There was a man
sent from God...
to bear witness
of the Light,
that all men...
might believe

John 1:6-7

# of Plums and People

by Chaplain Donald S. Whitehouse

OUTSIDE my bedroom window there is a plum tree. Like a fashion-able lady it changes its dress with each season. In the spring, its leaves are a brilliant yellow. By midsummer the lady's coat is a vibrant red. And then after wearing orange for a very short time she changes to a hue of dark red.

Throughout the year I am fascinated by the tree's color moods. Yet, the most fascinating thing about the tree is not its many colors, but the fruit it bears. Last year, it was with great interest that I watched the growth of the fruit because it appeared the tree would establish production records. And indeed it did. The limbs broke under the weight of the fruit.

The first day I found a broken limb, I was certain that the plums were ripe enough to eat. But eager anticipation turned into disappointment with the first bite. The plum was not only sour, it was definitely not fit to be eaten.

There stood my beautiful tree, bent and broken because of fruit-bearing, yet the fruit was worthless.

Many people are like that tree. They wear themselves out trying to produce fruit in the form of charities and other activities in organizations. Often the fruit produced is of far less value than the person is capable of producing. Valuable time and energy are diverted from cultivating a right relationship with God and leading their families to be Christian witnesses. These are fruits of lasting flavor and nourishment. What type of fruit are you producing?

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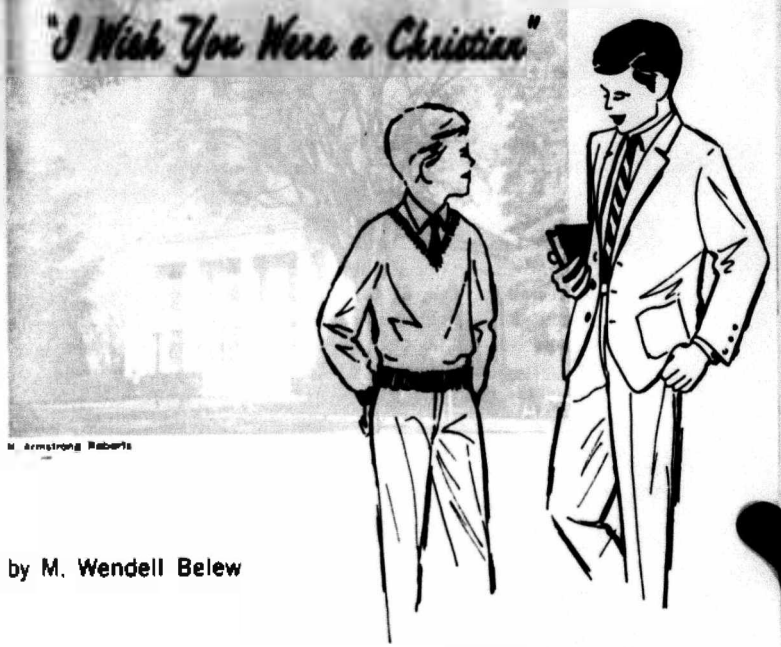

H. Armstrong Roberts

"I Wish You Were a Christian"

by M. Wendell Belew

BILL MACHAL WAS A JUNIOR boy when first I met him. I did not have to ask if he were a Christian. There was something about his radiance, his being so at ease with a minister that said he was indeed a Christian.

A most unusual thing about Bill was his portable mission field. He possessed a mission field and took it with him everywhere he went. One of its locations was on the front steps of the church house. Nearly every time there was a service Bill sat in the congregation on third pew, left. As soon as it was over, Bill made his way to the portico at the front to greet the people as they left. To those who were not Christians he would often say simply, "I wish you were a Christian." He said this with such sincerity that I never knew of anyone who was offended.

Bill's Christianity did not keep him from being popular and loved by those who knew him. For two successive years he was elected the most popular boy in his high school, and his mission

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field was always wherever he happened to be. When he played in the band, when he was at the restaurant where teen-agers gathered after school, he would often say to one for whom he was concerned, "I wish you were a Christian."

Often Bill would come to tell me of his mission field contacts. "Pastor," he said one day, "Charles Nicely needs you to talk to him about becoming a Christian." I immediately left what I was doing to find Charles, an almost blind boy, and led him to Christ. On another occasion, he brought me to Bob Fields, who had just moved to town, and Bill wanted him enlisted in the program of the church. (Bob is presently a missionary in Israel.) He brought me to Albert Griffin one day, saying that Albert felt the Lord had called him to preach.

Bill felt that the Lord wanted him to be a Christian physician, and I never doubted that the Lord could build a great mission program with a physician who would stop after caring for a person's physical needs to say, "I wish you were a Christian."

When Bill went away to college, he took his mission field with him and established it on the campus and at the door of his college town church. I greatly missed him in our church, but he left behind a legacy of other young "missionaries" to operate their mission fields in the church community.

One day when I was out of town, Bill's father called to say that Bill was in the hospital and asked that I stop by to see him on the way home. When I arrived at the hospital, I discovered that Bill was quite ill. He had polio.

As he was in an isolation ward I sat outside waiting and praying, and then sending in a message to say that I was outside. "Everything is all right. Sure, everything is fine," came back the word.

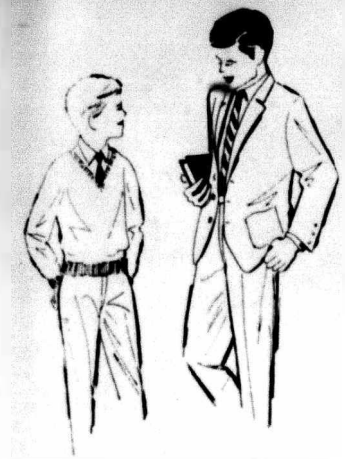
The nurse came a few hours later to say, "Isn't he a remarkable person? While I was taking his temperature he pushed the thermometer out of his mouth—he was so sick—and said, 'Are you a Christian? I hope you are a Christian.' "

I tried to imagine what it would be like if he were crippled—in a wheel chair or confined to an iron lung. I realized that his mission field would not be affected much. It would just not be so portable, but it would be magnetic. He would draw people to him with his magnetic personality to say, "I wish you were a Christian."

The doctor came once to tell me that Bill's breathing had become very difficult and they had put him in an iron lung. Just before he had been placed inside he had said to the doctor, "Are you a Christian? My pastor is outside." Even then he was working his mission field. If he could not talk about Jesus, he could refer the doctor to one who could.

I wished that I might see Bill—might look at him and say, "It's all right," or maybe to see him smile and let me know it was. But hours later the doctor came again. He stood in front of me and said abruptly, "Bill is dead."

I had not counted on this. I had not thought that God would call this great missionary from his field at the age of nineteen. I thought angrily of all the



wasted lives of delinquent young men in our county—but Bill! My heart was broken and I felt the last thing I could do was to preach Bill's funeral.

When I arrived at Bill's house, his father, Charles, met me on the porch. Charles was a deacon in our church. His face was radiant, like Stephen's at his stoning, I thought. Charles said, "I know how it is with you, pastor, but I want you to speak for Bill at his funeral. There will be many of his friends there. He would want you to say for him, 'I wish you were a Christian.' "

I walked on through the house and up to Bill's room. It was filled with many familiar things. His Bible was by his bed, opened to Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." And his prayer list. My eye ran over it to see the names. Claude Anderkin was the first name of several, including my own.

Hundreds of people attended the funeral. As best I could I said, "I wish you were a Christian" in Bill's behalf. We left his body in the cemetery beneath a great mound of flowers. My heart was still breaking. I returned to my home angry and lonely for my friend.

A few nights later I was unable to sleep. It was two o'clock in the morning. There was a knock at the door, and when I went I discovered Claude Anderkin there—number one name on Bill's prayer list. He said as I opened the door, "Bill sent me. It's true, just a few days before he died he sat down beside me at the restaurant and said, 'I wish you were a Christian. I wish you would talk with my pastor.' "

Later others on Bill's prayer list made decisions in subsequent weeks. An old man came to whom Bill had spoken on the front steps of the church. Albert Griffin came to make public his decision to preach. They came, and many others have gone to the mission fields of the world; and they, as I, stop now and then to say, "I wish you were a Christian" in Bill's behalf.

I saw, of course, that it does not really matter how *long* one lives. It matters most *how* people live as long as they live, nineteen or ninety. There may be little difference if one has lived fully for nineteen years. I see now that Bill's going at nineteen was but an exclamation point and a challenge to me and to all who knew and heard of him to pause now and then to say, "I wish you were a Christian."

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ROYAL SERVICE

COVER STORY

Through the years, we occasionally have pointed up the meaning of royal service. It is when we wholeheartedly and with singleness of purpose seek to serve Christ that we are engaged in royal service for the King. Before a person can fully realize the blessings which result from serving him, he must realize that he is sent from God, as surely as John was sent, and that he is "to bear witness of the Light." Turn through *Royal Service* this month and note that witnessing is the theme of this magazine.

"Proclamation and Witness" may be a banner unfurled by all Southern Baptists this year, but until each of us realizes that persons, individually, are sent to bear witness—and practice daily this realization, we cannot claim to be proclaiming and witnessing. Read this magazine and pray that God will add dimension to your service for him.

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FROM WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant
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The Public's Need to Know

IN all the talk about "managed news," the finger of accusation usually points to government agencies who allegedly hide "the facts" from newsmen who supposedly are eager to give those facts to the American public.

But Ambassador Harlan Cleveland, the United States Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), pointed the finger of accusation at news media when he spoke to a Washington meeting of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters.

One would have judged, from listening to Mr. Cleveland, that Americans—relatively the most informed people in the world—still do not know what in the world is happening (at least, not in the world of international politics). And while this judgment is an exaggeration of the truth, it does reflect the fact that the whole truth is cut to fractions in the necessity of news media to select what stories to tell in their limited air time or their limited columns of newsprint.

Mr. Cleveland was deploring the scarcity of international political news that filters through to the American public. He pleaded for balanced information that would give the listening, viewing, and reading public a true sense of all that is happening and an interpretative perspective of what it means.

Mr. Cleveland suggested that one of the main troubles with public comprehension of world politics is the pronounced preference of most communications media for conflict and trouble. Gunfire always gets bigger headlines than conference deliberations, bigger headlines by far than the peaceful cooperation of nations on constructive projects. He urged his audience to look to "some of the mainstreams" of world politics, and he said these mainstreams include:

- The trend of things in the so-called Communist world—how performance falls short of prophecies, how much-heralded theories fail to grow enough food, and how coercion falters before strong-minded men.
- The trend of things in the emerging nations—the story of how more than half a hundred young, inexperienced, and mostly impoverished nations came into the world of independent states and "not one of them chose communism."
- The trend of things in the world community—the great reaching out across national frontiers to build regional organizations for defense, trade, investment, education, and technical cooperation.
- The "thundering impact of scientific discovery" on international affairs—how science and technology are forcing nations to cooperate at an accelerating pace, and how invention and discovery are happily building into the world community a bias in favor of openness and freedom.

Two major hopes emerge in our reflection on Mr. Cleveland's talk. We would hope that the communications media heed his plea for a more selective "balance" of the news of world developments. And we would promise ourselves as consumers of the news, both a critical evaluation of the sources which edit our news and an effort to gain through increased reading a wider perspective of world events. Without this balanced extension of fact-finding efforts we stand at the mercy of those editors and those commentators who blast their prejudices into our homes.

"I guess you would say I am not a real missionary. What I do is to free career missionaries each day from the task of being schoolteachers for their children," wrote Charles W. Helm, twenty-six-year-old Southern Baptist missionary journeyman from Maplewood, Missouri. He had arrived in Trujillo, Peru, a few weeks earlier to spend two years in foreign mission service. Next year he will also teach English to Peruvian Baptist pastors.

Of wayside opportunities to witness for Christ in Peru, Charles says, "Perhaps I can help one little boy know of the love of Christ."

He says the missionary journeyman program of Southern Baptists is helping him find the answer to a question that has plagued him as a young man: What can I do now to use my life best for God?

There are now forty-six young people overseas. They left early last fall—these pioneer missionary journeymen.

Missionary journeymen are Baptist young people under twenty-seven years of age who want to apply their talents to meeting critical spiritual, physical, and educational needs abroad. They are not career missionaries. They are teachers, youth workers, nurses, technicians, office workers—laymen with a journeyman's competence in performing a task and a Christian commitment to serve for two years overseas. The [illegible]gn Mission Board hopes to send out a g[illegible]p of journeymen each year.

Then, there are the special projec[illegible]ses. "Actually, I don't feel any different [illegible] I'd feel if I were a regularly appointed [illegible]ionary," says Dorothy Scott, nurse fr[illegible] Bo-than, Alabama, now on the staff [illegible] the Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Mbe[illegible]anzania.

"I live in a missionary home with a missionary associate nurse, attend meetings of missionaries on our station (immediate vicinity) and in our Mission (all of East Africa), and participate fully in church and in the work of the hospital," she elaborates. "The missionaries share their sorrows and joys, and this close fellowship in East Africa has included me."

Miss Scott is one of six Baptist nurses employed by the Foreign Mission Board for short terms of service in medical installations overseas where there are emergency needs for nurses.

In addition to nursing responsibilities, which one describes as a "variety of jobs," these nurses have endless opportunities to witness for Christ, who they believe has directed them to the specific places where they serve. "There are so many opportunities here that one can choose areas of her own interest and expand them almost without limits," explains Miss Scott.

Miss Jean Potter, special project nurse in the Baptist Clinic in Yemen, the only organized Christian mission endeavor in that almost totally Muslim country, says of her opportunity: "We are not allowed to verbalize our Christian convictions to the Yemeni people in groups. But we know our actions and attitudes are being observed."

Missionary associate is another specialized group. Gene and Betty Oods are Southern Baptist missionary associates, and they and their two children have made a tremendous impact for Christ in the slightly more than two years they have been in Liberia.

Mr. Oods went to Liberia to teach high school mathematics at Rocks Institute (first through twelfth grades). Now, in addition to teaching, he is principal of this African institution.

Beyond the practical task of preparing African young people for leadership roles in their communities gallop toward the twentieth century, the Oods have a deeper motivation: to witness for Christ. They have found many opportunities.

In addition to their work through the Washington Chapel Baptist Church, located on the school campus, Mr. and Mrs. Oods conduct services in surrounding villages, speak to various gatherings of deacons and pastors, sing for special services in

In Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Mbeya, Tanzania, East Africa, special project nurse Dorothy Scott and a patient read the Bible

Left: Fred D. Linkenhoker, Roanoke, Virginia, was in the first group of forty-six missionary journeymen sent overseas. He went to Vietnam last summer.

Below: T. C. Hamilton is a missionary associate now teaching at the Philippine Seminary in Baguio. This is the student choir which he organized.

Right: Serving as dormitory parents for high school children of Baptist missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Maher are missionary associates in the Philippines. Mrs. Maher is at left, Mr. Maher, center, at back.

Short -- But Real

by Ione Gray

Miss Gray is director of press relations, Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

Standing is Rev. E. W. Miller, missionary associate. He and Rev. Johann Mucher of Hungary are studying script to be recorded and sent via short wave radio into Hungary, Eastern Europe.

