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Day by Day - - Living

AN EDITORIAL

"We have a lot to learn from the new generation," wrote Albert Rosenfeld in *Life*. Yes, we heartily agree. However, not only is there a new young generation, but there is also a new older generation, and both are making significant sounds.

Take your neighbors. They have more money and they can prove it—multiple cars in the carport and a status symbol boat; perhaps a house on the lake. They have traveled widely, some of them overseas, all of us spending about \$25 billion on travel in a single year.

Your neighbors move often. In fact, one fifth, or 11 million households in the USA move each year, affecting 38 million people. Some of these are in our communities, or we ourselves are now living in unfamiliar surroundings.

But not only are there new generations and tremendously significant changes in living patterns, there are also overwhelming demands upon the human spirit: how to keep a balance in values in this technological age, how important is the individual, what is worth spending precious time on, what is right and what is wrong, how is God at work in the world.

It is true to say these are revolutionary times. But let us say it. This is an explosive, revolutionary, wonderful time to live. How grand it is. It is a time of hard-nosed evaluation, of renewal, of renaissance. It is a time to rely upon God's resources which are infinite.

It is a time for Christian men and women and young people to apply their corporate store of creativity to expressing their faith in the living, reigning, almighty Father, Creator, and Ruler of the universe.

It is a time for humility, recognizing that without God's perspective, without an understanding of life and opportunity as God offers these, we will run scared and miss the whole meaning of what it is to be a child of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ, his Son.

Without a recognition that man's revolution holds within it God's offer for renaissance, we will miss the infinite joy of walking with God in the light of his Word, and fail to recognize the glory he sheds on our way.

by Ethalee Hamric



COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN'T WAIT

by Bill Junker

THIS generation has no utopia. Its idea is the Happening. Let it be concrete, let it be vivid, let it be personal. Let it be now."

This statement by Buell G. Gallagher, president of The City College of New York (*Time*, Jan. 6, 1967), accurately describes a significant segment of college students today. Youth today have been dubbed the "now generation." Discontented with the lot of Negroes in American life, many college students say they want an end to discrimination NOW. Upset with the lack of freedom and responsibility granted them by their elders, they demand their "rights" NOW. Deeply disturbed by the loss and damage to human life in Vietnam, they march for an end to hostilities NOW.

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This philosophy of immediacy is disturbing in a way. A peace-loving citizen never knows when a seemingly minor incident will erupt in violence of some sort. The parent of a college student can never be positive his son or daughter will not experiment with sex, LSD, or pot . . . or turn up in a front-page photo pictured in a police paddy wagon.

The parents and the teachers often have difficulty communicating with young charges. The speed of living is a factor in this. Language itself may also be a problem. The "in" words change from day to day. Last year "tough" meant too bad; this year it means cute. Top-notch first semester parties were called "blow-outs," but by second semester they are properly known as "blasts." The causes to which students give themselves may change just as rapidly. The rapidity with which changes occur in the student's world is bewildering to the concerned adult.

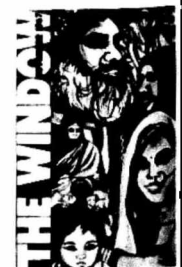
Like the man on his first airplane flight, he cannot let his full weight down.

News media are not the least reassuring. They continue to focus attention on the far-out activities and tastes of the younger generation—marijuana parties, "happenings," suicides, beach riots, and protest marches.

But the total effect of much of this reporting is misleading. In an effort to report interest-catching events, the news media have sometimes contributed needlessly to adult apprehensiveness. Indications are that independent thinking among college students is more widespread than at any time in recent years. One source states that a maximum of only 5 percent of student bodies qualify as political activists in such cause-conscious schools as Chicago, Columbia, and California. The majority of colleges and universities have had no demonstrations. Another survey showed that most students are "a great deal like most students of other generations—somewhat more independent, of course, and as a rule more serious and preoccupied with success, but largely within the tradition."*

Further, the presence of protests and the demand for action among students is probably more a sign of health than of sickness. The "now

*C. J. McNaspy, "This Restless Generation," *America*, May 21, 1966, p. 730



generation" is more vocal, but probably more promising, than the "silent generation" of the fifties and early sixties. Dissatisfaction with the status quo, impatience to make a "better" world, pressing desire to be a part of what's going on is indicative of a more responsible, better informed, thinking adult generation of tomorrow. Increased freedoms, while dangerous, give students opportunity to learn how to make decisions, to fashion a style of life which is their own.

How should their elders react during the ups and downs of the young adults who are a part of our families and society? Assume all young people are hopeless? be distrustful and suspicious, unsympathetic and unappreciative of their tastes for "way-out" music, strange language? Must we sit by and assume blithely that everyone will live happily ever after once the nightmare is over? Hardly.

But, as the students would say, the older generation of parents, teachers, and leaders must not "lose its cool." It must remain as calm as possible in the midst of student unrest and quest. These young people need a steady base where they can touch in from time to time. They need parents who love them, who worry about them a little, who are interested in what's happening to them, but who have faith enough in God and the youth to allow them to try their own ideas, make their own mistakes and discoveries, become what they are capable of becoming.

Despite noteworthy illustrations to the contrary, surveys of student attitudes invariably show that the large majority of collegians love and appreciate their parents. They are charitable toward parental mistakes, sympathetic toward the pressures adults face, and desirous of a self-fulfilling life for their elders.

This is pretty much what they need in return. NOW.

They can't wait.

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RENAISSANCE or

by Billie Pate

Literacy classes in a Baptist mission center help persons to meet everyday situations and convey the Christian message as Bible stories are read by a new reader

by Sue Miles Brooks and Ione Gray

■ Oklahoma City Baptist Center

The Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma County Association is the mother of a hungry, frustrated, ill-clothed, ignorant child—Oklahoma City Baptist Center.

There is a young woman at the center who is six months with child who has had no prenatal care . . . a couple ready to fight it out in the divorce courts . . . a father who cannot read and write . . . a hungry, ragged little boy . . . a vulnerable little girl who never has been to a doctor. None of them knows Jesus as Saviour.

Such situations are encountered typically in the ministry of Baptist centers such as the one at 2125 Exchange Avenue in Oklahoma City.

"But we've a story to tell to the nations," one says. "Social work is not our business."

But this is exactly the business the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has in mind in promoting Baptist centers, many of which are supplemented with volunteer personnel and financial assistance from church and associational groups.

And business has prospered. Using social work as a connector, the center has implanted itself in the midst of many lost souls and has led them to Christ. For example, during 1965-66 at Oklahoma City Baptist Center forty-four persons made professions of faith.

"The Whole Gospel for the Whole Need of the Whole Person" is the concrete philosophy of this particular center.

"Our purpose is to cultivate mental, emotional, and spiritual maturity in the estimated several thousand persons who annually visit our center and go to nearby

Mrs. Brooks, a new writer, is editorial assistant for *Home Missions* magazine.

churches, and persons who support our center and are involved in its programs," according to the Rev. and Mrs. John V. Hawk, co-directors.

The center works to round out the "whole person" in an inclusive program that jams a seven-day-a-week program from as early as 9:30 A.M. until as late as 9:30 P.M., not including emergencies which arise before dawn and after midnight.

The program includes preschool time, nurseries, Sunbeam Bands, family night, senior citizens fellowship (Jolly Elders), women's activity groups (Friendly Circle and Good Neighbors), literacy classes, Royal Ambassadors, an immunization clinic, a well-baby clinic, and a planned parenthood clinic, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, teen time and youth fellowship, emergency assistance (food, clothing), and counseling services.

"Actually we compare very closely with an ordinary, active Baptist church. The difference lies in the community in which we serve and the way we go about serving," Hawk said.

"We have just begun to realize an ambition to develop an individual and personal relationship for Christ with everyone enrolled.

"Evangelism means proclaiming the good news of God's concern which in the person of Christ has been demonstrated to be a concern for the whole person in a preaching, teaching, healing ministry."

Mr. Hawk said the greatest continuing disappointment is the immaturity of the average Baptist Christian in his unwillingness to become meaningfully involved.

This ministry seeks to apply to a contemporary world I John 1:3. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you; that ye also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ."

■ Music Consultant for Foreign Mission Board

The Foreign Mission Board's election of Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., as music consultant last April indicates the maturation of Baptist churches and conventions overseas.

About thirty-three Southern Baptist foreign missionaries now give full or part time to music ministries. Some teach music in theological seminaries, some promote the use of music for national Baptist conventions, and some build programs of music in local churches as examples of witnessing for Christ through song and instrument.

Dr. Rhea will work with these music missionaries and assist in the planning of overseas evangelistic campaigns, many of which are promoted through sacred concerts or made effective by the attractiveness of music.

Many Southern Baptist women know Dr. Rhea as soloist and music leader for annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union. He has served in this capacity five times.

He has been soloist for ten annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and musician for countless other gatherings. He has contributed articles to many denominational publications. He has recorded five albums, "Majestic Themes," "Blessed Assurance," "The Radiance of Christmas," "Claude Rhea Sings," "Sacred Masterpieces," each \$3.98, mono, \$4.98, stereo; composed an oratorio, *The Creation*, \$7.95, mono or stereo; authored two books, *A Child's Life in Song*, \$2.95, and *Claude Rhea's Favorite Gospel Songs*, \$1.50, all available from Baptist Book Stores.

Dr. Rhea presented sacred concerts and lectured for the Foreign Mission Board in many countries and institutions before joining its staff. This is now just a part of the "routine" of his job.

Dr. Rhea's "missionary pilgrimage," as he calls it, has taken him through a long, deep, and sometimes puzzling route. It began in his Sunbeam Band experiences (he is a native of Carrollton, Missouri), was nurtured in personal contacts with "real live missionaries," and bore fruit in actual missions efforts in Europe while he was in the US Army after World War II. There, while sharing the love of God through youth organizations, he discovered that God had given him a gift in music.

After he returned home and entered college (William Jewell, Liberty, Missouri), a number of events impressed him even more deeply toward missions. A missionary challenged him with the message of Psalm 28: "Ask of me,

and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Through graduate study, music ministries in churches, revival engagements, appearances with symphony orchestras, oratorio roles, and a decade in New Orleans (where he was associated with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) which offered new and varied facets of witness, "the call of Christ came again and again in my heart to consider world missions," Dr. Rhea recalls.

But when his students started going to various parts of the world as music missionaries, he began to think that his missions call had been rechanneled. Just then he and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, were on a revival team in Oklahoma, and he led the music for a Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest (North Carolina) Baptist Assembly.

These experiences, plus many others, led him and Mrs. Rhea to believe again that their place was in overseas missions. Then, in October 1958, just one week before they had planned to make public their commitment, he had a routine medical checkup and heard "those dread words that always happen to someone else."

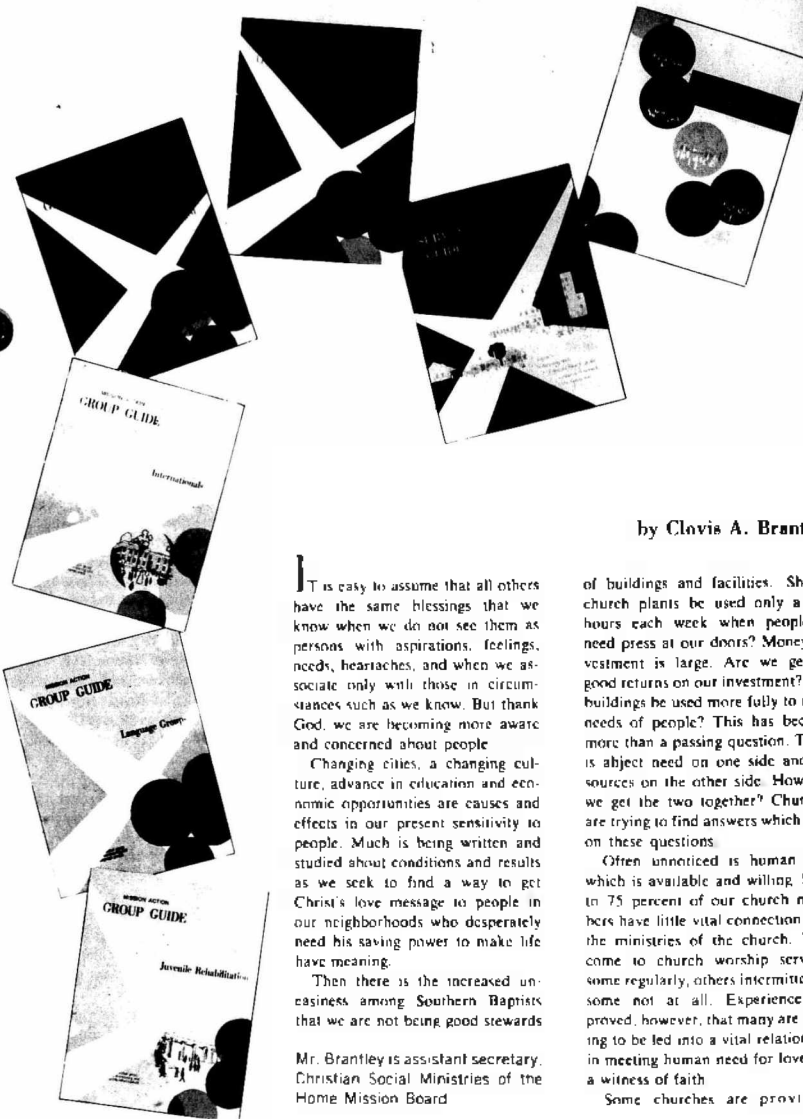
Dr. Rhea was in the hospital for six weeks, and recuperated at home for another six weeks. He says: "We shall abidingly cherish the fact that Dr. Cauthen cabled his prayer warriors around the world when he received word of the illness. One cannot be the recipient of such intercessory prayer without having his life changed."

Now, with his enlarged opportunity for service through the Foreign Mission Board, he says: "The promise of Psalm 28, which I claimed over two decades ago, is coming to fruition."

Mrs. Rhea is the former Carolyn Turnage of Florida. They met while serving as Baptist Student Union summer missionaries in Hawaii in 1949 and married two years later. ("I have a great testimony for summer missions," he says.) They have three children—Claude, III, thirteen, Randall, ten, and Margaret, five.



Claude H. Rhea, Jr.
Foreign Mission Board



It is easy to assume that all others have the same blessings that we know when we do not see them as persons with aspirations, feelings, needs, heartaches, and when we associate only with those in circumstances such as we know. But thank God, we are becoming more aware and concerned about people.

Changing cities, a changing culture, advance in education and economic opportunities are causes and effects in our present sensitivity to people. Much is being written and studied about conditions and results as we seek to find a way to get Christ's love message to people in our neighborhoods who desperately need his saving power to make life have meaning.

Then there is the increased uneasiness among Southern Baptists that we are not being good stewards

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by Clovia A. Brantley

of buildings and facilities. Should church plants be used only a few hours each week when people in need press at our doors? Money investment is large. Are we getting good returns on our investment? Can buildings be used more fully to meet needs of people? This has become more than a passing question. There is abject need on one side and resources on the other side. How can we get the two together? Churches are trying to find answers which bear on these questions.

Often unnoticed is human help which is available and willing. Sixty to 75 percent of our church members have little vital connection with the ministries of the church. They come to church worship services, some regularly, others intermittently, some not at all. Experience has proved, however, that many are waiting to be led into a vital relationship in meeting human need for love and a witness of faith.

Some churches are providing

Care finds a way

♥ We seem suddenly to have become aware ♥ of individual need ♥ and of our lack of meaningful contact with people ♥ who have need of our love, ♥ our understanding help, ♥ and spiritual assistance.

church community weekday ministries, using their property as well as their members by enlisting, training, and using volunteers in mission action projects in keeping with personal training and interests.

Many churches are able to carry on a wide variety of ministries without the employment of additional paid staff, because staff is not directly involved. There are, however, churches which develop use of facilities and personnel in a full weekday ministry program using paid staff members to develop and guide in a comprehensive work program.

A renewed, enlarged, and strengthened emphasis on Christian social ministries makes it possible for churches to use buildings on week days as well as on Sundays, to use more and more concerned women in reaching people with the gospel.

From across the land, the Home Mission Board receives requests for help in setting up weekday ministry work in churches. When such requests reach the Atlanta office, we suggest these procedures.

1. That a survey be made of ac-

tual needs.

2. That the church council evaluate the survey and determine priority needs of people in the community.

3. That the council assign to Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood areas of need to suggest as possibilities for mission action groups to meet.

4. That the church consider the possibility of setting up a church weekday ministry using more fully church building facilities.

Recently the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union have made available excellent materials for the work of mission action groups and for mission action projects.

These are available from Baptist Book Stores and from WMU, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Mission Action Survey Guide, 50 cents

Mission Action Projects Guide, \$1.00

Five group guides, \$1.00 each
Mission Action Group Guide.

Language Groups

Mission Action Group Guide: International

Mission Action Group Guide: Economically Disadvantaged

Mission Action Group Guide: Juvenile Rehabilitation

Mission Action Group Guide: The Sick

A spiritual ministry of mission action undertaken by our churches will result in new light on the work of a church, we believe. We also believe that the Lord is leading us into new insights as we take a step at a time. There is much joy to be received from a mission action ministry. We believe that through this work there will result renewal of the "joy of salvation" by Christians. The new emphasis on mission action being made by Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union will also result in multiplied thousands of people experiencing hope and being won to the Lord and they will add their hands and hearts to the work of his church. As the Holy Spirit leads, let us walk ahead, believing in miracles from the Lord.



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(BP) Spreading the News

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That "(BP)" sign you see frequently on stories in your Baptist state paper is a registered US trademark. It stands for Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

THAT (BP) identification mark must be a symbol to Baptists of integrity, dependability, and straight-shooting honesty. The twenty-nine state papers alone distribute several million copies carrying (BP) stories every week. The secular press adds still other millions.

News stories (over a thousand of them last year) plus features and news photos are developed by the news service from many sources. Three regional offices of Baptist Press cover certain assigned areas. These are in Washington, Atlanta, and Dallas, and are directed respectively by W. Barry Garrett, Walker

L. Knight, and R. T. McCartney. Lynn M. Davis, Jr., heads the Baptist Press Bureau at the Sunday School Board.

In addition, stories are shared with the news service by state editors, the public relations personnel of state and SBC agencies and institutions. Baptist Press also uses "stringers" throughout the USA. These are secular newspaper people who help to provide news of interest to Baptists and about Baptists.

