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# Day by Day --- Living

This is the ship of pearl, which, poets feign,  
Sails the unshadowed main,—  
The venturous bark that flings  
On the sweet summer wind its purpled wings  
In gulls enchanted, where the Siren sings,  
And coral reefs lie bare,  
Where the cold sea-naids rise to sun their  
streaming hair.

Year after year beheld the silent toil  
That spread his lustrous coil;  
Still, as the spiral grew,  
He left the past year's dwelling for the new,  
Stole with soft step its shining archway  
through,  
Built up its idle door,  
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew  
the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by  
thee,  
Child of the wandering sea

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low-vaunted past;  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more  
vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's  
unrelenting sea!

Note: The pearly or chambered nautilus has a large spiral shell with numerous chambers. The animal lives only in the foremost of these. He builds and moves into an outgoing spiral, sealing off his former abode and leaving it behind him.

From "The Chambered Nautilus" by Oliver Wendell Holmes



by Norman Godfrey

**WHAT** do you mean? On my street!" This is the reaction most of us have when someone suggests that we have an alcoholic neighbor.

Most of us think alcoholics are bums who live in the ghetto and ride boxcars from town to town looking for work to make enough money to buy another pint or a bottle of bay rum. To be sure, there are thousands of alcoholics which fit this description.

A visitor to a downtown rescue mission sees all types of men (most skid row transients are men). There are, of course, the very old and the paunchy middle-aged. There are also young men. Alcohol takes a terrific toll among young adults. Conversation with these young men usually uncovers the fact that some once were lawyers, businessmen, skilled carpenters, teachers, most with a family somewhere.

Let's face it. Most of us feel fortun-

ate that we don't live around people like that—you know, alcoholics.

The fact is, most of us do live near them!

There are more than 6.5 million alcoholics in America and the total increases about 250,000 every year. Two out of three adults in America drink to some degree, and six out of one hundred of those who start drinking will become alcoholics.

Your alcoholic—the one near you to which God expects you to minister and witness—may be the husband of a friend who lives three doors away. He's not a bum but he has his problem and so do his wife and his family. Bill goes to work every day, well almost every day—but Mary has to drive him for he is seldom completely sober. He spends a great deal on alcohol, so Mary has to work to help out on the family budget. His drinking isolates him from his wife and family and the world of sober friends. As the popular song goes, "When I'm drinking I ain't nobody's friend."

The wife of such a man needs friendship and understanding, not

pity. Her burdens are so great she often isolates herself in order to avoid explanations and excuses. She needs to be reminded that God loves her, her children, her husband, especially now in their great need. She needs to see Christians living the love of Christ so she will be reminded that Jesus represents God's love.

There may be a young person whom you know who is in despair. She may be a girl who can't remember her mother ever being sober. She's thirteen and bewildered, with shaky moorings. You can help her patiently to love her mother and yet deplore this sin in her life which is destroying other lives as well as her own. You can be her source of help in finding ways to meet her problems, and you can point her to Jesus, the lover of her soul and example for her life.

Your alcoholic neighbor may be a sick old man, abandoned and scorned by his family. The fact that he has created his own tragic situation does not make his problems any less real. He needs a friend. You can talk to him naturally about God and his love

You can help him find community services available. You can remember as you work with him that God considers all men worthy of salvation and longs for all men to experience abundant life.

The alcoholic on your block may be unlike any of these. He may be apparently rehabilitated. Tragically, he is still an alcoholic. He may have come a long way back, but he still needs to find friendship and a useful place in society. Many may still consider him a drunk. They may remember the wrecked cars and lost jobs and broken promises. They may have a "you'll never be able to make it" attitude. He needs to know that there are people he can turn to for quick assistance. He needs constantly to re-build his faith in life and in himself. He needs a firm faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord of his life.

When you find out (you probably already know) who your alcoholic neighbor is, you may want to do more than worry about what God wants you to do. You may begin today to help him.

There is need for continuing ministry and witness to him and others that could best be performed by members of a mission action group of concerned couples who will seek to help the alcoholic and his family. For all are a part of the tragic problem. There are many family needs which can be met by husbands and wives.

*The Mission Action Group Guide, Combating Moral Problems* suggests ways for a group to organize and carry on this type mission action.

In a paraphrase of Matthew 23:31-36, Jesus might have identified himself with this plague of mankind. "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an alcoholic and you ministered unto me and my family."

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## THE RIDE

**THERE'S** no way to avoid Seventh Avenue. We can't drive the seven miles from our five-year-old suburb without going through it.

It's less painful going in on Eighth Avenue than on Seventh. There is more traffic . . . and businesses along the way. These divert the attention of our children somewhat . . . from the houses.

We don't go in on Seventh Avenue, though it's quicker. You see, our children kept asking questions—unanswerable to a child and unnerving to parents—"Why are the houses so fallen down, Daddy?" "Don't they have good jobs?" "The children are so ragged—why?" "Why does it smell?" The houses are so close to each other . . . and to us in our shiny car . . . on Seventh Avenue.

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## TO TOWN



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## missions here and there - -

### ■ Alaska Crossroads

By E. W. Hunke, Jr.  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Alaska Baptist Convention



The importance of the state of Alaska, nearly one-fifth the size of continental United States, is gradually coming into sharp focus. Anchorage International Airport is aptly called "the air crossroads of the world." The sight of American, Japanese, Scandinavian, German, French, and Dutch airliners parked side-by-side, the sound of an increasing number of languages blaring over loudspeakers, the pageantry of multi-styled costumes, and various racial characteristics and colors convince the traveler that something is happening in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Alaska has become more than a stop in transit for the globe-trotting tourist; she has become the tourist's home. Each day world travelers arrive from circle and polar routes to look at her majesty, to investigate her potential, and to stay to invest in her future. This worldwide heterogeneity of people offers a great future to Alaska Baptists.

The cosmopolitan character of Alaska's contemporary citizenship results from several movements. Servicemen stationed in Alaska find ready acceptance for the wife and family they bring from another country. Modern adventurers respond to the challenge of pioneering in unspoiled mineral, oil, fish, and timber resources. Immigrant homesteaders find economic relief, dignity, and security in a place far from socialist influences in their former homelands. International businessmen recognize the vast

potential of a great land and clamor to be part of this developing frontier.

Alaska Baptist churches represent in membership a broad racial spectrum. In observing her twenty-fifth anniversary the Anchorage First Baptist Church, Alaska's oldest, reported that membership included Indian, Eskimo, German, Polish, Japanese, Korean, Panamanian, Negro, Puerto Rican, and Mexican members. The church geared to reach all the people is the growing church in Alaska.

Citizenship and literacy schools of Anchorage Calvary Baptist Church and Fairbanks Friendship Baptist Mission reach people from as many countries. Hundreds of people are citizens of the United States and the kingdom of God because of this dynamic Alaska Baptist witness, teaching non-English-language people our customs, history, and language in the name of Christ.

A highlight of the citizenship-literacy schools is graduation. Graduates speak carefully enunciated English words of appreciation with obvious pleasure. Their expressions of genuine gratitude never fail to bring tears to the eyes of God's people as they listen. The pastor assures the people that the Baptist teachers expect no remuneration; they give themselves freely because the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts. This happy occasion concludes with a feast featuring international dishes from many countries.

Thousands of homesteaders, lumbermen, fishermen, and oilmen live in remote, sparsely settled areas called the Alaska bush. The transitory nature of these industries and their isolation from settled communities leave many families without the ministry of a church. For eight years, Ketchikan First Baptist Church has sponsored a fifteen-minute, weekly broadcast known as "The Bible Break," beamed to those who live in migrating southeastern Alaska lumber camps and migrating fishing boats and terraces.

Central First Baptist Church, Anchorage Melndon Road Baptist Church, and Fairbanks Calvary Baptist Church broadcast Sunday morning services.

Anchorage First Baptist Church has televised Sunday morning services for thirteen years. The SBC Radio and Television Commission is studying special Alaska problems and endeavoring to secure gospel broadcasting outlets.

The boundless vitality of modern pioneers find expression in winning men to Christ and teaching basic Bible doctrines. The fluctuating population adds impetus to the urgency of reaching people while they are among us. The serviceman's cosmopolitan experiences magnify the need for a world missions approach. The return of nationals to their own countries makes imperative the winning and training of them for Christ while they sojourn here.

Alaska, America's land bridge to the Orient, possesses a visionary and dynamic generation of young people who see the present and the future as opportunity to preach Christ to the nations.

### ■ Would you believe what I heard in a dentist's office the other day?

by Kenneth Day

Secretary, Department of Missionary Education  
Home Mission Board

An easy-going, mild-mannered dentist, A. L. Evatt, verbalized at a pace approaching that of the high speed drill which buzzed away on a molar in my mouth. And it well pleased the good doctor that my ability to talk back was temporarily handicapped, because he had more to tell than he could possibly cram into a thirty-minute appointment. His conversational overflow was the result of the experiences of three wonderful weeks which he had spent in the San Blas Islands, just off the coast of Panama. From early morning until late in the evening he had stayed busy with dental work and in showing concern for the Cuna Indians who came to him as patients.

Through the Christian Service Corps of the Home Mission Board, arrangements were made with Dr. Dan Gruver (the Board's medical missionary to Panams and the San Blas Islands) for Dr. Evatt to work with him for a brief time. Dr. Evatt took with him a portable dental clinic, provided in part at his own expense and in part by the First Baptist Church of Doraville, Georgia, where he is a member. The setup was less convenient than the denture was used to in his suburban office, but essentials were there. A small, carbon dioxide tank powered a high speed drill necessary for fillings. More than two hundred

cavities were filled and more than five hundred teeth extracted during the three weeks.

Reflecting on this most unusual vacation of his life, Dr. Evatt told of makeshift arrangements of the most primitive sort. In some cases a patient sat on a crude block of wood with his head leaning against the side of a bamboo trunk while the doctor did his work. In other cases the support for the patient's head was a good, sturdy tree trunk.

Much of his work was done at the Baptist clinic on the island of Ailigandi. This is the base from which Dr. Dan Gruver projects his work among the San Blas Indians. However, since some forty or fifty of the islands are populated and dental needs are as widespread as the medical needs which Dan Gruver attempts to meet, Dr. Evatt became an itinerant. He often packed his portable equipment and joined Dr. Gruver in a two to four hour boat trip across the choppy ocean waves to another island where pressing need existed. Always the "waiting room" was filled and Dr. Evatt had to do yeoman's duty just to attend to those who were most needy.

When he tapped the last bit of sturdy filling into my numb molar he took me back into his personal office where he had a series of colored slides set up for immediate projection. He flipped the light switch and during the last ten minutes of my appointment took me on a hurried rerun of his marvelously productive and inspiring vacation. A month later he came to the church to which I belong and spent an hour with our youth, sharing his rich experiences.

A. L. Evatt never before spent a vacation like this one. It was probably as costly (maybe more so) as any previously known. He returned home just as tired as he ever remembered being after a vacation. But this one had contributed as much to him as it had demanded of him. Though a devout Christian for many years, Dr. Evatt had a plus added to his missions interest.

On several occasions since returning home he has spoken to church groups of the urgent needs of the San Blas Islands. When hearing him recently I was impressed that his mission did not end when his three weeks were finished in Ailigandi; rather, it had just begun. Having been there, living with need among the people, and having felt so deeply that the surface was hardly denting this short time, he has become an ambassador—a fountainhead of missions information. And people will not hear him without being challenged to greater missions involvement.

Another Georgia doctor, Clyde Keller, was recently in Ailigandi with Dan Gruver for a short time. Upon returning, he wrote of the scenes there being "reminiscent of Lambarene and the days of Albert Schweitzer." To this, A. L. Evatt says, "Indeed they were, and everyone, so blessed as is the average Baptist, ought sometimes in his life to be a part of someone's Lambarene—even if for only three weeks."

than not the regular Bible reading for the day was replaced by Psalm 23—whether in English or Portuguese I cannot now remember. When many years later the family came together at the hospital room before a serious operation, it seemed only natural that we should recite together the Twenty-third Psalm; and a few days later Dad left us, not to an unknown country but to the Father's house. It was my father and mother who first taught me, by precept and example, what the Bible means.

There were many others who did the same—especially pastors and teachers throughout the years. Dr. F. F. Soren, who baptized me in the First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro; Dr. W. W. Stout, former missionary to China and my pastor in Georgetown, Kentucky; Dr. J. A. Tolman of Georgetown College, who first taught me Greek; Dr. W. H. Davis and Dr. E. A. McDowell, my New Testament professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The summer before I entered Southern Seminary, I worked at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. One day I drove Dr. W. O. Carver to the railroad station. I asked him what course of study I should follow in the seminary. He answered, "You learn the Greek New Testament, and you will be ready for whatever God has in store for you." Little could I know how prophetic those words were!

I also remember my colleagues and students at the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro where I served as a New Testament professor. One never learns a subject so well as when he has to teach it; and during the five years as teacher the opportunity to study and learn further prepared me for my future work.

In 1961, after four years' work in the Translations Department of the

American Bible Society, I was asked to prepare a new translation of the New Testament. We were especially concerned with the needs of those who speak English as an acquired language (estimated to be one billion people), and of those who have little or no knowledge of the Christian faith and who read the New Testament for the first time. We wanted a translation that everyone could understand.

No one is adequate, of course, for such a difficult task, and in the work that was done there were many helpers whose knowledge and skill largely contributed to whatever merit the translation has.

When *Good News for Modern Man*, Today's English Version, was published as a paperback in 1966, it was thought that the initial printing of 150,000 copies would be sufficient for many months. But soon the Bible Society was swamped with orders and further printings were needed. After two years over eleven million copies had been distributed.

My most difficult task as a translator was adapting myself to the needs of the intended readers. We wanted the translation to be as simple and clear as possible, in natural and idiomatic English. At the same time however, we had to avoid peculiarly American idioms which might confuse or mislead the foreign reader. In the process, one had consciously and consistently to abandon familiar words and phrases which are not clear or easy to understand, and use restricted vocabulary and simple sentence structure.

One example is enough. Paul's central concept of justification by faith is one with which most Bible students and church people are familiar, yet *righteousness, justification, and justify* are not simple words and are rarely used in common English outside the specifically biblical context. So we have to try to understand what Paul meant by these words, and then

express the meaning in such a way as to allow every reader to know what the apostle was talking about. We discover that these words in Paul's letters refer to the way in which God saves us; God's righteousness is not primarily a moral quality in God but is his saving activity in which he puts man in the right relationship with himself—a relationship that has been altered and broken by man's sin. "For the gospel reveals how God puts men right with himself: it is through faith alone, from beginning to end" (Rom. 1:17 TEV). *To be justified, then, means to be put right with God.* "Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1 TEV).

Translation is an impossible task because it is impossible fully to communicate in one language what has been said in another language, especially when the two are widely separated by time and are the product of radically different cultures. The translator's ideal is that the readers of his translation understand as much and as well as did the readers of the original text.

This ideal can never be fully reached. Sometimes the translator himself does not know exactly what the written text means because there is some information which the original writer and readers shared, but which is now lost—and without that information the written words do not make sense. So a translator is sometimes discouraged, knowing that he has not been able to do his job well. But there are other times when one feels himself to be in harmony with the sacred authors, when one is swept up by the truth, beauty, and eloquence of their words and feels himself moved by the same divine power that moved them to write as they did. For such rare and precious moments I am eternally grateful to all those who have made them possible for me.

## Miss Hunt Visits ALASKA

BAPTISTS in Alaska less frequently refer to themselves as Baptists from Texas, Louisiana, Alabama living in Alaska. Now they consider themselves Alaska Baptists," commented Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, after her trip to Alaska in late 1968.

Miss Hunt went on to comment that this was one of the most interesting changes she had noted since her first trip there in 1964. Many Alaskans are still transients, but more of them have chosen Alaska as a permanent home. This at-home attitude promises stability to rapidly growing Baptist work in the forty-ninth state.

Reflecting on her 1964 visit, Miss Hunt says her strong impressions include growth in number of church buildings. In spite of devastating floods, church buildings stand as witness to the concern of Baptists for preaching the gospel. They dot the frozen landscape. The dedication of laymen to the task of winning people and training them also left a strong impression on this "lower 48" visitor. She was particularly impressed by the fact that after a World Missions Conference rally at night, the men went back to work on the unfinished building where the rally was held. Every man in this church gave his vacation time to this work. Alaskans finish the outside of a structure first. They use it in its unfinished state, giving the congregation a place to meet while they continue work on the interior.

Miss Hunt went to Alaska at the invitation of the Alaska Baptist Convention to participate in a series of three World Missions Conferences



"No children are more charming than Eskimos, I discovered."



"Just write me at North Pole, Alaska!"

Miss Hunt and Dr. Harold Graves dressed for the occasion—a trip to the frozen town of Nome, and to Kotzebue, Alaska, thirty miles beyond the Arctic Circle!



These conferences were planned to initiate the year of evangelism and missions and to promote the Crusade of the Americas.

Alaska Baptist leaders reasoned that this would be an excellent time to acquaint Baptists with Southern Baptist Convention leaders. Participating in the conferences with Miss Hunt were Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board; George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, Brotherhood Commission; Harold K. Graves, president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Paul Box, western personnel representative, Foreign Mission Board; Paul H. McCray, pastor, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Don and Marianne Rollins, missionaries, Fort Yukon, Alaska.

The three conferences were held October 29, Tanana Association, First Baptist Church, Fairbanks; October 31, Chugach Association, First Baptist Church, Anchorage; November 1, Tustumena Association, First Baptist Church, Kenai.

The daily schedule planned by

"Who needs a refrigerator? Just put your meat in a cache. It's well out of reach of hungry huskies!"



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E. W. Hunke, Jr., executive secretary-treasurer, Alaska Baptist Convention (see p. 4), included a breakfast at 6:45 A.M. for men and boys with Mr. Schroeder and a luncheon at noon for the women with Miss Hunt. A meeting of pastors with Mr. McCray to plan the 1969 Crusade was followed by a coffee reception for the program guests at 10:00 A.M. An evening rally concluded each conference. Rallies featured Bible study led by Dr. Graves, missionary testimonies by Mr. Box and the Rollinses, a panel discussion on the Crusade, and an inspirational message by Dr. Rutledge.

At the time of Miss Hunt's visit, Miss Judy Rice had not yet become Alaska WMU executive secretary. She follows Miss Louise Yarbrough, who for ten years led in Alaska WMU work in a marvelous way. Miss Yarbrough resigned in 1968 to study at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

For Miss Hunt, one of the biggest thrills of her trip was the opportunity to meet Alaska Baptists. She was especially pleased to meet four of the eight GAs and YWAs responsible for the beginning of Frontier Southern Baptist Church on Kodiak Island.

