-television representative for Latin America. He is responsible for initiating and overseeing the Latin American radio-TV work for which almost \$112,000 from this year's offering is allocated (pray).

Pray for the European Baptist radio recording studio at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and for Wesley Miller who is supervisor. This is a training as well as a production center. Also, for plans to build a library of recordings of materials connected with church work (pray).

A Living Sacrifice

A Prayer and a Promise

When Mrs. Nobuyoshi Togami asked the Lord fourteen years ago what he would have her do, she did not know that in 1965 he would send her to Brazil.

Mrs. Togami, the former Kimiko Deguchi, moved from Manchuria, her birthplace, to Japan following World War II. It was here that she heard the gospel for the first time.

About this time many Japanese were emigrating to Brazil. Keenly aware that her own people in Manchuria had no opportunity to hear the gospel, Kimiko felt real concern that among those Japanese going to live in Brazil that there be Christians who would witness for Christ. She prayed earnestly that God would send someone to Brazil to preach the gospel to these Japanese.

It must have been a shock to Kimiko to realize later that God was asking her to answer her own prayer. When God called, she was obedient. About ten years ago, at the Japan Baptist Assembly, she told convention leaders of her desire to be a missionary to the Japanese in Brazil. She learned from them that there was no plan for such work. However, they encouraged her to pray that an opportunity might open to the Japan Baptist Convention.

Kimiko did pray. And in faith she began to make preparation. She entered Seinan Gakuin, Baptist university in Fukuoka, for special training in child education.

There she met Nobuyoshi Togami, who was studying in the theological department of the university. He had promised the Lord he would serve anywhere the way was made known to him, but as he later said, "Of course, I was not the king of Brazil!" Nobuyoshi and Kimiko were married in 1958.

During his years of theological study, Mr. Togami served as assistant pastor of a church and pastor of two others. He was challenged to be pastor of a leaderless church which had dwindled to six active members. God blessed his efforts. During this three years as pastor the church membership increased and started a mission and a kindergarten.

In the meantime, Brazilian Baptists recognized the spiritual need of the Japanese who had come to live in their country. They wrote the Japan Baptist Convention for help. Convention leaders naturally remembered Mrs. Togami's desire to be a missionary to this group of people. They informed Mr. and Mrs. Togami of the request from Brazil and asked them to consider together this call for help.

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The Togamis could not immediately give an affirmative answer. Mr. Togami was happy in his pastorate. He realized he would need to learn a new language and understand a new culture. He also questioned the educational opportunities for their children. But as he read the Bible and prayed, he remembered his promise to God before entering Seinan Gakuin. That promise was—my life for three O God! Certainly Brazil was included in that promise. They must go.

During further preparation for Brazil, Mr. and Mrs. Togami served as pioneer missionaries in Ichikawa, Japan. The mission they started grew within about two years into an organized church of sixty-five members.

In 1963 the Japan Baptist Convention appointed Rev. and Mrs. Nobuyoshi Togami as its first missionaries to Brazil. They came to the United States for about a year and a half of study in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary before going to Brazil in the fall of 1965. They will be studying the Portuguese language for two more years before taking up full-time work among the Japanese in that country. Portuguese language study is necessary because they will work in co-operation with the Brazilian Baptist Convention. And of course, many of their neighbors will speak the national language. Mr. Togami will be an itinerant preacher, seeking to win the Japanese to Christ wherever they are and lead them into the Brazilian churches, rather than build churches for Japanese-speaking.

These missionaries are going to Brazil against the wishes of their families. He leaves his mother and she leaves her father, and they each leave seven brothers and sisters. Mrs. Togami has no hope of seeing Japan again, since the Japan Baptist Convention provides only for Mr. Togami to return occasionally for a report of his work.

Two young lives—living sacrifices—because

one prayed, and the other made a promise—living sacrifices—because they let God have his way in their lives.

Let us pray for Mr. and Mrs. Togami—for their understanding of the language and culture, for the health and adjustment of the children, for the salvation of the Japanese among whom they will minister (*silent prayer*).

A Life or a Soul?

During the evangelistic crusade in Brazil in the spring of this year, an Intermediate and an eighty-year-old man accepted Christ at the same service. One has, in God's providence, a life to live for Christ; the other likely has not many years yet to live.

It was the first time the older man had heard the gospel. After expressing the joy which had come into his heart, he said, "What a tragedy that eighty years of my life have been wasted because I never heard the gospel!" How sad, indeed!

Pray for these two new Christians—that the old man may be a radiant witness to his Saviour during the rest of his life; that the young Christian may present himself "a living sacrifice" for the cause of Christ (*silent prayer*).

Sing prayerfully "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," verse 2.

With One Accord in Prayer

(A quiet unhurried period)

Pray with thanksgiving for great spiritual victories resulting from nation-wide evangelistic crusades this year in Brazil, Mexico, Thailand, Malaysia, and Ecuador.

Pray that new converts may be enlisted, nurtured, and utilized. Unless this is done with speed and effectiveness, many lives will be forfeited as converts continue in spiritual infancy. Churches and the gospel need mature church members. Some churches had more professions than they have church members (*pray*).

Pray for the Crusade of the Americas proposed for 1969. National conventions are already making plans. Let us pray for national pastors, leaders, and young people who will be working in these campaigns (*pray*).

Pray for theological training centers for young people who are leaders today and tomorrow (*pray*).

There is great need all over Latin America for more training facilities and for teachers to train church leaders. Pray for vision, financial resources, and personnel (*pray*).

Pray for a small seminary which has reopened in Barcelona, Spain. This past year ten young men and the wives of nine of them were enrolled. Pray that the \$16,000 financial aid allocated in this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be available as a result of our offering during this week (*pray*).

Pray for the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to which \$110,000 of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will go (*pray*).

There is great need for seminary teachers in the Orient. Let us ask God to help us meet this need (*pray*).

Pray for two small seminaries—one in Yugoslavia (Novi Sad) and one in Hungary. Missionaries were excluded from these countries when Communists came into power. The Foreign Mission Board will provide financial aid to these seminaries from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; Novi Sad, \$3,260 and in Hungary \$4,000 (*pray*).

Closing Meditation: MY LIFE

1. What visible signs indicate to my friends and neighbors that I have dedicated my life to the Lord? (*pause for meditation and prayer*)
2. Does my attitude, even about church matters, sometimes hint that Christ is NOT living in me? (*pause*)
3. Does my family know that I am genuinely concerned about making Christ known to the world? (*pause*)
4. What characteristics of a missionary do I have? (*pause*)
5. Have I ever consciously tried to make any kind of sacrifice for my Lord? (*pause*)
6. What could God do with my life? Am I willing to give it to him . . . and see? (*pray*)

Ingathering of Offering

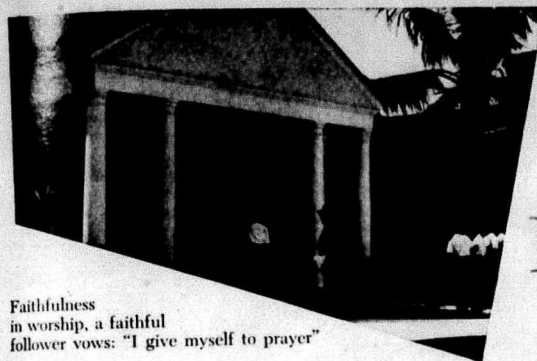
A missionary writes: "You will be having your opportunity soon to give a special offering for foreign missions. We also will be giving our gifts here in our adopted country, for we observe this week of prayer for missionary work. A great portion of what we do in this land depends entirely on how Southern Baptists give at this time. We challenge you to give as Christ would direct you."

This could be the challenge from more than 2,000 foreign missionaries.

Let us give our money, which represents a part of our lives, prayerfully.