Jim Newton, assistant director of the press service, gives his full time to reporting and news handling. Information flows into the Nashville office (Southern Baptist Convention Building) from all over the nation via telephone, telegram, TWX wire service, airmail, and word-of-mouth. Releases are then airmailed from Nashville five days a week to the news media of the nation.

Non-Baptist religious publications are on the mailing list for the news

service: *The Christian Century*, *Christianity Today*, *The Christian Herald*, and others. Religion editors of major daily newspapers across the nation receive the releases. *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune*, *The Miami Herald*, and many others in between. The (BP) stories go to Associated Press, United Press International, to *Time* magazine, *Newsweek*, to radio and television stations, and other media.

The purpose in this operation is to give a full, free, fair-minded account of the life and work of Southern Baptists and to report events, developments, and matters of special interest to them. The many people who work with Baptist Press strive to make that (BP) label on a story a hallmark of excellence in journalism, your guarantee that what is reported is accurate and dependable. The press service is not a censorship

agency. Integrity demands the reporting of bad news when it happens, as well as the good news.

The press service is operated on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention by the SBC Executive Committee. In 1919 a resolution was submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention by E. C. Routh calling for a press bureau to serve the news media. The Convention adopted the resolution, but money was not available to do anything about it. In 1946 at the request of the Baptist state editors, Porter Routh (son of E. C. Routh) agreed to begin a press service in connection with his duties as secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board. Within a few months, at his suggestion, Baptist Press was transferred to the SBC Executive Committee, where it was directed by C. E. Bryant and later by Albert McClellan. They developed it into a first-class news service. Porter Routh, a former editor of the *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger*, became executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee in 1951.

Today your news service tries to keep Baptists—and others—posted on what is happening in our midst. Our Baptist polity demands informed members. Informing nearly 11 million people in all walks of life in 34,000 churches in 50 states is a big task. Baptist Press assists denominational publications in this task of spreading the news.



Frank Laubach

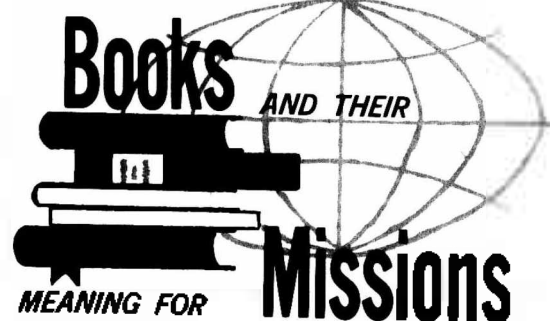
Would you spend \$2.95 to present a practical solution for some of the world's problems to leaders of our nation? I believe the book *War of Amazing Love* by Frank Laubach can be one of the most influential books of our day. Dr. Laubach points out problems and gives suggested solutions which are practical and possible.

Most of us agree with Dr. Laubach when he says: "Within these next few years America must make what will probably be the most fateful decision in all her history. We must decide if we will be the kind of nation no other nation would want to destroy—or if we will be the kind of nation every other nation will envy and dislike. The United States must deserve the moral and spiritual leadership of mankind or must forfeit it forever."

War of Amazing Love, Frank Laubach, \$2.95

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by Cyril E. Bryant
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The Youth Conference in Berne

Robert S. Denny, the youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, looks to the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference at Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968, as possibly the most significant of all youth meetings in Baptist world history.

There are several reasons for his conclusion:

1. The young people of 1968 are a restless generation. They are not nearly so complacent as their elders. They are looking for a way to bring peace to individuals, to nations, to the world.

2. Berne, the site of the conference, is a strategic combination of the beautiful, the inspirational, the old and the new. Hopefully it will help conference participants to evaluate the world and its potentials in the light of modern diplomacy (Berne, capital of a neutral nation, has embassies from every country of the world), and by inspiration from God who created the beauty of the mountains.

3. The program will be youth-centered. Following the theme, "One World, One Lord, One Witness," it will be as narrow in its concept as the scriptural "the way, the truth, and the life," and as wide as the world's problems. A list of big-name speakers will complement Baptist youth participants from around the world.

Speakers already listed on the program include:

Billy Graham, the evangelist
Carl H. Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
Roger Fredrickson, American Baptist youth leader and pastor at Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Gerhard Claas, past president of European Baptist Youth and now executive secretary of German Baptists
Samuel D. Proctor, American Negro leader, Baptist pastor, and college president
Solomon Gwei, leader of Cameroons Baptist youth
Paul Tourner, Swiss psychiatrist, theologian, and author

Speeches will be only a small part of the overall program, however. Youth from sixty nations will divide into

two hundred discussion groups to talk frankly one with another about how the speeches they have heard relate to conditions in their countries and their own future possibilities for Christian witness.

"It will not be a program where one simply comes and listens to speeches," Dr. Denny said. "It will be a conference in the truest sense of the word, with all participants getting to know each other as brothers and sisters in Christ committed to the fulfillment of the Great Commission."

"We can be pretty sure—judging from the lives of those persons who have attended past conferences—that all who go to Berne will be missions-minded for the rest of their lives."

Overall program planning is being directed by Gunnar Hoglund, youth secretary of the Baptist General Conference in Chicago and chairman of the BWA youth committee. Laurella Owens, editor of *The Window*, is one of three Southern Baptist representatives on the planning group. Howard D. Rees of Washington, D.C., is in charge of pre- and post-conference workshops; David K. Alexander of Nashville, in charge of arranging drama for the conference; John Binder of Chicago and Lovelle Maxwell of New York in charge of arranging group discussion periods.

There are many other pluses in the plans for the Berne conference. Foremost among the extras is the privilege of international travel. Berne is not only located in the heart of Europe, but is also a major portion of the way to the Holy Land which will beckon many conference delegates with a few extra dollars to spend.

Dr. Denny said that advance reservations already guarantee a full house in Berne. A minimum of three thousand is expected from North America, fifteen hundred from Europe, and five hundred from other parts of the world. The auditorium seats six thousand.

Parents who read this article are encouraged to plan now with their young people in the seventeen to thirty age bracket on arrangements to travel to Berne for the meeting. A letter to Dr. Denny will bring you a list of travel leaders who still have spaces on their tours. Address Dr. Robert Denny at Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.



Mont Cervin or the Matterhorn, that world famous 14,780 foot mountain in the Pennine Alps on the border of Switzerland and Italy, beckons mountain climbers.

BY VIRGINIA COBB MISSIONARY IN LEBANON

LEBANON'S UNIQUE ROLE

GO ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Jesus commanded. This verse is displayed over the pulpit of the largest and oldest Baptist church in Beirut. It was constituted in 1895. Early members of the church called this verse the "Baptist constitution."

Lebanon, an Arab country, is made up of people of many backgrounds and religions. Religious minorities which make up Lebanon's population cling tenaciously to their peculiar identities and traditions. Therefore, after seventy years of faithful witness, Baptists are still a small group. Their numbers through the years have been small and in a population of 2,280,000, Baptist church members number only 572. The witness of individual members, though zealous, continues to be limited by a traditional social system which is closely allied to relatives and neighbors. Therefore, the gospel spreads primarily through families and related village groups as converts witness for Christ.

When several churches had been established, a convention was formed in Lebanon and united efforts and widespread influence became possible: annual summer conferences for training and for the inspiration and encouragement of believers; missions in remote areas sponsored by churches of the convention; simultaneous revivals throughout the country in 1964 and another planned for the fall of 1968. In 1967 the convention sponsored a Sunday School campaign in all churches.

With the growth of churches the training of leaders for Lebanon as well as other Arab lands became an urgent need. A seminary which serves all Arabic-speaking countries has a special ministry in Lebanon. Its students go out on weekends to witness in villages and towns as people come to hear the gospel. They form what one missionary called a

"task force" that can be sent in to aid in particular efforts. In evangelism courses, pilot projects are planned for churches in which they demonstrate the effectiveness of visitation and methods of evangelism through the Sunday School. Church buildings and the gathering of people in them are silent witness to passers-by and often appeal to those who are led of the Holy Spirit to seek truth.

The Beirut Baptist School is deeply involved in the lives of families from all religious groups and all levels of society. It has opportunity to present an intensive, varied witness for an extended period of time to hundreds of students currently enrolled and to a growing number of alumni. The school opened its doors in 1955. It reaches beyond the nominally Christian portion of Lebanon's population.

A social center in Beirut's slums is manned by Baptist young people





1966 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocation: Beirut School \$20,000

who lead in clubs and Sunday School classes among migrant laborers and refugees many of whom have heard little of the Christian faith.

Churches and their educational programs, the seminary, and the school, all require Christian literature. The Baptist publishing house provides printed materials for Baptists of Lebanon and other Arabic-speaking lands. In addition it publishes biographies, children's books, and books on current topics to appeal to people not primarily interested in Christianity. An effort is currently under way to place these books in secular book stores where they will be available to non-Christians. A book store is being opened in a Muslim neighborhood in connection with the publications offices in Beirut. It will stock many non-religious books and school supplies. Its purpose is to serve the needs of the people of the community—in the name of Christ. Christian literature will be on display and available with a reading room open to all.

A biweekly column of comment and advice from a Christian point of

A column commenting on current problems from a Christian point of view which appears in Arab papers



view is run in two secular periodicals with a broad readership. Correspondence courses on the life of Christ are advertised through the news media. Hundreds of people have responded from faraway Morocco to Aden and Iraq. Their letters reveal a real hunger to know more of Christ for whom they express great admiration.

A new means of witness to the Arab world became available this month. A weekly radio program from Beirut will be broadcast. As personnel and resources become available, we hope to increase the number each week. Persons who respond will be contacted for correspondence courses and receipt of other printed matter.

New and better ways for witnessing to the truth that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah are being sought continuously. We share Paul's thinking in 1 Corinthians 9:22: "I become all things to all men, that I may save some of them by any means possible" (TEV).

A DEAF MINISTRY

AT HUFFMAN BAPTIST

by R. B. Culbreth, Pastor



Carl Preston, Sunday School superintendent, presents the Standard of Excellence to Ted Fagan. Anne Stone is interpreter

THIS is the story of the interesting progression of an idea. Deaf work at Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, had its beginning in our nation's capital.

The Home Mission Board sent Rev and Mrs Glen Prock to Washington, D.C., to work with deaf students of Gallaudet College, the only college in the world exclusively

for deaf people. The Procks made their headquarters in the Metropolitan Baptist Church where I was pastor. And they began to bring deaf students to our church.

My wife worked with the young people of our church, and this brought her into contact with the deaf young people. Realizing her need to communicate more directly

with them, she became interested in learning the sign language which Mr. Prock taught. She also attended night classes at Gallaudet College.

Communication with the deaf became more and more rewarding to her. Her friends shared her joy and appreciated her skill and interest.

We moved to Birmingham on May 2, 1966 and began our work in



Paul Bradford, Jr., one of the deaf members at Huffman Baptist Church, teaches the sign language.



Interpreters are faithful in always being on hand. Some serve as advisors as well as interpreters in Sunday School and Training Union.

There is keen interest in this deaf work at Huffman Baptist. Many hearing people attend sign language classes which Mrs. Culbreth teaches. About ten persons are now interpreting, not only in the worship services, but also at other functions, such as weddings and funerals. The deaf help with the sign language classes. They are patient with students who practice their new skill with them.

Some of the reasons the members have given for learning the sign language are:

"I feel that God has given me an unusual opportunity for serving him."

"Ted has been cutting my hair for years, and I want to be able to talk with him."

"There are deaf families living near us, and we would like to communicate with them."

"We can talk with these friends here at the church and when we see them elsewhere. Before we learned the language, all we could do was smile."

The deaf have expressed deep appreciation for our church. One said: "We like Huffman Baptist. The people are friendly and make us feel welcome."

Among those learning the language are children and young people. Perhaps God will lead some of them to specialized work with the deaf. A church secretary is learning it so that she can assist them when they come to the office for information. Her son, a student at Samford University in Birmingham, is an interpreter in our church services. He is now teaching a sign language class in another Baptist church where there is need for starting a deaf work in the future.

To me it is an inspiration to have the deaf in our services, and to see love and fellowship growing in our church as a result of these efforts.

When and what is Baptist Men's Day?

January 28, 1968, is Baptist Men's Day. A special brochure prepared by the Brotherhood Commission reminds us that "Baptist Men's Day, January 28, will provide churches with an opportunity to emphasize the need for men to lead out in the missions work of the church. Baptist Men's Day is a time (1) to remind the congregation of the importance of men studying about missions and participating in mission action; (2) to challenge men to find places of service in the programs of the church and the denomination; and (3) to recognize men for their faithfulness in ministering and witnessing."

Baptist Men's Day was first observed in 1930. Only a few hundred churches participated in its first observance. However, through the years Baptist Men's Day has grown in popularity until thousands of Southern Baptist churches promote and observe it.

The 1968 theme, "As You Go Minister," is derived from the Southern Baptist emphasis for 1967-68, "The Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Ministry."

Some of the special events suggested in connection with the observance of Baptist Men's Day are:

- Baptist Men-sponsored breakfasts for all men of the church
- Sunday afternoon mission action involving ministering and/or witnessing
- Brief messages or testimonies in Sunday School and Training Union department assemblies
- Special music by men using the new anthem, "Men on the March for Christ," in the January 1968 issue of *The Church Musician*.
- Sunday night fellowship period following the evening service

- Family prayer period in which each man will lead a period of Bible reading and prayer in his home as he leads his family in a discussion of the opportunities for ministering and witnessing.

If your church has no organized Baptist Men's unit, this day provides a fine opportunity for the pastor to select a steering committee for organizing a Baptist Men's unit.

Pastors and Brotherhood directors should receive from the state Brotherhood department a packet of materials for use in planning the programs and activities for Baptist Men's Day.

Where can we locate information about how Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men minister to people of special need?

The book *Missionary Education for Baptist Men* by George L. Euting (\$1.00 from Baptist Book Stores), presents a thorough discussion of various opportunities for mission action in the community and possible plans for getting men of the church involved in mission action.

A discussion of mission action is found in the 1967-68 *Brotherhood Handbook*.

Mission action guides are available as resource materials from Baptist Book Stores and Woman's Missionary Union (see p. 7 for listing of mission action guides).

The quarterly publications *Baptist Men's Journal* and *Guide* (for officers of Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men) provide articles and specific directives for mission action.

Thus, in numerous places there are excellent directives for assisting Baptist Men's units in their outreach to persons of special need.

.....IS THIS YOUR QUESTION

by Marie Mathis...

IN recent years there have been two evident trends among women in Woman's Missionary Unions all across our country. One, women have wanted an organization more suitable to their work; and two, women have wanted community missions to have more depth of meaning in service and witness.

Already you know we say mission action instead of community missions. Already there are hundreds of mission action groups in our churches. Already women, led of the Lord into significant ministry and witness to persons who need them, are reporting great blessings from the Lord.

But what about the WMU organization? All this year you will hear about the new organizational plans. See March and April ROYAL SERVICE. In the WMU Year Book 1967-68 you see the new WMU Achievement Guide on pages 12-13. This fall (1968-69) we will also have new leadership materials and materials to orient members. Watch forthcoming issues of ROYAL SERVICE for other trends and information about mission action and the work of WMU and WMS in your church.

TRENDS IN WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION



Call to Prayer

Prepared by Janice Singleton

1 MONDAY *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.* Hebrews 13:8 RSV (read vv. 1-8).

"Rebuilding America's cities isn't merely a matter of bricks and mortar, or even money. New ways must be found to change the lives of millions of people." Thus begins a report in *Home Missions* on a Senate subcommittee hearing on urban affairs. Pray today for our missions in the cities, such as Dorothy Jemmitt (Mrs. David), who with her husband works with West Indians in New York City.

Pray for these—New York: Mrs. David Jemmitt; South Carolina: Preston Pendergrass; Texas: S. F. Torres; New Mexico: J. A. Mouser; California: Mrs. Peter Chen; Washington: Mrs. L. A. Warren; Cuba: Rafael Melian; Mexico: J. H. Green; Peru: I. R. Dixon; Honduras: Mrs. R. A. Wilson; Brazil: J. D. Luper; Japan: Jane McAuley; M. J. Bradshaw; Hong Kong: Mrs. C. D. Langford; Tanzania: Helen Gilmore; Retired: Cecile Lancaster (Japan), Cornelia Brower (Chile).

2 TUESDAY *Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it.* Deuteronomy 11:8 (read vv. 7-12).

Dr. and Mrs. Byron D. Braly were appointed last April for Yemen. Mrs. Braly is the former Anne Luther Bagby, granddaughter of the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil. Her parents were also missionaries, and she was born and reared in Brazil. Byron, her husband, is a medical doctor and a native of Texas. His birthday is today; Anne's is January 8. Pray for them as they enter this difficult Arab field.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23260, and in HOME MISSIONS.

Pray for these—Yemen: B. D. Braly; Indonesia: Mrs. C. R. Rogers; Mrs. K. Z. Ellison; Mrs. G. E. Arthur; Hong Kong: C. E. Dean; Nigeria: Mrs. J. D. Denmark; Barbara Epperson; Edythe Montroy; G. E. Robinson; Brazil: F. E. Halbrook, Jr.; E. B. Trott; Paraguay: M. P. Jones; Panama: Christina Guerrero; Kansas: C. H. Rankin; Louisiana: H. Y. Bell; L. D. Clepper; Truman Granger; Retired: Mary Demarest (China-Taiwan).

3 WEDNESDAY *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.* Ephesians 5:2 (read vv. 1-20).

Dr. Thomas E. Carter of the Home Mission Board directs chaplaincy work which includes promotion of ministry to prisoners. Seminars and conferences are held for chaplains employed by the government or by state or local missions boards. Pray for chaplains in prisons and for those to whom they minister. Pray also that we may find ways to minister to the needs of those in prisons and jails in our communities.

Pray for these—Alabama: E. R. Isbell; Hawaii: C. D. Mullins; Guatemala: H. N. Lindwall; Nigeria: Mrs. D. E. Merritt; J. A. Barnes; Hong Kong: Mrs. V. L. Frank; Japan: C. K. Hayes; Retired: J. A. Abernathy (China-Philippines-Korea).

