

WEEK OF PRAYER  
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What would Lois Hart be  
without the Cooperative Program?

### HALF A MISSIONARY

What would she be without the Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering?

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Of course there's more to being a missionary than having the money. But the money is necessary. Lois Hart, like every missionary, knows that half of Southern Baptist foreign missions money comes from the Cooperative Program and half comes from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Both are necessary.

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Make your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope a reminder to pray. As soon as you receive it, put your offering envelope in a spot where you will see it often—in your hallway, on a bureau in your bedroom, on your kitchen memo board. As you read about offering allocations and how the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money will be spent, remember that the most important missions asset is intercessory prayer.



what do you have to give?

## A Selling Job

Alma Hunt

"We've got to sell Southern Baptists all over again on foreign missions." Those words were spoken to me by a prominent pastor in a telephonic conversation two years ago.

I had a hunch that, believing in foreign missions as he does, he was ready to move with his selling job. I saw later that my hunch was right. Evidence was the response of his church to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that year and the following. Both years' receipts far exceeded even the optimistic goals that had been set.

Evidence is equally convincing that hundreds of churches and thousands—or even millions—of Southern Baptists have had their eyes opened and have responded to the Christmas opportunity to share in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ overseas.

When the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, telephoned my office to report that the final figure on the 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$19,664,972.53, I was stunned with joy. Maybe I would be more accurate to say I felt momentarily paralyzed with awe at the miracle God had wrought in the hearts of Southern Baptists. My response to Dr. Cauthen came out something like this: "This says to me that a host of Southern Baptists believe in foreign missions and want to share in a forward thrust." Someone or many someones—pastors and lay people—had done a good selling job.

Immediately after receiving the exciting news of victory in the 1972

offering, the WMU Executive Board set a \$20,000,000 goal for the 1973 offering. By simple arithmetic you can figure this is an increase of only \$335,000 over receipts from the 1972 offering. Realizing that the 1972 offering was an increase of approximately \$1,800,000 over the offering for the previous year, you may feel like saying "O ye of little faith." Rising to our defense I'll admit that we were all but overwhelmed by the sound of a \$20,000,000 goal. We hope to "sell" others on foreign missions to such a degree that again the goal will be surpassed.

Why do we need to do a selling job on foreign missions, and where does the selling point begin?

The social and political climate in the United States has produced a spirit of isolationism regarding world responsibility and a generation to whom the needs on the domestic scene are paramount. Evidence of this is seen in the declining number of volunteers from our churches for foreign mission service and the increasing number for service in the United States.

Let's be misunderstood; let me say needs in our country are present in shattering proportions and are worthy of our deep concern, our prayers, our money, and our very lives. But we have no right as Christians to establish priorities which leave out or diminish in importance the command of our Lord to go "to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples" (Matt. 28:19 TEV).

The selling point begins with the biblical basis found in this mandate and in other utterances of our Lord.

His words, "The field is the world" are inscribed in the official seal of the Foreign Mission Board. Thus the scope of our foreign missions work is set by our Lord. Our activity today reaches into only 77 countries of the world; but our scope closes the door on no people.

This week of prayer offers us an opportunity to express our commitment to foreign missions through increasing our financial support. But it also reminds us to pray for "laborers" to be called, even from our own congregations.

God hears the fervent prayers of his people, and Jesus commanded "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers" (Matt. 9:38). I believe the missions mandate is given to churches as well as to individuals. I believe God will provide in accordance with our praying for volunteers to share the burdens of responsibility which in many areas are borne by too few.

Let's do the best selling job ever. Let's get the whole church involved in praying and giving. When we have no reservations about the cause we're "selling," we can throw ourselves unreservedly into the task. I have no reservations. Instead I have utmost confidence in the command of our Lord, in the integrity of our Foreign Mission Board, and in the missionaries who are our Lord's and our churches' ambassadors in lands afar.

## ALLOCATIONS

### for the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

General	\$4,451,120.88
Includes:	
Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, Current Expenses for WMU Training Schools, Brazil	\$81,425.50
Mrs. W. J. Cox Memorial Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields (37 Missions)	74,571.39
WMU Publications and Literature (13 Missions)	30,124.00
Eastern and Southern Africa	865,415.00
West Africa	1,026,236.00
Includes:	
Ahoada, Nigeria, Home Craft Center (see p. 17)	1,000.00
Africa Filmstrip Production	1,284.00
Europe and Middle East	1,808,056.00
Includes:	
Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, Seminary (see p. 16)	5,100.00
Middle America and the Caribbean	806,400.00
Includes:	
Paul Bell Baptist Theological Institute, Current Expenses (see p. 15)	4,000.00
South America	2,050,596.11
East Asia	1,523,160.00
Southeast Asia	1,167,700.00
Total**	13,500,000.00

\*Over 850 specific items are identified in the allocations. Those listed here are only examples.

\*\*Other allocations will be made later to bring the total to that of the offering goal of \$20,000,000.

# Women's Work ABROAD

## ARGENTINA

Frances Roberts

Argentine Baptist women work enthusiastically for the Lord. One of their activities is the annual series of evangelistic meetings sponsored by the WMU Convention. The convention provides a tract written by a woman as a special invitation to unsaved women. Many women in our churches first heard the gospel message through these evangelistic meetings, either in a friend's home or at a church.

Since 1931, just one year after their organization, Argentine Baptist women have observed the week of prayer in December. They raise a missions offering in December, of which 90 percent goes to the national home mission board and 10 percent to the SBC Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Thus, Argentines have a share in worldwide missions. Last year this offering amounted to \$1,400.

The Argentine WMU Convention raises an offering during six months of the year called the *Esfuerzo Femenil*. Last year the goal was surpassed; the equivalent of approximately 3,950 US dollars was given. Part of this offering goes outside the WMU Convention to the home mission board, the Baptist old folks home, the Baptist children's home, the continental union, and the International Baptist Theological Seminary. Baptist women through this offering completely support their full-time WMU field worker, *Señorita Teresa Plutz*, and partially support their full-time young people's secretary, *Señorita Celis Machinandiarena*. Both of these women are graduates of International Baptist Theological Seminary, which Southern Baptists support through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program.

Argentine Baptist women have a periodical, *Quehacer Femenino*, which promotes the work of the convention and guides the societies in their activities. The WMU

Each writer in this series on women's work abroad is a Southern Baptist missionary with special responsibilities in working with women.

Convention cooperates with the national summer spiritual retreats in *Thea* (a place provided through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Cooperative Program funds), promoting the work among women and training leaders.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program help Argentine Baptist women in publications, camps, and partial support of the national young people's secretary.

Each year a book is published for the women to study. Last year Rosalind Rinker's book on conversational prayer was translated and published. In other years books on different needs of women have been published. Some of them are *Mi Hogar y Dios* (My Home and God), *En Esto Pensar* (Think on These Things), a devotional booklet, *A Mi Lo Hicisteis* (You Did It unto Me), a book on community missions; *La Tarea Complicada de la Mujer* (The Complicated Task of the Woman).

Some of the money for publications has gone to promote a new emphasis on young people's missions organizations.

Hundreds of children are reached for the Lord each summer in associational camps. Help is also given for camps on home missions fields. Four summers ago I helped with the camp for Toba Indian girls. At that time several of these girls were ready to enter the sixth grade in public school. This was a great victory, since previously they were not even permitted to attend the public schools.

Three years ago I helped in camps in El Bolson, south of Bariloche, the lovely, snow-capped mountain area. We had the camp 13,000 feet above sea level in a ski lodge on the crest of Cerro Pitricuilton, overlooking El Bolson. In that camp a young boy, Tono, prayed for the first time. His new-found joy was evident on his face.

This summer a camp was conducted in one of our newest home missions areas, Puerto Madryn, Chubut, on Golfo Nuevo. We reached twenty-five children, taking them to the beach twice a day. The gospel is completely new to these children. This area of Argentina was settled by the Welsh over a hundred years ago.

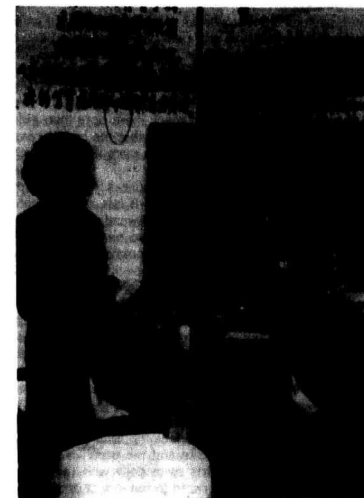
Argentine women leaders are outstanding. Some fifty women serve on a national level as officers or members

of national committees. Representing most of the country, they come together four times a year for an all-day planning meeting.

*Señora Elba M. Bachor*, president of the Argentine WMU Convention, is an active pastor's wife and mother of five children. In her message to the convention last year, she spoke out clearly in favor of direct evangelism through the home. She gave as one example her own children bringing their school friends to their home where Christ is revealed in a happy family relationship.

*Señora María Luisa Plutz de Distacio* is another capable leader. A pediatrician and mother of two daughters, she has been president of the WMU Convention. She is secretary of the Latin American Baptist Women's Union, a continental union of the Baptist World Alliance.

Pray for the Argentine women as she serves the Lord through visiting the sick in homes and hospitals, visiting the unconverted, preparing and sending used clothing and food to home missions fields in the interior, and supporting the women's work financially. Her greatest joy is winning other women to the Lord in personal evangelism, in home meetings, and in evangelistic meetings in their WMU societies.



Foreign Mission Board photos

The 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will provide almost \$15,000 for women's work in thirty-seven countries in geographic areas, among them Taiwan (above), Nigeria (left), Ghana (below).



## LIBERIA

Margaret Fairburn

Women's Missionary Union of Liberia places strong emphasis on the Christian education of girls in Liberia. It is still true in Liberia that many more boys than girls receive education. The women feel that the country and the Baptist work will be stronger as more girls are given a Christian education also.

Several years ago, the WMU built a dormitory for elementary girls at Ricks Institute. It has recently constructed a girls' dormitory at the Kwendin Baptist Elementary School, located about three hundred miles in the interior. This dormitory will accommodate fifty girls. (Please pray for the women who seek to minister to these girls. Pray that each girl might come to know Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour.)

In 1966 the women purchased land for a WMU camp just a few miles out of Monrovia. They were grateful for a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocation which helped to construct six cabins. One cabin was used as a temporary kitchen and dining area until a new dining hall was built in 1972.

An annual retreat for women for planning and inspiration is held at the camp. Training sessions are also held. Between the camp site and the ocean is a beautiful lagoon where the girls swim daily while at camp. Many Baptist girls look forward to the month of January when four weeks of GA camps are held.

Associational GA camping was begun in 1970, because many girls in the interior do not have opportunity to come to the national camp.

The most successful associational GA camp is in the Nimba area, where missionary Jane Williams plans and promotes the camp. This camp is held in February, following the closing of the national camp. Missionary Margaret Fairburn takes the national camp into the interior for the associational camp.

To this camp, each camper brings her sleeping mat or folding cot and her own plate, spoon, and cup. Baths are taken in the cool, flowing stream hidden away in the bushes. What could be more refreshing to wash away the heat and dust of the day.

Cooking is done over an open fire with wood which is cut and gathered by the girls. Sometimes the girls furnish their own soup by going out and gathering wild potato greens to cook and eat over the fire.

Each day closes with a camp fire around which the girls sing and a devotional is given. There are no electric lights to keep one awake, so sleep comes early. The girls are never ready to leave for home when camp closes.

The women also sponsor a two-day GA conference in the midst of the school year. The girls are encouraged to do better work and be better witnesses as they return to their homes and churches and schools. Opportunities are given for various groups to report. Beautiful testimonies are given by girls who have been especially blessed through their service to Christ in GA.

In 1972 Women's Missionary Union of Liberia held a banquet for GA queens and awarded a "Life Beautiful" award for the first time. This is to become an annual



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will provide over \$20,000 for two WMU training schools in Brazil.

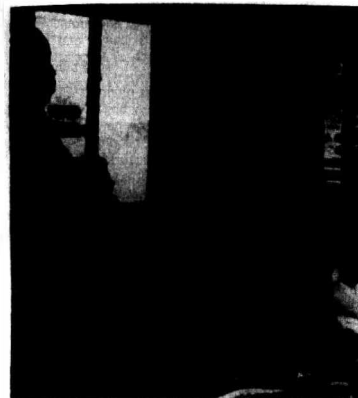
event. Forty-seven queens attended, dressed in white dresses and all their GA paraphernalia.

Three of the churches had queens to represent them in the "Life Beautiful" contest. These queens had been chosen by their fellow GAs and leaders as the ones best exemplifying the beautiful Christian life daily.

The panel of five judges already had an essay each girl had written on the beautiful life. They listened at the banquet as each of the three queens spoke extemporaneously on a subject given her five minutes ahead of time. The subject related to the Christian life.

Martha Flanjan of Ricks Institute was chosen by the judges to receive the award. Mrs. Victoria A. Tolben, president of Women's Missionary Union of Liberia, presented her with a charm bracelet bearing an open Bible charm on which was printed "Life Beautiful Award WMU, 1972." Miss Flanjan had served as president of the GA at Ricks Institute and later served on the GA camp staff as secretary during January and February of 1973. Martha is of the Bassa tribe.

The WMU of Liberia started a ministerial scholarship fund in 1971 from which it helps support one young man to be trained for the ministry. Presently Eric David is the recipient. He recently graduated from the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee and is presently studying at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. There is an urgent need for more national ministers to pastor the Baptist churches in Liberia.



It will provide more than \$20,000 for producing WMU literature in thirteen countries or areas, including China (above).

## BRAZIL

Sophia Nichols

When I think of women's work in Brazil, I think of Anne Luther Bagby, Dona Jane Soren, Dona Esther Dias and Minnie Landrum.

Anne Bagby—because of her pioneer work in establishing societies for women and children and encouraging Brazilians to educate their young daughters not only on the primary level but also beyond, so that they would be better equipped for life.

Dona Jane Soren—because of her indomitable courage in sharing her life and religious experiences with girls like Esther Dias and Maydee Gomes, who would be future WMU leaders of Brazil.

Minnie Landrum—because she was the first missionary to give full time to Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil as executive secretary, because of her dream of a school in South Brazil that would prepare young women to go out as missionaries and denominational leaders, and because she lived to see that dream become a reality.

Today, due to the vision of these early leaders and their faith in the liberal giving of Southern Baptists, nearly 5,000 missionary organizations exist to instruct children, teenagers, young and older women alike, love and concern for the work of missions around the world. Also today, Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil maintains, with the help of your offerings, two schools with an enrollment of more than 200 young women who are

being trained to serve their Master in their homeland or in one of the countries where the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board maintains missionaries.

When I think of what women do in Brazil, I thank God for their compassion for those in both physical and spiritual need. Even though many of our WMU members are extremely poor, their hearts go out to those in their communities who have less. The social action groups are always gathering food and clothes to distribute among the needy.

The evangelistic and missions groups go into the homes to carry the message of Christ to the unsaved. Frequently, an evangelistic service is held in the home of one of the members, and neighbors are invited. A birthday is often chosen because to turn down an invitation to a neighbor's birthday party is a social offense. A child's first-year birthday is always celebrated in Brazil. This is an open door for neighbors to join in a thanksgiving service to God and to hear testimonies of what it means to be a Christian.

When I think of women's work in Brazil, I see missionary Marcolina Magalhaes, one of the first graduates of our training school in Recife, coming to the aid of a fruitful ministry of forty years but still giving herself to the opening of new work.

Instead of setting down to an easy job, Marcolina asked to be transferred to a small village on the new Transamazonian Highway in order to begin Baptist witness there. Not knowing if any Christians lived in the community, Dona Marcolina started out visiting the people and talking to them about Christ and inviting them to her home for Bible study. Now her home, like Priscilla's of New Testament days, is the only place in the village where the gospel is taught and preached weekly and where the people gather to pray. She operates a small medical dispensary in one of the rooms to render first aid services to many who need medical attention.

When I think of women's work in Brazil, I see Southern Baptist missionary women serving in many capacities. Directing and teaching in one of the WMU training schools—*Seminario de Educadoras Cristas* (Seminary of Christian Educators) in Recife and *Instituto Batista de Educacao Religiosa* (Baptist Institute of Religious Education) in Rio de Janeiro. Writing lessons and program plans for one or more of our religious quarterlies. Traveling over the country, organizing or helping orient missionary societies. Directing camp programs for young people.

When I think of women's work in Brazil, I thank God for the progress made in national leader training. In the early days, missionaries held most places of leadership. Today, in each of the twenty-six WMU state conventions, the number of missionaries occupying leadership positions is significant. It is now our desire to extend leader training to the local level in order that there may be capable women in every church whose missions vision will challenge our young people to get involved in the business of our Lord.

All that has been mentioned above—plus missionaries' salaries, homes and travel—is made possible because you give generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## NIGERIA

Mary Ellen Yancey

Monday afternoon, WMS members (Baptist Women) of Iseki Oloro Baptist Church, Ede, hurried through their weekly meeting so they could practice their make-believe television presentation to be given at Zion I Association meeting. Already Mrs. Aremu had written and taught them the welcome song, usually a highlight of each meeting. Preparing to feed the messengers was the big job facing them, for Iseki Oloro was the host church.

Later as I sat and watched the women participate in the associational meeting, my heart rejoiced. Still a long way to go, yes! But much to give thanks for.

Iseki Oloro is one of the fifty churches and preaching stations which make up Zion I Association. Zion I Association, which meets quarterly, is one of the thirty-five associations in the West-Lagos Conference, and West-Lagos Conference (composed of two states) is one of the five organized WMU conferences in the Nigerian WMU Convention.

The month prior to this meeting the WMU convention executive board members (seventeen Nigerian women and four Southern Baptist missionaries) had assembled for two days in the WMU headquarters building, Ede. The building is located approximately four miles from Iseki Oloro Baptist Church.

Mrs. Aduke Akunola, at one time convention young people's leader, is the capable president of the WMU

Convention and the presiding officer at board meetings. As the results of 1972 were reviewed and problems were tackled, these women faced with insight and concern needs of preaching stations, churches, associations, and conferences.

There were 2,260 organizations reported with a combined membership of approximately 55,000. An increase in WMS membership was welcome news. But a slight decrease in membership in young people's organizations gave concern. Incomplete and inaccurate reporting contributed to the decrease in reported membership. An increase of fifty-four organizations was encouraging.

The convention vice-presidents (elected presidents or their conferences) called the attention of the group to the work of employed field workers. The convention employs thirty-eight at present, a big item in the annual budget. But gradually the associations are assuming this responsibility. Through the years these workers—some with babies on their backs—have trekked many miles, traveling by lorry and bus to remote areas strengthening organizations and organizing new ones.

Individual and united prayer, regular Bible reading, systematic giving, and spreading the gospel have been in the WMU plan of work since the year of organization 1919.

Last year WMS members in West-Lagos Conference paid the travel and registration fees for two young ladies from the Oloro home missions field to attend their Lydia house party. Others have contributed Bibles, hymnals, clothes, and money to help the home missionaries. Last year the WMU gave \$10,777 for home and foreign mis-

sions work and an extra gift of \$566.82 to help build a church building in Sierra Leone, the one foreign missions field of Nigeria Baptists.

A planned program of mission study keeps the needs of other people before the women and young people. Last year 18,229 regular mission study certificates were awarded.

Under the leadership of the convention personal service and stewardship chairmen and their committees, the WMU has cooperated with lay witness evangelism and stewardship plans of the general convention.

Preparation and distribution of literature for Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Lydia Auxiliaries, Women's Missionary Societies, and general use call for personnel and money. But it is a rewarding work in many instances. The people are eager to get literature. Some are learning to read and are happy to have something in their own language. WMU literature is prepared in English, Yoruba, and Hausa.

Camp Young, operated and maintained by the WMU, is a lovely place for training, inspiration, and Christian fellowship. Girls' Auxiliary members, Lydias, executive board members, and women attending the annual conference profit most from the camp. On occasions the camp is shared with other convention groups. Here many have been led to Christ.

The March board meeting is the budget session. Careful consideration is given to the receipts and expenditures of the past year. Members of the WMU contributed \$27,594 for the promotion of WMU work last year. However, salaries and travel expenses, maintenance of the headquarters building, operation and maintenance of the camp, and production of literature and other items necessitate our requesting money from the Foreign Mission Board.

For the past two years we have been able to reduce slightly the amount requested. This is a step in the right direction. Until we are able to be self-supporting, we shall look to you for assistance. Through the years you have been our faithful friend.

The devaluation of the dollar has had its effect on our work. The day the leading Nigerian newspaper carried headlines about the dollar situation, a Stateside Baptist paper arrived in the mail. The article which caught my eye was "Lottie Moon Offering Can Stop the Dollar Squeeze." It has been our standby through the years. We know you will not fail us now.

When we think of your observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, we recall faithful groups learning about the needs of others and spending time in earnest prayer. Such remembrances make the extra work load a little lighter and remind us of our own responsibility and privilege to pray with you that his name may be known.

As you pray, remember our need for nationals to accept the responsibilities which we carry now so that we may give our time in some of the more neglected areas.

## GHANA

Maxine Moseley

Women's work in Ghana gives women an opportunity to serve Christ through prayer, Bible study, stewardship, and personal service.

Our organizations are Women's Missionary Society, Lydias, Girls' Auxiliary, Sunbeam Band, and Sunbeam Babies. Women's Missionary Society and the youth organizations combined make up what we call the Women's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Felicia Boadi served as president of the women's convention from 1966 to 1972. She continues to serve on the WMU executive committee. Mrs. Rebecca Asamoah is now president of Ghana Baptist WMU.

The decision-making group of our national WMU is the executive committee. It is made up of the president, vice-president, Ashanti recording secretary, English recording secretary, treasurer, missionary adviser, and WMU director. Four of these are Ghanaians, and three are missionaries.

The aim of missionaries is to train Ghanaian women who will in time be in charge of WMU work. One young woman is attending the Baptist seminary in Nigeria, where courses in women's work as well as general church work are offered.

Another young woman receiving in-service training as a part-time WMU worker is Miss Nancy Asare. This young woman has been trained as a seamstress and has her own shop in her parents' home in Kumasi. While she was studying in the city of Accra, Nancy became an active member of the English-speaking Baptist church. She was asked to participate on the programs for WMS camp and the WMU convention.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides funds for a WMU executive committee to meet (Rhodesia, below)



It provides for training a GA leader (Argentina, below)



In the city of Takoradi she helped to organize a WMS in one of the churches. After she moved to Kumasi, she was asked to become a part-time WMU worker.

Nancy helps teach WMU leadership courses, visits associational meetings and local churches, and works with missionary advisers in helping churches. A WMU was organized in Grace Baptist Church, where Nancy became a member. She was elected secretary for the organization. We are depending to a great extent on educated young women like Nancy for leadership in our organizations.

One of the great needs among women is literacy work. Many women cannot read and have to depend on others in studying God's Word. In helping to begin organizations in some of the churches, young persons who are attending school and know how to read sometimes meet with the women and "teach" the program. At times the pastor or church leader meets with them. Some WMU groups have been organized because the pastor or leader of the church invited WMU workers to come and teach the women about WMU.

Another problem we face is language. In camp or convention meetings it is usually necessary to have interpretation in two or more languages. English is the official language, but many Ghanaians speak and hear only African languages. Twi, Fanti, Ewe, Ga, Hausa, and Dagomba are the main African languages.

Because of the language problem and the difficulty and expense for women to travel from the North to our camp at Ejura, we have begun to have a yearly camp for the women of the North at our Baptist Pastors' School in Tamale. The first WMS camp for these women was held in Tamale in 1971 with an attendance of forty. Missionaries from Baptist Pastors' School and from the Baptist hospital in Nalerigu plan and carry out the program with the assistance of the WMU director.

