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to Dr. Rutledge. "He is one of the most gracious and deeply dedicated men I've ever known."

A missionary-minded church and pastor combined with a happy Christian home to prepare Arthur Rutledge to accept God's call to Christian service as a teen-age boy. After several years of work in a bank in his hometown, San Antonio, Texas, Arthur began the long education journey—through Baylor University, Southern Baptist Seminary, and finally, Southwestern Seminary for a doctor of theology degree. During all these years, he held student pastorates, and at one of these churches he met Vesta Mae Sharber, who is now Mrs. Rutledge. That is a mission story as well as a romantic one.

While teaching school at King Ranch, Texas, Vesta began a Mexican mission on Sunday afternoons. Meanwhile, young Arthur was in his pastorate at Old Rock Church near Somerset, Texas. Her parents lived in the community and helped get the church started. Vesta's visits home interested Arthur in the mission she had started and he asked if he might bring a Mexican pastor and Sunday school teachers down for services on Tuesday evenings. Working together, Arthur and Vesta decided, would be an excellent permanent arrangement.

"I find her encouragement to be of immeasurable value," says Dr. Rutledge after twenty-nine years of marriage.

After seminary, Arthur's first pastorate was his home church, Central Baptist in San Antonio, where he served three years. Then, for twelve years he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Marshall, Texas.

During these years, the three children were growing up and Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge provided as much family time as possible—vacations, ball games, fishing, and daily devotions were shared. Much was made of birthdays and of personal activities.

Arthur Rutledge has strong convictions that Baptists must work together. As a pastor he served in his association, on the Foreign Mission Board, the Radio and Television Commission, the Texas Christian Life Commission, on the executive

committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and on the boards of East Texas Baptist College and Bishop College.

Many impressive offers for service came his way, but he did not feel God's guidance to accept them. In 1957, he was asked to take a position as secretary of stewardship and direct missions in Texas. The stewardship challenge was dominant when he accepted the job, but he confesses that as he worked his interest began to center around the missions aspect.



A vacation is to be well-planned and anticipated by this busy executive. Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge make plans to see the USA!

In every move, Arthur Rutledge had been sensitive to God's leading. The same was true when he agreed to become director of the Missions Division of the Home Mission Board. During five years, he revealed ability, dedication, and vision. When Dr. Casius Redford retired at the end of 1961 from the top position at the Home Mission Board, Arthur Rutledge was the choice.

After one year, he is encouraged by the work and vision of the staff, the members of the Board, and Southern Baptists throughout the Convention who have high hopes for the service of this Board in the years ahead.



Dr. Rutledge asks for prayer support—"for me, for the entire staff and for the missionaries, that God will give to us wisdom and courage and faith that we may fulfill our responsibilities in a worthy way . . . that we may be alert to significant changes in our way of life and culture . . . that we will be Christian people who understand the times and can be resourceful enough and flexible enough to find ways of meeting the needs of people in the name of Jesus."

This past year has held little leisure time for Arthur Rutledge with his hobbies: stamp and coin collecting—and grand-

children. There are three of the latter: grandson Brad, son of Ruth, who is a lawyer in Newman, Georgia. Ruth's wife is June, Catherine Anne, daughter of David, a senior vice major at Florida State University. His wife is Carolyn. Clifton, son of Elaine, who is a senior at Stetson University. Her husband, Cliff Ables, III, is a senior ministerial student.

Dr. Rutledge enjoys classical and semi-classical music and sports. He has turned "armchair coach" for baseball and football, which he enjoyed playing as a boy. Mrs. Rutledge shares most of his hobbies. A schoolteacher, she plans to stop teaching after this year. This will allow her to be more involved in missions.

The Rutledges recently moved into a high-rise apartment complex in Atlanta. Dr. Rutledge walks to the Home Mission Board offices when time permits. At their new home, looking out his fourteenth-story window over growing, dynamic Atlanta, Dr. Rutledge feels constantly reminded of his awesome responsibility—to lead Southern Baptists to maximum efforts to help win our land for Christ.

Atlanta's sky line is changing rapidly as this major Southern city surges ahead to meet the challenge of our times.

The Rutledges, as they look from their fourteenth-story apartment window,

know that this sky line is symbolic of the growing needs for a Christian witness in American cities.



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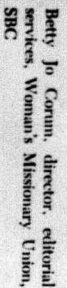
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File this copy of *Royal Service*, along with the November issue featuring the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge is a man of vision and creativity, and is leading the Home Mission Board rapidly to explore new avenues of witness for Southern Baptists. Read the articles on pages 1 and 12 for an insight into the work of Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board as led by Dr. Rutledge.

Cover Photo by Jay Durham



A Queen Regent "in Service"

SETTING in my office just after she had moved her worldly possessions to Birmingham and was ready to establish her self in her new position, Betty Jo Carroll laughingly said, "After twenty-five years my work has been accepted. I am now a Queen Regent—in service." I didn't know immediately how to respond, for her election as director of editorial services was a result of a repeated effort on the part of Woman's Missionary Union. We had had our eye on her for some time. "Surely," I thought, "she knows her work is acceptable

Betty Jo removed the puzzled look from my face by beginning her account of her work not being accepted by WAMU.

She was an Intermediate G.A. working on *Forward Steps*. Something in her make-up was evidenced by her choice of a project. She wrote a story rather than choosing a low-demanding project.

With legible handwriting, in well-formed

by Alma Hunt

sentences, and legitimate paragraphs. Betty Jo wrote of two members of Civil Auxiliaries at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She had Jane seated by her radiolike listening to the broadcast of the degrading attack and realizing "that help must come from some source other than human strength. So she dropped her head and silently asked God to be the Guide for the nation."

Feeling helpless to do anything of merit in face of unbelievable changes which were brought—rationing, blackouts, Civil Defense—Jane visited Sue. This older friend pointed out that the country needed young people who could stand up for God—"you people who would love and pray for the leaders and people of other countries in stead of hating them. Betty Jo had Sue seated at the place to do this was in G.A. And

the author made Jane go away with a feeling that she had the greatest responsibility of anyone, and with a prayer that she might fulfill it.

This story which she entitled "Victory Through Christ" put over its poignant message though it was not letter-perfect. The editor who received it marked places that might be improved by rewriting, no doubt a good technique to use with Intermediates. In a letter accompanying the marked story she wrote: "I know you will enjoy and receive a blessing from reworking your story."

Whether she enjoyed it or received a blessing from it, Betty Jo rewrote the story and submitted it again. The time for recognition of Queen Regents was drawing nigh, and she was growing anxious.

On a Sunday morning there came the letter for which she had been waiting. It came special delivery. She tore it open and began reading the first sentence which ended with four words, "it is not acceptable."

With dampened spirit, but not defeated, she wrote:

Dear Editor,

I received your letter of June 27 and in regard to my story, I would like, if it is not too much trouble, for you to tell me what is wrong and why it is not acceptable. I would like it returned to me for my own use, I do not have another copy of it.

Yours truly,

Betty Jo Coram

Further considering her predicament with regard to the forthcoming coronation service, she added:

P.S. If my story is not acceptable, how can I pass my step? Three other girls are getting subscriptions to *World Comrades*.

On receipt of that letter, pandemonium must have reigned within the minds of those who had handled the story. The reworked version was acceptable. The secretary wrote posthaste that her finger struck the *t* instead of the *v*. A *t* instead of a *v* in this case meant the difference between success and failure—between being "not acceptable" and being "now acceptable."

Betty Jo was recognized as Queen Regent, and "Victory Through Christ" appeared in *World Comrades* in October, 1912. Today WMU has the Intermediate grown up—the girl who chose to submit an original story, a difficult assignment.

Her early interest in writing has been followed by disciplined study until it has become a fine art with her. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, she attended Carson Newman College and then did graduate work at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Her experience includes serving as educational director, Robertsville Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; director, Junior-Intermediate work, Tennessee Training Union Department; and editor, Intermediate Materials, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. While holding these positions she has engaged in further study at George Peabody College and University of Tennessee Extension, Nashville, Tennessee, and studied creative writing under Ireland Crabb, author of many historical novels about Tennessee.

In the May meeting of the WMU Executive Board, Miss Coram was elected director of editorial services. She will coordinate the editorial services of the four age groups. She will be responsible along with the director of field services, Miss Belle Pace, for seeing that editorial service and field services are so related that the spoken word and the written word are coordinated. These two positions were created in the May Executive Board meeting when the board voted to reorganize the staff in order to expand it. The directors of the two newly created positions are responsible to the Promotion Division director, Mrs. R. L. Mathis.

from Birmingham

Dear Pastor—

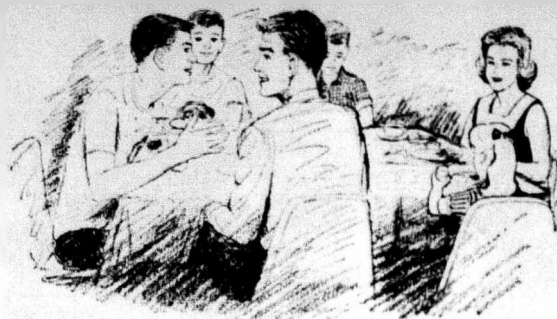
Recently we received a letter and a brief article from the Rev. James R. Adams, pastor of Black Water Baptist Church in Manila, Arkansas. He said that on Wednesday night before prayer service he provides for his church members answers to some of their questions. He takes his members on "trips via pew" by using filmstrips, tracts, leaflets, slides, and occasionally speakers. He shows them where their mission dollars go.

No doubt, he allows time for questions, and uses Royal Service, Home Missions, The Commission for significant information. We hope so. And we might suggest that he could use GAs, YWAs, and WMS members in skits, on panels, and in discussions related to their study programs in a given month.

Mr. Adams said he often had prayed that God would show him "how to instruct my people as to the whereabouts and whatabouts of the mission dollar." He has sought to answer questions which he believes are "typical" of laymen. Some of these are "What does the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention do with our money?" and "Exactly what does my tithe dollar do on the mission fields?" He feels that God "freely answered my prayer" as he has developed the idea of providing learning experiences on Wednesday nights.

This, to us, is a thrilling story. And Mr. Adams concluded these experiences have "opened our eyes, answered our questions, and given us purpose in Christian giving."

Sincerely,
WMU Staff



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Out of the Mouths of Boys

WILSON and Mary Hamilton always thought they had an average home. Their house was ranch style with three bedrooms, a den, two baths, and a long-term mortgage. Wilson had a promising job as an architect in a growing company that gave hope of promotion and a better income.

Wilson and Mary had four children, three boys and a girl. Roddy was the oldest at fourteen, Jay was twelve, Dale was nine, and Frankie, the daughter, was six.

The Hamilton family was strongly influenced by their children. The yearly budget was planned around their needs. The budget afforded no expensive furniture. There was one automobile in the carport. A sewing machine was more of a necessity than a second automobile.

Family activities were strongly influenced and shaped to meet obligations in raising the children. There were PTA meetings, neighborhood parties, community sporting events, and most of all church activities.

Church life and activities played the

leading part in all family planning. Wilson and Mary had agreed to this before they married. Part of their marriage agreement was that they would put God first in their home life. They had stayed with this part. It was the foundation of their happiness. When the children were born, they renewed their covenant by expressing to each other that God would have first place with their children.

On Sunday mornings, the family piled into the automobile to go to the First Baptist Church for Sunday school and morning worship. They were back Sunday night for Training Union, and occasionally stayed for evening worship. Church services were routine, fashionable, and good for the boys. There was no involvement, no further participation. When class meetings and special programs came up during the week nights, they tried to fulfil their responsibilities. The three boys were in Royal Ambassadors; Frankie in Sunbeam Band.

Finally, it was Roddy and Jay who changed routine participation into purpose and meaning.

One afternoon Roddy and Jay came home from a meeting of their Royal Ambassador Pioneer chapter with an

important. They said they had invited their chapter to come to their home for a parents and boys meeting next month. Mary was shaken with the unexpected news. She called the boys for extending the invitation without her permission.

Roddy countered by saying that it was their turn to have the meeting. He politely reinforced his argument by saying, "You and Dad always told us that God was first in our home."

Mary stopped all the talk by saying, "We

will talk about it tonight at supper when your father gets home."

The family and supper were waiting when Wilson arrived late, threw open the back door and said, "Hello!" He was almost knocked off his feet by three hungry boys. They pulled him to the bedroom where he took off his tie and coat and unbuttoned his collar, to the bathroom, where he washed his face and hands, and finally to the kitchen, where he sat down at the table. The prayer of thanksgiving for the food was hardly over before Roddy came out with the news.

"Dad, I invited the Royal Ambassadors to have our parent night meeting in our home next month. Mom said you would have to agree. Will it be okay?"

"Wait a minute, Roddy," he replied. "How many boys are coming?"

"About ten boys and their parents," he answered.

"Can I go to the party?" questioned Frankie who showed a ring of milk around her upper lip.