4 THURSDAY *Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed, thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.* Exodus 15:13 (read vv. 1-13).

Most of the sixty-four children at the First Mexican Baptist Church in Uvalde, Texas, come from Catholic homes. Miss Mary Drucilla King asks us to pray for her as she witnesses to these children and to their families. "It is a wonderful experience to be prayed for on your birthday. It makes us truly laborers together with Christ."

Pray for these—Texas: Mary Drucilla King; New York: Mrs. D. A. Morgan; Cuba: Antonio Ramos; Mrs. Rafael Fraguela; Chile: J. H. Biner; Mrs. C. I. Tribble; Uruguay: Mrs. Murray Smith; Nigeria: I. R. Brothers; Hong Kong: Mrs. D. W. Morgan; Okinawa: Mrs. A. E. Spencer, Jr.; Japan: Mrs. Leslie Watson; Indonesia: Mrs. R. K. Parks; Luxembourg: R. M. Wood; Retired: Marjorie Spence (Chile), Frances Talley (Japan), Edith Rose Weller (Brazil).

5 FRIDAY *And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer.* 2 Samuel 22:2 (read vv. 1-7).

Dr. Daniel Gruver is the first appointed medical missionary of the Home Mission Board. He had a dream realized when a modern hospital was built on the San Blas Islands of Ailigandi in Panama. Pray for him as he seeks to bring physical and spiritual health to remote Indian tribes.

Pray for these—Panama: Daniel Gruver; Cuba: Mrs. Rafael Melian, Rogelio Paret; Louisiana: Mrs. Sue Pratt; Virginia: E. L. Hamrick; Washington: Mrs. Pablo Flores; Spain: Mrs. J. W. Buie; Morocco: M. P. Callaway; Nigeria: Mrs. L. G. Legg; Brazil: Mrs. H. B. Mitchell; Colombia: Mrs. J. N. Thomas; Retired: Minnie Berry (Kentucky).

6 SATURDAY *God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.* 2 Samuel 22:33 (read vv. 17-33).

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last March for a Baptist building in Manila, Philippines. The new structure expected to be completed this month will house the Baptist Book Store, publications center, radio and television department, and offices for the Mission.

Pray for these—Philippines: Mrs. H. R. Watson; Okinawa: Mrs. W. R. Medling; Nigeria: Margaret Lamberth; Liberia: J. H. Hovde; Paraguay: G. A. Nichols; Guatemala: Mrs. A. C. Scanlon; Texas: Mrs. A. G. Virden; Retired: A. N. Murray (Louisiana).

SUNDAY *Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.* 1 Chronicles 16:24 (read vv. 23-24).

Virginia Back (Mrs. J. D.) works with Apache Indians in Whiteriver, Arizona. "Last year we prayed for the Lord to send dependable help for our church. Our prayer was answered when schoolteachers and their wives came to live and work with us. Pray that Indian people may be more dependable, and pray for those who are slaves to alcohol."

Pray for these—Arizona: Mrs. J. D. Back; Nevada: Mrs. Willie Garza; Missouri: T. A. Welch; Argentina: Mrs. D. L. Bailey; Ecuador: R. D. Clement; Colombia: Mrs. J. W. Patterson; Brazil: Mrs. N. W. Welch; Japan: B. W. Western; Mrs. F. P. Bennett; Korea: Mrs. Anthony Stella, Jr.; Israel: D. G. Thorne; Nigeria: Mrs. J. D. Johnston; Tanzania: Mrs. K. L. Oliphint; Retired: Isias Valdivia (Texas).

8 MONDAY *Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.* 1 Chronicles 29:11 (read vv. 10-20).

Rev. and Mrs. William E. Lewis were appointed in 1958 to Tanzania. Last year they accompanied Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, area secretary for Africa, on a trip to Ethiopia and have been transferred to serve in this country. Pray for them.

Pray for these—Ethiopia: W. E. Lewis, Jr.; Nigeria: Lydia Sanders; Yemen: Mrs. R. D. Braly; Korea: Mrs. H. G. Gateley; Japan: M. H. Lowe; Philippines: B. R. Tisdale; Texas: M. A. Sanderford; Louisiana: J. J. Spane; Retired: Mrs. B. W. Orrick (Uruguay).

9 TUESDAY *They lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever* 2 Chronicles 5:13 (read vv. 11-14).

"Three boys and a man sixty-five years old made professions of faith last Sunday evening," reports Mrs. Fred Propst. "As I looked over the congregation, I judged that a third of the people were from the immediate community and were coming to weekday ministry activities in our church. The others were members who no longer live in the community but who support the work." Mr. Propst is pastor and Mrs. Propst directs weekday ministries at Capitol Avenue Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Pray for these—Georgia: Mrs. Fred Propst; Uruguay: J. W. Bartley, Jr.; Honduras: L. G. Keyes; Brazil: Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt; Liberia: Mrs. T. E. Oody; Israel: Mrs. M. C. Reed; Philippines: R. F. Ricketson; Indonesia: J. H. Carpenter; Taiwan: Lucille Dawdy.

10 WEDNESDAY *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble* Psalm 46:1 (read vv. 1-11).

Soon after Mrs. M. E. O'Neill and her husband moved to Benavides, Texas, to work with Spanish-speaking people, they received hundreds of letters from members of Girls' Auxiliaries assuring them they were praying for them and their work. There were more than twenty professions of faith during their first two months. She writes, "We must have burdened prayer to sustain us. There is so much to do. We need guidance in choosing what is best for the growth of God's kingdom."

Pray for these—Texas: Mrs. M. E. O'Neill, D. E. Quance; Okinawa: Mrs. D. N. Dudley; Thailand: Mrs. H. A. Fox; Malaysia: S. P. Schmidt; Nigeria: Josephine Scaggs; Retired: G. A. Bowdler, Sr. (Argentina).

11 THURSDAY *But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer* Psalm 66:19 (read vv. 8-20).

The Mission Industrial School in Faridpur, East Pakistan, won first prize for rice growing in a contest sponsored by the Pakistan department of agriculture. This is part of the self-help program of the school under direction of the superintendent, Carl F. Ryther. It is also in line with the government's "grow more food" campaign.

Pray for these—Pakistan: Mrs. C. F. Ryther; Indonesia: R. H. Stuckey; Vietnam: L. I. Myers, Jr.; Hong Kong: V. L. Frank; Japan: Mrs. M. F. Moorhead; Ghana: Mrs. C. H. Favelle; Brazil: O. D. Martin, Jr.; Venezuela: Mrs. J. U. Moss; Hawaii: Mrs. H. R. Tatum; Oklahoma: W. W. Boggan, C. E. LeClair; New Mexico: S. M. Corradi; Retired: Mrs. M. C. Garcia (Texas).

12 FRIDAY *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty* Psalm 91:1 (read vv. 1-16).

"Our prayer is that God will continue to help us train workers and develop leaders among the Indian people. They need to be trained in witnessing, in giving, in teaching, in music," Mrs. Delbert Fann writes from Flagstaff, Arizona.

Pray for these—Arizona: Mrs. Delbert Fann; Texas: Lok-Tin Cheung; Guatemala: D. M. Simms; Hong Kong: B. E. Towery, Jr.; Philippines: Victoria Parsons; Nigeria: Mary Evelyn Fredenburg; Zambia: Mrs. M. E. Cunningham, Jr.; Retired: Mrs. J. W. Moore (China).

13 SATURDAY *Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people* Psalm 96:3 (read vv. 1-13).

"New Testament evangelism is confronting individuals with the good news of the redemptive will and work of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Its aim is the salvation of the total being of man in this age and in the age to come." This is part of a "declaration" adopted in Cali, Colombia, at the first meeting of the committee on planning the Crusade of the Americas. Pray for this hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort for 1969.

Pray for these—Brazil: Mrs. D. H. Burt, Jr.; Nigeria: Mrs. J. S. McGee; Japan: Mrs. T. W. Graham; Malaysia: W. M. Burris; Puerto Rico: Mrs. S. A. Candal; Arizona: C. E. Holliday; Retired: L. C. Smith (Louisiana).

SUNDAY *Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing* Revelation 5:12 (read vv. 9-14).

Mrs. Charles Fanshaw works in Cave Spring, Georgia, with boys and girls who attend the Georgia School for the Deaf. "We come into contact with many problems," she writes. "There are students who grow discouraged, and parents who are worried." Mission action groups will find many needs in this area.

Pray for these—Georgia: Mrs. Charles Fanshaw; Virginia: Janice Marie Ball; Louisiana: Edna Amelia Keller; Texas: Daniel Aleman; New Mexico: Mrs. Job Maldonado; Argentina: Mrs. A. B. Bedford, S. D. Clark; Chile: Mrs. H. L. Hardy, Jr.; Brazil: Mrs. P. W. Noland; Spain: J. W. Mefford, Jr.; Kenya: Mrs. M. G. Duncan; Nigeria: J. A. Nickell, Jr.; Japan: Mrs. G. H. Hays; Indonesia: Mrs. F. S. Wells.

15 MONDAY *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes* Revelation 7:17 (read vv. 9-17).

Seasonal rains seemed to cast a pall over the women gathered for the day of prayer in Nyeri, Kenya. The program did not go as planned, but during the closing hymn a woman came from the rear of the church and gave a testimony. With a smile she broke into a song of thanksgiving, leading others to sing praises to God. Mrs. R. Jay

E. Stewart adds: "Women around the world had gathered that day to pray that others know and accept the love of Christ. Their prayer was answered in Nyeri. And no doubt in places we'll never know about."

Pray for these—Tanzania: Mrs. R. J. E. Stewart; Liberia: Mrs. E. W. Mueller; New Mexico: Mrs. Forrest Wiggins; Retired: Mrs. L. B. Olive (China), J. F. Ray (Japan).

16 TUESDAY *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS* Revelation 19:16 (read vv. 1-16).

Last year's budget for the East African work included an allocation for purchase of a new motor for a small airplane donated to the Mission in East Africa. Rev. Charles E. Evans, stationed in Kitale, Kenya, is pilot for the craft. Pray for him as he uses it to reach remote areas with the message of Christ.

Pray for these—Kenya: C. E. Evans; Switzerland: E. W. Miller; Japan: H. D. Griffin; Brazil: Mrs. T. E. Hahel; Mrs. A. B. Oliver.

17 WEDNESDAY *So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love* 1 Corinthians 13:13 (read vv. 1-13).

English is a second language for the people of Surinam, formerly Dutch Guiana. Last year Harvey J. Kneisel and Charles P. Love, missionaries in nearby Guyana, visited station managers to investigate the possibility of getting Baptist programs on radio and television. Plans have been made to broadcast "The Baptist Hour" and other films. "We are thankful to God that the gospel can be communicated to many more people because God opened up this way," writes Mrs. Kneisel.

Pray for these—Guyana: H. J. Kneisel, Jr.; Argentina: A. J. Glaze, Jr.; Brazil: Mrs. C. W. Dickson; Kenya: Mrs. A. A. Cummins, Jr.; Spain: Mrs. J. A. Newton; Philippines: W. J. Moorhead; Japan: V. O. McMillan, Jr.; Hong Kong: M. T. Bond; Oklahoma: W. T. Moore; Kansas: Mrs. Charles Rankin; Texas: R. B. Rodriguez.

18 THURSDAY *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death* Philippians 1:20 (read vv. 1-20).

A missionary on furlough usually has a full schedule. Dr. L. C. Smith of Nigeria can testify. Among other important opportunities last year he gave advice on health care to sixty-six students in an orientation period for summer missions work. He was also one of two hundred specialists at a medical missions conference for medical volunteers sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board. Pray for Dr. Smith and his family, now in Nigeria.

Pray for these—Nigeria: L. C. Smith; Libya: H. L.

Blankenship; Malaysia: Mrs. Minor Davidson, B. C. Thomas; Philippines: S. M. Waldron; Japan: J. L. Watters; Audrey Fontaine; Taiwan: Mrs. S. A. Ricketson; Guam: L. E. McCall; Brazil: G. D. Grober; Colombia: C. M. Hobson; Venezuela: Mrs. C. R. Smith; Chile: Mrs. J. H. Binner; French West Indies: W. H. Cain; Puerto Rico: Milton Leach, Jr.; New York: Leobardo Estrada; Washington, D.C.: G. C. Prock; Oklahoma: Betty Marie Muskrat; Louisiana: Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie; Retired: Christine Garnett (Cuba), Luis Chapa (Texas), Mrs. R. A. Jacob (China).

19 FRIDAY *For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake* Philippians 1:29 (read vv. 21-30).

"How wonderful it is to have as our daily work the publishing of good news," wrote Mary-Ellen and Marvin Garrett. "The [government] crisis in Rhodesia has made Africa everybody's business. We expected conditions to become worse, but recently Marvin preached the dedication sermon for two new Baptist churches." Pray for the Christians in Rhodesia and their witness.

Pray for these—Rhodesia: M. L. Garrett; Malawi: Mrs. LeRoy Albright; Tanzania: A. E. Senter; Japan: Mrs. A. L. Gillespie; Brazil: Mrs. W. J. Damon, Mrs. F. E. Halbrooks, Jr.; Mexico: B. R. Murray; Mississippi: R. L. Mefford.

20 SATURDAY *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus* Philippians 2:5 (read vv. 1-11).

Adriano Robles, a San Blas Indian preacher, works with the San Blas Indians who are employed at the Canal Zone. These people are sojourners, away from their native islands nearby. Mr. Robles holds services in their language at the First Spanish Baptist Church in Panama City. He also is friend and counselor to them. Pray for him.

Pray for these—Panama Canal Zone: Adriano Robles; Arizona: Marilyn R. Thompson; California: Larry Wilkerson; Brazil: R. N. Boswell; Chile: Kay Jones; Colombia: C. W. Bryan; Zambia: D. A. Bonnell, Jr.; Nigeria: Mrs. W. A. Compere; Kenya: Mrs. H. T. Cummins; Ghana: Shirley Plumlee; Israel: Mrs. W. C. Lanier; Hong Kong: Mrs. J. C. Raborn; Taiwan: Mary H. Sampson; Retired: Jeannette Beall (China).

SUNDAY *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death* Philippians 3:10 (read vv. 1-14).

One of the greatest population centers in the United States is the Great Lakes area, which was the subject of the Home Mission Graded Series last year. Donald Weeks directs a mission center in Gary, Indiana, which is in this area. People of many national and racial backgrounds come to the center where Donald and his wife Virginia seek faithfully and lovingly to show forth Christ.

Pray for these—Indiana: Donald Weeks; California: A. L. McDaniel, Jr.; Brazil: Mrs. S. A. Qualls; Mrs. G. B. Soright; Korea: J. Y. Greene; Nigeria: Mary Frank Kirkpatrick; Retired: Ines Sanchez (Texas).

22 MONDAY *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus Philippians 4:7 (read vv. 1-10).*

A tide of nationalism in Korea following economic recovery is bringing a new dignity to the country. The Oscar K. Bozemanns see signs of renewal in Korean Baptist churches. The churches are awakening to the need for better educational programs, and, though still desperately poor, are providing for pastor salaries and needed church buildings. "It is our prayer that we shall be faithful stewards of our Christian responsibility in this land," the Bozemanns write.

Pray for these—Korea: O. K. Bozeman, Jr.; Indonesia: Mrs. L. D. Mullins; Malaysia: Jessie Green; Liberia: L. P. Hardy; Ghana: W. D. Richardson; Peru: Mrs. I. L. Northcutt; Brazil: Mrs. B. O. Gilmore; Retired: J. C. Powell (Nigeria).

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

Mary Lucy Parsons works in the weekday program of the East Baltimore Baptist Church. "God has brought about great things. In one family a Junior girl led the way and a younger sister also accepted Christ as Saviour. Later the mother came. All have been baptized and are faithful in identifying with the church. Pray for this inner-city ministry, that many families may be reached for Christ."

Pray for these—Maryland: Mary Lucy Parsons; Oregon: Mrs. Allen Elston; Oklahoma: B. F. Belvin; Brazil: O. D. Boles; Mrs. R. T. Fleet; Austria: W. L. Wagner; Liberia: T. E. Cromer; Nigeria: Doris Garrett; D. N. Mayhall; Mrs. S. P. Myers; Tanzania: Mrs. R. R. Morris; Indonesia: Mrs. J. E. Ingolf; Taiwan: Mrs. H. W. Barker; Retired: G. W. Strother (China-Malaysia).

24 WEDNESDAY *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this Isaiah 9:7 (read vv. 1-7).*

"The Crusade of the Americas in 1969 is the greatest opportunity we have ever had to bring the impact of the gospel on this entire hemisphere. This evangelistic effort gives us opportunity not only to reach many people for Jesus Christ but also to identify ourselves with the righteousness of the kingdom of God as it pertains to everyday living in the whole social order." This statement was made by Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, president of the South-

ern Baptist Convention.

Pray for these—Costa Rica: C. E. Christian; Mexico: Mr. and Mrs. Van Gladen; Ecuador: W. P. May; Liberia: Mrs. K. R. Nicholson; Uganda: Mrs. C. R. Blundell; Japan: Mrs. R. C. Bruce; Hong Kong: J. L. Templeton, Jr.; Pakistan: Mrs. J. F. McKinley, Jr.; Panama: Mrs. Napoleon Gomez; Alabama: Mrs. E. R. Isbell; Oklahoma: Mrs. F. H. Heiney; Retired: D. D. Cooper (Oklahoma), E. L. Kelley (Texas).

25 THURSDAY *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea Isaiah 11:9 (read vv. 1-9).*

"In a revolutionary epoch of history, in a revolutionary part of the world, we plan to start a revolution—a revolution for Christ." Thus one South American Baptist expressed the enthusiasm and determination shared by him and his co-workers in a regional conference on the Crusade of the Americas. Representatives from Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia resolved "to take the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to every nook and corner of society." Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct plans for this evangelistic effort in 1969.

Pray for these—Peru: J. R. Dixon; Spain: Mrs. D. R. White; Nigeria: Mary Ellen Yancey, Emma Watts; Kenya: W. J. Roberts; Indonesia: Mrs. D. L. Mitchell; North Carolina: Maurice Briggs; Georgia: E. D. Stirewalt; Retired: A. Worthington (Oklahoma), W. E. Allen (Brazil).