Each year a WMU and a GA camp are held at Ejura. The women participate in Bible study, study of WMU

methods, mission study, handwork, recreation, singing, and study of hygiene and family planning.

In the matter of carrying out our aims in WMU, I think you would find much similarity between our ways and American ways. Here are some examples:

**Prayer**—We stress personal and family devotions. Members are encouraged to cooperate with the church in weekly prayer meetings and in holding prayer meetings in the homes. Because of difficulty in travel, groups sometimes meet for prayer in compounds (homes) of church members. We participate in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer each November. We also have a week of prayer for foreign missions in December and a home missions week of prayer in March. These are usually one-day, churchwide observances. We produce the programs and send them to all the churches and preaching stations.

**Study**—Two important phases of study are Bible study and mission study. We encourage weekly meetings. A year's Bible study programs have been printed. All materials are printed first in English. Some are being interpreted in the Twi, Dagbani, and Mampruli languages.

**Stewardship**—Many women make a small amount of money by trading. As women see the importance of giving, the work in churches can grow, and the women can begin to support the work of WMU in the convention. Offerings are given in the weekly meeting of the WMU and in associational meetings, during the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer and the two weeks of prayer.

**Personal Service**—This aim is much like mission action. Organizations are encouraged to participate at least monthly in planned and directed personal service activities. In one church it was an amazing sight to see women pour into a crowded Sunday School class. One woman had become a Christian and was so enthusiastic about her faith that she spent all her free time visiting in homes and at the market, where her friends were telling about her love for Jesus. She invited her friends

to her church. As a result many women had begun to attend services. Many made professions of faith. This one woman caught the vision of our purpose in personal service.

The national organization, the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Ghana, is a part of the Ghana Baptist Convention. The women meet in April, during the Ghana Baptist Convention. During the annual meeting women bring reports from each association, hear inspirational messages, and make promotional plans. WMU is represented on the executive committee of the Ghana Baptist Convention and on several convention committees. (Now the WMU director, who is a missionary, serves on most of these, but we hope that in time we will be represented by the WMU president, who is Ghanaian.)

In 1956 the women from each African nation that had Baptist women's work met together at Ede, Nigeria, for the organization meeting of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa. The organization is one of six continental unions related to the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Other meetings have been held in Monrovia, Liberia, in 1959; Kumasi, Ghana, in 1962; Nairobi, Kenya, in 1967; and Blantyre, Malawi, in 1972.



and community missions leaders (Baptist, above; Anglican, below)



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The Ghana women have had representatives at each of the continental meetings and at meetings of the Women's Department and Baptist World Alliance. It is inspiring to be a part of this fellowship of women whose hearts are one in their purposes of spreading the gospel to this continent.

## TAIWAN

Marie Conner

How wonderful it is to feel the love that binds our hearts together in Christ during this time of the year. It is thrilling to know we are praying together and for each other during the week of prayer each December.

Here in Taiwan we also observe the week of prayer and give offerings. The whole church participates. Brotherhood is in charge one night, Sunday School one night, the young people one night, and WMS one night.

Has it registered with you how your gift, placed with other gifts, has brought wonderful joy around the world and has encouraged others to want to have a part also? Would you like to know how your gift encourages women in Taiwan to give?

A group of women of the Jen An church, the first Baptist church organized in Taiwan, met together for prayer and Bible study. When December came we met together for an all-day service of prayer.

As other congregations were formed, women also had their meetings.

The women felt they should get to know each other better and also learn some new ideas about women's work. We used the money sent to us to get the women together and introduce WMU methods. We helped them with travel and getting the materials they needed. So in the beginning the money was used in training the women.

As the women learned and became more interested, they began giving a little for their own travel to the meetings. More of your gift could be used on preparation of materials.

In a few years the Taiwan Woman's Missionary Union was organized. In 1964 we celebrated our tenth organizational anniversary. Next year we will celebrate our twentieth.

At one of the meetings someone asked where the money for this work came from. After discussion the women felt we should not depend on the people in America to give us everything. They voted to make contributions to the convention work. As the women gave more, we were able to do more things. We employed an associate executive secretary to help our executive secretary (who is a professor at the seminary, the librarian, and mother of three boys, doing her own housework).

Our budget was enlarged. Posters emphasizing the watchword were printed and sent to each society. A



and a Sunbeam Band leader (Taiwan, below)



year book was published. A secretary's book was published and sent to each society for uniformity of reports. Personal report blanks were printed to send each member reminding her of her responsibility to the five purposes of WMS. Quarterly report blanks were prepared for reports of each society.

The district Woman's Missionary Union meets each October and have at least two executive committee meetings a year. The officers are the president, secretary, treasurer, Mission Friends leader, and mission action leader. The associational presidents serve as vice presidents. During these meetings year books are sold, other materials distributed and new methods introduced for conducting a more interesting program.

The eight associational WMUs meet quarterly or once or twice a year. The presidents, secretaries, and treasurers are elected. The purposes of associational meetings are having fellowship, hearing testimonies, learning about other's needs, and hearing of something special a society has accomplished.

Some societies have sponsored reading tables or books for children. Other societies sponsor literacy classes. Many wonderful testimonies have been given about this ministry. One woman who became a Christian attended every service and was still not satisfied. She joined the literacy class when she was fifty years old. At fifty-five she was giving her testimony, telling how she had already read through the New Testament five times and was reading the Old Testament the fourth time.

Most of our societies meet each week. One week is for mission study, a different country is studied each month. Another week is Bible study with testimonies and a business meeting.

The other two weeks are used in following suggestions in *Woman's Light*, our quarterly magazine. Some societies divide into circles and meet in the homes of members. Other societies meet at the church with the different groups taking charge. Some, sad to say, hear only one woman present the complete program for that week.

The offering helps to pay for WMU camp (Ghana, below)



On the fifth week there is a special program or a party, which prospective members are invited to attend. At other times a speaker is used, or a study course is taught.

The convention is now working with the Taipei Welfare Center. The center has five departments: the women work in four, the crippled children's department, orphan's department, delinquent girls department, and the home for the elderly each have services weekly, with the women of Taipei Association helping a paid worker, who is there all the time. Special programs are presented on special days, and gifts are distributed to those who are present. We are seeing souls born into God's kingdom.

Recently our WMU worker was invited to the center in the evenings for Bible study. Her husband, who is a seminary student, has offered to take charge of the study.

When one of the inmates has to go to the hospital, one of the workers visits and prays with him.

In the beginning our week of prayer offerings were all sent to Richmond to be distributed along with other gifts. Recently the Taiwan Baptist Convention has begun foreign missions work. Now one-tenth of the offerings are sent to Richmond and the remainder is left for the Baptist convention to use in its work in Korea and Malaysia.

Our WMU convention goals for the next five years are: Match the funds which are sent from America and even go beyond. Begin and organize five new societies. Organize five Girls in Action groups. Start a Mission Friends group in each WMS. Open a good will center.

Thank you for your help in every way. Your financial help has encouraged us, especially when the women learned that all the funds were coming from our sisters in Christ in America who do not even know us. The funds have given us a good start.

Thanks for your prayer support, which we greatly depend upon. May God bless you as you have blessed our lives.

Please join us in prayer for a national Mission Friends leader and Girls in Action leader.

and the building where a WMU worker makes her headquarters (Nigeria, below)



## money in missions history

# From Kang to Christmas

Mary D. Bowman and Berniece Camp

Looking through a copy of *Imitation of Christ* from the library of Lottie Moon, the reader can see penned in the margin: "God rather desires in us fidelity to those little things which He does place under our control, than an ardor for great things which do not depend upon us."

This quotation gives us insight into why God used Lottie Moon to be the hallmark of the great foreign missions offering every Christmas. Lottie Moon did more than write in the margins of books. One young co-laborer-missionary wrote of her: "[She] has all the courage and firmness of a man, and yet a more gentle and womanly woman it would be hard to find."

I think she is one of the most useful missionaries on China soil. Yet she makes very little ado about her sacrifices. I think I might safely say that no missionary is making greater sacrifices than she is making. May a double portion of her spirit fall on me.

How "Lottie Moon" became a Christmas byword for missions-minded Baptists is a story to be remembered. Miss Moon, a vivacious

young intellect, seemed during her teen years to be an unlikely prospect for anything religious. Primarily interested in academics, she was at ease reading Shakespeare or translating Greek plays. A sermon by Dr. John Broadus in 1859 added the deepest possible dimension to her life when she was only nineteen. She found Christ. Her vigorous ambition and her intellectual acumen now belonged to God. She left the United States in 1873—just one hundred years ago—as a volunteer in the white-unto-harvest missions field in China.

During the next forty years she daily walked briskly into farm villages, where people were clustered together in family clans. She taught about Jesus with love and the relentless fervor characteristic of everything she did.

Paths too narrow for anything but wheelbarrow passage carried her on her endless search for little children to whom she would sing "Jesus Loves Me" and to whom she would give tiny books. Women would follow the children. She welcomed them to her abode.

Her abode was usually the village inn. And the kang was her pulpit, her writing desk, and her prayer bench! The kang was a Chinese brick bed 10 by 5 feet. She sat on the kang on a

mat, kept warm by the fire built inside it, and ate her meals on a tiny oriental trunk.

Time had come for Lottie Moon to visit home after fourteen years away. She sat on the kang night after night, writing: "I wish you could send us two women in the fall for Pingtu. I am anxious that they shall come and make a beginning before I leave for America. I should be most heartily glad for ten women. . . I would that I had a thousand lives that I might give them to the women of China! . . . I am not willing to go until Pingtu is provided for. . . I cannot leave these people without certainty that there will be someone to carry on the work."

Her letters to America stabbed the conscience of any who read them. Lottie Moon had suggested that a special offering be taken at Christmas, the season for giving. From her kang, she saw Christmas in America as the perfect time to give the gift so needed by Jesus on his birthday.

Her handwritten letters prompted other handwritten letters—to 1,500 societies throughout the South. Enough money was received, not for two, but for three replacements.

They went. And Lottie Moon's "fidelity to those little things which He does place under our control" began to multiply each Christmas as successive offerings were taken by WMU members.

Woman's Missionary Union, only three years after organization, had succeeded in making a prayer from the kang into tangible gifts to spread the truth of Christ year after year. In the *Foreign Mission Journal* a letter from Miss Moon asked: "Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is it not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race?"

Lottie Moon died on Christmas Eve in 1912. In 1918 her name was suggested to designate the annual offering which had been increasing through the years.

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# Because Baptists Gave in 1972...



● ● ● Young people can express their joy in life at the Baptist Assembly of Santa Eulalia, Peru.



● ● ● Placid workers pay for school in Peru.

Foreign Mission Board photo.

## Theological Institute, Santiago Atitlán Guatemala

Ted Lindwall

Of the more than \$19 million given to the 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$1,500 was designated for special needs of an unusual Baptist program in Santiago Atitlán, an Indian town deep in the heart of Guatemala.

In this town, near the shore of one of the world's most spectacular lakes, stands the Paul Bell Baptist Theological Institute, a training center for rural pastors from all parts of Guatemala.

Three times each year, students with calloused hands come for three weeks of intensive study in Bible, Baptist doctrine, church growth training, homiletics, evangelism, and other courses similar to those taught in more advanced seminaries in the United States and around the world. They also study nutrition, hygiene, and rudimentary medicine, carrying some hope for the better physical well-being of their isolated rural communities.

The program is a relatively new one, but is already proving to be a solution to the need for trained pastoral leaders in a country that is overwhelmingly rural in its economy and way of life. In Mexico a similar institute was begun in 1972. Other countries with widespread rural work are studying the Paul Bell program.

From forty-two Baptist churches in Guatemala come thirteen to twenty-five students for each of the sessions of study. The institute's future growth should match at least the pace of Baptist growth in Guatemala, where Baptist church membership is increasing by approximately 65 percent per decade.

Paul Bell students are a different breed of theological students. Reflecting the state of rural public education in Guatemala, most Paul Bell students have never finished grade school. Some have never attended grade school. All Paul Bell students support themselves primarily through secular work, though some receive partial support from their churches. Most students are farmers. There are also tailors, potters, bakers, butchers, and weavers. Most could not leave their churches or employment for more than three weeks at a time. They receive forty hours of instruction a week for three weeks. Some students can come for each of the three sessions of three weeks each during the year, a total of nine weeks of schooling a year. Others come for two sessions, and others can only come for one session each year.

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● ● ● Paul Bell Baptist Theological Institute in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, can add to its facilities a government-owned recreation building that will make it a better site for religious groups.

Five men have now graduated from the institute, four of them during the past year. Four of these men are pastoring churches or missions. The fifth is the director of the youth and music program in his church.

Emilio Santiago, one of these graduates, was recently ordained to the ministry by his church. His church is located in the tropical coastal plain of Guatemala.

Emilio has a homestead, granted to him by the government, which he farms with the oldest of his nine children. He thanks God for the ability and willingness of his sons, who now do most of the work on the farm, freeing him to dedicate most of his time to the ministry.

At one time the church was almost closed because of the emigration of most of its members to other parts of Guatemala. Under the dynamic leadership of its newly trained pastor, the church is now stronger than ever and is reaching out into the wider community with a perennial program of evangelism and missions. The church is completely self-supporting, receiving no mission subsidy from Southern Baptists. But Southern Baptists have helped to provide its pastor with the training he needs to lead the church forward.

During the past six years, an average of \$1,000 per year has been given from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to the institute for the development of its campus. Building costs have averaged only one dollar per square foot, as these offerings have accomplished much. The institute now has six attractive buildings made of cement blocks. These blocks were made right on the grounds of the institute. The institute has its



● ● ● Baptists of Peru can conduct conferences, conferences, and retreats at beautiful spots like this one at Santa Fe de la Vera, Peru.

own power plant, water system, and corn grinder (to make corn dough for tortillas, basic to the Guatemalan diet).

With the improvement of roads and bus service to Santiago Atitlán, a new role is emerging in the ministry of the institute. Because the institute has classes only nine weeks out of the year, forty-three weeks remain in which its facilities could be used for camp purposes. Therefore, in 1972, the governing board of the institute voted to open the institute's facilities for camp use by Baptists and other evangelical groups. Fifteen hundred dollars was requested (from the Lottie Moon offering) to aid in the adaptation of the facilities for use in a camp program.

It is believed that this \$1,500 can be stretched far to include the following projects: the building of a rock amphitheater overlooking the lake; a dock for swimming and boating; changing rooms for swimmers; a small children's pool; and a 25- by 60-foot, open air, grass-roofed recreation and refreshment building; and the purchase of recreational equipment and additional mattresses and camp dishes.

To distinguish the camp program from that of the institute, the institute's students voted to call it Camp Eden of Atitlán. To our knowledge, it is only the second evangelical camp in Guatemala. The inquiries and reservations being made by Baptists and other Christian groups indicate that it will meet an urgent need in this country.

This year's Lottie Moon gift to the institute is not large, by many standards. But it will go a long way toward increasing the usefulness of the investment that Southern Baptists already have in that small but very beautiful corner of the world called Santiago Atitlán.

## Novi Sad Seminary Yugoslavia

John David Hopper

A small child skips up the side of the bus, trying to outrun his mother. Her varicolored dirndl dress shows clearly that she is from one of the Slovak villages between Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia, and Novi Sad, some fifty miles to the northwest.

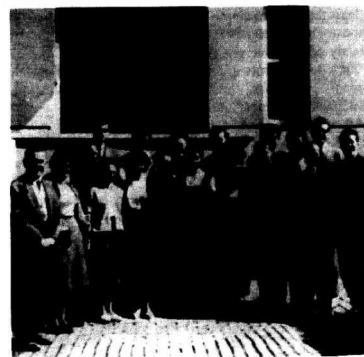
Two well-dressed businessmen, who chat loudly with hands flying in the typical Yugoslav manner, fill the bus with smoke. Laughter mixes with the melodic tapestry of folk music blaring from the radio loudspeakers.

Suddenly the bus leaves the flatland to pass through the Fruška Gora hills—pastel shades of green and brown which cradle several dusty Orthodox monasteries, symbols of past splendor and vitality. To the right the Danube river slowly winds its way southward through the vineyards past the fortress castle of Petrovaradin.

On the horizon the silhouette of Novi Sad appears. Soon the bus roars over the bridge into the bus station.

Novi Sad, a city of 140,000 Serbian and Hungarian-speaking inhabitants, buzzes with urban activity and renewal. Tall apartment buildings, attractive department stores, hotels, and shops line its broad streets. But Novi Sad is also a center of Baptist activity.

A certain pride fills the Southern Baptist missionary's heart as the city bus stops in front of the new seminary and church buildings. These facilities have been furnished in large part through funds made available from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Love, prayer, and



● ● ● The seminary in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, trains men and women for service in their country and among Yugoslavian people in other countries.

sacrifice from fellow American Christians are represented in this brick and mortar—walls which now echo the strains of "Amazing Grace."

In May this year, hundreds of young people from all corners of Yugoslavia gathered for the biennial youth conference in the Novi Sad church. The church pews overflowed, and some people had to stand for hours through the services. No one complained. Young Christians sang, prayed, testified, and glorified God.

Standing tall beside the church building is the new seminary building. It houses dormitory rooms, teachers' apartments, classrooms, and a small library. These walls, like those of the church, echo with the vitality of young lives dedicated to serving the Lord.

By this time five seminary students have greeted the travel-weary missionary and escorted him to the seminary guest room. They are full of questions. Which course will he teach during this three-week visit? They want to hear about the group of Yugoslav Baptists in Salzburg, Austria. All five had recently been with the missionary in Salzburg for a week of revival services in which five of their countrymen had accepted Christ and many more had heard the gospel for the first time.

Serving-while-learning is an important part of the life of this seminary. The students are busy in various churches on Sunday. They also work in a nearby industrial city, trying to reach out to new people to talk about the claims of Christ and his love for all men. Several home Bible studies in this city now reach more than fifty people each week.

Later that evening, over cups of strong, sweet Turkish coffee, a group of Baptists has gathered to discuss plans for extending the seminary's ministry. Courses for laymen and the many untrained preachers will be written and printed on the new offset printing press just obtained by the Baptist Union of Yugoslavia with the help of Southern Baptists in America.

Franjo Klem, who directs the discussion, is president of the seminary and general secretary of the Baptist Union. This gifted leader looks toward his retirement in just a few years. What of the future of the seminary and the Baptist Union? Brother Klem expects God to point out leaders among those the seminary has trained. He can illustrate with a personal experience.

During World War II, he spent time in German prison-camp war camps. After his release, he managed to escape over the Danube into Hungary.

He had no valid identification papers, so he was forced to flee through a swamp to evade soldiers with dogs. About dawn, he came upon a railroad station and knocked in desperation at the door of the station keeper. Muddy, soaked, trembling with fear and cold, he explained in German that he was a Baptist who had no papers and needed to go to Budapest to study at the seminary.

"I too am a Baptist, brother," blurted out the station

keeper as he threw his arms around the refugee.

The station master provided a shower, clean clothes, and—most important of all—a free pass on to Budapest.

"In moments like that, we see the sure hand of God taking care of his own," Brother Klem said.

"The years after the war in Yugoslavia have not always been easy. Many of our brethren now work in other lands. But God's hand still undergirds his people. We believe that our school here will continue to be a lighthouse. A fire burns in the hearts of these young people, a searching, warming, life-giving fire—a fire of hope for the future."

Mr. Hopper is a Southern Baptist missionary serving in Salzburg, Austria.

● ● ● Young women can learn skills at the new Home Craft Center across the street from the Baptist church in Ahoada, Nigeria.



## Home Craft Center, Ahoada Nigeria

Barbara Epperson

The Home Craft Center at Ahoada (ah-HOY-dah), Nigeria, began thirty-one years ago in the mind of Josephine Seages during a visit to the Niger Delta area. No missionary of any denomination had ever been in the Orashi River area.

So Jo's first prayer went up for the Lord to make training available for the many illiterate women and children who groped blindly in spiritual and mental ignorance.

With only one preacher and bleak hopes for more any time soon, faith began with only a burden and a hope.



● ● ● Korean servicemen can be reached in this center in Taejon.

In 1943, a year after Jo's first visit, a two-month course for pastors was started in Joinkrama. In 1945, the school had become a permanent institution established in an old warehouse on the bank of the Orashi River in Joinkrama, the "back side of nowhere." There were twelve students.

But what about the pastors' wives? They needed to be trained, too. Jo offered to pay the expenses of training some girls, but their parents were not interested. They did not see a need for it. Why train girls? Their work was to marry at the age of twelve, farm, and bear children. Schooling was not necessary for that.

Jo's burden for these girls grew heavier. In the dark picture, there was one dim ray of hope. In the Western region there was Elam Memorial School, popularly referred to as Brides School, in Shaki. It trained pastors' wives who had not had opportunity to attend school. Eventually a few from the Orashi River area attended this school.

Just as a few of the women from the Eastern region became willing to go far away from home—to a place where language, customs, and food were so different from their own—Elam was phased out. The need for it seemed no longer to exist in the Western region. The educational system had improved to the point that schools were felt to be sufficient to meet the existing needs.

This closing of Elam left the area then known as the Eastern region without any place at all to train illiterate women and older girls.

Year after year at the Mission (organization of missionaries) meeting, Jo tearfully presented the need for training these women and girls who continued to crowd her heart.

Then about 1965, plans were approved for six buildings that were to form a compound for the pastors'

school and Home Craft Center. The compound was to be located in Ahoadia, near the Baptist church and across the road from Miss Scaggs' residence. A small deposit was made to hold the land.

The next year, classes started for pastors' wives. A drive was made to enroll girls between the ages of twelve and eighteen for lessons in Bible, reading, writing, counting (arithmetic), hygiene, child care, cooking, sewing, and WMU organization.

The light of hope burned brighter. Then suddenly the whole area was aflame with civil war. Jo evacuated, and the area became devastated with the ravages of hate and gunfire.

It was not until the war ended in 1970 and Jo returned in 1971 that the loose ends were picked up and work was renewed on plans for the center. Payment was made on the land. Buildings were begun.

Part of the money appropriated before the war for the buildings had been redesignated for other purposes. But what was left was used to construct three concrete-block buildings on the new, permanent site.

There was a dormitory for pastors and their families, one staff house, and a girls' dormitory for the Home Craft Center. The other three buildings in the original plan are yet to be built. Building costs had risen to the point that only half of the construction could be carried out with funds on hand. A dormitory for single pastors, another dormitory for home crafts, and a classroom building are to be built when funds become available.

Presently twenty-nine students are enrolled in the craft center. Eighteen are from two associations in Rivers State, and eleven are from three associations in East Central State. Nineteen of these were refugees.

In 1973 Jo returned from furlough, and in February the first nine-month term began in the school. Staff includes four Nigerian teachers and Miss Scaggs. The course requires three years.

Although the campaign for new students has been temporarily halted because of lack of space for the students, a chain reaction is in motion that cannot be stopped as long as people care and share.

One cannot fully evaluate the school in all its potential without seeing the girls before they enroll, watching them as they advance in learning and enthusiasm and measuring their progress from month to month as they awaken to their own possibilities and set new goals for their lives.

Language and tribal barriers break down as girls form lasting friendships in the spirit of Christ. Pastors find wives qualified to help them lead their flocks.

The story of the Home Craft Center is not ended. A hope and a dream have become reality. God has answered a prayer of faith that has expanded from the heart of one concerned missionary to many hearts and lives.

Miss Epperson is a Southern Baptist missionary in Nigeria.

# The Missionary Family

Truman Smith

"Missionary family consultant" became a new title and a new role at the Foreign Mission Board in May 1971.

