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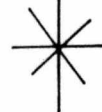
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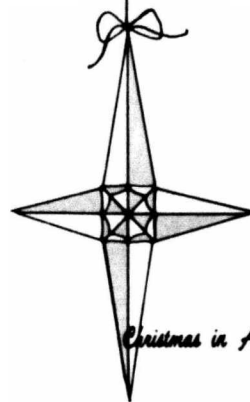
Praying Hands

Have you clasped hands in prayer at a prayer retreat this year? Thousands of women have done so. They have gone aside to pray and commune with God. Women have studied about prayer. Women have been willing prayerfully to confront the personal implications of proclamation and witness. Because of prayer retreats this year, I believe we can say now with certainty that there are more women who are proclaimers and witnesses for Christ.

What about you? and me? Having clasped hands in prayer, have we then been willing to be God's instruments now? To what avail are clasped hands, then?



Children's Faces



IN a poem Sara Teasdale places the moving couplet.

"And children's faces looking up
Holding wonder like a cup..."

Who has not grown silent before the beauty and wonder in a child's countenance at Christmas. All of life seems concentrated on a small girl's regard for the manger scene as she murmurs to herself the story she has heard so many times. Her response to a Christmas tree embodies the meaning of family love and sacrifice, and fellowship in the meaningful traditions of Christmas.

Christmas in August has become a



tradition with Woman's Missionary Union. Children in Sunbeam Bands, girls in Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary, and women in Woman's Missionary Society have for many years cooperated to gather small gifts to send to missionaries. These gifts missionaries use at Christmas to provide happiness and a spirit of sharing with people among whom they work. The gifts bring joy to children, as well as to adults.

This year your church can cooperate in sending Christmas-in-August packages to missionaries listed in *The*

Window, in Tell, and in Sunbeam Activities. Below are three names to whom Woman's Missionary Societies will send gifts. Divide whatever is brought into three parts and send a box or several boxes to each name listed below. Check with your post office about regulations for mailing, or send boxes by other means. Some circles may prefer to provide postage for mailing. The three addresses are

Miss Marjorie Shead
Petrey Memorial Weekday
Ministry
Walkertown Station
Hazard, Kentucky 41701

Miss Freddie Mae Bason
Magnolia Good Will Center
558 Magnolia Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Rev. Hubert O. Hurt
Refugee Center (Spanish)
1452 N.W. 36th Street
Miami, Florida 33142

All of the missionaries listed above can use:

all sizes of new or used clothing
toothbrushes and toothpaste
deodorants
soap
washcloths
combs and brushes
towels

Add to the packages for Mr. Hurt:
razors and blades.

Add to the packages for Miss Shead:
Bibles, woodworking tools, piece goods
for blouses and dresses, construction
paper, scissors, crayons, study course
books, good reading books, razors and
blades.

Add to packages for Miss Bason:
toys, notebooks and paper, piece goods,
pencils, ball-point pens, kitchen towels.

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COVER STORY

Christmas-in-August packages go to many children this year. Members of Woman's Missionary Societies will bring gifts for missionaries listed on page 2. Young people in WMU youth organizations always respond with enthusiasm to Christmas in August. In their magazines missionary names and needs are listed. Read "Children's Faces," page 1, for instructions.

by
**Johnni
Johnson**

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Life in

ON the world map Malaysia is situated where the mainland of Asia touches on the East Indian archipelago. The country of Malaysia is so situated that winds of change greatly affect the life of its people.

One August day in 1965—the day Singapore separated from the Federation of Malaysia—the country's population was reduced from ten million to eight million. And however well the Singapore break accomplished its political purpose, it certainly did not change the complex diversity of Malaysia.

Without Singapore the nation is composed of three states: Malaya, Sarawak, and Sabah (formerly North Borneo). Its people are Malays, Chinese, and in lesser numbers, Indians, Pakistanis and Borneans. Its languages are Malay, Chinese, English, and Tamil, to mention only the more widely used ones. Its religions are Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and animism.

Malaysia's national leader, Abdul Rahman, thinks of his country as an Islamic



Malays, Chinese, Indians, and others make up the population of Malaysia. About four million are Malays. More than two million are Chinese. And the rest are Indians, Pakistanis, Borneans, and smaller groups of Eurasians and Britishers.



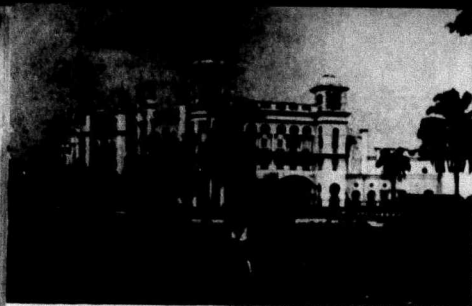
MALAYSIA

state, a fact which Kuala Lumpur, the capital, reflects at every turn.

"In Kuala Lumpur," says missionary Robert E. Wakefield, "the Malayan culture and Islamic faith can easily be seen. The primary religious buildings are mosques. The government buildings have the towers and minarets of Islam."

Abdul Rahman also thinks of his country as a progressive place, as a nation of people geared to twentieth century life. Not many months ago the *New York Times*, reporting on the country's social and economic progress, was able to cite marked increases in school population, extensive plans for road building, and the reclamation of jungle land for farming, and a timber boom. At the same time Malaysia is a country of strong hates and deep crosscurrents. Malays and the more aggressive Chinese vie with each other for leadership. And both must be concerned about the minority groups whose presence adds to the nation's diversity.

It is this diversity and the crosscurrents



"In Kuala Lumpur the railway station reminds one a bit of the Taj Mahal in its architectural design." With this sentence, missionary Robert E. Wakefield comments on Islamic influence in Malay life.

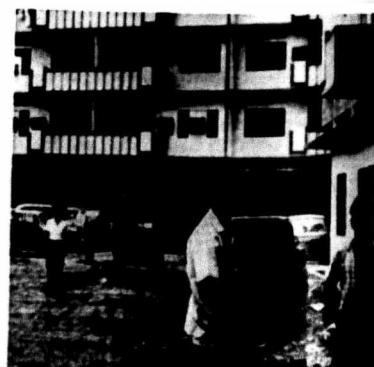
Photos by Scofield, Harvey, and Yarnell



Sabah, one of the new states in Malaysia, was formerly North Borneo. Bornean tribes people live in a world apart from the city folk in Kuala Lumpur or even in Sandakan and Jesselton. The land itself still nourishes thick jungles away from the coast. And here a main product, and a boon to the economy, is timber.

Malaysia, in its cities at least, is a cosmopolitan nation, moving ahead in education, industry, and civic accomplishments. And, for increasing numbers, there is opportunity to hear the Christian gospel.

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A Missionary Writes . . .

Behind the Travel Posters

by Mary Yarnell

A PICTURE on a travel poster of a palm-lined beach of Malaysia with the setting sun silhouetting a Chinese junk loses some of its glamour to one who is acquainted with the misery in *kampongs* (villages) of Malaysia.

A Malaysian village is picturesque with quaint little houses built either of split bamboo or scrap lumber or occasionally of proper lengths of durable lumber and covered with the leaves of the nipah palm or with zinc. A small, unpainted, ramshackled building is situated near the center of a village. No minaret on a mosque is evident, but a close look at the building reveals a hint of Moorish architecture, for this is the village mosque ever present in Muslim Malaysia. From here the *modin*, using a drum or a mechanism comparable to a megaphone, calls the people to prayer.

The Carl Yarnells live in Jesselton, Sabah, Malaysia. Mrs. Yarnell is a sister of Billie Pate, who is Director of Field Services for WMU, SBC.

Near the mosque lives a family typical of many. The children have different fathers, for both death and divorce have done their work in separating husband from wife, and children from father. The scantily clothed bodies of the children reveal the use of too little soap and water—partly due to inadequate facilities and partly because of a lack of health education. Less than a year has passed since the Baptist missionary was summoned to take the mother to the hospital to give birth to her ninth child. Half of these children died at birth or soon thereafter.

In direct contrast let us visit Chinese friends in one of Malaysia's growing cities. Their penthouse is atop a six-story office building. Furniture and draperies are custom-made under careful supervision. From a window there is a magnificent view of the sea and many small islands just off shore. In another direction the city comes into view, and hills loom up in the far distance.

As we enter this exquisite home, our

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A child is to be cherished and even sacrificed for, as this grandmother in the Sibu area of Sarawak knows.

Photo by Charon H. Morris



nostrils tingle with the wonderful aroma of Chinese food just ready to be served to the dinner guests who have gathered. These include officials of the British Information Service and the American Foundation, Baptist missionaries, and the guests of honor — warmhearted Baptists visiting from Hong Kong. A neat, well-trained servant serves course after course of delicious food.

The host is the product of Baptist mission schools in China, kindergarten through university, and is now a very successful businessman in Malaysia. His children, now almost grown, are students in American universities.

A journey to the suburbs of the city reveals bungalows with well kept gardens. Let us stop at one for a visit. The man of the house is unusually tall and well built for a Chinese; his manner and speech mark him as a man of culture. His neat, slender wife smiles graciously as we are welcomed into a beautiful home and comfortably seated in plush imported chairs.

A visit to Chinatown reveals yet another way of life in Malaysia. Families crowd to gether in rooms rather than in bungalows and share a kitchen and bath with ten or twenty other families. An abundance of children and a shortage of money make life a struggle. The worship of spirits or porcelain gods on shelves offers no peace of mind or hope for the future. Despair is deep in their eyes and on their faces, and the crime rate is high. Suicides are common and many others openly say they would like to die but haven't the courage to take their own lives. So they continue to exist in a state of living death.

Malaysia is truly a country of thrilling beauty, teeming crowds, and quiet peacefulness, as travel posters advertise. But above the noise of booming cities and echoing over the quiet peacefulness of the valleys can be heard the heart cry of people who know Him not — Malays, Chinese, Indians, Kadazans, Muruts, Dayaks, Eurasians, and other people.

FROM ***** WASHINGTON

by Cyril E. Bryant
Editor, *The Baptist World*
Publication of Baptist World Alliance

North American Baptist Fellowship

Six major Baptist bodies in the United States, Canada, and Mexico have joined hands for cooperative planning and action in their common objective of winning North America for Christ.

At a meeting in Washington last March they formed a loosely knit organization called "North American Baptist Fellowship," a committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The Fellowship has no authority over any member body or church, nor can it undertake any projects for which the member bodies are responsible. Its highly important function is simply to provide opportunity for leaders of the member groups to come together to discuss their common aims and seek solutions to common problems.

Even at the initial meeting, the Fellowship's general committee listened eagerly to a report by W. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, concerning last winter's evangelistic crusade in Brazil and a Brazilian pastor's proposal that the great evangelistic drive be extended to cover North, Central, and South America in 1969. Enthusiastic discussion followed, and the committee vowed "to encourage the participation of all North American Baptists in this Crusade of the Americas."

In another action, the general committee

recommended that its cooperating groups observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday next February 5 "through pulpit exchanges, rallies, or mass meetings according to local and regional opportunities." This action was viewed as a means of helping America's many "kinds" of Baptists to know each other better.

The Southern Baptist Convention, with 10.7 million members, is the big brother of the Fellowship. Other charter members are the American Baptist Convention, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, the Baptist Federation of Canada, and the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

A total of 12.8 million Baptists are included in the six groups. At least two other groups are expected to join after the next meeting of their national assemblies at which time they will have opportunity to study the Fellowship by-laws.

The idea for the Fellowship grew out of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-61, in which these North American conventions celebrated the 150th anniversary of the organization of the first national Baptist mission society on the continent. That 1911 assemblage agreed to support the work of Ann and Adoniram Judson as missionaries to Burma.

When the BJA emphasis came to a close, leaders of the various conventions petitioned the Baptist World Alliance to set up a fellowship "to conserve the gains and values which have resulted (from the five years of cooperation) and to increase opportunities for fellowship and for sharing mutual concerns."

Each member convention is represented on the Fellowship committee by three members, with an additional representative allowed for each million members in the respective conventions. Five "at large" members are selected from the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

V. Carney Hargroves, a Philadelphia pastor and a representative of the American Baptist Convention, was elected chairman.

A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST IN OUR FAMILY

(Writer's Name Withheld)

YES, we have a Christian Scientist in our family. She is the wife of our oldest son. For the sake of this true story, we will call her Julie and our son Don. Don's background seems to be important enough to my story for me to summarize it briefly.

Don was our first son, having been born in the fourth year of our marriage. My husband and I were both Christians and regular workers in a Baptist church in our neighborhood. We were so thankful to God for our Christian home and for the blessed gift of a darling baby boy. We dedicated him to the Lord even before his birth and prayed during his childhood that God had some Christian girl in the world for him. I might confess here that our prayer was that Don would some day marry a Christian and she would be an active member of a Baptist church. My husband and I were thoroughly Baptists, having come from Baptist families for generations. Somehow it really did not occur to me at that time that it would or could happen any other way. My philosophy has always been that after I arrive at what I believe (with God's help) is right, I turn it over to the Lord and do not worry about it. During Don's "growing up" years, I often asked God to protect and bless the girl who would some day be his wife.

Don was literally reared in a Baptist church. He was a regular member of all the

organizations of the church, including prayer meeting every Wednesday night. I remember when Don was about sixteen years old, he made a speech in general assembly at Training Union one night and said, "I do not ever remember joining Training Union—I have just always belonged." Even when we were out of town on Sunday, we would seek out a church and attend.

Whenever there would be a revival and cottage prayer meetings in the neighborhood, our family was present. All the children participated. Ninety percent of the time they would be the only children present, but they took their turn in prayer with the adults.

When it came time for Don to enter college, he chose a Baptist college in our hometown (answer to prayer). It was during these college years that I was sure Don would meet a nice Baptist girl. He met his wife at a Christian camp one summer when he was a junior in college and Julie was a freshman in a state college. This love affair culminated in marriage the following year, and she was a Christian Scientist.

I knew very little about the Christian Science religion. About the only thing I knew was that I had heard they did not believe in doctors and that they followed the teachings of a woman, Mary Baker Eddy.

I must confess, I was taken aback when

I realized what had happened. I talked to God about it and promised him that if he would lead me to be a good mother-in-law, I would do my best to accept this situation. I really believed then that God had heard my prayer concerning Don's wife. I still believe that God knows best and that he answered prayer, but certainly not as I had asked.

We had a short talk with Don concerning this matter before his marriage. Don assured us that Julie was going to come to his (Baptist) church. My husband and I both expressed thanks for this assurance from Don.

Thank God, Don continued in his loyalty to the church, and Julie became a regular member of Sunday School, Training Union, and the worship hour.