(Pianist plays softly, "I'll Live for Him" as gifts are brought.)

TUESDAY, November 30



My Prayer

Faithfulness in worship, a faithful follower vows: "I give myself to prayer"

Quiet Time: (Break the silence by quoting Romans 12:1, Phillips.)

Christ for the World We Sing

Meditation: MY PRAYER

Sing: "Christ for the World We Sing," verse 2 (*solists or group*).

(Read slowly and thoughtfully.)

Read Matthew 7:7-11.

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

I stand amazed at the gift of God in the privilege of prayer.

The Almighty Creator speaks to me! The King of kings grants me an audience! The Saviour of the world attends unto my cry!

And why?

That in the fellowship of prayer I may better know him; that in his presence I may partake of his power; that in this growing revelation of him I may become more like him; that this likeness will include more of his compassion; that this compassion may quicken my concern for a lost world; that through the avenue of prayer I may express this concern.

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17).

"Prayer is no mere formula for the securing of my own desires. 'God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you' (1 Sam 12:23).

Prayer is God's guiding hand laid upon my life, for his service.

The practice of prayer is a reliable measure

of my love for God and my desire that others know this love.

What then, shall I do with this God-given privilege of prayer?

I shall pray the world to him!

"I give myself unto prayer" (Psalm 109:4).

Solo: "Teach Me to Pray," verses 1, 2

Christ for the World We Pray

(Directed prayer period)

Pray for missionaries on the prayer calendar—by name (see page 24, November Royal Service).

Continue to pray:

The Baptist Federation of France has asked for help from Southern Baptists in implementing a five-year plan of expansion and advance, beginning in 1965. Although the first regular Baptist church was begun in 1830, Baptists until recent years had not made much progress. This year \$13,600 is allocated for France. Let us pray for this advance program and for new work (*pray*).

Pray for the Baptist Leadership Training Center in Haifa, Israel, a center for training laymen. It meets every week. The Foreign Mission Board plans that Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts will aid this work in the amount of \$5,000 (*pray*).

Pray for Baptist publication work in Italy. It is one of the largest and best in Europe. It has great possibilities. To effectively carry on its work \$25,000 is needed from this year's offering (*pray*).

Spain has a bit more religious freedom now than formerly. New work has been opened up and future plans call for continued advance. Pray for personnel and financial support for this work (pray).

A Living Sacrifice

Faith in Action

Rafee (not his real name) was a Moslem refugee when he first went to work in the Gaza Baptist Hospital.

It was not long after he had forsaken his Moslem faith and became a believer in Jesus Christ that Rafee went home to the refugee camp to find his wife in tears. He learned that her family had upset her by reminding her that Rafee had never paid the remainder of the money due them when he married her. They had been married several years, but Rafee just had not been able to pay the money.

This became a matter of great concern for Rafee, especially after he became a Christian. His own feelings about the matter, added to his wife's tears, caused him to take immediate action. "I'm going to pray about this matter, and then I am going to do what I think is right," he told his wife. He read his Bible and prayed earnestly.

It was Christmas, and in addition to his regular pay, Rafee received a gift of money. He decided to take practically all of both his salary and the gift and pay his debt to his wife's parents. When he told his wife of the plan, she began to weep again. What would they do for food? How would the children be clothed? The weather was growing colder and she had been waiting for this very money to buy warm clothes for the children.

Rafee believed that God would keep his promises if he did the right thing. Did not God clothe the tilles of the field? he tried to explain. But Rafee's wife was not a Christian. She could not even read the Bible, and her husband's faith was strange to her, and she was greatly distressed. But Rafee paid his debt.

Two days later a missionary in the Gaza Baptist Hospital gave Rafee a box she had planned to give to him before Christmas. The box was filled with items from friends in the States. As she packed the box, she included toys for his children. She added cloth and money to have clothing made for his children.

The missionary says: "Someone stopped in her busy Christmas preparation and sent us a gift. Then, though for most of the other workers we gave food or helped only with clothing for adults, somehow I felt that we must do something for Rafee's children. I later learned that it

had filled a real need, and that God used me to answer Rafee's prayer. The account of these blessings found its way into a chapel talk on does God answer prayer given by one of the nurses at our hospital." The answer is "O, yes!" Let us thank God for the faith of nationals like Rafee. Let us pray for his family (pray).

God Rewards Faithfulness in Prayer

In another area of the world—Uruguay—an eleven-year-old girl had enjoyed several months of encampment under the direction of missionaries. Then one day, a sunny, cloudless day, the missionaries heard the girl pray: "Dear God, if these people are teaching me the truth, please let it rain tomorrow."

It rained "tomorrow," though ever so lightly. And the missionaries thanked God that an eleven-year-old girl believed in a God who answers prayer and in his Son who came to save her.

Let us pray for this young girl that her faith will grow and mature and that her life will bless the lives of many others in her country (pray).

In Santiago, Chile, where the Lamar Tribbles are missionaries, a Christian son walked with his mother to the front of the church during a revival meeting as she gave her life to Christ. Twenty-eight years of praying—since his own conversion in 1937—had been answered!

Let us thank God for this example of faithfulness in prayer; and may it be a reminder to us not to grow weary in intercessory praying (pray).

Under difficult circumstances one of our missionaries in Korea was holding a revival meeting in one of the churches. However, he was greatly encouraged because although it was very cold weather and the church was not heated, the building was filled each night. Enthusiasm was high; God's Holy Spirit was at work, and several people accepted Christ.

Christians who believe that God answers prayer with blessing beyond what we ask or think, know that prayer meetings which were held at four o'clock each morning, with a large number of the church members praying for their church and the lost in their community were the secret of the blessing of God upon the revival services.

Sing with conviction "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," verse 2

With One Accord in Prayer

Let us thank God for national Christians who know the power of prayer and are eager to

Alone With God

by Gartrude Jessor
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Each Lord's Day in the worship hour
My heart is filled with words of praise;
I ask forgiveness for my sins
And thank God for His wondrous ways.

At home each night I thanked Him too
For daily sustenance and health;
For Jesus, loved ones, Christian friends
Who are more dear to me than wealth.

But O the blessed calm that comes
In quiet, early morning hours,
As dew falls quietly—all is still,
I feel His presence and His power.

Alone, all hindrances aside,
I come with boldness to His throne,
To tell Him of my cares and trials,
And claim His promise for my own.

Alone with Him, I know no fear;
My burdens lifted, I can sing:
Assured His grace will keep me safe
Within the shadow of His wing.

Yet then I know that I must pray—
Agonizing and with heart concern—
For millions know Him not as Lord
They have no hope of his return!

early in the day before work to spend time in prayer (pray).

The Gaza Baptist Hospital ministers mostly to refugees. Let us pray for the nine missionaries and the one special project nurse serving in this hospital (pray).

Let us pray that the \$77,600 needed to implement our work at Gaza will be forthcoming and that because of this work many nationals will receive spiritual life in Christ (pray).

Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, says that Egypt remains as perhaps our greatest challenge in this area.

Rev. Neddix Girgis, of Cairo, who studied at Southwestern Seminary (Texas), is a pastor and responsible for much of the Baptist work in

Egypt, where there are six churches and about 200 members. Let us pray that Mr. Girgis' courageous Christian witness may bear great fruit.

Let us pray for a Bible school in Cairo and for a pastor and visiting missionaries to be made available for keeping the school going. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocations include \$17,000 for Egypt.

There is urgent need for a ministry among students in Egypt where more than 20,000 students study in English. Let us pray for personnel and money that these national students may have opportunity to hear of the living Christ (Pray for these urgent needs in Egypt.)

Let us not forget the country of Israel. The Baptist school, the Baptist farm, and the Baptist center—all located in Petah Tiqva—need our prayer and financial support (\$53,000) if they are to continue to minister effectively to nationals of the area (pray).