In 1967 two naval families, the Willhamses and the Perrys, were transferred to Kodiak Island. Each family had four daughters. Because they were anxious to continue their GA and YWA work, Miss Louise Yarbrough was invited to come tell the girls about Alaskan missions. Knowing that there were other Baptists on the island, these girls decided to extend invitations. The twenty-one people meeting that day began a Southern Baptist fellowship that later became Frontier Southern Baptist Church.

Prior to the conferences, Miss Hunt visited the Arctic area, accompanied by Mrs. William Hansen, Alaska WMU president, and Dr. Harold Graves. Miss Hunt traveled to Nome and thirty miles above the Arctic Circle to Kotzebue, where Southern Baptists have a church and a missionary family, the Harley Shields.

## WHAT ABOUT GAMBLING?



by Lon Woodrum

**W**e heard a clergyman say: "The spirit of gambling is old and deep-rooted in man. Should we call it wrong, seeing almost everything in life is a gamble? The seed-sower wagers his work against fate that he will get a crop. The man who invests money in an enterprise is betting that it will succeed."

Rationally we cannot deny that men are willing to take a chance. Billions (not millions) of dollars are bet in the United States yearly. An estimated \$50 billion, to be exact! People bet on almost any conceivable uncertainty. No man in a national sport makes a touchdown, hits a home run, or knocks out an opponent in the ring, but that great wealth rides on his actions.

From palaces to ghetto hovels, men gamble. Well does Byron speak of rulers: "Whose game was empires and whose stakes were thrones, / Whose table earth, whose dice were human bones." Centuries before Christ Sophocles was saying, "A wise gambler ought to take the dice / Even as they fall, and pay down quietly, / Rather than grumble at his luck."

So common was gambling in Jesus' time that soldiers openly rolled dice for his cloak as he groaned out his life on the cross. Great literature comments on the betting drive in men. Shakespeare causes a character to say, "I have set my life upon a cast, / And I will stand the hazard of the

die." Matthew Arnold observed ironically, "We do not what we ought; / What we ought not, we do; / And lean upon the thought / That Chance will bring us through."

The Christian denominations have never altogether agreed as to the right and wrong of gambling. Many groups not only endorse gambling, but also actively engage in it, maintaining that betting or games of chance are not wrong save when they are dishonest. Others vehemently denounce all forms of gambling.

Directly the Scriptures appear neither to support nor oppose gambling. There is no commandment, for instance, prohibiting the laying down of a wager on anything.

Consider the nature of gambling—and we speak of betting money on a happening. Unless he is an imbecile, the man who gambles expects to win. But if he wins, somebody loses. He obtains something from somebody without paying or working for it. He takes somebody's property through chance. He robs the other fellow, even though it is, as someone has said, "robbery by consent." Is this not refined theft?

The man who loses in gambling is well symbolized in Kenneth Roberts' statement: "Change was his mistress. Chance his counsellor." The vast majority of those who lose at gambling can ill-afford their losses which often

bring innocent people to suffering and want. Countless men have dipped into their company's tills in attempts to gain unearned fortunes or to pay off gambling debts. Degradation and immorality hover about this business that ruins so many lives. Observe the type men who promote big gambling deals; they are far removed from Christian living or even from decency.

To unnumbered persons, gambling is ruinously addictive; those caught in its grip are not different from those enslaved to liquor and dope. Gambling for many men becomes an unholy lust which destroys homes, degrades names, sends men to prison and to suicide.

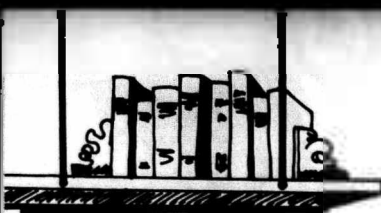
But there is another significant point to consider. How shall we separate gambling from covetousness? Covetousness means lusting after someone's else's possessions. Moreover, covetousness in the Scriptures is cataloged along with fornication, murder, God-hating, promise-breaking, and mercilessness (Rom. 1:29-31). "The love of money is the root of all evil things, and there are some who in reaching for it have wandered from the faith and spiked themselves on many thorny griefs" (1 Tim. 6:10 NEB').

More should be considered. Christians are stewards of what they possess. Have they the right to take money entrusted to them by God and throw it away over a game table or at a racetrack? One cannot take what God has given him and toss it into the coffers of chance without giving an account to God for his callous carelessness! With stewardship accentuated as it is in the Scriptures, how may the committed believer indulge in gambling, or even endorse it?

Christians are people who, despite the risk involved in living out their lives, feel they can win without resorting to capricious chance. Publilius Syrus said, "His own character is the arbiter of every one's fortune."

Believers are assured of final victory. Christians do not have to stand "the hazard of the die." They might well agree with the words of the Negro spiritual, "This train don't carry no gamblers." Gamblers know that they stand either to win or lose; but Christians know that in the long last they cannot lose! "I know whom I have trusted, and I am certain that he is able to keep what I have put into his hands, till the great Day" (2 Tim. 1:12 Moffatt). A Christian is a man who is divinely guaranteed to win.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

by Mary Christian

Use approaches to study books in the *Round Table Group Guide*, \$1.00 from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores. All books are available at Baptist Book Stores.

**Area:** Latin America  
**Theme:** Contemporary Latin America

**Aim:** What trends in Latin America do I see which have bearing on human rights and religious liberty?

*West Indian Folk-Tales*  
Philip Sherlock, \$5.00

The Caribs and the Arawaks were the primitive people in the West Indies before Columbus came to the Bahamas. They passed on from generation to generation tales told by their fathers, tales of the ancient days when friendship existed between animals and men. In this book are tales of the animals and birds such as:

Man led the animals and birds up a hill to safety, later led them down, and made fire from rubbing two sticks together. After this, the animals became fearful of each other and could speak only to their kind. There are the stories of how the dog became man's friend and helper and why the dog's nose is cold.

These tales are indicative of animistic belief.

*Yanqui, Come Back!*  
William B. Walsh, \$4.95

Met with "Yanqui, go home" on arrival in Peru, the ship *Hope* left a year later hearing the call "Yanqui, come back!"

The account given in this book pictures the failures as well as the suc-

cesses of the *Hope* staff's teaching projects for Peruvian interns and nurses and healing projects for the people. Also shown are the poverty and medical needs of so many of the people, the general distrust of North Americans largely inspired by Communist instigators, the initial fear of the Peruvian physicians for their practice when *Hope* arrived, the value of teaching and training people to help themselves, and the new image of the United States which *Hope* workers gave to Peruvians.

When the Peruvian doctor who had invited *Hope* to come to Peru was asked to speak in Washington to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee he said, in substance, that any program which creates in a group the idea that the health of its people is the responsibility of others, or that their well-being is a grant they should expect and demand from somebody else, is suicidal. Health needs serve as a starting point for free communication between two peoples, for development of higher motivations, and a tool for linking two cultures, every cent spent is worth a dollar.

The *Hope* has returned to the United States after a ten-month successful mission and it has left behind in Peru, as it did in Indonesia and Vietnam, a true legacy of learning, a real people-to-people communication. Project *Hope* has served Americans well, and the people of Peru will not forget their friends.

Human rights and religious liberty are definitely related to this story, though more so human rights, right to good health, to proper food, to better living conditions, to clinics and doctors.

The doctor who invited *Hope* to

come to Peru said the help from this source is more what they want than that from our government.

**Area:** Middle East  
**Theme:** Middle East Parables  
**Aim:** What does the history of continuing upheaval in the Middle East reveal to me about the need for God's love in human hearts?

*The Tower of Babel*  
Morris L. West, \$5.95

*The Tower of Babel* is a book of fiction written against the background of the Middle East—Israel and Arab world. It has been on the best-seller list for months and is slated for a forthcoming motion picture.

The story depicts Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt before the six day war in 1967. Amazingly, the author keeps continuity of events as he weaves back and forth from Tel Aviv to Damascus to Beirut to Alexandria to Amman to Jerusalem.

Against this background the author constructs a modern Babel in the confusion of political intrigue, talk and double-talk, tribal jealousies, selfishness, traffic in confidential information, and disregard for human rights and liberty. Mrs. Eban, wife of Israel's foreign minister, said that with so many intricacies operating under the guise of Arab unity, Babel might be the Arab world today. Or Israel, confused, facing the Arab and trying to outwit him, might be Babel.

The spy story keeps us wondering until the last. Will the spy be betrayed and his true character known? If so,

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**G**OD leads, God blesses, and God answers prayer—in ways you might have to see to believe! But maybe you can see a little of it and thrill to a little of it.

Can you see Guadalupe Perez, tall, gray-haired, and beaming as he opens the Sunday School assembly in *La Primera Misión Bautista Mexicana* of Arvin, California? Every bench in the garage-church holds several people, and many are crowded.

For several years Brother Perez, a lay preacher when he lived in Mexico, and his family worshiped with the Anglo Southern Baptists here. They understood little of the English but prayed faithfully for Spanish Baptist work to begin.

The people were here (Arvin is estimated to be half Mexican-American) and at one time some forty were attending the services Brother Perez conducted, but interest was hard to hold with untrained leaders. The Perez family had visited a nearby Spanish Southern Baptist church, but

the preaching there also was in English. Late in 1967 they learned that under Project 500 a missionary was coming to work with the Spanish-American people.

On a January Sunday sixteen people, the Perez family and the missionary family, met to sing, pray, and rejoice—in Spanish. Then Elmo R. Marble, the new pastor, disarming his still awkward command of Spanish, began to preach—in English.

"But Brother," someone interrupted "Mama doesn't know English!" Brother Perez spoke up, "Preach in Spanish, Brother. While we are few, you practice on us, and we'll pray for you. Then, when we are more . . ." and he paused, confident that God who had begun a good work would finish it.

And so the truth began to dawn upon the missionaries. Instead of using less Spanish in California than in Texas, they would use more. Although the children absorb English in school, everyone in their families eases into Spanish at home. The men pick up enough English to get by at work, but the women have little incentive—and less time—to tackle a second language.

Wherever we went, we talked to the English-speaking members of the family, but when they learned that we welcomed a chance to visit in Spanish, here came a host of others—people who habitually stayed silent and in the background.

Soon we were in two home Bible study classes a week in homes where the parents spoke only Spanish. Worship services, prayer meeting, Sunday School, training courses, monthly birthday parties, revivals—all were in Spanish. A year-end tally showed that of the twenty-one people baptized, twelve were born in Mexico. The good news had found them in the language of their hearts. Clearly, the pastor continued struggling with the language while the people kept on praying. And the answers came!

One of the first new families was that of Alfredo Sanchez. Soon after arriving, Pastor Marble journeyed seventeen miles over the mountains to Caliente to see if what he heard about the Sanchez family was so.

"Yes, Brother," (in Spanish churches pastor and people lovingly address each other as "Brother and Sister") "it was Brother Kelly who led us to Jesus."

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Marble are home missionaries working among Spanish in Arvin, California.

Planning for Laymen's Day (left to right) Elmo Marble, Guadalupe Perez, and Francisco Escalante



*While we are few, you practice on us, and we'll pray for you. Then when there are more...*

by Elizabeth Marble



**Send items to these missionaries:**

**Rev. Byron Lutz**  
**Fillmore Avenue Baptist Church**  
**821 Fillmore Avenue**  
**Martha, New York 14212**  
 (primary needs: craft items such as lacing, construction paper, scotch tape, magic markers, glue, sentence strip paper, books to start library, New Testaments, especially TEV)

**Rev. Harold Helms**  
**1383 Fourth Street, North**  
**Harro, Montana 59561**  
 (see list)

**Rev. Wade S. Hopkins**  
**New Orleans Baptist Rescue Mission**  
**201 Magazine Street**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana 70130**

(in addition to general list, quilts and blankets, single size; body powder, foot powder, and ointments deodorants; after-shave lotion)

**Rev. Charles M. Rankin**  
**Pine Ridge Baptist Center**  
**1836 Adams Street**  
**Topeka, Kansas 66607**

(in addition to general list, toys and games, library books, sewing notions, construction paper and other class room materials, powder, detergents)

**Miss Gladys Farmer**  
**Russell Baptist Association Weekday**  
**Ministries**  
**P. O. Box 136**  
**Phenix City, Alabama 36867**

(see list)

**First Baptist Church**  
**Third and Main**  
**Hope, Arkansas 71801**

(need ONLY health kits to be used at a migrant center, include small towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, razor blades, first aid packages, inezed, needles)

**Miss Mary Ruth Bradley, US-2**  
**Rev. William E. East, missionary**  
**Hem County Southern Baptist**  
**Association**

**427 10th Street**  
**Bakersfield, California 93301**

(in addition to general list, good children's books)

**Send to all missionaries these new items:**

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| Bibles, Gospels | skirts       |
| New Testaments  | jackets      |
| colored shirts  | shirts       |
| socks           | pillowcases  |
| T shirts        | towels       |
| SHORTS          | washcloths   |
| handkerchiefs   | SOAPS        |
| dress lengths   | toothbrushes |
| aprons          | toothpaste   |
| blouses         | diapers      |
| sweaters        |              |

**BY FOY VALENTINE**



AND when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, 'Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace!' (Luke 19:41-42 RSV) Jesus was making the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christ's labors were not in vain. The people were hearing him gladly. The disciples were so caught up in the excitement of the hour that they produced a most impressive happening. "The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!" (Luke 19:37-40)

It is following this report of fantastic success for Jesus that Luke tells us that "when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, 'Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace!' (Luke 19:41-42 RSV)

*Dr. Valentine is executive secretary-treasurer of the Christian Life Commission. This is one of the addresses which he gave last year at WMC Conference, Glenside, New Mexico.*

Then Jesus described in detail the tragic ruin that would come to Jerusalem. In forty years Rome came and so utterly demolished the city that not one stone was left on another. With deep spiritual insight Jesus saw that Jerusalem was on a collision course with disaster in sight. He recognized the Holy City could not have peace because she would not learn of the things that make for peace.

What a magnificent picture of God! He is touched by the feeling of our infirmity. He knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust.

And what a telling analysis of humanity's plight—we seem unable, or at least everlastingly unwilling, to know the things that make for peace and to do things that make for peace.

Peace is not just a pipe dream. It is one of humanity's most persistent visions. At the same time, however, it is one of our most elusive ideals.

From the beginning of recorded history, people have entered into armed conflict with each other. Demonic, Satanic forces keep human beings at each other's throats. Sometimes the issues leading to war are simple, but more often they are extremely complex.

**The Issue of Peace in History**

The Christian movement was largely, though apparently not completely, pacifist during the first two

centuries of its existence. As the church gained recognition and acceptance by the state, however, Christians came to give their approval to war and Christian thinkers such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Martin Luther developed elaborate theories as to what made a just war or a morally defensible war. In the Middle Ages the Roman Catholic Church waged war against non-Christians in the Crusades which wrought such devastation that Christian churches are still bearing the stigma of their inhumanity.

These three approaches to war—pacifism, just war, and holy war—have generally characterized Christians throughout history.

The pacifist position is held by only a very small percentage of Christians, notably such peace churches as the Quakers and Mennonites. A scattering of pacifists is found, however, among most Christian groups. The present conflict in Vietnam has aroused a great deal of opposition among many Christians, and a rather elaborate apparatus of conscientious objection has developed.

The theory of just war is the one to which most Christians gravitate when their country goes to war. This is evidenced by churchmen on both sides of the war in Vietnam.

The Crusade approach to war furnishes a fascinating study of holy war

The account by one of the Christian Crusaders of Jerusalem's capture is enlightening. The Crusader wrote:

Piles of heads, hands, and feet were to be seen in the streets of the city in the temple and portico of Solomon, men rode in blood up to their knees and the bridle reins. Indeed, it was a just and splendid judgment of God. . . . This day, I say, will be famous in all future ages, for it turned our labors and sorrows into joy and exultation; this day, I say, marks the justification of all Christianity!

Dr. William M. Pinson, Jr., associate professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has said:

The crusade-type war was also unleashed by the Roman Catholic Church on sects considered heretical. The bloodiest crusades were against the Cathars in southern France. The Crusaders attacked cities—hanging, beheading, burning—all "with unspeakable joy." There was utter contempt for human life. When a Papal legate in charge of one of the battles was asked how to distinguish between the Cathars and the Catholics, he replied, "Kill them all. God will know which ate his."

*†Roland Binion, Christian Attitudes Toward War and Peace (New York: Abingdon Press, 1960) p. 112.*

*†Bill Pinson, "A Historical View of Christians and Peace" in Peace! Peace! (Waco: Word Books, 1967) p. 53.*

The crusade approach to war has been clearly demonstrated in this century in World War I when the United States plunged eagerly into the fray of the "war to end all wars" in order to "make the world safe for democracy."

Historically, Christians have had more to do with war than with peace. In peace, they have generally spoken for peace, and in war, they have generally supported war.

**The Issue of Peace in the Bible**

The Bible provides no systematic treatment of war and peace. It nevertheless presents significant illustrations and insights related to this issue which are helpful to Christians today.

The Bible maintains God's ideal of peace for mankind in a multitude of ways. The sixth commandment says, "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13). Because he was a man of war, David was forbidden by the Lord to build the Temple and was told that Solomon was ordained for this task because he was a "man of peace" (1 Chron. 22:8-9 RSV). The psalmist urged God's people to "seek peace, and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14b). The prophets foresaw a golden age of peace when men " . . . shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any

more" (Isa. 2:4 and Mic. 4:3):

At the coming of Christ, the angels said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). Our Lord included in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). Paul says, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace" (Rom. 14:19). The author of Hebrews says, "Follow peace with all men . . ." (Heb. 12:14). Again Paul declares, "God hath called us to peace" (1 Cor. 7:15b).

The Bible word for peace, *shalom*, is wonderfully rich. It means not only the absence of armed conflict but also the positive presence of wholeness, fullness, completeness, well-being, satisfaction, joy, blessedness, fulfillment. But the peace of the Bible is more than this. It comes from within as radically obedient believers do the will of the Lord. It falls over the people like dew as God is understood to be heavenly Father. It wells up like living water as the worth of every person is magnified. It is understood as growing out of the Bible representation of Christ who reconciles men to God and commits to Christians the ministry of reconciliation with him and with one another. Frequently in the Bible peace is not a frictionless state of passive lukewarmness at all but rather something the believer does.

While the primary aim of the Bible is not international peace, the implications of Christian salvation reach out to embrace peace among men not only in heaven but also on earth.

#### Some Answers

What can Christians in our warring world do to seize the initiative in promoting peace?

Let us realize that the peace about which God is basically concerned is the peace that comes from doing his

will and that international peace, family peace, urban peace, racial peace, class peace, or economic peace are derivatives of this deeper peace.

Let us accept responsibility as Christians who have experienced the peace of God that passes all understanding, to promote peace among men, not resting at ease in Zion while the world stumbles toward destruction.

Let us keep alive the great goal of peace as we proclaim the good news of the Prince of Peace.

Let us recognize that modern war between the United States and our present Communist adversaries cannot be justified on the basis of wars between Israel and her pagan neighbors as recorded in the Old Testament.