"I don't know," Wilson said with a worried look on his face.

Mary took the floor. "Ten boys and their parents. That makes a lot of people. Why

are you inviting the mothers and fathers?"

"Well, it's like this," began Roddy. "Mr. Black, our counselor, said that Royal Ambassadors is a missionary organization and that we should try to win people to Christ. So if we have a parent night, then the parents who are Christians can witness to those who are not Christians. This is a way of using the chapter meeting and our homes for Christ."

Wilson was surprised. He put down his knife and fork slowly. The idea hit him squarely between the eyes with the force of a hammer. Use our home to win people to Christ?

"Mary," he said, looking at her with troubled eyes. "We must have that meeting in our home." Then turning to Roddy and Jay he asked, "Do you have in your chapter boys whose parents are not Christians?"

Jay answered, "Yes, sir. The new family that moved in the next block last month. Their son Roy is in the chapter. No one else in the family goes to Sunday school or church. Roy said his parents aren't Christians."

"Then it's all settled. We'll have the meeting here next month. Roddy, I will telephone your counselor and tell him we will be very happy to have the parent night meeting in our home."

Nothing else was said.

That night when the boys were asleep and the house was quiet, Wilson spoke to his wife.

"Mary," he said. "I am ashamed that we never thought of our home as a place for witnessing for Christ. Do you think we could go and visit that new family tomorrow night? We could invite them to come and visit us before the RA meeting next month."

Mary answered with a peaceful sigh. "I was thinking the same thing. It's our responsibility."

"By the way, I hope you come home on time so we can have an early supper."

With that the two people withdrew into their own thoughts.

Mr. Euting is Program Development Director for the Brotherhood Commission, SBC.



WE GET LETTERS

Answered by Marie Mathis

Christian Service Corps At Work

Results of the Christian Service Corps have been a delight. A seventy-four-year-old man who "runs one-fourth mile mornings before breakfast, except Sunday" established excellent relations with the community and the people. They wrote a letter of gratitude for sending him (to work with a missionary).

A woman from Kentucky went to Alaska. She is an excellent secretary and worked with Louise Yarbrough, the WMU executive secretary there. She understood WMU work so well, and assisted in their office. Also, she worked in vacation Bible school.

BEVERLY
HAMMACK,
Home Mission Board

Overseas Americans Help in Bible School

With Kool-Aid, cookies, and willing hands, Baptists from the U.S. Navy base at Rota, Spain, breached the language barrier and helped make

successful the first vacation Bible school at the Spanish Baptist church in Jerez de la Frontera.

When planning for the school, the pastor considered the fact that the fifteen-member Jerez church had ten children enrolled in Sunday school. He estimated that fifteen might attend Bible school, and enlisted a faculty of nine.

But his calculations were upset on opening day. Forty children appeared. Next day so many came that the workers finally had to shut the church door and turn others away.

That night the situation at Jerez was brought up at the monthly meeting of the Baptist group at the naval base in nearby Rota. Americans at Rota had helped the Jerez church on previous occasions, and they rose to the challenge of the current emergency.

On each of the remaining days of Bible school several persons from the base went to Jerez to help. Language was a barrier, but they crossed it. They furnished refreshments and showed

the children how to color, cut, and paste. The children were delighted.

On the fifth and final day of the Bible school, the attendance reached seventy.

The pastor is making plans for visiting the homes of the children who attended, and church members are already looking forward with enthusiasm to next year's school.

MRS. THOMAS L.
LAW, JR.,
Missionary in Spain

Official Thanks

In official business sessions the two circles of our Woman's Missionary Society voted to express to you appreciation for the Bible study as it has been presented in Royal Service during the past year.

It has been a joy for all of us to participate in this study. It has been a real inspiration to our members.

We sincerely hope that God will continue to guide those who plan for us and that the Missionary Message of the Bible will be a "permanent fixture" in Royal Service.

MRS. RALPH W.
KASKA,
Mississippi

My Father Led Us Through His Faith

Thank you so much for thought-provoking, inspiring, and stirring articles in Royal Service. I refer especially to the October, 1965, issue, article entitled "The Best Sandwich I Ever Ate."

This story brought tears to my eyes as I com-

monly flooded my heart of my own father's faith when he entered the Seminary in 1906. At that time he was pastoring a mission church. My sister and I were in high school, and our baby sister was just three years old. God called and we went—strictly on faith—how much on faith I did not learn until later years.

There was one particular incident that will always stand out in my mind. After searching every pocket of every coat and dress in the house, my dad gathered enough coins to purchase one loaf of bread. Mother had cooked the last half of a bag of dried pinto beans. Then a knock was heard at the door and a neighbor asked if we might like some greens she had just gathered from her garden. Yes, prayer was answered. And many, many more things were done through prayer during my dad's years at the Seminary.

God opened the doors of a pastorate in a mission church, enabling us to survive throughout those months of study for him. My dad is at home in heaven now, but through his prayer for me I feel my life has been strengthened and enriched to a fuller understanding of the Christian's dependence upon God.

I have been led to be-

gin teaching a Young People's Sunday school class of single girls, starting the new church year. Pray for me that I might lead at least one of those girls to a deeper, more consecrated life commitment to God's work through mission service.

I am deeply concerned with our mission fields here at home. We have looked out and over, but not around, and our homeland is slipping away from us and our Christian influence.

Thank you again for Royal Service. It means so much to me. As a WMU circle chairman, I try to present thoughts from many articles each month, along with our circle programs.

I shall continue to pray for the WMU staff, our missionaries and their work, and our ever-increasing area of witness.

MRS. K.
STEPHENSON,
North Carolina

Tell Is Great

I have just come from the post office with my October Tell. I read it all the way home, and sat down when I got home to read it from cover to cover! How thrilling! The Telescope is one of the most helpful things I have ever received in GA work. I plan to use it immediately and thoroughly (my own bird's-

eye view of a year's work has never been that good).

Will you please send me ten copies of the Leadership edition of October Tell? I am enclosing a check for \$1.50. I plan to visit each GA mother and acquaint her with our plans for this year's work. The Leadership copies will be used in our new Leadership training plan to be initiated in the next few weeks.

MRS. D. L. SMALL,
Missouri

I Like The Window

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your organization for the guidance, pleasure, and knowledge that The Window has brought to me each month for several years.

SUSAN ARRINGTON,
Virginia

Praising The Window

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

You and your staff very obviously spend many hours in thought and planning before even beginning to write a single word, for the content, features, art work, and all of the other features of your magazine reflect this. The contest which was recently held allowed others to evidence their creativity, and we especially appreciate your reproducing the winning selections.

MARY ANN FARIS,
Tennessee

Please send your comments to Letters, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. We will not have space to print every letter, of course. Please include your name and address.

"PROBING the UNPROBED"

by Walker L. Knight

THE Home Mission Board occupies a strategic place of leadership in entering unprobed areas of evangelistic and missionary need all across our nation and in territories assigned to the Board.

Thus did executive secretary-treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge of the Home Mission Board emphasize a little-publicized aspect of national missions—that of leadership in probing the unprobed.

Most Southern Baptists, questioned concerning the role of home missions, quickly could tell you that the Board employs more than 2,450 missionaries and leads in work with Indians, Spanish-speaking, Chinese, and other language-cultural groups who compose some 35 million of the United States population and that this work is financed by the Cooperative Program and

the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Baptists know the Board leads in penetration of pioneer areas, the thrust which makes the Southern Baptist Convention a truly national group with churches in every state. They are also aware of the associational missions program in metropolitan and urban-rural areas, of church loans and chaplaincy ministries, and of exceptional work with National Baptists. They know the evangelism promotion of the Board's division of evangelism which helps make Southern Baptists one of the fastest growing of major Protestant denominations.

What many Southern Baptists do not know is that phase of missions which probes the unprobed in discovering unmet needs, which discovers methods of meeting needs, and which tests methods for effectiveness. An effective witness to a dynamic nation demands constant probing, because there is constant change or because large groups of spiritually needy people are discovered

without an adequate Christian witness among them.

An example of unmet need in the USA is that of an effective witness to large groups of people who are now in the United States and are adherents of non-Christian world religions, such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and others. Other groups adhere to non-evangelical cults and sects, such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Bahá'í, Christian Science, and Unity.

In January, 1966, a new department within the missions division will guide in work related to non-evangelicals, including within it work with all the above mentioned groups and two presently-staffed ministries of work with Jews and Roman Catholics.

The department will seek to lead us in our churches to an awareness of increasing opportunities for confrontation with people of non-evangelical religions and in the development of a Christian apologetics for Southern Baptists in meeting the challenge of non-evangelical religions. Every Chris-



High-rise apartment building, downtown Chicago

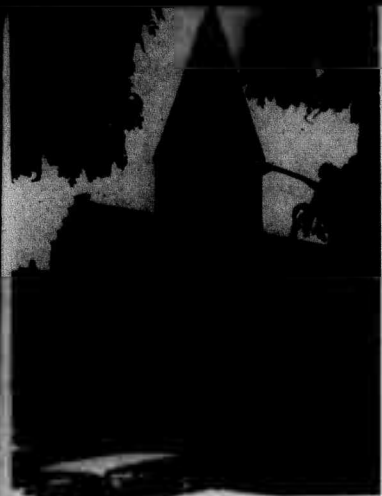
Pastor Frank M. Which of the Polish Baptist Church in Northwest Chicago, visits and ministers to Polish people throughout the area.

In some areas of the West, there are non-evangelical religions which designate their buildings as churches. This is called Confucius Church, Fresno, California.



Missionary Rev. Rafael de Armas, at medical clinic, Spanish Baptist Mission, Perrine, Florida





Often Baptists are able to buy a building from another denomination. This is a downtown Baptist church, Chicago.



These are "pioneers" in the Home Mission Board US-2 program whereby college graduates twenty-seven years of age and under serve with a home missionary for two years. These were the first designated for the US-2 program.

tian who has sought to witness to one of these and has felt inadequate because of a lack of knowledge of what this person believes or the composition of his culture and religion will welcome such help. Also, many of these groups have become missionary themselves, and they witness of their faith to Southern Baptists, thus bringing a confrontation which was unexpected by most Baptists a few years back. (In July-September this year you will study about this work in your Woman's Missionary Society.)

The amazing, national increase in high-rise apartments is another area where the Home Mission Board is probing the unprobed for ways and means to witness. As the urban dweller moves closer to cliff dwelling in these honeycombed units, he moves farther away from easy contact with a church. In fact, some people become almost completely isolated behind a closely-guarded door and plush surroundings. This phenomenon troubles Christians who would witness to the adequacy of the gospel of Jesus Christ for modern man where he is.

The Home Mission Board has joined other concerned groups with pilot apartment projects planned for three metropolitan areas—Atlanta, Dallas, and Washington, D. C. Each of these projects will place a missionary couple to live within a high-rise complex to discover the best possible ways of communicating the love of Christ to the isolated individuals within his cliff-dweller community. It is hoped that this probing for methods will provide techniques which can be used in other apartment groups and in other metropolitan areas.

At the same time, other studies in metropolitan areas are under way. One involves a study of some twenty-two major cities, looking at what happens when racial groups move into a neighborhood. The study majors on Spanish-speaking and Negro groups; and it should help provide guidelines for churches in transitional neighborhoods, as well as giving information of what happens within the neighborhood and the churches during periods of transition.



Last month, the Home Mission Board set up the new Department of Non-evangelical Religions which includes a witness to Jews and Roman Catholics. J. H. Estes is secretary.

Yet another probing in depth, involving total needs of downtown churches, is under way through a cooperative effort of the Home Mission Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board. This study, coming from a request of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, should also provide a body of knowledge which will result in more effective witnessing by Baptist churches within dynamic metropolitan areas.

Experimentation and study are not confined to areas and programs. They extend also to personnel and types of service. Two of the most recent of these are the US-2 ministry, which uses college graduates for two years in missionary work, and the Christian Service Corps, which takes mature adults past thirty-five and places them for short terms in areas of critical missionary needs. Both of these new personnel ministries are in their infancy. The Christian Service Corps in a pilot project this past summer sent its first six adults, at their own expense and without pay, into such areas as

Alaska, Hawaii, the Kentucky mountains, and the pioneer areas. This corps opens the possibility of unlimited manpower from Baptists who are able and who yearn for the opportunity to take part in meeting critical missionary needs outside their communities.

The US-2 ministry opens the door on another source of vital energy by using college graduates who are willing to give two years of their life, both meeting the needs in missions and discovering God's will for their lives. The first 20 of these young people now serve in home missions—in Panama, in Hawaii, with language groups, in Baptist centers, and other such areas. Plans are to have 50 of these young adults serving continuously with 25 appointed each year.

Still the probing goes on in other areas: with resort missions, with newly-released prisoners, with alcoholics, with church and mission financing, with church weekday programs, and with new approaches for Baptist centers, with ministries to military personnel, with industrial chaplains, and a growing list of other needs.