They have been married nine years and have three precious little girls ages eight, five, and three. There has never been a more cooperative wife and mother than Julie. Don has continued to grow spiritually since his marriage. A couple of years ago he was the youngest deacon ever to be ordained in our church. We thought surely that Julie would join our church at this service, but she did not. She attends Sunday School, Training Union, prayer meeting, and the worship services, provided the children are able to come out. She encourages both children and Don in everything they undertake for the church. Eight years

she has been in our family, and never one single time have I heard a complaint from her about anything. Her mental attitude concerning life is something to be envied by all. She is a beautiful girl, a grateful mother, and a superb wife. Apparently, the two make a successful team. They have done exceptionally well financially. Their decisions seem mature even beyond their years. Their home is clean, orderly, and the little girls are exceptionally well-behaved.

Why she has not come into the fellowship of our church, only God knows. Much prayer has been offered in her behalf. She says that she is a Christian and believes in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. I know she does. I do not question her sincerity. Since their marriage, I have known of only one time when she and Don visited her church.

There have been two times when Don anticipated her coming into the fellowship to the extent that he told us he believed she would come Sunday. But, so far, she has not made the move. I know that she is trying to learn all about our faith. She even attended a class on "how to witness" in our Training Union program.

The future is a mystery—only God knows what is ahead. I believe God is directing, and I am content. My prayer is that we might continue so strong in the faith that we will never disappoint her or give her reason to doubt our faith by the kind of lives we live before her.



WE GET LETTERS

by Marie Mathis

WMU Materials Sent to Puerto Rico

Thank you so much for the free materials to help us in getting our WMS functioning properly.

There were sixteen present for our organizational meeting last month, and thirteen for our program and business meeting last week. The women have begun weekly visitation, and we are expecting great things for our Lord. A time has been set as the date to organize the auxiliaries.

MRS. D. ROCKETT
Puerto Rico

A Letter Which Came in November, 1965

My husband and I stay in Abuja, Nigeria for a year. There he is going to be working on an industrial assignment with Indian Head Mills. The management has assured us that first of all as we go, we are to be good missionaries and that they will have no fear about the industrial end of this assignment.

I trust that I shall be able to help in our work. I understand there is only one small church (Baptist) in Abuja—and that

there are no organizations. Since I have served as president in our local WMU for five years and as associational president for three years, I hope that I may be able to use this experience as the Lord leads.

MRS. W. A. SHOCKLEY
South Carolina

(We were delayed in printing this letter, but it prepares you for what has happened in Abuja in these months. Look in September Royal Service for Mrs. Shockley's letter written in December. No, it did not take her long to become a real missionary.)

Peruvian Baptists Organize Convention

Traveling for hundreds of miles across mountains and deserts, riding by bus, by colectivo (a car used for public transportation, "only faster and more dangerous"), and in missionary cars, Baptists from churches scattered across Peru journeyed to the coastal city of Trujillo to attend the fifth annual meeting of the Peruvian Baptist As-

sociation and to organize a national Baptist convention.

Most of the messengers were young adults and older teenagers. Baptist work in Peru is less than sixteen years old, middle-aged and elderly Baptists are a minority. All pastors attending the meeting were under forty; none had more than seven years of pastoral experience, and the majority had only two or three years' experience.

Meeting in Central Baptist Church, Trujillo, and the First Baptist Church of La Esperanza, a suburb of adobe houses perched on a mountainside near Trujillo, the people slept on mattresses spread on the floor of Central church and in a vacant missionary residence and ate national dishes of food prepared by members of the two churches.

JAMES C. REDDING
Southern Baptist
Missionary

(Such eagerness and a willingness to endure almost anything to have an organized convention should make us more appreciative of our own Southern Baptist Convention.)

A Christian Service Corps Worker Meets Needs

As we were reading the letter (February, Royal Service) written by Beverly Hammett concerning the Christian Service Corps, we remembered the dear worker that came our way last summer, Miss Lennie, a retired telephone operator from Texas.

She arrived on the day we were concluding Vacation Bible School at our church. It was commencement night when most of us met her, and she won our hearts when she said, "It looks like a lot of hard work has gone into this Vacation Bible School."

She began her work immediately. She taught Juniors two weeks in the Heller Mission Vacation Bible School and again in the Rockhouse Mission Vacation Bible School. She taught, also, each Sunday in the Sunday School at Heller Mission. This was really an experience for her in our one room building. You will be interested to know that there were 112 who enrolled for Heller, and Rockhouse had 47 enrolled.

To us one highlight was her work with the Primary Sunbeam Band and her teaching of two mission study books for our Women's Missionary Society. All this and more Miss Sisk spent much time at the good will center where she stayed while here in the community.

Before she left to go to Ridgecrest we made a large circle, holding hands. She requested prayer for her own WMU in Texas.

MRS. L. R. MORRISON
Look Out, Kentucky

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On Race Relations Sunday, February, 1966

I have been asked by my pastor to send to you a report of Race Relations Sunday in our church.

Two Negro girls from the St. John Baptist Church presented the special music for our morning worship service.

Our main emphasis was in the evening service. St. John Baptist Church dismissed evening services at their church so they might worship with us. About forty of their people attended the joint service. I understand that their membership is approximately one hundred.

The service opened with congregational singing and a prayer led by a deacon from St. John Church.

An eighteen-year-old Latin-American girl who hopes to become a nurse gave a testimony.

The choir from St. John Church sang four numbers. And, as is true of most Negro singing, it was very good. St. John's pastor brought a soul-

stirring message, using Acts 10:19-28 for his text.

After a congregational hymn, our pastor brought a short message from Matthew 5:41. Following the message, the invitation was given and ten people came presenting themselves for church membership. Two of these accepted Christ as Saviour. All were adults.

Our church auditorium, which seats three hundred, was filled. This is most unusual on Sunday night. Words are inadequate to describe the spirit which prevailed. Although the service was unusually long, no one got impatient and left. All I can say is, "The Lord came down and dwelt among us."

MRS. D. GRIFFITH
Texas

Madrid Church Had Appropriate Easter

Before an overflow congregation in First Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, on Easter morning, twenty new Christians pictured Christ's death and resurrection as they followed him in baptism. Then an invitation was given, and twenty-two more people accepted Christ as Saviour.

Never have I seen such a large crowd in Spain's largest Baptist church. The members were asked to fill the rooms in the church's upstairs apartments so that newcomers could sit in the sanctuary. There was a folding chair in every available space in the aisles, the nearby annex was filled, and scores stood.

CHARLES W. WHITTEN
Southern Baptist
Missionary

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"She's Looking for Me"

by Mary Hines

WMU Sunbeam Band Director

"THERE'S my Sunbeam leader! She's looking for me," called four-year-old Janice as she darted to the door of the Beginner room where Mrs. Hayes stood. Janice didn't use the words, "She likes me," but this was essentially what she was saying. She felt the love Mrs. Hayes has for every child.

The leader's presence communicates love and interest in little people like Janice. And the response from children to this love and

interest gives Mrs. Hayes an open door to guide boys and girls in missionary education that will last their lifetime.

Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 14-20, is a good time for Woman's Missionary Society members to take inventory of the teaching being done in their Sunbeam Band organizations. The responsibility to foster the Sunbeam Band organizations, including Sunbeam Nurseries is that of the WMS. This means you, a member of WMS in a

direct responsibility for providing that every child who has contact with your church has opportunity for missionary education.

Ask yourself these questions and decide if your WMS is accepting responsibility for the Sunbeam Bands in your church.

★ Is there sufficient leadership for all Sunbeam Bands and Sunbeam Nurseries? The Sunbeam Band director has been selected to be the key person for directing, planning, expanding, and promoting Sunbeam Band work in the church. She cannot do the job alone. Leaders and assistant leaders must be secured and trained. The WMS has responsibility to select leaders who will seek to understand each child's personality and capacity for learning. Often growth in enrollment means need for more organizations. This means more trained leaders. Has your WMS secured the leaders needed and helped them get the training required to serve as Sunbeam Band leaders?

★ Does the WMS provide financial support for literature, supplies, and materials? Sunbeam Band workers can do a better job of leading children when they have the suggested supplies. Much of the equipment is usually available in the elementary rooms of the church. But there are other materials needed, and each Sunbeam Band leader should know how she can secure these things.

★ Does the WMS give loyal cooperation and show genuine interest in the work being done in Sunbeam Bands? Leaders are encouraged to do a better job when they are recognized and appreciation is shown for the work they are doing. WMS members must be faithful in praying for Sunbeam Band leaders and boys and girls.

As Sunbeam Band Focus Week ap-

proaches, WMS members should talk with their Sunbeam Band director and leaders and find where their help is needed. Leaders will welcome the assistance of WMS members in visiting and telephoning prospects. There is often the need for transportation of members to Sunbeam Band meetings and community missions projects. Women can help leaders by collecting pictures and other items which leaders need for teaching. Needs vary in different situations, and your Sunbeam Band director and leaders can best give suggestions for helping them.

There is no way to know all that can be accomplished when a dedicated leader works faithfully in teaching boys and girls. There are some results which can be seen now. A leader can guide children into a desire for sharing with others the things they have. As boys and girls come to understand better their experiences with God, they will want to share their love for God with others. Through activities in the Sunbeam Band they can give themselves as they help others in their church community. As they learn that their money can help others, they will want to bring gifts to the church and to special offerings. Boys and girls share as they pray for others. These are the beginning steps to a fruitful life dedicated to serve God.

The experience of knowing a Sunbeam Band leader who creates an atmosphere of love and understanding should be the privilege of every boy and girl who comes to a Baptist church. Boys and girls being taught in Sunbeam Bands today will be serving in places of responsibilities within a few short years. They must be carefully taught now. The future will show the results of this teaching.



SUNBEAM BAND FOCUS WEEK

August 14-20

Patty Box, getting ready to bring her ill husband home from Malaysia, wrote

a letter to—

Dear Friends,

I am sitting here at my kitchen window in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on a tall rattan stool trying to write on a makeshift table. I look down the hall; and whereas only three days ago our piano was there and a beautiful carved telephone table, I see now a bare hall. The echo of the voices of our three children is hollow in the empty house. Everything has been sold.

Tomorrow night at seven o'clock a plane will take the children and me to Singapore where we will pick up the most important member of this household and return to the United States. My husband, Paul, is in the hospital in Singapore with tropical sprue.

For weeks we tried to ignore that he was becoming weaker. Then came the hour the doctor told us that we must leave the tropics and return to America.

The struggle in deciding to return was the most difficult decision of our lives. Why? This question comes so often to those trying to be sensitive to the leadership of the Lord.

One evening we opened our Bibles and began to read. Just as Jesus spoke to the twelve, we heard the words "peace be still," and a calmness such as must have stilled the seas swept through our hearts. Then, we thought of our investment in Chinese-language study and the blessing that had come from using the language. We thought of the chapel which we had opened only eight months previously, and we came to realize that all was in God's care and there need not be any fear.

And then, I went to my Sunday School class to teach them for the last time. I searched my heart that it might be in tune with God, that I might know the right

(Mrs. Box now reports that her husband is greatly improved and "very shortly will be in full-time service for the Lord again.")



words. What do you think came to my mind as I looked at my ten pupils, aged twenty to thirty? Eight months ago these young people had not attended church and not one was a Christian.

Yes, the words that came to me were "O, ye of little faith" and, "Praise ye the Lord, great things he hath done." Why did these words dominate my thoughts?

On the front seat sat Koon Ho. Eight months ago he was a gambler and a drunk. He came to the chapel upon the invitation of a cousin and began attending regularly. The day came when God spoke to his heart in such a manner he could not reject the Saviour. Immediately changes took place. His countenance and appearance changed. A few weeks after his conversion, he came inquiring of the missionary how he could best serve the Lord. He wept as he talked about his six brothers who knew not Christ. He told of the harsh ridicule he was experiencing in the home. He was bringing a different brother each time to services. Then only a few evenings ago the elder brother came to tell the missionary that he would like to express for the entire family their gratefulness for Him who had been introduced to Koon Ho.

As I looked at each young person before me on that Sunday morning in Malaysia, I recalled their problems, joys and hopes, and my heart sang out. After class one by one they came to me saying: "Do not worry, we will do our best."

Now as I return home and Southern Baptists inquire "Who did you leave to do God's work," I am able to reply, "I left Koon Ho, Rosaline, Shelia, Jimmy Phillip, Martin, and others."

BIBLE STUDY:

LESSON XI

The MISSIONARY MESSAGE of the BIBLE

by Gilbert L. Guffin

"Down by the Rivers of Babylon" or Israel in the School of Adversity

Scripture Reading: Lamentations, Daniel, Ezekiel, Obadiah

Destruction of Jerusalem

"Late in the seventh century before Christ," it is said, "Judah's Indian summer came to an abrupt end." How shattering and unbelievable to the Jews that end was. Against every warning of their prophets, they had persisted in the firm belief that they were the chosen people of God and such a thing could not happen. Even the prophet Habakkuk was dismayed at first at the mere suggestion of the idea. But now the hour had come!

In 586 or 587 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar, con-

querer of passage, right on words and phrases, and
method of study, under the booklet "Help for Study of
the Missionary Message of the Bible: Judah Through
History," 50¢, from Women's Missionary Union, 800
North Twenty-sixth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or
Baptist Book Stores.

vinced that Judah, which he had already made a vassal state to Babylon, could no longer be trusted, completely destroyed Jerusalem and took captive to Babylon all but the poorest and weakest. In Babylon almost one thousand harsh, exhaustive miles lay between the exiles and homeland.

More agonizing than the arduous journey itself to these Israelites was the memory of what had befallen Zion and their beloved "land of promise." This is suggested in the following plaintive cry: "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow. . . . She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks" (Lam. 1:1-2). Thus wrote the masterful poet-prophet who penned Lamentations. "Her gates," he said of Jerusalem, "are all deserted, and her priests despair."

... All her folk are moaning in the search for food. . . . All over the street they lie, both young and old. . . . Gone all that gave our hearts delight. . . . Zion [Zion] hill lies desolate, with jackals roaming over it" (Lam. 1:4, 11; 2:21; 5:15, 18 Moffatt).

The reason for this calamity? He answers: "Sion is stretching her hands out, but none relieves her; for the Eternal has ordered all around to oppose Jacob, and Jerusalem is but to them a fetid rag. 'The Eternal is right, for I did rebel' "

(Lam. 1:17-18 Moffatt).

The reason—moral and spiritual rebellion. "The Eternal has carried out his fury, venting his hot anger; he has lit a fire in Zion that burns her to the base. None could believe, no king, no man in all the world, that foe or enemy could ever enter inside Jerusalem"

(Lam. 4:11-12 Moffatt).