26 FRIDAY *In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the people; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious Isaiah 11:10 RSV (read vv. 10-16).*

The director of Friendship House in Newport News, Virginia, is Dora Mae Moss. The need for an associate with professional training in children's work was met when Janice M. Ball went there as an US-2 missionary. "Our enrolment grows. Our need now is a building designed for use in this type work."

Pray for these—Virginia: Dora Mae Moss; California: D. A. Dalby; Cuba: Pablo Martinez; Argentina: Mrs. W. I. Cooper; Italy: Mrs. F. H. Anderson; Nigeria: J. C. Pool; Philippines: Mrs. R. L. Stanley; Mrs. D. B. McCoy; Malaysia: Mrs. J. R. Brunson; Japan: Mrs. J. L. Walters.

27 SATURDAY *And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted Isaiah 12:4 (read vv. 1-6).*

The question, What is the Crusade of the Americas, was answered by Dr. Rubens Lopes, Brazilian and president of the central coordinating committee: "It is a gigantic endeavor to take the gospel to all the people of the

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Americas; it is a Christ-o-centric campaign; it is a campaign of the churches to be effectuated by the churches." Baptists of twenty-six countries have pledged support to this mammoth endeavor to influence the entire Western Hemisphere for Christ. Pray that Baptists will rely on the Holy Spirit to bring the lost to Christ as Saviour.

Pray for these—New Mexico: Mrs. E. F. Day; Colombia: Mrs. L. C. Turnage; Indonesia: W. M. Hailey, Sr.; Italy: Mrs. W. C. Ruchti, Jr.; Nigeria: Eula Pauline Martin, Retired; Mrs. A. R. Crabtree (Brazil-Portugal).

SUNDAY *Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord January 28 God is an everlasting rock Isaiah 26:4 RSV (read vv. 1-9).*

Agnacia B. Campbell teaches kindergarten in Chapigana, a remote settlement in Panama near the Colombian border. To get there visitors must go by plane or banana boat to La Palma, then twenty-five miles up the river by launch. The children in the school are Choco Indians and Jamaicans who speak Spanish, as do Agnacia and her husband. Pray for this dedicated couple.

Pray for these—Panama: Agnacia B. Campbell; Colombia: Mrs. L. G. Breedon; Argentina: Mrs. R. H. Pinder; Brazil: Mrs. R. L. Hensley; Philippines: D. L. Hill; Thailand: Mrs. J. E. Patten; Liberia: Mrs. J. W. Brizendine; Germany: Mrs. I. E. Ballenger; Retired: R. C. Moore (Chile); Frank DiMaggio (Louisiana).

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29 MONDAY *Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you Isaiah 35:4 (read vv. 1-10).*

"Work with the Jicarilla Apache Indians is slow," write Rev. and Mrs. John A. Mouser from Dulce, New Mexico. "People are indifferent and even church members drift along listlessly. Pray that the evils of drink, immorality, and indifference will be replaced by inner peace and satisfaction as these friends accept God's gracious gift, Jesus Christ."

Pray for these—Arizona: Mrs. Horace Fisher, Frank Ramirez; Texas: Frances Moreno; Florida: Clifford Bruffey; Chile: Mrs. H. C. McConnell; Argentina: P. A. Taylor; Thailand: Mrs. R. L. Shelton; Philippines: Mrs. G. C. Martin; Indonesia: E. L. King, Jr.; Nigeria: E. M. Fine; Tanzania: Mary Louise Hobart.

30 TUESDAY *He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young Isaiah 40:11 (read vv. 1-11).*

When Khun Wan applied for admission to the Baptist theological seminary in Bangkok, Thailand, president J. Glenn Morris asked if he had any experience preaching. "Oh, yes," came the reply, "I've done a great deal of preaching—as a Buddhist monk." This former Buddhist has now graduated from that seminary. "It is our prayer," says Dr. Morris, "that God will call other capable men and women to serve him here."

Pray for these—Thailand: J. G. Morris, Mrs. O. L. Butcher, Jr.; Malaysia: Mrs. C. F. Yarnell, Jr.; Japan: T. O. Cox; Taiwan: Mrs. J. L. Gentry; Ethiopia: Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Jr.; Nigeria: Connie M. Bowers; Brazil: B. O. Gilmore; California: Mrs. Peggy J. Matthews, Eugene Wolfe; New Mexico: Mrs. J. A. Mouser; Retired: H. P. McCormick (Nigeria-Hawaii).

31 WEDNESDAY *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable Isaiah 40:28 RSV (read vv. 21-31).*

The East African Baptist Theological Seminary opened six years ago in Arusha, Tanzania. In the recent graduating class there were twelve students—four from Kenya, one from Uganda, and seven from Tanzania. James G. Tidenberg was one of the missionaries awarding certificates to the nine young men and three young women graduates. Praise God for this significant milestone and for these graduates.

Pray for these—Tanzania: J. G. Tidenberg; Nigeria: Mrs. W. J. Ferguson; Mrs. H. D. Martin; Malaysia: Mrs. Wheeler Kidd; Oklahoma: Mrs. J. D. Comer; Colorado: Mrs. M. R. Demerree.

Study in January



More Foreign Missionaries--Now

by Monte McMahan Clendinning

Study Question: How can my church help provide more foreign missionaries now?

MEETING OUTLINE

Song: "O Zion, Haste"
Call to Prayer
Business
Promotional Features (see WMS Forecaster)
Study Session

STUDY SESSION OUTLINE

Introducing Study Question
Prayer
Missionaries Needed Now
Needs and Southern Baptist Work in Pakistan and Lebanon
Churches: Missionary Seedbeds
First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas
First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
What Can Our Church Do?
Conclusion

Get Ready, Program Chairman

From your WMS set of posters (see p. 23 for ordering instructions) use the poster for January. Cut a strip of white paper and place it over the title for today's study. On a table beneath the poster display at left an enlarged photograph of your church. If a photograph is not available, use a small cardboard replica of a church (order Church, Traditional, 83W, 60 cents from Baptist Book Stores). Prepare for use in introducing the study question a white paper strip on which you have printed the study question.

Save the theme and church replica for use in next month's study.

Order from the Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230 the free leaflets, "Needed Now" (personnel needs) and "Missions Is Action." Mount

the leaflets on cardboard and place on stand at back of table.

Order enough copies for each member to have one each of the WMS Prayer Folder, "I Resolve" (10 for 30 cents from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores), which you will want to use at the close of your study.

In addition you will need Bible, chalk and chalkboard (or crayon and poster board), table and chairs for panelists, names ready for a committee (see "What Can Our Church Do?" p. 26), a pencil, and a copy of the following questionnaire for each member:

Questionnaire

(Distribute with pencil as persons arrive.)

1. How old is our church? _____ years
2. What is our present membership? approximately _____
3. How many foreign missionaries have gone out from our church? _____
4. The name of one foreign missionary from my church is _____ who serves in _____ (country).
5. Do I regularly pray that God will call out from my home or my children's homes, and from our church more missionaries (young people as well as adults)?

(Program chairman, be sure you have accurate information to answer questions 1-4.)

Introducing Study Question (leader)

Why should our church be missionary? What would you answer? Is it because millions of people are lost? Is it because we know Christ as Saviour and want to share this

good news with others? Both of these are good and accurate answers. A third important fact which we have not and must not overlook is that Jesus commanded his followers to be missionary.

Jesus gave this command to his church (disciples) just before he returned to heaven (read Matt. 28:18-20). He continues to make this command meaningful today through the work of the Holy Spirit as he commissions us today to witness for him wherever we may be and around the world. Each believer, each group of believers or church, has a definite responsibility for "preaching" the gospel to every creature.

A thorough study of our church's missionary responsibility would require more time than we have available. Next month we shall study a church's opportunity for investing money in missions. Today let us think of the urgency of "More Foreign Missionaries--Now." Our specific question to be answered by each of us is, How can my church help provide more foreign missionaries now? or to make the question more personal, What can I do to help in placing more missionaries now on foreign fields? (Remove strip from poster to reveal the title and ask group to read it. Then repeat the study question in its personal application--see above.)

As you entered the room, you were given pencil and paper. Let us take a few minutes to answer the questions (see questionnaire).

(Read the questions and hear answers. You will need to be prepared to answer correctly all questions. On chalkboard or on poster board write correct answers to questions 1-4. Encourage serious thought about question 5. If the answer to question 4 is no one, ask women to give one or two reasons for this. Challenge them to a deeper concern for others to be called out. Limit this entire activity to no more than five minutes.)

Pray for foreign missionaries from your church, whom you know for all missionary effort. Ask God to guide you in seeing ways of alerting your church to its responsibility to Christ to help persons to go as appointed missionaries

Missionaries Needed Now

Do we have enough missionaries to carry out Jesus' command adequately? (Ask women to answer in light of wording of topic and aim for today.) Let us listen as we hear the command and its scope as defined by Jesus and recorded in Acts (read Acts 1:8). Let us focus on needs for missionary help "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

A missions meeting in Nigeria is typical of many held regularly in all areas of our world. Recently in Nigeria as the missionaries in their annual Mission meeting considered personnel requests from throughout Nigeria, the most familiar phrase used was, "We regret there is no one available to go to fill this request for help. . . ." Twenty-seven written requests from nationals and missionaries were considered. The needs: pastor for a church near a university with 2,500 students enrolled, chaplains for several Baptist secondary schools, teachers, evangelists, WMU workers, nurses, Bible teachers. Other requests were not made because from experience it was reckoned that there was no help available to hope for. One missionary wrote: "Meanwhile, time moves swiftly, and eternity comes for many without any opportunity to know Christ as Saviour."

Needs and Southern Baptist Work in Pakistan and Lebanon

Over and over acute need for missionaries is reported from the Orient, the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Latin America. Missionaries for almost every vocation are needed: evangelism, education, publication, medical, student work, business administration, agriculture, music, social work. Let us today look at missionary needs in medical work in East Pakistan (locate on map) and publication work in Lebanon (locate on map). Now consider again our poster. How many missionaries are in medical work in Pakistan? (Ask a woman to come and read their names from the poster. Follow same procedure for publication work in Lebanon.)

You and I often become discouraged when we cannot readily make an appointment with our doctor or must

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These ten posters are for use at your society meeting when you study each month. Use them with your study and to preview your future study subjects in circles and WMS meetings.

QUARTER'S STUDY for SOCIETY

This quarter there are only two study sessions because in March we observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions (March 3-10).

The theme for the January and February society study is "A Church and Its Missionary Responsibility."

This month we study about the need for "More Foreign Missionaries—Now," with emphasis on publication missionaries in Lebanon and medical work in East Pakistan.

In February we will consider the importance of "Money for Missions."

On a chalkboard or on large poster board write the quarterly theme above. Below it the topics for study in January and February. Save this for use in February.

spend time in his waiting room. In a country like Pakistan, where there is only one doctor for every 85,000 people in the nation, we probably would not have to do either! There would be no doctor near us.

Although Pakistan is largely Muslim, it is reported that 80 percent of all nurses are Christian. This unusually high percentage of Christians in the nursing profession no doubt results from the fact that Muslim women have traditionally not been allowed to enter public professions. They are entering the medical and nursing professions, however, in increasing numbers. It is only when Christian women have broken through cultural barriers that they have been able to demonstrate Christ's love and compassion through this noble profession. The need is extremely acute in Pakistan, as elsewhere, for additional nurses.

Among the more than twenty Southern Baptist missionaries in East Pakistan, there are two doctors and two nurses who hope to build a permanent medical work. After six weeks of operation, the Baptist mobile clinic was closed by the government in 1965 because of Pakistan-India conflict. We continue to seek permission for permanent medical work. During this brief period when the clinic was open, missionaries established goodwill which has helped in enabling Southern Baptists to remain in this "holy land" of Islam, even though opposition remains strong. Even eight months after the clinic had closed, in one day forty-four people sought treatment from missionary doctors. Surely permission will come to enable doctors and nurses to minister in this needy land. Additional doctors and nurses as well as funds will be necessary when God brings this about.

Sharing God's love overseas is done in many ways and by means of many talents. One of the intensified ministries in the Middle East is Arab Baptist publication work in Lebanon, which was begun in 1954 with the distribution of Sunday School leaflets. Today the publication missionaries publish, in Arabic, Christian literature which is

shipped anywhere in the world.

Under the direction of missionary Virginia Cobb (see poster), this center located in Beirut now offers a catalog listing published items. One may secure in Arabic Sunday School literature, Christian training lessons, missions programs, Baptist study course books, tracts, religious novels, simple works on philosophy and ethics, and children's books (see article, p. 11).

This literature meets a real need in churches and missions points. Word of the availability of literature and study helps has had a remarkable impact on many people throughout the Middle East. For example, Jesse C. Fletcher's *Bill Wallace of China* provided a pastor with sermon illustrations for a month; a post office official received a copy of this book from a man who mails packages for the publishing center, and stayed up all night reading it. Later he said: "I've never read anything which stirred me so. Tell me more about what you believe."

New approaches of sharing the gospel have evolved among Baptists in order to capture the attention of Arabic-speaking people in this twentieth century. A first attempt at regular newspaper evangelism in the Arab world began with articles on Baptist beliefs provided for Beirut newspapers. An enthusiastic response came from this inconspicuous ad in Arab newspapers. "Free correspondence course on the life of Christ. Scripture included. Will be mailed to you in a plain, unmarked envelope" (see illustration p. 12). As a result, study groups have sprung up among Muslims, and individuals from countries where there are no Southern Baptist missionaries have accepted Christ.

Churches: Missionary Seedbeds

In his book *Beneath the Himalayas*, missionary doctor Jasper McPhail says: "Most people, when they think of communications or channels of missionary witness, think in terms of schools and hospitals and clinics and a dozen other things. But the world has never known a channel as powerful as a life lived in Christ. The best channels, then, are men and women who have had a profound personal experience with Christ and have spiritually matured to the point where their lives reflect regeneration and reconciliation."

Such channels are what we pray for as we ask God to call out more missionaries. Today Southern Baptists have more than two thousand missionaries overseas. We are seeking to have under appointment five thousand. Where will they come from? They will come from our churches, from our homes. What are we doing to help create a spiritual environment from which God can call out young people and adults? (Leader moves to her place at the table for three panelists; see below.)

From the large number of positive, missions-minded churches throughout our country, we have selected three as examples. Through a brief analysis of each, we hope to

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discover elements which help to make them missionary seedbeds. In a moment three panelists will present their findings. As they come now to take their places (three members join leader behind the table, where they remain throughout the meeting), may I ask all of you to participate in this phase of our study. As the panel member describes missionary elements in a church, will each of you listen for one idea which you think would help our church to become more missions-minded. Write this on the back of the questionnaire used earlier in our study.

(Introduce each panel member, giving the name of the church she represents. Call for the first report.)

Report 1

First Baptist Church
Abilene, Texas

First Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas, ministers to a large number of college students studying at nearby Hardin-Simmons University. Church members maintain personal interest in students as they go out all over the world.

Many missionaries come from resident families. Personal contact is sustained with former students through correspondence. Invitations are sent to missionaries from the church asking them to speak in the church when they are on furlough.

Woman's Missionary Union has done a splendid job through the years in the missionary education of its women, young women, and children at Abilene First. Likewise, the Brotherhood has made a significant contribution, specializing on missionary speakers at its meetings frequently.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is a highlight for the church family. In addition to opportunities for corporate praying for and giving to foreign missions, a World Missions Banquet is provided for the entire membership. At this time they hear outstanding missions leaders, such as Dr. Baker J. Cauten, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Perhaps the key to their concern lies in the ministry of their missions-minded pastors, beginning with the late Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, who according to one of his successors "carried the world in his heart." The church broadened its missions concept and lengthened its outreach during the pastorates of Dr. James A. Sullivan, now executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Jesse L. Northcutt, now professor at Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. Elwin I. Skiles, who after fourteen years as pastor became president of Hardin-Simmons University in 1966. Dr. Skiles led the church in an increase of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from \$16,000 in 1955 to \$55,455 in 1965. Nearly \$40,000 of this amount was given by approximately one thousand members. Dr. James Flamming, who became pastor in December 1966, continues to encourage worthy offerings and churchwide participation.

It is worthy of note that Cooperative Program gifts from this church have increased proportionately during these

years. Speaking of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Dr. Skiles said, "I believe it has had a wholesome effect upon our gifts through the Cooperative Program."

Report 2

First Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, has said: "Our church has had a long tradition of deep and abiding interest in missions, stemming all the way back to Luther Rice, who met with our Woman's Missionary Society in his early journeys in this country [in 1814]. A little later, Lott Cary and others organized within our church what eventually became the Providence Baptist Church of Monrovia, Liberia, in West Africa—and our church followed their missionary efforts with interest and support."

Other factors which have helped to develop a strong missions-minded congregation are:

1. *Mothers in the church who have realized the importance of missions education for their children.*—Mothers have told their children mission stories, have placed them in Sunbeam Bands and GAs, have taught them early to give to missions, talked with them about the possibility of becoming missionaries. Also the mothers have been willing for their children to go as missionaries if God called. These mothers make every effort to enroll their children in missionary education organizations in their church.

2. *A pastor who maintains a concern for the world.*—The pastor at this historic church not only preaches missionary sermons but also regularly includes illustrations and background materials to help members realize the church's world responsibility. In addition, he encourages young people to respond to God's missionary call. Likewise he encourages leaders of youth to guide carefully in vocational interests. For many years the operating budget of the church has been divided equally between current expenses and missions.

3. *Direct contact with missionaries.*—Often missionaries and missions leaders and Baptists from other countries speak in services of the church. Missions become more alive when church members become acquainted with a resident missionary family during furlough or when they maintain the support of a missionary overseas.

Report 3

First Baptist Church
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where Stanley O. White is pastor, with a membership of 1,900 has three foreign missionaries on the field in addition to several home missionaries and many people who have gone into church vocations. Several factors have contributed to this fertile field in which the Holy Spirit is working.