Sometimes the probing may not result in immediate national ministries. But at other times, it quickly supplies ideas for techniques to meet needs which churches, associations, and state conventions have long sought to meet.

While these are the probings of the Home Mission Board, other groups do their own probing—associations, state conventions, and churches. Quite often the concern of a church, sometimes expressed through the Woman's Missionary Union, for some spiritual need within the community, reveals methods and awakens others throughout the nation in like action. When such discoveries are given to the Home Mission Board or to state missionary groups they are refined or adapted for national presentation.

By such means do Southern Baptists deal with dynamic change, finding new ways to tell the old story in ever-changing relationships among men, women, boys, and girls in twentieth-century America.



The MISSIONARY MESSAGE of the BIBLE

by Gilbert L. Guffin

Missions in the Wisdom and Poetic Books

Read Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

If the Bible is God's missionary message to man, how do such books as Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon fit into that message? Do these books actually have meaning for missions? The present study will attempt to find answers to these questions.

Thomas Carlyle looked upon Job as "One of the grandest things ever written" and added, "There is nothing written, I think, in the Bible or out of it, of equal literary merit" — *Lectures on Heroes*.

Job confronts, head on, the mystery of evil and the problem of suffering. It does this by means of the poetic account of the experience of a man caught in the grip of deepest personal suffering, suffering caused by loss of almost everything, including children and health, and by sorrow and pain almost unbearable. The book flatly rejects the view prevalent among the Jews then, and still too often held by many people, that all suffering is the result of sin. Job,

despite all the reasoning and arguments of his "friends," stoutly maintained that he knew of no evil in his life which would warrant such suffering as he was enduring.

God's Way with Man

Though the book never really gives a reasoned answer to the problem of evil and the fact of suffering, it probably does better than this by revealing several great facts about God, man's destiny, and God's way with men. These are of enduring significance. Among them are:

1. That God is sovereign in the universe. Neither evil nor the Evil One has the final authority over a man whose trust is in God.
2. That even though a man may not find

For gist of passage, light on words and phrases, and methods of study order the booklet "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: Joshua Through Malachi," 50¢ from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Alabama 35201.

an adequate explanation for his suffering, he can be sure that, despite his suffering, God still cares for him and has some good purpose beyond.

That God is righteous and his purposes are good.

Man's suffering may be found, as often it is clearly seen to be, as the "price paid" for attainment of some higher good. The New Testament says that Jesus for "the joy that was set before him endured the cross."

But how does missions enter into all of this? Through at least two doors: (1) the universality of the character of the book of Job, and (2) the answer Job gives regarding evil and suffering. As to the first, it should be noted that Job deals with a problem of concern to all men, not a mere Jewish problem that notably none of the characters of the book seems to be an Israelite; and that the book is written, it appears, from a non-Jewish viewpoint. It is, therefore, all men's book. It has the needs and concerns of the whole world in view.

God Cares for Man, Enduringly

As to the second "door," Job gives an answer needed by all men. It reveals that suffering may be wholly misunderstood both by the one suffering, as was true of Job himself, and by those who observe. Suffering can be understood, if at all in this life, only in the wisdom and purpose of God. If a reasoned, logical answer cannot now be found, we can still be sure God still cares for us and has our good in view, especially if we trust in him.

The world ever struggles with the problem of human suffering. The agony being constantly endured by masses of the race is beyond comprehension. No philosopher has found an answer to it and no religion but that which is biblically founded satisfies the human soul in the presence of suffering. At least some suffering, as Jesus declared, is for the glory of God. We may be sure, more-

over, from the compassion Christ manifested, that God cares for us more deeply and enduringly than we can comprehend. This truth is included in the message missions is to give to all the suffering world. Where suffering exists, moreover, the Christian church, like its Lord, must also compassionately serve. This is why many missionaries have given their lives to work with lepers, for example, or in hospitals or orphanages around the world. Their ministry is not only to help alleviate suffering in the name of Christ, but to demonstrate to those who may not otherwise know that in this world of suffering and evil there is a God who understands and cares and wants to

Proverbs Speaks Eloquently to Man

The second book classified as wisdom literature is Proverbs. In this book we again meet with a universality of viewpoint as in Job. The book speaks to all men. It deals with concepts which reason must accept everywhere, regardless of nation or race. It is a book clearly of meaning for everyone. "The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot," is a warning for instance that is bound by neither time nor place. The book understands, moreover, that God is God of all the earth and all men are accountable to him. "Righteousness exalts a nation," it declares, "but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 11:31, RSV).

Such pertinent proverbs as "He who says to the wicked, 'You are innocent,' will be cursed by peoples, abhorred by nations" or "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan" are here plentifully found (Prov. 21:21, 29:2, RSV).

The personification Proverbs gives to wisdom, furthermore, is a most interesting study. Wisdom is declared to have been with God before creation, as well as during

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creation (Prov. 8:1-21). Some see in this revelation the foundation of the view expressed in the Gospel of John regarding the Word (the English translation of the Greek term Logos) which was made flesh. In the latter the thought of John seems to be that the idea, the understanding, the knowledge, or possibly the wisdom of God became incarnate in the birth of Christ. The rudiments of the same thought may be found here in Proverbs in respect to the personification of wisdom. Proverbs at least sees wisdom as being eternally with God as an attribute, if not higher than that.

The ethical principles and quality of living Proverbs upholds are important for all people; the book is a very important part of the message missions attempts to share with all men.

The Whole Duty of Man

Ecclesiastes is another wisdom book. Its philosophic character is easily recognizable. The Preacher, as the word Ecclesiastes means, searches through almost every imaginable avenue of life to discover, if possible, what can satisfy the inner man and what is of enduring worth. To some, the views expressed have seemed cynical, or even fatalistic; but this is a misunderstanding of the book. The author sees the vanity and emptiness of the things which most men seek after and to which they give their lives, and argues that these things can never ultimately satisfy. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter": he insists, "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." He then comes to his climax by warning, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

To our materialistic age there could hardly be a more timely warning than that in a world where masses are being daily sold the Communistic doctrine of dialectic materialism and are told there is no God and no such thing as the supernatural, and where other masses, even in so-called Christian lands live only for the flesh and meat

Give a Minute

Do you have a minute? Will you give it for the work of the Home Mission Board?

Last year it required \$11.53 a minute to do the work of this Board.

How many minutes will you give to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions this year?

Plan now, and give during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-13, 1966. Will you give a minute or more? How many minutes will your circle give?

we live only in material values, the need for the missionary proclamation of the basic and essential truth which Ecclesiastes in parts is desperately urgent.

The Poetic Books

The Song of Solomon and the Psalms are known as the poetic books of the Bible. This does not mean, of course, that there is no other poetry in the Bible. In reality, as already noted, a great deal of poetic expression is found elsewhere. Much of it is given even in the prophetic books. Both Isaiah and Jeremiah, for instance, contain a large amount of poetry, and Lamentations is entirely a poem (see Moffat—the Revised Standard Version).

Incidentally, it would aid greatly in the proper understanding of much of these books if this fact were always kept in mind. This does not mean, of course, that the poetic parts of the Bible are not inspired or that they do not have an authoritative message for us, but it does mean that the truth in these poetic passages is expressed

in imaginative language and often uses metaphors or picture phrases which are not to be interpreted literally.

For example, when one reads in Psalm 91: "In the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge," he is obviously not to conclude that the psalmist thought God literally has wings, but that one can confidently put his trust in God and be secure of God's care.

A Picture of Christ and His Church

The Song of Solomon is thought by many Bible scholars to be a poem about Solomon and to speak of the romantic love between a bridegroom and bride. Traditionally, however, the book has been considered by the Jews to picture, figuratively of course, the relationship that existed between God and Israel, and by Christians to picture the devoted relationship existing between Christ and the church.

If these traditional views are tenable, and many feel strongly that they are, indeed, this is probably the reason this book was originally included in the Canon: then this book has somewhat the same significance as Paul's statement in Ephesians where he says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it" (read Eph. 5:24-32).

No one could overestimate the love of Christ for the church for which he died. The church is referred to movingly as his bride (Rev. 21:9) for which he will ultimately return in glory. God wants all men to be saved, accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior, and thus to become a part of his church, which is called the "body" of the "bride" of Christ. This desire of his is basic to the work of missions. The whole missionary enterprise is geared to the task of bringing to men all mankind to Christ and bringing them into his church to win yet more.

Missions in the Psalms

The Psalms, which, in a sense, is the song book or hymnal of the Jews, speaks into the heart of the human heart. More clearly

than from any other book of the Wisdom and Poetic literature of the Bible, the overtones of the missionary theme are heard in Psalms.

These Psalms have been called: "the prayers of every man, everywhere, every time; earth bound, but heaven-bent, blind, stumbling, feeling his lonely way in the darkness up to God" (David Redding, *Psalms of David*). This fact gives the book a distinctive missionary character. Through these Psalms any man anywhere can discover God and feel God draw near him, if he will.

In the book of Psalms, God is seen as maker of and sovereign over all the earth and universe. All nations are his concern and he is the Good Shepherd in whom, if men trust, they "shall not want."

All peoples are finally to be brought into his dominion. His mercies and forgiveness are available to all who trust in him, and these need never be afraid. "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee" (Psalm 86:5). The Word of God is magnified and understood to be essential to all. God loves men and satisfies "thy desire with good things" and "creates a new heart" in men.

God's glory is said in Psalms to fill all the universe. Salvation for all nations is to be found alone in God. The justice of God, moreover, will finally be rendered unto all men.

Note some of the specific statements in Psalms which are distinctive in their world concepts and in their missionary view (quotations are from the RSV):

Psalm 2:8—Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

The word "nations" used in some of the above references and elsewhere in Psalms does not mean so much a political entity as a people, and usually the Gentiles or nations other than Israel were meant by it. The word used in connection with Israel, however, could be translated congregation as well as nation.

From the Psalm which Jesus evidently quoted at least in part, as he died upon the cross, we read:

Psalm 9:17—The wicked shall depart to Sheol.

All the nations that forget God.

Psalm 22:27—All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord: And all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Psalm 86:9—All nations thou hast made shall come

And bow down before thee, O Lord, And shall glorify thy name.

Such great concepts comprise a part of the very warp and woof of the convictions lying underneath and motivating the world missionary task. Christ's quoting on the cross of Psalm 22 (*read all this Psalm*) and his application of it, as well as other expressions from Psalms to himself, suggests furthermore a distinct messianic significance is to be found in parts of the book.

CIRCLE PROGRAM

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hood ever worked together to:

1. Plan weeks of prayer that will reach the entire church family?
2. Increase the number of mission emphasis books in the church library?
3. Conduct graded mission study, special mission study, or a school of missions?
4. Have a family retreat for mission study?

Can you think of other ways in which your WMS and Brotherhood can work together? (Discuss and give your suggestions to your WML president.)

Worship Period

What a big responsibility is this task

The Message of Missions

Indeed, the book of Psalms, this beloved book of the Old Testament, adds much to the message of missions. Some of the richness and preciousness of the missionary message would be lacking if it were not for this treasure of inspiration, and the whole world would be vastly poorer.

One of the most beautiful of the Psalms, expressing Israel's understanding of God's redemptive purposes and missionary concern for all the world, is the sixty-seventh which begins:

God be merciful to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving power among all nations.

Here the glorious promise to Abraham: "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3) seems clearly in view, and thus the missionary call is sounded.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for thou dost judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

which Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood have to teach missions in our churches. This is a God-given task! Who can estimate the people around the world who will benefit from our earnest study. Who can count the number of lost who may be won to Christ's kingdom as a result of greater concern? Christians respond to mission needs when they are made aware of needs and are sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Pray

- for those who prepare the materials we use to teach missions in our churches
- that we will plan wisely and carefully the teaching experiences we provide in our churches and the mission action which results.
- that each of us may be deeply dedicated to the cause of Christ.

FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce

Leadership and Personal Development

"It takes time to become an effective leader because leadership has to be learned or developed as the leader grows and matures. When we are children or adolescents, we are usually chiefly concerned about ourselves, wrapped up in our own ideas and feelings and purposes. As we grow older and approach adulthood, we often become almost suddenly aware of others and usually we have some altruistic interests in improving the world, relieving the misery and suffering of people. We may dream of performing some great deeds, of redressing the wrongs in the world, and of making people happier.

"These altruistic feelings and aspirations are our most precious resources for human welfare; but they are often wasted because it is so hard to find any way of doing something concrete and effective. This is a critical period in our development when we have to hold on to our altruism and our aspirations but realize that we must live and work with people if anything worth while is to be achieved.

"Thus, we have to accept the often difficult task of growing up as a person, revising our earlier beliefs and expectations as we seek ways of living and working and

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establishing relationships with others on an adult level. This is a lifelong task because we must repeatedly revise our ideas and alter our conduct and relationships as we grow older and enter into new situations and accept new responsibilities.