Rebellion Results in Captivity

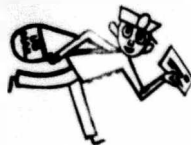
There it is! Rebellion and failure to repent—and more, a stubborn belief that judgment would never really come, that God was on their side and all was well, no matter what they did or how much they sinned!

Written in beautiful, poetic form, and sometimes referred to as a collection of elegies, Lamentations plumbs the depths of the pathos and tragedy which fell on Judah at the time of her captivity. It also acknowledges the reason Judah was so afflicted: Confession is poured out to God on behalf of the people and fervent supplication is made for divine forgiveness. "Ah, woe to us, for we have sinned" (Lam. 5:16 Moffatt), acknowledges the prophet, as he identifies himself with his suffering people.

Traditionally, the book of Lamentations has been ascribed to Jeremiah. It is assumed the book came into being possibly during the days between the captivity of

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586 B.C. and the time when the last remnant left in Judah fled to Egypt. The book seems to give a vivid, eyewitness report of the calamity that had now fallen on the nation. It does more than this, however, for it teaches that neither nations nor individuals can keep on sinning with impunity, that seeming delay in divine judgment on sin is not to be taken as proof that sin is forgotten or ignored, that it is foolish for a nation, or an individual, to proclaim all is well when all is not well.

Though Lamentations is concerned with a particular people and a particular nation, its lessons and overtones are of universal significance today. This truth suggests it may be appropriate to ask whether our own nation, favored of God as it has been and given such great opportunity to spread the Light across the earth, has properly weighed the meaning of Judah's experience for its enlightenment and warning.

The Young Man, Daniel

Earlier than the great captivity of 586 B.C., in 605 or 606 B.C., the first deportation of captives from Judah occurred. At that time some of the most capable citizens of the land were carried away to Babylon. A young man, Daniel, and three of his companions, known as the Hebrew children, were in the group. Daniel became a prophet, but he was also a statesman of remarkable character and ability and rose to high positions of trust and responsibility in the Gentile governments of Chaldea and Persia, serving evidently during several succeeding regimes. In seventy-two years

more of service, he was one of the noblest and most faithful Israel ever produced.

Daniel had already been in Babylon for approximately twenty years when Jerusalem was destroyed and the final group of captives was brought to Babylon. His influence may have had some bearing on the consideration that captives were treated after they arrived. They were not made slaves but were settled in a fertile valley by the river Chebar where they were permitted a good deal of freedom and self-government.

Too much is said in the book of Daniel even to be summarized here. But it is in order to ask, what missionary lessons, if any, does this book disclose, that the following emphases of the book deserve to be noted.

1. God is sovereign over all nations. It mattered not whether these nations were Jewish or Gentile, or whether their rulers recognized God; God was the final judge and arbiter of their destinies. The time was to come, moreover, when even those who knew not God would acknowledge him and when even the heathen monarch would carry out God's plan, as Cyrus was to do. God, indeed, presides over history. This the book strongly affirms.

2. God's servants can usefully serve him and can be true to him anywhere. Daniel, as a high government official, even in pagan surroundings and far from his native home, dared to be faithful to God—and history witnesses to that faithfulness.

Tens of thousands of members of American churches, and Christians from other lands as well, go today to all areas of the earth. If only we were as careful as Daniel to give a consistent witness and to be true to God at whatever cost, what a different world we might have! One of our greatest needs is to convince all our church members that as professed Christians we are to be missionaries wherever we go.

3. Though God will allow the pride and fury of men and nations, and even of oppressors, to run for a time, he will finally humble them. No man is so powerful and no nation so fierce as to escape God's hand

at last. This the book of Daniel also emphasizes.

4. God never changes his purpose for his own, but will finally save them even though he must for a time discipline them. The years in Babylon for the Jews were as a refining fire, but these Hebrews were to learn that God would not forsake them if only they did not forsake him.

5. The future, as well as the present, is in God's hands. God's kingdom will come and it will endure. Some of the apocalyptic visions of Daniel are admittedly baffling to us, but their overall meaning is inescapable: God has a great tomorrow awaiting his people, even after empires have fallen and decayed.

Many see a considerable likeness between some of the things Daniel foresaw and the things revealed, for example, in John's apocalypse, the book of Revelation. With out doubt the book of Daniel had much influence on the writers of the New Testament. Many sayings of Christ himself seem to have been based on the language Daniel used and the thoughts he expressed.

Ezekiel, a Watchman

Taken in the second and great captivity of 586 B.C., was another young man who was to write his name indelibly upon the scroll of sacred fame, a priest named Ezekiel. While Jeremiah preached in Jerusalem, Ezekiel valiantly filled his own role in Babylon as a prophet, as well as a priest. Living among his people in the settlement by the river Chebar, he was in truth more than a prophet. He was also an artist and poet and a man of rare literary merit. Of deep spiritual nature, he received many visions which came to be of deep significance to his people. Resisting the tendency of his brethren to hope for an early return to Judah, he foresaw the destruction of Jerusalem, as did Jeremiah, and warned of its coming. After Judah fell, however, he set about to comfort, teach, and encourage the people. His calling, he felt, was to be a "watchman" on the tower (Ezek. 3:17).

To understand the bitterness and sorrow

of Israel at that time one needs only to read Psalm 137. Note the tones of grief it sounds: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? . . ."

Against the vindictive spirit of his fellow Hebrews Ezekiel preached several great themes of enduring meaning—of meaning for missions, as well as of value for the faith then and now. Some of these are:

1. That all men are individually responsible for what they are and do before God. This is highly significant. Not until we come to the great "whosoever" of the New Testament do we find such stalwart emphasis on individual responsibility as in Ezekiel (Ezek. 18:1-24).

2. That despite the darkness and dreadfulness of the present there was promise of a new beginning. God would regather his people, Ezekiel assured them, and would "give them one heart, and . . . put a new spirit within you [and would] take the stony heart out of their flesh, and . . . give them an heart of flesh. . . . And they shall be my people, and I will be their God" (Ezek. 11:19-20). In the light of the New Testament, this was a messianic hope that would be fulfilled in Christ and the coming of his kingdom.

3. That God wants men to repent, for he has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. "Repent . . . lest iniquity be your ruin. . . . For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God; so turn, and live" (Ezek. 18:30, 32 RSV). This appeal seems to reach the level of the New Testament assurance that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

4. That men owe an obligation to warn and help turn others from sin. Failure to do so is to have the blood of those for whom the "watchman" is responsible on his hands

(Ezek. 33:1-6). Faithful "blowing of the trumpet" by the watchman, however, releases him from guilt even though those who are warned never respond. Only when the missionary task is faithfully pursued and all men are properly warned may our responsibility as Christians be removed.

Obadiah, a Messianic Prophet

The briefest book in the Old Testament is Obadiah. Preaching perhaps not long after the destruction of Jerusalem, Obadiah's main message was a prophecy against Edom, which nation had evidently taken sides with Babylon against Judah. The treachery of Edom seemed all the worse because the people of Edom were really akin to the Jews, being descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin brother. In Obadiah's brief prophecy, God is depicted as sending a "messenger" among the "nations" to cause these nations to rise against Edom. Obadiah saw also that "the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations." His judgment is over all and "as you have done, it shall be done to you" (Obad. 15 RSV). Though the prophecy is pointed toward Edom, it contains a principle related to a note stressed by Ezekiel, namely, that individuals, as well as nations, cannot escape their own responsibility for what they do or fail to do in behalf of their fellowman. Probably the most famous statement of Obadiah is his closing remark: "The kingdom shall be the Lord's." This was truly messianic and a vast missionary conception.

In the light of all the above we may ask, What will be the judgment of the future on that which we have done to, or failed to do for, our "neighbor" in this day? How urgent is it that we pray.

O Zion, haste, thy mission, high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is
Light;
That He who made all nations is
willing
One soul should perish, lost in sleep
of night.

MARY A. THOMPSON

FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce

The Power of Negative Thinking

by Newman R. McLarry

Much has been said and written on the "Power of Positive Thinking." In fact, it has become big business. Large firms employ motivation experts and consultants to help create this positive climate in personnel. They realize that victory comes ultimately only through this positive attitude of believing, faithing, and determining to make this positive belief fruits of reality. Negative thinking destroys creativity and power in the business world.

This is even more true in Christian experience. There is destructive power in constant, excessive negativism to destroy the joy and victory of an individual, a home, a state, or a people. An incessant negative pessimism can insure defeat, sickness, and ultimately death.

Evangelism should help provide a constant climate of optimism and sense of victory for the people of God. In a peculiar way, evangelism holds this responsible place.

There are always foes to, and obstacles in the way of an optimist. There will be many to say "it can't be done," "that is the wrong way to do it," "it will not last." In a like manner, this is and always has been true in evangelism.

A survey of books and articles surprisingly reveals

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much more written on the problems than is written on the positive victories being won; the excesses, the lack of depth, the irrelevancy, the outmoded jargon, the ineffectiveness, the charlatans, and the Elmer Ganttrys, the crises excesses, the inadequate handling of children, the inadequate conservation of converts, the questions of credible evidences of genuine experience, and in short, the total negative aspects.

Our generation is plagued with armchair philosophical evangelism analysts who deal in the main with philosophical negativisms, and offer little in a positive activity aimed at the practical objective of witnessing to the lost. It is easier to analyze our negative deficiencies than to enter the arena of positive solution.

Analysis is important, but much of our analysis and planning and programing reaches no further point than "preevangel-

ism." We become so enamored with our intellectual acumen in analyzing, planning, and pointing out our weaknesses that we never go beyond this stage of "preevangelism" to the thrilling experience of practicing an enthusiastic, warmhearted, optimistic, practical everyday program of confronting men and women with the gospel of Jesus Christ to the end that they might be saved.

- We do not need analyzing as much as we need propagandizing.
- We do not need to accent our weaknesses and failures as much as we need to exploit the victories God is giving us.
- We do not need to discourage as much as we need to encourage.
- We do not need more negativisms as much as we need more positivism in evangelism.

—Reprinted from December, 1965 *Home Missions*, page 18-B

memo to Presidents

Sunbeam Band Focus Week

August 14-20 is a week which every president will want to mark on her calendar. This should be an important week in the church because it is the time for the church to focus on its missionary education program for those birth through eight years of age.

If you plan to be at Ridgecrest during the WMU Conference, August 11-17, be sure that you give the Sunbeam Band director and her committee the help they need to prepare for the week before you leave for Ridgecrest. See "Fostering" in Current Comments and also read the article concerning Sunbeam Band work, "She's Looking for Me," written by Mary Hines in this issue of *ROYAL SERVICE*.

Ridgecrest WMU Conference

Have you ever been to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly? If so, you can understand when one describes it as an incredibly beautiful place in the mountains of North Carolina. It is just seventeen miles from Asheville and may be reached by bus, car, or train. If you travel by plane, you will fly to the Asheville Airport and take a limousine from the airport to Ridgecrest which is a distance of twenty-five to thirty miles.

At Ridgecrest during the WMU Conference, August 11-17, you will have the opportunity of hearing missionaries from all areas of the world. You will profit by the study of the missionary message of the Bible and the WMU methods presentations.

For reservations write: Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.

Prayer Retreat

Has your WMS had a prayer retreat this year? If not, plan one for August. One of the most ideal locations for a prayer retreat is at someone's summer home or a nearby lake, or a park or some quiet place in the woods. The 1965-66 emphasis for prayer retreats is Proclamation and Witness, and the Prayer Retreat pamphlet shows how to de-

velop your retreat around this emphasis. Order the pamphlet from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores for 10 cents each.

Language Missions Week

August 28-September 4 has been designated by our denomination as Language Missions Week. Are you asking what is the purpose of another special week? Perhaps so, but as president you will want to know the significance which this week has for your church.

This should be a week when every church in the Southern Baptist Convention will discover its opportunity for ministering to different language groups. Make a survey to determine whether there are those in your community who speak a language other than English. There may be war brides living near you, or migrants, or international students, or some who are in business in your community.

Find out if there are such people among you. Now, what are their needs? Ask them: Do they need to learn English? Do they need a friend? Do they need someone to understand them and to help them adjust to a new culture, a new way of life? Find out about their faith, their beliefs. Could your church start a mission for those who do not understand English? Make Language Missions Week a time of discovering needs and beginning a ministry to language groups in your community. (See "How to Work with Language Groups" in 1965-66 after July 15) from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores.)

Evaluating

Can you realize that the 1965-66 WMU Year is almost over? Just one more month! Before it is too late, check up on yourself and the WMU work in your church. Remember those high standards you set for yourself when you first accepted the presidency? Have you kept them before you as guides throughout the year? Have you made a good president? Have you worked well with the other WMU officers and with the leaders of the other church program organizations? Has the Woman's Missionary Union been a great missionary influence in your church throughout the year?

By October 3 the annual WMU report of your church will be due. Will your WMU be Minor? Advanced? Approved? Have all of

the organizations been working toward recognition in Aims for Advancement?

You recall that the emphasis of our denomination for 1965-66 has been Proclamation and Witness. We trust that the members of your Woman's Missionary Union have been made more aware of their responsibility and opportunity for witnessing and have become more earnest witnesses during this year. The success of this year's work and each succeeding year will be determined by the effectiveness of our proclamation and witness, the real purpose of our organization.

memo to Circle Chairmen

A Study of Major Cults

During this quarter we are studying some of the major cults. Last month we studied the Mormons; this month we study Christian Science, and next month Jehovah's Witnesses. These studies should be most interesting for we often come in contact with those who have accepted the teachings of these cults. There will be circle members who have friends and neighbors who are among these groups, too. Pray that these studies will be enlightening and helpful to each circle member. Our purpose this quarter is to study the major beliefs of each of these cults and to suggest ways a Christian can witness to followers of the cults. Read the article in *ROYAL SERVICE*, "A Christian Scientist in Our Family."

Great Is the Company

The recommended book for July, August, September to be studied in circles or in societies, with circles studying together, is

Great Is the Company by Violet Wood. It is a very appropriate study since 1968 is the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society. This year has been called "The Year of the Bible." *Great Is the Company* is a study of how the Word of God has been translated and made available in many languages. It tells of the great company of men and women whose lives have been sacrificed in order that the Bible might go around the world. This study should cause WMS members to appreciate to a greater degree the Bible they possess, and to be more faithful in its study and practice. Urge circle members to read the book and to participate in the study. Teacher's Helps by Merle Hill Parsons may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores for 25 cents each.