For more than twenty-five years the membership has been active and aggressive in establishing and maintaining missions and branch Sunday Schools. Members from the

SURVEY YOUR CHURCH

(see right)

1. What Is Our Church Doing?

- (1) List the young men and women in our church now who have testified that God is calling them into a church vocation.
- (2) Who is the person or persons who follow up on these decisions and those made by our youth at conferences and camps?
- (3) In what ways does my church aid spiritually and financially in the development of young people who feel God's leading toward missions and other church vocations?
- (4) What regular contact is maintained with college students and men in service?
- (5) How many missionaries did our church family hear last year?
- (6) What specific emphases on missions has our church had this year?
- (7) What evidence is there among our members of a burden of prayer that God will call missionaries from among us?

2. What Can Our Church Do?

(Make list of suggestions to improve your church's encouragement of young people and adults in hearing and heeding God's call.)

church, often bearing all expenses, have conducted Sunday School every Sunday afternoon in homes in rural areas nearby. In these pioneer efforts, the pastor holds an evangelistic service when feasible. From one of these evangelistic services forty-one of the forty-two persons present made professions of faith in Jesus as Saviour.

Other factors are Okmulgee First's strong Woman's Missionary Union and the participation of many church members in the Baptist summer assembly program.

Missionary speakers have also been used by God among members to deepen concern for the world. Six or eight times a year the entire membership has opportunity to hear a missionary speak. Missionary visitors have inspired many young people to pray that God will call them into career missionary service.

The annual emphasis on foreign missions, which usually lasts six weeks is a church concern and many members set aside the dates and guard them from intrusion.

Above all factors, they feel their pastor carries the primary responsibility. It seems that church members pray, give money and their children, and some go themselves, in proportion, they feel, to the emphasis with which the pastor places a lost world before them.

What Can Our Church Do?

Thank you, panel members. (Turning to other women) What ideas from these churches do you think would help our church? (Hear answers.) Regardless of the size of our

church, surely there are more effective ways we can missions than we now are doing. Perhaps you have suggestions not mentioned. Let us share these now. (Share ideas.) (To summarize today's study, choose one of the following procedures, or a combination of procedures: Ask women to read aloud suggestions for your church gleaned from the panelists as one panel member writes them quickly on the chalkboard. Ask that their written suggestions be given to you at the close of the meeting. After sharing suggestions, say: Perhaps we need to have a clearer understanding of what is already being done in our church to encourage young people and adults in the missionary vocation. Appoint a committee today which will report at the next meeting two major items—1. What Our Church Is Doing; 2. What Can Our Church Do? [summary of suggestions made today], see "Survey Your Church," at left. At the next meeting a report can be made. You may want to follow through proper channels in presenting these to your pastor and to the church council for approval and action.)

Conclusion

While we are eager for our church to help with more foreign missionaries now, we realize we cannot ourselves extend that call. Dr. Cautben, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, reminds us of how people should be called out: "Our Lord instructed us to pray for laborers for the harvest (read Matt. 9:38). The call for five thousand missionaries is a summons to prayer. . . . Most of all, let us pray for a mighty moving of the Spirit of God in our day that there might come about a spiritual awakening to lift all Christians into new dimensions of discipleship and to cause the peoples of the whole world to turn their eyes toward Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

How burdened have you and I become over the need now for more foreign missionaries? Even while we have been meeting today, souls have gone into eternity without a knowledge of our Saviour. In many places there has never been anyone to tell the people of Jesus.

Have we failed to grasp the significance of Jesus' instructions to pray? Simple, and yet many of us have not given ourselves regularly to earnest, believing prayer. Today you may want to ask a friend to join you in praying regularly—sometimes together, at other times at a designated hour—that God will call out missionaries from among us. A group of us may want to meet regularly to pray for this single purpose. All of us must continue to pray at the time of private devotions. May God lay on our hearts the necessity of praying for more missionaries now. Let us read together from the prayer folder, "I Resolve," and on the back list names of young people whom we know who have testified they feel God may be calling them for specific work. (Lead group in this activity.) Let us go from here with our prayer list and be found faithful in prayer, believing that God can supply quickly five thousand missionaries for overseas (pray).

Or Second WMS Meeting

Student Work Overseas in Ghana, Peru, Thailand

by Eunice Allison

Study Question: How are Baptists overseas involved in helping young people recognize and prepare for God's call?

OUTLINE for MEETING

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (read Scripture passage, give missionary information, and pray for missionaries)

Song: "O Zion, Haste"

Business Period

Promotional Features (see WMS Forecaster)

Program Chairman in Charge

Study this material, "Student Work Overseas in Ghana, Peru, Thailand," or study the book *Trumpets in Dixie, Fields* (see Mission Study, p. 34)

To the Program Chairman

Check church library or your files for a world missions map. If not available, order free from Literature Distribution, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230. Locate Ghana, Peru, and Thailand on map with small flag of each country, or small cutouts of a church building, or some other symbol.

Write study question on streamer or poster board. Provide paper and pencil for each one present.

AT the MEETING

Leader: Today's world is rapidly becoming a world of young people who are making pressing demands upon adults. They will be heard and are not content to stay on the sidelines of life. This realization places a great responsibility upon the Christian church to listen, to give youth places of leadership in the church life, to develop means of communication so that the creative energies of Baptist youth will not be dissipated and wasted (see article, p. 2).

In the society study this month we will study about the need for "More Foreign Missionaries—Now" (show poster for January from the set of posters which you may order, see p. 23). We will consider particularly the shortage of medical personnel in East Pakistan and of publication workers in Lebanon. Let's look forward to this study at our general meeting this month.

For three months our circle programs will deal with various phases of student work (give information, p. 28).

Ghana, Land of Hope

First, let us look at Ghana, called "a land of hope." In a Ghanaian Baptist church in the middle of a worship service a young man asked, "What do you do when your family rejects you and throws you out of the house because you have become a Christian?"

Before the speaker, missionary James B. Annis, could answer, another young man stood and said: "This very thing happened to me, too. I continue to love my family. Because Christ is in me, I could be a much better person than I had been. My parents saw this and decided that Christ has not made me a bad son, but rather a much better one. And so they asked me to come back home and teach them about Jesus."

Young people in Ghana are following Christ. They are willing to suffer opposition and persecution. There are many opportunities for them to do so in this former British colony which has known serious political upheaval. Even with its relatively modern civilization, Ghana's people are still, for the most part, unreached with the gospel. Its population of more than seven million people presents a challenge to the small Christian community.

The organized work of Baptists in Ghana is in its early stages. Presbyterians and Methodists, however, have had missions in this area since the early 1800's. Yoruba-speaking Baptist traders from Nigeria first brought the message of salvation to this area in 1918. The first small Baptist congregation was established then. It was not until January 1964, however, that the Ghana Baptist Convention was organized whereby the churches could work together.

Baptists are conscious of great responsibility in training and preparing young people in their churches and com-

CIRCLE STUDY FOR THIS QUARTER

Quarterly Theme: Student Work

Quarterly Aim: How are churches helping young people recognize and prepare for God's call?

January Subject: Student Work Overseas in Ghana, Peru, Thailand

February Subject: Student Work in the USA: Baptist and International Students

March Subject: Preparation for Mission Action Among Language Groups, Deaf, and Migrants, USA

You may provide in advance copies of the above for each member. Ask that they gather information from newspapers and news magazines about conditions which affect young people now and in the future in countries to be studied at each meeting, allowing time for brief reports.

This month we learn how churches in Ghana, Peru, and Thailand are helping young people recognize and prepare for God's call. Youth in these countries, like young people in the USA, are pressing forward into places of prominence.

(Locate on map these three countries. Read study question in union. Pass pencil and paper to each one present. Ask women to listen for ways churches are involving young people, and list them.)

munities. The gospel is being presented in its simplicity with emphases on stewardship of life and possessions. It is miraculous the way the Holy Spirit is working among these young people. The results are gratifying.

Missionary Mary Lou (Mrs. C. Gerald) Carlin tells of a young man in Accra, Ghana, who is preparing for vocational Christian service. A young Baptist witnessed faithfully to him. Finally, he was willing to attend his first Baptist worship service. He came hungry for the true meaning of life he had not found in Islam or in other religious systems. Christ became the end of his search that night when with great joy he recognized Jesus as his Saviour.

Since that night, this promising young man has been a faithful Christian under trying circumstances. He has faithfully witnessed to others and serves with dedication in his church. This student is preparing himself for future vocational Christian service.

Another young man from Accra, a Baptist seminary graduate, has already returned to his native area where he leads a congregation, along with missionary Nadine Lovan and a missionary journeyman. Together they work with the more than two hundred children who come for Bible study, recreation, and handicraft. The building used is

shared by the tribal-language and English-language congregations.

In the Kumasi [koo-MAH-see] congregation there are several students who are developing into promising Christian leaders. One is a university student who leads the Royal Ambassadors in his church. Another teaches an Adult Sunday School class. Still another leads in Training Union.

Recently Baptist students of Ghana assisted local churches in an eight-month evangelistic campaign. They took part in parades, and helped distribute 350,000 tracts and issued 125,000 printed invitations!

Among the 3,515 who made decisions during the revival efforts there was a Ghanaian youth. He left one of the meetings saying, "Goodnight, I now go home with Jesus. Thank you."

Ghanaian Christian leaders are vitally interested in reaching youths. In one city, plans are being formulated for meetings for the students of a secondary school. Services on the campus of the Kwame Nkrumah [qualm n-crew-ma] University of Science and Technology at Kumasi resulted in confession of faith in Christ by more than two hundred students. This is one-sixth of the university's total enrollment!

Although Ghana is a new missions field for Southern Baptists (1947), God is leading and blessing the efforts of dedicated students and adults. But the opportunities demand more missionaries. The number of missionaries must increase in the near future or there will be stations in Ghana without a missionary to help train and guide in new ventures for Christ. Delay is spiritual disaster.

National government leaders of Ghana have felt the need for a standard of life based on Bible principles. At government request the American Bible Society shipped 520,250 Bibles and 45,000 New Testaments to be distributed in the public schools of Ghana. This was the largest single order in the history of the society.

Former missionary journeyman Charles D. Myers, who worked two years in Ghana, said: "Ghana is such a delightful place . . . and the opportunity to teach Bible and do Christian work is unlimited. There is hope in this land." Young Christian students are Ghana's spiritual hope.

Pray that more of these promising youths may be won to Christ (pray).

Pray that they may find Christ through the Bibles placed in their schools (pray).

Ask God to enable Baptists to establish student centers near universities (pray).

Pray for God's blessings on the churches as they confront young lives with God's claim for them (pray).

Involving Students in Peru

Missionary Marilyn (Mrs. James C.) Redding emphasizes the value of the church and its organizations in the

training of young lives in Peru. It is in the Sunday School, Training Union, worship services, and youth organizations that Peruvian students come to seek God's will for their lives.

Churches in Peru involve their young people in meeting spiritual needs. They provide opportunities for them to serve. As a result, youths are growing spiritually through experiences in visitation, personal work, and related activities.

The established churches, even the newest ones, have one or more missions points or "annexes," as they are called. These are visited and served by laymen, many students, and a growing number of the young people are feeling called to Christian service. For formal training they usually attend the Baptist Theological Institute at Trujillo [true-HE-yo], Peru, a city of 100,130.

Last year every student in the institute was in a major church or annex responsibility. One was an associate to the pastor of Central Baptist Church, Trujillo. Two others made weekly visits to an annex ninety miles away. These students received no honorarium for their work which the Lord blessed. The experience was of lasting value to these young men who are tomorrow's leaders.

A unique project was undertaken by the Central Baptist Church. The project provided basic help to enable a student to sell Bibles and other religious literature in a city seventy miles away. While selling Bibles, this student witnessed and the Holy Spirit used his testimony to win several to Christ. Soon a home was opened where he conducted services. It is the hope of this church that a Baptist congregation may result from their efforts to help a student grow in Christian witnessing.

Another Christian young man was planning to enter the institute when tragedy fell. His father died, making it necessary that he as the oldest son help his mother provide for his six brothers and sisters. He determined to do both—stay in school and earn a livelihood. He had strong faith that Christ would enable him to do so. He began by continuing to attend classes mornings and working afternoons and evenings.

His church decided to give him both moral and spiritual support by furnishing a scholarship, thereby showing their confidence in him. Now in his fourth year at the institute, this student is also pastor at a new annex supported by his church.

The 1967 Peruvian Baptist Convention showed its interest in youth by closing with a special service dedicated to young people, in which the possibility of God's call was placed before them. The building was filled as missionary Ben H. Welmaker delivered God's message, and thirteen young people responded publicly, giving their lives in full dedication.

Jose was one of those. Since this decision last year, he has been enthusiastic in his church's concern over lost people and the physical needs of persons. He preached

during youth month and is presently at work in a mission in one of the poorer sections of the city.

A university student, a member of First Baptist Church of Lima, expressed desire to give his life as a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Missionary Lewis E. Lee clearly pointed out to him that the ministry would not offer a financial future or the social status which he presently enjoyed and reminded him of the probable alienation from his father—not a believer—if he began training for the ministry. But the young man was determined to follow God's call.

The missionary and the young man prayed together. The student arose from his knees stronger even in his resolve to follow God's call at any cost. Today he is a student at the Baptist seminary in Cali, Colombia.

Peruvian students often encounter opposition from their Catholic families when they accept Christ. They meet it again when they enter vocational Christian service. But over and over again God gives assurance and guidance in face of opposition and persecution. Evidences of Christ's love and the support of their churches enable them to persevere and to remain faithful.

Thank God for Peruvian Baptist churches with vision and Christian concern for young people and their preparation for future kingdom service (pray).

Pray for students preparing for vocational Christian service at the Peruvian Baptist Theological Institute and elsewhere; pray for their teachers (pray).

Reaching Students in Thailand

In February 1967, Thailand missionary Benton Williams wrote: "Tomorrow's leaders are in our universities today." This is the conclusion of a Thai Baptist missionary. It is also the thinking of Thai Baptist church leaders. The churches of Thailand expressed their convictions when they supported the building of a student center. It is located in Bangkok, the fastest growing city in the East.

The beautiful four-story, modern building was dedicated on November 5, 1966. Strategically located, it is one block from Thailand's Victory Monument, three blocks from the King's Palace, two blocks from the SEATO headquarters, and five minutes from the two largest universities in the city.

Prince Wan, said to be Thailand's most loved and honored statesman, was among the three hundred present for the dedication. When he appeared on the program, he said: "I want to congratulate the Baptist Mission on its progress in Thailand. The Baptist Student Center meets a real need in the life of Thai students. You teach them to play and sing, but the thing I like most is the atmosphere of religion, faith, and morals. This is what Thai youths need to be good citizens . . ."

Student work in Thailand was started in 1951 by missionary Harold Reeves and wife. Later, the Benton Williamses continued the work. Knowing the need for a

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center, the missionaries searched diligently for the right location. They were convinced that the center should be located in Bangkok near to its 100,000 university students.

After viewing more than a hundred locations, it was agreed that one location would be ideal, but the property belonged to a member of the royal family and was not for sale.

Then came the untimely death of the owner. Immediately missionary Williams called the land agent and asked if Baptists might have a chance to buy the land. The reply came, "Oh! No! That property is now inhabited by evil spirits and anyone who buys that property will surely die."

Missionary Williams assured the land agent that he had no fear of evil spirits. At last when negotiations were begun, it was learned that the king of Thailand would have to give final approval. The king was approached. Heartily permission was granted for Baptists to buy the property.

The program of the Baptist Student Center, located at this site includes more than twenty classes each week. The classes are free and offer courses in Bible, English, homemaking, hygiene, world religions, piano, song, and games. There is a long waiting list of those who want to attend classes when there is room for them.

Students study, counsel with teachers, attend weekly evangelistic services in the Thai language and worship services in Baptist churches. Many accept Christ as Saviour in spite of barriers and family traditions.

The Thai assistant director of the center was won to Christ through activities there. He was reared in the north-eastern part of Thailand. One day Christians went to his town to start English classes. Eager to learn English, he enrolled.

When this young man, Chett Seepolmuang, saw a missionary doctor wash and treat the ugly sores of lepers, he thought this was a waste of time. But he wondered what would make a man want to perform such a revolting task. Later in Bangkok to continue his education, he saw a sign advertising free English lessons at the Baptist Student Center. Chett enrolled. A year later he attended worship services at Immanuel Baptist Church. Although it was his first service, he left a Christian. He left also knowing why the missionary doctor could love and care for the sores of a leper.

After finishing Baylor University in Waco, Texas, Chett

returned to his native land. He was offered a high-paying job. Before going to work, however, he went to the center to visit old friends and teachers. That day he was offered a position at the center. God spoke to his heart, and he was able to say, "I feel God is leading me to work with students no matter what the pay."

The seminary in Thailand is training Thai students to take their places in Christian service. Recently there was graduated from the seminary a former Buddhist priest. This Baptist minister will go out to serve churches as pastor in a land where only one out of every 1,100 is an evangelical Christian.

Our missionaries and seminary students carry on an active witnessing program. They go from village to village. The story of Jesus is told by using Bible pictures or posters hung on a telephone pole. Sometimes they are fortunate enough to rent a small building on the main street and there preach the good news.

Sometime they go by boat up and down the main canals preaching to those who gather on the banks. One man who has found Christ offered his store for the meetings. Others open their homes. These small preaching stations are the beginning of missions which may eventually become churches, or as is often the case, they will continue as places where the wayfaring person can be reached as he passes by.

The word "Thailand" means land of the free. This land is said to be free politically and economically, but it is not free spiritually. Ninety-three and seven-tenths percent of all Thais are Buddhists. Pray for those who work among students and through churches proclaiming spiritual freedom in Christ to young lives in Thailand (pray).

Conclusion

(Program chairman in charge: Read study question and ask women to share ways in which churches in Ghana, Peru, and Thailand are involved in helping young people. Be sure to include—realization of importance of reaching and training young people, provision made for young people to serve, opportunities provided for definite service, moral and financial support available, and emphasis placed on winning for Christ the university student.)

Before our next meeting, let us become more aware of our own young people. Let us discover what our church is doing or could do to help them recognize and prepare for God's call. Come praying next month that we will get a new understanding of the urgent needs of young people in our homes and churches.

Will you encourage one young person whom you know: write a letter, speak a word of encouragement, provide financial help?

Will you encourage a college young person who as a sophomore, junior, or senior to apply to the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, for work as a summer missionary?