Let us understand that raising honest questions about war and proposing thoughtful answers to achieve peace can be a sign of true patriotism and responsible Christian citizenship.

Let us find involvement as Christian citizens in the solution of pressing local, national, and international problems of economics, poverty, injustice, prejudice, and immorality which militate against peace.

Let us maintain the conviction that peace with justice ought always to be a major goal of the world's political leaders even as it is recognized that arms are sometimes necessarily employed in the defense of freedom.

Let us accept the concept that a world organization such as the United Nations, greatly strengthened and seriously supported, is absolutely necessary if the nations are to learn to communicate, to talk together, to work together, and to live together in peace.

Let us understand that peace does not wait on God but on God's people who are willing to stand up for the things that make for peace.



# Call to Prayer

Prepared by Juliette Mather

#### 1 FRIDAY Read Matthew 23:26-34.2

Mrs. J. P. Dixon, in Guyana (Caribbean area, northern mainland of South America) led out in a women's leadership seminar, keynoting involvement in mission action. Fifty-six women from three churches and fourteen missions enthusiastically studied a Guyana-oriented WMU manual.

Pray for a special conference on church education sponsored by the European Baptist Federation, July 30-August 4, prior to the European Baptist Federation Conference in Vienna.

Pray for Mary Ruth Bradley, US-2, California.

Mrs. E. C. Branch, worker among Indians, Montana.

Irene Chambers, field worker, Arkansas. Mrs. Lorry Gardner, mission center, Ohio. Leon Sampson Craig, worker among Negroes, Alabama.

Mrs. H. L. Blankenship, home and church work, Libya.

Mrs. J. P. Dixon, home and church work, Guyana.

Mrs. J. B. Durham, home and church work, Nigeria.

Mrs. W. H. Lichter, educational work, South Brazil.

Mrs. J. R. Leroy, home and church work, South Brazil.

Joan Carter, furlough, Kenya. Harold Hurst, furlough, Honduras.

#### 2 SATURDAY Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-13.

In Hawaii, Baptists are in follow-up work after revivals in the Crusade of the Americas campaign. Every new Christian must be helped toward growth and loyalty to Christ.

Washington, D.C., like any city is hot and noisy, it is a troubled city. Young

Missionaries are listed as their birthdate. Address in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Foreign Missions Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23236, and in HOME MISSIONS.

attractive Sandra Harvey is there at the Johnning Baptist Center.

Pray for Sherman Bridgeman, superintendent of missions, Illinois. Sandra Harvey, mission center, Washington, D.C.

C. F. London, worker among deaf, Arkansas.

Calvin Sandlin, worker among Indians, Arizona.

Mrs. Calvin Sandlin, worker among Indians, Arizona.

Charles Allen, educational work, Guatemala.

Mrs. W. A. Cowley, home and church work, Nigeria.

Earl Goocher, business administration, Thailand.

J. T. Owens, educational work, Mexico. Kenneth Park, preaching ministry, Chile.

Malcolm Stuart, preaching ministry, Hawaii.

Mrs. J. W. Felder, retired, China.

#### 3 SUNDAY Read Matthew 24:24-47.

When you see the name Lawton today and again on August 7, think of the many years of Lawton service in China. The W. W. Lawtons were in China for over forty-five years. Three of their children went back as missionaries. When they could not stay in China the Deaver Lawtons went to Thailand, and are now in Taiwan. The Wesley Lawtons were missionaries in the Philippines, Hawaii, Hong Kong, and are now on furlough from Taiwan.

Pray for Leroy Crawford, general missionary, Oklahoma.

Mr. James T. Holcombe, mission center, Florida.

Mrs. Pascual Carrasco, worker among Spanish, Texas.

Deliver Lawton, preaching ministry, Taiwan.

Mrs. T. W. McMillan, home and church work, Tanzania.

Mrs. K. D. Shelton, home and church work, Peru.

Joe Terry, preaching ministry, South Brazil. Mrs. J. A. Harrington, furlough, South Brazil.

Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, retired, Virginia. A. W. Wilson, retired, Alabama.

#### 4 MONDAY Read Matthew 25:14-28.

In Spain ministers must register and receive official identification papers. The law covers religious belief, worship, instruction of children, theological education, publications, marriage ceremonies, burial rites, civil rights, church organization, and rights of churches to own property. Separation of church and state is a real issue today in that country where government is deeply involved with the state church.

Pray for Mrs. C. R. Bailey, home and church work, Colombia.

Ruford Hodges, preaching ministry, Korea. Mrs. D. L. Miller, home and church work, North Brazil.

John Thomas, preaching ministry, Colombia.

Ruth Womack, nurse, Nigeria. Mrs. K. J. Myers, furlough, Nigeria.

Grota Walls, retired, China. Hawaii, Indonesia.

#### 5 TUESDAY Read Matthew 26:6-13.

Racial justice is a prime problem in our country yet Isaiah prophesies that "my servant . . . will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth" (Isa. 42:4 RSV). Through our Home Mission Board in cooperation with the National Baptist Convention, teacher-missionaries help white and black people understand God's expectations of justice for all.

Pray for the teacher-missionaries in the states of the deep South.

Pray for William Davis, worker among Negroes, Mississippi.

Robert Lantz Gross, mission center, New Mexico.

Gilbert Oakeley, worker among Spanish, New Mexico.

William Corwin, preaching ministry, Indiana.

James McKinley, preaching ministry, Pakistan.

Hugh Smith, preaching ministry, Malaysia. Mrs. J. A. Smith, home and church work, Philippines.

Rodney Wofford, educational work, South Brazil.

Mrs. J. W. McGavock, retired, China.

#### 6 WEDNESDAY Read Matthew 26:17-28.

This is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the dropping of the first atom bomb on an inhabited area. The five-day conference of the European Baptist Federation begins today with the theme, "The People of God in a World in Turmoil."

Jim Wright, pastor of the Highland Avenue Baptist Church in New York, is proving that Christ is the answer to man's plight. He preaches through direct interpreters to people of several languages.

Pray for Phil Dunaway, US-3, Michigan.

Shirley Korte, pioneer missions, Alaska. Dale Ruth Smith, Baptist nurse, Kentucky.

James S. Wright, pioneer missions, New York.

Mrs. T. H. York, Baptist center, South Carolina.

Mrs. C. D. Doyle, home and church work, Costa Rica.

Dorothy Emmons, educational work, Tanzania.

Mrs. L. J. Harper, home and church work, Paraguay.

Robert Lucas, preaching ministry, Kenya. Jean Law, educational work, Kenya.

Miriam Misner, medical work, Indonesia. Milton Murphy, preaching ministry, Israel.

Hake Smith, field representative, Argentina.

Earl Posey, furlough, Philippines.

#### 7 THURSDAY Read Matthew 26:36-46.

We cannot all attend the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest opening tonight in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina, but we can all pray for those who gather there.

The Donald Kirklands are new missionaries in Ghana, learning the language and adapting to different customs. Pray for all missionaries recently appointed to an field of service, making adjustments and settling into a new way of life.

Pray for James Z. Alexander, teacher-missionary, North Carolina.

Mrs. Betty Wynelle Eason, language missionary, Texas.

Mrs. A. L. Iglesias, evangelistic work, Panama.

Elizabeth Lundy, Baptist center, Georgia. Troy R. Stair, US-2, Ohio.

Mrs. B. Clyde Rockair, evangelistic work, Puerto Rico.

Phillip Anderson, preaching ministry, Philippines  
 Mrs. L. A. Doyle, home and church work, Equatorial Brazil  
 Mrs. G. E. Joiner, home and church work, Ecuador  
 Mrs. D. Kirkland, home and church work, Ghana  
 Mrs. V. N. Varner, educational work, North Brazil  
 Wesley Lawson, furlough, Taiwan

**8 FRIDAY Read Matthew 24:37-51.**

There are fascinating stories about today's birthday people.  
 The Ralph Harrells in building up the Kenya Baptist Assembly are assisted by Peter Imbova who was converted while a college student in Texas.  
 Miss Ann Oldham left her estate in trust to the Foreign Mission Board, the earnings to be used for Bible distribution. She did not know that through Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bradley she would be supplying Gospels in Korean for new inductees coming to the Baptist center.

Pray for James T. Holcombe, mission center, Florida  
 Mrs. T. C. Bennett, home and church work, Pakistan  
 Mrs. R. M. Bradley, home and church work, Kenya  
 Ralph Harrell, preaching ministry, Kenya  
 Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, home and church work, South Brazil  
 Tomoki Masaki, preaching ministry, Japan  
 Glenn Patton, preaching ministry, Lebanon  
 Marion Sanders, educational work, Mexico  
 Sara Frances Taylor, secretarial work, Argentina

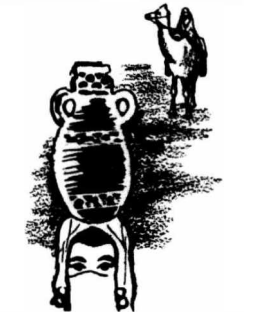
**9 SATURDAY Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18.**

Dr. John D. W. Wais is president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschikon, Switzerland.  
 Jaumevman Connie Roediger hopes we will make a more positive witness here in our country so we will not hinder her witness among the people of Rhodesia who are black.  
 The W. E. Emanuels of Japan mention a growing anti-American sentiment. They write: "Pray that we will have wisdom and boldness to proclaim the gospel of Christ as the only hope of salvation and only basis for true peace."  
 Pray for Mrs. James Beck, mission center, Georgia  
 Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, worker among Indians, Oklahoma  
 Charles H. Crawford, pastoral missionary, Minnesota  
 Earl Jackson, worker among Indians, Idaho  
 Neil Breland, preaching ministry, Thailand  
 Mrs. W. E. Emanuel, nurse, Japan

Mrs. R. B. Grant, home and church work, South Brazil  
 Richard Greenwood, preaching ministry, Guatemala  
 C. G. Lee, preaching ministry, Indonesia  
 Linda Nickell, educational work, Korea  
 Mrs. Maurice Smith, home and church work, Ghana  
 John Watts, educational work, Switzerland  
 Edwina Robinson, retired, Cuba

**10 SUNDAY Read Psalm 62.**

Today begins Sunbeam Band Focus Week with its emphasis on the importance of missions education for young children.  
 Do you know the joy of Christmas in August (see p. 15)? Pray for this effort to help our missionaries.  
 Bill Herr, who lives in Jordan, had hoped to move his family to Egypt, but has been denied a residence permit. Pray that the



Herrns may be allowed to move permanently to Egypt where he serves.  
 Pray for George L. Foster, rural-urban work, Kansas  
 Paul Bellington, preaching ministry, Equatorial Brazil  
 Marion Corley, preaching ministry, Colombia

W. D. Herr, preaching ministry, Egypt  
 Peyton Moore, radio-TV ministry, Vietnam  
 Mrs. D. L. Saunders, home and church work, Tanzania  
 Charles Whaley, business administration, Japan  
 Mrs. R. D. Worley, home and church work, Spain

C. S. Boatwright, furlough, Japan  
 Mrs. A. P. Neely, furlough, Colombia  
 James Slack, furlough, Philippines  
 Mrs. J. N. Westmoreland, furlough, Rhodesia  
 Mary Crawford, retired, China, Hawaii  
 Mrs. C. D. Hardy, retired, Brazil  
 Mrs. C. J. Lowe, retired, China

**11 MONDAY Read Psalm 62.**

Roberta Hampton dreamed of and studied hard to be a news reporter but gave up her dream when she felt the Lord's call to a church-related vocation. For a while she was an editor at the Foreign Mission Board headquarters. Now she is public relations counselor for the North Brazil Baptist Mission. Pray for all publication work overseas.  
 Pray for the Alaska state WMLU annual meeting being held August 11-12 at First Baptist Church, Siko, Alaska

Pray for I. B. Williams, worker among Spanish, Arizona  
 Mrs. Santos de la Cruz, worker among Spanish, Texas  
 C. E. Scarborough, juvenile rehabilitation worker, Georgia  
 Mrs. J. H. Darnell, home and church work, Nigeria  
 Siegfried Engle, preaching ministry, Argentina  
 Roberto Hampton, press relations work, North Brazil  
 Mrs. L. M. Krause, home and church work, Germany  
 Mrs. S. A. Smith, home and church work, Trinidad

**12 TUESDAY Read Psalm 68.**

Mrs. B. C. Thomas and her husband have a problem common to most missionaries: learning a new language in order to communicate with the people to whom they wish to tell the good news. Pray for all missionaries in language study.

Pray for Gary Carpenter, worker among Spanish, Indiana  
 Mrs. O. K. Bazeman, home and church work, Korea  
 Albert Craighead, educational work, Italy  
 Mrs. R. H. Culpespear, educational work, Japan  
 Mrs. R. S. Dressen, home and church work, Kenya  
 Mrs. N. B. Eubanks, home and church work, Nigeria  
 Truman Moore, publication work, Pakistan  
 Mrs. H. E. Spurgeon, home and church work, Taiwan  
 Mrs. B. C. Thomas, home and church work, Singapore  
 Mrs. J. E. Hampton, furlough, Tanzania  
 Mrs. D. L. Jester, furlough, Nigeria  
 Mrs. M. M. Harris, retired, China  
 May Perry, retired, Nigeria

**13 WEDNESDAY Read Psalm 66:1-18.**

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Shultz both have birthdays this month. Mrs. is today, the twenty-third. They are missionaries in North Brazil. Mr. Shultz recently stated: "If you could see with your own eyes what we see, then it would be easy for you to give more for missions and share in the

joy of planting and harvesting for our Lord. Would that the young people of America would answer God's call: 'Who will go for me?'"

Pray for William H. Foster, weekday ministry, Kentucky  
 Maria Rodriguez, worker among Spanish, Texas  
 Mary Campbell, educational work, Philippines  
 Mrs. L. G. Fielder, home and church work, Japan  
 Mrs. D. R. Hess, home and church work, Japan  
 Mrs. J. T. Owens, educational work, Mexico

Mrs. N. M. Shultz, home and church work, North Brazil  
 Mrs. M. W. Stuart, home and church work, Hawaii  
 David Whitson, preaching ministry, Tanzania  
 Mrs. W. C. Harrison, retired, Brazil

**14 THURSDAY Read Psalm 77:1-12.**

Harry Riley is representative of one missionary in every Southern Baptist Mission. He handles finances. He tends missionary salaries and dispenses funds according to the Mission budget. This is a trying assignment, especially since currency and monetary practices differ. Pray for Mission treasurers.

Pray for L. G. Bradford, general administration, Japan  
 Mrs. M. E. Fitts, educational work, Peru  
 James Foster, preaching ministry, Philippines  
 Mrs. H. P. Hayes, home and church work, Venezuela  
 Mrs. G. D. Phillips, home and church work, Rhodesia  
 Harry Riley, business administration, Taiwan

John Mills, furlough, Liberia  
 Jane Shen, furlough, Hong Kong  
 Mary Stimples, furlough, Ghana  
 Mrs. J. A. Treadway, furlough, Taiwan  
 Mrs. C. L. Culpespear, retired, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan

**15 FRIDAY Read Psalm 84.**

Mrs. E. Woodall is director of special ministries in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Her work is sponsored by the Home Mission Board, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Central Association to which Hot Springs churches belong. A resort town with famous healing water, Hot Springs affords many opportunities among language and racial groups. Pray for the Christians and diverse people of Hot Springs.

Pray for Harry Woodall, Christian social ministries, Arkansas  
 Janet Doves, weekday ministry, New York

Mrs. Ezzar Hamrick, mission center, Virginia  
 Mrs. R. E. Gordon, home and church work, Philippines  
 Leroy Seal, educational work, Japan  
 Mrs. O. R. Smith, home and church work, Venezuela  
 James Watts, music ministry, Italy  
 Mrs. A. R. Milligan, furlough, Kenya  
 J. E. Jackson, retired, China, Japan, Philippines  
 Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, retired, China

**16 SATURDAY Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.**

Marion Boyd is superintendent of missions for central Michigan. He has served as a pastor in Texas, Oklahoma, and Michigan. Mary E. Wigger is director of weekday ministries of Central Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pray for these missionaries who must be faithful in many situations.

Pray for Mrs. Noham West, worker among Spanish, Texas  
 Marion Boyd, superintendent of missions, Michigan  
 Roy Lee Hood, Baptist center, North Carolina  
 Mrs. C. F. London, worker among deaf, Arkansas  
 Mary E. Wigger, Baptist center, Georgia  
 Robert Bellinger, business administration, Liberia

Mrs. E. B. Dozier, home and church work, Japan  
 Correl Eaglesfield, educational work, Nigeria  
 Mrs. A. J. Green, home and church work, South Brazil  
 Barney Hutson, preaching ministry, Argentina  
 Robert Lindsey, preaching ministry, Israel  
 Lloyd Nail, dormitory parent, Nigeria

**17 SUNDAY Read Psalm 98:1-12.**

Willie Johnson is a missionary living in the Alaskan village of Emmonak and pastor of the Eskimo church there. In a recent revival there were three professions of faith and four rededications among his Eskimo congregation. Mr. Johnson himself is an Eskimo. Pray for these wonderfully colorful Americans who often are isolated by frozen wasteland. Pray that more missionaries will be sent to them.

Pray for Alice Mae Damnick, mission center, Florida  
 Herbert Caudill, language missions, Georgia  
 Lester Lee Vinson, worker among Spanish, Texas  
 Willie Johnson, evangelistic work, Alaska

**18 MONDAY Read Psalm 91:1-11.**

Irene Brunum of Pusan, Korea, related

with others in Korea that the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital is now relocated in a new building. She writes: "Pray for us as we serve in this mission field."

In Trinidad, the David Martin group they need "calendar preachers" suggested by someone at a Mission meeting. They say: "We are happy, content in the certainty of God's call here. We have seen Hindu temples and Muslim mosques, Indian holy men and Hindu prayer flags, and mission points established. People are being trained. We desire and need your prayer."

Pray for Rodolfo O. Rojas, worker among Spanish, California  
 Thomas M. Waco, mission center, Texas  
 Edna Ruth Woelfer, mission center, Washington, D. C.  
 Irene Brunum, nurse, Korea  
 John Coltheun, English-language work, Thailand  
 Mrs. W. W. Danahoe, home and church work, Colombia  
 Mrs. W. C. Grant, home and church work, Japan  
 Martha Harston, educational work, North Brazil  
 Thomas High, educational work, Nigeria  
 Charles Lawton, preaching ministry, Philippines  
 Mrs. H. B. Lee, home and church work, France  
 David Martin, preaching ministry, Trinidad  
 Mrs. B. B. Moore, home and church work, Kenya  
 Ernest Wilson, preaching ministry, South Brazil  
 Mrs. P. H. Anderson, retired, China, Hawaii

**19 TUESDAY Read Psalm 98:1-11.**

Mr. Eugene Marley has been called "missionary to US Highway 24" because of his tireless travel in the High Plains area of northwest Kansas. He often drives long distances to assist people, speaking as many as six times on Sunday when there is no one else to fill pulpits. Mrs. Marley teaches school to help with expenses and goes with him when possible to play the piano, teaches Sunday School classes, and assists in many other ways. Pray for the people that they will respond to the gospel and become sacrificial missionaries themselves.