Reporting Materials

Have circle members used the individual monthly report sheets regularly? If so, there should be no problems involved in transferring this information to the blanks provided in the Circle Report Book. These monthly reports from each circle enable the president and the WMU council (executive board) to check WMS progress and to make midyear and annual reports. In just one more month

the annual report of your Woman's Missionary Union will be due. When each circle chairman cooperates in getting her report in on time and makes sure that it is current and legible, then the president can easily transfer circle reports to the WMS report blanks. The Individual Monthly Record Sheet for WMS member is 25 for 25 cents. 100 for 75 cents (packaged only as listed), and the Circle Report Book is 25 cents. These may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores. The WMS Report Book may be secured according to your state plan.

Reports are an important. As you study the individual reports of your circle members, they give you some understanding of how effective your leadership has been. Have members been led into mission study through regular attendance at meetings? Have they been led to read mission books, *Royal Service*, *The Commission* and *Home Missions* magazines? Have they become titheers and good stewards of the nine tenths? Have they participated in prayer plans and plans for mission action in the community?

Study your reports. Evaluate the work of your circle and determine to make good use of the remaining weeks of 1965-66 WMU Year.

Promotional Features



AT YOUR MEETINGS

by Doris DeVault, Coordinator of Special Services and Book Consultant, WMU SBC

SOCIETY •

Vacation Reading—Missionary Reading

Preparation: On a small table display (between bookends) copies of the following books which may be purchased at Baptist Book Stores:

Great Is the Company
by Violet Wood, \$1.25

Not Alone
by Eunice V. Pike, 59¢

Bill Wallace of China
by Jesse C. Fletcher, \$2.95

Christian Witnessing
by Floy Barnard, 85¢

On another table arrange a display of various translations of the Bible such as the King James Version, American Standard Version, Revised Standard Version, Weymouth, Moffatt, The New English Bible. If possible display the Scriptures in different languages in Braille, and in talking records.

Copy each of the following quotes on a separate slip of paper. As members arrive distribute the quotations to be read later.

That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with profit—Alcott.

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.—Mark Twain.

One rises from a good book a changed being, with wider horizons, broader sympathies, and a deeper comprehension."

—John D. Snider

"Resolve to do a little reading every day if it is but a single sentence"—Horace Mann.

From construction paper cut three keys, 12 to 15 inches long. Print on one key "Information," another "Adventure," another "Action." Put tape on the backs of the keys so they can be placed on a chalkboard or poster board.

Preparation: Following the reading of the quotations present the books from the bookends.

Reading is the key to "information" (Place the key, "Information," on the board. Pick up the book, *Great Is the Company*, and hold it before the group for presentation. Follow this same procedure for other books.)

Did you know in 1410 those possessing copies of the Wycliffe Bible were "hunted down as if they were wild beasts," then burned with copies of the book hung around their necks?

Did you know a little Welsh girl, Mary Jones, after saving her money for five years walked twenty-five miles to purchase a Bible—then cried because no copy was available?

Within the pages of *Great Is the Company* one discovers fascinating information about Bible translation. *Great Is the Company* is the recommended book for current study. (Announce here the plans for the next study season. If study of the book has not started yet, then stimulate interest in making plans for it. Call attention to the book display of Bible translations.) Urge members to read the book *Great Is the Company*.

Reading is the key to "adventure" (Hold up book, *Not Alone*.) The author of *Not Alone*, Eunice Pike, relates experiences in translating the Scriptures for an isolated people in Mexico. Her faith and courage are unsurpassed in twentieth century pioneering. (Point up this book as an excellent one for reading during *The Year of the Bible* 1966.)

(Challenge members to read Bill Wallace of China.) The story of this missionary hero will add new spiritual dimension to the life of each reader.

Reading is the key to "action" (Hold up book, *Christian Witnessing*.) This book is more than a text to be read for renewing the WMS leadership card this year. It is a personal challenge to Christian concern and action. Read it for inspiration and guidance in Christian service.

Sunbeam Band Focus Week

Preparation: On a large calendar circle in red the dates of Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 14-20.

Make sunburst corsages by placing large (2") gummed Sunbeam Band emblem seals on yellow paper circles. Seals are available, 25 for 30¢ (35¢ after July 15); packaged by 25's only from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores.

Presentation: Ask WMS members who were members of a Sunbeam Band to stand. Quickly pass to each former Sunbeam Band member a Sunbeam corsage to be pinned on her left shoulder. Ask two WMS members to give brief testimonies about the influence of Sunbeam Band in their lives.

Call attention to the calendar and Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 14-20. Recognize Sunbeam Band director and leaders present.

CIRCLE •

by Marjean Patterson, WMS Director, Mississippi

Enlistment Feature

With the end of summer, vacations are over and families are preparing for the coming of autumn and the beginning of school. This is an opportune time to contact women for membership in the circle.

"Enlistment by Appointment" is a plan whereby a woman who is now actively participating in WMS assumes responsibility for one prospective member and proceeds to endeavor to enlist her in the missionary society.

A WMS Membership Folder (15¢ a dozen (25 for 30¢ after July 15) from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street or Baptist Book Stores) is given to each member of the circle. She then telephones the prospect and arranges for an appointment with her.

The membership folder contains an abbreviated Statement of Aims for Advancement and, as the member discusses the various facets of WMS work, the prospective member is caused to become familiar with the total plan of work.

When the prospective member agrees to become a member, then she is given the membership folder with her name, the name of the church, and the date written on the appropriate lines on the back of the folder.

Reading of Mission Study Book, *Great Is the Company*

Miss Violet Wood has chosen as the title of our fourth quarter mission study book a phrase from Psalm 68:11: "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." *Great Is the Company* is a thrilling book which tells of the ways the Bible has been preserved through the ages.

The year 1964 marks the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society which has been so instrumental in publishing the Bible in so many languages of the world.

Display several Bibles on a table, each one a different translation, or with an unusual binding, or in a language other than English and suggest that the circle members will be more grateful for the Bible after they have read of how many risked their lives in order that it might be published in the many languages of the world. (See suggested promotional feature for society, "Variation Reading—Missionary Reading.")

Preview of September Society Program

September is the time when children are returning to school in our country. Schools have played a significant part in the development of Baptist leaders in Central America.

Prepare a small folder, approximately 4 by 8 inches for each member, on which the following information is printed:

The governments of most Central American nations provide free elementary education, and laws require children to go to school. Many children do not attend because so few schools have been built and because children must work to help support their families. Almost all the people of Costa Rica can read and write; 70 percent of the people in Guatemala over ten years old can read, but only about 40 percent of the people in Honduras and Nicaragua are literate.

On the reverse side of the folder, write "Come and learn more about Central America and the educational program of Baptists which has resulted in the development of national leadership." Add date, place, and time of meeting.



Fostering

The first step in missionary education in a church is the Sunbeam Nursery. This is the reason Woman's Missionary Societies feel a responsibility for fostering Sunbeam Bands. Today many missionaries say "It was in the Sunbeam Band that I learned there were in the world boys and girls who did not know about Jesus." Recently a missionary from Indonesia said "When I first heard that there were in the world children who did not know about Jesus, I thought that's not right. Somebody ought to go tell them about Jesus."

From such teaching, seeds are planted in the mind and heart of a child and cultivated through experiences of sharing and praying and helping others for Jesus' sake. The spirit of missions developed within a child through the Sunbeam Band leads to missionary service in the community and unto the uttermost part of the world through prayer and gifts and with life sometimes.

The article, "She's Looking for Me" in Royal Service this month written by Miss Mary Hines, Sunbeam Band Director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, suggests several fostering opportunities. Read the article and ask yourself these questions: Is our WMS providing a sufficient number of trained leaders for the Sunbeam Nurseries and Sunbeam Bands needed in our church? Do they have the financial help they need? Do WMS members pray for our Sunbeam Band leaders? help with visitation? telephoning? transportation? collecting pictures and other materials? Do WMS members express appreciation for the missionary education work of our Sunbeam Band leaders?

Determine that your WMS will adequately foster Sunbeam Band work in your church. Sunbeam Band Focus Week is a good time to begin. August 14-20.

Study of The Missionary Message of the Bible

Every educational organization in the church has a teaching task, but the content to be taught by each organization is distinctive. Woman's Missionary Union is to teach missions. The study materials of WMU organizations include the missionary message of the Bible, the progress of Christian missions, and contemporary missions.

Teaching the missionary message of the Bible is foundational to our study and action programs. Where an effective job is done, members develop a growing understanding of God's missionary purpose for the world.

Each month lessons in the study of the missionary message of the Bible are in Royal Service. A booklet, "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: Joshua Through Malachi," 50 cents, has been available during 1963-66 from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or from Baptist Book Stores.

If you do not already have your copy of the booklet mentioned above, order one while they are still available. During 1966-67 our lessons will be based on New Testament passages of the Scriptures, and helps for this study will be provided in Royal Service.

Alternate Plan of Organization

Do you know about the alternate plan of organization for a WMS? Some say "It's what we've been waiting for." "It's what we've needed for a long time." "It's solved our problem!"

This alternate plan of organization was developed for the small WMS, and the pamphlet explaining the plan is entitled "WMU Organizational Plan for Society Without Circles." This plan, which calls for fewer officers and no standing committees, is being experimented with by societies and circles of all sizes.

Over and over we've heard, "We need a simplified plan of organization, one that is more flexible." You may want to investigate the plan and see if it meets your need more adequately than the regular or basic plan of organization explained in the WMS Manual.

The pamphlet "WMU Organizational Plan for Society Without Circles" may be secured free from your state WMU office.

Sunbeam Band Focus Week

August 14-20 is a special time for the

church to focus attention on the Sunbeam Band organizations. The Sunbeam Band director is the key person who will be asking for assistance through the council (executive board). WMS members can assist Sunbeam Band committee members in carrying out plans for the week.

Time on the WMS program can be planned for the director and leaders to share the plans they have for their work.

Focus week can be an outstanding one in the church. Plans can include a parent-leader meeting, Christmas-in-August party, special visitation, and day camp for eight-year-olds. WMS members can give real assistance to leaders in carrying out these plans. Help is often needed with publicity, preparation of food, and transportation.

Fostering help is needed all year, but Sunbeam Band Focus Week is a special time when extra help is needed.

Missionary education for children is promoting world missions.

Keeping Up-to-Date Community Missions Survey

Making a community missions survey is most essential to an adequate, well-balanced community missions program. It is the only way to know the community and its needs. If a complete community missions survey has not been made of your community, make a survey of all areas of community life and need. The WMS Manual explains clearly the survey, how to begin, and what questions to ask.

After a complete survey is made of the community (churches, recreational areas, schools, parks located on the map), it is not necessary to make such a thorough survey every year. But the survey should be kept current. As changes take place in the community, these should be shown on the map, and as additional information is gathered, the survey should be altered.

Spiritual and physical conditions of a community change from day to day. People move into the community and institutions are erected. Persons of special need increase so the community missions survey should reflect these changes. Members of the community missions committee will seek to be aware of what is happening in the community. They will take advantage of information gathered through the church census. They will keep in touch with city and county officials to discover special needs, and by personal investigation they will encounter opportunities for service which should keep their community missions survey up-to-date.



Society

The setting is a classroom. At the front of the room have a desk or table and on a chalkboard or easel display a map of Malaysia (order from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6397, Richmond, Virginia 23230). In publicity and invitations, ask each woman to bring to the meeting a newspaper or magazine which an article concerning Malaysia appeared within the past week. Also, ask each to bring the August issue of *ROYAL SERVICE*.

Lesson on Current Events—In the beginning allow five minutes for several to tell briefly what she has read concerning Malaysia.

Report on Homework—Ask five women to come prepared to tell about Kuala Lumpur, Brunei, Sarawak, Sabah, and the Strait of Malacca. Each should have an arrow to attach to the map, before she speaks, to pinpoint area. Locate position for arrow before meeting begins.

Classwork—Distribute a "test" and ask the women to open *ROYAL SERVICE* to page 38, "Spread the Word," and find the answers. The "test" should include the following questions and more if desired. When did Baptists first go to Malaysia? Southern Baptists? Name the places where women have helped in establishing churches and missions. Which missionary baptized eleven people last December? What means of communication would encourage Bible study? What special group has been an important part of the missions effort? What is the ratio of young people preparing for vocational Christian service in the Malaysian churches? Have any new villages been entered with the gospel? Give the name of a city in which there is an English-language church. What is outstanding about the work in Kuala Lumpur?

Report on Homework—Ask two women to give the testimonies.

Assignment—For homework, assign the three points of "Tell the Story."

Last Bell—Dismiss with prayer for mis-

by Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director
North Carolina WMU

sions effort in Malaysia, the missionaries, national Christians, and for the leaders of Malaysia.

Circle

The setting for this program can be a Christian Science Reading Room. In one corner of the room have a table with a copy of the Bible and a copy of *Science and Health with Keys to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. If this book cannot be secured, put a colored paper cover on a book and write the name and author in black crayon on the front. Display leaflets suggested under "Resource Materials," page 32, and also the newspaper, *Christian Science Monitor*. If this cannot be secured, on another newspaper replace the name with the name of this newspaper. Place three chairs around the table on which a sign reading "Christian Science Reading Room" is displayed.

One person standing outside the reading room gives the "Introduction" and "The Origin of Christian Science."

Next, look in on the scene taking place in the reading room. Three persons are seated at the table, one is answering the questions asked by the other two individuals concerning the "Teachings of Christian Science" and "Christian Science and Her Mission." Questions should include what followers of Christian Science believe concerning God, Jesus, Holy Ghost, healing, and prayer.

Following the scene, a person not in the reading room should share "The Appeal of Christian Science." Ask the question, Why has Christian Science had a degree of acceptance, and then answer it.

The program chairman will make the "Suggested Approaches to Christian Science," which may be followed with discussion before the study is concluded.

If the program chairman can visit a Christian Science Reading Room before the program, it would be helpful in her understanding of this educational approach.

Call to Prayer

Prepared by Marge Caldwell

Refreshing Fragrance

Someone prayed for me as I went
about my daily tasks,
And that prayer was wafted
through the air
As a refreshing fragrance
And brought a breath of Spring
into my life.

—Carolyn Rhea in *My Heart Kneels Too*,
\$1.50 from Baptist
Book Stores. Used by
permission.

1 MONDAY O Lord, to thee will I cry, for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. *Joel 1:18* (read vv. 17, 14-20).

A Baptist missions leader estimates that there are 35 million people in the United States who can be classified as in "language" groups, some of whom have difficulty in understanding English. In most instances, old cultural patterns are cherished. In almost every city there are people who recently have come to our shores and are contributing to our national life. What a tremendous challenge and opportunity for Baptists in our country to be missionaries at home.