Study • The Missionary Message of the Bible

by Gilbert L. Guffin

Missions Marks a Momentous Milestone

Scripture Reading: Acts 13 and 14

One of the incalculably important and consequential events in the history of the Christian church occurred in Antioch of Syria somewhere around A.D. 44 or 45. As seen in Acts 11:19, Christians had been scattered by persecution from Jerusalem to various other regions. Some had gone "as far as Phenice and Cyprus, and Antioch."

At Antioch such a great response had been made to the preaching of the Word that Barnabas had been sent by the church at Jerusalem to aid in the work. Finding need of assistance, he had gone to Tarsus for Saul (Acts 11:25). Paul and Barnabas together with others, as we shall later see, preached the word, evangelized, and taught the people with great effectiveness. One of the most far-reaching results was a burden by this church to see the gospel proclaimed to the rest of the world also.

The Milestone's Place

Antioch was a significant city at this time. Founded around 300 B.C. by Seleucus Nicator and named for his father Antiochus, Antioch was located on the Orontes River near its entrance into the Mediterranean. The city had become by this time the third largest in the Roman world, exceeded only by Rome and Alexandria. Showing the influence of Roman planning, it possessed splendid streets, impressive buildings, and many statues. Cosmopolitan in character, it attracted people from all parts of the world. At this time it is said to have had at least a half million inhabitants. Many Jews lived there and were accorded the same citizenship rights as were others in the free areas of the empire. Jews and Gentiles, therefore, had greater interchange here perhaps than might have been the case in Jerusalem.

Paul, as perhaps did Barnabas also, labored to support himself. He did so, it appears, by operating his own leather-working business. In this way he likely had daily contact with a constant flow of people.

Emil G. Kraeiel says the newly instituted Olympics occurred in Antioch in the fall of A.D. 44, bringing thousands of visitors—somewhat as a World's Fair of this day—to the city. This added to the opportunity and the challenge of the church there. From this experience Paul may have gained some of his knowledge about athletics

which later shows up so frequently in his epistles. Undoubtedly he admired the prowess of athletes who had disciplined themselves for the feats in which they were engaged. The apostle would apply this principle again and again to Christian life.

Kraeiel assumes the church itself also began to sense from the experience of this great influx of people into Antioch the great possibilities of reaching other lands with the Word. This, however, is not mentioned in Acts.

The Power Directing the Venture

Luke tells us what the outside observer could not have seen or understood; namely, that it was the leading of the Holy Spirit which brought about this significant new step toward world missions. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted," he writes, "the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). The Holy Spirit was laying upon them a burden for, and opening to them a vision of, the need of the whole world for the message of Christ. The church thus felt compelled to act. We read: "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:3).

Strangely, the church at Jerusalem had apparently failed to see, or else to feel, it could as yet carry out the full Commission to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Whether this was because they were so enjoying their own fellowship and so thrilled by the success they experienced that they became too absorbed in what was going on there to give thought to the rest of the world, or whether they had not felt that the time had as yet come to assume this responsibility, we are not told.

The record in Acts reveals that it was not easy for the average Jewish member of the early church to overcome his prejudice toward Gentiles and to sense his obligation as a witness to them. It was especially difficult for him to see that others had equal rights to the gospel. Gradually, however, as persecution scattered the church and Gentiles responded to the Holy Spirit, and especially as Jewish Christians reflected on such experiences as that of Peter with Cornelius and his household, they began more fully

to understand the obligation Christ had placed upon them to share the gospel with all men.

The church at Jerusalem apparently did not "fast and pray" concerning its responsibility to send out missionaries as did Antioch. Could this have been a reason also as to why the Holy Spirit chose Antioch for this new step in Christian history? To Antioch, at any rate, fell the honor of being the first church to launch what we now call foreign missionary work. Antioch, instead of Jerusalem, thus became the leading center of the world missions task of the early church. One wonders how many local congregations since have lost or forfeited a place in God's hall of fame, or at least an opportunity for unique service to hosts of people, because their interest was ingrown, and their vision of the world was too myopic. Modern church history demonstrates that it is only the missionary church which is the growing church. That church which has the greatest vision of the world and the deepest sense of its own responsibility is the church which is most alive and vigorous. Is this because the Holy Spirit has opportunity in that church which others deny him?

The Persons Most Affected by It

Quite likely, as already said, the whole church at Antioch was caught up with a conviction that the Holy Spirit had laid upon it a responsibility to share the gospel, now so precious to them, with all nations. Their praying and especially their fasting—giving evidence of the depth of their concern—was in effect an opening of their minds and hearts to the Spirit's directions. These directions were that they should appoint certain of their own brethren to take the good tidings of Jesus Christ to all areas of the empire.

If we may rightly judge from overtones of the account, Paul and Barnabas must have been the leading personalities in the church and perhaps the ones the people most desired to hear. Their decision to send Paul and Barnabas therefore was as though one of our churches today had decided to send its popular pastor and associate to the missions field rather than to hold on to them for their own satisfaction.

Though the Holy Spirit pointed specifically to Barnabas and Paul as the ones whom he would first use in the world missions program now being launched, it is revealed that John Mark, author of the Gospel that bears his name and yet a young man, was sent also as their minister or attendant.

Much has been made of the fact that Mark later turned back. Paul and Barnabas were to be torn apart over him when he wanted to go with them again and when Barnabas decided to give him a second chance. Whatever may have been the reason for Paul's disappointment in Mark, we are glad that before Paul's death John Mark had so proven himself to win Paul's fullest confidence and to be considered by this veteran missionary as one of the

most deserving of mention among all early Christians.

Paul was likely a younger man than Barnabas, but Barnabas was an outstanding personality. He was given recognition above Paul at first. The encoding name Barnabas (meaning "son of encouragement") had been given him by his brethren. Soon Paul, however, rose to the place of leadership.

The Program Which Issued from It

There seems to have been no specific plan revealed by the Holy Spirit to the early church as to how it should launch the world missions undertaking which it was now impressed to assume. There is no mention either that the church even thought it necessary to provide financial support, but it may have given some help anyway. Paul will later tell us that he labored with his own hands to take care of his expenses. The church, however, gave these representatives something more valuable than money. It sent them with its concern and prayers. Only after it had "fasted and prayed" did it lay hands upon them and send them out. Knowing the church's concern must have caused these inveterate missionaries to want all the more to return to Antioch later to report what God had wrought through them.

There was no missionary board to support or guide Barnabas and Paul. The Holy Spirit alone would daily sustain and lead them. This is not to deny the need in our day, however, or the propriety, of missionary boards. Through these the churches can now cooperatively provide resources and channel their concern to help sustain and guide their representatives as these take the gospel elsewhere.

The apostles felt impressed by the Holy Spirit first to go to Seleucia and thence to sail to Cyprus. They preached the word at Salamis in the synagogues of the Jews and went through the isle of Paphos proclaiming the gospel.

Barnabas was a native of Cyprus. One wonders whether this might have had some influence on his desire to go there. To assume such is obviously not to deny at the same time the Holy Spirit's leading of these missionaries. Those who cannot take the gospel to their own homes and homelands are hardly competent to take it elsewhere.

Paul and Barnabas felt it the will of the Spirit that they should proclaim the gospel from city to city. Ultimately they went to Perga in Pamphylia (where John Mark turned back) and later to another Antioch, in Pisidia. The preaching of these missionaries placed emphasis on the history of the Jews and the fulfillment of that history in the coming, the death, and the resurrection of Christ. Response was usually made by both Jew and Gentile. The Jews soon became envious, however, and began to contradict and blaspheme Paul. At this point (Acts 13:46) one of the remarkable turns in the history of Christianity is recorded: "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, 'It was necessary that the word

of God should first have been spoken to you; but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.'"

The program in this early stage of world missions was not essentially unlike that of today. It basically involved teaching the Word to all who would listen, proclaiming the good news of the gospel, interpreting the meaning of God's redemptive purpose in Christ, and ministering in love to the needs of men. From the chapters presently under study, it may be noted how carefully the apostles unfolded to their hearers the redemptive plan God had followed across the centuries and how he had brought it to its climax in the resurrection of Christ. They proclaimed Jesus as Saviour and Lord and as the only hope of men. They taught the meaning of Christian service and stewardship. They evidently organized a church in each place where a group of believers could be assembled. We are told that upon their return through the cities where they had earlier witnessed, they appointed pastors and leaders to take care of these congregations and thus sought to strengthen the churches in every way possible. These are still basically the same ministries which churches today perform in all the world.

The Progress Attendant upon It

That the Holy Spirit was with them and brought about

STUDY GUIDE

for the Missionary Message of the Bible

by Chester L. Henry

Using the Bible, the lesson "Missions Marks a Momentous Milestone," and this study guide, study individually or in groups the missionary message of the Bible.

Begin this lesson by reviewing Acts 11:19-20 emphasizing that this is the introduction of an important development in Christian history. Point out that these verses introduce the third major phase, which is recorded in Acts 13:28. In his commentary, *The Book of Acts*, Dr. Frank Stagg says:

At the outset the movement was exclusively Jewish and was dominated by the Hebrew element; in the second phase the Hellenists or Grecian Jews introduced far-reaching ideas and extended the gospel to Samaritans and God-fearing Greeks; in the last phase the gospel was carried directly to the pagans, and after a bitter struggle freed itself, unhindered, but at a tremendous cost—the self-sacrifice of the Jews."

Before looking at the current lesson you may want to ask one member of the group (whom you have asked

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results wherever Paul and Barnabas engaged in missionary service is apparent. Though opposition by the Jews gradually stiffened, many of them were led to become believers. The Gentiles, including, of course, Greeks, Romans, and all non-Jews, apparently responded in considerable numbers. We are told that multitudes waited upon the ministry of these missionaries.

Paul concluded that the gospel was to be given to the Gentiles, not only from the terms of his own call (Acts 9:15) but also from the prophetic declaration (Isa. 49:6), indicating that this was in God's longstanding purpose. When the Gentiles heard the gospel was especially to be proclaimed to them, they were glad and glorified God and many believed (Acts 13:48). Significantly, it is added, "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region" (Acts 13:49). A more literal rendering is, "And the word of the Lord was scattered throughout all the region." Believers became sowers. Those who had felt the impact and the change made in them by the power of Jesus Christ became witnesses of Christ themselves. It is little wonder, therefore, that with great exhilaration and joy Paul and Barnabas upon their return from this first great missionary journey brought a thrilling message back to Antioch of "... all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27).

well in advance) to give a brief report on Antioch, using a map if one is available. See lesson material for help.

Allowing time for response, ask members these questions: Have you often prayed or heard someone pray for God's leadership? Do you think you are sincere when you pray in this way? Are you ever guilty of ignoring or resisting God's leadership?

After responses read Acts 13:1-3. Ask the group to listen as you read and be prepared to discuss the activities in which this church at Antioch was engaged. List activities on a chalkboard (worshiping, serving, fasting, praying). Consider and discuss the significance of these in relationship to worship and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

A Difficult Response

What was the reaction of Barnabas and Paul to the Holy Spirit's leadership? See Acts 13:4. What made their ready response so amazing? (Apparently Barnabas and Paul were the most popular and most dynamic of all their leaders.) As Dr. Guiffin points out in the lesson materials, "Their decision to send Paul and Barnabas therefore was as though one of our churches today had decided to send its popular pastor and associate to the missions field. ... It is an accident that this group of Christians were the ones to launch the most significant phase of the Christian movement—that of seeking to



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teach all nations, that of sending out the first missionaries? Why was this task not undertaken by the church at Jerusalem under the direction of the apostles? (See p. 31.)

Opening the Door of Faith

Ask someone briefly to trace the journey of Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey and relate the highlights (see p. 32).

Read on p. 32 the statement concerning taking the gospel to one's homeland, a statement made of the possible desire of Barnabas in going to Cyprus. It begins, "Those who cannot take the gospel." Ask the group to discuss and evaluate this statement. Are we ever guilty of being "all out" for missions, particularly foreign missions, but at the same time almost completely disinterested in sharing personally in a vital ministry and witness in our communities?

Ask someone to read Acts 13:45 and point out the reason the Jews contradicted and blasphemed Paul. With this verse in mind ask someone to read and interpret Acts 13:46. Discuss the significance of this verse. (In essence the Jews as a group were saying that if this gospel is for Gentiles also, then just count us out. In trying to exclude the Gentiles the Jews excluded themselves. Keep in mind that many Jews did respond to the gospel; however, from this moment opposition of a great majority of them gradually stifled.)

In reviewing this missionary journey ask the group to point out what the missionaries actually accomplished. Their responses should include the following: (1) they took the good news of the gospel to all who would respond to it; (2) they sought to strengthen the converts,

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Confronting the New South, a filmstrip, is a teaching aid for the 1968 series for use by teachers of Adult, Young People, Intermediate, and Junior books on the theme, "The New South." It shows changes taking place in the South and how churches affected by change are designing ministries to meet the challenge of spiritual need of people in metropolitan areas, small cities, and rural communities. Eighty frames, color, two scripts (one for Juniors), \$3.50. Available on January 1, 1968 from Baptist Book Stores.

Trumpets in Dixie, W. C. Fields, 75 cents

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Acts 14:21-22; (3) they sought to organize and strengthen the churches which they helped to establish, Acts 14:23.

Our Response to This Truth

As you consider truths in this study, ask members of the group to suggest reasons the Holy Spirit is (or is not) leading our churches today. Ask them also to consider the question, Are we giving the Holy Spirit a chance to lead us as he did the Antioch church; that is, are we earnestly seeking his leadership in worship, service, witness, fasting, prayer, and in daily living?

Ask members of the group to suggest help which we have as we seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit. List them, (the Bible, prayer, meditation, prayer of those who love us, service, circumstances, evaluation of abilities). A more important consideration is, Are we really trying to find God's will?

Another lesson from a study of these chapters is that God does not continue to bless and use any group on its own terms. Will he continue to bless Southern Baptists? on what conditions? Are we as churches and as a denomination facing the danger of forfeiting our opportunity for service because of our lack of spiritual vision?

Lead the group honestly to evaluate much of the racial prejudice present in the world today. What causes it? Why is it difficult to get rid of prejudices? What sort of excuses do we give for cherishing and holding on to them? Who lost the benefits of the gospel because of Jewish prejudice, Jew or Gentile? Is this truth applicable today?

Close the session with prayer for a new missionary thrust, led by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to share the gospel with all who will respond.

The Tomorrows Beyond the 70's

CAN the Christian woman's influence survive beyond the seventies? If by the seventies is meant that imminent decade which stands on the threshold of A.D. 2000 surely only the certainty of her faith and the stability of a dynamic ethic can determine her spiritual maturity.

We live in changing times. Never is one more convinced that mankind is made in the image of God than when she considers the creativity of

man in this century and his accumulative accomplishments. Lengthened life is only one medical feat of this century. With the present life expectancy of the average woman well beyond fourscore and ten years, possibility is rapidly becoming probability that chronologically an American woman will soon be easily tetragenarian.

We are living on the threshold of a new century. Surely there is no need for prophets to tell us this is

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a new age but specialists in trends of the future give us many predictions. Take medicine—there are miracles upon us.

During this last quarter of the twentieth century, artificial organs such as the heart, lungs, and stomach will be commonplace and artificial limbs will be motorized and linked to the brain. The fear of heart ailments, cancer, and other dread diseases will be eliminated. Chemical and electrical treatment of the brain will reduce senility and memory loss. Little threat will remain from bacterial and viral diseases.

There is transportation. We're really traveling! The 300 million Americans of the next century will be living in teeming megalopolis, thoroughly automated with underground and overhead highways. Most transportation will be by air with every family having an aircraft. Any place on earth can be reached in less than an hour by ballistic rockets, and interplanetary transportation—communication facilities will be ordinary. Weekend vacations on Mars and lunar spas may be almost ordinary.

Work habits and practices will be revolutionized. With machines replacing most of the manual workers, leaving only about 10 percent of the population working, the importance of leisure time will soar. Most of the work will be done at a home office via telecommunication. More and more food production will be synthetic and pills.

Tomorrow's woman will share in a fantastic, though continually crucial, family life. Meal planning will be computerized by the week or month, with robot help in cooking, serving, housecleaning, and lawn care. Videophones will be both a bane and a blessing! Family plan-

ning will be more precise as to number, spacing, and sex of the children. Heredity will be controlled until defective babies rapidly diminish in number born. Human relations will get a boost through drug control of moods and emotions—pills for aggressiveness, ambition, composure.

But, will tomorrow's faith underwrite such times with security and confidence? Will man become more and more secularized in his thinking? Will he be able to come to grips with what it actually means to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), or will he worship himself? Christian theology must be dynamic for a dynamic age. The mind of mankind is created in the image of the divine. Likewise the soul is created to be compatible with the Creator, to have companionship with the divine Father. The soul is to find its fulfillment in relationship with Jesus Christ, man's Saviour and through whom man can walk in quietude with God.

The Christian faith provides constancy in changing times. The belief in the worth of the individual stands as a landmark of Christian teaching. Racial and cultural barriers between people and exploitation of people diminish before such teaching. Agape love, where others are the objects of our concern, can soothe scars left from past experiences in many areas of world living. The Christian emphasis on the spiritual foundations of all of life, including the proper perspective on sex and Christ's formula for problem-solving can add the dimensions of solidarity and permanence to tomorrow's family. Man will not discover a more workable means of peace among men than, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

God continues to be omnipotent

(almighty), omniscient (all-knowing), and omnipresent (present everywhere). These, man can realize. God is the source of life, knowledge. The Christian's obligation is to be creative according to the potential, to sit in judgment on inventions, and to use the new only in constructive enrichment of man's life and spiritual welfare. Man must draw on God's wisdom in order to use what God has permitted him to explore and discover on earth and to the farthest outreach of space.

Woman, peculiarly endowed by God with deep insights, feelings, and relatedness, can work sympathetically toward the goal of living compatibly and successfully beyond the seventies. "Compatibly" and "successfully" do not mean simply adapting to a machine and space age, rather they speak to the measure to which we become conscientious stewards of all we are while remembering our beginning with God and knowing with certainty that apart from our relationship with him through Jesus Christ, we are only a cipher—nothing. Neither are our new gadgets, our longer years, our going to and fro of any consequence unless they are creatively related to God, the Father.