Closing Meditation: MY PRAYER

1. Do I really believe in prayer? Does my faithfulness in prayer indicate it? Does the scope of my prayer life prove it? Does my sense of eager expectation reveal my faith in prayer? (pause for meditation and prayer)
2. Are my children and husband accustomed to hearing me pray for them? (pause)
3. Do I let God plan my daily life—or do I do it all by myself? (pause)
4. Into what countries has my own personal prayer been specifically directed during these days? (pause)
5. If nobody prayed for the missionaries any more than I do, how often would they be prayed for? (pause)
6. Am I concerned enough about one lost soul to pray for him, by name, daily? (pause)
7. What difference does it make whether I pray or not? What difference to me? What difference to others? What difference to God? Dare I make a prayer promise to God . . . now? (pray)

Gathering of Offering

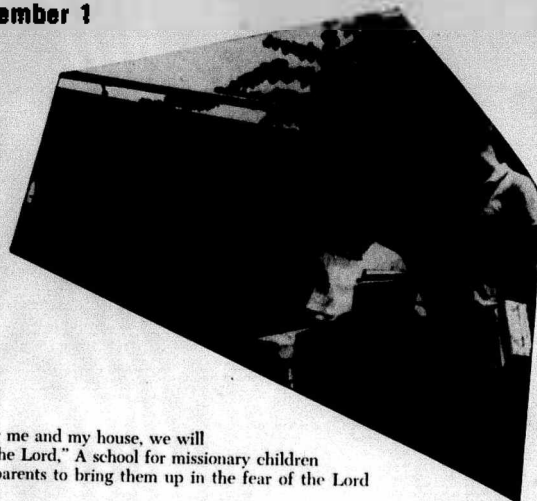
A missionary writes, "The expansion of our work here depends on more facilities, and we look to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as our primary channel of funds to make this possible."

This could be the message from many missionaries. Have you prayed about your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this week? Let us give our money—a part of our lives—joyfully.

(Pianist plays softly, "I'll Live for Him" as gifts are brought.)

WEDNESDAY, December 1

My Home



"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." A school for missionary children helps parents to bring them up in the fear of the Lord

Quiet Time: (Break the silence by quoting Romans 12:1, Phillips.)

Christ for the World We Sing

Meditation: MY HOME

Sing "Christ for the World We Sing," verses 1, 2

(Read slowly and thoughtfully)

Read 1 Samuel 1:20-28.
Home is a memory book.
It is the history of the human race, by families.

Its enduring worth is dependent—not upon the size or furnishings of the house, not by what street it is on, or whether city or wayside, not by the number of children or the count of the family budget.

But by the love that is within its walls, the upreach and outreach of that love. For love is hearty laughter, or sometimes tears. Love is trust between parents and children . . . and apology and forgiveness. Love is strength to live on, and to grow on. Love is thanksgiving dinner, and family prayer. Love is sharing confidences

—dreams of the future, memories of the past. Love is working together, willingly, with joy.

Love knows no "outsiders." It enfolds strangers with friendship. It can make the world one family. Love is of God . . . for "God is love" And there is no home, where God is not.

My home shall not be my castle, but God's. He shall abide in it and it shall be dedicated to him. Its windows shall be opened to a widening world. And from my home shall walk the bearers of the love of God!

"I will put my trust in him. . . Behold I and the children which God hath given me" (Heb. 2:13).

Sole: "I'll Live for Him," verses 1, 3

Christ for the World We Pray

Pray for the missionaries on the prayer calendar—by name, (see page 20).

Continue to pray:

Let us pray for the homes of our missionaries. For several years she was the only Christian in her family. Patiently she won her two sisters to Christ. She was greatly concerned for other members of her family also, especially her mother. However, her mother was not interested

in becoming a Christian and told Suwadee so. But Suwadee kept praying for her mother, and this made a deep impression on her. Now the mother is a Christian and attributes the joy of her salvation to faithful prayer and the dedicated life of her daughter.

Let us pray for strength, wisdom, and patience for missionaries as they bear burdens and experience heartache. Missionary Worth Grant of Japan says, "The greatest heartache of being a missionary is to see multitudes and know that they are lost and that one person can tell only a few of them at best about Jesus Christ—for human and financial limitations are realities that cannot be denied" (pray).

Let us pray for other parents in countries where missionaries serve. In one situation in Japan about two years ago, of the forty-five children connected with a kindergarten, only twelve had Christian parents. Often God guides children to lead their parents to learn about Jesus!

Let us pray for property to be made available for another English-language Baptist church in Okinawa (pray).

Let us pray for missionary candidates to fill the vacancies in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines (pray).

Let us pray for economic and political stability in Indonesia where mission construction projects are planned (pray).

Let us pray for legal recognition of our Vietnam Mission to enable it to hold property (pray).

Let us pray for the Ghana Baptist Convention and for its national president. The convention is now making plans for simultaneous revival meetings in February, 1966 (pray).

Let us pray that the need for missionary couples to go to Egypt may be met (pray).

A Living Sacrifice

Nationals Show Concern for Their Homes

1. Suwadee, a young girl of Thailand, is a faithful choir member and a dedicated Christian. For several years she was the only Christian in her family. Patiently she won her two sisters to Christ. She was greatly concerned for other members of her family also, especially her mother. However, her mother was not interested

in becoming a Christian and told Suwadee so. But Suwadee kept praying for her mother, and this made a deep impression on her. Now the mother is a Christian and attributes the joy of her salvation to faithful prayer and the dedicated life of her daughter.

2. Three years ago Lazaro Uribe was not a Christian. Yet as a new Christian, in 1964 he agreed to direct the Caravan of Evangelism during an evangelistic campaign in Mexico.

Not many years ago Lazaro was an unlearned boxer. He saved his money and bought a taxi. He taught himself to read and write, and then to speak English.

Since he has been a Christian, he has used his time and talents to win others to Christ. He led his wife and his mother-in-law to Christ as well as his wife's two brothers and their wives. And as he drives his taxi, he witnesses for Christ to his passengers!

Although he is not a licensed preacher, our missionaries say that he is developing into one of the best preachers in his association. When he preaches the people listen, and many have made decisions for Christ. How marvelous that God endows all of us with his spirit if we are willing to be used of him!

3. When our missionary, Ethel Harmon of Nigeria, drove into a schoolyard one day to lead a devotional period, a fine looking teacher greeted her and said, "I was saved in your Bible school in 1952." And continuing, he said, "I was driven from my home, and for two years my parents would have nothing to do with me, but during those two years they developed a great interest in me. They saw something which quelled their annoyance."

"More and more I am convinced that it is good to do what is right, come what may. I thank God today because I can tell the world that through the help of God I have been able to bring all my brothers and sisters to the Saviour, and they are now Christians. I am hoping that the day will come when my dear mother will also accept Christ."

4. Ernest Barnaba was won to Christ by his Baptist roommate as they studied together in Tanga, Tanzania, in East Africa. His first thought was to return to his home and share the good news. Knowing the great lack in his own life before he became a Christian, Ernest felt compelled to hasten to tell others of Christ. He began to preach to Catholics, Moslems, and drunks, and to pagan people of his village.

He had won eighteen people to Christ, then he contacted a missionary and wanted him to baptize these believers and help to organize a church. To the surprise of the missionary who

went to help him, this little group of new Christians did not ask for money for a building—only for Bibles which they could buy. This church is isolated from any other Baptist church. It has no missionary or regular preacher.

Let us pray thanking God for nationals like the young girl of Thailand, the taxi driver in Mexico, the young man in Nigeria, and the young man in a village in East Africa. Pray for all national Christians. There are 549,921 Baptists in churches overseas in countries where our missionaries serve. In the world it is reported that there are 25,846,787 Baptists. Pray for the Baptist witness in 121 countries (pray).