Mrs. T. E. Oody and her husband are missionary associates at Ricks Institute, Baptist school near Monrovia, Liberia.

various churches, and fill numerous other witnessing engagements at Ricks and in the surrounding area. Mr. and Mrs. Oody are typical of forty-nine short-term Southern Baptist missionaries who go by the designation "missionary associate."

Missionary associates are persons between the ages of thirty-five and fifty-nine employed by the Foreign Mission Board for one term of service (three to five years) to do a particular job for which they are uniquely equipped. They are vital members of the missionary team and fellowship.

Through this program opportunities are open to persons who feel led to meet a Christian witness overseas but who normally could not be appointed as regular missionaries due to age or, in some cases, educational requirements.

Associates are now serving overseas as dormitory parents in schools for missionary children, teachers in those schools, secretaries and business managers for mission headquarters offices, teachers in secondary schools, nurses and doctors in particular hospital situations, and pastors for English-language churches.

Mrs. Jamie Maiden, who went to Nigeria in 1963 to teach the children of missionaries after having taught school in southwest Virginia for thirty years, says of her work: "Here I have found in teaching the MKs in the elementary grades of Newton Memorial School that same rapture into which teaching has ever lifted me. I am convinced that nothing heretofore has provided the kind of tonic to my mind, body, and spirit that serving in the capacity of a missionary associate has."

From Mbeya, Tanzania, missionary associate Sari Holcomb, a nurse from Oklahoma City, writes: "During the year away from my family, there has been the readjustment to sharing a house after having a home for thirty years, but also the wonderful recommitment of my life to God. It may be harder to adjust to change when you are older, but I have never found anything of real value at a bargain price."

What are the reactions of career missionaries to these short-term helpers? They are enthusiastic! Let Mrs. L. August Lovegren express the feeling of missionaries. She writes of three journeymen who arrived in Jordan last September.

"If Southern Baptist churches can produce such talented, dedicated, attractive, refreshing, competent young women as these three—Dee Donalson, Jeannie Mullow, Annice Whatley—there's great hope for the world yet. I can't describe the lift we've all received in just having them around!"

To Your Husband—NOW!

by Mrs. Chester F. Russell

I NOW COME TO YOU with an urgent request. I want you to tell your husband something—and please tell him now! Let me tell you why.

I listened recently as a group of pastors and lay leaders discussed a world problem as it relates to our churches and institutions. My heart was disturbed by some of the attitudes expressed. I realized again the need for Bible knowledge and an understanding of our world mission program. The week before, five hundred women had met in this same place to discuss and promote missions. As I thought about it, I realized that these women had not been telling their husbands what they had learned and experienced in Woman's Missionary Union. I beg you, ladies, tell your husbands now!

Tell him what you are reading in *Royal Service*. When you go home from program meetings, share with him what you have learned and felt.

Tempt your husband to read mission study books by telling him just enough to make him want to read the whole book. Place mission books where they will be easy to pick up and read.

Talk about missions when you sit together at a meal. Share mission news with your family. Pray for missionaries by name when you lead in family prayer.

Make sure that at every convenient "sitting down" place there is a copy of *Royal Service*, *The Commission*, and *Home Missions*.

Use your feminine persuasion to get your family to take a vacation at Ridgecrest or Glorieta during Foreign Mission Week or Home Mission Week to stop off to visit a mission field. These will lift the sight of your children and husband as nothing else will.

Women cannot win the world to Christ without the help of their husbands and children. Money is not the only thing our husbands must give to missions. They must give leadership in our churches, our associations, our institutions, and our conventions. Our children must give themselves to man the mission stations.

So please, ladies, tell your husbands, now!

Mrs. Russell is a pastor's wife in North Charleston, South Carolina.

WE GET LETTERS

Answered by Marie Mathis

A WMU President Writes

I want to tell you about the wonderful and inspiring study we have just had using the book by Bertha Smith, *Go Home and Tell*. Missionary Rosemary Lumbert, who is home on furlough, taught the book and knew Miss Smith and some of the other missionaries that were mentioned in it, which made it more interesting. Everyone who attended enjoyed it very much.

Also, I'd like to tell how much I enjoy *Royal Service* and look forward to every copy. Forecaster is so very helpful to me, as I'm the president of our society. Thank you for such a wonderful magazine. The enlarged Forecaster is much more helpful.

MRS. J. W. BRITTON,
Arkansas

Uruguayan Church Has Children's Campaign

Saturday is children's day for Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Tschanz, Baptists in Salto, Uruguay.

Each Saturday afternoon members of the church where Mr. Tschanz is pastor conduct Bible school for boys and girls in nine districts of the city. Mrs. Tschanz plans and directs the program, preparing original material for the lessons.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz and their helpers held a six-day children's evangelistic campaign, climaxed on Saturday with a "concentration" attended by 400 children and 55 adults. "The week gave us rich experiences and enthusiastic leaders who desire to begin even greater things," says Mrs. Tschanz.

Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz have been holding the weekly Bible schools for six years. The work gets larger each year. Several other churches have followed the example and started similar programs but theirs has had the most spectacular results.

MRS. J. D. McMURRAY,
Uruguay

65 Profess Faith in Paris Campaign

The first simultaneous campaign by churches of the French Baptist Federation resulted in sixty-five professions of faith in Christ. Eight churches in the Paris area participated in the campaign held in October 1965, with French pastors as evangelists.

The campaign was a great blessing, especially to church members who moved forward in a wave of prayer and service.

Parisians were informed of the campaign by 700 large posters displayed in prominent places throughout the city, and by announcements which appeared in five leading newspapers for four days immediately preceding the campaign. Also, Baptists distributed 120,000 printed invitations.

The eight participating churches have a combined membership of 650. Six of them, including English-language Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rueil, have been established within the past fifteen years.

ANDRE THOBOIS
Pastor of Avenue du Maine Baptist Church
Paris

Intercessory Prayer League

I feel urgently impressed to write to you an experience related to the Intercessory Prayer League in our WMU.

Ordinarily I am not a very emotional person. In fact, the thought of noise or confusion in the worship service has never been appealing, but this morning I felt as if I was either shout or burst.

My husband is pastor of a church in the pioneer Northwest and I teach Young People. Even though our average Sunday School attendance

eight, eight, we had six graduated from high school last May. One by one we have seen God open the way for eleven of our Young People to be in college this year. One of these received appointment to West Point. Eleven were ready; yet, there was one more. College looked impossible. He had tried job corps—his entrance exam grade was too high—next unsuccessful job hunting. Was every door closed? Another thing burdening our hearts was the report from a family who had moved to another city that the unsaved husband was in the hospital with a severe heart condition. Such was the situation a week ago today.

Our Intercessory Prayer League, functioning for two years, has seen God answer prayer, but I believe this week has been exceptional. Early in the week three requests went from person to person: (1) for the sick man in another city, (2) for Bob, the boy who was having difficulty finding God's will; and (3) an unspoken request.

Word has been received that the unsaved man made a profession of faith recently and is recovering after serious heart surgery that had promised only a 10 per cent chance of survival.

Friday morning Bob and I drove to a college in a nearby town to see if anything could be worked out for his schooling. Space prohibits listing individually the prayers answered that day. Conferences with several people there and here were necessary and God made each person available as the need arose. By four in the afternoon Bob had been accepted in school and had the necessary loan to provide his needs throughout the year. We found that Friday was the last day this would have been possible.

My heart was full to overflowing as I sat in church this morning and then God added another blessing: there, near the back of the auditorium, sat a young girl who greatly needed God. The invitation was given and she came down the aisle—the answer to my unspoken request for prayer. Feeling as though my heart could hold no more, I kept myself from shouting only by loudly playing as postlude on the organ "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

MRS. RAYMOND H. REED,
Washington

Trilingual Wedding

The opening prayer was in Arabic, the ceremony in English—translated into Chinese—when Wang Ming-fa and Shys Ling Lui were wed in in the University Baptist Church, Beirut, Lebanon, one Saturday afternoon in October.

I performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Yusef Costa, Lebanese Baptist pastor.

The bridegroom, Wang Ming-fa, is a Chinese who has been attending the church while studying Arabic in the Lebanese University, Beirut. The bride, Shyß Ling Lui, came from Taiwan for the wedding.

A consular official from the Nationalist Chinese Embassy in Beirut gave the bride away, then stepped to one side to translate for her. Guests included the Chinese Ambassador and members of the embassy staff, persons from Beirut's Chinese community, other friends, and students from the Lebanese University and the American University in Beirut. Ann Kirkendall, fifteen-year-old daughter of the pastor, played the wedding march.

JAMES F. KIRKENDALL,
Missionary

Thanks for Foreign Mission Week of Prayer Material

Thank you for the complete December issue of *Royal Service*, and especially for the Week of Prayer material. It was just perfect for information, inspiration, meditation, and prayer.

MRS. W. C. EVANS,
Florida

Working with Laubach

"I am planning an [illegible] in Kenya. [illegible] Laubach [illegible] represent[illegible] participate. I am [illegible] project." This letter [illegible] which led me to [illegible] District. [illegible]

by Mildred Blankenship

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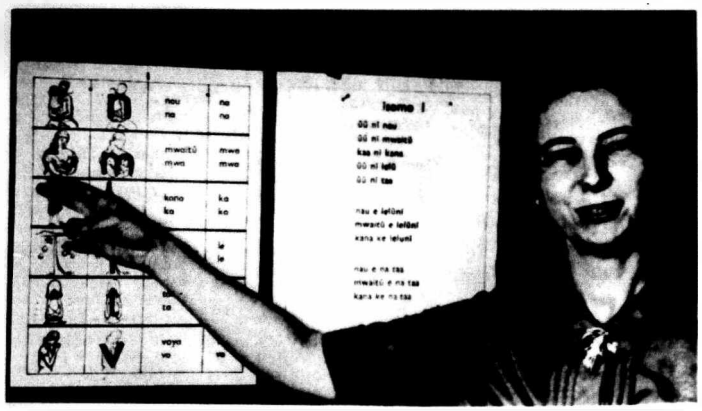

■ THE FIRST DAYS in Kenya were spent in orientation in Nairobi. The new nation of Kenya has adopted Swahili as the national language; however, many adults in the villages still speak their tribal languages. The language of the Kitui District is Kikamba. How was I going to memorize enough of either language to teach the charts and stories? How could I master enough words and sentence patterns?

Assigned to the same district were Courtland Shepherd, student at Golden Gate Seminary and counselor at San Quentin Prison, and Douglas Laxton, Methodist layman and oilman from Kansas. They did not seem to share the concern that was mine. But I kept thinking of the non-English speaking people we have taught English through the literacy ministry. I was reminded of the difficulties they experienced.

After a few sessions my prayer for help was answered. We were introduced to Jackson Sillas, a young man who has worked at the Baptist Center in Nairobi and has taught his television literacy lessons in Swahili. Mr. Shepherd had a tape recorder. Why not make a tape of the lessons? The Laubach technique is the same in any language. By pointing to the proper block on the chart in coordination with the tape we could present the lessons with ease. Imagine our surprise when Mr. Sillas said he was from the Kitui District. Kikamba was his native language. The tape could be made in Kikamba. The teachers could receive instructions for teaching the Kikamba charts.

In Kitui we were taken to the Better Living Institute. These buildings have been built with American aid. Fifty community development leaders were brought in from over the district. Some had traveled over a hundred miles for the classes. The group included men and women. Most of these had less than a high school education. Just this year the tenth grade has been added to the school system in Kitui. This explains why 90 per cent of the adults in the district are nonreaders. This also indicates the problems of the community development leaders as they try to lead the people into better farming methods, health, and economy. Underlying all they seek to do in community development is the need for literacy.

In addition to using the tapes, we taught through three interpreters. Many of the group knew some English but not enough to understand all that was presented. We

Jackson Sillas who taped lessons in the Kikamba language at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and Courtland Shepherd, student at Golden Gate Seminary, California

Dr. Laubach, left, J. J. James, director of Laubach Literacy Center, Nairobi, talking with Dr. Paul Goodall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis

Practicing their literacy charts, women are preparing to teach in towns and villages.

Mrs. Rose Mbathi was an interpreter and guide for Miss Blankenship. Mrs. Mbathi is pictured with her husband.

were amazed at the skill with which these interpreters moved from one language to another. These three spoke in Swahili in addition to English and Kikamba. This skill, as well as others, made us aware of the keen minds among the young Africans.

Just as in a workshop here, after a chart was demonstrated, those participating divided into pairs. They practiced teaching each other. We sent them outside because the room was crowded. They sat on the ground, bending over the charts. When they came back to the classroom, each wanted an opportunity to demonstrate his newly gained skill. Getting volunteers was not difficult.

Coffee breaks are American, we think. Kenya has the counterpart, even in Kitui. It is a tea break in midmorning and mid-afternoon. We walked a quarter of a mile from the Better Living Institute buildings to the hostel where the class members stayed. Here tea was served from large black pots boiling on an open fireplace. Sugar and hot milk were added.

One of our interpreters was Rose Mbathi. She was my official hostess. One day she gave me a tour of the market. As we walked, we talked literacy. Rose has done some work with nonreaders. Working with nonreaders in Kenya, she had encountered the same problems as I had in America. Motivating a nonreader is important. After the African learns the charts and stories, the need for simple reading material is urgent. Simple articles on farming, nutrition, health, child care, community living would answer many needs.

Rose is a Christian. This brought us much joy. Repeatedly she expressed appreciation for the fact we were representing Christ. Indeed, we felt the real value of the trip was not in literacy but in strengthening Christians. Kenya is a new African nation. The Christian is sometimes confused by the many forces which claim his attention. In Kitui we felt we were used to clarify the Christian's role. We were strongly reminded that Christians everywhere need each other.

The MISSIONARY MESSAGE of the BIBLE

by Gilbert L. Guffin

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 1:1 through 17:18; Amos; Hosea

It is difficult to conceive of anything sadder than the decline and fall of a nation. In the present study, we behold the pitiable spectacle of a nation that need not have died, grasped nonetheless in its death throes. Anyone with spiritual insight and an understanding of God's activity in history, could have seen, long before it happened, what was inevitable. Such a sad story, relieved only by the presence and preaching now and again of some great prophet of God, constitutes the history of the Northern Kingdom from the end of Ahab's reign until that nation was smashed to ruins in a disaster that obliterated it thereafter from history.

The present lesson will be confined exclusively to Israel's final years even though parallel events of importance were unfolding all the while in the Southern Kingdom.

"The darkest night of Israel's spiritual declension," says William Smith, "was broken by the appearance of the greatest of all the prophets since Moses (Elijah), the type of that great preacher of repentance who was the forerunner of Christ." That "darkest night" of spiritual declension, however, though broken by Elijah's coming, was unfortunately not ended by it.

Though this study is on Judah alone, the following chronological list gives the remaining kings of both Israel and Judah from the death of Ahab (about 854 B.C.)