Machinery, medical advances, and psychic exploration will afford a freedom for which only Christianity can provide meanings, controls, and guides. Cybernation (automation) may free us from drudgery, provincialism, and starvation. Christianity must free us from shackles of religious rigidity, lagging concern for our disadvantaged neighbors, and narrow concepts of the spiritual life. Only a faith which grows from seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, that grows to meet the times can produce God-appropriateness, other-awareness, and a true self-identity.

School boys

Scripture Distribution in Ghana

by W. Eugene Verner
missionary

FOR several years we have planned to start work among the students of at least one of the three universities in Ghana. During this time two missionaries have volunteered for this work, but circumstances have kept them from returning to Ghana to initiate it. At present we have English-language churches in two of the cities where two of the universities are located, and some of the students are invited and visit these churches. But with the limited missionary personnel, there is little possibility of starting full-time work among student bodies. There is certainly need for full-time work among them.

Most of our distribution of Scriptures and religious material is done in relation to Baptist institutions (schools at Tamale and Abukwa, hospital at Nalerigu) and churches, or during evangelistic efforts. At street services tracts in English and the local language are given to those who gather. These are given as religious reading material and as initial contact for talking with persons about Christ.

In one village students and teachers at the Baptist seminary were passing out tracts when villagers began to crowd around workers in large numbers, and follow-up conversation was impossible. At a later street service in that village, workers experienced the same results. A

better plan was needed. Workers agreed to distribute tracts quietly during the preaching, but this caused a disturbance. Now in this village tracts are given out in preservice visitation in homes.

Scripture portions are generally provided at street services to those who make professions of faith. Occasionally those who seem keenly interested in deciding for Christ are given a marked Gospel or New Testament. Most copies of the New Testament are given to those who come to request them of pastors and missionaries at churches and institutions.

We have many written requests for Bibles, but usually we refer them to the Ghana Bible Society which has developed a plan of supplying Bibles and Bible portions for only a few cents. Our practice is to supply primarily those whom we personally contact and with whom we have opportunity to follow up. Many people in the States receive requests for Bibles from Ghanaians. One church in Louisiana wrote a missionary and received word from him about how to send copies of the Bible. That church also wrote to Ghanaians to call upon missionaries for Bibles. This makes personal follow-up possible, and is a good way to handle personal requests from individuals.



Baptist pastors

- studying English
- in prayer meeting





of PAKISTAN

by Enza O. Pullen

People of Pakistan give significance to the moon's relationship to life. The moon fixes calendar months and regulates all important undertakings. When the moon is in eclipse, women prepare gifts of food for the poor. A bride-to-be gives her fiancé a goat to tie to his bedstead; after the eclipse it is given to the poor. During the eclipse men go to the mosque to pray. Women may also go, but they must remain behind a screen in a designated place.

The clothing of Pakistanis is colorful and intriguing. Women wear several types, including the sari which is mainly the attire of Hindu women and Christians. The sari is made of yards of lightweight material, usually cotton or silk, draped so that one end forms a skirt and the other a head or shoulder covering.

A Muslim woman who observes strict purdah (veiled or curtained face) wears a *burqa* for seclusion. The *burqa* is a wrapping of several yards of cloth sewn onto a tight cap fitting the head. In front a loose panel of coarse net allows a woman to see.

A Pakistani Muslim man may wear full or narrow trousers fitting tightly from knee to ankle. With either he may wear a *kurti*, a shirt with plain or silver buttons connected by a chain. Or, he may wear a V-necked shirt with a long fitted coat made of silk or wool and buttoned to the chin.

Curries are popular in Pakistan as well as throughout Southern Asia. Curry is not a dish; it is a way of cooking certain foods with spices and herbs to accentuate the flavor of the dish. It may be exotic with ingredients from a rich man's kitchen, or simple in preparation in another home. The only thing certain is that it will be enhanced by this preparation. True curry has certain advantages. It can be prepared the day before it is served to enhance the taste.

PAKISTAN RECIPES

Tandoori Chicken

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| 1 tbsp. paprika | 1/4 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1 tsp. coriander | 1/4 tsp. chili powder |
| 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom | dash turmeric |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 2 tbsp. water |
| 1/2 tsp. onion powder | 1 tsp. lemon juice |
| 1/2 tsp. garlic powder | 2 tbsp. corn oil |
| 1/4 tsp. cayenne | 1 broiler (3 1/2 lbs.) halved |

Mix paprika, coriander, cardamom, salt, onion powder, garlic powder, cayenne, cinnamon, chili powder, and turmeric. Stir in water and lemon juice, then corn oil. Brush mixture on all sides of chicken. Cover and refrigerate about three hours. This sauce is called *masala*.

Place chicken skin side down on rack in broiler pan. Set oven for broiling chicken. Broil 25 to 30 minutes, until fork-tender and browned. Makes 4 servings.

Indian Curried Vegetables

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| 1 tbsp. corn oil | 1 cup diced cooked carrots |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion | 1 cup diced cooked potatoes |
| 2 garlic cloves (minced) | 1 large apple (cored, pared, and cubed) |
| 1 tbsp. curry powder | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 2 tbsp. water | |
| 1 tbsp. vinegar | |

Heat corn oil in saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, and curry powder. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add water, vinegar, carrots, potatoes, apple, and salt. Heat. Serves 4.

Indian Custard

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| 1/4 cup sugar | 1 tsp. grated, blanched pistachios |
| 5 tbsp. cornstarch | 1 tsp. grated, blanched almonds |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | |
| 1 quart milk | |
| 1/4 tsp. nutmeg | |

Combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt in top of double boiler. Gradually add milk, stirring until smooth. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Cover and continue cooking 10 minutes longer. (Increase cooking time to 15 minutes if glass double boiler is used.) Remove from heat. Stir in nutmeg and nuts. Pour into 1-quart mold or individual serving dishes and chill at least 3 hours for large mold and 2 hours for individual molds. If desired, garnish with golden raisins. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

NOTE: Caramel sauce may be served in a separate dish for those who wish to add topping to the custard.

WMS forecaster

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A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH . . .

"It is not by regretting what is irreparable that true work is to be done, but by making the best of what we are."

F. W. Robertson

WHY A NEW ORGANIZATION PATTERN?

Recently an insurance company came out with the statement "Times Change! . . . and to achieve progress so do procedures." The clever announcement included four clocks showing the time in zones on mainland USA—Pacific, Mountain, Central, and Eastern. In keeping with Woman's Missionary Union's philosophy of progress, new organization patterns are being designed. These are to be effective October 1, 1968.

Perhaps you are wondering why a new organization pattern is being suggested. Here are a few reasons.

For years women have said that Woman's Missionary Society needs a simpler plan of organization, the work is too complicated, and too many leaders are needed. Finally, these statements were heard. Some progress toward simplification was made when fewer officers for the circle were recommended. Then in 1963 a simplified or alternate plan of organization was provided for societies without circles. This plan was so acceptable that some large societies with circles adapted it for their use.

The new plan of WMS organization to become effective in the fall is not only a simplified plan, but it is also a flexible plan. It can be adapted and expanded to meet the needs of various size churches and situations.

A part of the genius of WMS through the years has been the small group plan of organization known as the circle plan. Circles have always been component parts of the WMS organization, functioning to help the WMS achieve its purposes. So the proposed changes in organization will seek to preserve the strong points of the circle

plan and to expand it to make it more appealing in the contemporary situation.

Since last June you have read often in *ROYAL SERVICE* of mission action groups. You have been reading the mission action group guides, and you have learned how the present WMS plan of organization can be adjusted to accommodate mission action groups. All of this has alerted you to the possibility of change in the proposed organization plan for Woman's Missionary Society. In addition to diminishing the number of leaders needed in a WMS, the new organization plan will provide new ways for grouping members. For example, three types of mission groups will be proposed to replace circles. These will be mission study groups, mission prayer groups, and mission action groups. Now, WMS members will have the opportunity of choosing the group or groups in which they want to work. Their interest and ability can be taken into account as they have opportunity to volunteer for the group representing the work which appeals most to them.

The size of the society, the interest and ability of the women, and the needs of the community will be the determining factors in deciding the number of groups to be formed.

The new plan of organization will be thoroughly explained in new WMS materials to be available this spring. The February and March issues of *ROYAL SERVICE* will continue to give information about how to make the transition into the new organization pattern and about

new materials available for your use. Detailed information will be given in April ROYAL SERVICE.

guiding

Woman's Missionary Society

WMS President

Americans are familiar with the ad scheme of giving just enough information to arouse curiosity. That's what we are doing this month, telling you just enough of new plans and materials to keep you watching for what's coming! A new and simple plan of organization for your Woman's Missionary Society will be suggested for use in October 1968. So, you will look forward to reading in the next issue of ROYAL SERVICE more about the new organization plan and materials which are available early this spring. Then watch for March and April ROYAL SERVICE.

January 14 has been designated as Soul-Winning Commitment Day by the Southern Baptist Convention. This day points up every Christian's responsibility for sharing Christ with a lost world. Soul-Winning Commitment Day provides opportunity (1) for enlisting potential witnesses, (2) for discovering prospects, (3) for focusing special attention on the main task of the church, (4) for reemphasizing witnessing as every Christian's job, (5) for training and involving church members in witnessing, and (6) for relating personal witnessing to the church program organizations. You will want to inform WMS members of the opportunities of this emphasis and encourage them to participate in the plans of your church for observing Soul-Winning Commitment Day.

As WMS president, you work with circle chairmen to strengthen relationships which help all circles become involved in the total work of Woman's Missionary Society. Encourage circle chairmen to promote attendance at general WMS meetings by having a preview of each month's society study at circle meetings.

With the help of the prayer chairman and the stewardship chairman, you will want to begin preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annic Armstrong Offering. Your society's plans will, of course, be coordinated with plans for your church's observance.

A thorough study of the home missions book, *Trumpets in Dixie* by W. C. Fields, will be excellent preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. (Available from Baptist Book Stores for 75 cents; Teacher's Guide, 40 cents.)

Circle Chairman

Planning is a very important part of your work as circle chairman. To help with your planning you need the WMS

Manual (75 cents from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores). Pages 21-27 give information regarding circle work and page 128 gives a suggested agenda for circle meetings.

In addition to the WMS Manual to help with planning, there are WMS Forecaster and the WMU Year Book 1967-68 (25 cents from Woman's Missionary Union or Baptist Book Stores). Study topics for circle and society meetings are found on pages 48-52 of the Year Book. Mission study books recommended for circle or society study are listed on pages 41-42.

When planning circle meetings, keep in mind the amount of time to be used. Allow enough time for business, but hold it to a minimum. The promotional features and the circle study also need to be kept on schedule.

At WMS executive board meetings you will help make plans for the work of the society. Detailed planning for your circle will be done in cooperation with your circle members. Plan carefully and carry out your plans effectively. Then evaluate the work of your circle for the cause of missions.



teaching Missions

Program Chairman

How long has it been since you took a long, hard look at the study sessions of your WMS? Are members gaining more missionary information? Are members developing in concern for a lost world? Are members becoming more involved in praying for missions, giving to the support of missions, ministering and witnessing? Are the study opportunities helping to enlist new WMS members?

Praying, giving, ministering, and witnessing wait on the changes of understandings and attitudes which come from study. Getting and keeping members depends to a large degree on the interest and appeal of WMS study.

Here are some suggestions for helping you fulfill your responsibility as program chairman:

- Become thoroughly familiar with areas of study for the entire year; watch for additional resources which may be used.
- Learn the aim of each month's study; select methods that will help WMS members achieve the study aim.
- Plan for involving each member in the learning situation.
- Make assignments.
- Prepare learning aids.

Mission Study Chairman

In the Teacher's Guide for the book *Trumpets in Dixie*, Doris and Raymond Rigdon begin with, "Congratulations . . . on being selected to teach *Trumpets in Dixie*."

Congratulations to you for being the person to plan a study of the book. *Trumpets in Dixie* is the book for Adults in the 1968 Home Mission Graded Series. The chapter headings point up the appropriateness of such a study at this time. These are: The Changing South, A Changing Church, A Changing Role in Missions, The New Geography of Missions, The New Sociology of Missions, and Missions Means Me.

Here is a list of things to consider when making plans for the study:

1. What type class will you plan—relay, extensive, or intensive? (See pp. 60-61, *WMS Manual*.)
2. Will the book be taught in circles or at general society meetings? date, time, place?
3. What materials need to be ordered?

The Teacher's Guide, 40 cents from Baptist Book Stores, will be a great help to each teacher. It has pictures to mount, an excellent resource list, and splendid teaching suggestions for each chapter. Included in the Teacher's Guide is a resource booklet, "The New South." If teachers do not order the Teacher's Guide, they should have the resource booklet free for teachers from the Home Mission

Board, SBC, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

4. What publicity should be planned?

5. How will members be encouraged to read the book?

These are decisions to be made if this study of *Trumpets in Dixie* is to be a far-reaching study in your church.

Publications Chairman

To encourage WMS members to read ROYAL SERVICE, duplicate copies of "Renaissance or Revolution?" by Billie Pace, page 3. Distribute as members come into the meeting. If there is time, ask someone to read the verse and urge women to subscribe to the magazine if they are not already receiving it. Have subscription blanks ready for members to fill in and attach to their two dollars. The blanks are free from state WMU offices. Send subscriptions to Royal Service, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. Allow five weeks for new subscriptions, renewal, or change of address. Alabama subscribers add 4 percent sales tax.

Suggest that members read "Care Finds a Way" by Clovis A. Brantley, pages 6-7, as preparation for the study of the book *Trumpets in Dixie*.

participating in Missions

Prayer Chairman

Already you have been reading about the Crusade of the Americas. You know that it is an effort of Baptists in North America and South America to make a great impact for Christ on these two continents. The year 1969 is the year of the crusade, but 1968 is to be a year of prayer and preparation.

Woman's Missionary Union has been asked to lead in a prayer effort for the crusade. This effort is to be known as Pact. In Portuguese Brazil it will be called *O Pacto* and in other South American countries where Spanish is spoken it will be known as *El Pacto*. In South American churches the church covenant is known as a church pact or an agreement or contract. So the words *O Pacto* or *El Pacto* are most meaningful to them and to us. Pact, an international agreement, has great significance.

The purpose of Pact is to link Baptists of both continents in intercessory prayer for the Crusade of the Americas. This purpose is to be achieved through prayer partners—person to person, church to church, and group to group (see "Dear Pastor," cover 4).

Information regarding this prayer project will be published in Southern Baptist periodicals throughout 1968 and 1969. You will watch for further information and

LEADING MISSION ACTION

An important part of the work of the mission action group is learning to minister and to witness effectively. This is called in-service training. The kind of in-service training a group engages in is determined by two things. One is the nature of the activities being conducted and the other is the needs of group members for additional understandings and skills in carrying out the activities.

A new readiness for learning will develop in group members as they encounter problems and questions they are not equipped to answer in relation to the service rendered.

In each of the five mission action group guides there is a section called "In-service Training Activities." These sections contain suggested subjects, content, and learning procedures for in-service training. This training is conducted at group meetings as the group senses its need for additional understanding and skills.

Order the following guides from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores:

- Mission Action Survey Guide, 50 cents
- Mission Action Projects Guide, \$1.00
- Mission Action Group Guide: Internationals, \$1.00
- Mission Action Group Guide: The Sick, \$1.00
- Mission Action Group Guide: Juvenile Rehabilitation, \$1.00
- Mission Action Group Guide: Language Groups, \$1.00
- Mission Action Group Guide: Economically Disadvantaged, \$1.00

be prepared to help with the promotion of Pact in your church.

Now is the time to begin preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-10, 1968. You will find the theme for the week and the daily topics on page 43 of the WMU Year Book 1967-68.

Mission Action Chairman

The Public Affairs Pamphlets listed in the section "Keeping Up-to-date with the Denomination," page 43, will be helpful to mission action groups in your WMS. You may even want to order some of these for use in planning mission action for the society.

Read the article "A Deaf Ministry at Huffman Baptist" by R. B. Culbreth, page 13. Are there deaf persons in your community who need a ministry? Reading about what this church is doing may help you discover those in

your area who need the services of your church interpreted in their language.

If deaf are in your community, seek to find hearing persons who know the sign language. Then investigate the possibility of setting up classes for those willing to learn the language and to serve as interpreters.

Stewardship Chairman

One of the highlights of the 1967 Home Mission Board annual report was the fact that the goal of \$4.5 million for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions was reached for the first time since 1961. The 1968 goal is \$5,500,000. How do we expect to attain this high goal?

We can do it by taking these steps:

1. Seek to motivate persons to give because of love for God and for the work he wants us to do.
2. Inform Southern Baptists of the work of the Home Mission Board and the needs to be met through the 1968 Annie Armstrong Offering.
3. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten Southern Baptists and cause them to be concerned about conditions in America.
4. Pray that the leaders of our Southern Baptist churches and of our denomination will be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that they undertake to do for the Lord.

promoting

WMS Work

At Society Meetings

- To announce this quarter's recommended book for study, *Trumpets in Dixie* by W. C. Fields, have a dialogue between two persons. Their conversation could go something like this:

FIRST PERSON: Often I hear someone say, "The South surely is changing!" What do you think they mean?

SECOND PERSON: Well, I don't really know. As I recall the past few years, I do see some changes. But wait a minute—here is a book I've been asked to read. It's something about Dixie. I expect it will answer your question. (She hands book to first person who opens it and reads.)

FIRST PERSON: *Trumpets in Dixie*, why the first chapter is on "The Changing South," the second is about "A Changing Church," and the next chapter is "A Changing Role in Missions."

SECOND PERSON: (breaks in and says) Say, wouldn't you like to read the book and go with me to hear it taught? (She gives the time and place of the study and says that she will come by for her.)

FIRST PERSON (enthusiastically as she flips through it and says): My, this book does look interesting, and I can hardly wait to find out about these "trumpets in Dixie!"

At Circle and Mission Action Group Meetings

- To arouse interest in the February society study topic provide each circle member with a sheet of paper and pencil. At the top of the paper have typed or printed the following words:

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM + MISSIONS OFFERINGS = MISSIONS MONEY

Ask each person to write a sentence using these letters which describe the February study topic "Money for Missions." One possibility is "My gifts mean more missionaries."

keeping up-to-date

with the Denomination

Home Mission Board

The 1968 home mission study theme is "The New South." The Adult book in the Home Mission Graded Series is *Trumpets in Dixie* by W. C. Fields. Listed below are some resources which may be used in teaching the book:

1. *Home Missions*—current and past issues from your files, especially September 1966; January, February, March, and July 1967.