An American Serviceman Witnesses

Bill Stroud was an American serviceman in the Air Force prison when a member of the Immanuel (English-language) Baptist church, Madrid, Spain, found him and then witnessed to him about Christ's power to change life.

When Bill was released from prison he sought out the church and came to worship services. Several times he talked to the pastor. One day he accepted Christ as his Saviour, and this experience transformed his life! He began immediately to be concerned about fellow Americans in Spain, and his zeal was blessed of God as he won soldier after soldier to Christ. He did not stop here. For he remembered his family back home needed the Saviour, too. Through letters home and prayer his father, mother, and two brothers confessed Christ as Saviour. They entered into active church membership in a Baptist church in the community where they live.

Pray for American servicemen, other new Christians among them that they may be effective witnesses for Christ (pray).

Sing "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" verse 2.

With One Accord in Prayer

(A quiet unhurried period)

Amid dangers existing in Vietnam, last summer our missionaries continued to make plans for expansion. One said, "I just can't imagine how God could be so good to anyone as he is to us—to give us the privilege of living and serving in Vietnam and helping to open this country to the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, recently reminded Southern Baptists that while thousands of Americans are in Vietnam in military uniform, risking their lives to help preserve

freedom for the Vietnamese people, there are only twenty-two missionaries under appointment, investing life in Vietnam in order that the people of that country might come to have eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray now for these missionaries, for Christian Vietnamese, and for all the people of this distressed, war-torn country, that peace may be realized (pray).

Let us pray for the nine Orient countries where Baptists are preparing for the Asia Sunday School Crusade. This will culminate in a large-scale Bible study and Sunday school enlargement effort in 1968. Let us remember representatives from our own country and especially nationals as they lead out in this tremendous project (pray).

Let us pray for new Christians in Thailand and Malaysia resulting from the recent evangelistic campaigns. More preachers and buildings for worship are needed. \$1,738,176 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is allocated for the Orient (pray).

Let us pray for the program of agricultural education and training being developed at Ricks Institute, Monrovia, Liberia, under guidance of John Gerloff, missionary associate. From this year's offering \$31,540 is designated for this school where almost three hundred are enrolled (pray).

Closing Meditation: MY HOME

1. Recall two of the deepest spiritual experiences in your own family's "memory book." Thank God for them (pause for meditation and prayer).
2. In what ways does my own home reflect my personal commitment to Christ? (pause)
3. Why don't we have family worship at our house? Is it really impossible? Or if you do have family worship, ask yourself, "How could we make our family worship more meaningful?" (pause)
4. What specific Christian influence has my home had upon my community? Upon the world? (pause)
5. What is the greatest weakness of our family life? What can I do to strengthen it? (pause)
6. Is the atmosphere of my home one of love for each other and love for God? Do visitors in my home feel this? Pray for forgiveness and blessing upon your home (pray).

Gathering of Offering

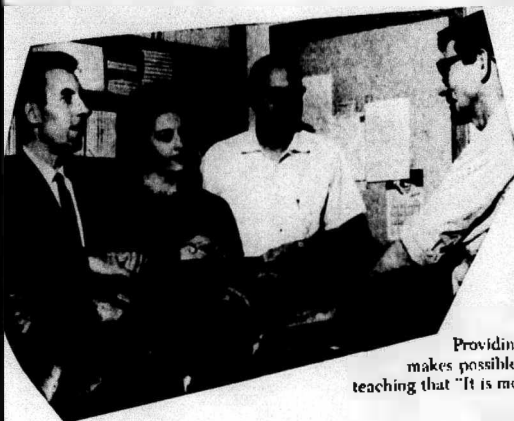
A missionary wrote, "If you could only be in our place for one day and see church buildings and the many other needs that have been met by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, I am sure you would give generously and then perhaps give again." This could be the conviction of mis-

sionaries all over the world. Perhaps you will today resolve to see if you can bring a second offering this week. Have you yet given with sacrifice for the cause of Christ.

Let us give sacrificially to provide houses for worship where they are needed.

(Pianist plays softly, "I'll Live for Him" as gifts are brought.)

THURSDAY, December 2



My Money

Providing equipment for radio evangelism makes possible the telling of the good news and teaching that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Quiet Time: (Break the silence by quoting Romans 12:1, Phillips.)

Christ for the World We Sing

Meditation: MY MONEY

Solo or group sing "Christ for the World We Sing," verses 1, 2.

(Read deliberately and meditatively.)

Read Mark 12:41-44.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psalm 118:12)

What gift of my fashioning could find favor with him who created the heavens and earth and all that in them is?

Would not He who gave me all, take offense that I return his gift? Would not a "thank-you note" suffice? But what shall I write it upon? And what shall I say?

My LIFE shall be the tablet. Upon it I shall write daily, for God's gifts are ever so constant.

This my life shall say: "There seems to be such overwhelming need everywhere, material and spiritual. I believe that you want me to help to meet these needs. Since I cannot always go, I let my church send part of my gift for me. I give a tenth of it through my church. I have read about how you praised the poor widow who cast into the church treasury 'all her living.' Tomorrow, perhaps, I can be more generous. No, I resolve to be generous today."

This my life shall say: "I know you are also interested in what I do with the rest of the money you enable me to have. Well, some of it I keep for myself.

"Strengthen me against the temptation to be possessed by possessions. I believe your law, 'Thou shalt not covet.' I want for myself only a house that is warm with your love, in a place where I can see the sky."

This my life shall say: "Show me how to invest in my family and my community for your sake. For all that I have is a gift from you. Tell me how to let other people know this, so they will thank you."

This my life shall say: "Always there are special cries for help. I do not know which should have priority, or which would best reflect my gratitude and love for you."

Teach me.

"And help be to be a generous giver. For I would know the overflowing happiness that comes from giving."

"I dedicate to you the use of all my worldly goods. Convert it into heavenly treasure, O Lord God!"

All this, and yet more, my life shall say.

Solo: "Take My Life, and Let It Be," verse 3

Christ for the World We Pray

Pray for the missionaries on the prayer calendar—by name, page 20.

Continue to pray:

All over Latin America there are thousands of university students. There is great need for a ministry to these students—both missionary and national leadership.

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, has taken steps in this direction by creating a department for students. Miss Ann Swenson is directing this work.

Pray for her and additional personnel (pray).

A special missionary conference will be held at the Baptist Assembly, Limuru, Kenya, in the spring of 1966. African Baptist leaders and missionary representatives from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, and Rhodesia will come together for fellowship and discussion of plans for strategic advance throughout East and Central Africa.

Pray for those who are making plans and for the conference—that the Holy Spirit may guide and empower (pray).

There is need for property to use in a strong downtown-type church in Manila, Philippines. Pray that property and money may be available (pray).

A Living Sacrifice

Good Stewards of Possessions (These may be told by two women, each telling one or two and the other continuing, then the first woman picking up the narration.)

• A dedicated young student was anticipating a summer job. The day before he started to work he shared with his mother his plans concerning the money he would make. He would pay her something each week, get his teeth fixed, give \$8.00 a week to the church—a tithe of all he would make—and save the rest for college.

Although the money he hoped to make during the summer would not really carry him far financially into the school months, he was looking forward to putting into practice what he had been taught and believed to be the right way to recognize God's ownership of possessions and that was to tithe and also carefully spend the nine tenths.

• Another student—a medical student—and a schoolteacher were in love. As they discussed important matters which needed to be understood thoroughly before they committed themselves to an engagement, the girl asked her sweetheart how he felt about tithing. He had not been a tither, but when she explained and gave her reasons, he agreed this would be the good and right way for them to begin their relationship together to the church.

In sharing the experience with her somewhat surprised mother, the young woman explained, "I enjoy giving my possessions. My husband will probably make the money in the family, and if he were opposed to our tithing and bringing gifts, I would be miserable."