PRAY FOR ALL IN THIS GROUP WHO DO NOT KNOW CHRIST AND FOR THOSE WHO WITNESS TO THEM

Pray for Irene Chambers, Ark., field worker; L. S. Craig, Birmingham, Ala.; Negro, et. Mrs. Larry Gardner, Cincinnati, Ohio; MC Mrs. E. C. Branch, Ft. Hall, Idaho; Ind. et. H. E. Hurst, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Mrs. J. R. LeRoy, Porto Alegre, Brazil; Mrs. J. B. Durham, Enugu, Nigeria, et.; Joan Carter, Tanzania; et. Lou Elynn Coffey, Gaza, M.J.; Mr. H. L. Blankenship, Tripoli, Libya; MA; Mr. W. H. Lichter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, et.

1 TUESDAY And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13* (read vv. 12-20).

Dr. Castle Parker, a dentist in Murray, Kentucky, and his family wanted to be short-term missionaries during their vacation. He wrote to missionaries in Guatemala, the Charles Allens, and they decided to go there. What a wonderful experience was theirs in this experience. The Parkers and Allens also worked together in reaching people for Christ in the area.

Pray for Mr. Allen, J. K. Park, Valparaiso, Chile; J. T. Owens, Torreon, Mexico; Mrs. W. A. Cowley, Jos, Nigeria; W. L. Hashman, III, Tokyo, Japan, et.; J. A. Smith, Tokyo, Japan, et.; E. G. Guatcher, Bangkok, Thailand; BA; Mrs. J. W. Fielder, China; S. L. Watson, Brazil; et.; M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii; Mrs. L. G. Ogden, Sr., Lusaka, Zambia, et.; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sandlin, Phoe-

Missions are listed on their birthdays. Address in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6397, Richmond, Virginia 23230, and in HOME MISSIONS.

Ariz., Ind. ev.; C. F. Landon, Mesa, Ariz., deaf ev.; Sandra Harvey, Washington, D. C., MC.

3 WEDNESDAY And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. *Joel 2:32 (read vv. 21-32).*

Many work in offices in strategic places in church, association, state, and Southern Baptist Convention offices. There also are office workers who are missionaries overseas. **PRAY FOR THESE WHO SERVE IN STRATEGIC PLACES.**

Pray for Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, Va.; ret.; R. G. Medrano, Okla., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ed.; J. E. Terry, Campinas, Brazil; Mrs. K. D. Shelton, Peru, D. M. Layton, Keelung, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. W. McMillan, Arusha, Tanzania, soc.

4 THURSDAY Can two walk together, except they be agreed? *Amos 3:3 (read vv. 1-8).*

"Mission periods at the Home Mission Conference this summer will deal with communicating the gospel Bible principals in communication, social, and ethical practices that make God's Word relevant, witnessing in public affairs will be emphasized." These words from Dr. L. O. Griffith of the Home Mission Board describe the benefits of Home Mission Week, which begins today, at Glorieta, New Mexico. **PRAY FOR THIS SIGNIFICANT WEEK, AUGUST 4-10.**

Pray for Mrs. C. R. Bailey, Mexico, Mrs. D. L. Miller, Garanhuns, Brazil, J. N. Thomas, Spain, ev.; Ruth Womack, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. K. J. Myers, Jr., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, J. L. Reeder, Md., Philippines, MD; Grace Wells, China-Hawaii-Indonesia, ret.

5 FRIDAY And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. *Amos 7:15 (read vv. 7-15).*

Has your church had a missionary speaker recently? Dr. Rodney Wolfard spoke in a church about his experience as a missionary in Brazil, and one man in that church caught a thrilling vision of missions. Since then, this man's influence has been felt throughout the church. He testified: "I was deeply touched by Dr. Wolfard's deep sincerity, and his heart so full of love for the lost world." **PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH.**

Pray for Mr. Wolfard, Rio de Janeiro, H. G. Smith, Penang, Malaysia, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Angeles, Philippines, J. F. M. Wiley, Jr., Dacca, E. Pakistan, ev.; Mrs. J. A. McGarock, Chile, ret.; Gilbert Oakley, Florida, H. M., Sp. sp. ev.; R. L. Gross, A. M., N.M., MC; William Davis, Jackson, Miss., Negro ev.

6 SATURDAY And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. *Eph. 6:4 (read Ex. 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; Luke 2:31-32; Eph. 6:1-4).*

Four new churches were added to the European Baptist Convention (English-language) in its annual meeting, held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Paris, France, last fall, bringing the total to thirty-nine. Messengers were from churches in Germany, France, Spain, England, Luxembourg, and Italy. Rev. Jack Carter, of Kassel, Germany, challenged the churches to seek new means of witnessing. Led of the Holy Spirit, let us all so seek! **PRAY FOR EUROPEAN BAPTISTS.**

Pray for J. H. Law, Mombasa, Kenya, ed. Dorothy Emmens, Nairobi, Kenya, soc. Milton Murphy, Petah Tikva, Israel, ap. Norman Muser, Kediri, Indonesia, med.; Mrs. L. J. Harper, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN. Hake Smith, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. C. D. Doyle, Costa Rica, J. E. Pussey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, ev.; E. L. Brock, Md., SM, Della Ruth Smith, Lexington, Ky. Mrs. T. H. York, Columbia, S.C., GWC.

SUNDAY August 7 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. *Amos 8:11 (read vv. 4-14).*

When Jesus said "upon this rock I will build my church," he spoke of a principle. But at Chidothi, a village in Malawi Central Province, a church has been founded literally upon a rock. On this particular rock, one of many huge formations, villagers gather to hear the gospel. From a vantage point on the "back row" of the natural amphitheater, a worshiper can look out upon an African panorama. Beyond the circle of thatch huts lies a valley, beautifully green the year around. Small brown patches of villages nestle in the hills beyond. Distant mountains form a backdrop. Upon this rock, villagers assemble to hear Pastor Mankhwazi and his flock.

ag. agriculture
SA business administration
ad. education
sv. evangelism
GWC good will center
Ind. Indian
IR juvenile rehabilitation
MA missionary associate
MC mission center
MD doctor
med. medical
MJ missionary journalism
pub. publication
ret. retired
RN nurse
SM superintendent of mission
soc. social work
Sp. sp. Spanish-speaking
sup. superintendent
SW student work
Tst. teacher-missionary
WDM weekday ministry
* furlough

missionary C. E. Thomas. **PRAY FOR THIS WITNESS.**

Pray for B. T. Thorpe, Lilongwe, Malawi, W. W. Lawton, Jr., Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. V. N. Varner, Brazil, ed.; Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, Colon, Panama, ev.; Elizabeth Lundy, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; J. Z. Alexander, Raleigh, N. C., TM.

1 MONDAY Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. *Obad. 4 (read vv. 1-9).*

Howard and Marjorie Olive, missionaries in Baguio, Philippines, with their family while home on furlough lived on the campus of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, where Dr. Olive taught. A visit to the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth was also an important part of furlough experiences. Dr. Olive is engaged in radio-evangelism in the Philippines. **PRAY FOR THIS FAR-REACHING WORK.**

Pray for Mrs. T. C. Bennett, Comilla, E. Pakistan, Mrs. R. M. Bradley, Seoul, Korea, R. W. Herrell, Limuru, Kenya, Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Brasilia, Brazil, ev.; Marian Sanders, Turreon, Mexico, ed.; Sara Frances Taylor, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tomoki Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, BA, Dora Howard, E. Pakistan, RN, Betty Jean Sisk, Roanoke, Va., GWC.

2 TUESDAY And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. *Jonah 1:12 (read vv. 1-17).*

Kahaluu Baptist Chapel in Kaneohe, Hawaii, a mission of Pali View Baptist Church, was organized seven years ago. This mission is on the windward side of the island of Oahu in a quiet, easy-going community where construction workers, farmers, businessmen, professional people, and military personnel live. **PRAY FOR THIS COMMUNITY.**

Pray for Mrs. B. F. Belvin, Okmulgee, Okla., Ind. ev.; Edelmira Robinson, Cuba, ret.; R. R. Greenwood, Antigua, Guatemala, Mrs. Maurice Smith, Kumasi, Ghana, Mrs. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ev.; W. J. Ferguson, Nigeria, J. D. Watts, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, ed.; Mrs. W. E. Emanuel, Hyogo, Japan, RN.

10 WEDNESDAY When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. *Jonah 2:7 (vv. 1-10).*

"Where shall we go on our vacation?" This is a perennial question. One family decided they would like to see missions points, as well as the Home Mission Board's home in Atlanta and WMU headquarters in Birmingham. (Read "Vacation—1968" in June Royal Slave for vacation ideas.) Wherever your family is for the remainder of the summer, there are significant activities to engage in. **PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY.**

Pray for R. P. Bellington, Porto Velho, Brazil, Mrs. A. P. Neely, Cali, M. L. Corley, Bucaramanga, Colombia, J. B. Slack, Manila, Philippines, C. L. Whaley, Jr., Yokohama, C. S. Boatwright, Sendai, Japan, P. M. Moore, Dalat, Vietnam, Mrs. J. N. Westmoreland, Goatsoma, Rhodesia, ev.; Mrs. D. L. Saunders, Arusha, Tanzania, RN, Larry Keston, Israel, MJ, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, Mary Crawford, China-Hawaii, Mrs. C. D. Hardy, Brazil, ret.

11 THURSDAY Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. *Jonah 3:2 (read vv. 1-10).*

Missionaries Lewis and Adeline Krause are in Germany in an English-language Baptist church, which was organized last year with nineteen charter members. Attending were forty-five persons, mostly American servicemen and their families. **PRAY FOR THIS SIGNIFICANT CHURCH.**

Pray for Mrs. Krause, Wiesloch; Roberta E.

Reverie

The Master's Call

Looking at our world today,
So beautiful, but full of sin,
We hear the blessed Saviour say,
You can be beautiful within.
If you will hear me and obey.

I came, a more abundant life I gave,
That peace and joy should dwell within.
Look unto me and freely live,
And share with those who are within.
Give of your means and earnest prayer,
For whiteden harvests wait in vain,
And hungry hearts are in despair,
And you can serve in word and deed.

Maude Deland Fryer
Baptist Village
Waycross, Georgia

Hampton, Brazil, pub.: I. B. Williams, Flagstaff, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.

12 FRIDAY And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than six-score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle? *Jonah 4:11* (read vv. 1-11).

Three young men confessed Christ as Saviour following a sermon on victorious living. The three had been converted a few days earlier during private conferences. One was from a Christian background; the others were Muslim. The following Sunday, a Hindu made profession of faith. So wrote W. Trueman Moore, missionary in Dacca, East Pakistan. He said that a week later the young men were threatened and persecuted. **PRAY FOR THESE YOUNG MEN**

Pray for Mr. Moore. Mrs. H. E. Spurgeon, Tainan, Taiwan, Mrs. B. C. Thomas, E. W. Glass, Singapore, Mrs. O. K. Bozeman, Jr., Seoul, Korea, Mrs. J. E. Hampton, Arusha, Tanzania, ev.; Mrs. D. L. Jester, Minna, Nigeria, A. B. Craighead, Rivoli-Turn, Italy, Mrs. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, May Perry, Nigeria, ret.; Gary Carpenter, Key West, Fla., Sp. sp. ev.

13 SATURDAY Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. *1 John 3:15* (read Ex. 20:12, Matt. 5:21-24, 43-44; *1 John 3:15-18, 4:20-21*).

"There was this fellow, see, that I wanted to have a fight with, and I figured the best place to look for him was in the pool hall. But when I got there, all these people were listening to a fellow talk about Jesus and love, and peace of mind, and freedom from sin. And I forgot about fighting because this

was what I had been looking for." So spoke Ernesto, a young man who wandered into a Baptist service in Manizales, Colombia.

The building in which the service was held had been "feverishly" remodeled from pool hall to auditorium by local Baptists in time for the opening of an evangelistic campaign, reports Mrs. J. Thomas Norman, Southern Baptist missionary. The young man came back each night bringing others with him. "He wants to know the Bible, change his life completely, and win his brothers and then his friends to Christ," said Mrs. Norman. "We haven't had time to teach him that he ought to desire to do these things, he wants to do them because the Holy Spirit is working in his life." **PRAY FOR HIM**

Pray for Mrs. J. T. Owens, Torreon, Mexico, ed.; Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. L. G. Fielder, Fukuoka, Mrs. D. R. Hrus, Aomori, Japan, D. H. Whitson, Mbeys, Tanzania, ev.; William Barkley, Baltimore, Md., SM, Mrs. C. M. Villarreal, N.M., ret.

SUNDAY August 14 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. *Micah 4:2* (read vv. 1-7).

"The phone rang and I heard Max, our thirteen-year-old son, answer it. After a pause, he called me. It was Adee, saying that she and her fiance, Gilberto, would like to spend the weekend with us. We love them, but this was a very busy weekend. I felt this was just too much! However, I told them to come," so wrote Mrs. Henry Jones. "The next day was my birthday. My

night, I had called early in the week to say that she wanted to have a birthday party for me and invite several English-speaking couples from the church over for refreshments. Of course, we took Adee and Gilberto and everyone was so wonderful to them.

"They attended our services Sunday morning, and after the service, Gilberto expressed a desire to become a Christian. So, while I prepared dinner, Hank opened his Bible and led Gilberto to the Lord. As this young couple left that Sunday afternoon, we thanked God for the most wonderful birthday present I have ever received—the salvation of this young man!" **PRAY FOR THIS COUPLE**

Pray for Mrs. Haynes, Maracaibo, Venezuela, SW, Mrs. B. W. Coffman, San Domingo, Dominican Republic, Mary D. Stampely, Ghana, Mrs. G. D. Phillips, Triangle, Rhodesia, H. L. Riley, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. J. A. Trudewy, Taipei, Taiwan, Jazie Short, Kuching, Hong Kong, Mrs. M. E. Fells, Lima, Peru, J. C. Mills, Liberia, ed.; L. G. Bradford, Tokyo, Japan, MA, Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., China-Hong Kong-Taiwan, ret.

15 MONDAY 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 vv. 1-8).

Back in 1932 the brewing industry set a goal. Let the traffic's own magazine, *Brewery News*, of that year tell of it. "Not one tenth of 1 percent of the youth of America knows the taste of real beer. We must educate them!" From then until now they have conducted a subtle and unrelenting campaign to get boys and girls. Teen-age drinking is soaring and our young people are suffering in every area of their lives! **PRAY ABOUT THIS TRAGEDY**

Pray for Mrs. E. L. Hamrick, Alexandria, Va., MC, Mrs. D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, Mrs. A. R. Milligan, Mombasa, Kenya, ev.; Eleanor Harper, Oshogbo, Nigeria, MJ, Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, China, J. E. Jackson, China-Japan-Philippines, ret.; Alaska WML Annual Meeting, Anchorage, 15-16.