The position was not created because missionary family life had suddenly developed overriding needs. It was created because of a growing concern and realization that pressures on missionary families have increased. The Foreign Mission Board wished to concentrate specific resources and ministry in this area.

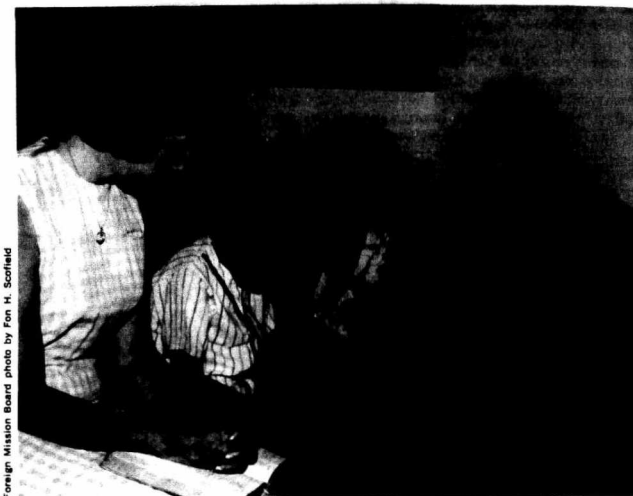
Some times of change and stress on individuals and families are predictable. A missionary family experiences the ups and downs of any normal Christian family, plus those related to living and working in a foreign culture.

Mr. Smith is missionary family consultant for the Foreign Mission Board.

Moving to a new location and establishing a new home is a regular part of missionary life. For instance, from the time missionaries are appointed to foreign mission service until they complete missionary orientation and language study, they can look forward to as many as four moves in from eighteen months to three years.

Language study brings its own stress. Long hours of hard work are blended with learning about new people in a new place. All the while, the missionaries are busy discovering places of ministry and winniness. Opportunities for regular involvement in church work and activities may be limited. Lack of facility in the language and lack of familiarity with different approaches to worship and organization require time and concentration.

Betty and Rondal Merrell, missionaries in Vietnam, lead their sons in family prayertime



Foreign Mission Board photo by Fon H. Scordfield

Normal work and travel have their own built-in variables. A field evangelist may be working with several churches located over a large area. In addition, he will be involved in many places where one or more families may gather for Bible study and Christian fellowship. He may be away from home as much as any salesman who must "cover the territory."

Schooling for children of missionaries is not as routine as might be wished. While many children go to schools near their homes, others may find that mother is the teacher, and the garage or spare bedroom is the school. Correspondence material provides the curriculum.

High school may be many miles away or in another country. A dormitory or mission hostel will be home nine months or more of the year, with only one or two visits home. A missionary couple may be serving as dorm parents. Filling the role of temporary father and mother is difficult, but rewarding. Such a couple means more

than can be imagined to parents whose children must be a long way from home for high school.

College usually means longer separation for families. Vocational questions, academic crises, boyfriends and girlfriends, engagement, and perhaps marriage may come with little chance for discussion with parents. One MK remarked, "It would mean so much if I could just introduce my friends to my parents."

Furlough brings its own unique family needs. A round trip to the United States and back overseas is accomplished in one year (or less than a year on short furlough). Finding a house and collecting enough furniture to meet the family needs are part of the normal routine. New schools for everyone may include parents as well as children, when additional training is desired. Perhaps two years of orthodontic treatment needs to be completed in one. An automobile may be a problem, since transportation is essential in order to meet the many

speaking and preaching opportunities. It must be dependable and not depreciate too much in the few months it is used before selling.

Other changes, decisions, and moves may not be as predictable for the missionary family. Illness and death come unannounced. While medical care is improving all over the world, few places offer the variety and quality of health care and treatment found in the United States. The Foreign Mission Board offers financial protection for the missionary in case of extensive medical needs, but the doctor or hospital may be a long distance from the missionary's home.

Communication with loved ones and friends has never been better. No one would change this. Yet it can be a mixed blessing. A cable or overseas phone call can make the critical illness or death of a parent, brother, or sister an immediate reality. What then is the responsibility of the missionary?

Crises in a missionary family are shared with loved ones and friends in

the States. Immediate love and prayer reaching out to them is comforting. But anxieties and uncertainties result when word is not available from them every day.

Death is no stranger among missionaries. Illness, the passing years, and accidents take their toll. The husband and father in a missionary family dies, and the children who are in school in the US cannot return before the burial. The widowed mother faces decisions concerning the work on the field and the needs of her children in the US. No one answer is found, but there is the continuing reassurance of the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the support of constant friendships from missionaries and nationals. These relationships offer courage, hope, and direction.

The Foreign Mission Board has done several specific things in recent years to extend additional care to missionary families. Furlough options have been increased, with the possibility of shorter terms, followed by shorter furloughs. Such arrangements give more flexibility in meeting family needs without requiring emergency measures.

Financial assistance for college children of missionaries has been increased through the Margaret Fund from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for a four-year period of college study, or \$900 per year. Visits are made by the missionary family consultant to many of the campuses where MKs are studying. Their questions can be discussed, and relationships can be established.

Each Thanksgiving a retreat for freshman MKs is sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia. The MKs come as guests of the Board with opportunity to talk with resource people and to gain mutual encouragement and spiritual enrichment from each other. The retreat is designed to help minimize the adjustment which all students must make in the first year of college, as well as those adjustments caused by growing up in another culture (often with English being almost a second language).

Last November, 97 freshman MKs attended the weekend retreat. These came from 51 campuses located in 22 states. They represented missionary families serving in 36 countries.

Most missionary families find a home setting overseas in which they can cultivate and nourish a healthy family life physically and spiritually. It may require more imagination, creativity, and energy, but there are some positive aspects.

The hectic pace of life may be somewhat less hectic in most countries in which missionaries serve. Missionary families seem to discover more time to do things together than many families in the US.

Churches are usually smaller and less complex in organization. There is an immediate closeness and identity with other Christians serving in an area, since their number is likely to be small.

Friendship and mutual concern among missionaries and between missionaries and national Christians are mentioned again and again as being life-giving in the midst of crises. When and wherever possible, resources through special information, pastoral care, and counseling are related to the specific needs of missionaries and their families.

God has given man the ability to be renewed from within. Missionaries as well as Missions organizations of missionaries are continuing to experience refreshing spiritual vitality and creative energies that aid in overcoming whatever obstacles are met. So the reality of crisis and struggle gives way to the reality of mutual support and spiritual vigor.

Much could be said about the danger from natural and man-made disaster. Missionaries have to make decisions as to whether or not they will remain in an area where their lives will be in danger. Whatever their decision, they are given the backing of the Foreign Mission Board in accomplishing that which they feel is necessary under the circumstances.

Some Baptist women have expressed an interest in participating directly in

meeting the needs of missionary families and the children of missionaries. One of the simpler and perhaps more helpful relationships is friendship. If missionary families are living near you, make an opportunity to call or drop by. Personal contact will open ways of sharing.

Some homes have been opened to college MKs, especially when their parents are not home on furlough. Some contact by letter even before the MK arrives for college can be helpful in establishing such a relationship. Summer jobs are needed by many MKs. Occasionally they need a place to visit on holidays or on weekends when things on campus come to a halt or get rather hectic. At least one state Woman's Missionary Union has a committee that helps MKs. Their executive secretary writes, "A bicycle for transportation, a box of cookies, an invitation for the holidays—these are ways that women can provide encouragement and help to MKs. Your church might want to invite an MK to spend the weekend. He could meet with youth groups and speak or he could just be 'company'."

Some missionaries find themselves especially responsible for aging parents or other relatives in the States. A single missionary may find the responsibility especially heavy. When they know someone is taking an interest in their parents, through regular visits and other assistance, this can relieve some of the concern felt by the missionaries.

Information on the names and locations of missionary families overseas and expected furlough residence is available from the Foreign Mission Board through the *Missionary Directory* available free upon request from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23260. This directory is published quarterly and contains the latest available information.

When some missionary families are known personally, prayers for them can be very specific and directly related to known needs.

# Christmas Shopping Center

Nina Brice Gwin

A Christmas Shopping Center! What an exciting project for mission action in a home for the aging, halfway house, home for unwed mothers, or some other care facility.

Many people in such facilities would welcome an opportunity to select gifts to give. They are limited in funds and in ability to get around to shop. You can help them have some lovely secrets to share at Christmas.

Let me tell a personal story. My mother had been in a nursing home for eight months. Although we never saw all the people who cared for her, we realized that her welfare and comfort depended on nurses,

aides, maids, kitchen helpers, as well as the few who served her directly. To brighten the Christmas season for her, I undertook a project which cost little in money, but an investment of time.

With scraps of materials and brads, I sewed and trimmed nearly a hundred little cases. I filled a small red basket with the gift favors and tied it with Christmas ribbons to the side rail of Mother's bed. An oversized Christmas card wished to all a merry Christmas from her.

Word spread rapidly that she had a small gift in her room for staff and personnel. They came, a few every day and night, and chose the color of case or trim they liked best. Each afternoon the basket was refilled when I visited. Mother's joy

in giving those small gifts far exceeded the joy she evidenced in receiving her own gifts on Christmas day. And I had given twice!

A Christmas Shopping Center is a mission action project in which you will involve people in the rewarding act of giving. You give the gifts so that someone who is deprived of this happiest part of the season may again experience the joy of giving. Your profit will be smiles of happiness and the shining anticipation in the faces of your "customers."

Here are some of the things you must consider in making your plans. When shall we start? What is the first thing to do? How will we arrange our display? What equipment will we need? Where will we get the gifts? And what kind of gifts will they be? How will the recipients "pay"? What related activities are connected with the project? What will be our hours and time schedule?

The following suggestions will help you get your project under way.

Give yourself as much time as possible for planning and acquiring "stock." To that end, begin at once. Yesterday would have been better.

You may want to appoint some committees and assign specific responsibilities. You may ask individuals to volunteer for certain duties.

First, you must secure permission. Do not appear unannounced to "set up shop." Visit the administrative head of the facility where you want to provide your shopping center. Explain your project. You may be referred to some other staff member. Doubtless, you will have instant permission with warm encouragement to follow through on the idea.

With permission granted, then ask to be assigned a specific place for the shopping center. A parlor or television room where residents gather may be the best location. Or it might be the intersection of a wide hallway where you would be careful not to obstruct or interfere with normal traffic. You might even

be allowed to use some small closet space for storage of your wares.

After space is assigned you, think about the kind of display you will have. Space is the determining factor. What equipment will be needed? Plan to bring your own. The staff will appreciate your resourcefulness and ingenuity and the fact that you do not ask favors of them. Will you need shelves, table, counter? You can improvise.

Will your "shop" be stationary or movable? Perhaps both? "Wheels" can take your project to the patients' room to room, and will make shorter work of storage between "shopping hours"—whether in a closet or in the trunk of your car. Every nursing home has its share of ambulatory and wheelchair patients, as well as the bedridden. Those who are able to do so enjoy getting out of their rooms. A "shopping" expedition just down the hall would be a treat.

For your portable equipment you could use an old tea cart or three tiered metal cart. Or apply a set of rollers directly to wooden shelves. You could borrow (with permission, of course) an ordinary supermarket shopping cart.

A decision to make early in your planning will be the kinds of gifts you will stock. And where will you get them?

If patients are to exchange gifts among themselves, keep in mind the things they need. Bed patients have few needs beyond toilet articles and clothing, such as gowns, pajamas, and robes or housecoats. Ambulatory patients may use the same things of course, but usually are encouraged to wear street clothes.

But it will be a different matter if they are to give the gifts to members of families or friends outside the home. In this case, anything goes. The widest selection possible will be the fun part of their participation, as well as yours.

Would you like to specialize in handmade things? A grandmother

or an elderly aunt would certainly like a stuffed toy to give to the new baby in the family. The baby's mother, or someone else, would love pretty guest towels made by adding a strip of matching or contrasting ribbon and gathering a bit of lace to the end of ordinary terry-cloth hand towels. Handmade ties for men are popular. An apron with or without matching potholders or a bright Christmas arrangement would pretty up anybody's home for the entire season. A cozy bed jacket or shawl would be good for Grandmother to give her cold-natured roommate. Enlist everyone you can to get busy with thimble, thread, material, crochet hook, knitting needles, scissors, glue, and all the things you read about in the crafts books.

You may, however, find an easier way than making handmade things. Ask for donations from the church family. Most of us have brand new items which we have not used because they are not the right size or right color, or because they are just not suited to our tastes. Some one else would find the object a perfect gift. Request such "white elephant" donations for your project.

Some used things would be highly acceptable: a framed picture, a pretty dish, an odd ornament, a figurine, a vase, an unmatched silver piece. Ask for these things just differentiate between good used gift items and rummage things.

Now how to go about "selling" your stock of Christmas gifts? You are not really going to sell, but you will be making a game of selling. Your real purpose is to give yourself and thus provide others the joy of giving. To make an adventure of this shopping spree, you can provide the "money" for the shoppers in advance.

A week or two before your grand opening, call on each resident of the facility. Give each one an equal amount of "money"—five dollars

should be sufficient. The "money" can be bought, mimeographed, or made by hand with carbon paper. Or simply cut bill-sized pieces of green construction paper. Use other tokens if you prefer. An envelope containing the "money" may have information written on the outside about the days and hours you will operate. You may also add a Christmas message or a Scripture verse on giving.

Price the gifts clearly, keeping in mind the limit you have set. Make it possible to purchase more than one gift with the amount given out. Of course, if a customer wishes, the entire sum may be spent on one gift. Let him shop around as much as he likes before deciding.

A necessary service connected with your shopping center will be gift wrapping. Provide gift cards or tags (cut from old Christmas cards, if you like) ribbons, wrapping tape, and all the necessities. Write "to" and "from" names legibly on tags so the package is ready for giving before Christmas. Some persons will enjoy doing their wrapping.

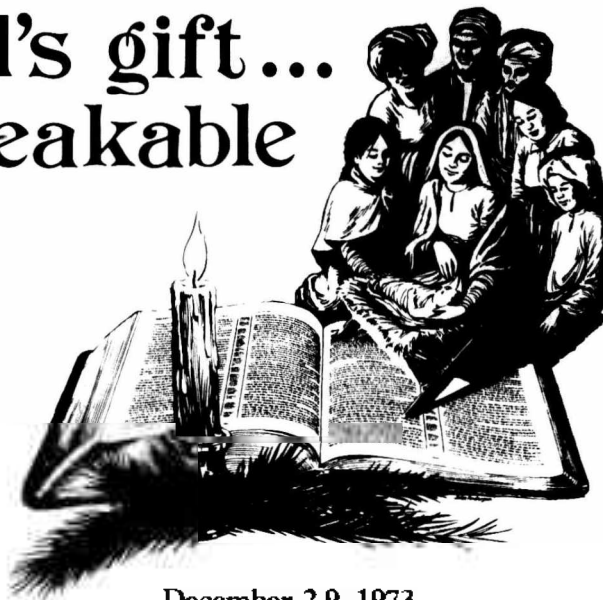
A related activity is to see that gifts reach persons for whom they are intended. Will there be a Christmas party with a tree? Usually a party is planned by the home. If so, gifts for other patients may be left in care of someone in authority to be put under the tree at the proper time. If gifts are to be given to family members or others outside the home, you may need to provide a delivery service. Family members could receive their gifts directly from the patient, leaving only a few for Baptist Women to deliver.

Work out time scheduling for the entire project. Actual selling may be confined to a few days that more than a week, for perhaps a couple of hours in the afternoons. Complete the project a full week before Christmas, leaving helpers with a satisfying sense of accomplishment and mission action.

And you still have a full week until Christmas!

Mrs. Ralph Gwin is a homemaker from Monroeville, Alabama.

# God's gift... unspeakable



December 2-9, 1973  
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Carolyn Weatherford

## PLANNING THE WEEK OF PRAYER

Why do we have a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? We believe in mission support, and we believe that support involves praying, giving, and creating a climate for vocational commitment to missions.

Support comes as a result, naturally, of study. We regularly study

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foreign missions in Baptist Women general meetings and study groups. The week of prayer is our opportunity to concentrate on the support of this work. It is a week of prayer. While information will be gained, the emphasis of the week relates to praying and giving money and self.

Who is responsible for the Baptist Women observance of the week? The mission support chairman is responsible. With the counsel of the Baptist Women officers council, she will make plans that will fit the needs of her

organization. She is responsible for each meeting. While she will enlist the help of other women in carrying on the plans, the mission support chairman will give balance and continuity to the experience if she remains in charge of the entire week's activities. She should not see it as her job simply to parcel out the various days' responsibilities.

How does the mission support chairman prepare? First of all, she prepares herself for the week. This is done through personal Bible study

and earnest prayer that God will guide in all the planning. She must be sure that her mission interest and concern is genuine. She must realize the importance of prayer and stewardship in God's world plan.

Next, she should read through the entire material to see the plan for the week. Besides this introductory general planning section, there is a section for each day. Each day's section provides content plus the specific planning helps needed for that day.

As the mission support chairman reads, persons in Baptist Women will come to mind who will be just right for each part of each meeting. She should also consider which part or parts she will lead personally. She might choose to lead at least the opening portion of the theme interpretation each day, so that there can be a unity about the way the various meetings begin. She might choose to lead the portion of God's Gift. My Gift which involves the offering presentation. Or she might give continuity by leading in the prayertime at the end of each section of material.

Then, all that is left to do is enlist the persons who will assist, prepare the learning aids, and look forward to the week.

## Plan the Schedule

Is your Baptist Women organization in a rut? Do you always meet at 10:00 in the morning? Did you ever think that this time schedule might automatically eliminate some of the women who could attend?

As you plan the schedule, you might decide that the best plan is to be consistent. Everybody meets together every morning at the church at 10:00. Or, you could decide that every morning (or afternoon or evening) the established groups (study prayer, actuary) will meet together for the observance. Another plan is for several meetings going on in different sections of the city where you have members. These nights include the husbands, too.

Special thought should be given to the women who is employed. Have you tried breakfast or supper meetings? A vesper service at the twilight hour can also be a meaningful experience.

The best plan for your women might be a combination of all of these. Do avoid the idea, however, that a member is not expected to attend every day. Sometimes a variety of meetings tends to make women feel that they should choose only one.

## Include Everybody

Some women cannot attend meetings because of special circumstances. Consider taping at least one of the meetings to play for them in their homes.

Prayer partners can include all the women. Women might choose partners from among the members. An enlistment idea would be for each Baptist Women member to invite a nonmember in her church to be her prayer partner for the week. They might meet to pray, before or after the general meeting, or they might pray together over the phone, or they could set a specific time each day when they would get together to pray.

## Consider a Prayer Vigil

If there is a churchwide observance on Wednesday night and you do not plan to meet on Wednesday, plan a prayer vigil. This might be planned for Wednesday or for Saturday, when there is no general meeting. Individuals may sign up for various time segments during the day. Some churches like to conduct the prayer vigil at the church, with someone being in prayer at the church all day long. Others prefer praying wherever they are at the stated time.

## Arrange the Room

If you are meeting in a room with movable chairs, arrange the room so that women can see each other, in a circle or semi-circles. This will make

it easier for the women to be together in a spirit of prayer. It will enable them quickly to get together for group or couple activities.

## Plan for the Beginning

So many meetings fail because the beginning is not well planned. Plan ahead of time for a pianist, have her play as the women arrive. Or use recorded music. Let the women feel as they enter the room that this meeting is special.

If you use a printed bulletin, print the theme Scripture verses (2 Cor. 9:6-15). The women can read the bulletin as they assemble. (Use the program cover prepared especially for this week. It carries the design shown on the cover of ROYAL SERVICE. See WMU order form, p. 64.)

## Conduct the Meeting

The material is divided into four segments: theme interpretation, missions information entitled He Touched Me, the time of mission support entitled God's Gift. My Gift, and the calendar of prayer.

## Theme Interpretation

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 each day. Vary the reading. Use responsive reading, choral reading, silent reading. Following the Scripture reading, there is information about a person who personifies the theme. This material might be presented by a different person each day, or it could be taped and played as a special message. Information is given in the daily planning sections for involving the women during the theme interpretation.

## He Touched Me

Use the song (see next page). Its use too can be varied, with a tape, a soloist, and even by Friday perhaps, the entire group singing.

As the information is given, intersperse prayertimes. This material can be presented at least once by having the women divide into groups, read one section aloud, then pray together for the person or work mentioned.

Also use directed prayer, when you name specific items, then pause for the women to pray.

#### God's Gift . . . My Gift

This section lists first some of the needs already met through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. After singing or reading aloud the designated verse from "O Zion, Haste," give time for the women to bring their offering to the focus center. Consider doing this, even though you have additional ways of receiving the offering in your church. (The purpose here is, not to separate what Baptist Women give from what the rest of the church gives,

but to make offering-giving a part of the prayer experience.)

There is a time for thinking of support other than money. Make this section personal each day, asking the Lord to direct your words and plans.

#### Calendar of Prayer

Missionaries are gift-bearers. Vary the use of the calendar of prayer. Perhaps the same person could lead in this segment each day. Although you will encourage using the entire calendar of prayer, you might select the missionaries from the particular area being featured that day and pray for them especially.

#### The Desired Outcome

As the women see the scroll each day (see below), they will be reminded of God's love for them as individuals. They will think of various things that God's gift means to them.

As they see the buildup of the map with types of witnessing, ways people are being touched, they should see themselves with their abilities as a part of that buildup.

Prayerfully, they will see that they can give more in money, in prayers, in self, and in their sons and daughters, so that God's gift can be carried to the ends of the earth.

#### Prepare Ahead of Time

1. A scroll. Picking up the shades of red and gold from the poster, make a drawing of a scroll on poster board and cut it out. At the top of the unrolled portion, letter "God's Gift." Each day, during the theme interpretation, you will add the theme for the day. You may write the theme on during the meeting, or prepare strips ahead of time for each of these themes: salvation, growth, opportunities of service, fellowship, unspakable.

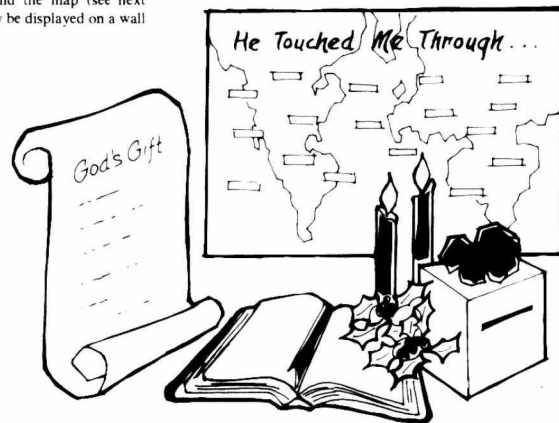
The scroll and the map (see next paragraph) may be displayed on a wall or an easel.

2. A map of the world. (You may wish to use the world map produced by WMU. It is 21 by 34 inches. See WMU order form, p. 64.) At the top of the map place the heading "He Touched Me Through . . ." Prepare small cards, lettered with the ways people are touched, given each day in the section He Touched Me.

3. A focus center. A table at the center front of the meeting room should be decorated in a Christmas motif. Place a large Christmas-

wrapped box on the table, in which the women can place offerings.

4. The song "He Touched Me" (words and music by William J. Gaither, sheet music, \$1.00, available from Baptist Book Store). If you do not have a soloist who can sing at each meeting, get a recording of the song. It is available on commercially produced tapes and discs, or someone in your church or community might put it on tape for you.



Monday, December 3



## God's gift ...salvation

#### Theme Interpretation

(Read 2 Cor. 9:6-15.)

Giving is the heart of mission support. We give time to praying. We give money to send others. We give ourselves in service. This is the natural response of the one who has received God's good gift, the gift of salvation through his Son Jesus.