"Perhaps the most important lesson we learn is that we gain strength by generosity, by giving others of our interest, our time, our understanding; by helping others, we ourselves become stronger, more competent, and more capable of giving.

"The leader must learn to be generous to others, capable of understanding and accepting those who are different from himself but who need his helpful guidance to grow up and mature. As in growing up, the leader must learn his roles and develop his skills. He will inevitably make mistakes, often fail to understand what is happening, or not realize until too late that he should have spoken or acted in a situation. However, this is more or less unavoidable, perhaps necessary, since we have to fumble and learn from our mistakes in many areas of human living.

"Being a leader is not an easy job. To lead in any kind of organization takes energy and strength and, above all, faith in people. To be able to function effectively, the leader must feel that he is trusted. When there is tension or conflict, the leader must never forget that these difficult times may be the most effective way to develop the loyalty and strength of his group, if he can help them to meet these problems constructively.

"Leadership means . . . a shared, dynamic relationship in which leadership operates by evoking from the group a circular, reciprocal, and creative process. Thus, leadership emerges as the way groups of persons today seek their common purposes, not for or under their leader, but with their leader."

(From *How to Be a Modern Leader* by Lawrence K. Frank. Used by permission from Association Press.)

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memo to Presidents

WMU and Denominational Emphases

February is a month of many emphases. You will want to be alert to opportunities for informing WMU members of Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 8. *The Baptist World* is a publication of the Baptist World Alliance and gives information concerning the purpose and work of the Alliance (Subscription price, \$1.50 per year or \$4.00 for three years from 1628 16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009).

Race Relations Sunday is February 13. Read the article in February *Royal Service* by Mrs. Roy Babb and learn how her church participated in this denominational emphasis.

YWA Focus Week, February 13-19, is an important week which will necessitate careful planning. The YWA committee suggests ways in which your WMS can help make YWA Focus Week a meaningful experience to YWA members. See Current Comments and take a long look at Young Women's Auxiliary in your church.

Organizing New Societies and Circles

As you have studied the WMS enlistment potential in your church you may have discovered the need for additional circles or even a need for more than one WMS. To enlist prospects there must be adequate organizations to care for growth.

Societies and circles should be organized for the convenience of prospects and members. Is there a need for a Tuesday and a Thursday WMS or circle? Morning, afternoon, and evening societies or circles? Still other possibilities for division are according

to interests, such as an organization for young-marrieds or mothers of school children. If during the year a WMS divides to organize more than one WMS, each organization resulting may begin with progress already made on the Aims by the original society.

Leadership Courses

You are familiar with elective one, Aim VII. "Each member of the executive board completing during the year the respective basic leadership course, WMU, SBC, or if previously completed, renewing Leadership Card." The basic WMS Leadership Course is clearly outlined on pages 44-46, WMU Year Book. All WMS members should be encouraged to take the course either in class study or by the individual method. Keep a record of those completing the course in order that you will know when executive board members need to renew their leadership card. The WMS Leadership Card may be renewed in

memo to Circle Chairmen

Mission Study

Panama, the Land Between by Walker Knight is the book recommended for mission study during January, February, March (Price 75¢, Teacher's Guide, 50¢ from Baptist Book Stores). Lead your circle members to participate in plans for this study. The book may be taught in the different circles or in the society when all circles meet together. Some circle chairmen do not understand elective one, Aim I, "Monthly circle meetings as outlined in *Royal Service*." The plan out-

lined in *Royal Service* is that circles use the monthly circle programs or the recommended mission study book. Circles may also use circle programs some months and mission study some months. The executive board decides upon the plan to be used. It is important that all members have an opportunity of participating in the teaching of mission books.

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Week of Prayer for Home Missions

Will you lead your WMS to plan for a Week of Prayer, March 6-13? Remind WMS members of the far-reaching effects of this week set apart for praying and giving.

See Current Comments in this Forecaster and the suggestion for previewing the Week of Prayer at circle meetings and the Promotional Feature announcing the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Circle Meetings

In a recent survey on circle programs the following information was gathered:

"Far less effort is put forth on our part to make the circle program stimulating."

"We try to do too much in the length of time given."

"Circle programs depend so much on the program chairman, some have been wonderful, others—I might as well have stayed at home and used the time better."

"Our circle programs are good, but our women don't take them seriously enough. They don't prepare them well enough."

"The circle meetings tend to degenerate—less program preparation to more fellowship."

"It's very boring to have a mission study during circle time because they are usually dragged out over many meetings."

"I think our circle programs could be improved by spending more time planning and reviewing missions."

"The circle programs have challenged us to do greater mission work, especially community missions."

"Too often the parts are just read... partly because they are often given out just the day before the circle meeting."

Circle chairman, plan carefully for each meeting and be sure that your programs inform and inspire your members. The February program, "Teaching Missions in the Church," gives a look at the teaching task of Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood. Encourage those responsible for the program to plan well.

Watch the Time

Beginning meetings on time and closing them on time should be one of your chief concerns. If members know that the meeting

will begin at the appointed time they will make greater effort to be on time. Watch the time carefully and do not let the meeting take more than the time decided upon by your circle.

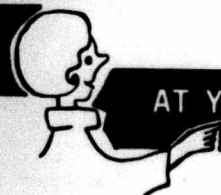
Leadership Courses

The WMS Leadership Course is designed for all members of WMS. Encourage circle members to take the course by the individual method or by the class method. See pages 44-46 of the WMU Year Book for a full explanation of the courses. The WMS Leadership Course will give circle members a better understanding of the total work of the Woman's Missionary Society and will help them become more interested in all WMS activities.

Out of the Mouths of Boys

"Out of the Mouths of Boys" is an article in February Royal Service which will add interest to your February circle program. "Teaching Missions in the Church."

Promotional Features



AT YOUR MEETINGS

SOCIETY

Reading Royal Service

To discover how well acquainted Royal Service readers are with the regular sections of the magazine, hold up the following letters and see if they can tell which sections they represent.

- A (articles)
- C (Call to Prayer)
- C (circle program)
- D (Dear Pastor)
- F (Forecaster)
- S (society program)
- B (Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible)
- W (We Get Letters)

Posting on YWA

Order the YWA emblem pattern (assorted sizes), price 50¢, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.

35203, or from Baptist Book Stores, and make a large YWA emblem. As the emblem is displayed, give the following information: purpose, watchword, hymn, YWA Distinctives, and plans for YWA Focus Week, February 13-19. See "YWA Focus Week" in Current Comments, YWA Manual, WMU Year Book, and The Window for information to use with this presentation.

Announcement of Week of Prayer for Home Missions

On a large poster board draw an outline of the United States with a wishbone around it as illustrated. Underneath print the words,

"It takes more than wishing."

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"It takes more than wishing."

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CIRCLE

Use of Call to Prayer in Personal Devotions

To increase circle members' interest in using Call to Prayer in personal devotions have a quiz on the abbreviations which indicate the type work done by our missionaries. Divide the circle in two groups and give five points for each correct answer. See Royal Service for abbreviations and their meaning. To illustrate: Question—"What does BA represent?" Answer—"It represents business administration which is the type work done by some missionaries."

Reading Mission Study Book, Panama, the Land Between

To encourage every circle member to read Panama, the Land Between by Walker Knight (75¢ from Baptist Book Stores), have someone tell something she learned from reading the book. Then allow just a few moments for others to give briefly some fact they learned. If each member has not bought a book, the circle or society may provide books to pass around among the members. As each person reads the book, she writes her name and passes it on to another.

Preview of Week of Prayer for Home Missions

Outline a map of the United States and print on it the following words: "So Send I You to Witness." Prepare strip placards to complete each day's topic, Monday through Thursday. Place these one at a time under the words printed on the map. Explain that the Week of Prayer for Home Missions is March 6-13 and that the theme for the week is, "As My Father Hath Sent Me So Send I You."

Monday: "Throughout the Homeland"
Tuesday: "In the Great Cities"
Wednesday: "To the World at Home"
Thursday: "Through Young Churches and Conventions"
Friday: "As the Father Hath Sent Me, So Send I You"

Place this placard over the printing on the map.

Give time and place of each day's observance and stress the importance of each member bringing a worthy offering for home missions.



Orientation of New Members

Enlistment in WMS is much more than placing a woman's name on the organization's roll. It includes bringing her into full participation in WMS study and action. Read about the orientation of new members in the WMS Manual, Chapter VIII, and order the following materials which will help the new member feel "at home" in WMS:

Royal Service, subscription price for one year, \$1.50, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

Interest-Talent Card, 10 for 10¢; WMS Membership Folder, 15¢ dozen (packaged only as listed); Woman's Missionary Union by Alma Hunt, 85¢, from Baptist Book Stores or from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

Looking Toward the Week of Prayer

The observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-13, 1966, will enable WMS members to benefit through worship experiences and the participation in inter-

cession for our Home Mission Board work. The theme for the week is "As My Father Hath Sent Me . . . So Send I You" and the hymn is "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling." Members of the prayer committee will plan carefully for a five-day observance of the week, and the stewardship committee will lead in promoting gifts to home missions through the Annie Armstrong Offering. The 1968 Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$4,000,000 should be kept before the entire church so that every member may contribute to the offering.

Undergirding Prayer Plans of the Church

The prayer committee will work jointly with the church in promoting family worship, attendance at midweek prayer meeting, and holding prayer meetings in homes.

One of the most important prayer plans which prayer chairmen will promote is family worship. Women are usually the ones who lead the family to decide about a special time for prayer and Bible reading. By using Call to Prayer in Royal Service during family worship, the entire family can pray for our missionaries.

Promoting attendance at midweek prayer meeting is another prayer plan of the church for which prayer chairmen will feel responsible. Your pastor needs the support which you can give him at the midweek prayer service. Urge WMS members to attend midweek prayer services.

Often before a church revival, prayer meetings are held in different homes. WMS members can help with the arrangement of these. In some churches neighborhood prayer meetings are held at other times during the year to pray for the unsaved in the com-

munity and for a spiritual awakening among God's people. Your WMS will want to undergird all prayer plans of your church.

How to Use Forecaster

Forecaster is a planning tool for use by WMS leaders. You will want to develop skill in using this tool. To help improve your skill let's take a look at the contents of *Forecaster* and how it can help you.

Forecaster contains four types of information:

(1) "Memo to Presidents" and "Memo to Circle Chairmen" are monthly communiques addressed to the WMS presidents and circle chairmen. They contain information about WMU and denominational emphases, leadership techniques, and help with the agenda for society and circle meetings.

A familiarity with Forecaster contents will prepare presidents and circle chairmen to counsel with other WMS leaders about the use of the plans which are suggested.

(2) "Promotional Features at Your Meetings" is exactly what the name implies. This section contains suggestions about phases of work that can be promoted month by month at society and circle meetings, along with ideas about how to.

By presenting a few areas of work at each meeting in attractive features, the entire program of work of WMU can be kept before the society and circles in the course of the year. The WMS officers and chairmen responsible for the areas of work to be featured in a given month are responsible for planning the presentations. (See the discussion in this month's *Forecaster* of the question, "What Makes a Good Promotional Feature?") The ideas in

Forecaster are only a beginning in planning promotional features. From these suggestions the leader can develop her own plans.

A special feature suggested each month is a preview of the society missionary program for use at circle meetings. If circles will use this preview each month it will stimulate attendance at the society meetings by circle members.

(3) "Current Comments" is a section of general help for officers and chairmen. It interprets society plans, presents how-to techniques, and points leaders to resources to help with their work.

(4) "Spring Your Programs" is a program planning aid for society and circle programs. It adds a plus to the basic program plans in Royal Service, with suggestions of supplementary helps and alternative presentation ideas.

What Makes a Good Promotional Feature?

Promotion is communicating ideas and plans attractively and convincingly enough that people will want to become involved in them. Every WMS chairman has an area of society work for which she is responsible. She must find ways to involve society members in carrying out this work. This is why time is allowed at society meetings and circle meetings for promotional features. This provides an opportunity for chairmen to communicate plans and ideas attractively and convincingly to members.

But the question we have before us is this: "What makes a good promotional feature?" Here are some of the qualities which mark a good promotional feature.

(1) It is brief. Words should not be wasted. Get to the point of the message! Think about how much information is given in a thirty to sixty-second television commercial. You can say a lot in two to four minutes if you plan it well.

(2) It is attractive. Wrap the idea in an attractive package, give it personality. Consider these aids to communication: posters, costumes, displays, skits, monologues, dialogues, poetry, jingles, and singing. And, of course, don't overlook the fact that you can make a very attractive announcement without any of these aids through the medium of your own voice and personality.

(3) It says something. A promotional feature should not only be short and attractive, but it should carry a vital message. When the feature has ended the hearers should know what to respond to and how to respond. After all, this is the purpose for the feature in the first place.