Pray for Mrs. Jarvis Hearn, language missionary, Illinois  
 Eugene Marley, superintendent of missions, Kansas  
 Edward W. Parker, worker among Negroes, Louisiana  
 Mary Ellen Parker, worker among Spanish, Texas  
 Mrs. B. G. Colston, home and church work, Korea

Vera Gardner, nurse, Thailand  
 Wilmer Grindstaff, dormitory parent, Israel  
 Mrs. G. S. Harvey, home and church work, Rhodesia  
 Gareth Jenner, educational work, Ecuador  
 Mrs. M. D. Sledd, home and church work, Nigeria  
 Mrs. H. D. Wicks, home and church work, Nigeria  
 Mrs. M. J. Wright, home and church work, Japan  
 S. P. Sines, retired, Texas

**24 WEDNESDAY Read Psalm 96:1-12.**  
 Shikoku is the fourth largest island belonging to Japan. We have three missionaries there. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer and Elizabeth Watkins. Mr. Mercer asks prayer for the lay preachers of the Takamatsu Baptist Church on the island.  
 Pray for Mrs. E. H. Clark, work with women, Kenya  
 Mrs. R. L. Kolb, educational work, North Brazil  
 Dewey Mercer, preaching ministry, Japan  
 Mrs. R. E. Nicholas, home and church work, Gaza  
 Paul Noland, preaching ministry, South Brazil  
 Charles Oliver, educational work, Italy  
 James Spaulding, preaching ministry, Bahamas  
 Mrs. J. D. W. Watts, home and church work, Switzerland  
 Mrs. E. J. Whitley, furlough, Bahamas  
 Mrs. J. J. Cowart, retired, Brazil

**21 THURSDAY Read Psalm 100:1-5.**  
 Mrs. Paul Smith in Amman, the capital of Jordan, uses her home as guest house, meeting place for a Bible study fellowship for neighbors on Wednesday nights, the place of English-language worship and Sunday School on Sunday afternoons, site of a recording studio for dubbing in Arabic on films for Arab use. Mr. Smith is a busy evangelist in the city and villages. He is also Mission chairman. They ask prayer that the prophecy of Isaiah 55:10-11 shall come to pass. Will you read it now?  
 Pray for W. E. Allen, preaching ministry, Kenya  
 Mrs. J. W. Bartley, home and church work, Uruguay  
 G. B. Caswell, preaching ministry, South Brazil  
 Jo Anne Fife, educational work, North Brazil  
 Mrs. M. H. Love, home and church work, Japan  
 Mrs. P. S. Smith, home and church work, Jordan  
 Mrs. B. L. Spear, home and church work, Thailand  
 David Wigger, preaching ministry, Vietnam  
 Mrs. L. E. McCall, furlough, Guam

**22 FRIDAY Read Psalm 103:1-6.**  
 Aaron Isaac Jones, graduate of American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, and former pastor in Ohio, Mississippi, and Tennessee, is a teacher-missionary in the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson. He wants to be a real Isaiah to all people today, challenging them to say, "Here am I, send me."  
 Missionary Ted Trent is rejoicing in eight professions of faith and six rededications during a recent revival at Marty Farms Baptist Mission in Arizona.  
 Pray for Mrs. Willie Johnson, evangelistic work, Alaska  
 Aaron I. Jones, teacher-missionary, Mississippi  
 Anna Mae Keelin, mission center, Virginia  
 Ted Trent, worker among Indians, Arizona  
 Doris Blattner, religious education work, Indonesia  
 Archie Dunaway, preaching ministry, Nigeria  
 Giles Fort, doctor, Rhodesia  
 Robert Hillard, educational work, Japan  
 Jack Shelby, preaching ministry, Malaysia  
 Lenora Hudson, furlough, Japan  
 Norval Welch, furlough, South Brazil  
 Mrs. Daniel Cento, retired, Texas  
 Mrs. J. C. Quarles, retired, Argentina, Uruguay

**23 SATURDAY Read Galatians 6:1-10.**  
 If you have February 1968 The Commission, you can see the S. R. J. Cannara on the cover. They have been transferred from Rhodesia north to Ethiopia to open a "minor health center" (clinic) and other medical-evangelistic services on this new mission field.  
 Dr. R. M. Hellinger, missionary associate, will help establish our first Baptist hospital in India. Pray for this venture another medical-evangelistic beginning for Southern Baptists. Much money and more personnel are needed in both Ethiopia and India.  
 Pray for I. R. Delmar in his work as superintendent of missions in the Northern Plains Convention of Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota. This is a new convention of Baptist churches.  
 Pray for O. R. Delmar, superintendent of missions, Wyoming  
 Winfield Applewhite, doctor, Indonesia  
 Mrs. S. R. J. Cannara, home and church work, Ethiopia  
 Richard Hellinger, doctor, India  
 Mrs. E. L. King, home and church work, Indonesia  
 James Lingerfelt, general administration, North Brazil  
 Mrs. R. E. Morris, home and church work, Taiwan  
 Oswald Quick, preaching ministry, Taiwan  
 Wilma Rodgers, social work, Ivory Coast

**24 SUNDAY Read Revelation 1:7-20.**  
 Mrs. W. J. Cecil celebrates this birthday in Hong Kong where her husband is helping in business administration. As a trained nurse, she finds many opportunities for service.  
 Did you know there are only three Southern Baptist couples assigned to Furlough as freelance missionaries. These are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamdon, and Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Tannison. Pray for the Baptists of this country.  
 Pray for Mrs. Magnus Gannan, worker among Indians, New Mexico  
 Allen Seward, worker among Indians, Colorado  
 James Annis, preaching ministry, Ghana  
 Mrs. R. D. Burgin, home and church work, Korea  
 Vera Campbell, educational work, Japan  
 Mrs. J. W. Cecil, home and church work, Hong Kong  
 Mrs. D. M. Coleman, home and church work, Nigeria  
 John Hamdon, preaching ministry, Panama  
 Mrs. T. Masaki, home and church work, Japan  
 Mrs. E. C. Pipkin, home and church work, Argentina  
 Ray Milligan, furlough, Kenya

**25 MONDAY Read Revelation 2:1-7.**  
 Dr. John Roper of Baptist Hospital in Ailoun, Jordan, has seen the Lord's healing bring patients and their families to an understanding of God's love for individuals. He longs for more adequate equipment at the hospital with which to serve. This small hospital is known throughout the Arab Middle East country now embroiled in conflict with Israel. Thousands of Jordanians are refugees from their homes because of hostilities. Pray for people in refugee camps in Jordan.  
 Pray for Richard J. McQueen, juvenile rehabilitation work, South Carolina  
 Mrs. Sam Morris, worker among Indians, Oklahoma  
 Mrs. Andree Viard, worker among Spanish, New Mexico  
 Sidney Carswell, preaching ministry, Equatorial Brazil  
 Mrs. V. L. Dietrich, home and church work, Thailand  
 Mrs. S. C. Reber, home and church work, Singapore  
 Mrs. O. C. Robinson, home and church work, Nigeria  
 John Roper, furlough, Jordan

**26 TUESDAY Read Revelation 2:8-11.**  
 Okinawa is an island of potential disturbance for Okinawa, Japan, and the USA. Japan would like full control of Okinawa returned. The US has administered Okinawa since World War II, and has turned over most powers of internal government to the islanders. Two missionary couples, the William Madings and the Bud Spencer, minister to Americans and Okinawans.  
 Both Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson teach in Morrison Academy in Taichung, Taiwan. It is a boarding school for MK's missionary kids and others who desire an "American" education. Many problems face the school. Pray for the teachers and students.  
 Pray for Gilbert Skoar, superintendent of missions, Washington  
 Bert Langdon, superintendent of missions, California  
 Daugh Dudley, English-language work, Japan  
 Elton Johnson, Sr., educational work, North Brazil  
 Arthur Robinson, educational work, Taiwan  
 Mrs. L. A. Walker, home and church work, South Brazil  
 Gene Wise, radio-TV ministry, South Brazil

**27 WEDNESDAY Read Revelation 12:1-17.**  
 Missionaries are listed today in three countries disturbed by fighting or aftermath of bloody wars, inter-tribal hatreds and suspicions, and crippling economic problems. These are Nigeria, Pakistan and Vietnam. How can Nigerian and Afghan live in peace? Or Pakistan and India? Or North and South Vietnamese? Pray for the people to hear and desire a knowledge of Christ as Saviour, the only true foundation for peace.  
 Pray for Mrs. Inez Raban, Baptist center, South Carolina  
 Austin D. Maddux, superintendent of missions, Michigan  
 Earl Bangs, preaching ministry, Vietnam  
 Mrs. H. P. Hayes, home and church work, Vietnam  
 Lawrence Ingram, educational work, East Asia  
 Mrs. P. S. Johnson, furlough, West Paris  
 Eugene Lettich, furlough, Nigeria  
 G. O. Fulton, retired, Illinois

**28 THURSDAY Read Revelation 2:18-29.**  
 Mrs. J. C. Allard of Equatorial Brazil remembers that her husband once answered a poor, dressed old man's plea to hold a service in his home. It was a three-mile walk to his stick-and-dried-mud cottage

lighted by a kerosene lamp. When Mr. Allard preached, eight persons accepted Christ as Saviour. One was the man's wife. Pray for others, old and young, who witness and wait for a messenger to speak the word of life clearly. Pray for Mrs. Allard and other missionary wives.  
 Pray for Mrs. Daniel Aleman, worker among Spanish, Texas  
 Julius H. Avery, worker with National Baptists, Florida  
 Coby E. Byrne, director of military and BSU ministries, New York  
 Mrs. H. D. Billings, home and church work, Guatemala  
 Turner Hopkins, business administration, Nigeria  
 Mary Fran Hughes, educational work, Hong Kong  
 Mrs. J. R. Masely, home and church work, Nigeria  
 Daniel White, preaching ministry, Spain  
 Mrs. J. C. Allard, furlough, Equatorial Brazil



**29 FRIDAY Read Revelation 3:1-7.**  
 About this time of year missionary journeymen leave their homes to go to their two-year posts of service overseas. They go to help career missionaries. Pray that each of these young people will be able to work well with others on the field. Pray that each will love the people to whom he is assigned so that he can readily show them that "God is love." Pray that each will be strong in the Lord, physically well, and joyous in self-denying service.  
 Pray for Thurman Baughron, preaching ministry, Pakistan  
 Ray McGovern, doctor, Gaza  
 Boyd O'Neal, preaching ministry, North Brazil

Linda Smith, educational work, Peru.  
**30 SATURDAY Read Revelation 3:18.**  
 With more than 100,000 university students in Bangkok, Thailand, C. B. Williams has need for daily prayer as he seeks them out. The dedication of the four-story student center in this capital city was graced by the US ambassador to Thailand, a PK preacher's kid who remembers that Ann Hesselting Judson translated the gospel message into Siamese, the old language of the people. A Thai student who studied at Baylor University is the assistant director. Prince Wann, deputy prime minister of Thailand, said: "I like most the atmosphere of religion, faith, and morals that you have here. This is what Thai youth need to be good students." Pray that this student work may continue to be blessed.  
 Pray for Wiley Faw, preaching ministry, Nigeria  
 Mrs. J. C. Muse, home and church work, Ecuador  
 Abel Pierson, publication work, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas  
 Mrs. S. D. Reeves, home and church work, Argentina  
 Charles Tapp, preaching ministry, Uganda  
 Benton Williams, student work, Thailand  
 Mrs. H. E. Hurst, furlough, Honduras

**31 SUNDAY Read Revelation 3:18-19.**  
 L. K. Solomon directs student activities at Pine Bluff in the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College. Twelve students were selected from this college to work with the Home Mission Board summer student missions personnel ministry. This school provides avenues of cooperative effort between National and Southern Baptists. Mr. Solomon invites business and professional leaders in all walks of life to speak to the students, seeking to strengthen their sense of responsibility to witness for Christ. Pray for these students, for this fine school.  
 Pray for Larry Gardner, mission center, Ohio  
 Delores A. Kube, mission center, Texas  
 Mrs. George Madison, week-day ministries, Michigan  
 Mrs. Jennie Scruggs, Baptist center, New York  
 Lucy Kirk Solomon, worker among Negroes, Arkansas  
 Mrs. R. F. Coy, home and church work, Ohio  
 J. B. Graham, preaching ministry, Taiwan  
 Mrs. S. L. Jones, home and church work, Rhodesia  
 Mrs. J. F. Kirkendall, home and church work, Lebanon  
 James Mueser, educational work, Kenya  
 Charles Tabor, doctor, Korea  
 Mrs. J. L. Mauer, furlough, Kenya

#### Study at Your General WMS Meeting

How are you progressing in study at your general WMS meeting each month? Are your members entering into discussion of the study question? Is there follow-through activity resulting from your study? Help your members to discuss the study at your meetings and evaluate it for results.

Study material for your general WMS meeting this month is on page 25, and the plans for the meeting are on page 28.

Are you using the WMS Study Topics Posters each month? Order set of ten posters on WMS Study Topics, 1968-69, \$1.25 from Woman's Missionary Union only, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

#### Outline for General WMS Meeting

Song  
Call to Prayer  
Business  
Promotional Feature (see WMS Forecaster, p. 40)  
Study Session

## WMS Study and Activity Opportunities FOR AUGUST

### • WMS Mission Study, Mission Prayer, and Mission Action Groups

We know now that a WMS member may choose any of the mission study groups. (Your study materials this month: current missions, p. 29 and p. 32; Bible study, p. 33 and p. 35.)

Mission books and Round Table

groups use their guides. Round Table groups can use any books reviewed in *ROYAL SERVICE* this year in addition to those in the *Round Table Group Guide* (See p. 12.)

Mission prayer groups use the *Prayer Group Guide* and *Prayer Re-*

quests, page 38.

Mission action groups see page 64, *WMS Year Book 1968-69*, for the of mission action guides, and page 2 for information and ideas related to mission action.

We know now after ten months that the agenda for all WMS group meetings is the same except for the primary activity each month.

The primary activity in a mission study group is study of missions.

The primary activity in a mission prayer group is intercessory prayer for missions.

The primary activity in a mission action group is mission action or time spent in getting ready for work, in developing skills for work, in evaluating work, and in decision-making about what, who, when certain work will be done.

But every group engages in on-going related activity. Each month agendas for all groups include these:

**Call to Prayer** (see p. 19)

**Group planning** led by leader: who will guide your study? who will do certain work? who will work for new members? who will make contacts about mission action projects and other work of your group?

**Preview of study topic** for next general WMS meeting (use posters mentioned above and suggestion, p. 41 in *WMS Forecaster*)

**Announcement of WMS projects and plans**

**Primary activity of the group** (see above)

**Information and discussion of help** by members in mission action projects, as requested from WMS, from mission action groups, as members know of need with members volunteering for work.

**Information about missions work** for Bible study and mission action groups (see pp. 2, 4, 9, 13)

**Prayer for missions causes** and for those engaged in mission action in the community, and for other causes

See Plans for General WMS Meeting, page 28

## A Committed Company

Young Servicemen Are Strengthened in Christian Witness  
by Home and Church

by Mrs. John T. Rogers

YOUNG people serving our country in the military, as we know, are stationed in far-flung bases all over the world. When young people in our churches and from our homes leave for service, adults are fearful not only for their physical well being, but also for their spiritual welfare. However, many of these have shown great spiritual maturity beyond their years. One of the reassuring ways in which Christian servicemen have used their free time has been to help establish a witness for Christ wherever they are based. Today there are English-language churches in more than thirty countries. In many places these churches have grown out of Bible study groups. In other instances, Southern Baptist chaplains have helped to bring groups into being. In a few instances, Foreign Mission Board missionaries have brought together a few people and out of this a congregation has developed in which there are usually Baptist servicemen and women, their families, chaplains, and missionaries.

The membership of English-language churches is largely made up of Americans. Nationals who come are usually those who speak some English or who desire to learn to do so. Christian servicemen who have engaged in this kingdom work away from home have realized the need for a church. Once organized, many of these churches reach out to nationals in various types of ministry and witness.

Back of the strong commitment to Christ of these young adults is usually found the faithful witness of a church as well as spiritual training in the home. The result proves

to be faithfulness by young Christian servicemen as they face the challenges of remote places, far from the discipline of home and church.

Critics of the contemporary church waver between two ideas: whether the church must be a gathered or a scattered body. Both, of course, are valid and necessary for the kingdom. The witness of scattered young servicemen coupled with strong training of local churches gathered by the Lord to fellowship, teach, and worship, prove the worth of both positions. It is imperative that a church reach out and then train those who accept Christ as Saviour. It follows that the church must be those who live creatively for Christ wherever they go. Let us look at servicemen in two remote areas—Iceland and Guam—and thank God for the influence of families and churches on young adult servicemen and women.

Where is Iceland? What is life like there? Iceland is located about 2,500 miles northeast of Washington, D. C. It is a bleak, volcanic island about the size of Kentucky and is a completely independent republic with a population of about 192,000 people, most of whom live on about 7 percent of land area of the fertile coastland. More than 13 percent of the country is snowfields and glaciers. The people are largely farmers, sheep herders, and fishermen. The temperature averages from 32 degrees in January to 52 degrees in summer.

The British occupied Iceland in 1940 after the German invasion of Denmark. In 1942 the US took over the bur-



Foreign Mission Board Photo  
Agana, Guam—chapel at Anderson Air Force Base; Chaplain Kenneth Nettles and Missionary Louis E. McCall

AT A GLANCE

den of protection of this country. On June 17, 1944, Iceland became a free republic. How did the Foreign Mission Board get into work in this remote area? As is often true, it started because of the concern of a few people.

The Oakview Baptist Church at High Point, North Carolina, maintained a mission in Keflavik, Iceland, where a serviceman from this church was responsible for the fellowship that met in a home. Aviation Storekeeper First Class Wallace Rice was the serviceman who started the Keflavik Baptist Church which began as a mission of his hometown church in North Carolina. The week before the Icelandic church had a second birthday Mr. Rice was ordained to the gospel ministry. Wherever his military assignments take him, Wallace Rice continues to study and preach.

The church in Iceland was organized to meet spiritual needs of American military men and their families. Some of those who came had an initial personal experience with Christ as Saviour and Lord. Mr. Rice says, "While I believe most Americans have heard the gospel, when a young man is stationed away from home, in an isolated place or among people of another language, he thinks of his separation from his mother and father, and also realizes his separation from God." This often makes him eagerly seek out those who can help him find God.