2. *Care Finds a Way*, the 1967 annual report of the Home Mission Board.

3. *The South and the Southerner* by Ralph McGill, publisher of the *Atlanta Constitution* and prominent Southern journalist, describes the South and his fellow Southerners as he sees them today (\$5.00 from Baptist Book Stores).

4. *The Children of the South* by Margaret Anderson, a guidance counselor in an integrated Southern school, describes ways integration has affected children psychologically, socially, and educationally (\$4.95 from Baptist Book Stores).

5. Slide sets, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Complete slide sets with identification slides are available at 25 cents a slide on subjects listed below. Indicated with each listing are the number of slides in the set and the individual slides

especially recommended if you do not wish to order the entire set:

- Migrants—15 slides in set; 3 and 12
- Mission Centers—12 slides in set; 1, 4, 5 and 8
- The Chaplaincy—7 slides in set; 1, 2 and 5
- Juvenile Rehabilitation—31 slides in set, \$6.00
- Mountain Missions—19 slides in set; 2, 9 and 18
- The New South—15 slides.

6. Public Affairs Pamphlets are available at a cost of 25 cents each from Public Affairs Pamphlets, 381 Park Avenue, South, New York, New York 10016. Those suggested for use with *Trumpets in Dixie* are:

- Can We Save Our Cities?* No. 374
- Fair Play in Housing*, No. 396
- New Opportunities for Depressed Areas*, No. 351
- The Poor Among Us*, No. 362
- Equal Justice for the Poor Man*, No. 367
- Rehabilitation Counselor: Helper of the Handicapped*, No. 392.

Project 500

Project 500 is a two-year effort culminating in the summer of 1969 which involves the total Southern Baptist denomination appropriately in relationship to the Home Mission Board's program of establishing new churches and church-type missions.

Along with the Crusade of the Americas it relates to the 1968-69 emphasis on evangelism and world missions.

Its goal is to establish by September 30, 1968, five hundred strategically located new churches (or church-type missions) affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention within the areas entered since 1940. One million dollars of the 1968 Annie Armstrong Offering will provide aid for Project 500.

Also, Southern Baptist Convention program leaders and their counterparts in state conventions and associations will: (1) explain Project 500 to Southern Baptist churches; (2) develop concern for providing an evangelical witness in each Project 500 strategic location; (3) lead church members to pray for Project 500 as a whole and for each new church; (4) promote generous support for Project 500 through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering; (5) suggest that churches provide information about their nonresident members now living in Project 500 new church locations; (6) encourage church members to move to a Project 500 location and help establish a new church; and (7) encourage churches to enlist helpers as described above.

A leaflet about Project 500 is available free from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.



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THE ART OF WORKING WITH PEOPLE

by Neil Tyner Bowen

Mrs. B picked up the phone with a cheery "hello" that turned quickly to efforts to console and comfort. On the other end of the line, Mrs. A began to pour out the sad story that she was failing in her church work. Both women were active in Woman's Missionary Union as well as other areas of church work, and often they shared ideas, plans, and specific problems.

That day, Mrs. B just listened with sympathy as her heart ached for Mrs. A—and for herself and others who seemed to be ineffective

in church leadership.

As the women reviewed their experiences, they knew that most of the time their plans were good; the methods were sound; preparation had been made; parliamentary procedure was accurate. But something was terribly wrong! What was it?

Dr. A. Donald Bell of Southwestern Seminary has diagnosed the problem: "What causes this ineffectiveness? It is at the point of getting along with people! . . . ninety percent of all working people who fail in their life's vocation fail because they cannot get along with people!"

Mrs. A, Mrs. B, all of us need to work at this matter. But, let's make this a personal thing. What can you do to improve your relationships with people?

The best place to begin is with an understanding of yourself. Take a long, but thoroughly honest look. Why were you elected a leader anyway? What were your motives for accepting a place of leadership? How do you feel and think about your job? What are your plans? Are they the plans of the group you lead?

*From *How to Get Along with People in the Church*, by A. Donald Bell. Copyright 1960. Zondervan Publishing House used by permission.

How much of yourself are you willing to give? Where does your loyalty lie? What about your enthusiasm? Can you, madam president, share the responsibility with a committee chairman? Can you let her do her job using her own ideas? Or, can you accept her ideas for your job if they prove better? Can you, as a director, work through your leaders—behind the scenes—and be happy for them to get all the praise for a job well done? Can you play the role of a "good follower" when someone else has the lead?

Now take a look at those whom you lead. What do you know about them beyond their office? Are they your friends? Do they have personal problems or handicaps which effect their work? Are they happy in their home life? How much spiritual maturity do they show? How well do you understand their reactions? Do you really know them as fellow workers—their plans, their ideas, their hopes, their fears, and their doubts? Do they ever share their thoughts with you? Why, or why not? Are you available? Do you honestly listen when they talk? Do you like to work with them? Basic to all, do you love them?

Though I persuade with a silver tongue . . . though I have the gift of promoting and understand the mysteries of my co-workers and have knowledge of plans and materials, and though I have all faith so that I could remove all obstacles to progress and have not love, I am not a good leader, in fact, I am nothing.

Before all else, and through all else, try love. Nothing can be as effective in the art of working with people as simple Christian love.

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Information

Studies in Luke's Gospel

January 1-5, 1968, is the date for January Bible study—a week planned for every member of the church family.

Adults and Young People will be studying the book, *Studies in Luke's Gospel*, 85 cents, which is about God's concern for all people; his joy over each one recovered, and his grief over those who remain lost.

Other age-group studies are: Intermediate, *Life At Its Best*, Phyllis Woodruff Sapp, 45 cents; Junior, *In the Land Where Jesus Lived*, 45 cents; Primary, *The Story of Samuel*, compiled by Doris D. Monroe and LaVerne Ashby, 45 cents; Beginner, *Good Times at Church*, compiled by Melva Cook, Nettie Lou Crowder, and Marie Hedgecoth, 45 cents; and Nursery, *Good Food to Eat*, Polly Hargis Dillard, 45 cents.

The Sunday School leads in making plans for this week, but members of Woman's Missionary Union should be encouraged to participate in the study. Watch for announcements concerning your church's study.

Luke is a Gospel that leads us to minister in Jesus' name.

Soul-Winning Commitment Day

Soul-Winning Commitment Day is suggested for January 14, 1968. Be alert to the plans which are suggested by your church.

Fact

During the Crusade of the Americas prayer partners will be assigned between persons in churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and other Baptist groups on the North American continent as well as persons of Latin America. Churches will

*Available from Baptist Book Stores

also be encouraged to participate in prayer projects with other Baptist churches on this continent and also in Latin America (see "Dear Pastor," cover 4).

A pact is an international agreement, and because the purpose of the project is to link Baptists of both continents in intercessory prayer for the Crusade of the Americas, the name Pact has been chosen for the project.

Write to Pact, Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, for the leaflet (available in Jan.) explaining this idea and in which you will find a request form.

The Best Is Yet to Be

Excitement is the key word for what's happening in Woman's Missionary Union. We are ready to pioneer, to seek new ideas, see new needs, and move to meet the urgency of the times.

Vivid impressions are called to mind as one thinks of the history of Woman's Missionary Union, for WMU has always moved to meet the demands of the day. Now we are faced with the question—To what great issues and needs shall we turn our hearts and minds today?

Through the centuries the church has established and projected many methods for accomplishing its mission in the world. These have changed from time to time in order to be more effective, more relevant in the age they serve. In October 1968, Woman's Missionary Union will change its plan of organization and some of its terminology as it strives to meet present needs. New materials will be provided to interpret these new plans.

April Royal Service will explain the new organization plan in detail. The WMU Year Book 1968-69, available February 1, 1968, shows the new organization structure.

The purpose of Woman's Missionary Union has not changed. We are committed to missions. We are dedicated to proclaiming the love of God as revealed by Jesus Christ. To witness and communicate the reconcil-

ing love of God in such an age is imperative. We can no longer do things the way we have always done them, for the world is changing. The church must be purposefully involved and creatively at work in the lives of people. Do we dare move forward creatively?

Rapid, sweeping, relentless change is taking place in every phase of endeavor. We have found it vitally necessary to alter patterns to meet needs and replace outmoded structures with ones more flexible. We are ready for new ways and new thoughts. For this reason we are changing our organization structure. We believe that through the new organization plan there is greater opportunity for members to express themselves in service to the total mission of the church.

The innards are not firmly blueprinted. Adjustments have been difficult to make in all areas of life, but members of Woman's Missionary Union have demonstrated willingness to adapt themselves. Will you join in thinking and praying, in planning, and in involving so that members can sense new hope in our program and through it discover new ways to minister and to witness in Christ's name?

It is a good time to belong to Woman's Missionary Union!

A Magazine for Every Member? Yes.

Royal Service, The Window, Tell, and Sunbeam Articles are produced to give missionary information to members of WMU organizations and they should go to every member of WMS, YWA, GA, and to Sunbeam Band leaders. The surest way to accomplish this is to have the magazine included in the WMU budget.

Since WMU is a church program organization, its financial needs should be cared for through the church budget. Churches vary in budget planning, and WMU will cooperate with whatever plan is used in a church. Sometimes churches are not aware that WMU literature should be included in the budget; therefore, the WMU council is responsible for letting this request be made known.

• Read information concerning budget and magazines in budget on pages 34-35 of the WMU Year Book 1967-68.

• Prepare figures showing the approximate cost of providing magazines for all WMU members.

• Invite the pastor or other persons on the budget committee to the council meeting and present information which has been compiled and encourage their making it possible to include WMU literature in the WMU budget which the church provides.

Questions for the WMU Council

Do you need to organize new age-level units in your Woman's Missionary Union? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Think of your organization and answer three additional questions:

1. Is there an age group in your church for which you do not provide a missionary organization? (WMS, YWA, GA, or Sunbeam Band) ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Have your age-level units become too large to carry on effective work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Are there persons who would attend an organization meeting if a group met at a convenient time for them? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have answered yes to one of these questions, you need to begin making plans to organize new units within your Woman's Missionary Union. The WMU council

coordinates the work, and the appropriate age-level director leads in organizing the new work.

Here are suggestions for organizing a new unit:

1. Ask the church nominating committee to secure adult leaders for the new organization.

2. Check the Sunday School and Training Union rolls for the age group and list names and addresses of prospects.

3. Enlist appropriate persons to visit prospects.

4. Conduct a brief orientation session for those who visit. Explain the purpose of the organization and review proper visitation techniques.

5. Set a time and place for the initial meeting.

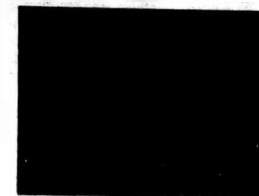
6. Publicize the meeting and send letters or cards to prospects.

7. Plan for the first meeting. Invite the pastor, minister of education, and other key leaders in the church to be present. Keep the meeting brief, but include the following: (1) purpose of the organization and what it can mean in the life of the individual; (2) missionary information (use study material from WMU magazines); (3) calendar of prayer; (4) remarks from pastor and other key leaders; (5) handle necessary business which may include setting a time and place for the next meeting; (6) period of fellowship.

If one of your age-level organizations is too large for effective work or if there are those who would attend if a group met at a more convenient time, here are some suggestions for organizing additional units.

1. Additional units call for more leaders. The church's nominating committee can be asked to enlist the needed leaders. Careful selection of workers should be made to insure that no one age group is weakened by the loss of all its leaders.

2. Determine how the existing or-



ganization will be divided. Proposed changes that involve existing organizations can be made much easier when all the people are informed of the need and the purpose of the change. The president or leader of the age-level unit may take this responsibility.

3. Secure the prospect list for the age-level unit and enlist those who will visit.

4. Set a meeting time and place for the new unit.

5. Publicize the meeting. Send letters or cards to those who are to attend.

6. Plan for study using the same materials which the group has been using. Allow time for necessary business and election of officers.

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Let's Look at the Achievement Guide

Have you been using the new WMU Achievement Guide in planning WMU work for this year? The guide is a tool to be used by the WMU president and the WMU council in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the work of Woman's Missionary Union. Because the guide is new, it is well to take a look at it and note the progress which you are making.

• At the council meeting suggest that each member look at the WMU Achievement Guide which appears

on pages 12-13 of the WMU Year Book 1967-68. Briefly, review information about the guide as found on page 11 of the Year Book and explain levels of achievement as given on page 14. To get an overall view of the guide, read aloud the eight points around which the guide is organized and the purpose under each. Comment that these points encompass the total work of WMU in the church and that each is important as WMU seeks to help the church fulfill its mission.

• Select one person to read the merit achievements under each point and another person to read the advanced achievements. Suggest that while the two are reading, other members place a check by the achievements which they think the organization has already completed.

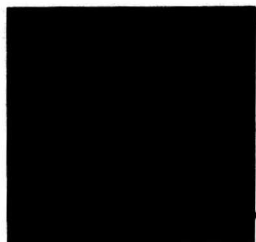
• After the guide has been read, you may point out the achievements which have already been completed and tell plans for accomplishing others.

• Conclude with remarks to the officers and leaders concerning their responsibilities in the light of the plans which you have for the future. Help them to understand their responsibility for an effective Woman's Missionary Union program within your church.

Reading Can Be Fun

Have all members of the WMU council read *A Church Organized and Functioning*, Revised edition, W. L. Howse and W. O. Thomson, 85 cents, and *The Woman's Missionary Union Program of a Church*, Marie Mathis and Elaine Nickson, 85 cents? These two books help lead-

* Available from Baptist Book Stores



ers understand the basic purposes and concepts which underlie the WMU program of the church.

Here are some ways to encourage reading:

1. If you have personal copies, lend them to council members.
2. If there are copies in your church library, check them out, bring them to the meeting, distribute them to council members, and encourage members to read them.
3. Invite the pastor, minister of education, or another person to the council meeting to give a brief resume of one or both books.

4. Work with the church librarian in setting up an attractive display to stimulate members to read the books.

5. Make a poster showing the title of each book and use pictures to illustrate interesting facts.

6. On small pieces of paper write interesting statements taken from the books and ask each member to read a fact. Discuss if time allows.

7. Telephone each member and encourage her to read the books.

8. Write a card to each member suggesting that she read the books.

A Look at Your Community

At the WMU council meeting list on a chalkboard several definitions of mission action as suggested by the group.

Read the following questions and allow time for members to write answers.

1. Where are the persons or conditions of need in our community?

2. What kind of needs do the persons or groups have, and what is the extent of their need?

3. What is now being done to meet the needs by any other group in the community?

4. What can our church do to meet or help meet these needs?

Explain that these questions can be answered by surveying the community. Surveying means looking carefully at a situation. Once Christians are led to see the scope of the need which exists, they are usually eager to be a part of the solution. One step in making them aware of needs is to involve them in a survey.

Suggestions for planning and conducting a mission action survey are found in the Mission Action Survey Guide, available for 50 cents from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203 or from Baptist Book Stores. Follow the procedure as outlined in the survey guide and you will locate persons and their special needs. At the council meeting display all the mission action materials and explain how each guide is to be used. (All materials are listed on the back cover of the WMU Year Book 1967-68.)

Proceed by using the survey guide to make specific plans for surveying your community to discover needs for mission action.

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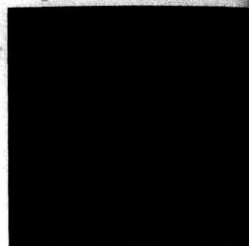
- ywa director
- ga director
- sunbeam band director

Home Mission Graded Series

As you meet with your committee this month, there are two things which you will want to include in your agenda.

1. An evaluation of the recent foreign mission study.—Perhaps the following questions will help you lead in an evaluation period:

- a. Where did the study take place? Could a more appropriate place have been chosen?



b. At what time did the study take place? Was it a convenient time?

c. How many participated in the study?

d. Were plans made far enough in advance?

e. Did the teachers receive help in a mission study institute?

f. Were the necessary materials supplied? books, teacher's guides, maps, pictures?

g. Was the study well publicized?

h. Was the study a learning experience? Did the group participate in follow-up activity?

After these things and others have been discussed, each leader may want to tell some of the highlights of their study.

2. A sharing of plans for the home mission study.—Ask each leader to come to the meeting prepared to share plans for the study of the home missions book. They may include:

- a. Date, time, and place of study
- b. Teacher or teachers
- c. A brief discussion of plans for presenting study material
- d. A list of materials or teaching aids which are needed
- e. Suggested follow-up activity
- f. Other interesting activities which have been planned.

As director, you may offer help in carrying out any of the plans which have been made or assisting the leader in any way in which you are needed. You may also share some of the highlights with the WMU council and ask for any assistance which is needed.

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Dear Pastor-

We believe ~~we~~ are beginning a significant year. For two or three years WMU staff members have met once a month to work with staff members of other church program organizations. We have made every effort in all planning to keep uppermost in our minds the primary position of a church. Correlation and coordination have become very familiar words to us all.

It seems to us that signs are numerous in favor of new plans even though these mean "change." We base some of our thinking on the enthusiasm with which women across the Convention have accepted the new mission action plans and guides released last year. We believe that God led us to get ready for our Convention's year of emphasis on "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Ministry."

We realize that we have written to you—not once—but several times about our plans for mission action. But we find it impossible to talk about 1968 and fail to mention again that we have these exciting mission action guides (see p. 7). We do feel that mission action is a way by which your church can have a vital part in ministry.

We have another meaningful project under way. In planning for the Crusade of the Americas in 1969, WMU "took on" a request from the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. Now we want to enlist your help in getting word to your church that there is a plan to form prayer partners with churches and individuals in other conventions on the North American continent, as well as to form partnerships in prayer with churches and individuals in Latin America. WMU is calling this prayer project Pact. Materials are available in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese to explain the plans. Please write to us if your church is interested in knowing more about this project which could make all the difference in the outcome of the Crusade. Address your questions to Pact, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Well, that is one way to get a reply from some of you, isn't it? We are very happy about this whole idea and we want to hear from you.

Sincerely,
WMU Staff