Paul wrote to his Corinthian friends about such giving. He compared giving to planting seed. Understandably, the person who does not plant many seeds does not have a big crop. The New Testament teaches giving generously and in return receiving generously. But the generous crop is not necessarily material reward or blessing. Most often the rewards are of the heart and of the spirit.

In this passage, what are the results of giving? (Have group discussion to answer the question as you speak.)

Paul further suggested that three different persons are blessed by the generous giver. What are the blessings in others, to ourselves, and to God? (Again, have discussion or give the answers.)

Following this part of his letter, Paul reminded the Corinthians of the gift of God, the gift of Jesus—a gift which is so wonderful that it cannot be properly described. That one could receive this gift and not share it eagerly and generously seemed impossible to Paul.

(Write on the scroll: Salvation.) God's gift unspakable—salvation. God's gift unspakable—more to share—as Gladys Hopewell shared.

Gladys Hopewell was a native of Kentucky, educated at Cansons-Newman College and Carver School of Missions and Social Work (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary). She worked as education director in two Alabama Baptist churches before being appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1946. She served in China and Thailand [TIE-land] before going to Taiwan [Tie-wahn] in 1954. She directed a student center in Taiwan [Tie-nahn], sharing the gift of salvation with university students.

On March 11 this missionary was found slain in her apartment. She was the fourth Southern Baptist missionary in twenty months to be killed violently. Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Potter were killed in their home in the Dominican Republic in July 1971. Maria Fete, missionary nurse, was killed by a sniper's bullet as she rode in a car in Gaza.

We cannot understand such outbreaks of violence apart from man's sinful nature, which needs to be changed. The belief that man's nature can be changed through the power of God's gift of himself in Christ is what sent these missionaries to share the gift.

As we consider God's gift unspakable, let us consider also the world of people in need of that gift. Gladys Hopewell gave her life. Can we give less than our earnest prayers and our gift of money so that others can know of God's Gift?

(Period of silent prayer, thanking God for his gifts to us.)

#### Song: "He Touched Me"

#### He Touched Me

A gift usually involves a close encounter. Perhaps this Christmas we will mail gifts to friends and loved ones, but they are people whom we know and love, people whom our lives have touched.

Think of the times that Jesus touched a person. (Some incidents are found in Mark 1:41, 3:5, 5:27, 41, 6:5, 56, 7:32, Luke 11:13.)



God touches a life. He brings in that touch new life. It is this miracle that makes all the difference.  
(Put on the world map a strip labeled Music.)

William R. O'Brien, missionary to Indonesia, tells a story of touch. A group of singers went to a leper colony to sing. No one had entertained for this unfortunate group for thirty-eight years. After singing, the Christians went to the lepers, one to one, put their arms around them, shook hands, and just talked.

There is a world full of people who need a touch.

(Put on the world map a strip labeled MKs.)

MKs (missionary kids, sons and daughters of missionaries) are an important part of the missions team. Often, their touching the lives of nationals brings a quicker response than when missionaries do the same things.

A group of students from Korea Christian Academy in Taejon (Ta JOHN), Korea, decided to go to the small island of Cheju-do, south of the mainland, for their junior-senior outing. On their first night there, activity began to drag. They decided that they would go to the docks and sing to the fishermen.

As they walked toward the docks they went through one of the poorer sections of town. Touched by the people there, the students sat on a corner and began to play their guitars and sing. The people began to come closer. The students, most of them MKs, began to sing the Christian songs that they knew in the Korean language.

Although they did not count the people who gathered, the students gave away the 500 tracts they had with them before the crowd left.

A woman came to the students to ask if they would come to her day school on Monday and sing and witness to the children there. On Monday the nineteen students went to the small school, located in a rural area of the island.

Newspaper reporters interviewed the students. They were considered somewhat of an oddity by the news-

men, who could not understand these Americans. They had come to the island for a vacation, but those plans were laid aside in order that they could sing and play with a group of children. The students not only sang and played; they also touched lives as they told the children about the love of God and Jesus Christ, of whom the children had never heard.

*"O God,  
... because you  
answer prayer,  
all mankind  
will come to you  
with their  
requests. You  
are the only  
hope ...  
throughout the  
world and far  
away upon the  
seas"*

(Psalm 65:1-3, The Living Bible, Copyright © 1971 by Tyndale House Publishers)

There is a world full of people who need a touch.

(Put on the world map a strip labeled Evangelism.)

The Seaman's Mission is an organization supported by churches related to Southern Baptist work on Guam. The director, Bill Emerson, has had a great deal of experience in this type of ministry, having helped to organize such a mission while living in Virginia.

When visiting the Guam-based merchant ship *Halekulani*, the director met Rudolfo Orhacedo. He gave him a package of magazines and Scripture portions. A few weeks later on a second visit to the ship, the visitors found

a happy, excited sailor. He had been reading *Good News for Modern Man*, and God had touched his heart.

As he came to understand a passage, he would gather the crew members around and teach them what he had learned.

Revival broke out. The engine room and deck crews settled smoldering differences in a Christian spirit. Photographic pictures were disappearing from the walls, and men were asking for more copies of *Good News for Modern Man*.

Several crew members attended services at the Marianas Baptist Church. There is a world full of people who need to be touched.

Korean Baptist churches have only one chaplain who represents them in the Republic of Korea. Chaplain Shin Nung Hong led some of the soldiers in a study course. Following that study, 502 soldiers were baptized near Hwachon, South Korea. Southern Baptist missionaries also are witnessing to the soldiers and are reporting remarkable results.

And this is God's plan—that those who have been touched will touch others. Thus God's gift unspeakable will be received around the world.

(In this period of directed prayer call the name of each person mentioned in this section.)

#### God's Gift . . . My Gift

Look at what money buys! R. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Southeast Asia, listed some items met in the 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering budget.

The missionaries meet in a Mission (organization of missionaries in a particular country) meeting to determine budget needs. Of course, each missionary has needs in his work which are priority items to him. In the budget meeting, however, the Mission decides priorities. These are submitted to the Foreign Mission Board, where again priorities are set.

For three or four years, the missionaries in the Vietnam Mission had requested money for a communications center. For that many years,

other requests received priority. Finally, in 1972, \$25,000 for land, \$55,000 for building, and \$5,000 for equipment and film were included in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocation requests. Because of the size of these requests, very little else for Vietnam could be included.

An interesting and different kind of request comes from Indonesia—for a joint Christian magazine. Several missions groups working in Indonesia plan to launch a religious magazine. They hope that after several years the operation will become self-supporting.

A request not met in 1972 which hopefully will be met in 1973 is a \$50,000 loan for the International Baptist Church in Manila, Philippines. This is an English-language church. The Foreign Mission Board does not give money to English-speaking congregations, even though they are located overseas. Instead, a loan is made. When the congregation repays the loan, the money is available for other use. But there is not enough money now available in the loan fund to provide the money for the Manila church.

Another project in the Philippines is the Southern Baptist College. It is owned by Philippine Baptists, begun by them. The Foreign Mission Board provides some faculty and some money for capital needs. The school's operating budget is sustained, however, by the national Baptists. For several years there has been a request for a new science building. It has reached priority this year.

These are large items, but there are smaller items which our minds can comprehend more easily. The Kediri (KAY DEE-ree) Baptist Hospital in Indonesia needs a long-carriage typewriter for \$350. The seminary in the Philippines needs \$500 for audiovisual equipment. Small items from Thailand are \$200 for light posts for a missionary residence and \$250 for a generator. The generator will be used on boat trips in the southern part of the country. It will provide electricity for lights and for showing films.

There are all sizes and kinds of

requests. Whether or not they will be met depends on our giving. The amount of our giving will determine how many needs, still waiting their turns in the priority listing, can be projected for next year.

What will you give? One man in a small rural church in Florida gave his entire salary check. As the pastor of Francis Baptist Church told the congregation how far they had come, in just one day, toward reaching their



goal, he told the amount lacking. This church member, much to his surprise, realized that it was exactly the amount of the check in his pocket. He and his wife gave it so that others could know of God's gift unspeakable.

But what are the things that money cannot buy? It is an interesting paradox that often when we are having the most explosive evangelistic outreach, such as foreign missionaries are experiencing in many places, we need less money but more people.

In most of our foreign mission work, the emphasis continues to be on church planting and development. Yet, less and less money is going from the Foreign Mission Board to build churches and chapels.

Why is this? In some instances, a sizable revolving loan fund has been established, enabling groups to borrow money for their own new work. In other areas, the growth is so fast that missionaries must use homes, public buildings, and open-air meeting places. Building new buildings cannot keep up with the rapid growth in evangelism.

It is important for us to know that giving money through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is not enough. We must also give ourselves, and we must help others to recognize that God has places for us to work that are far from where we are. Let us pray that pastors in our country, already prepared, might be receptive to God's call to foreign missions.

As we think toward future years in missions work, we must think of places to be filled by missionaries of the future. Today we must provide missions education opportunities for the youth and children in our church, so that the seed of missions can be planted in their hearts and lives.

(Sing or read aloud the fourth stanza of "O Zion Haste" [Baptist Hymnal No. 431]. As pianist continues to play, or as the women sit quietly, those who have their offerings can bring them to the focus center. Pianist will continue to play as the remaining material is given and the silent prayer of commitment is prayed.)

One of the most important things that will happen this week is that which will happen in our lives. Catherine Capell of Palmetto, Florida, wrote this prayer last year during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

O Lord, help me in this time of need.

To radiate your love.

Help me show others the way to gain

Strength from above.

In their distress and in their need

Help me their hungry souls to feed.

Let me teach them to look in thee

For your gift is ever free.

In this needy and troubled world

Help them, Lord, to look and see  
Your gift given for them and me.  
Let the circle of your love  
Flow through me to each.  
And let me ever have this time  
Their hearts for you to reach.

(Silent prayer of commitment)

#### Calendar of Prayer

(Close with prayer for the missionaries on the prayer calendar, God's gift-hearers to the world.)

#### PLANNING FOR MONDAY

The mission support chairman should lead in the theme interpretation. Give the entire section. (A second person might give the information about Miss Hopewell.) Or allow for discussion at the points indicated. If the latter is planned, divide the women into groups of four as they come in. (If your group is small, use groups of two; or ask for individual answers.) Dividing into groups can be done by giving each person a piece of colored paper and having persons with the same color get together.

Conclude this period with a prayer of thanks for God's gift to us. This might be done in the discussion groups.

The section He Touched Me features three different subjects: music, missionary kids, and evangelism (to seamen and soldiers). Three women might be used for this section. Do plan to have someone sing "He Touched Me," or use a tape. As each type of work is mentioned, add a strip to the world map (music, MKs, evangelism).

The section God's Gift—My Gift might be given by one or several persons.

If you know an MK personally, or if there is one in school near you whom you have not met, a good follow-through to this meeting would be to make a personal contact. A box of Christmas cookies or some spending money for Christmas would help to brighten what might be the MK's first Christmas away from home and family.

Tuesday, December 4



## God's gift ...growth

#### Theme Interpretation

(Read 2 Cor. 9:6-15.)

God's gift—unspeakable  
For God so loved  
He gave  
God the Creator  
Made a world  
And gave it beauty  
God the Creator  
Placed man  
His crowning creation  
In a world of beauty  
To enjoy it  
To subdue it  
God the Creator  
Made man in his own image  
God the Father  
Loved man  
Showed that love  
Through years and years  
Of disobedience  
Called man to himself  
God the Father

God so loved the world  
Such love is hard to comprehend  
Sinful man could not understand  
Until  
God gave his only Son  
God as man  
Living, loving, dying  
Rising, living, sending  
God so loved the world  
That he gave his only Son  
And man learned what God is like  
God so loved he gave  
God loved me  
God's gift to me—his Son  
God loved and gave  
So that I can become  
Thanks be to God!  
Thanks be to God!  
For his gift  
His gift—unspeakable  
Thank you, God, that I can become  
Thank you, God, that I can grow  
To be what you want me to be

(Read 1 Cor. 6:19-20.)

God's gift of salvation makes possible the gift of growth. Our very bodies, given to us by God, are his temple, his dwelling place. What have you done recently to improve your house, the place where you and your family make your home? We spend money and time improving our homes. Do we spend time improving our bodies, our spirits, our minds? Our bodies belong to God, bought by his love gift of Jesus Christ. Our bodies are for the purpose of glorifying God.

Growth is a law of life. Not to grow is to shrivel and die. God has given to us the power to become; our gift back to him is the best person we can become.

(Write on the scroll: Growth.)

God's gift unspeakable is mine to share—as it is shared in the lives of missionary journeymen and national Christians.

A friendship begun in Nigeria when a missionary journeyman taught English, mathematics, and physical education in Port Harcourt, is continuing in the United States. Patience Heanyi [ih fee ahn yee] Horsfall, a quiet, lovely Christian young woman, arrived in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, in 1970. She came to make her home with Captain and Mrs. Roy Moore.

Mrs. Moore is the journeyman who went from North Carolina and taught Heanyi. After she returned to the United States and was married, she continued to communicate with this bright student. Mrs. Moore and her husband invited Heanyi to come live with them to continue her medical education.

Heanyi attended Okaloosa-Walton Junior College and now is completing her pre-med work at the University of Florida. In April she married Ikechuka Amadi Obuzor, a medical doctor also from Nigeria and studying in the States. They will return to Nigeria when their studies are completed.

Heanyi is the daughter of Christian parents. Her mother had lived with

missionary nurse Eva Sanders while studying to become a teacher. When Mrs. Horsfall came to the United States for her daughter's wedding, missionary and friend were reunited.

Heanyi was a queen in Girls' Auxiliary. She shows every evidence of experiencing God's gift in his children—Christian growth.

So God gave the gift of growth. Miss Saunders went many years ago to serve in Nigeria. God used her to help others to grow. Carol Moore went to Nigeria, a product of her experiences as a Christian young woman. She was used of God to help others to grow. Mrs. Horsfall was a Christian mother, used to help her children grow. Heanyi will return to Nigeria to help others grow. The gift of growth is continually given and received and used to help others.

What are the ways that you need to experience growth? What might God be waiting to do until you grow up to the experience? Thanks to God can be expressed as we also ask him to help us to grow.

(Silent prayer about needs for personal growth.)

A thought question: What would be the difference in my part in the week of prayer if I gave the Holy Spirit freedom to make me grow?

Song: "He Touched Me"

#### He Touched Me

Women were especially blessed when Jesus touched their lives. Coming to a world where women were merely property to be owned and used, Jesus taught that they were persons to be loved. The attitudes of Jesus' day still exist. In many countries where the place of the woman is inferior and pathetic, Jesus touches lives and makes a difference.

(Put on the world map a strip labeled Women's Work.)

Here are women missionaries who are assigned to work with women. They have the opportunity to see women grow.

In 1972, Kenya Women's Mission

Union was organized. The women met in an old hotel that is now the Baptist assembly. Recipients of funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, these women rejoiced that they, too, could share with others. They began a Kenya Baptist Women's Week of Prayer and took an offering. They helped with a clinic in a squatter's village, where 70,000 people live; more than half are children. All are refugees from the Mau-Mau.

The Christian Council of Kenya sent an American employee, a young woman working in Christian social ministries, to find ways to help these refugees. The response was, "Teach us a craft or trade." A young man from Germany went in to do this. The result was the employing of sixty-five people and the sending of their crafts around the world.

(Put on the world map a strip labeled Medicine.)

Two missionary wives, Mrs. Tom (Nancy) Jones and Mrs. Davis (Mary) Saunders, also wanted to help. After talking with the Christian Council, they were given permission from the chief medical officer to begin a clinic to treat small babies. Most of the infant illnesses were due to poor hygiene and malnutrition.

The women in the churches in Kenya got involved, not only with their offering, but in doing what they could do themselves. The Kenyan pastor of one of the churches, Daniel Methuka, goes to the clinic, too, to witness to those coming for treatment and to translate for the missionary nurses.

The women in Kenya were touched by Jesus. In turn they are reaching out to much people in need.

(Put on the world map a strip labeled Education.)

If people are to grow, they must learn. Many missionaries are engaged in work that is primarily education. They teach in schools and seminaries and Bible institutes.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Whaley work in Nigeria. He is principal of the seminary in Oshomoshon (ogz-BCH-moh-shaw). She teaches English and Bible

to the pastors' wives in the Women's Training Department.

To the seminary have come students from all over Nigeria and from three other West African countries. One night as Dr. Whitley was checking on the reason for lights in the chapel at 10:30, he found a group of young men on their knees praying. The missionary realized that, if those young men go from the seminary touched by Jesus and equipped with knowledge and skills, God will give to Nigeria the revival the Christians are expecting.

Through the work of teachers and administrators in schools around the world, Jesus is touching the lives of people.

Lillian is an African. She is Mrs. Monday Green, daughter of one of the first Baptist preachers in Rhodesia, now married to a teacher in Salisbury. Both of the Greens were educated at Sanyati Baptist Secondary School.

Lillian Green is the GA director for Rhodesia. In a recent GA convention she was one of the reasons missionary Jean (Mrs. Gene D.) Phillips was so happy. The convention was led almost entirely by African young women who have grown up in GAs and are now married and have Christian homes. This is a new era in the Baptist missions work in Rhodesia.

Lillian Green grew up in a Christian home at the Sanyati (sahn-YAH-tee) mission station and was one of the first GA queens in Rhodesia. Because she had been through the experiences her GAs were having, she realized the impact that the convention could have on the girls. She had experienced the gift of growth in Christ, and she was sharing this with girls with whom she worked.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Church Growth.)*

Joseph was told he would have to close down his tailor shop and go back to Ghana. A member of a new and growing church in the Ivory Coast, Joseph brought the matter to his church for prayer. Earnestly the

congregation prayed for him. His Muslim godfather finally agreed to let Joseph stay in Abidjan (abey-JOHN). Later his mother came from Ghana to persuade Joseph to turn from Christ. She sent Muslim elders to plead with him. When talking made no change in him, the elders threatened his life. Again Joseph turned to



his church for prayer support. His testimony was, "They can never make me turn back from following Jesus." Missionary James Darnell says that Joseph now works in the church library, stronger because of the prayer support his church provided him.

Joseph was touched by Jesus. The touch brought new life that made the old intolerable. As he grows, he in turn will strengthen other lives.

*(Have directed prayer for each person named in this section.)*

#### God's Gift . . . My Gift

Think about what money can buy! In Mathare Valley in Kenya, a building is going up to house the clinic for babies. It will also be used as a preaching point. This is possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The second French-speaking church related to Southern Baptist work in the Ivory Coast was begun in a former dance hall. Among the many who found God's gift of salvation, there were eight young men who felt the call to preach. An outreach of this small church was the beginning of work among the Gueres in their own language. Twelve people accepted Christ after a series of Bible study lessons under the trees. A building was erected with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One of the young men from the "dance hall" French-speaking church now serves as pastor.

Tom Jones, missionary in Kenya, says that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the "reality of my faith in God for material things." Mr. Jones left a high-paying job as a chemist when God touched him for the missions field. His own testimony was, "I believed God would supply my physical needs, and he has. Most of the things I want have also been supplied."

Serving as treasurer of the Mission, he has been able to see the overall impact of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. "I thrill with other missionaries when they get a church building, a clinic, a school workshop, a typewriter, an automobile. I get excited when I see the joyous gleam in the eye of an African when he points with pride to his new church building. Yet some days my heart hurts when I see all the needs which cannot be met because there is not enough money."

God's gift, so great that I cannot even describe it, should cause me, in gratitude, to be a generous giver. Is my gift to foreign missions as much as it can be this year?

*(Sing or read aloud the fourth stanza of "O Zion, Haste" [Baptist Hymnal, No. 451]. As the pianist continues to play, or as the women sit quietly, those who have their offerings can bring them to the focus center. Pianist will continue to play as the remaining material is given.)*

Think about the things that money cannot buy. It cannot buy God's gift. That must be given by someone who has received the gift. Money through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering cannot fulfill our obligation for missions.

Tom and Nancy Jones decided that money was not enough. They started as a family, giving \$25 to foreign missions each Christmas. They increased it to \$100. The year the company gave a bonus at Christmas, they decided to give the bonus plus \$100. The bonus grew each year.

Finally, Tom and Nancy felt God's touch. They knew that money was not enough. They gave their lives and have finished one term in Kenya.

What does God want from you besides your money?

*(Ask women to choose partners and talk about areas of their lives that they would like to give more completely to God. Ask them to pray together for each other.)*

#### Calendar of Prayer

Missionaries are gift-bearers around the world. Let us pray especially for those who have birthdays today.

*(Directed prayer.)*

#### PLANNING FOR TUESDAY

The mission support chairman may give the entire theme interpretation. A better plan would be to involve others. One person could read the two Scripture passages. A voice choir (which can be as simple as two people reading responsively and, at times, together) might read the blank verse. One person could then give the section relating to growth and the story of Heany.

For the prayer at the end of the theme interpretation, provide paper and pencil for everyone. Allow time for the group to pray silently, to think, and to write down areas in their lives where they need to claim God's gift of Christian growth. Then have them write an answer to the thought question that closes the section.

Again have a soloist sing "He Touched Me" before going into this section of the meeting. There are four distinct parts to the section, which can be given by one person or four.

Rather than give them as parts, consider conducting an interview with the people involved. The types of missions work featured are women's work, medicine, education, church growth. Add these types of work to the world map.

Following the discussion in God's Gift, My Gift of what money buys, again give the opportunity for women to bring their offerings and place them in the gift-wrapped box.

During the time of consideration of the gift of self, ask each woman to select a partner and pray with her.

*(Close with the calendar of prayer.)*

Wednesday, December 5



## God's gift ...opportunities for service

#### Theme Interpretation

*(Read 2 Cor. 9:6-13.)*

In Williams' translation of this passage, he frequently uses the word "service." God has given to men the privilege above all of his other creations, the privilege of being "laborers together" with him. Opportunities of service are the best reward that we can receive from the God who created us and redeemed us through the gift of his Son.

*(Write on the scroll: Opportunities of Service.)*

God gave to William Carey the opportunity of service. His fellow countrymen had gone to distant shores, not to share God's gift, but to exploit God's creation. William Carey was led to those shores with the news of God's gift for a people hungering for that gift. Working for many years

with few measurable results, he still knew the joy of serving with the Lord.

Ann Hasseltine Judson, only the age of our Baptist young women, left her home and family on an adventure into the unknown—unknown geographically, but well known as an opportunity of service.

Bill Wallace, Dr. Wallace, skilled in the healing of physical hurts and spiritual hurts, continued to serve when every human urge would send him back home. Service for the Lord became more important to him than life itself. His service led to his death at the hands of those who did not understand about God's gift.

Mavis Pate, missionary nurse, sensing God's gift of service, prepared herself and followed his leading. Serving him and his people in an area torn by human strife and confusion, she, too, lost her life.

And then there was that one woman, whose name is unknown to us, member of a quarter-time church, to whom God had given the gift of serving him through youth work. Even though there were only a few young people in her South Georgia church, she kept on meeting with Sunbeams and GAs. Being able to afford only one mission study book, she passed it around from family to family. She opened the windows of youth on the world. One of those little girls was Cathryn Smith, for whom God's gift was the opportunity of service as a foreign missionary.

And from South Brazil, where Miss Smith serves, there came another young woman to whom God has given a special opportunity of service.

July 16, 1947, was a special day for the Coelho (KOWL-ho) family. The entire family was celebrating, for a baby girl had been born. Even before she was born, Valnice's (VAL-nice) parents had started plans for her future. Valnice was a beautiful baby. She spent the first part of her childhood in Carolina, Maranhao (mar-ahn-HOH-ah), in Brazil. She had a normal Brazilian life, with many friends. She did not have a Christian life, however, because her parents were spiritualists. She was influenced, of course, by the beliefs of her parents.