16 TUESDAY The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. *Nahum 1:3* (read vv. 1-4).

Dr. and Mrs. Harlan Willis, missionaries to Bangkok, Thailand, wrote: "The hospital here makes progress and is meeting great physical

need, but as yet not many conversions. It is impossible to convey to you the daily circumstances, working conditions, and physical conditions of the patients. We have had several hospital cases that have seemed like miracles to us. Two have recovered, come to know Christ, and have gone back to their villages. Through them others have come to know Christ. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE**

Pray for R. L. Lindsey, Jerusalem, Israel, Mrs. E. B. Dozier, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. A. J. Green, Campinas, Brazil, ed.; R. W. Burnett, Buenos Aires, Argentina, R. N. Billinger, Managua, Liberia, L. H. Neil, Oshogbo, Nigeria, BA, C. F. Eaglesfield, Yaba, Nigeria, pub.; Mrs. C. F. Landon, Mesa, Ariz., deaf, ev.

17 WEDNESDAY Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked decurth the man that is more righteous than he? *Hab. 1:13* (read vv. 1-13).

Have you heard of Christmas in August? Of course you have if you have a Sunbeam Band member in your family. Here it is August again and another opportunity to help many home missionaries by supplying them with items which they can use at Christmas time in their work. Look on page 2 and find out where to send Christmas-in-August packages, and encourage Sunbeam Band, GA, and YWA members to help. **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO USE THESE MATERIALS**

Pray for C. M. Case, Shiprock, N.M., Ind. ev.; J. E. Conry, St. Bernard, La., French ev.; Willie Johnson, Emmonak, Alaska, ev.; Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, rupt.

18 THURSDAY I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. *Hab. 2:1* (read vv. 1-8, 18-20).

The Chofu Baptist Church, with about one hundred members, was organized last May; the sixth English-language church in Japan. It began as a mission of the English-language Tokyo Baptist Church. About fifty members came from the sponsoring church and ten from Kanto Plains Church, an English-language congregation on Tokyo's outskirts. Missionary Worth C. Grant serves as interim pastor. **PRAY FOR AMERICANS IN JAPAN**

Pray for Mrs. Grant, Tokyo, J. C. Cathoun, Jr., Singapore, C. H. Lashon, Sr., Manila, Philippines, Mrs. H. B. Lee, Jr., Vancouver, France, Mrs. W. W. Donehoo, Bogota, Colom-

bia, ev.; Martha Hairston,* Recife, Brazil.
T. O. High, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed.; Alice
Miller, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Irene Brantum,
Pusan, Korea, RN; Mrs. P. H. Anderson,
China-Hawaii, ret.; E. C. Wilson, Campo
Grande, Brazil, SW; T. M. Woo, Port Arthur,
Tex., Edna Ruth Woolfer, Washington, D. C.,
MC.

19 FRIDAY The Lord God is my strength,
and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and
he will make me to walk upon mine high
places. To the chief singer on my stringed in-
struments Hag 3:19 (read vv. 1-6, 17-19).

Marjorie Glass, missionary wife of Ernest
Glass in Malaysia, writes: "Ernest devotes
full time to church development. For several
months he has been interim pastor of Singa-
pore Baptist Church—the only Mandarin-
language Baptist church in Malaysia. He also
has been helping Leng Kwang Baptist
Church develop an English service. Mandarin-
language work in another area of Singapore
needs to be started now. PRAY FOR THIS
WORK.

Pray for Vera Gardner, Bangkok, Thailand,
RN, B. P. Keith,* Seppora, Mrs. M. J. Wright,
Jr., Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. M. D. Stedd, Enugu,
Nigeria, Mrs. G. S. Harvey, Salisbury, Rhod-
esia, G. E. Joiner, Guayaquil, Ecuador, ev.;
E. W. Parker, New Orleans, La., Negro ev.;
S. P. Mireles, Tex., ret.

20 SATURDAY Finally, brethren, whatso-
ever things are true, whatsoever things are
honest, whatsoever things are just, whatso-
ever things are pure, whatsoever things are
lovely, whatsoever things are of good report,
if there be any virtue, and if there be any
praise, think on these things Phil. 4:8 (read
Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:27-28; John 8:3-11).

Today's "circuit riders" are different from
those who stuffed extra shirts into saddle-
bags and took off on trusty steeds. Today they
keep a copy of the next plane schedule in a
pocket or purse. Modern mounts aren't named
"Tobe" or "Nell," but Convair 440, Boeing
707. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MUST
TRAVEL.

Pray for Carol Levinson, Nigeria, M.J. Mrs.
E. H. Clark,* Kisumu, Kenya, Mrs. R. F.
Nicholas, Gaza, Mrs. W. J. Moorhead,* Duran
City, Philippines, D. E. Metzer,* Takamatsu,
Japan, Mrs. E. J. Whitley, Jr., Maracaibo,
Venezuela, P. W. Noland, Victoria, Brazil, ev.;
J. R. Allen, Mrs. J. J. Cousert, Brazil, ret.;
Mrs. R. L. Kolb, Cidade de Barra, Brazil, Mrs.
J. D. W. Watts, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzer-
land, ed.

SUNDAY August 21

The Lord thy God in the
midst of thee, O ye
will save, he will
over thee with joy; he will
will joy over thee with singing Zech
3:17 (read vv. 14-20).

There was a report in a recent *Crosser*
that Rev. Augusto Abella, who was jailed in
Havana, Cuba, in 1964, has died after a short
illness. He had been a pastor at Santiago
Cuba. He was imprisoned along with many
Southern Baptist Convention missionaries,
including Dr. Herbert Caudill, who was in
charge of Baptist work in Western Cuba.
PRAY FOR THE IMPRISONED.

Pray for G. B. Cousert, Porto Alegre,
Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Bartley, Jr., Montevideo,
Uruguay, W. E. Allen, Tanzania, Mrs. P. S.
C. Smith, Amman, Jordan, Mrs. B. L. Spear,
Ayudhya, Thailand, Mrs. L. E. McCall,
Apaga, Guam, Mrs. M. H. Lamb, Tokyo,
Japan, ev.

22 MONDAY Is it time for you, O ye to
dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house
lie waste? Hag. 1:4 (read vv. 1-15).

Jack Boggs of Pineville, Louisiana, a sum-
mer missionary, had wonderful experiences
in Cleveland, Ohio, for ten weeks last sum-
mer, visiting and surveying for the Vacation
Bible School. Like many of the other volun-
teers for Student Summer Missions, Jack
worked in Vacation Bible School in the
mornings and in house-to-house surveying
in the afternoons. PRAY FOR STUDENTS
SERVING THIS SUMMER.

Pray for Mrs. Daniel Centre Junction,
Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; Ted Trent, Chula, Ariz.,
Ind. ev.; Mrs. Willie Johnson, Emonah,
Alaska, Doris Blattner, Kediri, Indonesia, A.
G. Dunaway, Jr., Okata, Nigeria, N. W.
Welch, Niteroi, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. J. C. Quarles,
Argentina-Uruguay, ret.; M. G. Fort Jr., Ga-
tooma, Rhodesia, MD, Lenora Hartum, Ko-
kura, Japan, ed.

23 TUESDAY The glory of this latter house
shall be greater than of the former, saith
the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will
give peace, saith the Lord of hosts, the
God of Israel. Hag. 2:9 (read vv. 1-9).

Mrs. Sam Cannata of Gakwe, Nigeria, de-
scribes "A pilot project in medical care is
being carried out by my doctor and I."
Sam He is attempting a type of patient

clinic over a large area. He will build
no hospital, but plans to equip the clinic at
Sessami Mission Station to handle emergen-
cies. It has five outclinics, including the
large Sessami Clinic at Sessami, and mobile
clinics where he meets patients once a week
and handles treatment from his clinic car.

The purpose of this type ministry is to
preach the gospel and show Christian com-
passion through medical missions without
making people dependent on an institution.
Missionary Bud Pray works with Sam in
this mutual-evangelistic effort. PRAY FOR
THIS MEDICAL VENTURE.

Pray for Mrs. Cannata, Buck Donaldson,
Jr., Eku, Nigeria, Mrs. E. L. King, Jr., In-
donesia, O. J. Quirk,* Taichung, Mrs. R. E.
Morris, Kankhsung, Taiwan, Wayne White,
Matatlan, Mexico, J. E. Lingerfelt,* Recife,
Brazil, ev.; Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, ret.; C.
W. Applewhite,* Kediri, Indonesia, MD, Mrs.
W. L. Crumpler, San Ysidro, Calif., Sp. sp.
ev.; Robert Falls, Stroud, Okla., Ind. ev.

24 WEDNESDAY In that day, saith the Lord
of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my
servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord,
and will make thee as a signet for I have
chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts Hag.
2:23 (read vv. 10-23).

Missionary John M. Herndon wrote about
God's call: "I feel that the most outstanding
single event in coming to a decision for
foreign missions service was our attendance
at Ridgecrest during Foreign Missions Con-
ference. The need was made so real to me
that I began to see the possibility of going
to serve somewhere else in the world. There
for the first time in my life I began to feel
God leading me in this direction."

Pray for Mr. Herndon, Caravelos, Portu-
gal, Mrs. E. C. Pippin, San Juan, Argentina,
Mrs. Tomoko Masaki, Kyoto, Japan, A. R. Mil-
ligan, Mombasa, Kenya, ev.; Emily Roberts,
Liberia, M.J. Vera Campbell,* Fukuoka,
Japan, ed.

25 THURSDAY Cry yet, saying, Thus saith
the Lord of hosts, My cities through prosper-
ity shall yet be spread abroad, and the Lord
shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose
Jerusalem, Zech. 1:17 (read vv. 7-17).

Dr. Baker James Cauthen writes: "One
might conclude after studying the present
world scene that today is an unfavorable time
for Christian effort abroad. We will miss
out days of opportunity if we stop to look at
the clouds and listen to the wind. We must
turn our faces toward Jesus Christ, the Lord

of the harvest, and in his name move for-
ward with determination and dedication. To
that end let us join in intercession to God
for our world during these days of conflict
and concern." PRAY.

Pray for R. J. McQueen, Charleston, S. C.,
Jr., Mrs. Sam Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Ind.
ev.; Mrs. Andrea Viera, Roswell, N.M., Sp. sp.
ev.; R. P. Mathews, Sunnyvale, Calif., Portu-
guese ev.; S. G. Carawell,* Manaus, Brazil,
Mrs. V. L. Dietrich,* Bangkok, Thailand, ev.;
Mrs. S. C. Reber, Malaysia, MA, J. A. Roper,
Jr., Ajloun, Jordan, MD, Mrs. O. C. Robinson,
Jr., Benin City, Nigeria, RN.

26 FRIDAY Then he answered and spake
unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord
unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor
by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord
of hosts Zech. 4:6 (read vv. 1-10).

"Next Sunday I'm going to bring my
friends," the nineteen-year-old convert told
his pastor in Brazil. The following Sunday he
presented eight young men to the pastor. One
had begun using narcotics; one was practicing
an African fetish known in Brazil as marum-
ba, one had a reputation as a drinker of
moonshine whiskey. Four of his friends con-
fessed Christ and have since been baptized.
His mother has been baptized, and preaching
services are held in their home each Saturday.
PRAY FOR THESE NEW CONVERTS.

Pray for G. H. Wae, Campinas, Brazil, pub-
lic, R. E. Johnson, Sr., Feira de Santana, Brazil,
ed.; D. N. Dudley, Naha, Okinawa, ev.; A. C.
Robinson, Taiwan, MA.

27 SATURDAY Let him that stole steal no
more, but rather let him labour, working
with his hands the thing which is good, that
he may have to give to him that needeth
Eph. 4:28 (read Ex. 20:15; Amos 8:4-5; Matt.
12:38-40; Titus 2:7-10).

Missionary Garrett E. Joiner of Quayaquil,
Ecuador, writes: "As a group of converts
from a mission descended into a muddy river
for baptism, from a convert school on the
opposite bank there came popular music at
full volume over a loudspeaker. Apparently
the intent was to drown out the singing and
preaching. Instead, the music attracted towns-
people who lined the river banks and the
long bridge to watch the baptismal service."
PRAY FOR NEW BELIEVERS.

Pray for Mrs. H. P. Hayes, Saigon, Viet-
nam, Mrs. P. S. Johnson, Dacca, E. Pakistan,
E. L. Leftwich, Abu, Nigeria, L. G. Ogden,
Sr., Lusaka, Zambia, ev.; G. G. Foulon, III,
ret.

SUNDAY August 28 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof Zech. 8:5 (read vv. 1-13).

On his recent visit to Israel, Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice-president of Liberia, was asked by Israeli officials how they could make his stay more interesting. "I would appreciate attending a Baptist service," he responded.

Missionary Milton Murphey at the Baptist Center in Petah Tiqva heard this, and he promptly scheduled an extra service for that week. Speaking at the service, Dr. Tolbert, a minister and president of the Baptist convention in Liberia, said, "I appreciate this opportunity to witness for my Lord. Dr. Tolbert is also president of the Baptist World Alliance PRAY FOR HIM AND THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Pray for C. T. Hopkins, Ibadan, Nigeria, BA; Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, ret.; Mrs. J. R. Moseley, Kontagora, Nigeria; D. R. White, Murcia, Spain; Mrs. H. D. Billings, Guatemala, ev.; Mrs. Daniel Aleman, San Angelo, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

28 MONDAY Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass Zech. 9:9 (read vv. 9-17)

Convinced that music is a universal language, Joseph O. Stroud, secretary of the Church Music Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, has organized and directed a sacred concert tour of Europe three times during the past six years.

"The purpose of the tours," explained Mr. Stroud, "is to provide opportunity to bear a Christian witness through music and an exchange of fellowship with European Baptists, as well as to visit Southern Baptist missionaries and learn more of their work. This cultural and spiritual exchange has been most rewarding and future tours are anticipated. PRAY FOR THIS MUSICAL WITNESS

Pray for Raymond Sikes, Waimanalo, Hawaii, US-2; B. A. O'Neil, Maricao, Brazil; ev. Mrs. Ruth Berry, Nigeria, MA

29 TUESDAY And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one Zech. 14:9 (read vv. 4-9, 20-21).

Thirty US Christians, including four Southern Baptists, joined world literacy leader, Frank C. Laubach of Syracuse, for a two-

week literacy mission to Kenya. Miss Mildred Blankenship of the Literacy Mission Board was one of these.