Young members of the military families in the Keflavik church developed keen missions interest. They are anxious to train youth in missions. A Girls' Auxiliary organization is maintained. In 1967 a coronation service was held in which a queen, a princess, and two maidens were recognized by the church for the work they had accomplished. One Icelandic girl was a member of this GA, and she and others attended a Sunday School sponsored by the English-language fellowship.

Mr. Rice has expressed the hope that more Icelanders be reached for Christ. He believes missionaries will have to learn the Icelandic language. Many Icelanders speak English as a second language, however. The dominant faith of the people is listed as Evangelical Lutheran. But, as in our country, there are many still unreached by the gospel message.

The R. W. Terrys and their two children were sent to Iceland in 1963 as missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to an English-language church ministry in Keflavik. However, military personnel in Iceland was decreased, and the Terrys were transferred to Germany in August 1968. At present there is no missionary appointed for Iceland.

Seeds were sown in Iceland that the Lord can use to help the Icelanders enlarge a witness for the cause of Christ. Through the committed lives of folks like Wallace Rice and other military men and their families, God brings blessings to people which sometimes are not immediately apparent.

Now, let us look at another remote and little-known place of interest to Southern Baptists—the island of Guam.

Guam, the largest of the Mariana Islands, is only 200 square miles in size. It is located in the Pacific Ocean, west of the Philippines and south of Japan. One of over two thousand islands in the area, Guam is independent of the trusteeship which the US had held since 1498. On August 1, 1950, President Truman signed a bill which granted US citizenship to the people of Guam and established self-government. However, the people do not have a representative in Congress and they do not vote in national elections. Besides the approximately fifty thousand nationals of Guam, at least thirty thousand Americans—mostly military men and their families—live there. Most of these families spend a two-year tour of duty before being replaced. Military installations, therefore, are an important factor in Guam's economy. The predominant religion of Guam is Roman Catholic, claiming 95 percent of the Guamanians.

In Guam, as in Iceland, a Southern Baptist witness started with military personnel. In the capital city, Agaña, Guam, Calvary Baptist Church was organized on Sunday evening, September 3, 1961, with 114 charter members. Two had joined the congregation that morning, and a family of four joined following the organization service. Most of the members were from the American military community on Guam.

Air Force Chaplain William I. Luce, a Southern Baptist, preached the sermon, and the church's newly-formed choir sang its first special number during that service. Within three months, the members had organized a Baptist Men's group, a Woman's Missionary Society and WMU youth groups, and a carol choir.

An English-language church, Calvary traces its beginning to January 1959, when a Southern Baptist military fellowship was organized with about eight members under the leadership of Lt. James Hildabrand. Meeting monthly in a US Navy chapel at Asan Point, the fellowship grew to twenty-five by March 1960, when it organized into the Ardmore Baptist Mission, sponsored by Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Later that year the congregation appealed to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for help. After a survey in December 1960, Rev. and Mrs. Harry A. Goble were appointed for this work. They arrived on the island in April 1961, and Mr. Goble became pastor of the Ardmore Baptist Mission.

Among resolutions adopted by the new church is the following: "That this church shall cooperate in world missions by designating 10 percent of the total budget receipts to the Cooperative Program."

"It's an inspiration to see such a group of Christians working together to worship, teach, and witness for Christ," one person commented. "The distance many of them drive proves their conviction and devotion to the Lord. Anderson Air Force Base is twenty miles from the chapel, so about half of the church membership drive forty minutes each way for every service they attend."

This church now holds Bible study classes and prayer meetings to Guamanian and Filipino homes. The first mission was organized in a quonset hut in 1963 and called its pastor Ezra James Richardson, a graduate that year of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. From the first their purpose was "to develop more work among Guamanians." In late 1966 this church began services at another preaching point, and it continues to reach out.

In addition to missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Harry Goble and two children who have served on Guam, there are also Rev. and Mrs. Louis E. McCall, a son and a daughter, with one son Mike who returned to Guam from the USA to serve as a student summer missionary for the past three summers. The Louis McCalls were missionaries in Thailand before going to Guam in 1965.

That year the Foreign Mission Board requested that they move from Thailand to Guam, and the McCalls asked themselves, "Why Guam?" To Mr. McCall, the answer was quick in coming. While shopping one day he was startled to hear the beautiful, soft tones of the Thai language. "We can communicate with them in their own language," he said to himself. Soon he discovered that at the Calvary church young Thai crewmen, a total of thirty-five to forty, were coming to worship services. Members of the church received them gladly and friendships developed. The McCalls teach in English a class on Sunday mornings so that the young Thais have the opportunity to practice English.

Why did the McCalls change from Thailand to Guam? For one thing, to witness to these young men. Mr. McCall has pointed out that one Thai won to Christ could reach his countrymen with the gospel much more easily than a missionary could reach them.

#### How are churches in the USA encouraging servicemen scattered abroad to be faithful to Christ as witnesses while they are away from home influences?

One church sets aside a night to pray for its military personnel, especially those overseas. Members are given opportunity to share news about sons and husbands. Snapshots of families, especially children, are mailed with a letter by the pastor to the servicemen. Servicemen and their families who are with them are regularly objects of prayer by this church.

In another church, members of the congregation visit the returning servicemen and families to warmly welcome them home and reinitiate them in life and interest of the church. Chorus of young people sing on invitation at local military installations, encouraging those away from home. A weekly paper of the church lists the names of the servicemen having birthdays. Church members receive a list of names and addresses of servicemen. A couple is responsible for correspondence with a specific serviceman, his family, and his parents.

The only limit to the possibilities of a church ministry to this group is the limit of the ingenuity of its members. Sometimes a Woman's Missionary Society has a mission action group engaged in keeping servicemen and their families aware of the love of the church family. Sometimes a Baptist Men's group engages in this work. One Brotherhood director wrote, "Many of the men in our Baptist Men's organization are ex-servicemen and feel that a regular, personal contact with those in the military from people who care will help to strengthen their faith." Sometimes the youth council writes a newsletter about church events to servicemen and college students as well. Regular contact by the church family also says to young people at home that the church must do more than preach if it is to do Christ's work.

#### The spiritual strength imparted in the lives of youth by home training has tremendous influence on servicemen.

The proverb, "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6a), bears fruit in all of life. An Army captain overseas wrote: "This is my first overseas assignment. Being brought up in a Christian home I came here with the goal of meeting all the missionaries I could and helping in every possible way. The blessings have been largely mine. The experience of living on a foreign missions field has taught me truths about God, particularly concerning his universality. . . ."

An example of the influence of home training is shown in the Pete Forchard family. Pete and his wife, Pat, came from strong and dedicated Christian families. He has served in three different areas of assignment and in as many churches. The first was a church in Mississippi. The second was a new Southern Baptist church in Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where Pete helped in the construction of the church building. The third is in Japan.

The Pete Forchard family is very ingenious in the ways they witness to their faith in Christ. They consciously look for opportunities to let the Japanese people with whom they associate know that they are Christians. Perhaps their greatest contribution is work at a struggling mission in Tokyo. It will serve as illustration. From a small nucleus of dedicated people has come the Zama Mission. This English-language mission prospered from the work of people like the Forchards and they look forward to reaching out to win Japanese as an outgrowth of their English-language mission.

The Forchards exemplify the thousands of Christian military families committed to extend the gospel throughout the world, beginning wherever they live, even temporarily. They also affirm the influence of early training in home and church. There is cause for great rejoicing for this committed Christian company who go from their churches to be sources of strength and inspiration to national Christians, to appointed missionaries, and witnesses for the gospel in the lost.

## for General WMS Meeting

Unit theme: The Meaning of Discipleship

JULY STUDY TOPIC: Disciples Unto the Uttermost

AUGUST STUDY TOPIC: A Committed Company

SEPTEMBER STUDY TOPIC: Identity: Christian Disciple

See page 25 for study material

## A Committed Company

Study Question for August: How has former training in the home and in the church strengthened young servicemen in their witness as Christians in remote places?

### CHECKLIST for AUGUST

- Check to see if you have materials listed below
- Order from the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, for background information for August study, one copy each: *Know Your Baptist Missions—1969*, pamphlet on Guam, missionary map of the Philippines and Guam. Order for background information for September study, one copy each: "Baptists in Germany: No More Strangers," "France and the Quiet Revolution," missionary map of Europe and Middle East. Order for August and September study, one copy for each member: "Scattered Abroad."
- Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth

Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, set of ten posters on 1968-69 WMS Study Topics, \$1.25.

—Prepare either small replicas of a church and home placed on a table or a poster on which you have pasted pictures of church and home.

### OUTLINE for GENERAL WMS MEETING

Song  
Call to Prayer  
Business  
Promotional Feature (see WMS Forecaster, p. 40)  
Study: A Committed Company (see p. 25)

#### Plan 1

(Secure a moderator and three panel members. Ask the activity chairman to read the article on page 25 and be prepared to offer practical projects for your WMS to engage in after consulting with the pastor and others to see what is presently being done. She will need to provide a mimeographed list of suggestions or names and addresses of servicemen from your church.)

The moderator and panel members are seated at a table.

Two people read responsively: Hebrews 11:1, 8-11, 17-19; 12:1

Group sings "I Am Resolved" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

**Moderator:** Tell first four paragraphs of article on page 25. Present the panel members who will discuss the study material seeking to answer the study question.

**Panel Members 1 and 2:** Tell the portions of the article about Iceland and Guam.

**Moderator:** Ask members to open the leaflet "Scattered Abroad" and look at the Self-Determination and Self-Support section. Read together two or three paragraphs which you feel are necessary to better understanding. Propose the question on page 27: "How are churches in the USA encouraging servicemen scat-

tered abroad to be faithful to Christ as witnesses while they are away from home influences?"

**Panel Member 3:** Respond by telling the three paragraphs on page 27 which follow the question.

**Moderator:** Tell concluding paragraphs on page 27 beginning with the sentence "The spiritual strength..."

Place before the group either the replicas of church and home or a poster showing a church and home (see checklist). Say, Now our activity chairman will tell us what our church is doing to help servicemen and what we can do.

**Activity chairman:** Make whatever decisions are needed. Read the names of all service personnel to the group.

**Pray** for those in service, for wisdom for church leaders as they plan for training of young people in the church, and for strength for parents to witness boldly in their homes.

#### Plan 2

(On a tape recorder have ready information beginning with the question on page 27 and concluding before the last paragraph. Write on pieces of paper ten or twelve facts from the article, page 25, concluding before the question on page 27. Precede each statement with "Did you know that

**Leader:** Begin with statement about the subject for study today. Relate this topic to the studies for July and September under the unit theme: The Meaning of Discipleship. Follow by telling the study question. Say that members are going to give some interesting facts about this committed company. Members will stand and read the facts. Ask the group for five minutes to contribute other facts.

Turn on the recorder and hear the remaining information. Then, tell the last paragraph, page 27.

Say, I let's hear about our ministry to servicemen from our church.

**Activity chairman:** See Plan 1. Read Hebrews 11:1, 8-11, 17-19; 12:1.

**Pray:** See Plan 1.

## STUDY MATERIAL FOR



See Guide for Study, page 32

# Transplanted Disciples

by Juanita M. Wilkinson



**M**OST of us are interested in gardening. Some of us have green thumbs and revel in planting and seeing flowers grow. Others of us are content with watering a philodendron or occasionally buying cut flowers which someone else has grown. But every woman knows that more than a green thumb is involved in growing plants successfully. As seeds are planted in a tray or box and begin to grow, it is necessary to separate and replant them farther apart in deeper soil of flower beds or garden plots. This process of transfer from one place to another we call transplanting.

Gardeners who are successful know that there are various stages in planting. Soil is prepared, best temperature is maintained, and the shock to tender plants is avoided. Both amateur and professional gardeners want the end results to be beautiful blossoms and are willing to exert great patience in the transplanting process.

We are all familiar with the hot news of the sixties—that of transplanting human organs. It has been called "spare-part surgery" which previously had been limited. In the fifteen years since the first successful kidney transplant in 1954, over twelve hundred transplants have been announced. To date, about half of the patients have lived two years or longer. The first successful liver transplant came in 1963. In five of twenty announced cases so far, lives of the patients were prolonged. Surgeons have successfully transplanted the spleen, pancreas, duodenum, and other organs. Dr. Norman E. Shumway, who led a medical team from Stanford University that performed a heart transplant on January 6, 1968, has said, "Just about every part of the human body has been transplanted except the brain."

Far more extensive than organ transplants, however, are now-routine uses of tissue and skin grafts. Brain membranes, corneas of the eye, bone and skin tissues are kept in "banks" and shipped to patients far away. More and more artificial parts, increasingly human-like, are being implanted in people. A partial list includes arteries made of Dacron, heart valves of plastic, and a wide variety of

artificial teeth, hands, legs, eyes, ears, noses, jawbone sections, palates, Eustachian tubes, and other parts.

With the increasingly successful heart transplant surgery, a new flurry of research has been projected. Every adult person is interested in organ transplants and visualizes himself as the possible recipient of such a life-saving operation. Testimonies of heart transplant patients are inspiring. "For the first time, I am doing what I like to do." "I can breathe again." "I am interested in life again." "It seems all things are new to me."

Another kind of transplanting, the idea of human beings transplanting themselves, is as old as man. Man has always been beckoned by life somewhere else. He looks for greener pastures elsewhere.

In the 1960 decade there has been added a new dimension to missions transplants. In the summer of 1965 the Home Mission Board entered the project of transplanting disciples into new horizons of Christian witnessing. Recognizing that many missions needs in our country could be met by Baptists who were not career missionaries, the Board sought to enlist Christian adults to spend two to ten weeks in a missions area to assist missionaries.

Student summer personnel had been a part of the Board's work since 1944, but adult assistance to missionaries on a short-term basis did not become reality until 1965. That year six laymen and laywomen accepted short-term assignments. A secretary paid her own expenses to Alaska and for three weeks was secretary in the state Baptist headquarters. A North Carolina teacher spent part of her vacation in the Kentucky mountains in Vacation Bible Schools. The work of a struggling mission in Ohio was strengthened by a retired pastor who relieved a young student pastor to study at summer school. A retired telephone company employee transplanted her Christian witness to a remote mountain missions area to assist a missionary in weekday ministries. This transplanted disciple project is known as the Christian Service Corps and is becoming more and more popular among adults.

### Preparing the Soil

In gardening, the soil must be properly prepared. In medical transplants, the physical body undergoes careful preparation for surgery. In transplanting disciples, preparation is also a major factor. It varies from individual to individual. The following illustrations show different ways in which God is working to prepare his followers for an extended Christian witness. The name may be Larry Smith, Lola Jones, or Laura Brown. These names are fictional but they represent many men and women who have become increasingly concerned about the spiritual condition of our nation and are doing something now. At the end of 1968 the Home Mission Board reports that 149 men and women have been Christian Service Corpsmen since 1965.

Let us consider first Larry Smith. He has attended Sunday School all his life, has responded to many requests to serve on committees in his church, and has helped conduct religious surveys in his community. He has willingly responded when asked to work through his local church, trying to live in his home and community as a Christian.

Larry is a young adult, a chemical engineer. He and his family look forward to an annual vacation. He believes in relaxation, both physical and mental. The family usually spends vacation at a fishing camp or he goes to a summer resort with his wife while the children are at camp.

Early last year Larry read in his state Baptist paper that a million unchurched people are added to the United States population each year. The article disturbed Larry. He kept thinking, I ought to do more than I am doing. During months of soul-searching, God prepared him for a new opportunity. One day his wife told him about the Christian Service Corps and some adults who were helping missionaries during vacation. When Larry hesitantly suggested to his wife that they leave the children for two weeks with her mother and spend their vacation helping a missionary, she was elated. She had been thinking about this very possibility. So they applied.

As the Smiths traveled by car they enjoyed seeing a new part of the country. Once on the field in the Northwest, they assisted in religious surveys. They felt deep satisfaction in realization of the significance of this work and returned home renewed in spirit.

Lola Jones was study chairman for her Woman's Missionary Society. She was a widow. Having served as a church leader, she was now confronted with adjustment to living alone. She was happy to be active in the ministry and witness of a mission action group working with juveniles and their families. She enjoyed living near her children and babysitting with her grandchildren.

One day at Woman's Missionary Society meeting she became acquainted with the Christian Service Corps. She wrote the Home Mission Board for application forms and expressed to the Board a desire to serve at least twelve weeks in a weekday ministry situation, especially with youth. She anxiously awaited the processing of her appli-

cation and assignment. Now that it is finished, her testimony is: "I've taken on new life. The Lord has opened up for me realization of opportunity whereby I can help young people in my own community. I plan to volunteer a second time soon for the Christian Service Corps."

Laura Brown is a young schoolteacher. During the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, a woman who had participated in the Christian Service Corps spoke at the Wednesday evening prayer service in her church. She told that a part of the Christian Service Corps was designed to encourage men and women to relocate in areas where Baptist work is new. Laura had often thought of making application to teach in another state. She said that the idea of teaching elsewhere sparked when she realized she could also be of significant help in a small, struggling Baptist witness. She learned more details from the visiting speaker who told her to write to the Home Mission Board for suggestions about where she might apply for a teaching position. Laura feels that God was preparing the way for a wholly new experience through the Christian Service Corps.

Larry, Lola, and Laura are typical of many Southern Baptists who are experiencing restlessness and deep desire to be involved in a vital witness. A challenge in a state Baptist paper, a study in Woman's Missionary Society, the Week of Prayer for Home Missions with the testimony of a participant in the Christian Service Corps prepared the hearts of three Christians for a renewal of their sense of mission in the world. Remaining in their chosen professions and circumstances of life, they responded to the challenge of unusual witnessing opportunities. Larry, Lola, and Laura are transplanted disciples. Because they were concerned over people at home, they were sensitive to other possibilities for extending the kingdom.

### Evaluating the Climate

In gardening, weather conditions affect transplanting. Temperature and the season of the year are major factors. In vital organ transplants in the human body, many factors are evaluated, checked, and rechecked before surgery can begin. Let us also recognize contributing factors in the success of the Christian Service Corps.

We have learned that, initially, in 1965 six laymen and women participated in the project. Each year the number has grown. In 1968 seventy-seven men and women were involved in the Christian Service Corps. In order to qualify as a volunteer through this adult ministry, the Home Mission Board has listed the requirements as follows:

- Mature Christian adult (not open to college students)
- Good physical and mental health
- No hindering family responsibilities
- Experienced, active member of a Baptist church
- Ability to provide own travel expenses to and from place of service.

With these requirements stated by the Home Mission Board, we recognize that no mission board makes transplanted disciples. The decision for a layman is voluntary.

If you meet the requirements and volunteer as a Christian Service Corpsman, you will want to look at the many places where you might help. Even as Jesus urged his disciples to look upon the fields that are ready for harvest, so he points today to fields that are ready for your witness. These may include:

- a mission center in a large city where assistance in Vacation Bible School would be welcome;
- a remote mountain area where a weekday ministry needs someone to guide young girls in sewing classes or direct recreation opportunities for Junior boys and girls;
- a pioneer church in need of a pastor and other trained church leaders who could assist in community surveys;
- an area in Panama, Puerto Rico, or on an Indian reservation where a doctor, dentist, or nurse with professional and spiritual qualities is needed.