• During the depression years, a widowed mother with two young children to rear and educate was finding it difficult to take care of living expenses. The church to which she belonged wanted to help her during this time. It appropriated a small amount of money for her each month. When the pastor discovered that she was giving a part of this to a needy neighbor, he tried to help her understand that the church wanted her to use the money, that she needed that minimum amount. Almost at the point of tears she said, "I just don't believe I can accept the money if I can't share it with somebody else."

• During the time of preparation for the Brazil Evangelistic Crusade last spring, requests were made for money to help with expenses. One young woman in the state of Sergipe gave her graduation ring, which had been a gift from her mother, and her watch, a present from her husband!

• "Oh, Dona Doris, the Lord has been so good to me today. Neither I nor the two boys had eaten for four days and today at noon a neighbor sent us beans she had left over from dinner!"

This was the greeting Doris Penkert, missionary to Brazil, received when she went to a seventy-year-old grandmother who was being cared for by two grandsons on a mere pension contributed by their father.

Before the missionary left, Dona Louisa and one of the boys brought the Bible to her, she opened it and took out the equivalent of

fifteen cents and gave it to the missionary, explaining that this was her tithe which she had not been able to bring to the church while she had been sick.

Each day she had said to her grandsons, "This is not our money; this is the Lord's money and we cannot spend it."

Pray for these about whom you have heard, that they shall continue to receive God's blessings as dedicated stewards (pray).

Hubert Tatum, missionary to Hawaii, told of sacrificial giving which continues to be an inspiration to him and to others.

Soon after the contract was let for a new building, the Kailua Baptist Church realized it had to make sacrificial gifts. The building costs were far beyond what had originally been estimated. A minimum of \$15,000 must be raised. There were, in addition, other unexpected expenses. Some men of the church decided to do all the painting. Other members took additional part-time jobs and gave all they made, plus the tithe of their regular income. The missionary traded cars and raised about \$250. There is a possibility now of placing the order for pews and grading around the new building.

Would you not like to look across the miles of ocean to this 50th state and see this church building today? It is dedicated to the work of the Lord and it stands as a reminder of sacrificial concern by its members.

Since Hawaii became a state, its status has changed from "foreign missions" to a "pioneer state" working with the Home Mission Board. However, the Hawaii Baptist Convention, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board, will have working with them foreign missionaries provided on a loan basis, and the Foreign Mission Board will continue financial aid for a time.

Pray for the churches in Hawaii—that they may move rapidly toward self-support and give attention to directing missions (pray).

Pray for well-trained, experienced young pastors with missionary vision (pray).

Pray for the Hawaii Baptist Convention, its executive secretary, and other convention staff members during these transition years (pray).

Sing with thanksgiving "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," verse 2.

With One Accord in Prayer

(A quiet unhurried period)

Pray for national Christians in Hungary and Yugoslavia, where our missionaries have not

been in residence since the governments became communistic. The Foreign Mission Board is now able to give some financial aid to Baptist work in these two countries and \$15,000 of this year's offering has been allocated to assist in Baptist work.

Pray that Southern Baptists will give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. God is opening many doors for the gospel (pray).

Pray for a dynamic emerging Baptist convention in Mexico, for national leadership that it may be wise as it seeks through organization and plans to inspire and lead local churches in involvement of witnessing and training church members (pray).

Pray for a group of Nigerian Baptists whose business has carried them to live in the Ivory Coast, a former French colony, and who have already established several churches there. Pray for John and Virginia Mills, transferred from Nigeria to this country. Since they will need to know French, they are now in a language-study program in France looking toward living in the Ivory Coast (pray).

Conditions in the Dominican Republic forced the Bill Coffmans and other missionaries to leave the Republic. He wrote "As one drives down the streets of Santo Domingo he is overwhelmed—people, people, people!" (Bill has been allowed back into that country for distribution of food, etc.)

Pray that conditions may improve for the people, that missionaries and nationals may soon be able to advance in God's work (pray).

Closing Meditation: MY MONEY

(Read clearly and slowly.)

1. Do you actually believe it is "more blessed to give than to receive?" Why? (pause for meditation)
2. Is it anybody's business what I do with my money? Whose? (pause)
3. Do I earnestly seek God's guidance in all financial matters and refuse to act until his will is made clear to me? (pause)
4. How many lives have heard me say "thank you" to God through my gifts? Can I name several beyond my immediate family? (pause)
5. Have my gifts to missions, both through our church budget and through special offerings, been generous or miserly in proportion to my income? Have I given thoughtfully, and followed gifts with prayer? (pause)
6. Am I guilty of wanting praise for what God

- has enabled me to give? (pause)
- Can we reconcile our frenzied concern over security, retirement, pension, savings, etc., with Christ's admonition to "take no thought for the morrow"? (pause)
 - Let us praise God for allowing us the privilege of investing financially in his kingdom upon earth (pray).

Ingathering of Offering

A missionary wrote: "Friday night I had the pleasure of seeing our large school auditorium

filled with people, all sitting on benches, thanks to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It has often been filled with people, but with most of them standing."

During this year many missionaries have written the Foreign Mission Board, thanking Southern Baptists for the Lottie Moon offering. Was your generous gift a part of this offering?

Let us this year give a part of ourselves—our money—sacrificially to meet pressing needs everywhere!

(Pianist plays softly, "I'll Live for Him" as gifts are brought.)



FRIDAY, December 3, 1965
A Day of Meditation and Prayer

My All

Paul said it for the true follower of Jesus "For me to live is Christ"

Quiet Time: (Break the silence by quoting Romans 12:1, Phillips.)

Christ for the World We Sing

Meditation: MY ALL

Sing "Christ for the World We Sing" verses 1, 2 (Read deliberately and meditatively.)

Read Philipians 3:7-14.

Who am I? God's child, made by him, in his image, to live upon earth for a while—for him.

Who am I? A redeemed sinner, saved through the love of Christ, my Saviour, commissioned by him to be his present-day disciple.

My purpose in the world is clear: To proclaim

my Redeemer's love—as long as I live. For no other reason am I here; this I must remember not to make a name for myself, but to do all in the name of Christ; not just to earn a living, but to dedicate all my possessions to God; not just to rear a family, but to consecrate my home and family to God; not just to pray for myself, but to encircle the world with prayer.

My job for Him is "full-time": no vacation, no sick leave, no retirement. The way may be hard. His was.

Yet all who accept His salvation must also accept His commission: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . This includes me, now, who I am, at my age. It involves no choice. There is no other way to happiness, fulfilment, LIFE.

God walks this way with me. He is my reward. I shall not want.

O risen Saviour of the world, in the holy hush of Christmas and in the glow of Bethlehem's star, my heart kneels. I commit unto thee MY ALL. I leave the past behind, and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead, I go straight for the goal . . . my reward the honor of my high calling by God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:11, Phillips).

Sole: "I'll Live for Him." verse 1

Christ for the World We Pray

Pray for the missionaries on the prayer calendar—by name, page 20.

Continue to pray:

Southern Baptists have been looking hopefully toward India, and finally in 1962 a missionary couple was located in India with the hope that this would be a means of opening the door for us to carry on a regular program of missions in that land. Dr. Jasper McPhail and his wife, who are in India now, are looking toward opening a Baptist hospital in that country. Let us pray for Dr. and Mrs. McPhail as they explore possibilities. Let us also pray for additional doctors and nurses to aid Dr. McPhail (pray).

Pray for the Dick Lusk family who moved earlier this year to Macao in the Orient. They are the first Southern Baptist missionaries in this area for several years. They are in language study as they prepare (pray).

Pray for new work in the state of Sabah, Malaysia (pray).