The Kenya Literacy Mission sought to demonstrate literacy as an effective missionary tool. Laubach predicts the day will come when the churches will look back to Kenya in 1965 as a significant breakthrough in literacy evangelism. PRAY FOR LITERACY EVANGELISM

Pray for C. A. Tope, Nairobi, Kenya; Mrs. J. E. Hester, Milan, Italy; Mrs. C. C. Mum Jr., Quito, Ecuador, ev.; Mrs. H. E. Hurl, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; RN C. B. Williams, Bangkok, Thailand, SW; Norma Wynn, Tanzania, MJ; Mrs. Sari Holcomb, Tanzania, MA; W. B. Fawcett, Nigeria, ay; A. P. Pearson, El Paso, Tex., pub

31 WEDNESDAY And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor: will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts Mal. 1:8 (read vv. 1-11)

He was short. Forty years of deprivation had hardened his features. His eyes, though carbon black, were docile. "I first saw him when he made his way forward during the invitation at the close of the Sunday morning service at Grace Baptist Church in Saigon," wrote missionary Samuel M. James of Saigon, Vietnam. "I want that new life you just told us about," he said, as he grasped my hand. He agreed to meet me the following week for a talk, but he didn't come and seemed to evaporate—for we couldn't find him anywhere.

"We later found that he had surrendered immediately after that conversion experience as a Viet Cong. After months in prison, one Sunday I saw him sitting directly in front of the pulpit. At the close of the service he came forward and asked for time to talk. He is a baptized Christian now, but his problems are far from ended. No one trusts him. Except for his Christian brethren, he would stand alone. But he has been assured that the same power that transformed his life can sustain him." PRAY FOR HIM

Pray for C. G. Tabor, Pusan, Korea; MD; J. B. Graham, Taichung, Taiwan; Mrs. J. F. Kirkendall, Beirut, Lebanon; Mrs. S. L. Jones, Salisbury, Rhodesia; Mrs. J. L. Howell, Mombasa, Kenya; Mrs. R. F. Coy, Valparaiso, Chile, ev.; Mrs. George Maduon, Highland Park, Mich.; WDM; Larry Gardner, Cincinnati, Ohio; Delores A. Kube, Dallas, Tex.; MC; Lucy K. Solomon, Pine Bluff, Ark., ev.

The Woman's Missionary Union Program of a Church



Marie Mathis and Elaine Dickson

The New WMU Concept Book

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This new book, *The Woman's Missionary Union Program of a Church*, interprets WMU work in relationship to the total church program. It presents the newest concepts of WMU work in a church and is designed for use by pastor, church staff, members of a church council, as well as by WMU leaders and members.

The book's authors are Mrs. R. M. Mathis, Promotion Division Director of WMU, and Miss Elaine Dickson, Assistant to the Director. It is priced at 75 cents. *Teacher's Guide* by Betty Jo Carum, Director of Editorial Services, WMU, priced at 25 cents. Both will be available in Baptist Book Stores after July 1.

Other church program organizations have produced similar books setting forth concepts concerning their work.

Marie Mathis

Elaine Dickson





CIRCLE PROGRAM

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK
Great Is the Comforter
by Violet Work
Make plans to use this mission study book taught in circle or society. This book may be substituted for circle program.

A Study of Major Cults: Christian Science

by Juanita Morrill Wilkinson

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

Introduction

There is no denial of the power of the printed page. Christian Science utilizes this media of propaganda through its reading

*Order *Great Is the Comforter*, Wind, \$1.25 from Baplin Book Stores, Teacher's Helps 25 cents from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35205, and Baplin Book Stores.

rooms found in towns and cities of almost every size in our nation. Giving no attention to the energetic means of house-to-house visitation or witnessing on the streets, the followers of Christian Science rely primarily on printed tracts and books available in reading rooms in the local community. It is not unusual for a person to pause at the display window to read thoughts marked in Christian Science literature. It is our purpose this month to study the major beliefs of this religious group.

The Origin of Christian Science

To understand the origin of Christian Science, it is necessary to become acquainted with its founder, Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy. She was born in 1821 in Bow, New Hampshire. She grew up in a very devout Congregational family. As a child she was emotionally distraught, she sought many types of healing. Her first

left her a widow shortly before the birth of a child. Although her second marriage ended in divorce, it was her dentist husband, Daniel Patterson, who directed her to a self-styled healer, Phineas P. Quimby.

Mr. Quimby's claim to cure all diseases was in no way medical, but his alleged cures were based on a mind-healing system. Although his system was similar to that later devised by Mrs. Eddy, she and her followers denied any indebtedness to the mind-healing practice of Mr. Quimby. In fact she claims to be the absolute originator of the teaching of Christian Science.

In 1877 she married Asa Gilbert Eddy, who became her devoted follower. He encouraged her in all her efforts, including the founding of the famous newspaper, the *Christian Science Monitor*. In 1879 she founded the Church of Christ, Scientist.

The Mother Church is located in Boston, Massachusetts. Its government is based on the *Church Manual* written by Mrs. Eddy. It provides for a five-member board of directors to administer the church's affairs. A vacancy is filled by a member of the Mother Church and election is by the remaining members of the board.

Churches in local communities are recognized first as Christian Scientist Societies until they meet requirements for becoming a church. All local churches named First, Second, in order of their organization with in a community, are recognized as branches of the Mother Church. Services are on Sunday and Wednesdays.

There is no clergy in the Church of Christ, Scientist. Lay people, men or women, may become qualified to be Readers to conduct the Sunday service. The lesson sermon includes material written by Mrs. Eddy. The Wednesday meetings are usually testimonials of healing.

The Teachings of Christian Science

Like many other religious cults, Christian Science labels its major teachings under the name Christian. It claims, however, a belief in the Bible and an acknowledgment

of God, Jesus, and man. It is the interpretation that Mrs. Eddy gave to these basic doctrines that make up the major beliefs of the Mother Church and all its branches.

Concerning God: God is Truth, the author of all that is real. God is Life, the source of all being, all health, all life--includes no destructive element such as disease or death. God is Love, giver of all good where there can be no room for fear or hate. God is Mind whose plan allows no evil. God is Spirit, the only real substance. No weakness nor materiality is in Spirit. God is Principle, the cause and creator of all that is real. God is Soul. All harmony and beauty originate in Soul.

Concerning Jesus: Christ was the divine idea, perfect and eternal and was united with Jesus, a mortal man. The concept of Christ was separated from Jesus upon his ascension.

Concerning Man: Man is an idea of God. God declared that all he made was good and perfect. Man, therefore, is good and perfect. He is wholly spiritual and perfect as is his creator.

Concerning Sin: Evil is an illusion. Sickness, sin, and suffering are material matter and matter is unreal. Spiritual understanding casts out evil and sin as unreal. Sickness is an illusion and appears to the physical sense as a false representation of man who is completely perfect and sinless.

Concerning the Holy Ghost: Mrs. Eddy believed that the Comforter which Jesus promised is Divine Science.

Concerning Healing: A distinctive feature of Christian Science teaching is the healing of physical disease and sin by spiritual means. Repudiating hypnotism, psychotherapy, will power, and curative agents, Christian Science seeks to turn human thought to Truth.

It avoids any attempt to combine treatment with medical aid. In compliance with state and federal laws, however, a doctor

Suggested Resource Materials

From any Christian Science Reading Room:
"Effective Prayer," Booklet No. 1

"How Prayer Can Help You," Booklet No. 2

"The Healing Power of Gratitude," Booklet No. 5

"Facts About Christian Science," Booklet No. 7

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy (may be available in your public library)

From your church or public library, or order from Baptist Book Stores these books:

Who Are They, E. C. Routh, 50¢

Ghosts and Ghouls, Russell P. Spittler, \$2.95

Christian Deviations, Horton Davies, \$1.45, paper

or midwife may be employed in childbirth. When bones are broken, they may be set by a physician as long as no medication is involved. Although law requires the reporting of infectious diseases, Christian Scientists in observing quarantine rules are wholly reliant on spiritual means for healing in these instances. Claiming neither to ignore nor neglect disease, they seek to heal it by spiritual means.

They teach that these illnesses or injuries are unreal. In a weekly periodical, *Christian Science Sentinel*, many testimonials of healing are recorded. These testimonies refer to the help provided by Christian Science practitioners who are experienced Christian Scientists dedicated to the healing ministry. The *Christian Science Journal* lists a monthly directory of Christian Science nurses who are qualified to help with the practical needs of the sick, but who give no medication or physical application.

The Mother Church maintains two sanatoriums for nurses to be trained and for expert care that is available to those under Christian Science treatment.

In spite of Mrs. Eddy's effort to rule out sickness and death as illusions, she had atti-

tudinal teeth, wore spectacles, and died of pneumonia at the age of eighty.

Concerning Prayer: Christian Scientists do not pray asking God to do some thing or do something that he has not already done. Prayer is seeking to know what God has already brought about. It is to experience the perfect harmony which God creates. In prayer all that is contrary to spiritual facts is denied so that there may be harmony with divine facts. The purpose in prayer is to have a better understanding of God and his allgoodness and truth.

Christian Science and Its Mission

The aim of Christian Science is a salvation for all mankind from every phase of evil. By a scientific understanding of God, it aims to correct and overcome the errors of sin, sickness, and sorrow. This philosophy is not spread by missionaries as such, but by the lives of individual Christian Scientists and the testimonials of healings. Free public lectures are given throughout the world. The earnest seeker or casual inquirer may learn about Christian Science through their reading rooms where literature is always available. Christian Scientists do not claim to worship their founder, Mary Baker Eddy. They base their teachings on God, the Principle.

The Appeal of Christian Science

The question may be asked: *Who has Christian Science had a reasonable degree of popularity?*

The answer may be found partly in its efforts to reach the needs of the human heart and mind. There is no doubt that the mind often holds sway over the body. The suggestion to pack our troubles away and quit thinking about our problems is often welcomed. A religious system which makes indifference to sickness and imposture magnify the power of thought over body. Mrs. Eddy's teachings go beyond the principle by emphasizing the nothingness of disease and matter.

Suffering has been a continual experience of mankind. Job was not alone in his agony. Mrs. Eddy's assertion that sin and suffering are unreal and are mere illusions allays in her followers the uneasiness which men have concerning the meaning of sin and human suffering. Christian Science presents a popular concept of God and prayer. Man is always searching for God and the meanings of life. It is because man wants God's fellowship on his own terms that he accepts substitutes for God's plan of redemption—simple faith in Jesus as Saviour.

Suggested Approaches to Christian Science

1. Any approach to an individual Christian Scientist should show respect for the good qualities of his religion. With kindness and love, present the Bible in its simplicity. Let it speak for itself. It is the authority for the Christian belief. It alone tells us what God and Jesus are and what man can become in complete submission to the sacrificial death of God's only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

2. Know basic teachings of the Bible. Read 1 Peter 1:12-19. It is true that we can affirm away a great many physical and spiritual evils that are rooted in wrong mental attitudes. But there are structural diseases which are facts, and no amount of mental suggestion can change those facts. Mrs. Eddy found this to be true herself.

Another realization is that God is continually healing men through surgery, medicine, climate, through mental suggestion, through deliverance from mental attitudes that produce disease, through the direct work of the Holy Spirit.

Read Philippians 1:12-14. All about us there are those whose illness has held them for many years and yet they are radiant Christians. Many Christians are witnesses because of their pain and suffering.

Then there is the ever present evidence of sin. It was because of man's sin that God found it necessary to send Jesus into the world.

Read Romans 8:1-14 from a recent translation.

3. The vicarious death of Jesus Christ is fundamental in the Christian religion. Paul declared that Christ died for our sins. Sin was real to Paul and so was the complete atonement of Jesus Christ.

4. Acknowledge the teachings of Jesus. He promised his disciples, "In this world you shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). John wrote in Revelation, "God shall wipe away all tears" (Rev. 7:17). All tribulations and tears are not manufactured by the mind, but every human being has experienced sin and sickness, and in objective examination knows they are real.

5. In every instance of Jesus' healings, he recognized the greater sickness of sin. Often he said to the physically ill, "Go, and sin no more." Healing and forgiveness of sin were actions of Jesus. The mentally diseased man and the smug heart are healed by faith in Jesus, the Messiah.

Man can be saved to live now and eternally only by the way which God has indicated, and that is found in the beautiful John 8:12 in *perfect converse*. This is the foundation of man's life here with God as he has companionship with him now and eternally.

Conclusion

With a magic wand, Mrs. Eddy has tried to eliminate the darker realities of life. Sickness, suffering, sin, and death are real. They are as real in the twentieth century as they were in the first century. Christian Science attempts to rule out their realities, but can do so only by talking as if they are real.

We should remember that each person who follows Mrs. Eddy's teachings is a person in need of biblical revelation. For each follower of Christian Science, Jesus Christ died to save. Let us bow our heads and pray

• that the gospel may be clearly presented to all people

• for your witness to followers of Christian Science as you encounter them.



Muslims in prayer,
Kuala Lumpur

Photo by Gene Harvey

SOCIETY PROGRAM

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

UNDERSTANDING

MALAYSIA



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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Publish Glad Tidings (Leader's Introduction)
Hymn: "O Zion Haste"
Understand the Headlines (geography and government)
Edit the Information (people and culture)
Spread the Word (Baptism work)
Report the Response (dedicated laymen)
Tell the Story (concluding devotion)

MEETING OUTLINE

Sing
Call to Prayer
Business
Promotional Features (see Forecaster)
Prayer

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Program Chairman—Here's the Idea

You may need a little extra planning to get enthusiastic results for this study in a vacation month. Use newspapers for individual invitations or posters. Write suggested headlines with a magic marker on white strips of paper and paste them across a newspaper, or use a red or green magic marker and write on the newspaper. Use bulletin boards for latest information from Malaysia.

OTHER IDEAS: Mimeograph programs in columns like a newspaper with the headlines and a map of the area. Or make a large map for wall or floor with pieces of the puzzle (geographic areas) to be added as discussion proceeds. Point out that this is more than a "Chinese puzzle" and how other nationalities are involved (see "Understand the Headlines"). A map of Malaysia may be ordered free from the Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, if you prefer a smaller map study.

Publish Glad Tidings

We are living in a news-conscious age. It has been estimated that fifteen minutes a day, six days a week spent in reading a daily paper mean that you read over a million words a year. Half an hour on Sunday's paper adds another half million. If you listen to a fifteen-minute news broadcast each day, we can estimate that you hear an additional million words.

With Proverbs 25:25 we can agree that "as cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Too often, however, the news today is tragic or pessimistic. Sometimes it is twisted and inaccurate. Often the most sensational news receives coverage out of all proportion to its importance, while significant news is sometimes placed in obscure places. For instance, a strange headline in a metropolitan daily announced: "The Greatest Story Ever Told. Today on page 38, Section D."

Do we keep the story of Christ on an in-

side page of our hearts and homes? Oh, do we publish glad tidings of Jesus with emphasis and significance?