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 Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, and Baptist Book Stores.

to the end of Israel (about 721 B.C.):

ISRAEL, the Northern Kingdom	JUDAH, the Southern Kingdom
Ahaziah (855-854)	Jehoshaphat (875-852)
Jehoram (854-843)	Jehoram (852-845)
	Ahaziah (845)
Jehu (843-816)	Athaliah (845-839)
Jehoahaz (820-804)	Jehoash (835-805)
	Amaziah (805-777)

(Sometimes a son would serve during the illness or incapacity of a father making for an overlap of dates of their reigns.)

Jeroboam II (789-749)	Uzziah (791-740)
Zechariah (748)	Jotham (751-736)
Shallum (748-30 days)	Ahaz (741-726)
Menahem (748-738)	
Pekahiah (738-736)	
Pekah (748-730)	
Hoshea (730-722)	Hezekiah (726-697)

Since the biblical account, especially in 1 and 2 Kings, moves alternately from one kingdom to the other (2 Chronicles tends to relate only the story of Judah and not of Israel), the above table should help not only to keep the accounts distinct, but also to show why one kingdom at times so greatly influenced the other. An example of this influence is seen in Jehoram, king of Judah. Though son of the good king Jehoshaphat (one of whose great acts was to institute a system of public instruction in the Book of the Law), he was an evil king and extensively reinstituted idolatry in Judah. The likely explanation is that Jehoram had married Athaliah, a daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, and that Athaliah brought to Judah all the fiery determination of her mother Jezebel to institute Baal worship in that land. Thus the spiritual darkness of the reign of Ahab and Jezebel not only continued to hover over Israel, but also to spread with all its poisonous effect over Judah as well.

Lessons from Israel's History

Several lessons may be drawn from this period of Israel's history which seem to be of deep missionary significance. One is that when the people of God backslide, they not only suffer themselves, but allow believers and the world also. When Israel's spiritual darkness had spread over Judah, little light of the knowledge of God was left in the earth except for the candle which here and there a prophet held aloft in the darkness. The spiritual declension of one Christian body, or of Christians in one nation, is bad enough in itself, but it becomes all the more alarming when we realize that its evil influence cannot be confined. It may imperil the "light" of all Christians everywhere. It was tragic enough for the witness of Israel to be snuffed out, but this did not take place in a vacuum. The witness of all the people whom God had chosen and delivered for his purpose suffered also as a consequence.

Southern Baptists should be concerned for their own spiritual health, but that concern is far from deep enough unless it embraces the whole body of Christ. Spiritual declension among Christians in America, if it did not exist anywhere else in the world, would be dangerous nonetheless for all the world. Our influence cannot be contained. If it is bad, it could soon threaten the light of the knowledge of Christ in all the earth.

A further lesson of incalculable missionary implications from the period of history under study is that as no one can estimate the far-reaching influence of a Ruth or a Hannah for good in the world, just so no one can calculate the consequences for evil of a Jezebel or an Athaliah. For the extending of the missionary witness in the earth and thus bringing hope to humankind, more may depend on the "hand that rocks the cradle" than can ever be computed. The spiritual health of wives and the spiritual influence of mothers over daughters, as well as over sons, is incalculably consequential for the salvation of the world. And to say this, does not reduce or ignore the influence of husbands and fathers!

Elisha's Ministry

Elijah has been called "the grandest and the most romantic character that Israel ever produced," but Elisha, Elijah's successor, was in many respects a close second. Elisha's long ministry (from about 850 to 800 B.C.) was distinctive especially for the miracles he performed, for its relationship to the rulers of Israel (from Ahaziah to Joash), and for its acts of mercy. Elisha was evidently a man of great compassion and famous for his acts of kindness. Only one incident, which has evidently been greatly misunderstood, seems not to be in harmony with this view of his life. It concerns an occasion (2 Kings 2:23-25) when some lads (called little children in the King James Version, but, they could have been in their late teens), evidently juvenile delinquents of the day or members of families associated with the Baal calf worship at Bethel, jeered at Elisha, calling him a "baldhead." It was an act of grave disrespect and irreverence toward the prophet and possibly an attack on him as the prophet of God. It is said Elisha cursed these lads. Actually he did not curse them in our modern sense of the word, but rather called upon God to discipline them. What followed was not the act of Elisha but was only a record of what did occur. It teaches a lesson regarding due respect for the servant of God.

Powerless Gods

In 2 Kings 3:27 there is an instance of the depravity and the mistaken frenzy which characterized other religions of that day, including the Baal worship fostered by most of the kings of Israel. The king of Moab (descendants of Lot and the people from which Ruth came) offered his own son in sacrifice in his desperate attempt to obtain help from his deity who could not "answer." This king is a prototype surely of the masses who even to this day still pathetically turn in frenzy and desperation of gods utterly powerless to help. The zeal and misguided sincerity of these millions who prostrate themselves before lifeless gods often shames the devotion shown by Christians to the living God, and often their sacrifices to their pagan deities is greater than our own to Christ; but with all of this, they find neither salvation nor life. The pitiable plight of these masses is therefore a perpetual argument for the redoubling of our efforts to get the gospel to all men.

Missionary Lessons

Many scenes in the life of Elisha warrant special attention as do some in the lives of the kings of that era, but space allows only a few additional comments:

1. The ministry of Elisha, including the many miracles he was able to perform, was to be a demonstration to the kings and people of Israel as to the differences between the God of Elisha and the gods these people were following. We must never forget that it is not what we say to the world so much as it is the difference made in our lives and in our service by our relationship to Christ that will convince men we have found the answer to their needs.

2. If one truly has a vital relationship to God, none can tell how far the overtones of one's witness may be heard. The beautiful story of the testimony given by a maid taken as a slave from Israel and the consequences of that testimony in the life of Naaman, the general of the Syrian Army, is an instance (2 Kings 5:1-3). Though a servant in a foreign land, this maid could nonetheless tell of what the God of Elisha could do. Missions pursues its task to the ends of the earth in the certainty that what God does in Christ for us here he can and will do for men everywhere.

3. The servant of the Lord is never alone. There are unseen "hosts" encamped around him to give him help until his work is done (2 Kings 6:1-23, especially vv. 15-17). They who allow fear of their foes and the strength of the forces which threaten them to discourage them need to see what Elisha's servant saw, "the mountain . . . full of horses and chariots . . .

round about. . . ."

4. Lack of faith or refusal to believe prevents a man from seeing many a work of God in changing men and cities and nations. When Samaria, the capital of Israel, was besieged by Syria until famine was about to destroy the city, Elisha promised divine deliverance. Then the captain said to the man of God, "Could this thing be—

When deliverance miraculously came, this captain was trampled to death and never saw the fulfilment of the promise of the prophet. In this remarkable story, however, there is a reference to four lepers who had been thrust outside the city to die between the city's walls and the besieging army. When Syria fled and the lepers found the store of food and supplies left by the fleeing army (2 Kings 7:3-20), they said, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news . . . let us go and tell. . . ." It may properly be asked of each of us, healed as we are from spiritual leprosy and having found through the gospel the "banquet table" of the Lord and partaken of the "Bread of life," if we can ever do right until we too "go tell" the good news to all who starve for want of this Bread.

The Northern Kingdom's Decline

In time, Jehu whom Elijah had anointed to succeed Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 19:16) wrested the throne of Israel from the house of Ahab and attempted to destroy all its wicked influence. Jezebel's death was tragic (2 Kings 9:30-37), but the impact of her life was not yet to be snuffed out. Jehu was ruthless, but he did not try to uproot Baal worship from the land. It is never enough merely to uproot idolatry; people must return to the Lord.

The spiritual life and inner strength of the Northern Kingdom, like a river constantly seeking lower levels until it reaches the yawning cataract, seemed ever to move downward. After the death of Jeroboam II, like the Niagara nearing the crest of the Falls, the kingdom plunged with dizzying swiftness to its doom. At times, to be sure, as a river that may flow into a lake, when pursuing its downward course, there seemed to be a temporary slowing of the descent of Israel; but there was never a stopping of it. The descent was slowed for a while by the efforts of Jehu, as it had been previously by Jehoram, possibly with the helpful influence of Elisha.

A Light Extinguished

Perhaps the most promising period of all, however, came under Jeroboam II (786-749). This King was the fourth from the house or line of Jehu to occupy the throne and evidently the ablest in political and military affairs. His reign was marked with great prosperity, commerce, and expansion. But, as is often true in such times, the moral and spiritual conditions of the nation sank to new lows. This is best seen from the writings by Amos and Hosea, who came upon the scene at this time, apparently after the death of Elisha.

As Amos and Jonah will be subjects of the studs in *Royal Service*, only Hosea's great and heartrending efforts to turn Israel back from her course of ruin will here be noted. Briefly, it should be said that no prophet ever preached the love and forgiveness of God more eloquently than did Hosea. From the agony of a marriage shattered by the unfaithfulness of his own wife, Hosea saw what Israel's unfaithfulness meant to God and what it would cost Israel. With broken heart he preached, "Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity . . . return to the Lord; say to him, 'Take away all iniquity.'"

But Israel did not repent or return. Soon she went over the brink to her doom. And her light, the light which should have shone to the Gentiles, went out forever.

In Revelation, there is a grim and timely warning that to the church which does not repent and do the "first works" the light may also go out. In many a church of the past which has failed Christ in its mission to the world, the light has in truth gone out. Could the same happen now?

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ARE JEWISH PEOPLE LOST?

by A. Jase Jones

"Why do Southern Baptists take the gospel to the Jews? They are good people. Why don't we take it to someone who needs it?" asked a Southern Baptist layman active in church and denominational life. This question is a persistent one and reflects opinion which constitutes a problem in evangelizing Jewish people for Christ.

It is accurate to state that most Southern Baptists make no effort to witness to Jewish friends. Is it not likely that our failure is because we are not conscious that Jewish people are lost? Unless Christians are conscious of the fact that Jewish people are lost and in need of Christ, they will continue to be unresponsive to efforts to win them.

Let us take two approaches in answering the question, "Are Jewish people lost?" First, we look at New Testament teachings on salvation. Second, we notice basic spiritual needs not adequately met by Judaism, the Jewish religion.

To say that Jews are lost and that Judaism fails to meet certain spiritual needs is not intended to stigmatize Jewish people or in any way not to demean Judaism.

To determine whether or not Jewish people are lost we turn to the New Testament. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Our Jewish friends do not accept the fact that Jesus is Saviour and Lord. The judgment of the New Testament is that any person is lost who does not personally know Jesus as Saviour.

The inadequacies of Judaism* in meeting the deep needs of the human soul are compelling reasons for sharing the gospel with Jewish friends. The primary need of the human soul is the new birth. Man is born with a sinful nature which must be reborn, Jesus said. Since Judaism does not teach that man is born with a sinful nature, a follower can see no need for the new birth.

A second essential need of the human soul is for a Saviour. In order to save, the sacrifice for man's sin must be without spot and blemish, and it must be powerful enough to overcome sin and death. Man meets neither requirement. Thus, he is desperately in need of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. But Judaism provides none. It says man must deal with God and secure God's favor by his own efforts.

Judaism has no doctrine of the immortality of the soul and does not believe in a heaven. While some Jewish people talk of life after death and references to immortality are found in Jewish prayers, Jewish theological literature abounds in denials of the immortality of the soul and the existence of heaven. Thus, the silence of Judaism on these primary doctrines reinforces the need for a Christian witness to Jewish people.

**To talk of the inadequacies of Judaism is not to be interpreted as a total disparagement of this great religion. It is recognized that the statements made here are generalizations.*

Upon recognition of a need, the committed Christian asks, What can I do? The key is love, but not a love assumed just that we might win Jewish people to Christ. As Christ loves man whether or not man accepts him as Saviour, so in imitation of our Lord we love our Jewish friends for themselves. And because we love them, it is only natural that we deeply desire their salvation. And it is this demonstration in a human life of the love of God in Christ which draws men's hearts to God.

The Christian can cultivate the friendship of Jewish people. Effective Christian witnessing involves sharing our lives with people. We must associate with Jewish people in every area of life. Above all, we must open our homes to them and develop a close relationship between our families. The home is the ideal place for initiating our Christian witness to Jewish friends.

The Christian can talk with Jewish friends. Some say that they hesitate to tell their Jewish friends that they are lost for fear of giving offense. This hesitation is wise, for such a direct approach is inadvisable. Rather, let the Christian keep in conversation with his Jewish friend. As from time to time they talk of many things in a natural and unforced manner, the most important subject, the relation of the human soul to God, will inevitably arise. It will present itself under various headings, such as sin, death, immortality, or Jesus Christ. As the Jewish person offers his views on these topics, the Christian can present New Testament truths. He will thus plant the seed of the Word of God in the Jewish heart. The invitation to accept Christ can be issued in time as the Holy Spirit prompts, when it will then be the easy and natural thing to do.

All that the church does should both promote and build upon the individual activities just described. It should develop an understanding of and appreciation for Jewish people and Judaism by means of special studies, through its library resources, by inviting Jewish leaders to discuss Jewish life and Judaism, by visiting synagogue services, and by inviting Jewish people to church social activities.

As the church studies its community it will recognize that the Jewish people in the community are its mission field and help its membership realize that Jewish people are lost. It should pinpoint the location of Jewish people, lift them to the level of a prospect, place Jewish names in all prospect files, and include them whenever the church reaches out for the lost. It should make every effort to bring Jewish people into the church, by scheduling the annual observance of Jewish Fellowship Week (April 11-17, 1966), by having Jewish Neighbors Night in all revivals, and by enrolling Jewish young people in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. It can have fellowship meetings to inform Jewish people of Christian beliefs and practices, comparable to Jewish missions on Judaism for Christians. The church should promote the sending of greeting cards to Jewish friends on Jewish holidays. Most important of all the church can lead its members to be faithful personal witnesses.

A group of churches in a city with no concerted associational plan could begin with the election of representative leadership. *(See the tract, Winning the Jew from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.)* This leadership could then help each church to work together. A group of churches could jointly plan and conduct fellowship meetings and information meetings on Christian beliefs and practices for Jewish people. An effective joint effort is locating Jewish people in the total community. Churches can participate in community projects with Jewish people.

"No, I do not believe in a life after death. I believe that when I die this is all," said a Jewish woman. Could this be your wonderful Jewish friend? What will you do to change this hopelessness into the Christian confidence that "in my Father's house there are many mansions"?

FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce

The Art of Developing People

"The need for leadership in all walks of life is greater than ever before. Every aspect of living demands guiding hands: government, business, the professions, the fine arts, the mechanic arts.

"Leadership does not mean domination. The world is always well supplied with people who want to be dictators. The leader is of a different sort. He seeks effective activity with a beneficent purpose.

"No sluggard need aspire to leadership. There are passive persons who are content to go through life getting lifts from people; who wait until action is forced upon them. They are not leadership material. . . .

"A love of high quality is essential in a leader. Dependability is another quality of the leader. He keeps all promises. Being dependable means accepting responsibility. The leader will take counsel with his people, but he will act on what his mind tells him is right.

"To embark successfully on a career involving leadership demands courage. With faith in himself, he will be

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brave enough to act upon probabilities instead of certainties, and put his whole energy into making them come true. One mark of a great leader is that he feels sufficiently secure to devote his thoughts to the well-being of his subordinates and the perfection of his job.