When she was still little, her parents moved to another area of Brazil, and her father died. It was very difficult for Valnice's mother to support her family alone.

There was no spiritualist center in the new city. The mother felt that her children should have religious training. She decided to be a Catholic.

She and her children had little use for "believers." Valnice started going to a Baptist school, but her mother soon moved her to a Catholic school where she completed elementary school.

Valnice was a good student. After she completed the elementary grades, there was no high school except a Baptist one. Her mother gave her permission only if the teacher would promise not to talk to Valnice about

religion. The teacher promised, but she prayed.

When Valnice was in the eighth grade, she accepted Christ. All her friends were very happy. Her family was not.

When Valnice finished high school, she already had felt God wanted her to be a missionary. She needed to go to the seminary in Recife. But she had no money, and her family did not agree with her plans.

God's gift . . .  
so great  
I cannot  
describe it.  
What is  
MY gift?

Finally she was able to go to the seminary. She wanted to go back to her hometown to tell the people about Jesus. As time went by, she felt that God was instead opening for her an opportunity of service in a foreign country.

The desire continued, and she began to know that God would lead her to Africa. She presented herself for appointment by the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board. Today she is serving in a Portuguese colony in Africa.

God gives us opportunities for service. Working through our hands, he lets us share his gift with others. It might be that your opportunity of service is right here, in your own church. Youth in our church need to have the windows of their hearts turned to the

world. He provides open doors of service every day. Will we accept this gift, too?

*(Ask women to discuss among themselves opportunities of service that God has given women today. Ask them then to be specific about opportunities they have today. Ask them to pray for willingness to take these opportunities.)*

Song: "He Touched Me"

#### He Touched Me

Recall the passages in the New Testament where the writers said that Jesus touched a person. There was a moment—or a lifetime—of crisis for that person. The gentle touch of Jesus erased the crisis. Joy flooded the soul of the touched. Sometimes that touch sent the person away from the familiar to the less familiar.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Missions Field: Sending Missionaries.)*

Jesus touched a missionary in Brazil (Thomas Clinkscales, since resigned) with the need for a missionary to the Japanese people in Brazil. That missionary was used to touch Japanese Baptist leaders with that need. Then the lives of Nobuyoshi Inoh-bu-yoh-shee and Kimiko Togami (kee-mee-koh-toh-gah-mee) were touched. They became Japanese missionaries to the Japanese people in Brazil.

When the Baptist World Congress met in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960, then-missionary Clinkscales, invited Japanese Baptist leaders to visit in the state of Parana, where thousands of Japanese lived. Later the Japan Baptist Convention asked the Togamis to work in Brazil as the first missionaries of the Japanese convention.

Mr. Togami's missions task in Brazil involves a Japanese population of more than 700,000 people. With such a large missions field he still witnessed for six years before he saw the first conversion. Now more people are responding to the offer of God's free gift, clearly presented to them in their own language.

Mr. Togami reaches the middle- or upper-class people through personal visits, a twice-weekly radio program, Thursday morning meetings in his own home, and a Sunday church program.

Approximately forty non-Christian Japanese, all with a Buddhist background, attend the Thursday morning socials.

The Japanese-language radio program is called "The Song of the Heart," for the Japanese have a saying that if one is happy he can sing. Missionary Togami believes that if you have Christ in your heart you will want to sing.

When the Togamis were sent to Brazil, they went to stay. They were told that very likely they could not return to Japan for furloughs. The convention did not think it would have enough money for furloughs. When the Baptist World Congress met in Japan in 1970, however, the Togamis were able to return home for a visit.

God touches people. With the touch comes a desire to serve him. Then he gives opportunities of service.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Youth Evangelism.)*

"Young people around the world are being touched today," says James Bartley, missionary in Uruguay. Their response is one of service. In Uruguay a group of twenty Baptist young people asked three missionaries to help them with an evangelistic service project. The young people had felt the need for carrying the gospel to two interior towns, where Baptists have only a small missions work. In each city about seventy blocks were covered with door-to-door witnessing. An evangelistic service was held in the plaza, with a final preaching service conducted in the usual preaching hall of the mission.

Twenty people accepted Christ. Other important results were that the young people learned joy in serving, the three missionaries were revived and rejuvenated (though thoroughly exhausted) and the mission points were strengthened for their work of witnessing in the area.

Many people in the world today are waiting to be touched by Jesus.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Lay Witnessing.)*

Witness Involvement Now (WIN) is a project developed by people whose lives, in the United States, had been touched by Jesus. Many churches have conducted Lay Evangelism Schools during which the members of the church have learned skills for witnessing to others. Emphasis is placed on experiencing the forgiveness and cleansing of Jesus and the control of the Holy Spirit. Christians are taught to share their testimony and to explain clearly how a person can receive God's gift of salvation.



WIN is spreading to other countries. Missionary Ervin Hantley reports that the first WIN school in Spanish was conducted in Mexico City. Eighty-two people enrolled. When the National Baptist Convention of Mexico has its next meeting, the leaders will discuss the possibility of having WIN schools in other cities in Mexico.

A Mexican Baptist leader expressed his support of WIN when he said after

attending the school: "I have the firm hope that with these schools we may be able to revolutionize our methods of evangelism in Mexico and win many of our fellow citizens to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

People in the world today need to experience the touch of Jesus, God's gift unspendable.

#### God's Gift . . . My Gift

Look at what money can do! Last year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering met needs in South America. Argentina received \$86,000 for church building loans. The churches accept responsibility for repaying these loans, so that money can be used on a revolving basis by one church after another.

Equatorial Brazil received \$30,000 for seminary apartments. The seminary, located in Belém, is at the mouth of the Amazon. As is true in the United States, more and more of the seminary students are married. Suitable apartments for couples and young families are needed.

Colombia received \$17,000 for the Baptist Hospital, to be used for equipment and an outpatient clinic. The hospital is in the process of setting up an intensive-care unit. This unit will be set up in the present chapel. The chapel will be moved to the present outpatient clinic. New funds will provide for new outpatient clinic space.

Ecuador received \$15,000 for student center property. The student center program is still in the beginning stages, but it shows signs of growth and strength.

Paraguay received \$10,000 for camp equipment. Peru received \$6,000 for audiovisual materials.

An interesting need was met in Uruguay: storage space! When missionaries come home on furlough, someone else moves into their house, because often there are not enough Mission housing units to go around. Public storage is often expensive and unreliable. The Mission will make provision for its own storage needs in this way.

What will my gift of money be to begin to meet the needs of the world? One Baptist Women member attended a weekend Baptist Women state retreat. Since the retreat was "open," she took her husband along. Both were inspired and touched by the Holy Spirit during the weekend, and their joy in the Lord was exciting. When they returned home, they found many opportunities of service for the Lord right in their own church. They also discovered that they can serve through their money.

A missionary at the retreat was spending her last day in the States before leaving for Nigeria. She in a special way touched the heart of the couple. Another couple spoke, telling of their summer's work in the hospital in Yemen. They mentioned the busy schedule of the missionary doctor there.

As this Baptist woman and her husband traveled home, they prayed and talked about what God wanted them to do. They agreed to commit his entire commission for September to the Lotue Moon Christmas Offering. They also agreed to ask God to help them to know how to stretch the small salary other than the commission.

What a wonderful experience followed. The Lord seemed to open doors in sales, and the commission was almost \$500. From the small salary, the couple added the amount needed to make their Lotue Moon Christmas Offering gift total \$500.

What money has God given you that you might give?

*(Have silent prayer of thanks for needs met by the Lotue Moon Christmas Offering and for persons who give gladly to the offering. Ask women to think of every bit of money that will come into their hands this month and to pray that God will show them how to give more to the offering.)*

Sing or read aloud the fourth stanza of "O Zion, Haste" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 451). As pianist continues to play, or as the women sit quietly, those who have their offerings can bring them to the focus center. Pianist will continue to play softly as the remaining material is given.)

Give of your sons . . . to bear the message glorious. Has a young person from your family, from your church, from your association been called to foreign missions? In an area where there are so many churches, why do you think there are so few foreign missionaries?

A mother prayed, "Lord, please let one of my four sons be a minister." God answered the prayer, and Dutton Mills today is a missionary in Jamaica.

*(Have silent prayer that each woman will respond according to her life situation, to be willing to go as a missionary if she is young, to be willing for her children or grandchildren to go.)*

#### Calendar of Prayer

*(Read prayer for the missionaries on the prayer calendar today.)*

#### PLANNING FOR WEDNESDAY

The mission support chairman should give the entire theme interpretation today. At the end, ask the women to move their chairs into groups of three or four. If your group is small, ask that each member pick a partner. Lead women in discussion and prayer as suggested in the content material. This can be a very meaningful time if the women are open and honest with each other. Do not rush through this period.

For He Touched Me, ask three women to represent missionary Togami, missionary Bartley and missionary Hasty. Let them give in first person the information relating to their work. Have them begin with "My name is Kimiko Togami, and Jesus touched me," then continue with the account of what happened.

Ask someone to be responsible for the section God's Gift. My Gift. As a substitute for the material following the offering, the person could tell of missionaries called from your church or association.

Again, close the meeting with prayer by name for the missionaries on the calendar of prayer.

## Thursday, December 6



# God's gift ...fellowship

#### Theme Interpretation

*(Read 2 Cor. 9:6-15.)*

"Blest be the tie that binds" is the beginning of a song we all know. It expresses a joy in Christian fellowship that cannot be explained. Again, it is a gift of God, unspeakable.

*(Write on the scroll: Fellowship.)*

The New Testament has a word, *koinonia*, that expresses the idea of mutual Christian fellowship, enjoyed only by people who have experienced God's gift of salvation.

Fellowship finds a way to be experienced. Early Christians, fearful of the non-Christians, identified themselves to each other by using the sign of the fish. This sign was chosen because the first letters of the Greek

words "Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Saviour" spelled the word "fish." The early Christians drew the sign in the dirt, or in some other way signaled their belief to other Christians, making possible moments of fellowship.

The sign of the fish has become a Christian symbol that people today enjoy wearing. Some use it as a witnessing tool. Asked the meaning of the pin or necklace or charm, a Christian identifies himself as one who has accepted God's gift of salvation.

Thus the fellowship of believers grows larger. And through this fellowship we help each other become something we could not have become alone.

God gives to us the privilege of touching lives with others. Together, we can do what we cannot do alone.

Surinam (SOOR-ih-NAM) is a Dutch-speaking country to which Southern Baptists send missionaries. There are two couples there now: the Harold Lewis family, who already have finished language study; and the Leo Waldrop family, who will soon finish language study. In this small country where Baptist work is new, fellowship is an important gift to the missionaries. The two couples and their families have been strengthened by their fellowship with each other. They also have been able to build relationships with the people of the country through extending their fellowship to them.

Last Christmas, the missionaries decided to have something special for their neighbors. The gardener's family of eight children turned out to be twenty when in-laws and grandchildren were included. They all came. The missionaries were able to practice their Dutch. The gardener invited them to his Hinduist home, a rare privilege.

Another family with eleven children came. They sang Christmas carols together. The missionaries taught the teen-agers some choruses, such as "God Is So Good." The time of fellowship was wonderful.

The most exciting thing was the invitation and its acceptance by the young people who congregated next door. After eating and talking for a while, one of the young people asked a question about drugs. The discussion ended by the missionaries' explaining the plan of salvation. The young people came back for more fellowship.

God opens doors to people as they experience the fellowship of other people. Many people in the world today are lonely. As Jesus described them, they are as sheep with no shepherd. Thanks be to God for his gift of fellowship.

What happens in our church because of Christian fellowship? What results when there is a crack in the fellowship? What effect does the fellowship, or lack of it, in our church have on our witness to others?

#### Song: "He Touched Me"

#### He Touched Me

Jesus touches a life. That life responds by touching other lives. The sharing of God's gift with others is the opportunity of service given to everyone who has received salvation. In other countries as in the United States, this is the work of lay people, as well as of the pastor or missionary.

*(Point out the strip labeled Lay Witnessing already placed on the world map.)*

Witness Involvement. Now has spread through the countries of Middle America and the Caribbean. Donald Doyle is a field missionary in Costa Rica. Early this year he took part in a TEA (Spanish translation of WIN) school, held in one of the churches in the capital city of San Jose. The church is made up of laymen, with even the pastor and staff being laymen. With an enrolment of 150 in Sunday School, they enrolled the same number in the witnessing school. Following the Saturday afternoon witnessing visits, the sharing period lasted for more than two hours.

As the missionary leaders of the school explained the follow-up procedure of visiting every Saturday afternoon for the next twelve weeks, one of the men stood to ask if he had to wait until the next week to visit. On Sunday morning the Sunday School attendance was 228.

The fellowship of Christians in Costa Rica is growing, as it is in other Central American countries where lay witnessing is being stressed. Missionaries report that lay people are witnessing as they never have done before.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Camps.)*

Have you ever been to camp? To a retreat? To a convention? One of the blessings of such a gathering is the fellowship with others.

Although the encampments might not look like the ones you know about,

many overseas missions fields have Baptist encampments. Leslie Keyes is a field missionary in Honduras. He finds that the people in Honduras are proud of their church and of their faith. They like to go to church. It is possible they would have church every night in order to have somewhere to go and to be together in their worship of the Lord. They like to sing and to study the Bible.

They also enjoy going to camp. Even though he is a field missionary, starting and developing new work, Mr. Keyes also directs the encampment at Lake Yrjona. He even helps in the construction. Presently they are expanding the camp facilities. They are building three family-size units to accommodate ten people each. This building is made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Dottson Mills, missionary in Jamaica, believes in prayer and in Christian fellowship. He has seen a special prayer answered, the crash-program completion of the Jamaica Baptist Conference Center in time for summer camps, institutes, and other types of leader training. Twenty-six student missionaries were housed there for orientation for Vacation Bible School work throughout the island. The camp housed the youth who participated in the All-Island Youth Fellowship Conference. To build a conference center to provide for 144 persons in each weekly activity and to do it between March and July was a miracle and a direct answer to prayer.

(Put on the world map a strip labeled Student Work.)

Fellowship between the missionary and the natural Christian often is the way guidance in Christian growth and development is achieved. Peter Morgan was a young teacher in a high school in Jamaica, a committed Christian. He felt that God was calling him into special service in the field of Christian education, counseling, and student ministries. For a long time, Dottson Mills and Peter talked. It was difficult for Peter to ask his wife and daughter to make the necessary sacrifices for seminary training. God

has a way of opening doors, however. The open door came in the form of the scholarship assistance for Peter to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has completed his studies, has returned to Jamaica, and is filling a great need in his country. Jamaica Baptists cannot afford to support him yet, so he has taken a teaching position.



(Put on the world map two strips labeled Publications and Theological Education.)

Literature is an important part of missions work. Training national Christians who feel called as pastors and other leaders is another important part. And the two are related.

Harry Byrd is director of the Guatemala Baptist Theological Institute. A unique kind of training is provided. Many of the ministers in Guatemala are laymen. In addition to being pastors, they have secular work. They cannot take time out for seminary training. Every Tuesday Mr. Byrd drives two and a half hours from Guatemala City to teach a class of

fourteen men. Three of these men are pastors, and others are leaders in the churches. They are receiving their theological education where they are. Without this program, many of the pastors would never have the opportunity for such education. There are ten different centers such as this in Guatemala.

Southern Baptists have a part in this training as they support the national director of extension and as they provide materials used in the training.

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, publishes books, pamphlets, and whatever materials are needed for theological education as well as for the work of the churches.

The distribution of literature is so important that in Costa Rica, missionary Laverne Gregory has been assigned the responsibility of the literature ministry in that country. Three years ago through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering a bookmobile was constructed from a trailer. The door opens, and the stock is immediately on display. The bookmobile is taken to fairs and other gatherings of people.

#### God's Gift . . . My Gift

Look at what money can buy! At the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, there is a wonderful new machine. Miss Roberta Ryan, missionary, is sure that its rhythm spells out "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" as it collates, stitches, and trims the printed pages. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering transforms dreams into reality—a dilapidated, old machine into a shiny, new collar stitcher-trimmer, and the silence of the printed page into the joy of changed lives. In 1970 the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provided half the amount needed for the new machine. In 1971 the other half was given, and in 1972 the machine was installed.

The Paul Bell Baptist Theological Institute is a rural Bible school which trains pastors for small towns and villages in Guatemala. It's different from

most institutes in that there are only three three-week sessions each year. The training is intensive, however, with forty hours of classes each week. All of the students are self-employed, most of them in agriculture. The institute is located in an Indian town near Lake Atitlán, one of the largest lakes in Latin America. The facilities were purchased more than twelve years ago with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds. Future funds will help to develop the institute for camp purposes. Since the institute is not in session most of the time, the addition of a small swimming pool, recreation facilities, and additional dormitory space will transform the institute into an encampment.

With Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, the Central Baptist Church in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, bought a small piece of property in a growing area of the city. On this property the church began a full program of church and school and a clinic which ministers to the physical needs of the people.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is used to purchase automobiles for missionaries, making it possible for them to do their work. Alvin and Judy Gary are studying the French language in France, preparing for their field of service, Guadeloupe (gwahd' OOP). They have a new car which they will take with them to Guadeloupe. Already it has opened doors for them to witness. One evening at dusk a child darted in front of the new car, too close to miss her. Although the car knocked her down, she had no broken bones. Mr. Gary took the child to her home and tried to talk with her parents. He took her to the doctor in the hospital. At that time the Garys had very few words in French they could use, but they have kept going back to visit. As their French improves, they will be more able to share God's gift with this family.

An expensive piece of machinery in a publishing house, an institute for rural church leaders, a church in a new strategic area, a car for missionaries—these are things that money

can buy. God gave to me, and I can give so that other needs can be met.

(Sing or read aloud the fourth stanza of "O Zion, Have" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 451). As pianist continues to play, or as the women sit quietly, those who have their offerings can bring them to the focus center. Pianist will continue to play as the remaining material is given.)

#### The spirit of Christmas is in the air!

Acts of kindness.

unprompted generosity, unsurprised joy,

Happiness shared with a small child, excitement of an unexpected gift

Family, friends and neighbors enjoy the quiet of the season

We sense the spirit of Christmas and hear the angels' songs.

Echoing their message of peace once more in Rome's ancient street And we are "children" once again at Christmas

Helen Ruchter, missionaries in Rome

"Give of thy sons Give of thy wealth Pour out thy soul And all thou spendest Jesus will repay"

Christians in Costa Rica are giving themselves. Missionaries went from our country. They shared God's gift in turn, these Costa Rican Christians are witnessing to the people in their communities.

What does it matter, if I give my money to send missionaries and am not willing to witness to the people in my community? Where are the people who are waiting on God's gift until I come with it? Does God want me in a place other than right here? Is my giving of self to mean leaving here and going to another place? Or

is my giving of self to mean going across the street to share with the person who is like me? My gift must be myself!

#### Calendar of Prayer

(Lead prayer for the missionaries on the prayer calendar today.)

#### PLANNING FOR THURSDAY

Consider having the theme interpretation at the close of the meeting and having the calendar of prayer first. As the monologue in the theme interpretation is concluded, remind the women that we are blessed to live in a country where we do not have to be secret followers. We do not need to draw the sign of the fish in the dirt. We do have the opportunity of being fishers of men, however. Lead the women in a period of commitment to being workers together with the missionaries, recognizing the mission opportunities where they are. Have them come to the front, where you will mark an outline of a fish on their hands. When all have received the sign, join hands in a circle and pray for the willingness to go out boldly to share God's gift in your community.

Types of work included in *He Touched Me* are lay witnessing (which already has been mentioned), camps, student work, publications, and theological education. This section can be presented by one person or several. A variation would be to pose a gathering of the missionaries identified in the material, during which they would discuss blessings they have received through fellowship.

Following the period of looking at what money has done (God's Gift . . . My Gift), give time for women to bring their offering. If you choose to use the theme interpretation at the last, you will find it natural to follow the giving of self with the story of the fish symbol, the receiving of the sign on their hands, and the prayer of dedication of self to lay witnessing.

If the calendar of prayer is not used at the beginning, close with it.

Friday, December 7



## God's gift ...unspeakable

**Theme Interpretation**  
(Read 2 Cor. 9:6-15)

God so loved . . . he gave. God the Creator loved the world which he created. He loved the people whom he placed in the world. The Bible tells the story of God's love for the world and for his people. The Old Testament shows his constant efforts to draw men to himself. He loved them, he fought for them. He provided physical things and spiritual leadership.

Man was rebellious, wanting to do things his way and always forgetting God when things were going well. Man could not understand the all-giving love of God. And so God sent his Son, his love gift to the world.

And Jesus lived and died and rose again. He commissioned his followers to go all over the world and tell every person the good news of salvation.

This is the reason we are here today. We are a part of the long chain of believers. We are a part of God's plan for the world. We have prayed. We have given. We have gone to people with the story of God's gift.

Thanks be to God for his salvation, for opportunities to serve him, for personal growth, for fellowship. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

*(Write on the scroll: Unspeakable. Have a period of audible prayers of praise and thanksgiving for blessings of this week and for answered prayers.)*

Claudine Tah'a [tah LEE-ah] is a part of God's plan for the world. A

Lebanon Baptist nurse, Claudine has been employed by the Baptist Hospital in Yemen. Baptists of Lebanon consider her their missionary to Yemen.

She is a graduate of the Beirut Baptist School and a member of the Musaitbeh [moo-SIGHT-beh] Baptist Church. She believes her going to Yemen is an exercise in her belief that Arab Baptists need to be more involved in loving other Arabs. As a child she had thought of going to Yemen for Christian service. There was no Baptist hospital there then, nor had Claudine planned to be a nurse. Less than a year ago she graduated from the School of Nursing of the American University of Beirut and went to work in the hospital there. Then she heard a message from missionary Bill Trimble: Dr. James Young at the Baptist Hospital in Yemen needed a nurse.

Claudine knew that she at least had to consider the request. In the process of making a decision to go, she thought of all the difficult things. Now she is so filled with joy that she hopes she will be able to stay much longer than her two-year contract will require.

Song: "He Touched Me"

### He Touched Me

Jesus touched the life of Tom Thurman in Mississippi and Gloria Philpot in Alabama. Jesus touched their lives together as they met each other, fell in love, married, and served the Lord in Alabama. Then they went to East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. Through their lives he is touching the lives of people in their new home.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Relief.)*

Lives were touched as refugees began returning to their homeland after the war ended. More than ten million had fled to India for refuge from the hostile Pakistani army. Most of these returned to barren home sites. Southern Baptists put more than \$200,000 in the hands of the missionaries to build houses. In the Faridpur District the money helped to build 1,410

simple shelters costing between \$100 and \$200 each. That amount seems meager, but it has built homes that meant shelter.

The missionaries have worked with others, such as the Dutch Salvation Army medical and social team, who came to Faridpur to help in the rebuilding. Through the skills of the seven-member team, many thousands have received a new hope. Southern Baptists provided seeds, and the Dutch helped to distribute the seeds and to provide hoes and sickles. They touched the lives of the people by returning to them the dignity of honest hard work. Some of the villagers are now eating their own fresh vegetables.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Agriculture.)*

Three villages received rice-husking machines. Some women began to earn about fifty cents a day as they used the machines. Some special gifts brought seed rice. The crop, almost ready for harvest, promises rice to eat after many lean days.

Missionaries in Yemen are touching lives of people who live much as people did in Bible times. Missionary Jane (Mrs. James) Young tells of an experience she had with her two daughters as they were on their way to visit friends in Jibla. A sudden rainstorm came up. They ducked into the nearest doorway for shelter, where they found others with the same idea. The room was full of people. Someone invited them to sit on a low stone wall for there were no chairs. They were recognized immediately.