Mission Action

Are there institutions in your community which need your help? Here is a list of some institutional ministries which may be planned according to the need and appropriateness in different institutions:

- Teach Bible classes regularly
 - Present visual aid programs—filmstrips, slides, movies
 - Plan birthday parties, group games and songs
 - Write letters for those who have difficulty writing
 - Read favorite stories, poems, Bible verses
 - Teach handicrafts such as making candles, baskets, jewelry, leather goods
 - Make gifts for Mother's Day, birthdays, and other special occasions
 - Furnish tray cards with Scripture verses
 - Make tiny pillow corsages for neglected patients
 - Equip a bookmobile with well-chosen books of inspiration, fiction, travel, sports, for all ages
 - Take things for patients to make and do—puzzles, picture books for children, games
 - Shop and run errands
 - Read to patients
 - Have worship services, programs, and parties for ambulatory patients
 - Use every opportunity to encourage and comfort with God's Word and prayer
 - Follow up the friendships formed and seek to bring these friends to church
 - Provide care for children required to wait in sitting rooms while parents visit relatives and friends who are inmates
 - Give Bibles, tracts, and inspirational books
 - Place flowers and growing plants in the institutions
 - Help released prisoners find jobs, places to live, leisure time activities
 - Accept responsibility for juvenile delinquents by working with the Juvenile Court
- Order the pamphlet "How to Minister in Institutions" price 10¢ from Women's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores. In this pamphlet you will find answers to the questions: "What is meant by ministering in institutions?" "What types of ministry are needed?" "How to determine where to minister?" "How to prepare to minister?" "How to organize to minister?" and "Why minister in institutions?"

YWA Focus Week

February 13-19, YWA Focus Week, is a special time to focus attention on Young Woman's Auxiliary. The week provides a variety of activities to enlist members, to strengthen spiritual lives, to increase awareness, and Christian witnessing.

A long look at Young Woman's Auxiliary in your church may reveal the need for additional organizations. Is there a YWA for high

school girls and another for career girls in your church? Is your church located near a school of nursing and is there a Grace McBride YWA there? Is there a college or university near your church and is there an Ann Hasseltine YWA on the campus? What can your WMS do to enlarge and strengthen this missionary education organization in your area? YWA Focus Week is a good time to answer this question.

Attention WMS!

SPICING

by JUNE WHITLOW, WMS Director, Georgia WMU

SOCIETY •

Order free map of Home Mission Fields from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303. Mount the map on heavy poster board and cover with a sheet of acetate. Attach the acetate sheet at the top, in flip chart form, or fasten at bottom to backing sheet. Use a wax pencil to mark certain areas of concentration and to place statistics and other pertinent information before the group. The marks may be erased with a soft cloth. Mounting the map in this manner will enable you to use it in the future.

Use a large pin-board chart or a changing bulletin board to present the factual information. Pin or tack word strips onto a sturdy backing such as fiberboard, cork, or heavy poster board. Print on strips information regarding past, present, and future of each trend and reveal it as material is presented.

The discussion of trends in home missions and the planned strategy of the Home Mission Board may well be presented by one person who has studied and familiarized herself with the material as well as the visuals and other learning aids. If desired, this woman may play the role of one of the Home Mission Board personnel and answer questions from the group. Study the material and choose a lead question which will provoke discussion about each trend as presented in the program. Write these questions on small cards and distribute them to group. Following meditation and introduction of program each will ask a question at the proper time and the "Home Mission Board expert" will be prepared to discuss in full the Home Mission Board's plan of work in a changing America. Someone may be asked to place the visuals on the pin-board chart or bulletin board at the proper time.

Close by giving each a small card on which is written the verse, John 20:21b. Omit the word, "you." During the closing meditation ask each to write her own name in the blank space and read the verse. Pray that each will

dedicate herself "to give, to pray, and to witness every day."

CIRCLE •

Build two related resource centers—one to be used as the tasks of Woman's Missionary Union are discussed and one to be used as the Brotherhood tasks are presented. On poster board or a chalkboard print each organization's tasks and place on corresponding resource center. Gather materials which are used by the organizations to accomplish their missionary purposes and arrange an attractive display. (Keep in mind that this type of resource center suggests a relationship to the subject at hand and should be used.) Items may include Bible, "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: Joshua Through Malachi," Royal Service, mission study books, WMS World in Books, Home Missions, The Commission Brotherhood Journal, Brotherhood Handbook, and other materials as suggested by the program.

Utilize the group interview method to present this program. The interviewer asks questions of the group, and discussion from the group follows. The discussion may be built around the questions outlined in the program material. Guide group to discuss how Woman's Missionary Society teaches missions to women and lets them analyze their own program of work as to its effectiveness.

The interviewer will continue by dealing with the subject, "How Brotherhood Teaches Missions to Men," and discussion will follow.

Conclude by placing side by side the posters on which the tasks are printed and move the resource center materials onto one table. As you summarize the program by stating how Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood work together to teach missions in the church, call attention to the tools which may be used by both organizations in order to accomplish the purposes in a more effective way.

Call to Prayer

Prepared by Carolyn Rhea

1 TUESDAY The Lord is high unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psalm 145:18 (read Psalm 145)

The story is told of a farmer who always prayed fervently for the poor in the community but never gave anything to them. His young son remarked one day after hearing his father's prayer in their family worship, "Daddy, I wish I had your corncrib. Then I would answer your prayer myself."

Do we pray fervently for missions and yet give no tangible evidence of our concern? Our material gifts help to answer prayer for missions. Are we dedicated in giving as well as in praying? The Anne Armstrong Offering for Home Missions gives us a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate concern for the lost in our homeland. Have you prayerfully set a goal for yourself? Are you already planning ways to reach it?

Pray for W. T. Watts, Oklahoma City; Oklahoma Negroes; J. E. Gonzalez, Tex.; Leodysa Keith, La.; Mrs. Andrea Rodriguez, Habana, Cuba; J. C. Duke, Beirut.

Missionaries are listed on these bulletins. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, from Home Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230, and in HOME MISSIONS.

Weekly Plan
I stood and stared at such an almost human form.
Pity stung my heart, but soon the slinging words and I moved on.
I knelt on my knees in prayer. I learned the lesson of compassion. That when I see someone in need, I should stop to pray or seek to aid.

That is not enough.
For the slung words and the slinging words.

Carolyn Rhea
Author. For Used by per mission \$1.50 from Baptist Book Center.

Lebanon: Mrs. M. K. Wason, Ogbomoso; Mrs. H. T. Griffin, Nigeria; J. A. Herring, Tachung, Taiwan; Mr. A. J. Pucell, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.

1 WEDNESDAY Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. Psalm 146:5 (read Psalm 146)

The biggest task and challenge facing James P. Kirk, executive secretary of Bahia State Baptist Convention in Brazil, is that of the conservation of the results of the 1985 Evangelistic Crusade. Over 4,000 people in that state made decisions for Christ. Pray that they will grow into full discipleship in the fellowship of a local Baptist church. Pray also for the ministry made possible through the recent purchase of an airplane for evangelistic outreach.

Pray for Mr. Kirk, ex. G. W. Thomas, San Lorenzo, Calif.; deaf ex. James Goddard III, GM, Sara Ruth Wilson, New Orleans, La.; GWC Mrs. A. Worthington, Okla., ret.

1 THURSDAY The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Psalm 147:11 (read Psalm 147)

For nine years Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith have worked with the Cheyenne and Arapaho

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for the 139 men who made professions of faith there last year. Pray for Mr. Harry A. Barah, superintendent, and for those who assist him.

Pray for Ada Young, New Orleans, La., GWC; Darrell Tapley, Alamogordo, N.M., Sp. sp. ex.; Mrs. H. O. Hendrick, Mrs. H. E. Pouchcock, W. L. C. Richardson, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mrs. J. C. Brown, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica; Mrs. H. B. Boone, Jinja, Uganda, ex.; Ruth Randall, Brazil; J. B. Hippa, China, ret.

SUNDAY February 13 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief; but a man of understanding hath wisdom. Prov. 10:23 (read vv. 19-22).

"Our home is in the city of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, an industrial seaport with more than 300,000 people," writes Mrs. Richard Morris, "yet we have only three congregations. To have one church in each major district of this large city means we should have at least seven more. Fifteen miles away is the city of Pingtung with more people than Charleston, S.C., where at least five more churches need to be added to the two we presently have. In central villages where there is no Baptist witness, we need fifty churches." Pray also for the nine national preachers in this area of Taiwan.

Pray for Mr. Morris, J. R. Marshall, Jr., Sriracha, Thailand; Mrs. T. O. Cox, Kobe, Japan; Mrs. M. D. Spann, Uringay, Mrs. G. M. Fable, Jr., Ghana, ex.; S. R. Fleurellen, Ogbomoshio, Nigeria, med.; M. C. Reed, Petah Tikva, Israel; J. C. Willman, Beirut, Lebanon; J. C. Anderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina, ret.; Jose Contreras, Rockport, Benjamin Diaz, Tex. Sp. sp. ex.

14 MONDAY A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight. Prov. 11:1 (read vv. 1-11).

"Tension mounts here in Rhodesia with every new political development," says Mr. John Cheyne, field evangelist. "The future of the Lord's work is uncertain. Only God knows how much longer the doors to the gospel will be open. The gospel song, 'Work for the Night Is Coming' pictures the urgency of our situation. Pray for the Africans who hear so many different doctrines. Often they choose false gods."

Pray for Mr. Cheyne, Que Que, Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, Liberia; D. N. Sharpley, Rio Grande do Sul, W. A. Hutton, Brazil, ex.; Ara Nell McWhorter, Gona, RN; Gladys Farmer,

Columbia, S.C., GWC; W. D. Agnew, Newburgh, Conn., PM.

15 TUESDAY There is that maketh herself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that, though she is poor, yet hath great riches. Prov. 13:12 (read vv. 1-11).

"Many times on Monday morning I feel tired but happy because I know someone is praying for me and my work for the Lord. That is why I love the song 'I believe true for there are those who trust in me' so writes Miss Jovita Galan from San Antonio, Texas. She teaches kindergarten five days a week, two Bible classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, makes personal visits on Saturday morning and has choir rehearsal Saturday afternoon.

Pray for Miss Galan, Sp. sp. ex.; Mrs. Blake Smith, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina; Martha Franka, Taipei, Taiwan, ed.; Oline Larson, Hanchu, Taiwan; Mrs. D. R. Cobb, Songkhro, Thailand; Mrs. R. R. Compher, Dalat, Vietnam; Miss Dale Moore, Jomkrua, Siam, ex.

16 WEDNESDAY Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14:34 (read vv. 26-35).

Teaching in the Hausa Baptist Primary School in Kaduna, Nigeria, is the major work of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Yarbrough. In addition, they are responsible for Baptist publication work in the Hausa language. As they can find time to do in their busy schedule is to translate and have printed the Sunday school lessons and Week of Prayer materials. "We desperately need good literature written, translated, and published in Hausa for our pastors and church members," says Mr. Yarbrough. "Pray with us that ways and means may be opened for expanding publication of materials in Hausa."

Pray for Mr. Yarbrough, W. F. A. Abuakwa, Ghana; D. L. Mills, Kingston, Jamaica; Mrs. J. D. Hancock, Laguna, Philippines; Mrs. R. D. Merrett, Sr., Dalat, Vietnam; D. W. O'Rourke, Kobe, Japan, ex.; J. J. Baker, Tarjow, Korea; Mrs. T. C. Han, Philippines; M. A. F. M. Bauck, Jr., Olo Len, China-Taiwan; Mrs. L. L. Judo, Brazil, ret.; R. G. Fenton, El Paso, Tex. Sp. ex.; W. O. Jones, Tenn. CD.

17 THURSDAY A wholesome tongue is a precious thing, but perverseness therein is a blemish in the spirit. Prov. 15:4 (read vv.

1-11). We pray for Nuevaja Christians who are called to serve their people as pastors. They need training and education. We need a trained, paid Navajo preacher for this far-flung area. A most desperate need on some fields right now is for a loving, unadvised thinking, mature body of Baptists, always standing wholeheartedly behind all phases of home missionary endeavor. A missionary wrote:

Pray for Katharine Weldon, Mrs. J. C. W. Guadalupe, Mexico; Mrs. R. N. Belmont, Almaraz, Tabasco, RN; Mrs. R. C. Hill, R. J. Thaddeus, Homer, Peden, Jr., Philippines; T. H. Howell, Tarjow, Korea, ed.

18 FRIDAY He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32 (read vv. 25-33).

The Quin Morgans were unable to return to Ghana because of ill health. They serve a Spanish church in Bakersfield, California. The twenty-eight resident members include seven nationalities: Japanese, Indian, Mexican, Spanish, Anglo, Finnish, and a young man from Ghana, a student at Bakersfield College. An ever-increasing problem is transposition. Some members and prospects live ten miles away and there are no bus connections on Sunday. Mrs. Morgan says there is a great need for more dedicated Mexicans who will visit and witness, especially more men who will also tithe. Pray for Christian Intermediates and Young People that they hold fast to faith in Christ Jesus.