Helpers for many of these are urgent. The needs will be left unanswered unless laymen and laywomen volunteer and become the answer. Take an inventory of your qualifications and experience, and determine whether you are the answer. Plan now to contact Mr. E. Warren Woolf, secretary of the Department of Special Missions Ministries, Home Mission Board (see p. 32), and see if you qualify for assignment. The needs of the missions field coupled with your voluntary involvement will produce a climate of effective Christian witness to many lost people within our nation.

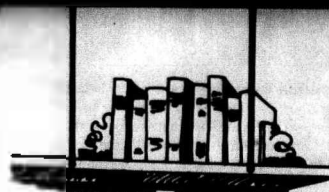
### Protecting the Fruit

Even though preparation and evaluation are important steps in transplanting, the gardener wants to see beautiful blossoms and the weakened body yearns for a strong heartbeat. The fruit of the transplanted disciple is another Christian or help to another Christian toward growth. Men and women, boys and girls throughout the United States can say with the heart transplant, "I am keen about life again." "All things are new to me." Rebirth is a spiritual experience, a face-to-face encounter with the transforming Jesus Christ. A volunteer in the Christian Service Corps, through example and deed, brings the good news to the lost and untrained.

Missionaries are grateful for extra hands which prepare refreshments and handicrafts for Vacation Bible School. They are happy to have additional help in visiting and reading to older adults in a weekday ministry. Families whose need for food and clothing is not as conspicuous as their need for spiritual nourishment say to volunteers in the Christian Service Corps, "We are glad you came out way." The total missions work done by our churches is strengthened because a Christian Service Corpsman ministers out of a special sense of discipleship. Unselfish devotion to Christ's kingdom does not go unnoticed and unrewarded. It bears fruit for Jesus Christ now and eternally.

### A Brief Missions Endeavor

We may ask ourselves, "How can you evaluate a two-



## BOOK REVIEWS

[Continued from p. 12]

will he escape? If he escapes what will happen?

The spy is Faiballe, a Jew who poses as an Arab and a good Muslim living in Damascus. Top brass who work with him are Brigadier General Baratz in Israel, director of military intelligence, and Colonel Sabwudin in Syria, director of public security. Other characters are Chakry, a banker in Beirut, and Jarrah, an Arab terrorist born in Jerusalem who fled to Gaza and now has no loyalty to any country.

Of course, there are other characters, a love story, an Arab plot in Syria to kill King Hussein of Jordan, and the recalling of biblical prophecies about Israel.

As this story of the paradox of the Middle East is discussed, it will be helpful to have a map, even a crudely drawn one, to show the position of the various countries and cities and to trace the events. Members of the group might be given the names of the characters. All characters from one country sit behind a placard bearing the name of the country. As the speaker relates events and mentions a character, the one representing him will hold up a card bearing his name and tell about him. Brief biographical information can be printed on the back of the card.

While this is not the easiest book in the world to read because of the constant movement from country to country, it is exceedingly popular and certainly offers background on the Middle East today.

week missions endeavor?" "How many lives can you influence in just two weeks or even twelve weeks?" We can never know all the answers, but we know that Christian Service Corps volunteers are contributing in a large measure to the spiritual climate in places where they serve and to persons with whom they work.

These laymen and laywomen return to their hometowns, to their jobs, and take up normal routine, but they are never quite the same again. What they have seen, what they have

heard, what they have experienced change their lives and the quality of their Christian living. A new dimension is added to their motivation for living. Laura Brown is a better leader in Girls' Auxiliary; Lois Jones is calling more women in her WMS to mission action; Larry Smith discovers many ways to speak a word for Christ to other Baptist men and in his business contacts. The fruits are harvested year after year.

some of them could take plants to shut-ins who could care for them.

Then introduce your study by telling the information on page 29.

Say, Our study question today is How do those in Christian Service Corps contribute to the cause of Christ? Let us now discover some answers.

Two women will serve as a listening team to answer the following questions: What types of work do Christian Service Corpsmen do? What are the requirements for volunteers? How can we secure blanks on which

to make application for this service? (These questions can be placed before the group.)

Ask two other women to discuss together "Preparing the Soil," page 30.

Give to each woman a copy of the leaflet, "The Layman in Missions," and read together information about short-term and long-term Christian Service Corps possibilities. Tell information from "Evaluating the Climate," page 30, and "Producing the Fruit," page 31.

Ask for report of listening team

and for other comments from the group.

One woman discusses "A Brief Missions Endeavor," page 31.

Close with prayer for Christian Service Corpsmen who are serving this summer. Pray for the missionaries with whom they work. Pray for the men and women, boys and girls who have come under the Christian influence of volunteer disciples during these summer months. Pray that God will direct you as you consider opportunities within your own community for ministry and witness.

## FOR STUDY in Current Missions Group

Unit theme: Present-day Disciples

JULY STUDY TOPIC: Not in a Covered Wagon

AUGUST STUDY TOPIC: Transplanted Disciples

SEPTEMBER STUDY TOPIC: Young Disciples

See page 29 for August study material

### Transplanted Disciples

Study Question for August: How do those in Christian Service Corps contribute to the cause of Christ?

#### Checklist

—If you live in an area where a mission center is located, arrange for an interview with the missionary director. Be prepared to ask if any Christian Service Corps volunteers have ever served at the center. Ask the missionary if she can use volunteer help. Report to your study group. Mission action projects may develop for your group. If you know a person who has served through the Christian Service Corps, ask the volunteer to be special guest at your study and share experiences for ten minutes.

—Prepare a small flower pot or flat tray with planted seeds. If you do this as soon as you receive ROYAL SERVICE, you may have some plants large enough to transplant in time for your study. Or, ask each woman to bring a favorite plant to your meeting.

—Provide a chalkboard or flip chart to list the study question and the steps involved in transplanting.

—On the chalkboard or on individual sheets of paper write the name and address of the director of the Christian Service Corps work who is E. Warren Woolf, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

—Consider one or more possible teaching techniques as suggested on pages 52-55 in *WMS Leader Manual*. You may want to use discussion and a listening team if you have not done so recently; interview-forum is another possibility.

—Display a map of the United States. This month's study is concerned with home missions. The Home Mission Board cooperates with churches in all fifty states, helping them witness for Christ.

—Ask two women to help you discuss the article, page 29, and two other women to be a listening team.

—Plan to evaluate your study. See page 56 in *WMS Leader Manual*

for suggestions.

Order from Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, the leaflet (one copy for each member): "The Layman in Missions."

—Arrange for additional publicity for this study. Ask each member of your group to invite a woman who is not enlisted in WMS. The Christian Service Corps is a project that needs to come to the attention of more church members.

#### AGENDA for MEETING

Call to Prayer

Group Planning led by leader

Preview of study topic for next general WMS meeting (see *WMS Forecaster*, p. 41)

Announcement of WMS projects and plans

Study Session

Information and discussion of mission action projects

Prayer for mission action and other causes

#### Study Plan

Ask everyone to examine your plants, or if all brought them, display the plants on a table. For about five minutes encourage women to discuss soil, water, light, transplanting of plants. If the women wish to do so,

## BIBLE STUDY for AUGUST, Lesson II

Read Revelation 1:3

Guide for Study, page 35

# Immortal Messages to Mission-Founded Churches

by Dotson M. Nelson, Jr.

#### INTRODUCTION

The book of Revelation has been an enigma to the majority of Christendom since the beginning. Even Jerome, the Christian scholar, said that there were more riddles than there were words in the book. This problem springs from trying to make the book difficult rather than just hearing what it says. One of the best ways to study the book of Revelation is to join with a friend and read it aloud to each other at one sitting. One lesson which will be gained is the feeling of the ultimate triumph of God. The word *revelation* is the translation of the Greek word for *apocalypse* (uncovering). From this word we get the term *apocalyptic literature*. Apocalyptic books were written to bring encouragement in times of crisis and persecution. Man may be at the end of his rope, but God still reigns. James Russell Lowell put it well:

Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne.—

Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown,

Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

Incidentally one of the finest examples of comparatively modern apocalyptic literature is found in some of our Negro spirituals.

Regardless of the problems of the book as a whole (which will be taken up next month), the letters to the seven churches will always hold their charm and be meaningful. It is perhaps true that these were actual letters sent around to the churches for reading at their meetings. With the liberal use of the word *seven* as the number of completeness, it may be that John was writing to all churches

everywhere. At any rate, the messages to these churches are applicable to all churches, even ours today.

The word *angel* is translated many times as messenger. It would probably be correct to consider these angels of the churches as spiritual leaders or representatives of the church.

There is a common pattern apparent in the seven letters: (1) There is the command to write; some attribute of the living Christ is given. (2) The character of the church, both negative and positive, is clearly stated. (3) A reward is promised to those who endure.

#### I. To Ephesus (2:1-7)

Jesus is described as the one who holds the seven messengers in his right hand and walks among the seven churches (2:1). He compliments the church at Ephesus upon the character of their life and labor and their patient endurance. He compliments them upon the fact that they could not tolerate wicked men, especially those who fraudulently claimed to be apostles (2:2). They have borne much for the sake of Christ and have not grown weary (2:3).

After the compliment came severe rebuke. They had fallen away from their first love (2:4). What does this mean? There are two suggestions. The church's great positive policies were Christian energy and orthodoxy. It may have been that the church at Ephesus in its ambition to have purity of doctrine had become critical and self-righteous and had forgotten brotherly love. William Barclay states, "Strict orthodoxy can cost too much if it has to be bought at the price of love." Another suggestion is that the first enthusiasm of the faith had lost its fire. The hymn writer said:

Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the cool-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and His Word?  
—William Cowper

The only way out of this difficulty was repentance and a return to that first love.

There is yet one more thing to be said on the credit side. The Ephesians hated the things which the Nicolaitans did (2:6). In all probability these were the people who maintained that the Christian is free from all law and can do as he pleases. This makes the freedom of the Christian into license. Those who win the victory may eat of the tree of life, which is the symbol of immortality. To the one who overcomes there is no death (2:7).

#### II. To Smyrna (2:8-11)

This was one of the two churches which had no criticism given of it. Jesus is described as the one who is the first and last, who was dead and is alive (2:8). They had plenty of troubles, two especially. (1) During the time of Domitian, Caesar worship became compulsory. The choice was between Jesus as Lord and Caesar as lord. (2) In

Smyrna there was a large Jewish population. These Jews were responsible for one of the most famous of all martyrs, Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna. He was given the choice, either sacrifice to Caesar or be burned. His answer was: "Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and he has never done me wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" The Smyrna church was admonished by the writer: Do not be afraid; your trouble will be temporary (2:10). "Those who win the victory will not be hurt by the second death" (2:11) TEV.

#### III. To Pergamum (2:12-17)

Christ is described as having a two-edged sword. Pergamum is described as "where Satan has his throne" (2:13) TEV. It was an outpost of the Roman Empire, a city of wealth and literary activity. It was a center of the worship of pagan religions and of Caesar worship. In the midst of the trials deriving from these things, the church at Pergamum had remained true, but in spite of the virtues there are some who need reprimanding — those who follow the teaching of Balaam (Num. 31:16) and those who follow the teaching of the Nicolaitans. This is a warning against too literal and mechanistic a faith and its opposite, too liberal an ethic (2:14-15). Repent or Christ himself will make war upon them (2:16). But to those who overcome, Christ will give the hidden manna (2:17). This is the promise that if they resist the temptations of this world they have the sustenance of God. The white stone or the new name which is given to those who overcome probably has reference to the fact that Christ will hold them for his own even in the midst of the persecution in Pergamum.

#### IV. To Thyatira (2:18-29)

Christ is described as the Son of God whose eyes are like flames and whose feet are like burnished bronze (2:18). The church at Thyatira is commended upon its way of life, its love, faith, service, patient endurance, and its consistent improvement (2:19). He warns against "that woman Jezebel" (2:20-23) and those who follow her. Evidently this is indeed a woman of prominence who was leading some to compromise probably by suggesting that Christians should become members of the trade guilds which would involve attending heathen functions, compromising their belief with heathen worship in order to protect their business interests. To the ones who overcome and follow to the very end Christ will give power (2:26). These are also to receive the morning star. This is the title given in Christ himself. It may indeed be the promise of the resurrection. After the darkness of night comes the dawn.

#### V. To Sardis (3:1-6)

Sardis was a wealthy commercial center and a center of the worship of Cybele. Its people were notoriously loose in their living and luxury-loving. Life was too easy. Christ

is pictured as having the seven spirits of God and the seven stars (3:1). The people of Sardis have a reputation of life, but they are dead. It is significant that Sardis and Laodicea were the only churches which had not undergone persecution and that they are the poorest (spiritually) of all seven. The church at Sardis had not completed its task. They perhaps "talked a good game" but did not work at the job (3:2). Remember, wake up, live out the teaching which you have learned, or else you will have an unexpected visit of judgment (3:3). Those of you who have kept your clothes clean from the filth of sin will walk with Christ (3:4). They will win the victory. Their names will be written in the book of life, and before God Christ will declare that they belong to him (3:5).

#### VI. To Philadelphia (3:7-13)

This letter is one of undiluted praise. Christ is described as the holy and true one who has the key of David and is able to open and shut any door (3:7). Before the church at Philadelphia there is set an opened door. This may indeed be the door of missionary opportunity. To be a Christian where one is, lives, and works is the ultimate Christian opportunity and obligation. The city of Philadelphia had been founded to be a missionary to Hellenists (followers of humanistic and classical ideals). The church had the opportunity to carry on the original task of the city, but with a deeper, finer, firmer message, that of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of mankind. The reward of faithfulness is always an enlarged opportunity for service (3:8). Their first obligation is to the Jews around them (3:9). When persecution comes, God will protect them (3:10). Hold what you have; Christ is coming soon (3:11). One's reward is described as being a pillar in the temple of God and having the name of God inscribed upon him (3:12).

#### VII. To Laodicea (3:14-22)

Laodicea was a wealthy city known for cloth and the clothing industry. The people put their trust in material and sensual luxury and physical health. Christ is described as the faithful and true witness, the origin of the creation of God (3:14). The Laodiceans have no zest. There is no real religion without the emotion of enthusiasm (3:15-16). They may think they are well off, but such is not the case. They are miserable and pitiful (3:17). They are trying to put material wealth, fine raiment, and business success before spiritual enrichment. The only source of the gold of happiness and the white raiment of peace and the medicine of spiritual health is in Christ (3:18). Christ reproves and chastens those he loves. "Get excited and enthusiastic and turn from sin," he advises the Laodiceans.

At the conclusion of this message there is the startling, vivid picture of Christ at the door (3:20). The explanation is pointedly given in the magnificent painting by Holman Hunt, *The Light of the World*. It is a painting of a door,

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#### AGENDA for MEETING

##### Call to Prayer

##### Group Planning

Preview of study topic at next general WMS meeting (see *WMS Forecaster*, p. 41)

Announcement of WMS projects and plans

Study Information and discussion of mission action projects

Prayer for mission action and other causes

To effectively teach the Bible study materials this month, group the material into four sections: Introduction and to Ephesus; to Smyrna and to Pergamum; to Thyatira and to Sardis; to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. Use the three learning activities below throughout the study.

1. Choose several group members to present brief background reports on the seven churches and cities. Give them adequate time to prepare. Suggest that they look up their assignments in a Bible encyclopedia or a Bible dictionary and concordance. These reference sources will provide adequate information.

Have the reports given at the group

heavy, entwined with vines. The picture is that of a man wearing a crown of thorns with lantern in hand who stands at the door. The night is blue-black dark with only a few stars. The hand of the man is raised to knock. There is no knob, handle, or ring on the outside of that door, for it is the door of the human heart; it is only opened from the inside. If you have ears to hear, listen, hear, and act!

study is begun on each of the seven churches, noting praise and rebuke or complaints of the writer to the churches.

2. Prepare a chart on the chalkboard like this:

Churches	Praise	Complaint
(Introduction)		
Ephesus		
Smyrna		
Pergamum		
Thyatira		
Sardis		
Philadelphia		
Laodicea		

Fill in information under the headings as the study moves along.

You may want to ask the church office to mimeograph this chart and use as individual worksheets during the study this month and next.

3. Isolate difficult verses for special study. Have these read from different translations to gain insight into their meaning. Ask members to give their opinions of the meaning. Be cautious, however, and don't bog down. A teaching aim is given for each of these sections to help you move smoothly from one to the other. Seek to accomplish the teaching aim suggested for each section.

#### To Begin

Sing or say the words of the spiritual, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See."

Nobody knows the trouble I see,  
Nobody knows but Jesus;  
Nobody knows the trouble I see,  
Glory, hallelujah

This example of modern-day apocalyptic literature can introduce the study of Revelation, another piece of apocalyptic or prophetic literature found in the New Testament.

Tell the introduction, page 33. Point out on a map the location of the seven churches. (*Map of the missionary journeys of Paul may be used, order No. 6, Broadman Class Map, from Baptist Book Stores, \$1.50 each. Advanced price effective August 1, 1969.*) Mark each location

with a map pin, or a pin with a small triangle of red paper attached, or make small colored arrows to mark them.

As an overview, ask two or three members to read aloud Revelation 1-3. Ask other group members to follow the reading in their Bibles and mark the verses which tell of God's ultimate triumph.

#### I. Introduction and to Ephesus (2:1-7)

*Aim: Lead group members to understand the background for the writing of Revelation.*

"It seems that the Jews were exempt from emperor worship because theirs was a recognized religion. Other religions of the Empire had plenty of room for one more god. Only Christianity felt the blow. Now separate from Judaism, it was an illegal religion. Its basic creed allowed for no other gods. But the temptation to go through the ceremony of burning incense to Domitian was very great. Hundreds did so.

"To encourage those facing the test and to make clear the alternatives, John was inspired to write his apocalypse or Revelation."

#### II. To Smyrna (2:8-11) and to Pergamum (2:12-17)

*Aim: Lead group members to gain inspiration from the Smyrna Christians who remained true in spite of severe difficulties.*

Some history books have a picture of Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna. Show this picture as you study about his courageous faith. (You may want to see Foxe's Book of Martyrs, edited by W. B. Forbush, \$3.95, from Baptist Book Stores, or The Ante-Nicene Fathers, volume I, from your church or public library, for additional information on Christian martyrs.)

Ask a member to look up in a concordance, several references on Balaam worship and describe its

<sup>1</sup>Robert L. Bishop, A Book Study of the Bible (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1964), p. 93. Available from Baptist Book Stores, \$1.00. Advanced price effective August 1, 1969.

characteristics. Ask her to read several Bible references that tell of the difficulty caused by this false religion.