Someone said, "You are from the hospital, aren't you?"

Another one said, "You gave me medicine from the pharmacy this morning."

Everyone was friendly, as the Yemeni people usually are. The missionary and her daughters were given glasses of sweet, hot tea.

While they were sipping the tea, Mrs. Young looked around to see her surroundings. She saw that back in one corner were some cows, donkeys, and goats munching hay. In another corner was what appeared to be a kitchen. In a loft, there were more

people. There were pallets for sleeping.

Then the missionary realized that they were in an inn, probably the same type of inn that Mary and Joseph were looking for in Bethlehem. Here, today, in Jibla stood the same kind of lodging.

Suddenly the missionary's heart was touched. She realized that the scene which had affected her so profoundly meant nothing at all to these people, for they did not know the Christmas story. They did not know the Christ of Christmas.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Hospitals.)*

The year 1973 began with joy in the hearts of people who had looked forward so long to the opening of the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India. The nineteenth overseas medical institution supported by Southern Baptists, it is our first in India.

The opening brought praise from the chief minister of the state and from his minister of health. They expressed pleasure that the primary purpose of the hospital is to serve the poor and needy. The building, constructed from cement, brick, and granite, will accommodate seventy-eight beds, 75 percent of which will be reserved for the indigent.

The hospital will serve also as a teaching facility, sponsoring internship and residency programs and later a community health program and a nursing school. Staff physicians are missionary doctors Richard H. Hellingier and John H. Wikman.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Art.)*

Dugith [doo-GIETH], the Baptist art gallery in Tel Aviv, Israel, has been cited for its exhibits by an Israeli art critic in the Hebrew newspaper *Davar*. The gallery is touching the lives of people in Israel in ways other ministries cannot.

*(Put on the world map a strip labeled Correspondence Schools.)*

During a three-day agriculture fair in Lusaka [loo-SOCK-ah] Zambia, 5,200 persons signed up at the Baptist Mission of Zambia booth for the first Bible Way Correspondence School Course. "Who is Jesus?" More

than 24,000 people have enrolled in this correspondence school since it was begun in 1965. Of this number, 60 percent are active students who have continued study beyond the initial course, which is free. Since students often share their books with others, it is not possible to know exactly how many persons have used the materials.

### God's Gift . . . My Gift

Look at what money can buy! Money is "coined love" expressing itself in a Baptist hospital, in a new church, in a pocket of literature.

While Southern Baptists send money and missionaries overseas, those who have benefited from our efforts are also contributing financially to the work of proclaiming the good news. At the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan [poo-SAHN], Korea, 4,316 inpatients and 60,198 outpatients were treated during a recent reporting period. Over 1,000 persons registered decisions for Christ through the hospital staff. Recipient of Southern Baptist funds, this hospital also receives support from the Baptists of Korea. On Baptist Hospital Day, the first Sunday in November, the 440 churches in Korea gave an offering to aid needy Baptists unable to pay for all their medical care. More than \$750 was given last year.

Still there are needs that cannot be met, because we have not learned to give sacrificially that others can be reached.

Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, tells of receiving a letter from an eight-year-old G.A. member. The letter said in part, "I am sending you some money for your work. It's thirty-six cents. That's the best I can do, so you do the best you can with it."

Leland Allen, young son of one of the employees of WMU, SBC, asked missionary Mary Anne Forehand if she got any of the Little Moon Christmas Offering. When she indicated that she did, he told her to look for a blue



## In the Spirit of Christmas

You're getting ready for Christmas. Consider giving and using two new items produced to commemorate the centennial of Lottie Moon's appointment to China.

**NOTE CARD PACKAGE** (see photo) contains twelve note cards with matching envelopes. The photos on the front of the cards are a selection of old China photos entrusted to the Foreign Mission Board. Price, \$1.00\*

**IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**, a handsome sixteen-page booklet, points up the meaning of Lottie Moon's mission service in the context of the Christmas season. Miss Moon was appointed to China in 1873 and sailed September 1; she arrived in Shanghai October 7 and reached Tengchow early in December. Illustrations in the booklet follow a Christmas motif and include photos of early missions work in China and present-day missions work overseas. Price, \$1.00\*

\*Both items are available from Woman's Missionary Union (see WMU order form, p. 64) and Baptist Book Stores.

envelope with a dime in it, because that was his.

From children we can learn the lesson of giving a part of ourselves as we give our offering, "coined love," through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

National Christians respond to our gifts of love. Mrs. Whitten was told by a group of students in Spain, just before she came to the States for furlough, to "give our love to those who obviously love us though they've never seen us. Tell them we love them though we have not seen them."

Ida [EE-dah] de Freitas [PRAY-tahs], WMU leader and friend of missionaries in Brazil, visited WMU meetings in the States while she visited furloughing missionaries Peggy Pemble and Marjorie Jones. Seeing the women participate in the week of prayer and the ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Senora de Freitas told Miss Jones, "Now that I see with what love and concern these women give their offering, I am going to see that you spend it properly!"

(Sing or read aloud the fourth stanza of "O Zion, Haste" [Baptist Hymnal, No. 451]. As pianist continues to play, or as the women sit quietly, those who have their offerings can bring them to the focus center. Pianist will continue to play as the remaining material is given.)

Lord, this has been a good week, a mind-blowing experience. As you have opened my eyes to your gift to man, Your gift . . . unspeakable. There are so many times when I have forgotten The price that you paid for my sins. The love you expressed in the giving of your Son. Only begotten, dearly loved. Oh, God, forgive. I think of the prayers I have not prayed, The money I have not given, The opportunity to serve that I ignored.

And my heart hurts, and I weep. Oh, God, forgive me. May I have another chance? Will you again give me the missed opportunity to pray to give to tell? I am your child. Though not what I should be, I am becoming. Give me your gift of growth, That I will be What you want me to be. Lord, I give you myself.

### Calendar of Prayer

(Read each name, then pause for women to call to mind anything they have prayed about or heard about this week that relates to this person, or the country where he serves, or the type of work he does.)

Magnify the idea that these missionaries are busy today bearing God's gift to people in other places. Verbalize a prayer for them.)

### PLANNING FOR FRIDAY

This is the last day of meetings for the week of prayer. Exciting things should have happened in the lives of the women. As a part of the theme interpretation, have a period of audible prayers of praise and thanksgiving for blessings of the week and for answered prayers.

In He Touched Me, ways of sharing God's gift to be added to the map are: relief, agriculture, hospitals, art, correspondence schools.

The material relating to Bangladesh and Yemen might be presented in the form of a conversation between Mrs. Young and Mrs. Thurman, relating to each other experiences they have had. God's Gift. My Gift should be a time of recommitment. Plan for it to be just that. Knowing the women who will be present and something of their willingness—or lack of challenge—to give, direct this period to fit your own needs.

In closing, use the calendar of prayer. Take a longer period of time at this meeting.



## Current Missions

# Women's Work in Korea

Louise Winningham

What are Baptist women doing in the world? More specifically, what are they doing in organizations like Baptist Women? In October we studied about women's work in an African country, Kenya. Last month we studied about a South American country, Chile. This month we focus on an Oriental country, Korea.

An American woman visiting Korean work might find many similarities to the WMU program of activities and the organization she experiences in the United States. Yet, she would find unique trademarks that distinguish the Korean WMU.

About half of the approximately 460 churches of the Korea Baptist Convention have a women's missions organization. Total membership across Korea is over 6,400. The purposes of WMU include evangelism, Christian nurture of youth,

service, stimulating spiritual growth of Christian women, fellowship, and giving support to the program of witnessing and service of the local church.

### Local WMU

In the churches, the organization for Baptist Women is similar to that in America and tends to be rather simple. However, it may include as many as eleven or twelve officers. The women have monthly meetings, usually after the morning worship services. Some of the women live great distances from the church, thus, it is more convenient to remain for their meeting than to make another trip.

Organizations similar to Girls in Action, Acteens, and Royal Ambassadors are provided for children and youth. The preschool children meet weekly. Organizations for young people, both young men and young women, are not directly related to WMU.

Many churches have a special service of dedication either monthly

or bimonthly on Sunday evenings. One of the WMU officers presides. All of the service is conducted by women. A woman frequently is speaker. Such services are designed to lead women into further spiritual growth and commitment. They also give the women experience in praying and speaking in public.

The women do a variety of things in their community. They provide help for needy persons. Some who live near large hospitals visit with patients and perform other ministries such as making bandages. One of the churches in Seoul [soul] has a regular ministry in a large children's hospital. Many of these children are abandoned. They respond readily to Christian love.

Holidays are an occasion for special acts of ministry. These include Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Fall Moon Festival. Unfortunate families, orphans, old people, and military personnel on duty are given words of encouragement and comfort and gifts as an expression of Christian love. For example, at Christmas, women in one church took rice in ten-pound bags to seven poor families in the church community.

Often the women help their church by making or providing some of the church furnishings or decorations. In one church, the women purchased a pump organ. In another, pupil chairs were purchased. Women have supplied curtains, drapes, and the cushions which are used by those seated on the floor.

The pastors encourage and support the women in their missions endeavors. Often it is the pastors who encourage the beginning of WMU work.

One of the interesting customs is that of "Holy Rice." It began years ago when churches were unable to pay their pastors adequately. The people supplemented the salary by giving rice, chief staple in the Korean diet. As they prepared rice for

Mrs. Otha Winningham, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Woman's Missionary Union, is the wife of a home missionary.

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their families, they set aside a portion of the rice grains for the pastor's family as a token of gratitude for his services. Thus, women who had no cash income could participate.

The practice continues today with each housewife putting a portion of rice in a special container. She takes this to church on Sunday as a part of her offering. Since it is rice given to the Lord, it is called "Holy Rice." In some cases, it goes to the pastor's family. In other instances, needy families of the community receive it.

#### District WMU

Women of the Korean Baptist churches enthusiastically participate in district WMU (which is like our associational WMU). Meetings are usually held quarterly, with programs similar to those in America. A brief devotional period is followed by a business period. Usually a pastor or a missionary in the association brings a message. These associational gatherings bring fellowship, mutual encouragement, help, and service to the churches.

#### National WMU

On the national level, the Korea Baptist WMU is a department of the Korea Baptist Convention. It seeks to strengthen and encourage local missions organizations and to unite them in carrying out kingdom responsibilities.

Southern Baptist work in Korea is relatively new when compared with the 85- to 90-year history of Korean Methodists and Presbyterians. Southern Baptist work began in 1950 at the invitation of Korean Baptists. Most of the present WMU leaders have a background in some other denomination, but have become Baptists.

The WMU work was organized in 1954 in the direct aftermath of the Korean War. Missionaries Mrs. John Abernathy and Miss Lucy Wright (now Mrs. Earl Parker) gave particular leadership and encouragement. Misses Irene Branum and

Ruby Wheat assisted with youth organizations.

A magazine for women and young people, *Song Kwang (Holy Light)*, has been published since 1959. Mrs. Hei Do Cho, daughter of a Baptist pastor, has been editor since 1969. In addition, books, organization manuals, and promotional materials are printed.

A full-time WMU executive secretary, Mrs. Ok Suk Yun, was elected in 1969. Her husband, Rev. John Lee Yun, is a staff member of the Korea Baptist Convention. They have three children.

An annual meeting of the national WMU is held each April, immediately preceding the meeting of the Korea Baptist Convention. The women's meeting begins on Monday evening and continues through Tuesday afternoon. Many of the women attending the WMU meeting are also delegates to the Korea Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Han Hyi Kim serves as national WMU president. She has studied in America and is a graduate of Carver School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary).

Missionary Miss Lucy Wagner serves in an advisory capacity to the Korea WMU. She helps in promotion and leadership training and assists in other ways with the WMU.

One of the missions activities of the national WMU is that of supporting a home missionary. Through prayer and offerings, the women have supported a home missionary since 1960. The missionary, Mrs. Yang, recently retired after twelve years of service.

Korean women observe several seasons of prayer annually. They participate in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, sponsored each November by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Korean women also observe a week of prayer for foreign missions and two seasons of prayer for home missions. They give offerings for special missions work, provide

scholarships for needy seminary students, and contribute to the needs of those who have suffered in disasters such as floods.

Korea Baptist WMU is affiliated with the Asian Baptist Women's Union, one of the continental unions related to the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Korea was represented at the Asian Union meeting in April and was represented at meetings of the Baptist World Alliance in Miami in 1965 and in Tokyo in 1970.

Most of the support for Korean WMU has come from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Increasingly, though, the Korean churches are giving more themselves. Mrs. Lee, the executive secretary, says, "God does not want us to go indefinitely receiving support from others and depending only on that support. Our becoming self-supporting is God's will and a thing pleasing to him and is also a way for us to repay the friends who have prayed for us and helped us."

#### Future Hopes

As Korean Baptist women look into the future, they see many needs. A committee is working on long-range plans in women's work. They want full self-support for their WMU work. They yearn for more training of leaders in the churches and for an expanding missions program. There are needs for more missions organizations in the churches.

The youth work needs to be restructured to meet more effectively the needs of today's youth. Well over half of the population is under twenty years of age. Continuing migration from the country to the city is causing drastic changes in life styles. Young people who go to the city for education seldom return to the old world of village life.

Korean WMU work is now twenty years old. The executive secretary

has noted, "Twenty years is the period during which a person comes to full age. During these twenty years, the Korea WMU has been helped by the WMU in America. It would not be an exaggeration to say that we have a WMU today because of the dedicated help of the American WMU."

"We wish to request the prayers especially of our WMU co-laborers in America and scattered throughout the world for our goals of reaching self-support and for the witnessing activities of our WMU members. Women have many more opportunities to witness than men. We must encourage Baptist women, not only in their spiritual growth, but also in using the opportunities which come to them to witness for Christ."



## Planning the Current Missions Group Meeting

### Study Session

Third in a series of three studies on women's work in countries

around the world, this study focuses on Korea. At the conclusion of this study, members should be able to list some of the contributions of women's work to the churches of Korea and to explain how Korean women's work is organized.

Introduce the study by pointing out the display of pictures of women from different parts of the world which was used last month. This time especially seek pictures of women from Korea. Also include in the interest center a traditional costume from Korea and a map of Korea.

Distribute mimeographed copies of the crossword puzzle given below. (Or provide one large copy on a poster board.) Use the puzzle as a starter, asking women to fill out as much as they can before the study material is presented.

Ask four women to summarize information from the study material on local, district, and national WMU, and future plans. (Fewer members may be used by combining sections.) Ask the other women to complete their puzzles as they listen to the information.

After the material has been presented, review puzzle answers with

the group. Answers: ACROSS (1) evangelism, (4) Sunday, (5) witness, (7) Asian, (8) KBWMU, (9) projects. DOWN (2) visitation, (3) men, (5) war, (6) simple.

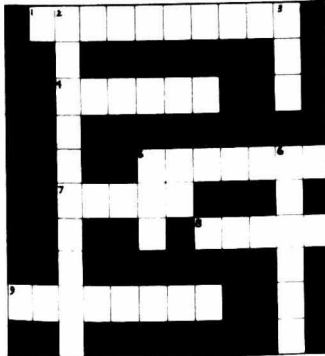
Ask members to recall activities which are unique to Korean WMU. Discuss the relevance of such activities for American women. What does the Korean women's commitment to Christ say to Christian women in America?

The Giant Step campaign is now in high gear. Enlistment and enlargement for missions organizations are ever present needs. After studying WMU work in Kenya, Chile, and Korea, women should have a strong interest in enlisting American women in such missions adventures. Are additional organizations needed? Organizations that meet at different times? What about enlisting Christian women for missions education? Would a simple invitation and offer of a ride to the meetings be the beginning of another life involved in missions?

### Related Activities

**Call to Prayer.** Cut a Christmas tree out of green construction paper. On red construction paper balls, write the names of the missionaries and their countries and types of work. Stick these on the tree. Ask each member to take a ball from the tree and pray for the missionary throughout the month.

**Preview Baptist Women Meeting.** Prepare a quiz for the members. (1) Name the four states included in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. (2) What is meant by church pastoral aid? (3) List some things a WMU executive secretary would do to help young churches develop missions programs. If you know the answers to these questions, come to the Baptist Women meeting (date) at (place) and learn more. If you do not know the answers, come to the Baptist Women meeting for there is much in store for you.



### Across

- 1 A Korean WMU purpose
- 4 Popular WMU meeting time
- 5 Every member tries to do this
- 7 Affiliate of Baptist Women's Union
- 8 Initials for national WMU
- 9 Missions activities

### Down

- 2 Weak church activity
- 3 Young people's organizations include them
- 5 Korean missions work started after this
- 6 Characteristic of organizational methods

# My Spiritual Pilgrimage

Work Sheet 3: December 1973

Scripture passage: John 20:19-29

## Study Questions

1. What was the feeling shared by the disciples in verse 19? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the first words Jesus spoke to them, according to John 20:19? \_\_\_\_\_
3. From verse 21 write the words Jesus used to tell the disciples of their mission: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus sent the disciples to do what? (John 20:23) \_\_\_\_\_
5. How were the disciples to have power to accomplish their mission? (John 20:22) \_\_\_\_\_
6. (Underscore correct words.) I have completed or I promise to complete the reading of John's Gospel \_\_\_\_\_



## To Enrich My Spiritual Life

Selected verse: John 20:21b

My understanding of what this verse means for my life and how I am trying to carry it out \_\_\_\_\_

## My Prayer List

Item	Date Entered	Date Answered

Study for next month: Matthew 1:18-25, 3:13-15, 20:28, 27:35-45, 46:50-54, 28:1-6. Highlights in the Life of Jesus.



Bible Study

# The Origin of Missions

## Sending—the Method for Missions

Monte Clendinning

Passage for Study: John 20:19-29

Southern Baptists currently send out approximately 4,700 missionaries. About 2,500 are under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board. Around 2,200 serve under the Home Mission Board.

What is the biblical basis for sending missionaries? What is my role in God's method for missions? Our study today, the third in this quarter from John's Gospel, should give insights into valid answers.

On Resurrection Day the Disciples Were Afraid (John 20:19a)

Unbelievable! The disciples had died in fear behind closed doors on resurrection day! Of whom were they afraid? Peter and John had seen the empty tomb with their own eyes. Mary Magdalene had reported to the disciples that she had seen the risen Lord and he had spoken

to her. Did the disciples not believe them? Did they consider these incidents only hallucinations?

The disciples were afraid of the people who had killed Jesus. Would they now try to wipe out the entire band of his followers? Behind closed doors the disciples were fearful for their very lives.

Even though Jesus himself had prophesied he would rise on the third day (John 2:19, 21), the disciples could not comprehend it. Jesus had talked of being a king of having a kingdom, and of their place in it. But now he was dead! They had even seen him die. Doubtful, unbelieving, puzzled, confused, they nagged their leader, or so they thought. No wonder they were afraid.

Jesus Brought Peace (John 20:19b, 21a)

Through closed doors into the midst of this bewildered group came Jesus. Or was it Jesus? This figure looked like Jesus. The familiar

greeting of "Peace be unto you" sounded like Jesus. Could this be another hallucination?

Before his death, Jesus had said, "I will come to you" (John 14:18) and "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27).

It really was Jesus. He was alive! He had risen from the dead. Their leader was once again with them. The ecstasy and joy of this reunion overwhelmed them all. Their reaction was just as Jesus had predicted it earlier: "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you" (John 16:22).

Jesus Gave His Followers a Mission (John 20:21b, 23)

When peace had replaced fear in the troubled hearts of the disciples, no doubt they longed to remain in this place of sweet fellowship with the risen Lord. Perhaps Jesus sensed that, for just as soon as he had quieted them, he gave them a mission: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

Jesus knew he would soon be returning to his Heavenly Father, who had sent him to earth. Now he was entrusting his disciples with the responsibility for continuing his earthly ministry. He was sending them out into the world. But to do what?

Verse 23 indicates that their mission was to deal with sin. The very mission for which Jesus had come into the world was to "save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). He had come to break the power of sin, to provide a way whereby sinful man could be set free from sin and once again be rightly related to God.

The mission of the disciples was clearly stated. They too should deal with sin. They were to point sinful man to the One who could forgive and free them from sin.

According to Webster's dictionary, "one sent on a mission" is a

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missionary. The disciples had become missionaries. What a responsibility! Could this small band of followers, so recently huddled in fear, be effective in a hostile world? *Jesus Empowered the Disciples* (John 20:22).

Jesus had seen how weak the disciples were. They had fled at the time of his arrest and trial. Now they were utterly helpless, paralyzed by fear. Had these men forgotten his promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16)?

And so "he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:22). John's description of Jesus breathing on the disciples reminds us of the Genesis description of God breathing life into dust and creating man. When we see how drastic the change was in the disciples, we can easily believe Jesus "created" these missionaries.

Jesus had not asked them to serve in their own strength. He gave them supernatural strength in order to accomplish the mission to which he had called them. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples would be able to deal with sin in the hostile world.

How does this infilling of the Spirit relate to that which took place about forty days later at Pentecost? Neither marks the Holy Spirit's entry into the world; he had been here since creation. But now his presence would be connected with Jesus. The upper room experience marks the beginning of the disciples being filled with the Spirit. The believers probably spent much time together in the next weeks. Their awareness of the Spirit increased. At Pentecost it reached an overflowing climax. A breath had become the sound of a "rushing mighty wind."

Empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, now even Peter who had previously denied knowing Jesus, preached with such power that three thousand souls were saved in one day (Acts 2:41).

#### *Jesus and Our Mission Today* (John 20:24-29)

One of the disciples was not present when Jesus appeared to the group in the upper room. Absentee Thomas refused to believe Jesus was alive and told the disciples he would not believe unless he could put his own finger into the print of the nails in Jesus' hand and thrust his own hand into Jesus' side (John 20:25).

The following Sunday, Jesus came again. This time Thomas was present. Jesus offered to let Thomas do just what he had said he must do in order to believe. Thomas cried out, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

Jesus responded in words which have strengthened believers down through the ages. "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

Have you received this blessing of Jesus—not having seen him, yet believing in him? Are you certain he is alive today? If so, have you come to grips with the meaning of Jesus' words for your life: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you?"

Some individuals respond in an indirect manner. As a result of Jesus' command, Southern Baptists continue to send out missionaries. Baptist women are a part of this "sending" by giving money through the Cooperative Program and special offerings such as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. They are a part of this "sending" process by consistently praying for missionaries and encouraging the church family as a whole to support missionaries through prayer and gifts.

Other individuals respond in a more direct manner. They are finding new opportunities through the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, not only as career missionaries, but also as missionary associates.

Two-year terms are available to younger people as journeymen (foreign missions) and US-2ers (home missions). More and more individuals are now considering direct missions involvement.

But Jesus' sending is not limited just to those appointed through our mission boards. As a follower of Jesus, have you accepted your responsibility of being "sent" by him wherever your life touches other people? Supporting missionaries through prayer and giving is necessary, but it is not enough. Helping to pay salaries of church staff members is important, but it is not enough. What are you doing with your own life? Are you on mission for Jesus Christ? Is our world today in such a chaotic condition because countless believers do not know, or have refused to accept, this role Jesus gave to each believer?

Sending forth believers is Jesus' only method for missions. This is an overwhelming responsibility for those who are sent! It becomes a challenging opportunity when believers come to realize that, just as Jesus empowered the original disciples, he is ready to empower each follower today with the same Holy Spirit. This Spirit enters the heart of each believer when he opens his heart to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is not able to fully empower a believer until he dies to self, puts Christ first in all of life, and lives daily in the forgiveness of confessed sin. It is then you can truly be on mission for Jesus Christ. It is then you may boldly offer freedom from sin to those who receive Jesus, the Saviour who died for the sins of the world.