Pray for Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Manuel Quintana, Las Villaz, Cuba; Mabel Summers, Beirut, Lebanon; Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, Kofu, Japan, ex.

19 SATURDAY It shall be said of the righteous, "Blessed be the Lord who shall stand." But there is bitterness with those that do not. Job 22:29 (read vv. 1-28).

Ante Shorotash, national pastor of the Jewish Baptist Church in Jerusalem, reports that ten new members have been added recently to the church. A new set of works as associate manager in the Book Store. Pray for Mr. Shorotash in this difficult field. Last year property bought and this year plans are developing a building on the site. Pray for this venture.

Pray for Jewell Greer, Bangkok, Thailand; H. H. Tisdale, Philippines; Mrs. J.

A. Hauser, III, Jerusalem, Israel; A. B. Bedford, Buenos Aires, Argentina; R. H. Hughes, Salvador, Mrs. G. A. Canziani, Brazil; T. J. Kennedy, Zaria, Nigeria, ex.; R. H. Fanoni, Ekin, Nigeria, MD; Athia Rivera, San Blas, Panama, ex.; Mrs. Peden Carranza, Cul. Sp. ex.; Elizabeth Newman, E. St. Louis, Ill., GWC; Mrs. J. L. Isaacs, Okla., ret.

SUNDAY February 20 He that hath a beautiful eye shall be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor. Prov. 22:9 (read vv. 1-9).

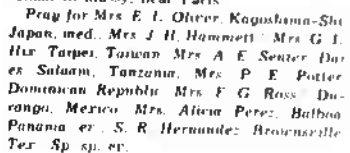
Hudgerest Baptist Church at Newburgh, New York, ministers to military personnel at West Point. Stewart Air Force Base is at nearby Newburgh, and many families from the base have been enlisted in the church. Four hundred homes have been built around this church and two garden apartments are being erected in the neighborhood. Rev. Frank Venable, for many years a missionary among the Kiowa Indians in Oklahoma, is pastor. Pray for the unique ministry of this metropolitan church and for the missions it sponsors: Kingston and Monroe Chapels and migrant work at Keithbosken.

Pray for Milton Bryant, Brookhaven, Miss.; TM Mrs. Pascual Argon, Calif.; Mrs. J. L. Mays, Tex.; L. V. Larson, China-Philippines-Taiwan, ret.; W. A. Corley, Jr., Nigeria, ed.; J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador; M. E. Dabman, Leon, Mexico, ex.; Mrs. R. S. Francis, Mexico, SW.

21 MONDAY Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked. Prov. 24:19 (read vv. 19-34).

Property for a Baptist student center has been purchased in Manila directly across from Far Eastern University (enrollment of 30,000) and only two blocks from the University of the East (53,000). Many other schools are also nearby. An old house on the property has been remodeled and is being used temporarily until there is money for a building. Pray for this work. Bill Wakefield, student director, also requests prayer for a full-time missionary in the Batangas area. The Wakefields must presently divide their time and effort between this and student work.

Pray for Mrs. Wakefield, Makati, Mrs. M. P. Jones, Assam, Pangasinan, SW; Mrs. R. E. Greenwood, Antigua, Guatemala; Mrs. H. W. Fite, Jr., Ceren, A. A. Guinetta, Sao Paulo; J. E. Musgrave, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mrs. E. H. Whitworth, Hermosillo, Mexico; A. T. Willis, Jr., Bandung, Indonesia.



A. Today, approximately 20 percent of people are Christians.

Following language study in Italy, Mr. Orlando Silverio began Italian work last in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "We hope to establish Italian missions in other places," Pennsylvania," writes Mrs. Silverio. "Pray then, mostly to Italian-Americans. Pray for their daughter, Beverly, a senior in

Mr. Bill Atchison, chaplain and counselor at the Baptist College in Maracá, Brazil, has organized the Christian students into a youth fellowship group. Pray that the Christian influence of this group of young Christians will penetrate the student body. Pray for Mr. Atchison in her work in the children's department in Sunday school in a small church distressed to see Primaries through primary age all meeting together playing hide-and-seek during Sunday school time. She organized three separate departments. The problem is finding capable teachers. Pray for the eleven girls in the newly organized Y.M.C.A. Mr. Atchison is also state G.A. leader.

—Mrs. Mrs. Atchison & B. Wood Church

A. As Christian people and churches respond
ing with generous gifts. Many people give
through their churches to the work of the
American Bible Society. Other churches
plus the American Bible Society in the
budget. The address is American Bible So-
ciety, 150 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.
10022.

Pray for Mr Ross Mrs Donald Phlegar
Delano Calif. Filipino ex Mrs W B Mc-
Nealy Vulto Redonda Brazil Mrs M E Phil-
lips Kenya ex Mrs R F Goldie,* Ogham-
sho Nigeria RN Mrs J P Appleby Brazil
ret

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I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity Eccl. 2:1 (read vv. 1-11).

Robert Nash, area missionary for Northern Cotabato Province in the Philippines, writes, "One of our greatest needs is for dedicated young pastors. One national pastor recently expressed the situation this way, 'Our pastors must be willing to live from hand to mouth, but there is room for optimism because it's God's hand and our mouth.' Experience has taught that under the leadership of God-called, well-trained national ministers, the work grows more rapidly. We believe that God is calling young men into his service even now. Won't you pray with us that they will respond to this call."

Pray for Mr. Nash, Manila, Mrs. J. D. Floyd, Philippines, Mrs. C. W. Bradenbaugh, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Mrs. W. D. Frazier, Zaria, Nigeria, Mrs. E. L. Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, Mrs. C. B. Bruce, S. P. Jackson, Brazil, Mr. Lee Auliff, N.M., A. W. Hancock, Okla., ret.

28 MONDAY I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him Eccl. 3:14 (read vv. 1-15).

"The Tuberculosis Clinic Building here in Ogbomoso, Nigeria," says Dr. R. F. Goldie, "was built by and is supported by the Nigerian Baptist Convention. We ask prayer that arrangements now being attempted will result in the Nigerian Baptist Convention being able to take a far greater role in the leprosy, health, and general medical work. Another prayer request we make is for more national workers dedicated to the ministry of healing. In March, 1965, in all Nigerian Baptist medical work there was only one Nigerian doctor, one Nigerian pharmacist, two Nigerian senior nursing personnel, and two Nigerian senior midwives."

Pray for Dr. Guldin, Mrs. W. E. Allen, Tanzania, Mrs. B. T. Thorpe, Lilongwe, Malawi, ev., R. E. Smith, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Baguio, Philippines, ed., Mary Jo Northcutt, Taiwan, M.J., Mrs. W. E. Salter, China, Mrs. F. H. Linton, Panama, ret., Mrs. Marcos Rodriguez, Habana, Cuba, ev., Homer Yearwood, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.

RACE RELATION SUNDAY February 13, 1966

"Heart" Sunday in Our Church

by Marguerite Babb

DID YOU KNOW that a new day added to the calendar last year? It February 13! Oh, you say, that is no new day. Valentine's Day has been special day on my calendar for a long time.

It is when we express our love and appreciation for those dearest to us. And that is true. But last year that day was designated as Race Relations Sunday on the Southern Baptist Convention's Denominational Calendar and literally became a new day for many churches which observed it. This year Race Relations Sunday is February 13.

In a joint letter written by Arthur R. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, and Fox Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the pastors were told last year that the purpose of such an observance was, "to call attention to the role we all can play as persons in resolving our brotherhood fellowship, and developing the ministry of reconciliation which God has committed to his people." The letter went on to say that it "will also help the members of our churches to see how National Baptists are cooperating with Southern Baptists through churches, associations, state conventions, and institutions in evangelism, Christian citizenship, Christian education, stewardship, and missions."

Appropriate materials were enclosed including resource materials available and suggestions for the observance. Included in the packet was an effective power showing the people of all races kneeling at the foot of a cross which was superimposed on a map of the United States.

In our association the bulletin had an article suggesting that all churches in the association observe this Sunday.

In our church the observance was simple, dignified, and educational. On the missions bulletin board the Large poster was used as the focal point of an interest center. An article from January, 1965, *Home Missions* magazine, together with articles from local newspapers and current magazines were mounted at eye level. An attractive display

of resource books* included: *The Negro Revolt*, Lomas; *For Human Beings Only*, Boyle; *A Look Down the Lonesome Road*, Oregon. Appropriate tracts from the Home Mission Board and the Christian Life Commission were plentiful in the tract rack. Our pastor preached that morning on the subject "Brothers in Christ" and led us to realize anew that "it is the reconciling love of Christ that brings men to God and to fellowship with one another."

From checking church bulletins and reading letters from pastors in Texas, Kentucky, California, Illinois, Georgia, Oklahoma, Florida, and Tennessee, it was interesting to find that many churches had done much the same thing as our pastor led us to do in our church. The "Pastor's Paragraph" in many mail-out bulletins carried excellent suggestions to help members determine personal attitudes and to become concerned about all races.

There were some churches which had joint worship services with Negro congregations, followed by a fellowship hour. Several invited outstanding Negro preachers to preach on that Sunday. Negro soloists and choral groups furnished special music.

One WMS invited women from a local Negro Baptist church to meet with them at their regular program meeting that week. As a result, the WMS president wrote the Home Mission Board to find out what could be done to give to these women something that would meet their needs in the manner that *Royal Service*, the WMS Year Book, and manuals help us. She said "suddenly it strikes me as being very sad and very appalling that we do not know any more about their needs."

So you see it was truly "a new day" of concern and understanding in many churches. Perhaps the results were not recorded nor even spoken. But it was Heart Sunday, and the deepest emotions of our hearts are often not expressed in words but rather in actions and deeds.

* \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 from Baptist Book Stores.

CIRCLE PROGRAM OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

Teaching Missions in the Church

by Victor and Joan Varner

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

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

Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)

Business Period

Promotional Features (see Forecaster)

Program Chairman in Charge
Program or Mission Study

Introduction

(Have on a table *Royal Service*, the *Brotherhood Journal*, mission study and WMS Round Table books, *Home Missions*, *The Commission*.)

This is the second program in this quarter's series on "Educating for Missions." In January we discussed missionary education. We learned that missionary education involves knowledge of our world and concern

*Order *Panama, the Land Between*, Knight, The Teacher's Guide, 50¢ from Baptist Book Stores.

MISSION STUDY BOOK
Panama, the Land Between
by Walker Knight

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

such as Christ had, resulting in response to a worldwide missionary work.

Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood have been assigned the responsibility in Southern Baptist churches of informing and involving adults and young people in the mission tasks of our churches, both at home and overseas.

In August, 1965, *Royal Service* this statement was made: "Changing the world for Christ can happen only as each church takes seriously its mission—only as each organization of the church marshals its full resources to do the work of the church, and only as each church member becomes seriously concerned with knowing and doing God's will."

Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood are avenues whereby the church does some of its work. Therefore, the major concern is not so much who does the work, but that through these and other organizations the church fulfill the mission for which Christ established it.

As church organizations, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union perform church tasks which are distinctive. They are related to missionary education

Task of Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood

Use a chart, using the information below, display it where it can read it.)

These two organizations share in assigned church tasks (Ask group to read Task I for Brotherhood and Task I for WMU, and then Task II and so on until the four have been read.)

Church Tasks Performed By

Brotherhood	Woman's Missionary Union
Task I Teach missions to all men, young men, and boys	Task I Teach missions
Task II Lead all men, young men, and boys to participate in mission activities	Task II Lead persons to participate in missions
Task III Provide organization and leadership for special projects of the church	Task III Provide organization and leadership for mission projects of the church
Task IV Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination	Task IV Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination

A study of these tasks shows that in our churches, these two mission organizations have responsibilities of an identical nature. Both are missionary education organizations. Both seek to involve church members in mission awareness and action.

Let us look briefly at these tasks. Tasks I, II, and III are stated differently in order to relate more specifically to the distinct group in each organization. Task IV is the same and is held in common with other church program organizations, which are Sunday school, Training Union, and Missions Ministry.

What Are We Trying to Teach?

Task I, Teach Missions, is the basic educational task of Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood. Task IV, Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination, also is an instructional task whereby Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood provide information about emphases, agencies, and programs of the Southern Baptist Convention and about plans of our church.

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The study program of Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood includes the biblical basis for missions, the history of Christian missions, which includes contemporary missions. A strong emphasis is placed on what is being done in world missions today at home and overseas as directed by Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. This study in Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood also includes the church's role in the missionary movement.

Men and women must know and understand the biblical basis and scriptural imperative for world missions. The study of the missionary message of the Bible in Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood provides the background and foundation for other areas of study and involvement in doing the missionary task in communities and in all the world. This study leads men and women to see God's universal purpose to redeem all mankind and how the Old and New Testaments reveal God and his plan for using man to accomplish the purpose of reconciling man to God through Jesus Christ.