"The man who would be a leader must pay the disciplinary cost involved. This does not mean he must withdraw from the world, but it does entail restraint, control, and moderation wherever these are necessary to achieve the ends he seeks. Leaders need to submit themselves to a stricter discipline than is expected of others.

"It is not surprising to find that the great numbers of persons who have been acknowledged as leaders were people who themselves learned the art of obeying. The man who has not learned to render prompt and willing service to others will find it difficult to win and keep control of his followers.

"Besides doing well what he has to do, the leader has initiative, which is the ability to think and do new things. He must keep his imagination alive, so as to originate ideas and start trends.

"Diverse though the areas of leadership may be, there are, nevertheless, certain basic principles generally agreed upon as being necessary. The leader must be sincere in his beliefs about his business and his place in it, and he must have the force of character necessary to inspire others to follow him with confidence.

"The leader should approach his job in the spirit of being a coach. He will kindle interest, teach, aid, and inspire. He will seek the special talent every worker has. His people will cooperate with him in maintaining discipline for the good of the team. He will suppress his own ego and encourage the progress of those whom he leads. He will create in his group a sense of mutual effort directed toward a specific goal."

memo to Presidents

This Month

We begin the study of another book, *Meet the American Jew*, by Belden Menkus. See Current Comments for resources to use in teaching the book. *Hebrew Honey* by Al Novak is a study of Hebrew words of the Old Testament. These great words of the Old Testament are presented in alphabetical order from *abide* to *wrath*. They may be used in preparing devotional periods for the study of *Meet the American Jew*. Order *Hebrew Honey* from Al Novak, 513 S. Wisconsin, League City, Texas 77573, and Baptist Book Stores, price $4.00.

The April program topic for circles or for second meeting of the society is "My Family Witnessing to Each Other." This is the first in a three-month unit on witnessing through the home. A free leaflet, "Your Family in Mission Action," will be available from state WMU offices and state Brotherhood secretaries after February 10, and is designed to help Christian families witness as a family.

You are aware that midyear reports will be due April 5. Making these reports will enable you to evaluate the WMU work in your church. Will your report really be a progress report? We trust that much progress has been made by your members in cultivating world awareness, developing their spiritual lives, sharing possessions, and their Christian witness. With the help of the secretary, carefully and correctly answer each question. We hope you have made progress in attaining all Aims for Advancement. What recognition will you attain on Aims for Advancement, at the close of the 1965-66 WMU year? Will your organization attain honor recognition?

It isn't too early to be making plans to attend Ridgecrest or Glorieta WMU Conferences. The dates are: July 28—August 3, Glorieta, and August 11-17, Ridgecrest. For reservations write to Dr. E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, or Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Encourage other WMU leaders in your church to attend, too. Does your church or WMU budget provide for leaders to have such enrichment experiences? Many churches take advantage of such opportunities and send or help send their leaders to the conferences.

Read Royal Service

Every month *Royal Service* is filled with helpful information. You perhaps have the habit of reading the magazine all the way through. If not, be sure to read the following in April *Royal Service*: "Dear Pastor," "Working with Laubach" by Mildred Blankenship, "I Wish You Were a Christian" by M. Wendell Belew, and the letter from Mrs. Raymond H. Reed in "We Get Letters." After reading this letter, one will realize all over again how much such a praying group can mean to individuals and to all of the work of the Lord. Is there an Intercessory Prayer League in your church? See the WMS Manual for more about the Intercessory Prayer League.

Denominational Emphases

There are five major denominational emphases this month: (1) Jewish Fellowship Week, April 11-17. Because of our study of the American Jew, this month the week should be especially significant. The Home Mission Board's leaflet, "Jewish Fellowship Week," gives suggestions for observing the week. (2) Cooperative Program Day, April 17. Dr. W. E. Grindstaff, director of Cooperative Program promotion, says that "the purpose is to provide information concerning the Cooperative Program and the work done through it. Sunday School and Training Union magazines for this date will carry assembly programs featuring the Cooperative Program. Other materials will be promoted by stewardship directors of general state conventions. (3) International Student Conferences will be held during Easter weekend. Many state Woman's Missionary Unions have a vital part in planning and financing these conferences as they work cooperatively with state Baptist student unions. Are there international students in your community that your church or WMU could send to one of the conferences? (4) Life Commitment Sunday, April 24, and (5) Church Membership Study, April 18-22, will be promoted through other denominational channels. You will want to be aware of what these emphases can mean to the members of your organization.

You have been reading a great deal about the church council. You have read about it in the WMU Year Book year after year. You read about it in denominational periodicals. So you understand that the functions of the church council is to correlate the work of various church organizations into a comprehensive program of work for the church. As the WMU president serves on the church council, she represents the organization she leads and helps develop the best course of action for the church. This is an important duty which the president has and a wonderful opportunity which enables her to contribute to the total life and work of the church.

memo to Circle Chairmen

Meet the American Jew

We hope that you will not only meet the American Jew as you study this recommended book, but that you and the members of your circle will gain a better understanding of them and will recognize their need for our effective witness to them. See Current Comments for supplementary materials which may be used in teaching the book. You will also want to see the reference to the book *Hebrew Honey*, by Al Novak in Memo to Presidents.

If the book is to be taught in your circle instead of in the WMS, plan carefully with the teacher or teachers for each session. Encourage every woman to attend the class and to read the book.

My Family: Witnessing to Each Other

This month's circle topic, "My Family: Witnessing to Each Other," is one which every Christian woman must take seriously. Unless our witness in the home is genuinely Christian, we cannot expect to witness effectively outside the home. If the plan in your society is to have the mission study book taught this month instead of the circle program, encourage circle members to read the program. Read about the leaflet "Your Family in Mission Action" in Memo to Presidents

Recognition on Aims for Advancement

In order for your WMS to attain recognition as an approved, advanced, or honor WMS, it is necessary for each circle to do its fair share of the work

As you and the secretary prepare the midyear report, evaluate the work of your circle Are the members of your circle becoming more aware of the needs of the world for the gospel as a result of the circle programs, the mission study, reading of *Royal Service*, *The Commission*, and *Home Missions*? Are the members of your circle becoming intercessors? Do they pray day by day for the missionaries as they follow Call to Prayer in *Royal Service* and participate in the Weeks of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions? Are the members of your circle participating in soul-winning visitation and other phases of planned community missions? Ask yourself such questions about each of the Aims for Advancement. Continually you will encourage your circle members to participate in every phase of the circle and society work

The midyear progress report and the annual report which are sent to the associational WMU president are WMS reports, but they are a compilation of circle reports Therefore, it is necessary that by April 5 your midyear progress report be given to the WMU president By using regularly the Individual Monthly Record Sheets for WMS members, your circle report can more easily be made These sheets are 25 for 25¢, or 100 for 75¢, and are packaged only in this way The WMS Circle Report Book is 25¢ All of these reporting items may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No 20th St Birmingham, Ala 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores The WMS Report Book is distributed according to state plan

Planning a Vacation?

It's that time! If you expect to be away from home in July or August, it isn't a bit too early to begin making arrangements Let us suggest that you consider going to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, or to Glorieta New Mexico Our Baptist assemblies are located in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina and New Mexico Plan to be at one of these places during the WMU conference Glorieta WMU Conference is July 28-August 3 and Ridgecrest WMU Conference is August 11-17 See Memo to Presidents for making reservations

Promotional Features AT YOUR MEETINGS

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SOCIETY ●

Announcement of Study of Book Meet the American Jew

As women arrive, hand to each one a replica of the book *Meet the American Jew* See cover design, page 3, *WMS World in Books and WMS Round Table Booklist, 1965-66*. Across the inside of folder write or type three questions: (1) What is the difference between Orthodox and Reform Judaism? (2) What does the term *Hanukkah* mean? (3) Explain the significance of Hanukkah in Jewish life Hanukkah is the Feast of Lights or the Feast of Dedication Many of their customs are like ours at Christmas

On the back, place announcement about the mission study class giving date hour place, and teacher When the president recognizes you for the mission study announcement, conduct a "pop quiz," allowing about thirty seconds for the women to open their little announcement folders, read the questions, and answer them Ask how many made 100 on the test? 87 0? Then make the announcement, referring them to the printed information on the back

Sharing Experiences in Community Missions

Select three women and review with them the community missions plans for the past six months From the review, work out a brief dialogue which will remind women of both the sustained and rotating activities At feature time in the meeting, have the three women seated at a table facing the group and discussing informally the dialogue on six-month plans Then, let each one give her personal testimony sharing her involvement in the society's community missions plans Try to use three different activities Make the testimonies positive, challenging to other women At the close, the community missions chairman may use a minute to promote future plans

Enlistment Visitation

Make a brief announcement regarding visitation plans and assignments for the month Conclude with an emphasis upon the spirit in which one makes a visit Use the following poem to clinch your thoughts

"Today I Met a Woman

Today I met a woman
but not really
Rather our paths crossed
The private paths of our own separate worlds
made a juncture and we were there
We told our impersonal names
and shook each others hand
warmly and firmly—to convey our interest
which wasn't there
We shared our views
on the weather politics, the latest news
and other foreign things
which were not there
And when the conversation lagged, we said
"Well, glad to have met you"
"Same here"
We lied, smiled, extended our hands again,
and parted—glad to be on our separate ways
from our little meeting
Today I met a woman
But not really

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CIRCLE ●

by VANITA BALDWIN

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Preview of May Society Program

French in Louisiana

Prepare and pin on each member an attractive magnolia flower made from construction paper or a real flower may be used If the flower is made from construction paper print WMS meeting "French in Louisiana" Give time and place of meeting If a real flower is used, then attach a colorful ribbon with an attractive card or piece of paper with information printed on it Consider mailing flowers to absentees or drop in and deliver them

Attending Midweek Prayer Service

To promote attendance at the midweek prayer services, the circle prayer chairman will talk with the pastor about the plans for the prayer services during the next month After receiving this information, she may place the outline or schedule such as topics to be presented by the pastor, business meeting (date), or a special program such as GA Coronation or RA Recognition, on a 3½ x 5½ inch card with the seal of the Praying Hands The seals may be purchased, 30¢ a box (50 seals), from Baptist Book Stores The cards may be distributed in circle meetings with the urgent plea—"The church who

prays together stays together with God." The schedule might be as follows:

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICES
7:30 P.M.

May 4	"The Christian Home," led by pastor
May 11	Girls' Auxiliary Coronation
May 18	"The Door Is Open," led by pastor
May 25	"Our Church at Work," panel led by the organizational leaders

"THE CHURCH WHO PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER WITH GOD"

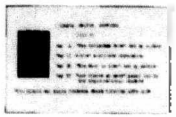
Use of Enlistment Materials

WMU Enlistment Week pamphlet, 10¢
The pamphlet gives a step by step explanation of how to plan and conduct a WMU Enlistment Week. It shows the advantages of such a week.

Enlistment Survey cards
WMU Enlistment Survey card, 50 for 35¢, 100 for 60¢ (packaged only as listed) is to be used when having a WMU Enlistment Week.
WMS Enlistment Survey card, 50 for 35¢ 100 for 60¢ This card is for use when making a WMS enlistment survey

Membership Folder, contains abbreviated Statement of Aims for Advancement. 15¢ dozen. The Folder is designed especially for new WMS members but may be used profitably by every WMS member

Doorknob calling card, 10 for 20¢; 25 for 45¢, 100 for $1.60 This card is to be used during enlistment visitation. Hang it on the doorknob and leave a message when no one responds to your knock!



This is an idea for the placing of the seal and information given at the left

Interest-Talent card, 10 for 10¢
One of the best ways to enlist members in full participation is to discover their interests and talents and then to plan ways for them to use their talents and to express their interests

Invitation card, 15¢ dozen, 100 for 65¢
This card may be used for announcing the time and place of WMS meetings

Playlet—"A Shadow in the Doorway," price 10¢
In this playlet an enlistment chairman visits five unenlisted women in an effort to bring them into WMS. Six characters and a narrator are needed for the presentation of this playlet

WMS Classification Slip (25 to a pad) 10¢
The classification slip provides space for name, address and telephone number, church affiliation, age group and previous WMS status. There is also a place on the classification slip for a woman to indicate her preference regarding meeting time, whether or not she has children under four years of age, and whether she is a visitor or a new member. In addition to this information needed by WMS leaders, there is space to include the circle and society to which the individual has been assigned

"Our Church Wants You in WMS," free
A small leaflet to be used in the pew racks to help the unenlisted woman know what WMS has to offer her

"Traveling" is another free leaflet designed to enlist the WMS prospect

Priced items listed above may be ordered from Baptist Book Stores or from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 N. 20th St. Birmingham, Ala. 35203. Order free items from state WMU offices

Mission study book—resources
Meet the American Jew, by Belden Menkus, is the book recommended for [illegible] and society study during April, May, June. The book may be secured from Baptist Book Stores—paper $1.25, cloth $3.75. Teacher's Helps by Mr. Menkus are also available for 25¢ from Baptist Book Stores or from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203

Other resources for study of *Meet the American Jew* are: Jewish Holiday booklets from Dr. Moses Fuerstein, The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, 84 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011, free. *Jewish Religious Articles*, price $1.50, a brief filmette available from Baptist Book Stores. "Kasruth," a booklet on the requirements for kosher meat preparation, 40¢ prepaid, from Rabbi Alexander Rosenberg, The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, 84 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011

Religious music—Album of authentic and appropriate religious and folk music for the Jewish holidays from Epic Records, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019, price $3.79, stereo $4.79

Fostering—What is it?

The word *foster* is an interesting one. It means many things: sharing nourishment and sustenance, though not related by blood. It means to cherish, promote, cultivate. It means performing the duties of a parent to the child of another and it commonly implies the promotion of growth

Foster is an expressive word to use in connection with the educating of youth in missions by Woman's Missionary Union. For WMU plans and provides for the growth in missions of children, girls, and young women. This nurturing, cultivating, cherishing involves many women and much time and effort

In order to foster a WMU youth organization leaders must be found, they must be trained, and they must be provided with materials which they need for the work. Sometimes it requires providing meeting places and transportation to and from the meetings. It requires the appointment of WMS representatives to serve on the YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band committees

In addition to the continuing opportunities of fostering, there are special needs which the WMU executive board will supply. These may include help with GA coronation and presentation services, YWA and GA banquets, or other social occasions. There may be Sunbeam Band Day Camps, GA and YWA camps, and YWA conferences at Ridgecrest or Glorieta with which youth leaders may need fostering help

One of the greatest needs which YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band leaders have is prayer for themselves and for those they lead. And WMS members may make a tremendous investment in the maturing of young people in missions as they pray for the work and participate in fostering opportunities.

Enlistment Visitation

When visiting WMS prospects, there are some do's and don't's which the visitor will need to keep in mind. What is your score as an enlistment visitor? Good, fair, poor?