### Planning the Bible Study Group Meeting

#### Study Session

This is the last in a series of three studies from John's Gospel under

the subject "The Origin of Missions" (See explanation of the year's plan in Oct. or Nov. ROYAL SERVICE.)

October: Jesus—the Medium for Missions, John 1:1-18

November: Love—the Motivation for Missions, John 3:1-16

December: Sending—the Method for Missions, John 20:19-29

#### AIM

As a result of this month's study each woman should be able to identify her own role in missions.

#### LEARNING METHODS

*Marginal Notes.*—Ask each person to read silently the passage for today and make notes in the margin of her Bible. She can use these symbols:

+ I agree

0 I disagree

— I do not understand

M It has made a difference in my life

C It is a challenge to my life

If members do not care to mark their Bibles, mimeograph the passage for everyone to use.

When the individual study has been finished, form subgroups (two or three persons each) to share notes. At a designated time encourage each subgroup to report to the large group. Clarify difficult passages. Conclude with Personal Application (see section below).

*Question Answer.* Ask women to share answers to questions from the work sheet which they have answered prior to the group meeting. (See answers under "Learning Aids.") Encourage them to discuss questions which may not be on the work sheet. Follow this with Personal Application (see section below).

*Personal Application.*—Help each woman to identify her role in missions. Referring to the section entitled "Jesus and Our Mission Today," ask each to write on the

back of her work sheet how she feels she is responding to Jesus' command of "so send I you."

(1) Indirectly

A. Do I give regularly to the Cooperative Program?

B. Am I giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and other special missions offerings?

C. Do I follow daily "the Call to Prayer" in order to support our missionaries?

(2) Directly

A. Do I know whether I can qualify to serve as a career or associate missionary?

B. Am I willing to read pamphlets which inform Baptists about these opportunities?

C. Am I consistently sharing Christ with my family, friends and others I meet, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit?

#### LEARNING AIDS

Answers to work sheet questions

1. fear

2. "Peace be unto you"

3. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"

4. To deal with sin (to point in individuals to Jesus who can forgive their sins)

5. through the power of the Holy Spirit

6. (personal answer)

Encourage members to read these pamphlets from the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Order one copy each.

Free from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

For Life's Potential

"The Missionary Associate Program"

"Missionary Journeyman Program"

Free from Home Mission Board Literature Service, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

"Qualifications for Missionary Appointment"

"CSC—the Layman in Missions"

"Profile US-2er"

#### EVALUATE THE STUDY

If members have not filled in "To Enrich My Spiritual Life" on their work sheets, encourage them to fill it in now.

Did each woman identify her role in missions? What could be done to help her further?

#### PLAN FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH

Help members who show interest in missionary service to find answers to their questions by reading the pamphlets suggested above or by writing the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board or Home Mission Board.

If members have not completed reading the entire book of John, encourage them to do so during the month.

Assign study for next month: first of three studies from Matthew under the title "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." Study for January will be a survey of the life of Christ.

#### Related Activities

*Preview Baptist Women Meeting.* Prepare a quiz for members. (1) Name the four states in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. (2) What is meant by church pastoral aid? (3) List some things a WMU executive secretary would do to help young churches develop missions programs. If you know the answers to these questions, come to the Baptist Women meeting (date) at (place) and learn more. If you do not know the answers, come to the Baptist Women meeting, for there is much in store for you.

*Call to Prayer.*—Display a large world globe around which is draped a chain made from paper loops. With gummed tape attach each link to one of the countries represented by missionaries on today's prayer calendar. As each name is called, ask members to pray silently for that missionary. Suggest that each member write the name of one of these missionaries in her prayer list to remember daily throughout the month.



## Round Table

# Focus on Africa

Dottie Hudson

### Books for Reading and Study

*New Life for All* by Eileen Lagerer (Moody Press, 1970) \$1.25, paper\*

*Run While the Sun Is Hot* by W. Harold Fuller (Moody Press, 1968) \$1.35, paper\*

\*Available through Baptist Book Stores

For one hundred years Africa has been in turmoil. During the first part of these years Africa lost her independence as Europeans colonized the continent. During the last of these years she has regained her freedom amid blood, starvation, and revolution.

Britain had been preparing Nigeria for independence, so that country had some indigenous lead

ership when left on her own. Other countries, such as the Congo, have been left with almost no professional men and educated leaders.

Where does Africa go from here? What are her religious beliefs? What will they be?

Islam has made deep inroads into African life. In the new fervor of nationalism, there has been a new excitement over animism and native spirit worship. But the Christian community has been tied closely with the colonial governments that have been forced out of Africa. Is Jesus Christ to be forced out also?

A remarkable story is told by Eileen Lagerer in *New Life for All*. The introduction to that book says that when men are clean instruments—honest about their sins—God will have sharp tools, capable of the impossible. This is what is

taking place in Africa today—the impossible. The Christian church is breaking away from conventional methods and reaching into the lives of even the hostile and unconcerned. The day of miracles can be seen in Africa today.

We Americans can relate to this account, not just as a story of something wonderful that happened on "a far-off missions field," but as something we would like to see happen in our own land: an evangelism plan deliberately conceived by Christian leaders combined with a seemingly spontaneous outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The movement began in 1963 in the heart of Kagoro Bible College professor Jerry Swank, a Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) missionary. God implanted in his mind the idea of an indigenous movement. This idea was to get God's people to present a united front and win their brothers to Christ. "New Life for All" (NLFA) was adopted by many denominations on an experimental basis.

The result? The Holy Spirit broke down ancient barriers, destroyed the fear produced by idol worship, rooted out strongholds of Islam, and revealed Christ Jesus to large segments of a country about to be torn by civil war.

How was this movement actualized? It began with the formula we know so well and practice so seldom: witnessing by Christians, Bible searching, prayer, true repentance, prayer groups, depending on the leadership of the Holy Spirit and a love that can only begin with God.

During the first year, 2,000 professed faith in Jesus Christ—an average of ten for every member of the witnessing team that went out.

W. Harold Fuller, touring SIM work on the continent of Africa, saw God at work today and wrote *Run While the Sun Is Hot*. The title comes from an African proverb comparable to our American saying, "Make hay while the sun shines."

Mr. Fuller has produced a readable account of his travels and of SIM's work in ten countries, six of which are also Southern Baptist missions fields. Nine of the twenty-five chapters are on Nigeria; seven are on Ethiopia, a relatively new field for Southern Baptists. There is one chapter each on Liberia and Ghana, and one on Upper Volta and Dahomey.

*Run While the Sun Is Hot* glimpses the past and future but gazes longest on the present. It presents a little political and missions history. It considers the future of Christianity in Africa. But most space is given to current happenings among missionaries and nationals. It is interesting that a reference is made to NLFA, the movement discussed in the other book for study.



## Planning the Round Table Group Meeting

### Approaches to Study

Your group may choose to study one or both books. Unless all members will be familiar with the books before the study session, and there will be several copies of the books available for the session, you may wish to make copies of some of the material suggested for use in the session.

If you use both books, study first *Run While the Sun Is Hot*. Ask several members in advance to prepare reports to share with the group.

The first report should be on the route Mr. Fuller followed on his tour. In the book, the route is clearly shown within each country; use a map of the whole of Africa to show the relation of the countries.

Ask another member to report on the various kinds of ministries mentioned by SIM. Some of them are radio, broadcasting, schools, book stores, children's homes, hospitals,

and dental clinics, and publishing.

Ask a third member to compare SIM work with that of Southern Baptist missionaries as to methods of organization and types of work. Ask a fourth member to contrast the two groups. (Or the same member may do both the comparing and the contrasting.) A helpful summary of Southern Baptist work can be found in *Know Your Baptist Missions '73* (free from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230).

Next, study *New Life for All* in order to take a closer look at one area of missions activity.

Ask one member to answer the following questions to introduce the book:

1. Where did NLFA begin? (Refer to map on p. 6.)
2. Tell about the man who had the idea for NLFA. (Pp. 9-10.)
3. Before the movement started, what statements did the planners make about what the movement was and what it was not? (Pp. 12-13.)
4. If you are familiar with Lay Evangelism Schools and WIN materials, compare and contrast this American method of evangelism with NLFA.

Spend the rest of the time discussing some of the individuals described in the book. This may be done in one of several ways. Monologues might be done, with several members each choosing the person who most impressed her and telling the story as if she were that person. There might be dialogues between persons in the book and visitors to their area who had not known about NLFA.

### Related Activities

*Call to Prayer*—Cut a Christmas tree out of green construction paper. Or red construction paper balls, write the names of the missionaries and their countries and types of work. Stick these on the tree. Ask each member to take a ball from the tree and pray for the missionary throughout the month.

### Preview Baptist Women Meeting.

—Prepare a quiz for the members: (1) Name the four states included in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. (2) What is meant by church pastoral aid? (3) List some things a WML executive secretary would do to help young churches develop missions programs. (If you know the answers to these questions, come to the Baptist Women meeting (date) at (place) and learn more. If you do not know the answers, come to the Baptist Women meeting, for there is much in store for you.

### Books for January

*Struggle of Decency* by Robert Root and Shirley W. Hall (Friendship Press, 1965) \$1.95\*

*The Black Christian Experience* by Emmanuel L. McCall (Broadman Press, 1972) \$3.95\*

*The Possible Dream: Toward Understanding the Black Experience* by Peter A. Angeles (Friendship Press, 1971) \$1.95\*

### Books for February

*The American Indian Today* edited by Stuart Levine and Nancy O. Lurie (Penguin Books Inc., 1970) \$1.95\*

*Disinherited: The First Birthright of the American Indian* by Dale Van Every (William Morrow & Company, 1966) \$8.50, paper, \$2.50\*

### Books for March

*The Chicanos: Mexican American Voices* edited by Ed Ludwig and James Santhmanez (Penguin Books Inc., 1971) \$1.50\*

*The Chicanos: A History of Mexican Americans* by Matt S. Meier and Feliciano Rivera (Hill and Wang, 1972) \$7.95, paper, \$2.65\*

*Shadows in the Valley* by Frank A. Wadsworth (Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1970) \$4.95\*

*Emerging Faces: The Mexican Americans* by Y. Arturo Cabrera (Wm. C. Brown Company Publishers, 1971) \$2.25\*

\*Available through Baptist Book Stores

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## Prayer

# India

Jane Allison

India—land of population, poverty, and palaces, has one-third the land area of the United States, yet more than twice the population. Poverty is India's largest single problem.

At least one-fourth of Calcutta's residents live in slums. Whole families may live in windowless, dirt-floored rooms with ten square feet of space. Walls are made of mud-covered bamboo poles. The kitchen may be a mud platform in one corner, where the woman cooks over a fire made of cow dung mixed with sawdust.

The slum dwellers are more fortunate than some. Thousands have no homes at all. Each night they sleep in the street with their few possessions close beside them so thieves will not steal them.

On the other hand, at the palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad, one of Mrs. Richard Allison is a homemaker living in Knoxville, Tennessee.

the greatest art collections of the world may be seen in possession of one of the richest men in the world.

Among India's many peoples, at least fourteen different languages are spoken. Hundreds of dialects exist within these major languages making it difficult for missionaries to share the Christian gospel with great numbers of people.

While India's caste system has been abolished by law, it exists in practice. Caste divided all people into groups according to birth and occupation.

The Vedas, or Books of Wisdom, say that a cow is sacred, and a good Hindu cannot kill one. Therefore cows wander about everywhere even in the largest cities. These cattle do not pay for themselves. Many are used for plowing, some are milked. But millions produce no income and eat food needed by India's huge population.

### Together We Pray

In 1962, the nondenominational Vellore Christian Medical College (one of the largest and most significant Christian missions projects anywhere in the world) in South India accepted a Southern Baptist missionary doctor. This move enabled Southern Baptists to open medical work in Bangalore with another doctor in 1966. In January 1973, Bangalore Baptist Hospital, the first Southern Baptist-supported medical institution in India, was dedicated.

At the dedication of the hospital, D. Oevaraj Urs, chief minister of Mysore State, declared that he was pleased to see that the primary purpose of the hospital was to serve the poor and needy. The hospital will accommodate 78 beds, 75 percent of which will be reserved for indigent patients.

Bangalore already has many excellent medical institutions, but few reach into the poverty areas. The Baptist Hospital must attempt not only to minister to these people but also to serve as a teaching facility. Plans are to sponsor internship and residency programs and later an outreach program in community health and a nursing school.

Plans are for an outpatient clinic which will be open daily.

Pray for Dr. Richard H. Hellinger and Dr. John H. Wikman, Jr., missionary doctors on the hospital staff.

Pray for the nationals working in the hospital who give a personal witness to those waiting to see a doctor.

Pray that, though the hospital ministers to the poor, it will be able to finance itself properly.

Pray for the hundreds of Indians who are showing an interest in the Bible Way Correspondence Course being offered by missionaries. An introduction to Christ is available in five of India's languages.

Pray for Dr. John D. W. Watts as he teaches Old Testament in Serampore College. This college, founded by William Carey, offers

both liberal arts and seminary training. This is the first college in India in which Southern Baptists have had an opportunity to serve and witness.

Pray for the small new village churches—eight or nine—in the Bangalore area. Pray for the nationals who, when they finish seminary, will be able to lead the churches.

Pray for those Indians with no homes, no jobs, and no hope apart from Jesus Christ.



## Planning the Prayer Group Meeting

### Preparation Period

As members enter the room, give each person a copy of the words to

the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 449).

Ask members to meditate on those words and write any reaction or decision they may experience during a quiet time of meditation. Each member will take her sheet home for further meditation and consideration.

### The Prayer Experience

The aim of this prayer experience is to pray with new awareness and concern for the physical and spiritual needs of India's millions and to pray specifically for our medical and other areas of missionary work.

Prior to the meeting, assign the introductory material to one member to summarize. Ask several members to study the specific prayer requests (Together We Pray) to discuss and pray for at prayertime.

### Related Activities

Call to Prayer.—Since the major portion of our missions work in

India is medical, fill empty capsules with the names and addresses of missionaries who are on the prayer calendar. (See Call to Prayer pp. 59-64.) Distribute capsules to members as a "prescription" for prayertime. Most drug stores will be able to supply you with the necessary empty capsules.

### Preview Baptist Women Meeting

Prepare a quiz for the members: (1) Name the four states included in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. (2) What is meant by church pastoral aid? (3) List some things a WMU executive secretary would do to help young churches develop missions programs. If you know the answers to these questions, come to the Baptist Women meeting (date) at (place) and learn more. If you don't know the answers, come to the Baptist Women meeting for there is much in store for you.

*If in comfort I have ceased to be sensitive,  
in discomfort make me feel.  
If in success I have abandoned learning,  
in failure stimulate my mind.  
If in health I have ceased to grow,  
in illness fertilize me.  
If in luxury I have become ungrateful,  
in sparsity make me appreciative.  
I ask for peace, contentment, and growth,  
But if I can have only one,  
Give me growth.  
God, I need empathy, understanding,  
and forgiveness with my sisters,  
but if I can have only one,  
grant me forgiveness. Amen.*

MEME DUMWRIGHT





Mission Action

# Motivation for Mission

Kathryn Bullard

**Motivation Problem #3: Superiority**  
"Motive" is a need or desire that causes a person to act. Again this month, members of mission action groups will examine their motives for ministry.

What are your motives? If you look closely, you may find motives that you never dreamed were there. By being sensitive to possible unworthy motives, you can consciously foster your more worthy motives.

This month we will look at superiority. Is your ministry dominated by a superior attitude?

There are two passages of Scripture that will stimulate our thinking. In Matthew 20:20-28 an interesting scene is recorded. Some writers think that the sons put their mother

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up to asking Jesus "the question." It is interesting to note that the sons asked not for employment in the new kingdom, but for honor only. It seems the only place they desired was the highest, next to Christ and above everybody else.

Perhaps they felt superior to the others. After all, they had left all they had to follow Christ. They wanted to be the first candidates for the first part of the new king dom.

The other disciples were indignant, because they wanted the same thing. They were angry at James and John, because the brothers were ambitious. But they were just as ambitious.

Jesus called the disciples together to talk with them. In all tenderness, patience, and love, he

taught them not to be like others who exercise dominion and authority over their subjects. His teaching forbids any motive of superiority. Christ set the example of humility and usefulness.

In Matthew 21:12-13 we see another picture. There was buying and selling in the Temple. The people were taking an unfair advantage of another's position. They were trading on another's weakness, ignorance, or necessity. They were making gain for themselves by making victims of others. We see the sternness of Jesus as he dealt with these individuals and their attitudes toward others.

Karen had completed the course taught in the literacy workshop. She was thrilled over the prospect of meeting her first pupil to teach her to read and write. In the workshop, tips had been given on meeting the pupil for the first time and setting up the classes. At the close of the last period, each person in the workshop had been assigned a pupil.

Karen studied her city map and found the address of Mrs. C. With all the approaches suggested in the workshop running through her mind, Karen set out to visit her first pupil. Suddenly she drove out of the "pretty" section into a run-down area. She crossed the railroad tracks. Just one block beyond the tracks was 201.

The house was not painted, the steps did not look steady, the front door was standing open, panes were broken or missing in the windows. On the porch sat Mrs. C.

As the car pulled close to the front of the house, Karen had a sinking feeling. She checked the address again. Surely she had made a mistake. No, the address was correct.

Suddenly something happened to Karen. She just could not bring herself to stop the car. As she drove slowly back home, she could still see the face of her first pupil as she sat on the porch.

Billie joined the mission action group that was ministering at the detention home for young girls. She was assigned to work especially with Marie. Marie looked so young and yet was so old in her ways. She was unappreciative. She used profanity with almost every sentence. She was withdrawn from the other girls. She acted as if she did not want anything to do with any one.

After several visits at the home, with special attempts to minister to Marie, Billie decided to get out of the group. She stated she would rather spend her time where she would be appreciated. Marie really did not want any help. There were other ways Billie could use her talents to a greater advantage.

In light of Karen's and Billie's experiences, think about the words of Jesus: "Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 20:28, *The Living Bible*).

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Planning the Mission Action Group Meeting

## Purpose

To examine motive for ministry in light of Christ's teaching and to see that a feeling of superiority will prevent effective ministry.

## Study Session

Discuss the meaning of superiority as it relates to Christian ministry.

Ask two members to come prepared to lead in a discussion of the passages of Scripture in the study material. Study the passages from different translations of the Bible

as well as from commentaries (Check the church library for the commentaries.) Consider reading the Scripture passages from *The Living Bible*, Today's English Version, or Phillips Translation.



Another member should be prepared to lead a discussion concerning Karen's experience.

- Did Karen really want to teach an adult to read and write?
  - Was she properly motivated?
  - What was the turning point in Karen's desire to minister?
  - List some factors you think might have caused Karen to turn back.
  - Did Karen feel superior to the one to whom she was to minister?
  - What could the group or the group leader do to help Karen?
- Ask another member to lead the discussion concerning Billie.
- What were the characteristics of Marie?
  - Would it be easy to minister to a person with these characteristics?
  - What do you think were some of Billie's characteristics?
  - Did Billie feel superior to Marie?
  - What approach would you take in ministering to Marie?

Ask the group members to bow in prayer. Read aloud Matthew 20:28 from *The Living Bible*. Allow time for self-examination. Ask members to examine their motives for ministry and if there is a feeling of superiority to confess and ask God's forgiveness and help to do away with this motive.

## Evaluation

The first quarter of the church year has passed and it is time to evaluate.

1. Are group members attending the monthly organization meeting? Is the group leader setting the example?
2. Have members read the Foreign Mission Graded Series book? Did they participate in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?
3. Are individual members aware of all that the group is doing?
4. Are members doing their best?
5. Do you need some specialized training to improve your ministry?
6. Are you turning in your monthly group report?
7. Is the group leader participating in the Baptist Women officers council meetings?
8. Did you make adequate plans at the beginning of the year?

## Related Activities

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# forecaster

Aline Fuselier

Planning for Baptist Women work is a primary function of the Baptist Women officers council. Forecaster helps officers plan. Executing these plans is another function of the Baptist Women officers council. Forecaster helps officers carry out the plans.



## Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions December 2-9

### Are You Ready . . .

For the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

- Plans for a five-day observance have been made following suggestions in ROYAL SERVICE (pp 24-42)
- Publicity for meetings and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal has been prepared and displayed
- Every member has been contacted and invited to participate
- Plans for distributing copies of "Prayer Guide for Home Use" have been made
- Plans for distributing offering envelopes have been made
- Every member has a copy of ROYAL SERVICE to use in personal and family prayertime
- Members have been urged to set personal goals for giving to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

### Reaching Absentees

Giving consistent reminders that a person is missed when absent from a meeting is a good way to combat absenteeism. If Mary Jones knows she will receive a telephone call every time she misses a Baptist Women meeting, she may learn to think twice before she is absent without a reason. Many times Baptist Women members have illness or other problems that can be discovered through a call when a person is absent from a Baptist Women meeting.

Ask Baptist Women members what system they would like to adopt for reaching absentees. Lead them to make plans and to make contacts.

Homebound Baptist Women members are unable to attend meetings and activities of Baptist Women. Provision can be made for them to participate in Baptist Women activities. This is the responsibility of the Baptist Women officers council.

\*Distributed through your state WMU office. See your Baptist Women director or WMU director.

Determine:  
the number of homebound members  
frequency of activities  
kinds of activities.

Some suggested activities are:

- Provide subscriptions to ROYAL SERVICE.
- Make a tape recording of Baptist Women meetings. Appoint a Baptist Women member to deliver the tape, set up the tape recorder, give operating instructions, remain for a visit, and make plans to pick up the recorder.
- Plan occasional live presentations of various Baptist Women meetings in the homebound member's home.
- During special activities like the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, include homebound members in plans. Assign one Baptist Women member to visit a homebound member for prayer using ROYAL SERVICE.

### ROYAL SERVICE

You should still be taking Giant Steps. Even if you reached all the goals set, have you reached the fullest potential in Baptist Women?

Unless every member of Baptist Women has a subscription to ROYAL SERVICE, the fullest potential has not been achieved in this area of Giant Step.

- Subscriptions may be:
  - included in the church budget
  - provided by individuals
  - gift subscriptions

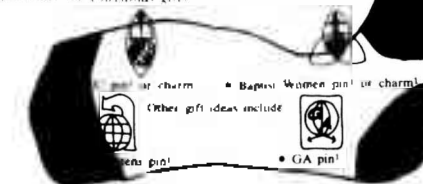
Adopt a slogan like "A Magazine in Every Hand."

Discuss the implications of this slogan in officers council meeting and in the Baptist Women meeting.

Make the content of ROYAL SERVICE vital to Baptist Women. Officers can use feature articles to enhance study and prayer experiences. Officers can encourage members to use all the content of ROYAL SERVICE in individual and family study and prayer.

## Gift Ideas

Remind members that WMU jewelry is a possibility for Christmas gifts.



\*See WMU order form, page 64

†See footnote, next page

## Officers Council

A suggested agenda for officers council meeting includes:

- Use Call to Prayer
- Evaluate this quarter's activities
- Discuss plans for enlistment activity
- Check for readiness for Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Introduce *Missions Prayer Guide* to officers council
- Discuss plans for reaching absentees
- Discuss every member receiving ROYAL SERVICE as part of Giant Step
- Plan general meeting
- Plan Christmas enlistment coffee

A specific responsibility of the officers council is evaluation. Evaluation involves looking at what has been done in order to improve future activities. Evaluation is comparing what happened with what was hoped would happen and discovering why results were or were not those expected.

If goals are set as activities are planned, evaluation of the activity will be easier. Evaluation is directly related to planning.

### Remember

1. Evaluation must be done in terms of the aims of Baptist Women. Write down aims that are desired outcomes of an activity being planned in Baptist Women right now.