The history of Christian missions includes a study of the development and achievement of missions through the centuries, showing the progress of Christian missions. It discusses mission events in context and relation to man and his environment and achievement. The history of Baptist missions—foreign, home, state, and associational—are all subject matter for discussion by these members of Baptist churches who are in Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood. Such study provides a deeper appreciation of Baptist mission heritage and a recognition that the urgency of our times and the conditions of man demand a continuing and aggressive mission program.

Teaching Missions in WMS

From earliest beginnings in 1800, Woman's

an's Missionary Union has provided women of our churches information about mission work and mission needs. We can picture a small group of women in these early years reading the letters of Lottie Moon. Their hearts and minds were made aware of her great mission efforts and of the great needs of the country where she worked. (For a fuller account of the thrilling way the Lord led this early movement, see *Woman's Missionary Union** by Alma Hunt.)

Today Woman's Missionary Society continues to specialize in teaching missions to women. How does a Woman's Missionary Society or church teach missions today? (On a chalkboard or on a poster board in wrapping paper, write as women list the ways their group teaches missions.)

One of the ways we teach missions is that Woman's Missionary Union provides in programs. Bible material with mission emphasis for devotional periods in both circle and general meetings.

In addition to these brief Bible meditations, a study of Bible passages appears in each month's *Royal Service*. These lessons, prepared by a noted Bible scholar, are written to emphasize the missionary message of a Bible passage, book, or group of books. The lessons for 1965-66 will give a better understanding of the missionary message of the Bible as revealed in Joshua through Malachi. This material may be used in several different ways—by circles, societies, or individuals. Help! are also available for individual study, teachers, and discussion leaders of the Bible lessons.

Discussion Time: Does your WMS put emphasis on Bible meditations at circle and general meetings? How does your society use the Bible lesson material each month?

*See from Woman's Missionary Union 100 No. 20th St. Birmingham, Ala. 35205 or from Baptist Book Stores.

† Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: Joshua Through Malachi. See from Woman's Missionary Union 100 No. 20th St. Birmingham, Ala. 35205, and Baptist Book Stores.

Can you think of a more effective way? A study of the history and progress of Christian missions and contemporary missions is a vital part of our WMS work of teaching missions in a church.

The WMS also provides study books with mission emphasis. Four books of mission study are provided yearly for each quarter. Two of these are the *Foreign Mission book* and the *Home Mission book* in the graded mission series. They are to be studied in the first two quarters of the church year. The other two books emphasize subject matter related to missions in Christian life development. These books are to be studied during the third and fourth quarters and may be substituted for a circle program or studied in other ways. Who can forget Miss Bertha Smith's book *Go Home and Tell** which we studied last year? It was not only thought-provoking reading, but it also provided us with historical background of Baptist missions in China and progress of mission work in Taiwan.

The *WMS World in Books* and *WMS Round Table* is published each year to provide a list of mission study books, background books for general and circle programs, and books for general mission reading. The *Round Table* list gives us titles of books which are not necessarily missionary but which do contribute to missionary understanding.

Discussion Time: Did your Society or Circle study the foreign mission study book last quarter? How do you plan to study the book for this quarter? *Panama, the Land Between?* Also discuss plans for study of books for the third and fourth quarters. *Meet the American Jew?* edited by Benson Menkes, and *Great Is the Company?* by Violet Wood. Does your library have these?

*\$2.95 (C. S. \$1.25 per copy) from Baptist Book Stores. \$5.125 from Baptist Book Stores. \$5.140 from Baptist Book Stores. *Go Home and Tell* \$1.90.

the *WMS World in Books* and *Round Table*? What can you do to help secure those needed?

For most of us, the most exciting aspect of mission teaching is the study of present-day mission activity. A large portion of the reading material used in WMS is aimed toward this study. The program topics in *Royal Service* follow planned cycles of study so that all areas of Southern Baptist world missions are included. Month by month significant areas and aspects of current missionary work at home and overseas are studied in Society programs. Circle program subject matter provides information and understanding of organizational, missionary, and denominational emphases. Other features and articles in the *Royal Service* are designed to stimulate interest in the present-day mission work and needs and relate to the subject matter studied each month.

Each WMS should also encourage its members to subscribe to *The Commission* and *Home Missions* magazines. These magazines provide the latest news on developments in our mission fields as well as letters from missionaries, pictures, and other articles of current interest.

It is also part of the teaching task of WMS to provide information about mission activities and needs in its own communities. This information is shared with the members in both circle and general meetings by community missions chairman and other officers.

The missionary message of the Bible, the history and progress of Christian missions, and present-day mission activity are all vital to an enlarged understanding of missions in today's complex world. A well-balanced study acquaints women with personal responsibility in missions as they are led to participate in mission actions, prayer, and giving of tithes and offerings.

Discussion Time: How many of your members subscribe to *Royal Service*, *The Commission*, or *Home Missions*? Does your church library subscribe?

Do you ever use material from these magazines (other than program material) in your meetings? Suggest ways to use information from them to learn more about current mission work.

How the Brotherhood Teaches Missions to Men

The Baptist Brotherhood began in 1907 as the Laymen's Missionary Movement. In 1980 the Convention Annual listed four functions of this laymen's movement:

1. To evangelize the world in this generation by employing the latest forces of the church lodged in the businessman.
2. To draw the attention of the laymen primarily to the foreign fields.
3. To scatter information of the needs and conditions of the foreign fields.

4. To stimulate an adequate supply of funds through organizations.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement urged men to pray daily, study diligently, plan wisely, serve zealously, and give generously that missions might be advanced. It was this zeal and concern that all men be brought to Jesus Christ through mission work that brought the movement into existence.

In 1926, the name was changed from Laymen's Missionary Movement to Baptist Brotherhood. This name change brought with it an enlarged purpose and a broadened scope of work. The membership of the Brotherhood was to include all men, not just laymen. The Brotherhood became an enlistment and service organization of the church as well as a movement for involving men in missions.

In recent years, the Brotherhood movement has returned more to its original objectives. In 1960 the scope of Brotherhood work was narrowed to world missions, Christian witnessing, personal stewardship, and work with Royal Ambassadors. This gave Brotherhood a stronger mission orientation.

In June, 1965, the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas, Texas, adopted the pro-

gram statement for the Brotherhood Commission which states that Brotherhood is to be a missionary education and missions promotion organization for men. This action by the Convention restored to the Brotherhood its missions responsibilities and makes Brotherhood a fellowship of Baptist men organized to advance the cause of Christ through a program designed to inform, motivate, and involve men in the mission tasks of their church.

The program statement further states that the objective of Brotherhood is to lead men to *peruse on a poster and let women read together:*

1. a deeper commitment to missions.
2. a more meaningful prayer life for missions.
3. a larger stewardship on behalf of missions.

4. a personal involvement in missions.

This missions dimension for Brotherhood work gives it a definite and distinct educational responsibility. The Brotherhood's missions teaching program is designed to interest and challenge men. The Brotherhood seeks to teach missions primarily in three ways: through monthly Brotherhood programs by special mission studies and retreats, and by encouraging broad reading.

Specific program suggestions and helps are provided in the *Brotherhood Handbook* and *Brotherhood Journal* (show it and discuss its contents) for each monthly Brotherhood meeting. These programs are designed to give during a three-year cycle a comprehensive study of the missionary message of the Bible, the role of the church in missions, the history of Christian missions, and contemporary missions.

In addition to its program of study, the Brotherhood promotes the study of current home and foreign mission graded series books. These give excellent information about contemporary missions and the historical development of Christian missions, and more specifically, that which Baptists are doing on mission fields where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

Reading is another essential for teaching missions to men. The men of the Brotherhood are encouraged to read the *Brotherhood Journal*. It provides background articles for each month program, as well as other interesting information about missions. The men are also encouraged to read *The Commission* and the *Home Missions* (show them and discuss contents) magazines. Books on missions that provide general mission information and specific mission background are recommended in the *Brotherhood Handbook* and *Brotherhood Journal*.

Discussion Time: Does your church have a Brotherhood? Is it doing an effective job in teaching missions to men? What can the WMS do to encourage men to become more active in the study of missions? *What does your church is doing. In the suggestions you can make to your WMS president?*

How Can the WMS and Brotherhood Work Together to Teach Missions?

In our study today, we have noted that the Women's Missionary Society and Brotherhood have the mutual responsibility of teaching missions to all adults of the church. Most of this teaching is done by each organization with its own distinctive approach. Occasionally these organizations will be studying the same area of mission work. This gives wonderful opportunity for husband and wife and children to "compare notes" and discuss at home what they have learned.

There are ways in which the WMS and Brotherhood can work to accomplish this task for the church: joint planning and promotion of church schools of missions, graded missions series studies, special mission studies and retreats, and in many other ways.

Discussion: Have your WMS and Bro-

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TRENDS IN HOME MISSIONS

SOCIETY PROGRAM

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson



MEETING OUTLINE

Song
Call to Prayer
Business
Promotional Features (see *Encounter*)
Program

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Introduction
The Unchanging Christ (Meditation)
Home: "More Like the Master"
Home Missions in a Changing America
Concluding Devotional

Introduction—*Isk and Jack are coming*

When do these items in the *Encounter* come in on *Encounter*? Follow them *come* with. Then effective operation depends on a wheel whose center is fixed. We saw this fixed center, the effectiveness

of the wheel is impossible. For us apply this truth to life. Without a firm belief in Christ, our lives are purposeless and meaningless. This idea leads into the meditation.

The Unchanging Christ (meditation on Hebrews 13:8)

Travelers stopped at a motel one Sunday night at dusk. After supper, they decided to attend services in a small village nearby. The warm feeling of anticipated worship with fellow believers swept over them as they drove toward the church building. The sound of the first hymn came through the open windows. There was a parking space right in front of the entrance. When the strangers pulled in, they were joined by the drop of the front left tire into a three-foot hole.

Across the road, a husky man sat in a parking chair outside his service station.

GET READY, PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Order these if you need them. Check your files and see if you have a Home Mission Board map. If not, order (free) from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, a Map of Home Mission Fields. Also order these pamphlets (free): *Home Missions Since 1845*, *Do You Know*, and *Impact USA*. These three may be used by panelists representing Past, Present, and Future to supplement program material or to substitute for it.

A Center of Interest.—Display under the home mission map a toy train, car, wrist-watch, clock, doorknob, egg beater, etc.

Prepare for a Panel.—Seat three panel members before a table. The leader is also seated nearby. The woman who gives the meditation may stand for her remarks. The panel members symbolize the past, present, and future. They may wear representative costumes or have the appropriate signs (PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE) on the table in front of them. On flash cards, each one has the corresponding statistic of the item under discussion. They may take turns presenting ways the Home Mission Board is operating in a changing America. If one person presents the program, have the three figures together on one chart with the comments on the back for easy reference. See "Probing the Unprobed," page 12, and add desired information at best time in program.

He kept watching the futile attempts of the strangers to get out of the hole. Would he help? Nope. Why not? No need to. How did he know? A man got in that same hole at the morning service, and he had to call a wrecker from ten miles away to pull him out.

The moral: Here was a church with danger at its door, but no one had attempted to warn of its presence or to remove the

hazard. Although they had seen the struggle with the problem, every day, they lacked sufficient motivation to do anything about it. They had needed two so-called "services," and even when they all lacked a sense of identification with the true meaning of the word "service."

First-century Christians were called to keep alive their sense of motivation and identification. The basis of their motivation was the love of God and their fellow man (Read Heb. 13:1, 6-8.)

The writer of Hebrews also reminded them with whom to identify. (Read Heb. 13:2-5.) They were to be concerned for the strangers, prisoners, and all those who were afflicted. They were to be morally pure and generous-hearted. Did not their own King identify himself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, and imprisoned? He had told them, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

There is great danger for those who are pulled from centering their faith in Christ just as there is danger in the tree that has been pulled from its bearings. A wheel is useless unless its center is fixed and dependable. Hebrews 12:28, RSV, speaks of a "kingdom that cannot be shaken," and Hebrews 13:8 affirms the dependability of "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Change marks the world in which we live just as it marked the world of the first century. The Hebrews saw the destruction of their Temple in both its physical and spiritual aspects. Their social and economic structures were uprooted as they were pressed to every part of the Roman Empire. Those who had become Christians suffered not only persecution from Romans but ostracism from their own people. They were urged to "hold fast the profession"

faith without wavering (Heb. 10). Rapid changes have marked the work of the twentieth century. Many Americans like the Romans spend much of their time

out of holes. Sometimes they fall into holes accidentally. All too often, they dig the holes as they insist on a new freedom from worship, and the rising of dope and alcoholic beverages to increasing amounts. The almost suicides a year in the 300 per cent increase in illegitimacy during the last decade become more than impersonal statistics when a tragedy happens to Jane Smith next door.

"Your wheel of fortune" takes us over the bumps, through mud and sand, into the mountains, and down through the valleys. We must be certain that our lives have a fixed center in one who "will never fail" and "cannot be shaken." We affirm with Paul his statement to the Romans (read Rom. 8:38-39).