Some Things to Do

1. Pray that you will say and do the right things
2. Dress appropriately
3. Show interest in the person you visit
4. Explain what WMS is
5. Outline opportunities which are available in WMS
6. Share something of what WMS has meant to you and others
7. Express your belief that prospect has a contribution to make to missions through WMS
8. Explain some of the materials used in WMS
9. Tell something about those who lead in your organization
10. Give time and place of next meeting or meetings
11. Follow-up visit by arranging for prospect to go with you to the next meeting

Some Things Not to Do

1. Do not visit at mealtime, nor too early in the morning, nor too late in the evening
2. Do not stay too long
3. Do not be critical
4. Do not monopolize the conversation
5. Do not gossip
6. Do not talk about yourself
7. Do not forget prospect after visit is over
8. Do not forget purpose of your visit
9. Do not forget purpose of organization you represent
10. Do not forget to tell about other church program organizations and other phases of church work

Meet the American Jew

This is the recommended book for study this quarter. In connection with the class use the article "Are Jewish People Lost?," page 19, April *Royal Service*. Will your church observe Jewish Fellowship Week, April 11-17? The article suggests some ways of making this a meaningful week in your church and community

SPICING the CIRCLE PROGRAM

by **JUNE WHITLOW,**
WMS Director, Georgia WMU

SOCIETY ●

Order free from the Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230, the map, "Southern Baptist Missions Around the World." Mount the map on heavy poster board and cover with sheet of acetate. Attach the acetate sheet on the top in flip chart form, or fasten at bottom to backing sheet. Markings may be made with a wax pencil and easily erased, or you may identify certain areas or points of interest with embellishments such as arrows or circles cut from colored paper and stuck temporarily on the map with a bit of adhesive. A map is a must for this program and mounting it in this manner will enable you to use it in the future. Have someone who is familiar with the locations of the new mission fields as presented in *Royal Service* to be responsible for pointing out these areas on the map while program material is being given.

Ask one person to serve through the entire program as a news commentator relating only the geographical, historical, and statistical facts about each country. After she introduces one country, another program participant, previously having been assigned material from *Royal Service*, will respond with information regarding our Baptist witness in that country. Each area of new work will be introduced in this manner. If time allows, after each country is presented, audience may be encouraged to discuss what Southern Baptists are doing in the light of the needs of each area.

In setting the stage, place the map in the center, commentator to the right, and other participants to the left.

Out of construction paper make small maps of these new countries. On the back place a prayer request for that particular country and give to group at close of program as a reminder to pray for these new mission areas.

CIRCLE ●

Present this program as an art exhibit. After having studied carefully the program material from *Royal Service*, cut from magazines pictures of attractive home scenes. These are to depict the various witnessing opportunities found within the home according to information given in the program. Suggestions are, a family's eating together, attending a worship service, or sharing in other experiences. Be sure to include pictures of the various age groups within the family. Remember the pictures must relate to the program material!

Mount pictures on poster board, number each, and place on easels about the room. Give circle members a printed guide for the tour. On the guide following the proper number, interpret the picture by giving the portion of information from the *Royal Service* which relates to that scene, thus when the members have viewed each exhibit, they will have been reminded of witnessing opportunities within the home and the program material will have been covered.

After everyone has viewed the pictures, reassemble and use the remainder of the time in helping the group to evaluate the effectiveness of their Christian witness within the home.

If space does not permit your having the exhibits, use the pictures and paste them on pieces of construction paper. Circulate them within the group and allow time for each woman to jot down her own interpretation of the picture. Use remainder of time to discuss pictures, thus discussing ways of witnessing in the home as given in the program material.

No Time for Isolationism

A sincere Christian woman can never be a spiritual isolationist. Having declared her faith in One who became involved in the world for man's salvation, she too must become involved in the cause for which Christ died, and, with all her soul, seek the involvement of all Baptist women and young people —from *Enlistment for Missions* by Helen Fling

Call to Prayer

Prepared by Marge Caldwell

1 FRIDAY *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus* (Phil. 4:7; read vv. 4-17)

There are many ingenious ways to accomplish a task if we really want to! Mrs. John A. Poe and her husband are missionaries to Blumenau, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Maria Laspalde lives on the edge of the river that runs between the church and the homes of many members of the congregation. The operator of the rowboat ferry service refuses to stay up at night long enough to take home passengers who attend the Baptist church. So Maria began borrowing a boat to do the ferrying herself. She is only five feet tall and weighs about ninety pounds. Sometimes she makes nine or ten trips each way. Mrs. Poe writes, "One night she could find nothing but an old boat, its hull partially rotted. About halfway across the river, the passengers had to bail water as the boat almost sank. Does the thought ever enter your mind [illegible] mine that we would probably not make the effort to attend church under such difficult conditions?" LET US PRAY FOR BRAZILIAN CHRISTIANS.

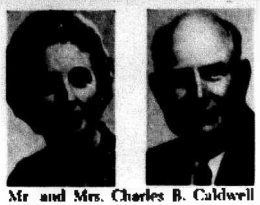
Pray for Pablo Flores, Ariz.; Mrs. Wenzell Rodriguez, Denver, Col.; H. T. Grover, Puerto Rico; Sp. sp. ev.; H. D. Billings, Guatemala; Mrs. J. L. Robinson Jr., Taiwan; J. W. Fuller, Ajloun, Jordan, ev.; W. J. Damon, Brazil, ed.

2 SATURDAY *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world* (Matt. 28:19-20; read Acts 13:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Eph. 3:7-12)

Loyd Corder, a Southern Baptist missions official in Atlanta, has called to our attention the new influx of Cuban refugees. As we read our papers, we note this new wave of displaced persons who are seeking refuge in our country. Picture yourself with your children leaving behind all you have ever known and owned and refuging to a country where customs and language are strange. PRAY FOR THE REFUGEES, FOR THOSE WHO WILL HELP THEM, FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS THAT WE MAY PROVIDE AID.

Pray for Mrs. Sam Ancona, Evangeline

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL free from Foreign [illegible] Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. [illegible] 3230, and in HOME MISSIONS.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Caldwell

CALL to PRAYER Write

We asked Mrs. Charles B. (Marge) Caldwell, our Call to Prayer writer for April-September to tell us about herself. She wrote:

"Here are a few facts about us. Chuck, Sr., and I both attended Rice University in Houston, where we met. Our son, Chuck, Jr., lives in Houston, and he and his wife have a two-year-old [illegible] Our daughter, Gay, is a junior at the [illegible]sity of Texas, Austin.

"My husband went into the o[illegible]ness from college and is now division [illegible]ager for his company. He is a deacon [illegible]erintendent of Single Adult Depar[illegible]nt in Sunday School, and director o[illegible]oung People's Department in Training [illegible]nion. He is very active in civic affairs. [illegible] best of all, he is a soul-winner.

"I am WMU president, teach a [illegible]lass in Single Adults, and am associate director in Training Union. I also have a Bible class at the church on Thursdays. I teach professionally—modeling and charm classes to adults and students, and hold [illegible]ove, courtship, and marriage seminars."

La., Fr. ev.; S. L. Isaacs, Okla., Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, China-Philippines-Korea, ret.; Mary Fox, Minna, Nigeria, L. G. McKinney, Jr., Hong Kong, ed.; Ruth Vanderburg, Kediri, Indonesia, RN; R. H. Garrett, Umtali, Rhodesia, MD.

SUNDAY April 3 *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. 1:18 (read vv. 1-4, 10-20).*

Young people today are searching desperately for a challenge to their lives. Only the forgiveness of the Saviour can cleanse a heart and life and make it equal to the pressures and problems of our day! A college student wrote, "Christ came into my heart last night. I begged God to forgive me of my sins and to create in me a clean heart. I know without a shadow of a doubt that God has forgiven me, and for the first time in my life, I feel clean." PRAY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS, THE HOPE OF TOMORROW!

Pray for J. C. Bridges, Mexico City, Mexico, SW; George Oakes, Curitiba, Brazil, MA; R. F. Starmer, Rome, Italy, pub.; Miles Seaborn, Jr., Davao City, Philippines, Mrs. M. G. Gentry, Bandung, Indonesia, H. H. Hurst, Nigeria, ev.; R. V. Lindholm, Jos, Nigeria, Mrs. E. C. Morgan, Hong Kong, ed.*

4 MONDAY *And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Isa. 2:4 (read vv. 1-5).*

Ann M. Swenson, a missionary in the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, is an "MK." On a recent trip to Argentina she recalls: "While in Argentina I made a quick trip to the city where I grew up, Bahia Blanca. There was gratitude in my heart for what my missionary parents were able to accomplish there for God in opening Baptist work. PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES WHO ARE NOW PIONEERING NEW FIELDS.

Pray for Mrs. Donato Ruiz, Tex., ret.; Joy Rushing, Albuquerque, N.M., MC; D. E. Johnson, Dallas, Tex., Negro ev.; G. B. Speight, Teresina, S. S.; Stover, Brazil, C. H. Farrell, Nolerigu, Ghana; Mrs. R. L. Lusk, Maroa, Mrs. T. E. Thurman, East Pakistan; D. R. Heus, Aomori, Japan, ev.; Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr.,* Cartagena, Colombia, ed.; Florence Lide, China-Nigeria, ret.*

5 TUESDAY *What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? Isa. 5:4 (read vv. 1-7).*

Our mission field today is right at our doorstep. We do not have to cross a [illegible] or a state line to serve the Lord among p[illegible]e of other languages and cultures. Sarah Fran[illegible] Di[illegible] and Vivian Wilson are our home mis[illegible] at the good will center at Granite [illegible]. These friends say: "What a thrill [illegible] watch little children learn how Christ [illegible] change their lives, and then see those [illegible] children lead their parents to the ce[illegible] where they are introduced to the Savio[illegible]." PRAY FOR THE WORK OF THIS GOOD WILL CENTER.

Pray [illegible] H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile, R. L. Keith, Cidade da Barra, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. G. O. Wilson, Porto Alegre, Brazil; T. E. Savage, Mufulira, Zambia; M. D. Gann, Tanzania, ev.; Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting, Lexington, 5-7.

6 WEDNESDAY *Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Isa. 5:13 (read vv. 8-13, 20-25).*

What a wonderful day! Oh, it may be raining or it may be bright and beautiful! But this is the day which God has given to us. What will you do with it? Will you thank him for today? Ask him what he will do through you today. We cannot change the world by ourselves but we can, with God's help, change the corner of it in which we live! PRAY FOR GOD TO PUT THE DESIRE IN YOUR HEARTS TO WITNESS FOR HIM TODAY.

Pray for C. T. Gunn, Cloutierville, La., Fr. ev.; Mrs. George Hook, Winslow, Ariz., Ind. ev.; Mrs. M. A. Sanderford, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. L. E. Lee, Lima; Mrs. R. Z. Chamlee, Jr., Peru; Mrs. W. R. Hull, Kperi, Kenya; Mrs. C. K. Hayes, Tokyo; E. L. Oliver, Kanashima-Shi, Japan, ev.; Louisiana WMU Annual Meeting, Lafayette, 6-7.*

7 THURSDAY *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isa. 6:8 (read vv. 1-8).*

A competent author estimates that the population of the whole world in the time of Christ was approximately 250 million. At present we have over 190 million people in the United States alone. Not only is the population growing, it is shifting. Who is winning the moving multitudes? Every Christian should be concerned about the multitudes and the approaches being used in reaching them. PRAY FOR GOD'S WISDOM FOR THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

Pray for Mrs. Louise Brent, San Antonio, Tex., Sp. ki.; Daniel Gomez, Planada, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Mildred B. Stein, Fla., ret.; J. E. Giles, Cali, Colombia, ed.; C. H. Gilbert, Morelia, Mexico; Z. V. Moss, Kitwe, Zambia; E. O. Ray, Point Cumana, Trinidad, ev.; Kathleen Jones, Kediri, Indonesia, MD.

8 FRIDAY *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. 9:6 (read vv. 2-7).*

The wonderful gift of God to us—the Saviour! As we sit in our homes, so comfortable and at ease, with hunger and thirst satisfied—yes, and spiritual hunger and thirst for a Saviour having been filled—do we yearn to show another person what this indescribable joy and peace can mean? To whom have you witnessed this week in your neighborhood, your office, your school? We read the words, "Every Christian a Witness—Now." How about your family—are you using your home as a place of witness to neighbors and friends? Should you discuss this as a family and make plans to do so? PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY'S WITNESS AND FOR YOUR HOME TO BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST.

Pray for Mrs. C. T. Gunn, Cloutierville, La., Fr. ev.; Evelyn Stanford, Fla., GWC; Mrs. J. C. Willard, Austin, Tex., deaf ev.; Donato Ruiz, Tex.; J. C. Quarles, Argentina-Uruguay, ret.; Mrs. V. O. McMillan, Jr., Japan; P. S. Moody, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.

9 SATURDAY *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15b (read 1 Cor. 15:20-26; Rev. 7:9-10, 13-17).*

An interest in missions is not enough, we need a sense of mission. This poses a challenge for individuals, for a church, for the

ag	agriculture	MD	doctor
BA	business administration	med	medical
DDS, DMD	dentist	mig	migrant
ed	education	MJ	missionary journeyman
ev	evangelist	pub	publication
fr	French	ret	retired
GWC	good will center	RN	nurse
Ind	Indian	Sp. ki.	Spanish kindergarten
JR	juvenile rehabilitation	Sp. sp.	Spanish-speaking
MA	missionary associate	SW	student work
MC	mission center	*	furlough

denomination. We are Southern Baptists. Southern Baptists believe in missions. Southern Baptists have mission boards which appoint God-called missionaries. We support these through the Cooperative Program and through special mission offerings. We spend weeks in prayer for mission work. We pray for missionaries on their birthdays. We feel grateful that some mission needs are being met by somebody, somewhere, somehow. Does this satisfaction result in a tendency to become less and less personally involved in winning the world for Christ? Perhaps you and I should volunteer as missionaries in a specified area. Have you considered God's call to vocational missionary work? ASK GOD TO DIRECT YOUR PATH

Pray for E. R. Davis, Atlanta, Ga., Negro ev.; C. R. Crowder, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, BA, Mrs. R. L. Lyon, Mexico City, Mexico, Mrs. M R Plunk, Argentina, Mrs. J. A. Poe, Blumenau, Brazil, ev., P. W. Stouffer, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed.*

SUNDAY April 10 *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea Isa 11.9 (read vv. 1-9).*

Missionary Walter A Routh, Jr., in Vietnam says that war is ever-present, but the greater battle is with the forces of sin which enslave the hearts of people. If peace should come, there still would be no peace for the vast majority, for they do not know Jesus, the Prince of peace. Spiritual victories are being won, however. The Rouths have seen Vietnamese accept Christ every Sunday since their arrival and often on Wednesday nights. God is moving in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty. This is Walter Routh's birthday. PRAY FOR THEIR WORK IN VIETNAM FOR VIETNAMESE

Pray for Mr Routh, Nhatrang R W Fields, Petah Tiqva, Israel Mrs H D Griffin, M J Wright, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, Mrs E L Leftwich, Aba, Nigeria, Mrs J D Cave, Buenos Aires, Mrs D. E. Mines, Argentina, Mrs J D Luper, Fortaleza, Brazil, Mrs R C Fricke, Mexico, S D Hale, Salamanca, Spain, ev. Diana Lay, Ghana, RN, Daniel Cantu, Junction, Mrs. David Espurvoa, George West, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