New work was recently begun in Yemen in the Middle East. Dr. James M. Young, Jr., has opened up a twenty-bed hospital in the wing of the government hospital at Taiz, which may be temporary quarters. There are needs for nurses, living quarters for staff, a pharmacist, and additional equipment. Let us pray for Dr. Young and the possibilities of witness by this great medical ministry (pray).

Pray for a missionary couple to pastor an English-language church in Windhoek, Southwest Africa, with the hope of projecting Baptist work among African people (pray).

Pray for additional personnel for the Togo Republic in West Africa, where Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond have just begun Baptist work among French-speaking Africans (pray).

Pray for work in two small countries, Iceland and Luxembourg, where missionaries have recently begun work with English-language congregations (pray).

Pray that the way may be opened up for Southern Baptists to send missionaries into Greece (pray).

A Living Sacrifice

The Cost of Christianity—in Uruguay

In Uruguay, many people who had never attended a church service came to the funeral of a faithful colporteur, weeping for the loss of one who had introduced them to the Bible.

For forty-seven years this man worked faithfully, distributing and selling Bibles, walking or riding a bicycle to where people lived, he was a real missionary. When time came for retirement, he continued his work almost at his regular pace.

However, he was recuperating from a heart attack, confined to his bed for several weeks. One day he announced to his wife his intention to deliver Bibles. She tried to keep him at home, but his desire to be about his work was too strong. He went to the Bible Society, asked for twenty Bibles, put them in his briefcase. But after walking one block he fell. Bibles beside him. Thus, his last mission of "good news" was to witness to the fact that life spent sacrificially for the Lord is the witness of a Christian.

The Cost of Christian Living in Malawi

"Tell the people how great God is! He is our refuge and strength, our help in time of trouble," were the last words friends heard a Christian refugee, Matthew Ruik, say as he was forced to leave Malawi.

Young Matthew had fled from his home in the Sudan to escape prison, perhaps even death, because he refused to give up Christianity and become a Moslem. He was labeled a "prohibitive" immigrant as he traveled without passport from the Sudan to Ethiopia, to Uganda, to Kenya, to Tanzania, to Zambia, and finally to Malawi, where Southern Baptist missionaries Butty and Eugene Thomas took him into their home. In some countries he was abused and placed in detention camps.

Missionaries and friends took him to see officials in Malawi with the hope of gaining permission for him to stay in that country, but he was allowed only a few days before he was escorted to the border to become again a wandering refugee. Further efforts were made, but a permit to travel back into Zambia was the best consideration they could gain.

Mr. Thomas says, "Matthew entered our home, but more—he walked into our hearts and so blessed our lives that we can never be the same

again. Our songs often ask, "Where is Uncle Matthew? What is he doing?" and we answer, "He is waiting on the Lord and witnessing for him wherever he is."

"Matthew was the first Sudanese African to train as an army pilot. He feels that God wants him to be a missionary pilot."

"The memory of Matthew Raik's total commitment to Christ will motivate us to greater service in the years to come."

Although this young man's stay in Malawi was brief, his great faith and calm spirit in the midst of overwhelming difficulties impressed members of the Limbe Baptist Church in Malawi.

Let us pray for Matthew Raik. Let us thank God for the inspiration he has given other Christians (pray).

It Costs to be a Christian in Brazil

Dona Flora had been a Christian only four years when she died a little over a year ago. According to the Edward Trotts, missionaries to Brazil, "In that short period she gave a testimony that few people give in a lifetime."

She had no family, suffered ill health, never learned to read, and had an income of only about \$6.00 a month. But she was a wealthy woman—rich with happiness and contentment over her salvation and her expectation of a reward in heaven.

A tithing herself, she had little understanding for one who called himself a Christian but did not tithe. In addition to her tithe, she made offerings to missions.

Dona Flora was faithful in church attendance. Even with poor health, she walked twelve blocks and often brought somebody with her. One Sunday she brought sixteen children to Sunday school.

And she was a soul-winner.

The \$4.00 found in her Bible after her death were given to home missions in Brazil to honor her memory.

Her time, her love, her concern, her money, her all—she gave to help others know the real meaning of Christmas.

Sing with gratitude "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," verse 2.

With One Accord in Prayer

An African pastor, seeing the joy of new Christians observing Christ's birthday reverently said, "Christmas means that man is no longer alone."

Let us pray earnestly that many many, na-

Give at least a minute (\$45.25) to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

nationals in countries where missionaries serve may know the real meaning of Christmas this year (pray).

Pray with thanksgiving for spiritual brotherhood and inspiration felt between nationals and missionaries as they serve the Lord together (pray).

Pray for the distribution of the Bible all over the world. In 1968 Bible societies around the world will observe the 150th anniversary of the Bible society movement. Millions of copies of the Scriptures will be distributed next year. Pray for those who will receive God's Word that it will illuminate their spirits and that they will become sons of God through belief in Jesus as Saviour (pray).

Some national churches need a more consecrated leadership. Most of them need more extensive training for leadership. Let us pray for these churches—that members become more mature Christians (pray).

In May of this year the Foreign Mission Board adopted a program called Special Project: Physicians and Dentists. This program was aimed at enlisting physicians and dentists thirty-five years and above to be employed for one year of service in strategic places of need.

Pray that these special project physicians and dentists may be available (pray).

Let us continue prayer to include medical work among nationals in each of our overseas areas: Africa, Latin America, the Orient, and Europe and the Middle East. Where medical work is already located, there is great need for more doctors and nurses. In some areas medical work needs to be started in such countries as Ecuador, Guatemala, and Honduras (pray).

Closing Meditation: MY ALL

(Read clearly and slowly.)

1. Am I living passively or actively for Christ? (pause for meditation and prayer)
2. Am I guilty of freely receiving God's blessings without freely sharing? (pause)
3. Would my neighbors have to ask me if I am a Christian? How do they know? (pause)
4. Am I courageously Christian? Or do I just wait and see what the rest of the church is

doing? What does God want to do and "go along" with them? (pause)

How am I specifically helping the world mission program? Are there ways in which I am a hindrance to it, to the cause of Christ? Do foreign missionaries have a right to expect as much of me as I do of them in their service for the Lord? (pause)

Are there areas in my life which are not fully yielded to Christ? Will you surrender these to him now? Tell him so. (pray)

Solo: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," verse 1 as heads are bowed, verse 4 exultantly with final Amen.

Gathering of Offering

A missionary wrote, "Our home is a lovely mission residence provided by Lottie Moon funds. It gives an excellent base of operation for our work." Homes are needed for new missionaries currently appointed.

In recognition of God's generosity in giving us abundant material resources, and in light of so many needs around the world, let us ask God to help us give sacrificially this year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

(Pianist plays softly, "I'll Live for Him" as gifts are brought.)

SATURDAY, December 4

Pray Together in Your Home

Share with your Family—Dr. Baker J. Caughen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board says: "Advance in foreign missions calls for growth both in personnel and in financial strength. These two lines of reinforcement have grown together since 1948, and we are profoundly grateful to all who labor in the work of stewardship in Southern Baptist life as reflected in gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is necessary for the operating budget of the Foreign Mission Board to be increased at least a million and a half dollars annually. In addition, the amount needed for land and buildings grows each year."

Will you pray that the goal of \$14,000,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be reached? Will you pray now?

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Pray again that God will call members of your church, perhaps your own children to be missionaries. Will you pray now?

Share with your family the impressions, blessings, and information which have come to you as you have observed this Week of Prayer or have read pages 43 through 64. Pray together again for needs on mission fields. Will you pray now?

Pray that young pastors and wives, doctors and nurses will heed God's call to foreign missions. Will you pray now?

Last April, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Lewis were appointed missionaries to Trinidad. Their first call was a result of participation in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in 1962.