Sing "O Zion Haste"

Understand the Headlines

Listen to these headlines: Merdeka Proclaimed at Kuala Lumpur [KWAH L LOOM poor]; The Lion City Sovers Ties, Brunei [broo NI] Defies Against Union Sarawak [suh RAH wahk] Claims Disputed, Sabah [SOB ah] Annexation Protested.

Most of you look as though you do not understand a word I've said, and I don't blame you. Explanation will take us to Southeast Asia and one of the newest countries of the world, Malaysia. It is stretched across the map between Indonesia and Vietnam (point out on map). Britain has spent 15 percent of its defense budget in Malaysia for the past ten years in guerrilla warfare with Communists on the mainland and Indonesian troops on North Borneo. The 900-mile jungle frontier on the island can match Vietnam for equatorial heat, mountain chill, tropical diseases, insects, snakes, and jungle animals.

The British gave *merdeka* (freedom) to the mainland in August, 1957, when the country was called "The Federation of Malaya," with the capital in Kuala Lumpur. This tip of the Malay Peninsula is about the size of Alabama. The eighty years of British occupation had seen the thinly populated land of about 300,000 increase to six million. It became the world's chief producer of tin and rubber, and national income rose steadily.

About 80 percent of Malaya is mountainous jungle. A look at the map will show the location of all important cities in the west. The good harbors also are on the Strait of Malacca (use map).

In order to clear the country of Communists who attacked and then retreated into the jungles or mountains, a half million squatters were resettled in new villages. Communists were cut off from their sources of supply, as well as from pro-

tection money" that was paid by wealthy Chinese who owned tin mines and rubber plantations.

The British also developed the port of Singapore off the southern tip of Malaya. This city of nearly two million was built on an island that was almost uninhabited in 1819. Today Singapore is the fifth largest port in the world and is nicknamed, "The Lion City," which is what "Singapore" means. Malaya wanted to include it in a new alliance along with other British colonies on Borneo. This union was consummated on September 16, 1963, when a new country called no longer Malaya, but Malaysia, was proclaimed. But two years later, in 1965, Singapore severed connection and is now a separate entity.

Remaining as a part of Malaysia are Sabah and Sarawak on the island of North Borneo. Brunei, an oil rich land located between Sabah and Sarawak, decided against joining Malaysia. Brunei is a British protectorate.

One of the most interesting stories in missionary history concerns Sarawak. In 1811, the area was given to Sir James Brooke, by the Sultan of Brunei in gratitude for his help in putting down a revolt. His descendant, Sir Charles Brooke, decided that the country needed more enterprising citizens, so he sent a Christian gentleman back to China in 1899 to recruit laborers. The man returned with two boatloads of fellow Methodists, plus a missionary who canceled his furlough to accompany the homesick and sea-weary Chinese when they threatened to turn back north at Hong Kong. Today there are 350,000 Chinese in the country, 30 percent of the population, and half of them are members of Methodist churches.

Sabah, only one hundred miles from the Philippines, was claimed by that country as well as by Indonesia. Most of the people live in the small, flat plains near the sea. In joining Malaysia, both Sabah and Sarawak rejected the constitutional provision to establish an Islamic state, to limit the practice and propagation of other religions, to

accept the Malay language as the national language, and to eject all Britishers. These actions were the result of immensely influential Christian minorities.

Malaya, Sarawak, and Sabah today make up the 1,500-mile wide country known as Malaysia. It is a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Edit the Information

The Strait of Malacca has been a strategic, natural gateway inviting people to come from all directions to Malaysia. There are five different streams of cultures and peoples who have left their legacy in the land.

The Malay came in prehistoric times from the islands to the south. He is of different racial stock than the aborigines found in the jungle mountains. His livelihood comes from the land and the sea. He will work hard to provide for his family. Historically, he has accepted the form of worship provided by his rulers. Although he calls himself Muslim, he is more an animist in that he assumes that certain inanimate objects such as trees and streams have living souls. The Malay *panung* (medicine man) is still called in to win favor with the spirit who is bringing bad fortune to rice fields and villages. The medicine man often uses Hindu and Muslim phrases in his incantations.

The first stream of immigrants came from India about the time of Christ. These people were merchants and traders who established their influence along the coast. They brought the Hindu religion and later Buddhism, but Hinduism did not survive as a dominant religion.

Militant Arab Muslims came in the Middle Ages and established themselves in the port of Malacca. From there, they extended their influence. This helps account for the belt of ninety million Muslims stretching all the way from North Africa to Mindanao in the Philippines. Although the constitution guarantees religious freedom, missionary work among the Malays is prohibited by law since they are all considered Muslim.

As early as 100 B.C. and for 600 years thereafter, the people of this area paid tribute money to China. In recent modern times the Chinese came in such great numbers that the British had to restrict immigration after 1928. Today 80 percent of the people in Singapore are Chinese, 10 percent of Malaya, 30 percent of Sarawak and Sabah. It is difficult to make a distinction between Buddhists, Taoists, and Confucianists. The family system is still the basis of Chinese society. Missionary Charles Morris was told: "If you are going to win us, do it before we are thirty years of age. After then, we have married into a family and become a part of a culture that cannot be broken."

The fifth influence in this area has been the European, as all white men are called. From 1513 on, the Portuguese, Dutch, French, and British tried their hand at colonial administration. It is only in this century that extensive Christian missionary activity has taken place.

As news from Malaysia is edited and interpreted, it is necessary to keep in mind these different races, cultures, and religions. The people pride themselves on their outward tolerance, yet their varied customs give rise to separate living. Each group has its own festivals and holidays, marriage and burial customs, kinds of food, language, family rules, business methods, and days of worship. For instance, the Chinese wear white instead of black for mourning. Their social position, as well as their moral character, will be judged by the lavishness of a parent's funeral.

Planning an international menu can be a frustrating experience, as a missionary testified after trying to feed six different nationalities at a meeting in the capital city. The Hindus eat no beef or dairy products. The Muslims eat no pork. The Catholics eat no meat but fish during certain seasons and days. Rice, fish, and nuts were about the only safe ingredients.

The difficulty of penetrating the Oriental cultural pattern is extremely difficult for the Western mind to grasp. A convert may face banishment from his family, dis-

inheritance, and physical punishment. A Christian who witnesses to a Muslim in birth or conversion faces expulsion from the country. A Malay who becomes a Christian may also be expelled.

Spread the Word

Fifty years ago the first Baptist migrated to Malaya from South China. Although they wrote asking for assistance it was not until 1950 that Southern Baptist missionaries entered the country.

It is interesting to note the part that women played in establishing the first church at Alor Star in the northwestern corner of the land. A Chinese woman rented a building with her own money. Those who could read began teaching the children, using the Bible as their text. Two mission churches were also established on nearby rubber estates ten years before the arrival of any missionaries.

A similar experience has been reported from Sabah. Baptists from Burma came to work in the lumber camps and began to witness to the native tribes. Worship services were held in homes, and the Bible was taught to the children. Tribes were sent back to their churches in Burma.

These people read in the *Orient Baptist News Sheet*, published in Hong Kong, that Southern Baptists had sent missionaries to Sabah in Malaya. One of the women came to Jesselton to find the Baptist Center. She and her family became active members in the old capital city. She kept urging the missionaries to visit these tribe people and supply materials for the home Bible study being taught by laymen from Burma.

Last December in remote areas of Sabah, thirty persons were baptized by missionaries Charles Morris and Carl Yarnell. The keen interest in Bible study could be encouraged on a wide scale if Christian broadcasts were permitted. Sabah is near the Philippines and can often pick up gospel broadcasts from Manila. Correspondence Bible courses have been advertised in the newspapers.

Witness of Baptist lay people has been

a most encouraging aspect of the missions effort. In 54 missionaries there work with them as well as with 20 national pastors. Baptists own 47 churches and chapels with 2,643 members. The largest number of missionaries are concentrated at Penang working principally with development of Christian leadership at a seminary. One young person out of every 250 Malaysian Baptist church members is preparing for a church vocation.

Another encouraging development has been the entry of the gospel into many "new villages." Destruction and relocation of the old *kampungs* (villages) broke up many traditions and ways of life among native groups. Also, the development of new and larger cities offers opportunities for young people to establish themselves in a way of life not dependent on the traditional family system and loyalties. This is seen in response and growth of Baptist work at Petaling Jaya, a suburb of the capital. In 1953 a medical clinic was opened here and later it became a good will center.

Kuala Lumpur has a population of 177,000 and is situated in a vast acreage of rubber plantations and tin mines. A new modernist parliament skyscraper, mosques, and Chinese temples are evidence of cultural variety. There is also an English-language Baptist church at Petaling Jaya, located across from the beautiful campus of the University of Malaya. Job advancement in this country depends upon the ability of the people to use the English language. Young people are interested in every opportunity to study English even if it is in connection with Bible study. Within five months after this English-language church was constituted, twenty-five persons had accepted Christ as Savior.

This church, together with the Baptist chapels in the capital area, had only three hundred members at the time of the evangelistic crusade in April and May, 1965. Two thousand people, however, attended the musical concert that launched the crusade. When results from over the country were tabulated, more than six hundred

professions of faith had been made.

By varied methods, God's Word is spread in Malaysia.

Report the Response

Our missionaries are sometimes asked about the faithfulness of converts from non-Christian backgrounds. Their best answer is to tell the stories of dedication and sacrifice which would, by comparison, shame most American Christians.

Take the lives of a couple whom missionaries know. The husband came to the Penang Seminary from a Buddhist home. Since he was the eldest son in his family, he held a place of special meaning and responsibility. His father told him that he could not attend the school. He was very emphatic about it. "Do you want to be a Christian preacher or my son?" The boy was told that he could never return to see any members of the family again.

This young man asked those at the seminary to pray for his father. In time, his prayer was answered, but there was complication. The young man felt called to go to Sabah to start missions work. His father said, "Why don't you go to preach at one of those big Baptist churches in Singapore?" Once again earnest prayer was made, and the young man and his wife went to the city of Sandakan in Sabah. They had been there five years when our first Southern Baptist missionaries arrived in 1964.

An outstanding layman is Joseph Choo of Penang. This city is Malaysia's second largest (235,000) and is an important commercial and shipping center. Connected with Bangkok, Thailand, by a British-built railroad, it is the nearest Eastern port of call to this capital city of Thailand. Mr. Choo is employed in the transportation division of the government.

In February, 1963, a Bible study class was started in Mr. Choo's home on the ocean side of the little island of Penang. Missionary Minor Davidson worked with this group, starting a Baptist center with a small church of twenty-eight members. While the Davidsons were on furlough the

next year, Mr. Chon directed the work at the center and preached on Sunday. The missionaries were back in time for an evangelistic crusade and for the reaping of a harvest of thirty-three souls in this one small fellowship.

There was the daughter of an Englishman who became a Christian and a member of the church where missionary Herbert Holley preaches. This teen-ager could remember attending services only twice in her life. She had never read the Bible. A Chinese Christian school friend invited her to the church and explained to her the plan of salvation.

Missionary Paul Box tells of three Malays who made professions one Sunday night in the capital city. One of them had been baptized several years before but had requested that his name be removed from the church roll. His church membership had been reported to the authorities, and he had faced Air Force court martial. Now with tears in his eyes he said, "I must become a Christian." All three faced the possibility of exile, but all agreed: "It is worth the price."

Mr. and Mrs. Box and their three children passed out six thousand handbills advertising the evangelistic crusade. The children felt their parents' concern and were eager to hear from the results of their labor. When their mother told them that over six hundred professions had been reported, twelve-year-old Paula said with obvious relief, "Well, Mama, the Lord did help us."

This statement characterizes the story of Baptist missions effort—the Lord has helped us as he promised—when we are about his business. (*Encourage the reading of the letter from Mrs. Box on p. 16.*)

Pray for these Christians and others like them.

Tell the Story

Dr. Robert Covington, president of the Malaysian Baptist Theological Seminary, makes three suggestions as to ways we can help "tell the story" in Malaysia:

1. Join in the fellowship of prayer. Ask

God's power on his representatives here. Recall that John the Baptist was sent from God. Pray that those who are sent may have God's power and the spirit of Christ in all they do.

"When people are praying, we can see and feel the results," Mr. Covington affirms. "Realize the need to harness the power of prayer. Pray for the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers. Share with us in prayer. Write to tell us you are praying for us."

2. "Be faithful in your stewardship. It is obvious that we could not go without your financial backing. Pray that you will give sacrificially. Recall that God loves a cheerful giver, that he praises sacrificial giving. Examine your stewardship."

Is it true that you spend your money as does the average American—more than 50 cents out of each after-tax dollar on luxuries? For the first time in the history of the world, a nation has emerged that spends more on luxuries than on necessities.

3. "Watch your example," Mr. Covington continues. "The eyes of the world are on America. Someone said to me, 'We haven't told the world to look.' This is beside the point. It is true that too often only the bad news gets press coverage. However, the advice Paul gave to Timothy is what Christians must follow today. Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity' (1 Tim. 4:12). Let your life have a quality about it that will point the world to Christ," he concludes.

Through prayer, stewardship and example, we tell the life-giving story of Jesus the Saviour. Do we really believe the words of the hymn "O Zion Haste?"

Hymn: "O Zion Haste" (*Read and then sing*)

Close with a meaningful prayer period.

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Dear Pastor-

Have you read the book 77,000 Churches by Porter Routh?

Toward the end of the book, Dr. Routh has quoted a sermon from Dr. George W. Truett, "Baptists and Religious Liberty." A portion of this message is worthy of our attention.

"Let us never forget that a democracy, whether civil or religious, has not only its perils, but has also its unescapable obligations. A democracy calls for . . . people . . . to be informed and trained.

"The time has come when, as never before our beloved denomination should worthily go out to its world task as a teaching denomination," the sermon continues.

"That means that there should be a crusade throughout all our borders for the vitalizing and strengthening of our Christian schools. The only complete education, in the nature of the case, is Christian education, because man is a tripartite being. . . . Wisdom has fled from us if we fail to magnify, and magnify now, our Christian schools. These schools go to the foundation of all the life of the people. They are indispensable to the highest efficiency of the churches. . . . Our Christian schools are to train not only our religious leaders but hosts of our leaders in the civil and business realms as well. . . .

"If ever the drumbeat of duty sounded clearly, it is calling to us now to strengthen and magnify our Christian schools."

Some of the young people "away from home" this coming year may be leaving your church or joining it.

As thousands of young people leave soon to go to college campuses, we find ourselves joining in prayer with you that wherever they go they will find a church nearby where they will strengthen their education by all that is offered in the nearby church's education program.

Sincerely,

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