11 MONDAY *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation Isa. 12:3 (read vv. 1-6)*

Dorothy Scott, special project nurse in Tanzania, writes: "I attended the [funer]al of a child whose parents are Christia[ns and de]voted members of a Baptist chu[rch. T]here was no finery or flowers. A crud[e wo]oden box, uncovered and unpainted [was] the casket. The parents were sad but al[so un]derstanding and had a deep, abiding [peac]e. At the graveside they testified that C[hris]t had given to them new life. They u[rged] non-Christian friends to commit the[ir li]ves to the Saviour." PRAY FOR CHRIST[IA]NS IN TANZANIA AS THEY WITNESS

Pray for H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, DDS, R. L. Locke, Owerri, Nigeria Mrs C S Cadwallader, Jr., Quezaltenango, Guatemala Mrs. W L Morgan, Sao Paulo, Bra[zil] Mrs B. D Evans, Singapore, Malaysia, ev. Donne Donalson, Ajloun, Jordan, MJ Faye Tanmire, M'lang, Philippines, Mrs H S Whitlow, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed Mrs Abraham Wright, Ill., ret

12 TUESDAY *And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us this is the Lord we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation Isa 25 9 (read vv 1-12)*

As you eagerly look forward to vacation and opportunity to travel over our beautiful country, do you ever take time to stop along the way to see what missionaries are doing here in America? Many of us are enthralled with the beauties of New Mexico—its towering mountains and dark, mysterious caverns! As you travel the smooth, winding highways, remember that beyond those highways live lost people. These people live in spiritual darkness, as real as the physical darkness of Carlsbad Caverns PRAY FOR THE FRED ELLIS FAMILY AS THEY WORK IN NEW MEXICO

Pray for Mr Ellis, Hatch Mrs James LaRoche, N.M. Sp sp ev. C J Kraus Houma La., Fr ev. Bertu Fair, Ridgecrest N.C. mig., Mrs C H Morris, Sandakan Malaysia T C Bennett, Comilla, East Pakistan T E Dubberly, Mercedes, Uruguay ev Mrs F Mitchell, Temuco, Chile, ed Mrs S J McKinlaski, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland 14 Florida WMU Annual Meeting 12-13 Hong Kong Sunday School Crusade 12-28*

13 WEDNESDAY *Thou wilt keep h[im in] perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on [thee] because he trusteth in thee Isa 26 3 [(read] vv 1-9)*

Five Baptist chapels and eleven Prot[estant] chapel[s ha]ve been licensed by the Spanish govern[ment], according to European Baptist Press S[ervi]ce. Licensing gives legal status to the ch[apels]. Jose Cardona, Baptist minister, lawyer [an]d journalist who heads the Evangelical [De]fense Committee of Spain, describes [the] licensing of the chapels as part of a c[ont]inued "thawing" of the Spanish govern[me]nt's attitude toward evangelical minori[ties]. PRAY THAT THIS ATTITUDE OF TH[E] SPANISH GOVERNMENT WILL RESUL[T] IN FULL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Pray [for] Mrs R F Elder, Argentina, ret., Mrs L G Keyes, San Pedro Sula, Honduras T E Thurman, East Pakistan ev., Mrs A C. Robinson Taichung Taiwan MA G D Herrington Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, SW Betty Jane Hunt Seoul, Korea pub Jose Saenz El Paso Pastor Camara, Port Lavaca, Tex., Sp sp ev*

14 THURSDAY *And therefore will the Lord wait that he may be gracious unto you and therefore will he be exalted that he may have mercy upon you for the Lord is a God of judgment blessed are all they that wait for him Isa 30 18 (read vv 8-21)*

The WMU Annual Meeting is scheduled for Detroit Michigan, May 23-24 Pray for Mrs Robert Fling, WMU president, Miss Alma Hunt WMU executive secretary, and all those who plan for this significant meeting in a "pioneer" area of Home Mission Board work Pray for the Baptists of Detroit as they plan for this meeting and for the Southern Baptist Convention which follows, May 24-27 ASK GOD TO SAVE SOULS AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS

Pray for L. T Hernandez, San Antonio, Tex., Sp sp ev Mrs W C Parker Balboa, Canal Zone Mrs C W Shaw Salisbury, Rhodesia Mrs E G Medaris, San Fernando Trinidad ev Rita Duke Taipei, Taiwan SW Mrs G A Bowdler, Sr Argentina ret Indiana WMU Annual Meeting Ft Wayne 14-15 Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting Nashville 14-16

15 FRIDAY *And an highway shall be there and a way and it shall be called The way of holiness the unclean shall not pass over it but it shall be for those the wayfaring men though fools, shall not err therein Isa 35 8 (read vv 1-10)*

"Never tell a young person that something cannot be done God may have been waiting for centuries for someone ignorant enough to do the impossible"—Dr J A Holmes

From a college campus in northwest Missouri, a student realized that a radiant Christian life has tremendous effect. One student testified, "As I watched her, I saw Christ in her actions, speech, and reactions! I've always heard what Christ can do with a life, and now I've seen the impossible!" PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS

Pray for Mrs G W. Thomas, San Lorenzo, Calif., deaf ev.; R E Beaty, Bulawayo, Rhodesia D R Kammerdiener, Cali, Colombia, ev. R C Covington, Singapore, Malaysia, ed Edna Teal, China ret; East Pakistan Sunday School Crusade, April 15-May 1.*

16 SATURDAY *And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand Mark 3 24 (read 1 Kings 12 1-5, 16-20)*

Billy Graham writes: "We are now entering the most dangerous period of American history We must be willing to go to great length to warn the nation and call people back to God while there is still time!" What are we doing as Christians? How are we living? PRAY FOR AMERICA, OUR WONDERFUL HOMELAND!

Pray for A H Foster, Albany, La., mig Mrs Madaleine Roddy, Riverside, Calif., deaf ev M L McKay, Anchorage, Alaska, Elva Chavez, Havana Mrs Reinaldo Medina, Pinar del Rio, Cuba E M Treadwell, Panama, Mrs. J L Riffey, Teresopolis, Mrs D E Turner Brazil Mrs C W Wiggs Pusan, Korea, ev.; E B Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan, Darline Elliott, Cred Ridenour, Cali, Columbia, ed.

SUNDAY April 17 *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it Isa 40 5 (read vv 1-11).*

How long has it been since you took time to be alone with God, to get down on your knees and look into his lovely face and say, "Lord I love thee"? When have you sat down quietly and alone with his Word, and allowed his power and presence to permeate your being? How long has it been since you remained in his presence and felt a burning desire to be in his will every step of the way? Will you do so now? PRAY FOR HIS RADIANT PRESENCE TO FILL YOUR HEART AND LIFE TODAY

Pray for Anne Davis, Lexington, Ky., GWC Aniceto Garza, Las Vegas, N.M., Sp. sp ev Mrs Roy Muncey, Col., Ind ev.; Mrs. C E Perez Havana Cuba, H L Shoemake,

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Mrs. W. T. Ligon, Spain, F. A. Hooper, III, Jerusalem, Israel, ev.; H. R. Watson, M'lang, Philippines, ag.; Jamaica Evangelistic Crusade, April 17–May 1.

18 MONDAY *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint Isa. 40:31 (read vv. 18-31).*

The David W. Kings are missionaries at the seminary in Beirut, Lebanon Mrs. King writes that when the one-week annual Pastors and Workers Conference was held in the Royal Forest of Jordan, the Jordanian government sent two observers. Missionary King was responsible for planning the conference, serving as Mission Evangelism Committee chairman. Although both Jordanian observers were strong Muslims, they were courteous and seemed to appreciate the message Baptists preach. As the gospel message was heard by these two, our missionaries prayed that the Word would bear fruit in their hearts. PRAY FOR THESE TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Pray for Mrs. King, Mrs R B Wolfard, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Carroll Adams, Georgetown, British Guiana, MJ Mrs Melvin Plauche, Mamou, La., Fr. ev ; Cristobal Pena, Ackerly, Tex., Sp. sp ev.*

19 TUESDAY *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness Isa 41:10 (read vv 10-20).*

Missionary C. Eugene Thomas and his wife are missionaries in Limbe, Malawi Mr Thomas writes: "Limbe Baptist Church is a multi-racial ministry where the claims of Christ are presented to people of many races A recent service illustrated the gospel's uniting power. Three Africans, a young Asian woman, and an American secretary with the Peace Corps professed faith in Christ and asked to be baptized" PRAY FOR THESE NEW CHRISTIANS THAT THEY MAY WIN OTHERS TO A SAVING KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS.

Pray for Mrs. C. R. Bumpas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. E. G. Berry, Brazil, Virginia Wingo, Rome, Italy, ed.; Edmon Burgher, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif., Russian ev.; E. R Hill, Las Cruces, Mrs. A. M. Lugo, N M , Sp sp ev ; Mrs. S. T. Mayo, Ga., re[illegible] [illegible]land WMU Annual Meeting, Baltimo[illegible]

20 WEDNESDAY *He shall not [illegible] nor be discouraged, till he have set judg[illegible] in the earth: and the isles shall wait [illegible] law Isa. 42:4 (read vv. 1-12).*

Determination to remain in V[illegible]nam as long as possible has been reaf[illegible]ed by Southern Baptist missionaries [illegible]bert C Davis, Jr., chairman of Vietnam B[illegible] Mission (organization of Southern B[illegible] missionaries), cabled this message to the Foreign Mission Board: "Even though there [illegible] many uncertainties, we go on record as fully intending to continue God's work so long as it seems possible and our presence is helpful to the Vietnamese All families chose to remain now" PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES AND OTHER CHRISTIANS IN VIETNAM

Pray for Beverly Lutz, Asuncion, Paraguay, med , Philip Aaron, Fresno Calif Sp sp. ev , Mrs S P Moreles Tex ret

21 THURSDAY *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned neither shall the flame kindle upon thee Isa 43:2 (read vv 1-13)*

Nearly fifty college graduates under twenty-seven years of age left the first of last September for overseas duty under the Missionary Journeyman Program Each will serve a two-year term under supervision of career missionaries Journeymen are being assigned to fill specific requests made by Missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries in a particular country or section) Another one hundred journeymen are to be sent out in late summer of 1966 and one hundred each succeeding year reports Louis R Cobbs, associate secretary for missionary personnel, who directs the program PRAY FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE

Pray for Mrs J S Oliver, Belem Brazil ed Letha Saunders, Sao Paulo Brazil Mrs E W Nelson, Santiago Chile Mary Neal Morgan Osaka-Fu Elizabeth Watkins Yokohama-Shi, Japan Mrs P S M[illegible]dy Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs Victor Koon Honolulu, Hawaii, ev , Rose Marlowe Chu[illegible] Japan, ret Ivory James, Shaw Miss [illegible] gro ev , Mrs L E Johns, Casa Grande [illegible] Ind ev , Douglas Pringle, Park View [illegible] M Rudolph Ramirez, Falfurrias, Tex Sp [illegible]

22 FRIDAY *I have blotted out as a [illegible] cloud, [illegible] transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy [illegible] return unto me; for I have redeemed thee [illegible] 44:22 ([illegible]d vv 21-28).*

"Visi[illegible] from the U.S always ask about the r[illegible] the evangelical message has encoun[illegible] in Mexico," writes missionary Billy J [illegible]alsh of Torreon, Mexico.

"Th[illegible] are now approximately 80,000 Baptists in Mexico which indicates God's blessings on his work But reception is not always predictable A beautiful silver tray was presented to missionaries by the governor of a state, whereas another missionary was driving a car with two bullet holes in it The man who shot at him promised not to miss the next time the missionary came to his village" PRAY FOR MEXICO THAT MORE OF HER PEOPLE MAY LEARN TO WELCOME GOD'S MESSENGERS

Pray for Mrs C S Boatwright Sendai Japan Mrs U L Green, Jumkrama Mrs W [illegible] Enugu, Nigeria, Mrs W H Parkman Manila D B McCoy Philippines ev H H Ross, Donaldsonville, La Fr ev , Ismael Negrin A Puccarelli Fla ret

23 SATURDAY *Be not deceived God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap Gal 6:7 (read 1 Kings 12:25-33 13:33-34)*

Donald J Spiegel, missionary in Teresina, Brazil, tells of a convert from an evangelistic crusade in Brazil "Rosa Melo, a nurse at Baptist Clinic seemed to resent and resist the gospel witness at morning devotions held for patients and staff However she accepted an invitation to go to an evangelistic meeting After a sleepless night, she went to talk with the guest speaker Days of struggle followed but she finally surrendered to Christ's claims Others of her family show interest in the gospel because of her transformation" PRAY FOR ROSA MELO AND HER FAMILY

*Pray for F L Hawkins Jr * Sao Paulo, Brazil J L Smith, Kediri, Indonesia W H Jackson Jr M F Moorhead * Tokyo Japan, ev S G Rankin Kowloon Hong Kong MD Mrs B H Welmaker Cali Colombia ed F B Henry Hammon, Okla , Ind ev*

SUNDAY April 24 *Look unto me and be ye [illegible] all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else Isa 45:22 (read vv 20-25)*

A [illegible]gnant reunion was held in Kansas City [illegible]ntly when a family of Cuban refugees arrived to be greeted by a bevy of relatives. The reunion involved eighteen Cubans, three Southern Baptist churches, and a waiting period of three years. Dr Loyd Corder of the Home Mission Board says there is accelerated need with arrival of many Cubans every day He suggests that we get in touch with the Cuban refugee chairman in our state Baptist office to find out how our churches can help PRAY FOR CUBANS IN OUR COUNTRY THAT THEY WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE WITNESS OF CHRISTIANS

Pray for A E Corugedo, Matanzas, Cuba, M T Lineberger, Sr , Argentina, Mrs. D. M. Knapp Tukuyu, Tanzania, P. S C Smith, Amman Jordan Mrs J W Carney, Comilla, East Pakistan, ev W C Hunker, Taipei, Taiwan Mrs E C Smith, Semarang, Indonesia Lena Lair Ile-Ife Nigeria, ed., W. J Williams Nigeria, MD. Blanche Simpson, Brazil ret , N H Eudaly El Paso, Tex., pub.

25 MONDAY *Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands thy walls are continually before me Isa 49:16 (read vv 8-17).*

Guerneville, California, is like any resort area—plenty of parks, private recreation areas and people Yet, there is no Baptist church in the entire area and few churches of any kind are in existence A small mission furnishes the only Baptist witness With the combined efforts of seminary students and dedicated families, the mission is growing in membership On any Sunday afternoon during the peak seasons more than 5,000 people are on the beaches and the streets of the small city of Guerneville Motels are full, the golf course is occupied—people, people, everywhere! What an opportunity for Christ! PRAY FOR THIS MISSION AND THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE AT THIS RESORT THIS SUMMER

Pray for Lawrence Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz , Chinese ev , Mrs Antonia Castillo, Sinton, Tex Sp sp ev , Marion Reneau Wash , JR, Mrs Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, Marcos Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba, M J Ledbetter, Panajachel, Guatemala, Mrs D J Richards, Maceio, Brazil, Mrs H P Reeves, Thailand Mrs A B Scull, Palembang, Indonesia, Mrs M A Mobley, Japan, ev , Mrs D C Jones, Seoul, Korea, pub*

26 TUESDAY *Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon*

their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. 51:11 (read vv. 1-3, 9-16).