God spoke first to Mrs. Lewis as she prayed. God showed her that she could answer her own prayer. She next prayed that God would call her husband. God did call him, and when he rushed in to tell his wife about it, he was amazed that she showed no signs of surprise. She was praying at that very time that God would call him! Should you and your family be overseas witnesses? Will you pray now?

Pray that Southern Baptists may be good stewards of their possessions at this Christmas time and give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A missionary wrote, "Everyone here is praising the Lord for your faithfulness through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. However, only half of our requests could be met last year because there was not enough money to go around. We shall wait for another year when God again lays it on your heart to be found faithful as a good steward of the things God has lent you." Will you pray now?

Pray for the Missionary Associate Program of the Foreign Mission Board, which allows persons over thirty-five and not beyond fifty-nine years of age, with specialized training to be used in special places where their skills are needed. Let us pray for those who have already gone out—about fifty of them—to serve in strategic places. Do you have specialized training which God can use? Will you pray now?

Pray for the missionaries who have birthdays today, see page 21. Pray for them individually. Pray for missionaries you know personally. Will you pray now?

Read Matthew 28:19-20. Does this passage have a special message just for you? Will you discuss this passage with your family?

Sing "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

SUNDAY, December 5

Worship in Your Home

Share with your Family—Thank God for the freedom you have today to worship without outside interferences.

This is Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday school. How much thought and discussion have you and your family given to the amount of your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Would you be willing to make this offering larger than that spent for any gift you make this Christmas? Experience the joy of putting Christ at the head of your Christmas list! Pray about this.

It is said that when Henry Martyn was nearing the end of his life in India that he received a letter from a friend asking how he could help his home church become more missionary. The dying Henry Martyn said, "Tell them to live more with Christ, to catch more of his spirit, for the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to him, the more intensely missionary we must become." Pray that God will help your family to live closer to Christ. Will you pray now?

Pray for children the world around who know and love Jesus, but whose parents are not Christians. Pray that God will give them courage and wisdom in influencing their parents to know Christ. Will you pray now?

Pray for young students who are exposed to so many religions and honestly seek God, but have not yet found him through Christ. Will you pray now?

Pray for students who have accepted Christ

and have no one to encourage them to live a Christian life. A former Moslem student in Ghana became a Christian. His life was so completely changed that he notified the university of a change of name and his father of a change of allegiance, resulting in his being disowned by his family. This often happens. Will you pray now for overseas Christian youth?

Pray for forty-six missionary journeymen (single college students under the age of twenty-seven, dedicated and skilled) who have recently been sent to two dozen and more countries to serve for two years. Since these young people are the very first to go out in this capacity, they have no pattern to follow. Pray that God will give them special insights into needs and unusual Christian strength to perform their tasks. Will you pray now?

Ask God to help you and others who have been made aware of special needs during this week to continue to intercede for these needs. Keep this copy of *Royal Service* with your Bible and throughout December at intervals, if not daily, pray for the needs presented on these pages.

As the days come and go, share information with your family, and enlist them to pray with you and to reconsider their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Pray for the missionaries who have birthdays today, page 21.
Read Romans 12:1 during family worship; discuss its meaning; and sing together "I'll Live for Him."

“ QUOTABLE QUOTABLES ”

As you read the news of Vietnam you probably do not envision the smiles of the neighbors on our street, the greetings of the children as we walk by, the delight the market stall as we attempt to bargain in the native language, the warm welcome we receive in a home, the eager faces turned toward the missionary teacher, or the simple faith of a new Christian—Mrs. Rondal D. Merrell, Sr., missionary.

We can't understand why people talk about giving up something to serve overseas. It is as exciting a life and one as full of joyful surprises as any work or service that could be described—Dwight L. Baker, missionary to Israel.

CIRCLE PROGRAM

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

My Church Telling and Sending

by Clyde Maguire

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

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

Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)

Business Period

Promotional Features (see Forecaster)

Program Chairman in Charge

Program or Mission Study Book

Sing: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

INTRODUCTION

A tired old joke tells of a young man trying to impress his bride with the magnitude of his affection. "I wish I were a centipede," he said in oratorical tones, "a centipede

with a hundred arms. I'd use them all to love you." The new wife was very practical. She observed, "But you're not using the two you have!"

We just sang, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise." If we listen with our hearts we may hear the still small voice say, "But you are not using the one tongue you have to tell others of me or to praise me."

This is our third and last program on "My Church Proclaiming to the Whole World." We considered needs and ways of meeting them, hearing God's commands and obeying them, and today our program is "My Church Telling and Sending."

It was to women on that first Easter morning that the angel gave the command: "Come, see . . . and go quickly, and tell" (Matt. 28:6-7). Four of our members will read from the Scriptures concerning our tongues, our lips, and our telling:

Read Psalm 35:27-28; Psalm 51:13; Psalm

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.

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

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16:17; Mark 5:19.

"Go quickly and tell." "go home and tell." How often we hear these commands, but how well do we heed them?

This year Brazilian Baptists demonstrated daring faith. They set out boldly to win 250,000 of their fellow countrymen to Christ. The figure 250,000 comes alive when we realize that it meant almost doubling their membership. It meant each one must win one . . . each one must "tell" in a winning way, must be willing to be used of the Holy Spirit.

Count the number present in this room. Would we be willing to take as our goal winning to Christ as many the same number? If not, why not?

Prayer: That we may become witnesses, that our church may furnish young people for missionary service, that we may reach our church goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

My Church—Telling Through New Missions

Churches seek to multiply the witness of the gospel by establishing new missions. The Home Mission Board is helping, particularly in the pioneer states. We rejoice at the story of the West Moraine Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. It is only fourteen years old. Yet it has sponsored twelve missions. The pastor wrote:

"Our church was organized in June, 1961. When we were two years old we decided to get involved personally in missions. We felt that supporting the Cooperative Program was not sufficient. We should sponsor a mission.

"Our first mission was the Urbancrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, Ohio. Lebanon is a city of approximately 15,000 in population. There was no Southern Baptist work in this city. We held services in the YMCA building. It was very difficult to go into this old established town, and to get people to come into a small room of the YMCA for a church service. But the church was organized in May, 1965, with thirty-three charter members. Today they have a beautiful brick

building and educational plant, and are growing steadily.

"In 1956 we went to Kettering, a suburb of Dayton, with a population of 60,000, but no Southern Baptist church. We rented a room under a hardware store to have a vacation Bible school and revival. A partial census revealed that one person out of four had no church home. The Home Mission Board sent us four summer workers. During the first two days we enrolled almost one hundred in vacation Bible school. We were able to hold morning services in a school and evening services in a home. The church was organized in 1957 with sixty-six charter members. They now have an auditorium that will seat about five hundred.

"I could tell of the other ten missions, but will not. Of this I am sure, God blesses the mission-minded church!"

Reston, Virginia, is another unusual example of mission work. Reston is a planned city about seventeen miles from downtown Washington, D. C. Its developer plans for it to be a city of 78,000 people by 1980. He expects 2,500 residents by the end of 1965. Virginia Baptist and the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association pooled resources to build a Baptist church, and to employ a mission pastor who would be there to greet and minister to new families from the moment they arrived. He is to build a new congregation with new people in a new community. His being there before the people is a fairly new concept in mission work.

Should our church establish a new mission? In some areas there is great need for more churches, in others there are people of special circumstances who need Sunday school classes, preaching services, medical clinics, training classes, and many other services. What should your church be doing? Perhaps your circle could begin by finding out about needs of people in your community, and make plans and meet their need.

A Church Sending Its Young People to Tell

Leader: What causes the youth in our church to respond more readily than those

in another? Is there such a thing as a missionary climate? Is such a climate found in our church? If not, why not? Can the fault lie with us, members of the missionary society?