#### III. To Thyatira (2:18-29) and to Sardis (3:1-5)

*Aim: Lead group members to see that compromise in business life (Thyatira) and social life (Sardis) bring rebuke from Christ.*

Point up this statement from the study material, page 35: "It is significant that Sardis and Laodicea were the only churches which had not undergone persecution and that they are the poorest (spiritually) of all seven."

#### IV. To Philadelphia (3:7-13) and to Laodicea (3:14-22)

*Aim: Lead members to recognize that the reward of faithfulness is an enlarged opportunity for service.*

Study carefully Revelation 3:8 in connection with the aim above. Note that the Christians of Philadelphia had their best missionary opportunity within the city itself.

Call the attention of group members to pages 2, 4, and 5 which tell of expanded opportunity resulting from faithful service. Assign two members to be prepared in advance to tell of these opportunities, then pray for those engaged in them. See Prayer Requests, page 38, and pray for other needs.

A comic strip pictured Dagwood arriving home, dejected and weary. Blondie asked what was wrong. Dagwood replied, "Everything is going wrong." After her assurance that things would turn out all right, he stated, "I know it will be better eventually, but it's the in-between-time that bothers me." During the "in-between-time" a Christian must be zealous, enthusiastic and joyful. Don't be a "blah," lukewarm Christian.

Read Revelation 3:14-22 in at least two translations. Then read the editorial on page 1 of your copy of March ROYAL SERVICE. Allow time for comments.

Close with prayer that each member may have listening ears.

# WHAT SUMMER SUMMERS?

LAST SUMMER our WMS engaged in a most interesting experiment which we plan to repeat in future summers. The problem which prompted our undertaking was a drop in attendance at both group and general WMS meetings as soon as the children were out of school.

After many inquiries we surmised that other than vacation trips, the only obvious reason for absence at WMS meetings was that children were at home "too old for nursery, too young to stay at home alone." Sunbeam Nursery workers had always provided for children that age. But children in grammar school were too old to be left in the nursery!

We, of course, would not encourage women to leave children unchaperoned. What could be done to help our members continue in the vital business of missions education. Our efforts were aimed at a plan to interest the children which would

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bring them to the church when their mothers were at WMS meetings (1966 did not feel it was wise to disrupt our regularly scheduled Sunbeam Band and Girls' Auxiliary meetings and there were not available leaders on these days.) So we decided on an all-age fun time.

Children love parties so we planned a party for each time group or general WMS meetings were scheduled. Posters were made and displayed announcing the parties. Children in Primary and Junior departments on Sunday morning were given individual invitations to the first party on the following Tuesday. These invitations were mimeographed on half-sheets of paper folded and with a clown on the front. They were distributed by Sunday School teachers.

Attached in the invitation was a "note to give mother" explaining the idea of the party and telling her that similar parties would be planned for vacation months.

Party arrangements included refreshments, balloons, well-planned indoor and outdoor games, and occasionally inexpensive party favors.

by Betty Jo Dowdy

By this time you may be wondering where we found women with enough time to plan these parties and enough energy to supervise them. The answer may surprise you: we didn't need them! The needs were provided by our YWA counselors and members, and they rose to the occasion. The parties became a YWA project. Many of their former members, now in college, helped them and a few girls of YWA age but not members of YWA were enlisted to help. It was our hope that this contact with a YWA project might encourage them to become members.

Did we accomplish our purpose? How thankful I am that the answer is a resounding "Yes." I must admit that our adult attendance in the summer months was not as high as our average for school months, but it was much better than in previous summers.

The response surprised even the most optimistic promoters of the plan. Many expressions of appreciation by mothers indicated a need which they had for these contacts with other women and appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of our missionary society during these disorganized months. One mother was heard to say, "I really did not feel like coming today but Judy just wouldn't stay home and miss the party. So here I am."

## PRAYER REQUESTS

by Mrs. Ralph Gwin

### New Year in September

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is September 13. Jews exchange New Year greetings such as others exchange Christmas and New Year cards. Some Baptists have learned it is a delightful experience to send Rosh Hashanah cards to Jewish friends.

A Kansas City pastor sent greetings to three rabbis. They expressed their appreciation in letters of reply. One Jewish man sent a Christmas card to a Christian friend with this note: "Thank you for your Hanukkah greetings. A pleasant surprise and greatly appreciated. Please, let me know if I can ever do something for you, your church, or hospital."

The Home Mission Board's Department of Work Related to Nonevangelicals includes work with Jewish people. Mr. M. Thomas Starkes, assistant secretary in that department, defines a nonevangelical as "a religious person who differs with us on one or both of the following sources of authority: (1) the nature of Jesus Christ based on personal experience and through him the forgiveness of sins, and (2) the unique nature of the Bible as God's written revelation for each generation." He says that nonevangelicals in the US are increasing in number: that there are approximately forty-eight million Catholics, six million Jews, six million in the cults (sects), and a half-million in the non-Christian religions in our country.

Southern Baptists are urged to observe each fifth Sunday as Good Neighbor Sunday, when they will invite their Jewish, Catholic, Mormon, Hindu, Buddhist, Jehovah's Witness, and other neighbors to their churches.

### Prayer Requests:

Pray for Jewish people in the community.  
Pray for other nonevangelicals to whom members of the prayer group may have witnessed in word or deed.  
Pray about plans of your group and church to observe Good Neighbor Sunday and about witnessing and follow-up activities.

Pray for Crusade of Americas revivals in Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela this month.

### Migrant Workers Retraining

A program to train migrant farm workers for other jobs, both skilled and semiskilled, has met with success in a southwest Florida county. Instituted last year, the program is sponsored by Community Action Fund, part of the migrant division of the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO).

With fewer farm workers needed each year to do the labor now being taken over by machinery, the OEO is undertaking to fit many of the workers for other jobs and resettle them in strategic places.

The program started with thirteen men, five of whom dropped out, leaving eight who completed ten weeks of training at a General Motors Training Center, followed by six weeks of on-the-job training with a General Motors dealer. Another group of thirty-six men graduated from auto mechanics training. Last fall nine women graduated from nurses aid trainings. All of them were former field workers.

A boat company took twenty-six former field hands to train as ship builders. They received \$1.80 per hour while in training. Relocation of families is necessary in order to place workers where job opportunities exist.

Before specific job training is given, the farm workers receive basic courses in consumer education, income tax, and insurance protection. This preliminary training cuts down on later dropouts in industrial training.

Last fall the course had 120 participants. So successful has this action been that it may serve as a pilot course for the country. According to the director, this program has proved more successful than the urban Job Corps because "farm workers are used to hard work . . . and this makes them better workers."

Southern Baptists have long been concerned with the plight of migrant workers. This note of optimism in their future condition is encouraging. Let us pray for this effort our government is making.

### Prayer Requests:

Pray that many migrant workers will be given opportunity to prepare themselves for a better way of life.  
Pray for those who already are making a place for themselves in other industries, that they may find the way of life, also.  
Pray for Home Mission Board efforts to help churches minister to migrant farm workers. •

# WMS forecaster

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## new president

August is one of the "good-old-summertime" months. It may be one of your "lazy-lag" times, so in case it is, look at what Dr. W. C. Fields has to say about "You in the 'Think Tank?'" (*The Baptist Program*, Dec. 1968, p. 27). These may help you evaluate your executive committee meetings and attendance at WMS meetings.

### To Evaluate

#### • executive committee meetings

Dr. Fields speaks of the Rand Corporation as a "think tank" which has the ability to link human minds in an effective working order. Then he asks, "Do we utilize the full voltage of each member of a committee, work team or task force? Do we stimulate and energize and lift each other to new levels of thought and understanding?" Here are some principles of group dynamics and of human relations which he suggests that may help your "think tank" (executive committee) to function more effectively:

1. Ask the right questions. At least . . . in your own mind . . . find the answers to some basic matters: What are the facts? . . . What [were] the opinions, attitudes . . . reactions of people involved?
2. Set objectives . . . a purpose
3. Look before you leap. Face facts squarely. Look backward. Look inward. Look around. What [were] the alternatives? . . . [consequences?]. Look ahead.

#### • attendance at WMS general and group meetings

As you evaluate the attendance at WMS meetings, here are some questions you may need to answer:

1. What percent of our members attend regularly?
2. Is this percentage good? . . . fair? . . . poor? . . .
3. What activities have been planned for reaching absentees?
4. Are the study sessions stimulating? interesting? motivating? . . .

5. Were the meetings publicized adequately?
6. Could our attendance be improved by using the plan suggested in the article, "What Summer Slump?" page 37.

### To Plan

#### • attendance at associational, state, and national meetings

1. What meetings are to be held this month in your association and state that will be helpful to you and other WMS officers?
2. Which of these meetings can you attend? the annual associational meeting? WMU associational or state leadership clinics?
3. Where will these be held and when?
4. Who will attend Ridgecrest WMU Conference, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 7-13, from your WMS?
5. Have reservations been made?
6. Have transportation plans been completed?



#### • Christmas in August

Christmas in August is a project which women and young people alike enjoy. It enables them to have a part in what some of our home missionaries do at Christmas for needy people among whom they live and work. See page 15 and plan with your WMS activity chairman for Christmas in August.

#### • publicity

Making plans for communicating information concerning Woman's Missionary Society activities is most important. Discover those in the society or in the church who are especially skilled in this area and seek to enlist their help.

#### • forming missions groups

With the coming of the new WMU year 1969-70 in just two months, plans for the formation of mission study, mission prayer, and mission action groups must be made. See the step-by-step process suggested in the *WMS Leader Manual* (75¢), pages 36-38.

#### A) Executive Committee Meeting

##### Call to Prayer

Reading of minutes of last executive committee meeting (approve minutes as read or corrected)

Reports of officers (including summary of plans implemented since last executive committee meeting and for month or months ahead)

Plan for recommendations to WMS and for sharing future activities

Check progress on WMS Achievement Guide Announcements

#### At General WMS Meeting

Call to Prayer (planned by WMS activity chairman)

Business Session (report of executive committee and announcements)

Promotional Feature—Decide which phase of WMS work needs strengthening in your society. If it is mission action, plan with your activity chairman for a purposeful mission action presentation. Ask the study chairman to use less time for the study session and have a mission action group share some of their experiences.

If members have become negligent about reading missions books, plan with the study chairman for a quick book review or presentation of books for summer reading. Have members read:

*Scattered Abroad*, Lewis Krause (85¢)

*Operation Brother's Brother*, Cyril E. Bryant (\$4.95)

*Light on the Riverfront*, Marilyn S. Wagon (75¢)

*Called of God: The Work of Ministry*, Gilbert L. Guffio (\$2.95)

## wms chairmen

The WMS study chairman and the WMS activity chairman have a two-pronged responsibility. One is for society work and the other for mission group work which relates to their phase of the work. For example, the study chairman plans for learning experiences at general WMS meetings and also confers with mission study group leaders and assists them with their work.

Here are some ways the WMS chairmen assist group leaders with their work:

1. Chairmen study the group reports and assist with problems relating to attendance or member participation (study group leaders report regularly to the WMS study chairman; prayer and mission action group leaders report to the WMS activity chairman).

2. Chairmen keep the group leaders aware of the work of other groups and help avoid overlapping or duplication of work.

3. Chairmen coordinate the use of resources and share information needed by all leaders.

The assistance needed by group leaders from WMS chairmen can best be provided at regular meetings of the WMS executive committee. At the beginning of the executive committee meeting, the study chairman meets with mission study group leaders and the activity chairman meets with prayer and mission action group leaders. During this period, group reports concerning future plans are reviewed and past work is evaluated.

#### Study Chairman

See page 25 for study material for general WMS meeting and page 28 for plans for general WMS meeting. Decide which of the two plans suggested is most appropriate for your WMS or you may decide to use the study material in a different way. Talk with the WMS activity chairman about possible follow-through plans for mission action projects.

Read the reviews on page 12 of additional books recommended for Round Table groups this month. You may be able to assist the group leader in securing some of the books needed by group members. The *Round Table Group Guide* (\$1) suggests ways for securing books.

The chart on page 36, for Bible study groups, will be most helpful for individuals interested in making a study of Revelation. You may want to refer WMS members to this page in Royal Streets.

Current missions groups are studying about the Christian Service Corps this month. You will want to encourage all study group leaders to read "Would you believe what I heard in a dentist's office the other day?" page 5. There may be those in your WMS who could participate in this Home Mission Board program. Write to: Christian Service Corps, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, for additional information regarding the Christian Service Corps.

#### Activity Chairman

##### Language Missions Week

The 1968-69 Denominational Calendar lists August 25-31 as Language Missions Week. You will encourage WMS members to participate in whatever plans your church makes for this important week.

The purposes of the week will be kept in mind as plans are made. Some of these are: helping Baptists understand the work of language missions, discovering language groups within reach of the church, beginning a ministry to persons who speak another language besides English or who are identified as belonging to another group by their customs and culture.

The following materials will be helpful in understanding language missions work and in discovering ministries which these groups need:

1. Leaflet—"Ministering to Language Friends"
2. Filmstrip—"Our Language Friends" (50 frames, \$3.50)
3. 1969 Annual Report of the Home Mission Board

##### "Be Informed" Series

If there are new readers in your church, or if a mission action group is ministering to nonreaders, you may have need of this recently published "Be Informed" series. The leaflets are written on a high grade-school level of reading comprehension. Currently, there are eight series dealing with these subjects: personal credit; buying an auto; owning an auto, buying a house; renting a house, social security, personal insurance, and pensions; finding a job; reading your newspaper. Other series are being developed.

The cost of each series is 60 cents, or 50 cents in quantities of twenty-five or more. They may be secured from New Readers Press, "Be Informed" Leaflets, Box 131, Syracuse, New York 13210.

##### General WMS Study

After reading the study material on page 25, prepare some suggestions for follow-through projects in which your WMS may want to engage following the study of the witness of servicemen in remote places. The new *Mission Action Group Guide: Military* (available after July 15 for \$1) will give excellent background information for this study. The *Mission Action Projects Guide* (\$1) also gives ideas for ministries which may be planned for those in the military service.

##### Christian Service Corps

Suggest to WMS members that they read the article, "Would you believe what I heard in a dentist's office the other day?" page 5. Are there members of your WMS who could serve on some home missions field as a part of the Christian Service Corps? Perhaps this article will create interest among WMS members.

## wms group leaders

#### Executive Committee Meetings

Group leaders will keep in mind their responsibility for serving on the WMS executive committee. Meetings of this committee keep the group leader interested in and informed of the work of the society and enable her to contribute to the planning, coordinating, and evaluating of the total work of the organization.

Executive committee meetings also serve as training sessions for the group leader. She becomes a more efficient leader as she participates in meetings with the society chairmen and other group leaders. She learns from them and contributes to the development of other group leaders as she shares her skill and experiences.

At each meeting of the group leader reports progress of work done by her group. Study group leaders report regularly to the study chairman of the society and the prayer and mission action group leaders report to the activity chairman.

Another opportunity which the executive committee meeting offers the group leader is help in solving problems. Each mission group leader will take her executive committee responsibilities seriously.

#### Preview September General WMS Study

The September study for the general WMS meeting will seek to answer the question, How have Christian businessmen and their families contributed to Baptist work overseas?

Make a poster of the illustrated sentence below and place it before the group. Give them a few moments to decide what the illustrations represent; then ask the group to read the study question which will be discussed at the September general WMS meeting.

How have Christian businessmen and their families contributed to Baptist work overseas?



#### Study Group Leader

##### Current Missions Group

To prepare for the August meeting of your current missions group, plant some seeds as suggested on page 32 as soon as possible. This will give time for them to be ready for transplanting by the time your group meets. This month's study is about the Christian Service Corps and shows how disciples are being transplanted to places where they can be of help to home missionaries. The above activity should add interest to your group's study.

##### Bible Study Group

Doubtless you will want to use the suggested chart given in the Bible Study Guide, page 36. It should simplify the study of Revelation this month and next.

How will you duplicate the chart for members? There are various ways. Here are a few:

- Make carbon copies, handwritten or typed.
- Use a mimeograph or xerox machine.
- Use a Hekto-printer (Gelatin Transfer Duplicator, letter size, complete kit, \$3.95; legal size, \$4.75).<sup>2</sup>

#### Mission Books Group

How many missions books have been studied by your group during 1968-69? You know, of course, that your group has the privilege of choosing two to six of the recommended books for study. If your group has chosen to do in-depth study, fewer books will be studied. If the four guides provided in the *Mission Books Teacher's Guide 1* (\$1.00)<sup>1</sup> have been used by your group and you plan to study additional books, you will want to secure the Teacher's Guide (25¢)<sup>2</sup> for *Into Aztec Land* (85¢)<sup>3</sup> and/or the Teacher's Guide (40¢)<sup>3</sup> for *North of 48* (75¢). These may be available in your church library.

#### Round Table Group

Additional Round Table books are reviewed in ROYAL SERVICE this month, page 12. Suggest to members of your group that they read the reviews. This will enable them to select books in addition to those recommended in the *Round Table Group Guide* (\$1.00)<sup>1</sup> which may add dimension to the themes being used by your group.

#### Mission Action Group Leader

In-service training must not be neglected if mission action group members are to minister effectively. In each mission action group guide there are resources listed which contain information for a better understanding of specific areas of mission action work. Often, it is necessary for the content in these resources to be adapted according to the needs of the group and the situation in which the group is ministering.

The *WMS World in Books* catalog (distributed according to state plan) recommends additional books which may be of help to your mission action group.

Books are not the only resources for in-service training. Films, filmstrips, motion pictures, and slides are excellent resources for in-service training. *Cry of Need* (\$3.00)<sup>4</sup> is a 15-minute color motion picture which presents an appeal for ministry in big cities, language groups, and other areas of need.

Professional people or persons skilled in specific areas of your work can help train group members for more effective service. Some mission action groups can benefit from using community training services for volunteers.

Group leaders will keep group members aware of the opportunities they have for meeting the needs of persons in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Prayer Group Leader

**Prayer list.**—Does your prayer group have a prayer list? In the *Prayer Group Guide* (\$1),<sup>1</sup> page 23, several purposes of a prayer list are given. If your group has a prayer list you, no doubt, have found it very helpful. You

will remember that it is most important to keep prayer lists up-to-date. When specific prayers are answered you will want to indicate that on your list.

**State missions.**—September is the month designated by some states for the state mission season of prayer and offering. Your prayer group will be informed of the plans in your state and will participate in the society's observance.

**Crusade of the Americas.**—Is your group remembering to pray for the Crusade of the Americas? August is the month when many churches will be having evangelistic meetings. Remember to pray for these revival meetings. Are prayer group members being faithful to their Pact commitment?