Few challenge the statement that America is changing. One simply asks: How great is the change? Physical and spiritual needs complicate changes. How do we deal with the fact that every fifteen seconds a major crime is committed, with adult and juvenile delinquency? The pressing problems of an urbanized, industrialized, growing society, the problems of public and private morality, of race relations and of family life, are challenges of the first magnitude for Christians. PRAY THAT WE SHALL APPLY CHRIST'S ANSWERS IN WORD AND DEED

Pray for J. D. Ratliff, Trujillo, Peru, R. G. Register, Jr., Haifa, Israel, ev.; E. C. Smith, Semarang, Indonesia, L. G. Fielder, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; H. L. Sinclair, Kowloon, Hong Kong, MD; Mrs. D. E. Kendall,* Zambia, RN; Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, ret.*

27 WEDNESDAY *For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. Isa. 52:3 (read vv. 1-10).*

There are in our country, 72 Southern Baptist institutions—senior colleges, junior colleges, seminaries, academies, Bible schools—with about 88,750 students enrolled in senior colleges. PRAY FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTIES

There are 29 Baptist state conventions which contribute to these schools. PRAY FOR STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES

There are WMU executive secretaries in 29 states. PRAY FOR THEM

Pray for J. T. Lochridge, Makati, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.

28 THURSDAY *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:6 (read vv. 1-12)*

Fred Davis is a husky, 200-pound ex-factory worker from Illinois who enrolled at Clear Creek Baptist School near Pineville, Kentucky, and graduated last spring. While there he was pastor at Mill Creek Baptist Church a few miles north of Pineville on the twisting Right Fork of Straight Creek. Now in his late forties, he is pastoring and working with churches in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee. PRAY FOR FRED DAVIS AND OTHERS WHO TRAIN AT CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST SCHOOL

Pray for Sarah Frances Diaz, G... City, Ill., GWC; M. L. Pratt, New Orleans, La., MC; Clifford Cooley, Tex., JR; M... Leoncio Veguilla, Las Villas, Cuba; Mrs. ... Renfrow, Niteroi, Brazil, ev.; Lloyd ... San Jose, Costa Rica, MJ.*

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

"Our destiny as a denomination lies in the states outside the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention of yesterday," SBC President Wayne Dehoney told the semiannual meeting of the Convention Executive Committee in Nashville. He cited "evidence all around us of the tremendous potentiality of this hour and the brightness of the future." Dehoney believes. "God is preparing us for the greatest evangelistic missionary thrust in history." PRAY FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Pray for Colleen Crowley, Memphis, Tenn., GWC; Victor Kaneubbe, Farmington, N.M., Ind. ev.; Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Argentina, ret.; M. R. Ford, Ecuador; D. J. Richards, Moreno, Brazil; R. D. Hardy, Niigata, Japan, ev.; Rosemary Limbert, Kokura, Japan; Catheryn Smith, Rio de Janeiro; Miss Onis Vineyard, Recife, Brazil, ed.; Taiwan Sunday School Crusade, April 29-May 16

30 SATURDAY *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8 (read 1 Kings 21:1-7, 17-29).*

The Colorado Baptist Convention, organized in 1955, reports today that the number of churches has increased from 89 to 191 with a membership gain from 10,000 to 38,500. In the last ten years these churches have given more than $600,000 to the Cooperative Program and mission offerings, reports Glenn Braswell, executive secretary. PRAY FOR BAPTISTS IN COLORADO AND IN OTHER PIONEER AREAS

Pray for T. L. Pfeifer, Alexandria, La., Negro ev.; Sarah Lou Henley, Agbor, Nigeria, ed.; T. S. Adkins, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ...; Mrs. W. A. Routh, Jr., Nhatrang, Vietnam; Mrs. W. H. Cain, Guadeloupe, French West Indies; Mrs. C. A. Veath, Sr., Nassau, Bahamas; Mrs. R. A. Fowler, Salvador, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. W. J. Guess, Kornbergeruey..., Germany, MA

CIRCLE

PROGRAM

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study Book
*Meet the American Jew**
by Belden Menkus

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

My Family: Witnessing to Each Other

by Mrs. Pat Clendinning

Outline for Meeting

Circle Chairman in Charge

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

Song *(choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)*

Business Period

Promotional Features *(see Forecaster)*

Program Chairman in Charge

Program or Mission Study

Program Aim: To help women understand that if family members can learn to communicate their Christian faith within the warmth and security of the family group, they are more likely to witness effectively outside the home; and to help women lead their families to evaluate their witness.

To the Program Chairman: "Witnessing Through the Home" is our emphasis for a three-month period, beginning with this program. Because of the vital nature of these materials, the chairman will want to pray earnestly for God's guidance that each program will result in a more vital and effective witness by circle members.

For women who want to study further, encourage them to use library books or order books from Baptist Book Stores: *You Can Win Souls*, C. E. Autrey, $2.75, and *Helping Others to Become Christian*, Roland Q. Leavell, $.75 pa. Also see the seminar booklet "The Family Witnessing," 20¢ each, from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

There is available a new leaflet to help Christian families in witnessing. This leaflet is "Your Family in Mission Action," free, and available after February 10 from state WMU offices and state Brotherhood secretaries. Order only the number you will be able to use to help guide families of your church in Christian witnessing.

*Order *Meet the American Jew*, Menkus, cl. $3.75, pa. $1.25, from Baptist Book Stores. Teacher's Helps, 25¢, from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, and Baptist Book Stores.

Introduction

The word *home* floods our minds with priceless memories. Among the several homes in which we have lived, perhaps we think first of our childhood home. As we begin a unit of study on "Witnessing Through the Home," let us reflect on the homes in which we grew up. What do you remember from your home which you feel has had influence on your Christian development? *(Allow opportunity for discussion. These may include prayer, Bible reading, soul-winning conversation, family worship, or church attendance as a family.)*

We are grateful for these unforgettable moments in our Christian experience. Such a heritage cannot be bought. As Christian women today, we are concerned with the influence of our own homes for Christ.

The witness of any home must begin with the members who make up that home. When we witness to each other within the warmth and security of home, we grow spiritually as persons and the family is strengthened. A family so strengthened becomes concerned over the spiritual condition of its neighbors and friends. Let us consider ways family members communicate faith to each other.

When Only One Partner Is Christian

The ideal Christian home, of course, is one in which both partners are devoted Christians. This does not mean that a home is void of Christian influence when only one parent is a believer. Although there are countless homes where only the man is a Christian, we as a group of women will discuss ways by which a woman may share her vital faith with her life partner.

(Read I Cor. 7:13-16a.) Paul states that "the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife." *Sanctify* means to make holy, according to Webster's dictionary. Practically, how may this be accomplished? Let us examine these possibilities.

She must "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). Although she sets aside a special time daily for Bible study and prayer, this wife realizes the importance of persistent prayer in behalf of her husband. She will seek to be led of the Holy Spirit.

She should be a Christian homemaker. The devoted wife should live like a Christian. She should be so thoughtful and considerate that her husband knows that putting God first in her life, his wife does not exclude him nor the children. An attractive, well-kept home, well-prepared meals, and an abundance of love and happiness help to insure warmth and security within the home. Such a homemaker will also be faithful in church activities. She will guard against becoming so involved in activities that her home is neglected.

She should be sensitive to witnessing opportunities. If the husband enjoys reading, she may place in his hand a helpful book such as the biography of an outstanding Christian. The wife may consult with him and invite into their home friends who possess vibrant Christian personalities. She would not want to overlook inviting him to attend church regularly with her and on special occasions. This should be done in a tactful manner, never nagging.

In some instances she may share with her husband experiences of answered prayer, or help, noted from a passage of Scripture. This may be an opening for reading the Bible together. She will want to let him know that being a Christian means so much to her that she would like for him to know her Saviour, too. She should be prepared to know how to lead him to Christ when he is ready.

In every experience this wife must exercise loving patience, realizing that it is the Holy Spirit who will help him give himself to Jesus Christ.

When the Children Are Younger

(Read Deut. 6:1-7.) Moses commanded parents to diligently teach their children about God at every opportunity. In our effort today to witness effectively to young children, we profit from following this conventional approach.

Contrary to the belief of some, small children can, on their level of understanding, comprehend spiritual matters. Through example and by trying to relate everyday happenings to God, parents can realize innumerable witnessing opportunities. As she cares for the physical needs of her baby, a mother may simply say, "Mommy loves you. God loves you, too." Thus a child begins to have an awareness of God's love and care.

Scarcely is there a more thrilling time in life than when parents introduce their child to God through such media as the Bible, nature, stories, songs, prayer, friends, and the love of members in the Christian home.

A little girl wondered why her mother always read her Bible when she lay down to rest after lunch. The young child preferred to her own nap time to look at a comic book or a storybook. By the time she was grown, this girl not had established the habit of reading her Bible every day. Daily Bible reading was so important to her mother that the child came to realize it was important to her, too.

The Christian father plays a most significant role in a child's Christian development. In addition to his own informal opportunities, he may witness directly as he leads the family worship every day and when the family discusses mutual opportunities, problems, and decisions.

When both parents enjoy attending Sunday School and church every Sunday and they take their children with them, then God's house becomes important to the children, too.

Usually small children readily catch the spirit of an activity. Helpfulness is learned as they see family members helping each other. Talking to God (praying) at meal time or anytime is learned more quickly by the child who hears members of the family pray. Concern for people is brought into focus as a child watches and helps his parents pack a box for needy people or as they locate on a world map mission areas before praying for missionaries and nationals.

Psychiatrists, in dealing with the behavior problems of adults, tool that it is important to understand childhood experiences. In like manner, the religious experiences of childhood significantly influence adult religious experiences. Because of the strategic importance of these years, Christian parents cannot afford to neglect the sharing of their faith when the children are younger.

When the Children Are Older

Many of the suggestions just discussed may be used also with older children if adapted to their level.

Christian parents have the incomparable privilege of leading their own children to accept Christ as Saviour and of helping them to mature in their faith. As they work, play, live, and pray with their children, parents who are sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit will recognize their child's readiness for salvation through

CIRCLE PROGRAM WRITER

Mrs. Pat Clendinning

In answer to our request for information about herself, Mrs. Clendinning wrote:

"I am a homemaker. My husband, Dr. B. A. (Pat) Clendinning, is coordinator of curriculum, Family Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board. We have two sons — Davy, age 6, and Hansie, age 4. We served for five and a half years as missionaries to Europe, where my husband was a professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland. I am active in my local church, First Baptist, of Nashville, Tennessee. In the past I have served as a minister of education, and for three years was a professor in the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas."

Jesus Christ, the Saviour.

No two experiences are exactly alike nor do they come at the same age necessarily. Basic in each, however, is an awareness of right and wrong, that wrong is sin against God, and a sense of need for being saved. When this point is reached, then it is the parent's privilege to lead his child to Christ. *(For additional help, see books listed in "To the Program Chairman," page 2[illegible].)*

Encouragement from the entire family and follow-up by the pastor and church will help to insure a stable foundation for the new convert as he grows toward Christian maturity.

Witnessing to young people in their turbulent teen years may be difficult when lines of communication are not kept open between parent and child. Consistency in everyday living is especially important as parents seek to witness to older children in such matters as social problems and cheating in school.

Even when communication is broken for one reason or another, effective witnessing can be done. One young man was helped through these teen years by his mother. Day after day without saying a word, she left her son's Bible on his bed opened to an appropriately marked verse in Proverbs.

In some instances parents witness by a combination of example and counseling. If young people know that their parents seek God's guidance in even small decisions, the groundwork is laid for seeking counsel from God and their parents on their own big decisions such as choice of college, vocation, friends, and a life partner. Fortunate is the young person whose parents earnestly help him seek God's will in each of these areas.

As the young person's outlook, world, interests, and concern broaden, all the witness of previous years will have their effect. The reaction of parents and the type of guidance they give him, as conflicts occur and his world expands, will continue to witness of their faith.

When a child marries, parental responsibility for witnessing has not [in]creasingly ceased. Rather, new relationships [illegible] to be made in the spirit of Christian [love]. Opportunities for witnessing to the young marrieds and their children will con[tinue] to open to the older parents who are [illegible] led to wait upon God's leadership.

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See the Blessed One!

by Juanita Gregory, Californ[ia]

The city's streets are silent
  filled with dread
I hear the sound of weeping,
  I hear the Reaper's tread

See on yonder mountain
  three forms remain
Black and stark and bloody,
  full of pain!

And see the mocking people,
  hear them loudly shout
"Come, save yourself . . . and others . . ."
  Alas, must we too doubt?

Oh, see the cross up-rais-ed,
  see the Blessed One,
Yes, the Lord be prais-ed
  for this Messiah born!

The city's streets are silent.
  How can this thing be?
The Saviour died for others
  Thank God, He died for me!

When Opportunities May Be Overlooked

It is easy for dedicated Christians [illegible] look in their home opportunities [illegible] nessing. Let us look at some possib[illegible]

Some people in their eagerness [illegible] a good living neglect proper emphas[illegible] a sense of values which leads to an [illegible] dant life. Conceivably a family could [illegible] careful about tithes and offerings and [illegible] lack responsible use of the balance.

It is natural for the family to be [illegible] when relatives visit or when there is sickness in the home. It is a testimony to the sustaining power of God when they exemplify the true Christian spirit while nursing an invalid in the home over a long period of time or by making a place in the family circle for an adult relative who must make his home with them.

[illegible] His tomb is empty,
[illegible] stone is rolled away
He [illegible] risen! M[illegible]s risen!
[illegible]ad resurrection day!

Somebody Prayed

by Patricia Fincher

Somebody prayed for me
Someone who had seen Calvary
Somebody agonized in tears
Over my fruitless wasted years
Someone with uplifted face
Begged for God to give me grace
And mercy and the gift of faith
Somebody's prayer was heard
Each tear was blessed the Spirit stirred
My heart and I received
The Saviour's love and I believed
Somebody prayed for me
Someone who had seen Calvary
Now I have seen Calvary, too
Now I must pray for you

Mrs. Fincher is from Texarkana, Texas

Family members can bear a witness to each other as they learn how to live as responsible law-abiding citizens. When family discussions center around politics, civil rights, and world events, those who display a Christian reaction and interest are witnessing.

Special occasions and traditions are a very important part of family life. Since many holidays have some religious significance, the alert family will take advantage of those which are Christian. For example Christmas is the time of year we celebrate the birth of Jesus. And yet, in some Christian homes, one could scarcely detect that fact. In other homes, the entire family plans Christmas in such a way as to honor Jesus especially. This may include giving their most expensive present to Jesus as they give through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Family worship is a very obvious means of Christian witnessing. However, this obvious possibility is overlooked in far too many Christian homes today. It can be made vital when, in a prayerful manner, Scriptures are applied to everyday needs.

The Christian who sincerely prays for Christ's spirit to live in and through him will find within his family circle opportunities unlimited to share his faith in Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

We bring to a close the first of three programs on "Witnessing Through the Home." We have tried to discuss ways by which family members may share their faith with each other when only one parent is Christian, when the children are younger and when they are older, and when opportunities may be overlooked.