An ideal aim for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions would be to involve every Baptist Women member in a five-day observance. However, a more realistic goal might be to involve every Baptist Women member in at least one meeting during the week. This is an obtainable goal, giving a handle for evaluation. It is much stronger than a general aim like "Baptist Women will observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions."

2. Evaluation is a continuous process. In an effort to attain the aim, assign persons to make personal contacts with every Baptist Women member. Give each member a schedule of activities. Seek a commitment of the member's intention to attend at least one

specific meeting. Follow through with the contacts. Evaluate after the first day to determine effectiveness of personal contacts. Did everyone who was committed to attending come?

3. Evaluation is a shared responsibility. The mission support chairman is responsible for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; however, other officers and members must assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the plans. Include members in evaluation. If the plans were not effective, why? It is never too late to reconsider plans or adjust plans.

### Call to Prayer

Prayer is a vital element in every aspect of Baptist Women. The general meeting includes missions praying. The mission action group does mission study and missions praying as well as mission action. The mission study group does mission action and missions praying as well as mission study. The mission prayer group does mission action and mission study, but primarily prayer.

The mission support chairman is constantly looking for new and effective ways to present Call to Prayer, the prayer calendar in ROYAL SERVICE. Missions Prayer Guide<sup>1</sup> gives over twenty-five creative ways to present the names of the missionaries in a meeting. These suggestions can be used by the mission support chairman in the general meeting and by various missions group leaders in group meetings.

Missions Prayer Guide will help mission support chairmen, missions group leaders and others understand

the purpose of the calendar of prayer

how the calendar of prayer works

affirmations of answered prayer by missionaries

background for missions praying

Missions Prayer Guide offers ideas for planning for the use of the calendar of prayer

ways to present the calendar of prayer

<sup>1</sup>See WMU order form, page 64.

<sup>2</sup>Available from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. \$2.50 per year. For each subscription outside the US, add \$1.00 for postage and handling. Annual subscription only. Alabama subscribers add necessary sales tax.

<sup>3</sup>Available free upon request from state WMU offices.

## Baptist Women Christmas Enlistment Coffee

Activity: Christmas Crafts (Enlistment Activity)

Purpose: To expose all women in the church to the members and opportunities in Baptist Women

### Preparation:

- Plan the party early in December for two reasons. Women may be enlisted in time to participate in Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Women will have time to make Christmas gifts from craft ideas received at the party.

- Make a creative invitation.

Directions: On a slip of paper mimeograph the following instructions. Use the invitation pattern to make "name tags" for Christmas packages. Use the extra space to write a creative message, more than, "To Sister, From Mom." Stuff the invitation and slip of paper in an inexpensive envelope and mail to every woman over thirty years of age.

- Select a Christmas issue of a woman's magazine with craft ideas and patterns for making crafts.
- Enlarge and duplicate the patterns for making the crafts.
- Prepare a pattern holder. Use a flat brown paper bag (Decorate the paper bag with Baptist Women insignia etc.) Include a copy of all the craft patterns in the paper bag.
- Prepare one additional pattern. This one is a Baptist Women pattern for becoming a member. This pattern should include a copy of December ROYAL SERVICE<sup>1</sup>, a ROYAL SERVICE subscription blank,<sup>2</sup> a Baptist Women enlistment folder<sup>3</sup> or a Baptist Women Member Hand book,<sup>4</sup> and a mimeographed sheet listing all Baptist Women activities, the date, time and place and opportunities for involvement in special groups.
- Collect materials so that each woman can make a simple craft at the coffee.
- Serve coffee and hot spiced tea with homemade cookies.
- Prime Baptist Women members to chat about Baptist Women meetings and activities over coffee while making crafts.
- Invite each person attending to sign a guest book.
- Follow up by assigning a Baptist Women member to a guest. A contact should be made within a week after the coffee inviting her to the next Baptist Women activity.



# call to prayer

Louise Haddock

### 1 Sunday, Hebrews 5:1-10

In New York City one person out of eight speaks Spanish. Many Spanish-speaking congregations are affiliated with the Baptist Convention of New York. In Brooklyn Elay Cruz, a native of Cuba, and his wife work with Spanish-speaking people including many from their own land. Pray for the language missions work in Brooklyn and for missionary Cruz in his ministry. Elay Cruz, Spanish, New York.

Mrs. Ray Davis, Christian social ministries, Georgia.  
Mrs. Edwin Diaz, Spanish, Florida.  
Mrs. Edwin Harris, Spanish, Louisiana.  
L. Edward Johns, Indian, Arizona.  
Miguel Angel Lopez, Spanish, Puerto Rico.  
Mrs. A. A. Moore, Indian, Arizona.  
Mrs. William R. Putney, associational services, Washington.

Sidney Putney, Spanish, Ohio.  
Cruz Rodriguez, Spanish, Texas.  
Marvin Southard, Baptist center, North Carolina.  
J. Howard Toof, Christian social ministries, Kentucky.  
Mrs. Ted Trout, Indian, Arizona.  
Marvin B. Fawcett, preaching, Peru.  
Mrs. C. Ernest Harvey, home and church, Maryland.  
Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, home and church, Tanzania.  
Mrs. Maria G. Peck, home and church, Carolina.

F. Lee Snyder, social work, Kenya.

### 2 Sunday, Luke 18:31-34

May of this year marked the twentieth anniversary of Ray B. Wyatt, Jr. and his family in missions fields (Spain, Chile and now Colombia). He is now serving as president of the Colombia Mission Organization of Southern Baptist missionaries. He teaches in the International Baptist Theological Seminary, where he recently helped begin a graduate program. He has written Sunday School lessons for 1974 for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso. Pray for the Wyatts, now on furlough and at their work in Colombia.  
Mrs. Joe L. Barker, deaf, Kentucky.  
Angie Gutierrez, Spanish, Texas.  
John Y. Hauer, Hungarian, California.  
Robert Mahon, retired, Texas.  
Mrs. Cristobal Pasa, Spanish, Texas.

Mrs. Haddock is a free-lance writer in a Baptist Women member at First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

R. Edgar Allen, preaching, Ecuador.  
Mrs. Mark M. Alexander, Jr., home and church, Argentina.  
Mrs. Charles E. Clark, women's work, Venezuela.  
Margaret Hart, education, India.  
Mrs. James L. Kellum, Jr., home and church, Vietnam.  
Mrs. William B. Mathews, home and church, Peru.  
Donald H. Radman, preaching, Costa Rica.  
Gordon B. Rowe, business administration, Chile.  
Ray B. Wyatt, Jr., education, Colombia.

### 3 Monday, John 12:23-33

Martha Ann Eichenberg is director of Christian social ministries in the French Baptist Association, Gadsden, Alabama. Her work is primarily administrative—planning, promoting and motivating, helping churches see what they can do. She is now in the process of recruiting 100 or more tutors to work with the schools. She is also collecting gifts for the elderly who have no families and clothing for needy children. She is trying to build a home Bible study for shut-ins in her area. The work is unlimited and Martha wants the prayers of women for her own work as well as for others in this type of ministry.  
Mrs. Rufus Ray Cantrell, Indian, North Carolina.  
Paul Carson, Spanish, Texas.  
Monika Ann Eichenberg, weekday ministries, Alabama.  
Larry Allright, preaching, Zambia.  
Robert L. Harris, preaching, Bermuda.  
James L. Harvey, preaching, Indonesia.  
Gary Leebarger, preaching, Taiwan.  
Mrs. Jimmy E. Maroney, home and church, Oregon.  
Wayne I. Sorrells, preaching, North Br.

Granda Williams, education, North Br.

### 4 Tuesday, Matthew 27:1-19:26

Walter E. Virel served as a pastor in Texas and as an educator in the Bahaman Islands, joining the staff of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso in 1970. He and his wife Joyce both work at the publishing house. Pray for the Virels and others who prepare publications for Spanish-speaking countries.  
Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, home and church, Indiana.  
Mrs. William D. Bender, education, Nigeria.  
Lydia Karl Grana, retired, China, Hawaii, Malaysia.

Thomas A. Joam, business administration, Korea.  
Mrs. John E. Schaefer, home and church, South West Africa.  
Ernest C. Valente, administration, South Brazil.  
Walden E. Virel, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.

### 5 Wednesday, Matthew 27:37-39

This fall you may have read a book written by A. Clark Scanlon. The title is *Passport to People*. The subject is corner missions as a vocation. The book is the adult part of the Foreign Mission Graded Series. Mr. Scanlon is field representative for Middle America (Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House). The Scanlons live in Guatemala City, Guatemala, but he work keeps him away from home about 40 percent of the time.  
Mrs. John B. Adams, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Jane Marie Green, Spanish, Texas.  
Manuel Rios, Christian social ministries, Tennessee.  
Mrs. Melvin J. Bradshaw, home and church, Japan.  
Gordon Paul, medical, Gao.  
Mrs. Ervin F. Humez, home and church, Mexico.  
A. Clark Scanlon, field representative, Middle America.

Samuel T. Upton, preaching, Malawi.  
Kathryn E. White, education, Hong Kong.  
Marion L. White, doctor, Thailand.

### 6 Thursday, Matthew 27:50-60

Rose Mary Norman and her husband James are missionaries in Pennsylvania where there is only one Baptist among each 183 persons. Their church is reaching out. Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. An asterisk (\*) indicates missionaries on furlough. Addresses of missionaries are listed in Directory of Missionary Personnel, free from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230 or in Home Mission Board Personnel Directory, free from Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Sami F. Ammerl, Arabic, Massachusetts  
Mrs. Jose Flores, Spanish, Texas  
Hugh Franklin Miller, superintendent of  
missions, Ohio  
Mrs. Lloyd Whyte, interfaith witness Flor-  
ida  
Mrs. Otis W. Brady, home and church,  
Guyana  
Robert H. Culpapper, education, Japan  
Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, home and church, Thai-  
land  
Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, home and church,

Mr. Michael Alan Crane, 15-2, retired  
North Carolina  
Mrs. Edgar W. Fleming, Spanish Texas  
Marie S. Gordon, Narrinall Baptist, South  
Carolina  
Mrs. Gary K. Hailbrun, church extension  
Illinois  
Paul Jaffy, retired, Colorado  
Mrs. Antoinette Marziano, retired, Virginia  
Mrs. W. E. Allen, retired, Brazil  
Joseph A. Harrington, retired, Brazil  
Thomas W. Hill, Baptist, Spanish Publishing  
House El Paso, Texas  
Mrs. Paul H. Miller, home and church  
Nigeria  
John Allen Moore, field representative

Barnesian R. Lauten, education, Italy  
L. August Lorenzen, doctor, London  
Mrs. James A. Park, home and church  
W. Hugo Parkman, business administration,  
Philippines  
Clayton E. Patterson, education, Ecuador  
Stewart B. Sears, preaching, Singapore  
Mrs. Jerry P. Smyth, "home and church  
North Brazil  
Fanny Storm, business administration,  
Thailand  
Moses G. White, retired, Brazil

Mrs. George A. Toney, church extension  
 California  
 Herbert W. Smith, radio TV Tawron  
 Mrs. J. Bryan Worthington, home and  
 church Spanish South America  
 Thomas A. Clossy, student work, Austria

14 Friday 1 Corinthians 15:1-10  
 Evangelist: WICCEGA is sometimes a mixed  
 blessing Mrs William H Gray Jr has  
 just increased its membership from 38 to

**14 Sunday John 18:28-37**  
The first Christian missionaries went to Uganda almost a century ago. Southern Baptists have been there only a little over a decade. Because of government restrictions, very few missionaries, including Roman

Carolina Flo Chappell, social work South  
Brazil  
Eugene B Kimler, Jr. preaching Venezuela  
Doris Moore, business administration  
Ghana  
Mrs F A Morgan, retired Brazil

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**10 Wednesday 1 Peter 3:18-22**  
The West End Baptist Center is located in the midst of a housing project with a high rise apartment building for senior citizens next door. Almost every human need is found in the area. The center tries to minister to these needs with spiritual and physical programs each week. One of the newest programs is the medical clinic staffed by volunteer Christian doctors and nurses. The center is directed by James O. Beck. *Pray for him and his work in the*

**James O. Beck**, Baptist center, Georgia  
**Ed L. Burns**, superintendent of missions, California  
**Mrs. Wayne O. Harvey**, church extension, Connecticut  
**Mrs. Susanna B. Martinez**, Spanish, Texas  
**Wayward L. Adams**, preaching, Nigeria  
**Dallas L. Gutman**, religious education, Kenya  
**Bredley D. Brown**, preaching, Liberia  
**Mrs. Shirley E. Cadde**, home and church, North Brazil  
**E. Edward Gaudin**, preaching, Philippines  
**Ruben C. Hensley**, preaching, Panama  
**Mrs. Paul C. Porter**, retired, Brazil  
**Charles D. Sande III**, medical, Korea  
**Charles W. Shiley**, English-language, Argentina

**20 Thursday** Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Paul B. Johnson is on furlough after his first term of service in the Philippines. During the last two years of his term, he was a teacher and academic dean at the Mindanao Baptist Bible School in Davao. He was also acting director for a new theological education program which is designed to help pastors and lay workers who have not finished high school. Pray for Mr. Johnson and his family during this year of changed responsibilities, pray for those who carry on in his absence from Mindanao.

**Jolie B. Aldape**, Spanish, Texas  
**Silverio Ayala**, Spanish, New Mexico  
**J. B. Casib**, Spanish, Texas  
**Sam Flores**, retired, Texas  
**Sarah Frances Glavin**, US-2 church extension, West Virginia  
**Mrs. Daniel Ganser**, Spanish, California  
**Thodore Vigne**, retired, Texas  
**Mrs. Albert I. Bagby**, retired, Brazil  
**L. Gloria Broadus**, doctor, Colombia  
**Mrs. Margaret Morris**, home and church, Guyana  
**Shirley P. Howard, Jr.**, preaching, Japan  
**Paul B. Johnson**, education, Philippines  
**Mrs. Gerald A. McNelly**, home and church, Spain

**Daniel W. O'Rourke**, preaching, Japan  
**Daniel V. Pilgner**, preaching, Thailand  
**J. W. Trimble**, preaching, Lebanon



**31 Friday** Hebrews 1:1-12  
 Mrs. James L. Gebhart (Dotti) works with her husband in the Magic Valley Association of Texas. They work with the Mexican Americans of Starr County. He serves as pastor of the San Pedro Baptist Church and operates a mobile dental clinic and film ministry in his "Gospel Roadrunner" Volkswagen van, with volunteer Christian dentists. He also shares films, both educational and evangelical, when dentists hold the clinic. Pray for the Gebharts as they minister to this remote section of Texas.

**Cloud T. Cunningham, Jr.**, pastor, Kansas  
**Mrs. James L. Gebhart**, Spanish, Texas  
**Paul A. Messer**, superintendent of missions, Pennsylvania  
**Mrs. Jerry Sanders**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. James L. Wertheim**, home and church, Israel  
**Charles S. Caldwell**, Jr., education, Guatemala  
**Anne Caspe**, education, Jordan  
**Lea Hunt**, nurse, Chile  
**Francisco Martinez**, religious education, Japan  
**Mrs. Jack E. McHaffey**, home and church, Thailand  
**Mrs. J. Glenn Marsh**, home and church, Thailand  
**Lee H. Nichols**, preaching, Korea  
**Robert M. Purham, Jr.**, preaching, Nigeria



**22 Saturday** I Corinthians 15:19-24  
 Southern Baptist work began in Nebraska in 1955 when Baptists from the South began moving into the state. At the beginning of 1972 there were 28 Southern Baptist churches and missions in the 400-mile-long state. Early in 1972 cluster meetings were held to determine the need of each community and to decide what type of ministry was available. C. Burr Porter, Jr. area missionary led in this work. His efforts and those of Baptist pastors have brought undreamed of results.  
**Morris O. Berry**, Spanish, Illinois  
**Mrs. Joe D. Casarada**, Spanish, Texas  
**Gladya McLanahan**, retired, Florida  
**C. Burr Porter, Jr.**, superintendent of missions, Nebraska  
**Mrs. Melba Swanson**, retired, Louisiana  
**Mrs. Joseph Valenzuela**, Spanish, California  
**Herman E. Wooten**, superintendent of missions, California  
**Mrs. Fred M. Allen**, home and church, Zambia  
**Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle**, retired, Uruguay  
**Mrs. M. Hays Eudale**, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, F. Post, Texas  
**Mrs. Thomas K. Goodman**, home and church, Nigeria  
**Mrs. James V. Hudson, Jr.**, home and church, Korea  
**Mrs. John M. Lander**, home and church, Equatorial Brazil  
**John E. Biffey**, retired, Brazil  
**Mary W. Schweinberg**, preaching, Spain  
**Rae M. Welshner**, education, Colombia

**23 Sunday** Hebrews 9:22-28  
 Mrs. Fredda Harris didn't have special training as a missionary. She just grew into one by her many missionary activities in the Moravian Baptist Church in Pike County, Kentucky. The Home Mission Board learned of her dedication and appointed her a home missionary. Pray for Fredda and the weekday ministry she operates at her church, along with the many other missions projects she plans and carries out.  
**Mrs. Frank M. Abner**, retired, Texas  
**L. P. Bernette**, retired, North Carolina  
**Walter I. Bennett**, superintendent of missions, New Mexico  
**Mrs. Fredda Harris**, Baptist center, Kentucky  
**Norval P. Hitt**, language missions, Oregon  
**W. D. Shroy**, superintendent of missions, West Virginia  
**Nalidore Silve**, Spanish, Texas  
**John T. Adams**, doctor, Kenya  
**Thomas S. McNeill**, education, Macao  
**C. Donald Langford**, doctor, Hong Kong  
**Hui B. Lee, Jr.**, English-language, France  
**William I. Morfing**, education, Peru  
**Mrs. David W. McNeill**, home and church, Equatorial Brazil  
**Mrs. Robert M. Nash**, home and church, Philippines  
**Donald L. Turner**, preaching, North Brazil  
**Mrs. J. Carved Williams**, home and church, Lebanon

**24 Monday** Matthew 24:23-31  
 Christmas Eve in Bandung, Indonesia may be different from those that Carolyn Jones James E. McAtee spent in her native state of Mississippi. But at least she is among more than 10 million Christians. This is perhaps the largest number of believers to be found in any Asian or African country. Still it is a minority. Baptist work began in Indonesia in the 1800s but Southern Baptists arrived to begin work on Christmas Day, 1951. By the early 1970s more than 100 missionaries were serving there. Pray for Mrs. McAtee and her husband as they join with others in trying to turn this great country to Christ.

**25 Tuesday** Hebrews 10:32-39  
 The Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa was begun in 1961 at Arusha, Tanzania. Students come from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. The seminary is located in the very middle of the Waooruh and Womera tribes, whose clothing and lifestyle reveal their paganism. However, they have accepted the gospel readily and within six months, thirty had believed in Christ and asked for baptism. Pray for Dr. Tom W. McMillan, who teaches at the seminary, for his wife Marilyn, and for their three children as they observe his birthday and the birthday of their Lord.  
**Mrs. Jane B. E. Cantoveres**, retired, Texas  
**Valdado DeSilva**, Spanish, Texas  
**G. J. Lawrence**, consultant, Alaska  
**Miguel Martinez**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. Victor Ortiz**, retired, California  
**C. Ben Shiley**, preaching, Guyana  
**W. James Black**, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas  
**Roy Newkirk**, preaching, Venezuela  
**Mrs. Robert A. McMillan**, home and church, Italy  
**Mrs. R. Ellen Johnson, Sr.**, retired, Brazil  
**James M. Leach**, radio-TV, Vietnam  
**Tom W. McMillan**, education, Tanzania  
**Reuel B. Ray**, business administration, Kenya  
**Daniel Schellenberg**, education, Kenya  
**Raymond L. Shotton**, radio-TV, Thailand  
**Mrs. Robert R. Stewart**, home and church, Thailand



**Mrs. John Barron**, Spanish, Texas  
**Robert M. McNeill**, superintendent of missions, Indiana  
**David Jacobson**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. Thomas Lewis**, Chinese, Canton, China  
**Cleodemo Marcano**, Portuguese, California  
**Mrs. Glenard Ira Norris**, church extension, Massachusetts  
**Mrs. H. E. Lupton**, retired, Nigeria  
**Mrs. James E. McAtee**, home and church, Indonesia  
**Hubert K. Middleton**, education, Chile  
**Mrs. Jerald Palmer, Jr.**, preaching, Nigeria  
**Mrs. Glenn Patton**, home and church, Lebanon  
**C. Roy Rogers**, preaching, Indonesia

**26 Wednesday** Matthew 24:30-44  
 John W. Hughton, Jr., went to the Boston, Massachusetts, area more than seven years ago to serve as pastor of the new Metropolitan Baptist Church and as director of the Greater Boston Baptist Ministries. The church congregation consists largely of students from Harvard, M.I.T., and other nearby campuses. The Greater Boston work includes North Shore Baptist Church, French-speaking Haitian Baptist Church, First Baptist Chapel of Chelsea, and chapel ministries with Portuguese, Arabic, and Armenian communities. It involves a full social ministries program.

**27 Thursday** James 5:1-11  
 Christmas is a time for families to be together. But foreign missionaries may be separated from their children by many miles—or by an ocean. Pray for Grayson C. Tennison and his wife Betty who have served in Portugal for thirteen years. When they returned to Portugal from furlough in 1972 they left all three of their children in the States. Two are married, one in college. "The Atlantic has never seemed so wide," says Mr. Tennison.  
**Ruth E. Corbin**, retired, Oklahoma  
**Mrs. Donald G. Gentry**, special missions ministry, Colorado  
**Mrs. John Tullison**, associational services, Delaware  
**Mary M. Alexander, Jr.**, preaching, Argentina

**28 Friday** I John 2:18-29  
 On the mission field, as in everything else, worthwhile, much work behind the scenes is necessary in order for the main task to be accomplished. This is the way Miss (Mrs. John W.) Cherry evaluates her role as a missionary associate in Zambia.

**29 Saturday** I John 3:1-10  
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**30 Sunday** I John 4:1-10  
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**Mrs. John Tullison**, associational services, Delaware  
**Mary M. Alexander, Jr.**, preaching, Argentina

**31 Monday** I John 5:1-12  
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**1 Tuesday** I John 6:1-15  
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Among her behind-the-scenes jobs is that of wife and mother, participant in women's work, and helper with the Bible Year Correspondence School. Of the latter, she once told, "They have me typing the cards, sleeping back with the numbers, clearing out the boxes, office supplies, typing letters for the business manager, and making coffee for all the missionaries." Pray for missionaries who work behind the scenes.

**Donny Jack Pritchett**, US-2, student work, Arizona

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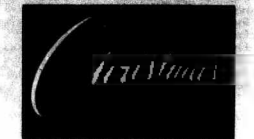
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On September 1, 1873, Lottie Moon sailed from San Francisco to China. One hundred years later, Southern Baptists give attention to a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which bears the name of the missionary who shared the good news of Jesus Christ through nearly forty years of foreign mission service.

At the time Miss Moon reached China, the Convention was supporting fifty foreign missionaries in five countries. Today over 2,500 missionaries serve in 77 countries.

Because Southern Baptists have been faithful in going and sending, peoples of other lands have heard and responded to the good news. Today the smallest congregations, and the largest, participate in worldwide outreach because all share the common desire to do together what no one congregation can do alone.

December 2-9 marks the time when Southern Baptists will focus attention on foreign missions. The theme for the week is "God's Gift - Unspeakable," and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$20 million. At this Christmas season, what more appropriate verse could be chosen for this missions emphasis than "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor 9:15).

What you do in your church during this week will affect the shape and strength of Christian witness all across the world.

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