#### At Your Prayer Group Meeting

Call to Prayer (See pages 22-23, *Prayer Group Guide*, for ways to vary the use of Call to Prayer)

Review a book on prayer (A Prayer for the World, George F. Vicedom, \$2.95, The Cycle of Prayer, Ralph A. Herring, \$2.50, or one of the many listed in the *Prayer Group Guide*)<sup>2</sup>

Prayer Period

Group planning (prayer experiences, mission action project, group assignments of work to be done)

Preview of topic for next general WMS study

Announcements of WMS projects and plans

## wms director

#### State Missions

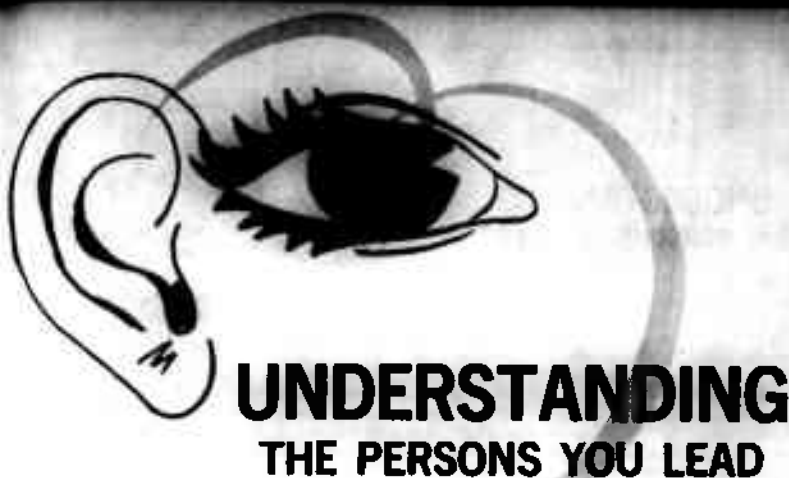
The time of the season of prayer for state missions is decided by each state Woman's Missionary Union. September is the month designated by many states for this special emphasis on state missions. At the meeting of the WMS committee you will have opportunity (1) to check with each WMS president to be sure that she has received the materials prepared and distributed for the state mission season of prayer by your state Woman's Missionary Union; (2) to see that enough state missions offering envelopes have been provided for each WMS member to have one; (3) to decide whether it is advisable for all societies to meet together for the observance of the season of prayer for state missions (if this is not wise, be sure that each society schedules a prayer period for state missions); (4) to share information and sources of material which may add interest and concern for state missions causes; (5) to promote the state missions offering and the work which it supports.

#### Sources of Materials in WMS Forecaster

<sup>1</sup>Available from Woman's Missionary Union, 606 North Tower Sixth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Stores.

<sup>2</sup>Available from Baptist Book Stores.

<sup>3</sup>Available free from Tract Service, Home Mission Board, 1139 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.



by A. Donald Bell

**H**ARRIET MASTERS is an attractive woman. She knows the right thing to say in every situation. Always gracious and poised, she is the envy of everyone in her group.

Rhonda Matthews is just the opposite. She never seems to know the right thing to say or do. She can be counted on to upset her coffee, dominate the conversation, or insult at least one group member at every meeting.

Margaret Grower is quiet and reserved. Her ideas are good, but she is reluctant to speak. Everyone likes her, but no one in her group knows her very well.

The leader of the group that includes these three women needs to understand why each of them responds to the group in a different way. As their leader comes to know more about each of them, she will be able to understand their differences and help them work together effectively.

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Every human personality has many dimensions. Christian workers need to be patient in learning as much about the personalities with whom they work as possible. Although a leader will never know all about the persons with whom she works, she can learn many helpful things if she is willing to extend the extra effort.

Here are some suggestions a leader may follow in developing greater understanding of those she leads:

1. Study available church records. Sunday School and Training Union records describe regularity of attendance, general preparation for study, and church support. These records along with the church membership records help a leader know the interest and experience members have in the total church program. Some churches have talent sheets and service records that are helpful. Church staff members may have additional information about the talents, interests, and general background of members.

2. Think of the person as an individual. Remember that each group

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member has a particular dimension or quality to give to the group. Try to find one distinctive quality of each member that no other member has. Major on developing an appreciation for this quality.

3. *Visit in the person's home.* The modern church has always encouraged home visitation as a part of ministry. Homes of prospective members are visited not only for enlistment and evangelistic purposes, but also to broaden understanding of persons. It is not by chance that the best workers in WMU organizations are those who visit in the homes of their constituency. Much can be learned from seeing a mother welcome her small son from school or panic at the smell of the burning roast in the kitchen.

4. *See the person behave in many different situations.* Try to be with group members in as many varied situations as possible. Sometimes a person is entirely different when she meets an emotional crisis or is involved in decision-making. Arrange to be with a person when she is in the position of a leader. When you observe the person as a member of a group, you see how she gets along with others. As she leads, you understand her individual traits. The way she discusses a spiritual problem, a doctrine, or a biblical question is a good index to the spiritual aspects of personality.

5. *Study the person's interests.* Under each group member's name, list those interests you know she has. Start with those names having the shorter lists. Gear conversations to

discussion of interests. Areas of knowledge or understanding that totally lack interest for a person will reveal much, too.

6. *Become acquainted with the person's friends.* One of the easiest and most effective skills in understanding a person better is to observe her companions. With whom does she spend time? What kind of people are they? What do they talk about and what are their interests?

7. *Find out how a person uses her leisure time.* A person's hobbies or favorite forms of recreation reflect her ideals. By observing leisure time interests you may see a hidden dimension to a person's personality.

8. *Find out what the person's basic motivation is.* Try to find out what a group member lives for and what she believes in. This is the very center of her personality structure. Everything that she does probably ties into this overall motivation.

9. *Learn to listen to what the person says.* This final suggestion is basic to all of the previous suggestions given. Good leaders know listening involves a type of concentrated discipline that focuses squarely on the person being heard. Listening is a skill that involves hearing a person's words and striving to understand the meanings that the words represent, watching a person's actions and interpreting the inner needs expressed, noticing a person's silence and understanding the relationship of the silence to the sounds that envelop it.

The evening of the first group meeting, Mary Shutt, the group leader, walked in and, as usual, started talking. She continued to talk and

dominate the full time of the meeting. In reality, Mary probably accomplished little because she had not allowed the others to express themselves. She knew no more about the members of her group after the meeting than she did before.

In another church Lucy Horn was the group leader. Before she went to the meeting Lucy prepared some information and stimulating questions and comments. At the beginning of the session, she presented them concisely to the group members. From then on, she allowed the members of the group to give their viewpoints.

The significant difference in the roles of these two leaders was this: the first one had not learned the skill of listening; the second one did not say much, but she obtained the most information, got better results from her group, and opened the doors to a personal ministry. Most important was the fact that the second leader better understood her group members. She had listened to them.

The leader who seeks to dominate is cheating herself of her best source of information. A wise leader also catches the attitudes and feelings of her followers by the simple method of listening. She may do this by sensing their deep feelings and drawing out their questions, comments, and criticisms. To understand the people you lead, you need to develop your skill in caring for persons as individuals, your perception in observing personality traits, your concentration in hearing what persons say, and your capacity to relate your understanding to efficient leader methods.



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"Ye shall be witness unto  
me . . . unto the uttermost  
part of the earth." Acts 1:8

### Information for WMU council members

#### All's Well

When You Have . . .

Royal Service

The Window

Tell

Sunbeam Activities

These magazines give missions information to members of WMU organizations. Every member of Woman's Missionary Society, Young Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and every Sunbeam Band leader should receive her organization's magazine.

Although subscriptions to these magazines are handled in different ways by different churches, the surest way to handle subscriptions is to have the magazines in the budget. It would be wise to investigate this possibility when planning the next WMU budget (see chap. 4, WMU Manual).

If it is not feasible for your church to include the total cost of the magazines in the budget, perhaps a portion of the amount could be paid. If neither

of these is a possibility, the WMU council should make plans to encourage individual subscriptions:

1. Ask the pastor to put a notice in the church bulletin or newsletter encouraging individual subscriptions. This may include a form on which persons may subscribe.

2. Set up a booth decorated attractively and appropriately include in the display copies of the magazines and a form on which persons may subscribe.

3. Ask the director of library services to set up an attractive magazine display to encourage persons to subscribe.

4. Use a telephone chain suggesting that each one call another and encourage her to subscribe.

5. Use person-to-person contact. Suggest that each person in an age-level organization who has a subscription choose someone who does not. The person who subscribes may give the other a copy of the magazine and share with her some of the outstanding features of the magazine.

6. Suggest that persons give a gift subscription.

Subscriptions for magazines are on a cash basis: \$1.50 a year each for *Sunbeam Activities*, *Tell, Tell Leadership Edition*, *The Window*; and \$2.00 a year for *ROYAL SERVICE*. (Alabama customers add 4 percent sales tax.) Allow five weeks for renewal, new subscriptions, or change of address.

#### These kinds of books can help

Spot the question which applies to your age level, answer it.

1. What are the four tasks Woman's Missionary Union performs for a church?

2. What is the relationship of Woman's Missionary Society to Woman's Missionary Union?

3. What are the qualities of a good leader of children?

4. What is the purpose of Young Woman's Auxiliary?

5. In churches where there is only

one GA, who represents GA on the WMU council?

That was easy, wasn't it? The reason it was unusually easy is because you have read the age-level manual for the group with which you work. (WMU director, assistant director, and secretary-treasurer, you have read the *WMU Manual*; WMS and YWA directors, you have read one manual; GA and Sunbeam Band directors, you have probably read two manuals.)

In order for your leaders to have as much information as they need to do their jobs well, they should have a copy of the manual for the group with which they work. This is especially true for new leaders and this is the time for enlisting new leaders.

Perhaps the church provides manuals, as well as other materials, for WMU leaders. If so, the WMU council should determine how many manuals are needed and include the cost of these in the proposed WMU budget which is a part of the church budget. If the church does not provide these materials, plan ways to encourage leaders to buy their own.

After having planned how manuals are to be secured, plan how to encourage leaders to read the manuals. The kind of work which is bound to be more effective if every leader has her manual and uses it.

Leader manuals are available for 75 cents each from Women's Missionary Union, 606 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Store. Titles are listed in *WMU Year Book*. Order now!

#### Are New Organizations Needed?

The WMU council is charged with the responsibility of determining the number of additional organizations and leaders which are needed. Now is the time to analyze the needs of your

church. If additional organizations are needed, these should be planned before October 1.

The first step is to study the existing organizations—the number of organizations and the enrollment of each. Ask each age-level director to bring to the council this information along with the number of prospects for each organization. (Use *WMU enrollment survey findings*.)

Put all of this information on the chalkboard or newsprint. Use a chart similar to the one on page 86 of the *WMU Manual*.

From looking at the figures and following the guide on pages 86 and 87, the council then determines the number of additional organizations needed. List all the findings on a chalkboard or newsprint. Discuss the findings, calling on each director to supply information about her age level. Propose possible plans for your church. List the proposals.

A new organization calls for additional leaders. In June, directors were asked to give the WMU director a list of persons who they thought would make good leaders. Look at the list and suggest possibilities. The WMU director will then give these names to the WMU leadership committee.

The information gained from the *WMU enrollment survey* can guide the council in the next step—settling meeting times and determining meeting places. If you have had no enrollment survey, a plan must be devised whereby every prospect is contacted to find out meeting time preferences.

After the leader has been elected, she needs to be trained. Her age-level director will share with her the leadership training plans which have been made. The age-level director will see that basic materials are ordered. See materials sections in *WMU Year Book*.

Now the organization needs to be set up. The age-level director will work closely with the leader in organizing the group. Each age-level leader manual suggests a simple, flexible

plan of organization. The associational WMU director and age-level directors are available for any assistance which may be needed.

By October each new organization is ready to announce the date and place of the meeting and begin work.

If per chance, you should discover that you do not need any new organizations, you should concentrate on your prospect list. Surely there are persons in your area who need to be enrolled in the missions organizations of your church.

#### 10-4-14

Ten pieces of mission action materials have been available to churches to help them carry on a mission action program. In an attempt to give churches more help in conducting mission action work, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood have produced four new mission action group guides.

These guides are written for groups who desire to work with the aging, military, persons in resort areas, and those who make the headlines in the local newspaper.

The mission action group guides present a simple process by which groups can orient and train themselves to conduct mission action with a given group. Numerous activities are suggested and the group is free to choose the activities most suitable.

The four new guides are:

- Mission Action Group Guide The Aging*
- Mission Action Group Guide Headliners*
- Mission Action Group Guide Resort Areas*
- Mission Action Group Guide Military*

(These guides are available July 15 for \$1 each from Women's Missionary Union, 606 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or Baptist Book Store.)

to  
officers

#### To: WMU Director and Assistant Director

#### A Briefly Exercise

Use this short exercise to analyze and evaluate the WMU council meetings of the past year. This exercise will show not only what the WMU council has done during the past year, but also the effectiveness of your leadership.

1. How many council meetings have been held this year? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What has been the average attendance? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the length of the usual meeting? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What seems to be the best meeting place? \_\_\_\_\_
5. List techniques used for publicizing the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

6. In which month was the most effective meeting held? \_\_\_\_\_  
What made it so? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What unique techniques or methods did you use to present information to the group? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What was the most effective activity planned by the council? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why was it effective? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What was the least effective activity planned by the council? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why was it ineffective? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What was the biggest problem which you encountered during the year? \_\_\_\_\_

After you have answered these questions and thought about what has been accomplished during the past year, perhaps you will see how you can lead the council to improve its

work. You will discover that although much is dependent upon the leader of such a group, leadership is a dynamic function of everyone present. Leadership springs out of the interrelationships of all persons present. Devise ways to invite others in planning and decision-making.

It is possible that a leader so dominates the group that persons have no part in planning. If the leader expects adults to take responsibility for WMU work in a church, she should respect the insights they have and encourage their experience.

What kind of leader are you?

#### A Follow-up Activity

At the next council meeting, spend a few moments stimulating the members to evaluate their service in the council. Is the attitude of members wholesome? Do they feel that the work is worth their best efforts? Challenge them to make needed improvement.

An evaluation such as this can be a real eye-opener. Let your September council meeting reap the results.

#### Council Agenda

##### Before the council meeting

1. Ask someone to be prepared to review the article, "Understanding the Persons You Lead," page 43.

2. Read the section, "A Healthy Exercise," page 47, and answer the questions. Using the suggestions in "A Follow-up Activity," page 47, prepare an evaluation form to be used in the council meeting.

3. Ask each age-level director to gather information called for in "Are New Organizations Needed?" page 44, and bring it to the meeting.

4. Secure copies of new mission action group guides and prepare a display. (See *WMU Year Book* for complete listing of mission action materials.)

##### At the council meeting

1. Call on a member to review article, "Understanding the Persons You Lead."

2. Discuss how you will promote subscriptions to age-level magazines. (See "All's Well When You Have

Royal Service, The Window, Tell, and Sunbeam Activities," p. 45.)

3. Discuss plans for providing every leader with an age-level manual. (See "These Kinds of Books Can Help," p. 46.)

4. Follow the procedure suggested in "Are New Organizations Needed?" page 46.

5. Remind directors that reporting time is near and discuss procedure if necessary.

6. Lead council members in evaluating council meetings held during the year. (See "A Follow-up Activity," p. 47.)

7. Make other plans as necessary.

To: Directors  
WMS  
YWA  
GA  
Sunbeam Band

#### An Important Reminder

Directors, remind the age-level leaders that they are to give you the annual report on the Achievement Guide by October 1. Check with each leader to see that she has a record and report book. Be sure that she understands the reporting procedure, this will help to insure a prompt, correct report.

#### Enlisting Leaders

The importance of the right approaches in enlisting leaders cannot be overemphasized. One good principle to remember is that the person with whom the prospective leader will work should help make the enlistment contact. The age-level directors, for example, should help enlist leaders with whom they will work. If you are continuing in your present place of leadership, here are some hints on en-

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listing the leaders for your age-level organization. If you are not to be the age-level director for the coming year suggest that the incoming director read these suggestions before she makes the contacts.

1. Make the contact at the proper time, be courteous, polite, and stay no longer than is necessary.

2. Find out all the person's leadership qualities, past and present leadership experiences, and other information which may be pertinent to the position you are asking her to consider.

3. Present the task honestly in terms of its relative importance in achieving the organization's purpose.

4. Give adequate information about the job. Prepare a packet of materials

for her to study before she makes her decision.

5. Suggest a time when an answer is expected, but be sure you have allowed ample time for thought, prayer, and further study.

6. Plan for a follow-up visit, if necessary.

See chapter 4, WMU Manual, for additional help at this point.

#### Sunbeam Band Focus Week,

August 18-14

Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 10-16, is a time to help people in your church understand how children are learning about missions.

Your role in focus week activities will be that of coordinator. You will work with the WMU council, Sunbeam Band leaders, and parents to guide a successful week.

Check "Directions for the Director," page 64, Sunbeam Activities, July, August, September 1969 for suggested focus week activities. After you have made detailed plans with your Sunbeam Band committee, you will need to report to the WMU council.

1. Announce the dates of focus week and state the purpose for such a week.

2. Announce detailed plans for activities of the week. You may want to be creative and devise a clever way to announce the plans for the week. Posters, slides, a taped recording, or a skit may be possibilities. Make it an announcement that the council won't forget.

3. Secure needed assistance from the WMU council. Arrangements may need to be made for persons to help with various activities, for additional finances and supplies, transportation or refreshments.

Don't forget to report at the next council meeting. If you have excited the council members over the possibilities of the week, they will be eager to hear a report.



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## Dear Pastor-

The last month of summer may well be vacation time for many of your members. Does a church have much opportunity to suggest what members do on vacation?

Well, perhaps we might try!

Vacation holds promise. Some consider it a time to play. Some consider it a time of leisure. Both are good. There are important questions to think of when a family or an individual thinks ahead about vacation time. *Where am I going? What will I do? What will it mean to me when it is over?*

There are suggestions we might make that would help individuals and thus churches when vacation time is ended. A tie of prayer support for the church family by those away would make their empty seats at organization meetings and worship services less empty. The church family praying for the travelers would make for them a thoughtful attitude during the time away from loved ones in family and church.

The kinds of leisure pursued during vacation may carry over into the weekends that follow. So leisure threatens or helps.

Work time is shrinking. Weekends, holidays, and vacations are expanding. Never before have so many Americans had so much free time on their hands. Only a few decades ago the average workweek kept people on the job for sixty or seventy hours to earn a living. Today most are on a forty-hour-a-week schedule, with predictions of a reduction to thirty-five or even thirty hours a week.

All of this could mean that a church needs to take seriously the whole matter of vacations, free time, leisure, and other related opportunities. Would it help to suggest missions trips along the way on your vacation? Our Home Mission Board has a "Travel Guide" for aid on vacations across the USA. There are state assemblies, associational camps, and the Southern Baptist assemblies at Glorieta, New Mexico, and Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

WMU is interested in making vacations come alive and have meaning. Our final opportunity for this summer is August 7-13 at the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest. If it is not too late, please suggest to women that this would be a good week of preparation for a new year of work in your church.

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Sincerely,  
WMU Staff