Our program today cannot be truly successful until each of us applies these truths in our own home. Perhaps each family group will try to evaluate the effectiveness of their Christian witness to each other.

In Mark 16:15 Jesus said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel . . . ." Our world begins with our own home, the institution which God ordained. It is at home, made up of people whom we love above all others, that we must share the good news of God's great love for all people today.

Pray, thanking God for salvation, for the Holy Spirit which enables us to witness, asking him to create within our hearts a sense of urgency to share his love with our loved ones now.

New Foreign Mission Fields

SOCIETY PROGRAM

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

MEETING OUTLINE

Song
Call to Prayer
Business
Promotional Features [illegible]
Program

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Leader's Introduction: "The Field Is the World"
Devotional Thoughts: Parable of the Wheat and the Tares
Prayer
Hymn: [illegible]
Preparing New Mission Fields
1. [illegible]
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]
5. [illegible]
Leader's Conclusion and Prayer

PREPARE, PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Presentation: Program leader and assistants get ready for spring planting. Not only dress for the occasion, but give evidence of preparation in the interest center: seeds, fertilizer, shovels, rakes, and hoes. Display in the background a map, "Southern Baptist Missions Around the World," free from the Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230. Also in the center, place a strip of cardboard on which you have printed, "The Field Is the World." For the five principles listed under "Preparing New Mission Fields," use five women, or the leader can give all of them, however, she will need to have typed pertinent information from each, so that there will be participation, otherwise, the group may grow weary of one woman presenting this entire section.

Make twelve small red flags and one white flag on which you write "60" to pin on the map you have displayed.

Leader's Introduction: "The Field Is the World"

Each spring the Foreign Mission Board reports to the Convention about significant events relating to mission advance which have occurred during the preceding twelve months. This report is entitled, "The Field Is the World." The name of the Foreign Mission Board's annual report is of great significance because these are the words the Saviour used in explaining the parable of the wheat and the tares.

It was in the spring of the second year of Christ's ministry that he began to teach his followers "many things in parables." They were confused by this new method, and so he explained the first two parables in detail. The first one dealt with soils. The ground that had been carefully prepared gave the greatest yield. What had been sowed was "the word of the kingdom," and "he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The second parable we use for our devotional thought today. It is the parable of the wheat and the tares.

Devotional Thought: Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

(Read Matthew 13:24-30). Note that the owner sowed good seed in a field that belonged to him. The workmen recognized that he had title to this property for they referred to it as "your field." The planting of the weeds was done by "his enemy." No one realized what evil had been done until the wheat started to mature. Evidently, the "tares" were darnel, a weed that looks very much like wheat until the time of harvest. The workers offered to do a most difficult task: separate the tares from the wheat. The owner advised against this as the wheat might be uprooted. His concern was for the well-being of the wheat. The day for separation would come in time. Notice the fearful contrast between "bundles to burn" and "gathered to my barn."

After the crowds went away, the disciples said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." *(Read Matt. 13:37-43.)* The parable speaks of good and evil co-existing in the world, but that God is in control. Evil exists only by his permission. Workers in the kingdom must learn from God the lesson of patience. It is a long time between sowing and reaping, but the final overthrow of evil is inevitable.

Note 43b. "He who has ears, let him hear." We find this same statement in verse 9 at the conclusion of the first par-

able. We find it seven times in Revelation when the Lord of glory addresses the churches of Asia Minor. This is a command to become involved.

In other words, Jesus was not just telling them interesting stories. They must not be like the people described by the prophet Isaiah who closed their eyes because they were afraid they would see and shut their ears because they did not want to hear and hardened their hearts so that they could not understand. *([illegible] Matt. [illegible])*

Pray for eyes that see and ears that hear and hearts that understand, for motivation by the Holy Spirit to get involved in tasks as "labourers together with God," in sowing good seed and assisting with the harvest in the field that is the world.

Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Preparing New Mission Fields

In many parts of the United States, fields are being sowed or made ready for spring planting. Gardeners have pored over seed catalogs or read articles in current magazines about the latest methods of fertilizing and cultivating. On the back of packages of seed, there are suggestions about times to plant in different sections of the country. On bags of fertilizer, a chemical analysis is given so that you may match the deficiencies of your soil with the correct formula of "soil vitamins." Land grant colleges in different states will take a sample of soil from your yard or field and suggest what is lacking in life-giving minerals.

In our program today we are thinking of a field. Some of it is stony. Part of it is covered with tares and weeds. Vast areas need water. A great deal of it is good soil. "The field is the world." Last year saw an abundant harvest.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and in charge of its 2,072 overseas "sowers," (missionaries) called 1965 the most remarkable year in foreign missions that [illegible] Southern Baptist Convention has known. "Whether it be from the standpoint of [illegible] appointment of missionaries, the open[illegible] of new categories of missionary servic[illegible] the outreach into new areas of work, [illegible] implementing and projecting of the [illegible] efforts in evangelism, the reaching out into the world in ministries of love and [illegible] the flow of giving" from Southern Baptists, he said.

What new fields were [illegible] cultivation? What factors led [illegible] these new fields? As we think of [illegible] this year, can we apply these principles to [illegible] mission advance? We are stating [illegible] in terms that any gardener can understand. Let us hear some of these principles of successful planting.

1. Sow good seed with dedication.

The first principle is "sow good seed with dedication." Dedicated laymen sowed seeds of the gospel in the beginning of churches in Togo and Luxembourg [LUK sem burg]. Yoruba tradesmen from Nigeria came to Togo on business and organized a small group of believers. American families employed in construction of a new DuPont plant began the Luxembourg Baptist Church. Both groups contacted Christians in neighboring countries to "come over and help them."

Togo is a small African republic just east of Ghana *(pin a red flag on map to locate [illegible])*. In 1960, Togo gained its independence from France. A long, narrow strip of land, it is just 32 miles wide at the coast and about 95 miles at its broadest point. It extends almost 100 miles into the interior. There are more than a million and a half people, consisting of numerous African tribes in this country. French is spoken by the educated people and is the official language of the government.

In the capital city of Lome, the [illegible] Baptist Church called a graduate [illegible] Ogbomosho (Nigeria) Seminary to [illegible] its pastor. Regular visits were made [illegible] neighboring Ghana by missionary [illegible] Bond [illegible] rous Baptist churches in nearby vill[illegible] continued to grow. After the assassi[illegible] of Togo's president in 1963, the b[illegible] was closed, and Mr. Bond[illegible] suppo[illegible]ting.

But [illegible] in 1964, the Bonds were transferred [illegible] Togo. Their royal welcome was marred [illegible] the news that there had been a split [illegible] the church. The rival group was domin[illegible] by men who were polygamists. They [illegible] gained control of the church treasury and the original meeting place. The faction that remained loyal to the pastor worked faithfully with the missionary and soon increased to more than the number lost in the split. They eagerly subscribed money for the purchase of a lot and the erecting of another church building.

The Luxembourg *(locate in Europe and place a red flag on the country of Luxembourg)* church used preachers from the seminary in Switzerland, from military bases or visiting American ministers until the arrival of the Rudolph Woods in late 1961. For a while the church met in a home and then moved to a kindergarten and community center. The owners of the first house which they attempted to rent were unfamiliar with the word *Baptists*. They insisted that a clause be put in the lease stipulating that they would not "practice" their religion in the house. Fortunately, they were able to locate another place.

There is one other English-speaking evangelical church in Luxembourg. The country is predominantly Roman Catholic with this as the state religion.

These two new foreign mission fields present great contrasts in many ways. One is a new country of Africa and the other is an old, historic duchy in Europe, dating from the tenth century. But greater than any differences is the fact that the Great Sower's "field is the world," and that his followers have witnessed of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ in these fields. Missionaries and Christian businessmen, "children of the kingdom," were good seed dedicated to witnessing in foreign lands just as they [illegible] at home. They shall reap their reward in the time of harvest for "then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

2. Cultivate struggling plants.

The second principle is "cultivate struggling plants." Request for help from established churches was responsible for the opening of new fields in Austria and South-West Africa.

There have been a few Baptists in Austria *(place flag on map)* for more than a hundred years. Back in 1869, the first permanent Baptist church was organized in Vienna. It had a most difficult history for the next eighty years, as it was not legally recognized by the authorities in this Roman Catholic state.

Since World War I there has been religious freedom in Austria. It was not until 1948, however, that the situation for Baptists began to improve. In this year, a church was founded at Salzburg and other churches were established over the country. Now there are more than 750 Baptists in Austria. German Baptists have been especially interested in this work, requesting our Board in 1963 to send a missionary couple to encourage these churches.

In August, 1965, William and Sally Wagner were appointed, and Austria became the sixtieth country where Southern Baptist missionaries are now serving. *(Place in Austria another flag, but larger and white, on which you have written a large "60" so that women will remember that we now have foreign mission work in sixty countries.)* They made Salzburg their headquarters because of the large numbers of students in the area. In addition to working with Austrian Baptists, they are ministering to numerous English-speaking people in this old university town.

The Windhoek Baptist Church in South-West Africa *(place red flag)* requested the Foreign Mission Board to send them a couple in March, 1965. The congregation had been meeting in a Masonic hall in the capital city. They used both the English and Afrikaans [AF ri KAHNS] languages.

South-West Africa is under the administration of the Republic of South Africa. Formerly a territory of Germany, it was surrendered to South Africa in 1915. The League of Nations gave it to them as a mandate. South Africa now refuses to accept a UN trusteeship but holds on to administering the land. This arid and sparsely populated country is the size of Texas and Oklahoma combined. There are about 75,000 Europeans out of a population of about 526,000.

The apartheid [ah PART hate], or white supremacy, policy prevails and has been a handicap in extending the ministry of existing churches to native Africans. Under very adverse conditions, Lutheran groups have established 240 churches over the countryside. The invitation for Southern Baptists to come was with the understanding that the missionary pastor and his wife would serve in English language congregations composed largely of Europeans. Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, expressed the hope that this would lead to an expanded ministry reaching out to the African reservations.

Austria and South-West Africa are struggling "plants in the field" which need careful cultivation. Although they obviously are not of the same variety, they both need the prayerful support of fellow Christians.

3. Watch out for pests, ground hogs, and moles.

A third principle for good planning and harvest is "watch out for pests, ground hogs, and moles." In the field that is the world there exist in addition to rare many factors which cause disruption and uprooting. One determinative factor in opening new mission fields is the political climate.

Although we know that Southern Baptist mission work has been established in Singapore *(add a flag)* since 1950, this important port at the tip of the Malay peninsula declared in 1965 its independence from the Federation of Malaysia. Now it is listed as our fifty-ninth field of service for Southern Baptists.

Dr. Winston Crawley, Overseas Secretary, told the Foreign Mission Board that Singapore's declaration of independence on August 9, 1965, "is an important historical development with probable significance for long range efforts difficult to predict." This change may well affect the strategy and perhaps the progress of our mission work in ways we cannot yet estimate.

Dr. Crawley reported to the Board in July that in spite of upheaval in the Orient, "progress and maturity can be observed in the number and strength of national leaders. And in the past ten years, the missionary staff has been increased 10 per cent. During this same period, the number of national leaders has increased 130 per cent and the number of ordained ministers a remarkable 250 per cent." As in the case of the harvest, "experience shows that leaders grow through a spiritual process which cannot be fully controlled and which is difficult to hasten."

In May, 1965, the first Southern Baptist missionaries to North Africa were appointed for Melilla, a Spanish possession on the southern coast of Morocco *(add a flag)*. Here they will serve among the Arabic-speaking people.

In the new world, missionaries temporarily retreated from the Dominican Republic *(add a flag)* but are now back on this troubled island. The old Portuguese island of Macao *(add a flag)* on the China coast now has a missionary couple for the first time in seven years. This is a part of the world that has seen many political upheavals since our first missionaries were assigned there in 1910.

"While men were sleeping, his enemies came and sowed weeds . . . The weeds are the sons of the evil one," so the Bible records the words of Jesus. World conditions remind us that we must be alert and careful in our cultivation of the fields. Some are even now "white unto harvest," while others await our careful preparation and planting.

4. Enlist all the help you can get.

The fourth principle is "enlist all the help you can get." As we have already seen, Christian businessmen of Nigeria and the United States have helped in the opening of new fields. Other "non-professional" help has come from servicemen who have established beachheads that have helped our Foreign Mission Board move in with trained personnel and assistance.

This is true of the situation in Tripoli, Libya *(add a flag)*. Last July, the Foreign Mission Board approved the appointment of a couple to work with the English language church there. The church has grown to a membership of more than two hundred in the past three years. A third of these are American military personnel and their dependents. Most of the others are oil company employees and their families. Offerings have been averaging $3,000 a month. Last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was nearly $2,000 and the Annie Armstrong Offering over $1,000. An Air Force sergeant, Vonles Day, was volunteer pastor at this church until he was transferred back to the states in the summer of 1965. Now the pastor is missionary Harold L. Blankenship.

Libya is a large country, over twice the size of Texas. Most of the land, however, is desert, and the population is only one and one-fourth million. Since oil was discovered a few years ago, it has become one of the great oil producing lands in the world. Five American companies have a fifty-year concession. So do two British and one French. So the Tripoli church's ministry to the English-speaking will be a valuable service for years to come. In addition, both the United States and Great Britain have large military installations there.

The majority of Libyans are Muslims, and Dr. J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, has this to say about a witness to them: "When the Tripoli church applied for permission to organize, it did agree not to allow Libyans to attend the services. This is a severe limitation on the missionary outreach of the church. However, the congregation has gone on record as being ready to support any work among the Libyan population should the opportunity present itself. I am convinced that our missionaries and the church members will find ways of making Christ known to their Libyan friends and neighbors."

An English language congregation in Iceland *(add a flag)* was organized by American military personnel when Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Terry were transferred from Ghana in 1961. Although the established church is Lutheran, there is complete religious freedom. Only about 180,000 people are residents of the island, and all are literate. The republic was a charter member of NATO and the United States maintains large air radar bases here. Iceland itself has no arms or navy.

5. Fertilize as you have opportunity.

The next principle is "fertilize as you have opportunity." Opportunity to enter part of the world has presented itself for the first time. The Arab Republic of Yemen *(add a flag)* was entered in the late summer of 1964. Twenty years ago, Yemen was called "one of the most closed of all parts of Arabia to anything savoring of missionary work. For the past twelve centuries a Christian witness has been unknown."

Dr. and Mrs. James Young are now under appointment in this southwest corner of the Arabian peninsula. He is a U. S. Navy veteran and an experienced missionary with twelve years of service in the Arab world. It was in the fall of 1965 that Dr. Young went in a UNRWA plane to Yemen and met the director general of Yemen's ministry of health. This man wrote the Foreign Mission Board requesting that Southern Baptists start medical mission work in their land. At the time Dr. Young arrived, there was only one Yemeni doctor in this nation of five million people.

Dr. Young is assisted by the first Spanish Baptist foreign missionary, Maria Luisa Hidalgo, a nurse trained in England at the Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome, and at the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland. In [illegible] they were joined by an Egyptian physician and Miss Jean Potter, a special project nurse. Two nurses

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