Motivated by love and identified with those in need, let us resolve to serve Jesus Christ who "is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews concludes with this meaningful prayer (read Heb. 13:20-21).

Sing: "Above Us, the Master"

Home Missions in a Changing America (introduction of panel)

Not one of us needs to be told that we are living in an age of change. Everyone is keenly aware of this fact. Think back over changes in your living conditions. Will you mention a few things which have resulted in change in your family's living in recent years? (Let women participate: freezers, clothes, cars, televisions, washers, frozen foods, etc. Show magazine ads and read a few of them. Ask women to tell of improvements in housekeeping since they married.) The twentieth century has witnessed more of the results of man's creative genius than all the other centuries put together.

When Henry David Thoreau was asked if he thought the railroad would be of great benefit to mankind, he remarked, "It may be just meanest traveling faster." Could this be true of our age? How can man so use the results of his creativeness to be to mankind a curse rather than a blessing?

(Allow for comment on such things as automobiles, boats, atomic energy, and man's use of these.)

Our program deals with trends in home missions and tells how Southern Baptists are attempting to meet the needs of a changing America. In order to plot the direction of a trend, we must know of its past, present, and predictable future. Although the figures may not stay in your mind, the general impressions will leave an impact.

(For a bit of humor, introduce panel by their Social Security numbers in credit card numbers and say they will give significant figures of past, present and future which relate to home mission trends.) Predictions indicate an increase, not a decrease, in the use by the government and business of numbers instead of names for keeping up with all of us in the era of the explosive population. It is said that an individual will be given a number at birth. The government by means of this number will keep track of our health, education, and welfare until death.

We have already experienced this trend in change in telephone numbers, car credit cards, and charge accounts. We have been called "No. 72" at the trading stamp store. We have seen on the funeral parlor bulletin board "Thursday's service for No. 8 in Shumber Room B." Many thoughtful people are troubled by the possible results of this impersonal trend and its effect upon people and relationships.

Let us first consider population. These figures show the numbers in our Convention territory at the time of the creation of the Home Mission Board (1815), at the present time, and predictions for the future. (Panel shows figures and reads them.)

POPULATION		
Past	1845	7,325,000
Present	1963	190,000,000
Future	1975	235,000,000

These figures show the increase in numbers of people that our Convention seeks to serve. They illustrate the tremendous

task that is ours. There are 100 million people today without Christ in the United States. The non-Christian population increased by one million last year. There are more people outside our churches than ever before.

The Home Mission Board has a Department of Survey and Special Studies that compiles and interprets surveys and trends. Forty regional surveys were made in 1965. These surveys plus conferences and clinics help map comprehensive plans for reaching the unsaved in our homeland. The effectiveness of planned strategy is illustrated by the doubling of membership in Southern Baptist churches in the past twenty-two years. (Panel reports.)

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES AND MEMBERS			
Past	1845	4,126	352,951
Present	1965	33,388	10,601,515
Future	1975	39,000	21,000,000

The Home Mission Board predicts that if Baptists are to keep up with the current trend in population growth and mobility, they will need to constitute 500 new churches a year. That this trend is already in progress is seen by the increase in numbers of churches in our Convention from nearly 25,000 in 1936 to almost 31,000 in the past thirty years. Membership during this same period increased from 1 1/2 million to almost 11 million. The increase alone is more than the total of any Protestant group except Methodist.

Through a program of evangelism, church extension, and loans, the Home Mission Board seeks to help in the establishment of new churches. The 50,000 Movement reported 6,638 new churches and 18,226 missions. The Board attempts to keep up with where 20 per cent of the people are moving each year and will be living in the future.

In the beginning, the Home Mission Board served a predominantly rural people. The strong churches were the county churches. This picture has changed rapidly with 98 million people now living in 21 urban areas. By the end of the century,

two-thirds of us will live in the cities of the land and in continuous cities. The five greatest areas of concentration will be California, Florida, the Texas Coast, New England, and the Great Lakes. (Panel reports. Use map.)

POPULATION IN CITIES			
Past	1845	10 per cent	cities
Present	1965	72 per cent	cities
Future	2000	90 per cent	cities

Missionaries were sent in 1845 to the Board of Domestic Missions (Home Mission Board) to Florida and Texas the first year of its organization. Work in California was started in 1853 when L. Lewis Shock was appointed missionary to the Chinese. California today has 1,500 communities without a Baptist church, and enough unchurched people to fill two states the size of Georgia.

A survey of the Great Lakes area showed that half of the people were unchurched. An even higher percentage was discovered in the New England-New York section. Many Baptists moved north after World War II as a result of the education boom and shifting of industrial personnel. Meeting the requests for help from these Baptists changed the picture of the Home Mission territory. (Panel reports.)

HOME MISSION BOARD TERRITORY			
Past	1845	10 states	
Present	1965	50 states plus Panama, Cuba, and Puerto Rico	
Future		Penetration in Depth	

The trend in the expansion of territory served by the Home Mission Board has rapidly expanded since 1951 when the Convention voted to permit the Board to be free to serve as a source of blessing to any community and to any people anywhere in the United States. During the previous century, the work had slowly expanded to 19 states. By 1965, there were churches affiliated with the Convention in every state.

The trend now is to strengthen the work in 23 states designated as "Pioneer Missions." The Board reported 150 new communities entered last year. The West Virginia convention is expected to orga-

nize, and a New York Northern New convention is set to organize next year.

One of the newest territories of the Home Mission Board with three couples may be assigned to this island. They already reported five churches and missions.

When the Home Mission Board was organized in 1845 it was instructed to work with Indians, Negroes, and the people of the Islands. With the paving of its debt at the end of World War II, a great expansion of services became possible. (Panel reports.)

FIELDS OF SERVICE			
Past	1845	Indians, Negroes, New Orleans	
Present	1965	Use list on back of map	
Future	1975		

An increase in the ministry of juvenile rehabilitation will be one future trend. With the crime rate increasing five times the population, the assistance of church people is an urgent need. Two million youths between the ages of ten and seventeen have court records. One out of eight young people have run afoul of the law. Our crime bill in 1961 was \$20 billion six times the amount spent on education.

The Home Mission Board has rehabilitation work in 52 associations and 60 counties in 18 states. The goal for 1965 was to employ five new full-time workers and 18 volunteers. There were 1,727 children referred to sponsors, and 19 camps were provided last year.

As cities become more crowded and people are uprooted from their home communities, there is a predicted increase in mental and emotional disorders. More than 10 per cent of our population now spends time in some institution annually. A more intensive ministry in these is already being stressed through a program of chaplaincy.

Almost half the Negroes in this country

now are Baptists. For over a century, the Home Mission Board has helped in the training of Negro leadership; it has helped with 18 Negro centers and in witnessing on 75 college campuses. More than a million persons were reached last year through Vacation Bible schools, clinics, and revivals. (Panel reports.)

NEGRO POPULATION			
Past	1845	3,500,000	
Present	1965	19,000,000	
Future	1975	33,000,000	

The trend has been for the Negro population to move out all over the country where jobs are plentiful. The Home Mission Board through an Advisory Council with National Baptists has shared ideas and techniques for keeping up with these displaced persons. In Chicago, for instance, there are more Negroes than in the entire state of Mississippi. The Negro population of the West will double in the next decade. New York City has more Negroes than Alabama. The Anne Armstrong Offering for Home Missions provides more than 50 per cent of the Home Board's budget for work with National Baptists.

The trend toward a shorter workweek and earlier retirement will continue.

WORKWEEK			
Past	1845	60	
Present	1965	40	
Future	1975	28	
	2000	28	

The average family income will increase in the next decade from seven thousand to \$9,500. The number of automobiles will have doubled by 1975. On an average summer weekend, 57 million cars are on the highways in pursuit of pleasure. Americans relax so strenuously that they kill themselves in accidents at the rate of 110 per day. Missions and chapels in resort areas have become a real necessity, and six were started by the Home Mission Board last year.

A continuing emphasis on education in all areas of American life demands trained church workers. (Panel reports.)

Map of Home Mission fields from Home Mission Board

EDUCATION (COLLEGE STUDENTS)

Past	1845	12,000 in South
Present	1965	3,000,000 in US
Future	1975	8,500,000 in US

Prior to 1960, there was no over-all policy for home missionary appointment. Each department set its own qualifications. Now those persons who are given regular appointment by the Board are required to have college and seminary degrees as well as to meet health, age, and experience qualifications.

Last year, eight were graduated from the Home Mission Board's first language school. This is located in San Antonio, Texas, and is to train those who will work with the Spanish-speaking. A couple, now serving in California, were sent to Campinas, Brazil, for the study of Portuguese. A son of Italian immigrants returned to Italy for six months of study so that he might direct a more effective ministry to Italian-speaking people in Pittsburgh. Missionaries to the Russian-speaking trained at Middleburg, Vermont.

Increased emphasis on missionary education of local church members was stressed in 1965 by 150 simultaneous Schools of Missions with 3,500 participating churches.

WMC called for a Week of Self-Denial for Home Missions at its annual meeting in 1895. (Panel reports.)

HOME MISSION OFFERING GIFTS (AA)

Past	1895	\$ 5,000
Present	1965	\$3,540,000
Future	(1966 Goal—\$4,000,000)	

The name was changed to "Thank Offering" in 1922 for many felt there was little denial of self in the gifts to home missions. Eleven years later (1933), the offering was named for Annie W. Armstrong, executive-secretary of WMC during its first eighteen years.

Since the trend is toward expansion of the services offered by the Home Mission Board, this amount must be greatly increased. In the past eleven years, the home missionary force has risen from 936 to 2,458. Dr. Arthur Rutledge, executive-secretary of the Board, estimates that

round-the-clock operation now costs \$800 per hour or \$11.53 per minute. We need to examine our "self-denial" and make an impact on America now, in 1965.

Concluding Devotions

(The person who gives this should be able to speak this as her own belief and intent.)

I believe that one way in which God speaks to us is through the Bible. Therefore, I know that I am to witness not only where I live but throughout my own and country, for Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria." I am also to go "unto the uttermost part of the earth" through my gifts, prayer, and by the support of our home and foreign missionaries (Acts 1:8).

I believe, however, that mission work is not just something that I send others to do. I have a mission to the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, and imprisoned, for my Saviour said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

I believe that Christians are "God's picked representatives of the new humanity," as J. B. Phillips translates Colossians 3:12. Therefore in my own personal life I resolve to show "mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another" (Col. 3:12-13).

I believe that we should follow the example of the churches of Macedonia who gave joyfully, liberally, sacrificially, and best of all, "first . . . gave themselves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5, Williams). Paul wrote that each should give as he purposed in his heart" (2 Cor. 9:7, Williams). Therefore, I propose to give an offering of self-denial to the work of the Home Mission Board so that ours may become a "nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 133:12). What will you do?

Conclude by reading in unison "More I Love the Master" imitating the chorus until the



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The American Republics Are Called to Recognition of Human Dignity

THE Alliance for Progress, begun four years ago to bring political solidarity and economic welfare to the American republics, has come to the spot where it will rise or fall in accordance to the degree of its recognition of the dignity of man.

President Johnson made this affirmation in a White House ceremony on the Alliance's fourth anniversary. He said optimistically that the past four years have been "the greatest period of forward movement, progress and fruitful change" in the history of the Western Hemisphere. But he and his hearers were conscious also of failures along the way and of frustrations caused by the invasion of Communist ideology, the catastrophe of inflated dollars, and threats of political revolution in several Latin American countries.

It is time, the President said, that the Alliance shape new directions.

The President outlined a four-point program for the Alliance's future years. The first three points had to do with economic stability and trade expansion—the maintenance of firm prices, a common market arrangement for inter-American commerce,

and the strengthening of the economies of rural areas.

This fourth point looked to the needs of people. Human welfare has, of course, been a basic concept in the Alliance from its beginning, but now is the time, he said, to give major attention to this vital element.

And we must, Mr. Johnson said, direct more of our effort toward those things which touch the lives of individual human beings—housing, education, health and food. And it is not enough to say that a growing economy will ultimately meet those needs. Misery and pain and despair exist in the present, and we must fight them in the present with all we have and the best way we can.

The President spoke a bit mystically of "commands" which he said must serve as guides to all the Americas "if progress is to fulfill our dreams."

These commands, he said, mean that progress in development must enlarge the dignity of man, that each man must have a chance to share in the affairs of his nation, that each man's nation must walk as an equal with all others, free to shape its society, free to select its institutions, and free to find its own way to the future so long as it respects its neighbors, and that each man must have a chance to share in present benefits and future progress.

The President added: And there is also something more. The process of development is an unknown process. Although we mask our uncertainty with charts and tables, calculations and intricate theories, we are still very uncertain. But one thing we do know. Development is not just a matter of resources, or trade, or production, or exports. Rather, in some mysterious way, people—because they have great leaders and because they have great hopes and because they themselves are great—an entire people begin to stir, and to sacrifice, and to work. And when they move, a nation begins to move.