In his book, *Come, Let Us Worship*,⁴ Winston Pearce tells of an old church in Ohio that had a "Pointer" in its early days. As the preacher made a pertinent statement in his sermon, the Pointer would stretch his arm toward an individual in the congregation and cry out: "You, there, Bill Jones, that applies especially to you!"

If we had a Pointer here today, which one of us would not want him to declare that we should love our young people, furnish them the very best in leadership, expose them to missionary messages, pray that God will call them, and encourage them to let God use their lives?

Think about our youth as we have an interview with Mrs. A. W. Mathis. Her husband served as pastor of the Seminole Heights Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida for over twenty-three years. Dr. Mathis is retired now, but he and Mrs. Mathis make their home in Tampa where they continue to be busy in the Lord's service. The witness of their former church blesses many lives throughout the world.

Interview with Mrs. A. W. Mathis

Question: Mrs. Mathis, you have a famous name—like that of Mrs. R. L. Mathis, promotion division director of Woman's Missionary Union. Your name is also greatly beloved. Tell us about this church.

Mrs. A. W. Mathis: Seminole Heights is not among the largest churches in the state of Florida, nor is it among the most affluent. The church started in a new community where there were many families with small children.

Question: But I understand a large number of young people have gone out of this church into missionary service. What about your foreign missionaries?

⁴From Baptist Book Stores.

Mrs. Mathis: May I tell about some in our country, too?—the chaplain in a Southern Baptist hospital, a seminary teacher, a dean of music in a Baptist college, teachers in Baptist colleges, pastors, educational directors.

Question (Interrupts): I wish we had time to hear about them all, Mrs. Mathis, but today we can pause only for those in foreign mission work. While you tell me about them I shall mark their fields on this map. (Put 3 markers in Japan, 1 in Malawi, 1 in Nigeria, 1 in Korea.)

Mrs. Mathis: I remember a revival service in a tent. It was a hot summer morning. Two junior boys signified that they had accepted Christ. Who could have foreseen them as Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan today?

Question: Who are they?

Mrs. Mathis: Calvin Parker and Ed Oliver. Calvin is in Tokyo. He is treasurer of the Japan Baptist mission. Ed is in Kagoshima-Shi, where he started a mission last December. He wrote, "After five months of searching we were led to a new housing development planned for 30,000 people. In an hour a rent-free meeting place was located and arranged for! The first service was on Sunday before Christmas and was advertised as a Christmas present to the area."

Question: Starting a new mission! That sounds like the way we work here at home, doesn't it? Anybody else in Japan?

Mrs. Mathis: Now you're teasing. You know how happy I am that our own daughter, Helen Hays, Mrs. George Hays, serves there.

Question: You mean Helen is your daughter and you were perfectly willing to give your own?

Mrs. Mathis: Oh, yes. I remember vividly a testimony by a woman in our first pastorate. She said, "We were asked to pray that young people would be willing to go as missionaries. I stood up and stated, 'Friends, I can't pray for others to go when I am not

willing for my own to go." Imagine the pain in my heart today. My daughter is just a social butterfly," she finished.

Question: That is something for all of us to ponder. When was Helen called to mission service?

Mrs. Mathis: Her call was progressive. But the first impression came during a Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Women were in costumes, representing different groups with whom we work. One woman with long black hair, was dressed to represent Indians. She sang:

Into the tent where a gypsy boy lay,
Dying alone at the close of the day,
News of salvation we carried, said he:
Nobody ever has told it to me!"
Tell it again! Tell it again!
Salvation's story repeat o'er and o'er,
Till none can say of the children of men,
"Nobody ever has told me before."

—Mrs. M. B. C. Shade

Question: So a woman dressed as an Indian sang a song about a gypsy, during a Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and the Lord used it to stir a girl's heart and cause her to wind up on a foreign mission field! Makes me think of that question in Genesis 18:14: "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" What is the work which the Haynes do in Japan?

Mrs. Mathis: Just now they're home on furlough. George is visiting professor of missions at Midwestern Seminary. When they return to Japan he will teach in the seminary there.

Question: Where to now? (looks at map)

Mrs. Mathis: Go down to Malawi. Can you find it on the map? It was formerly called Nyasaland. We have Bill Wester there. Bill and Blanche are in the town of Blantyre.

Question: Who's next?

Mrs. Mathis: Next is Dr. Bill Gaventa who has served in Rhodesia and Nigeria. While on furlough, he is at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. He and Alice are house parents at the "MK

House" in Louisville. Our Foreign Mission Board provides in Louisville a home for high schoolers who have to be separated from their missionary parents.

Question: How good it must make parents feel to know a missionary couple can serve as proxy parents to their children. Is he the last?

Mrs. Mathis: No, one of our girls, Mary Virginia Sommerkamp, married Tony Stella and they were appointed missionaries to Korea at Ridgecrest in the summer of 1964. Appointment came on Tony's birthday. As they flew to Seoul in September, 1964, they stopped briefly in Tokyo, and our daughter, Helen, took them on a tour of the headquarters building of the Japan Baptist Convention. We enjoyed thinking of the families being together.

Question: Your church has contributed a great deal to missions in the lives of these young people.

Mrs. Mathis: Missionary zeal is contagious. One young person inspires another. Then there is the priceless privilege of prayer. We in the church have prayed definitely and concertedly and perseveringly that God would call our young people. My husband kept needs of the world before the congregation.

We used our young people in as many ways as possible. We stressed Youth Week.

And our mission boards are most helpful in counseling and guidance after a young person shows mission interest.

Are you familiar with Phillips translation of 2 Corinthians 8:2? The discussion about the Macedonian churches says, "Somehow, in most difficult circumstances, their joy and the fact of being down to their last penny themselves, produces a magnificent concern for other people."

We've tried to develop that "magnificent concern for other people" in our church and God has blessed our efforts.

Sing: "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

Prayer for parents and youth of our church

FROM WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant
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THERE are more than a billion children in the world. Three-fourths of them live in economically underdeveloped countries, and for many of them their lives are blighted by disease and malnutrition.

But there is now hope. Hope for these children. Hope for development in their countries. Hope for better health standards, economic stability, and the recognition of human dignity.

Some of this emerging hope is due in significant part to two benevolent programs of the United Nations: UNICEF (formerly the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, now simply United Nations Children's Fund) and WHO, World Health Organization. They operate quietly, with much less publicity and attention than the UN's political efforts at peacekeeping.

We hear about UNICEF mostly at Halloween, when young people in our American neighborhoods substitute door-to-door collections for UNICEF for the traditionally less helpful trick-or-treat observance. There also are special UNICEF greeting cards at Christmastime. Profits from both these events are added to the contributions of 120 member countries for meeting the needs of children in the world's less developed nations.

UNICEF works to meet children's needs in health, nutrition, education, and welfare. The children are not only treated for disease, but are protected against future epidemics. They are guided to proper nutri-

UNICEF and WHO —Benevolent Agencies

tion. They are trained in technical and vocational fields so that in their adult years they can feed themselves and their children and gain for their nation a place in modern world economy.

WHO, the health organization, works around the calendar to fight major diseases which are a threat to all of us. It gives special attention, as does UNICEF, to those countries where medical information and health facilities are lacking. Malaria, yaws, tuberculosis, leprosy, and many other dread diseases that sap the strength of entire populations are slowly but surely being eradicated. And as the health of a nation's people is improved, the productive and economic level also rises. Health, WHO emphasizes, is more than the absence of disease. It is a person's total physical and mental well-being.

Both UNICEF and WHO provide more than simple emergency relief. They seek to equip each of the previously underdeveloped countries in practical and scientific know-how to meet their own problems in the future. National workers are trained to continue the work that their skilled visitors initiate, and permanent clinics and schools are initiated.

By coordinating the machinery of 120 co-operating nations these humanitarian programs are able to cross political barriers and overcome financial hurdles that often block such efforts by individual church groups or denominations.

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