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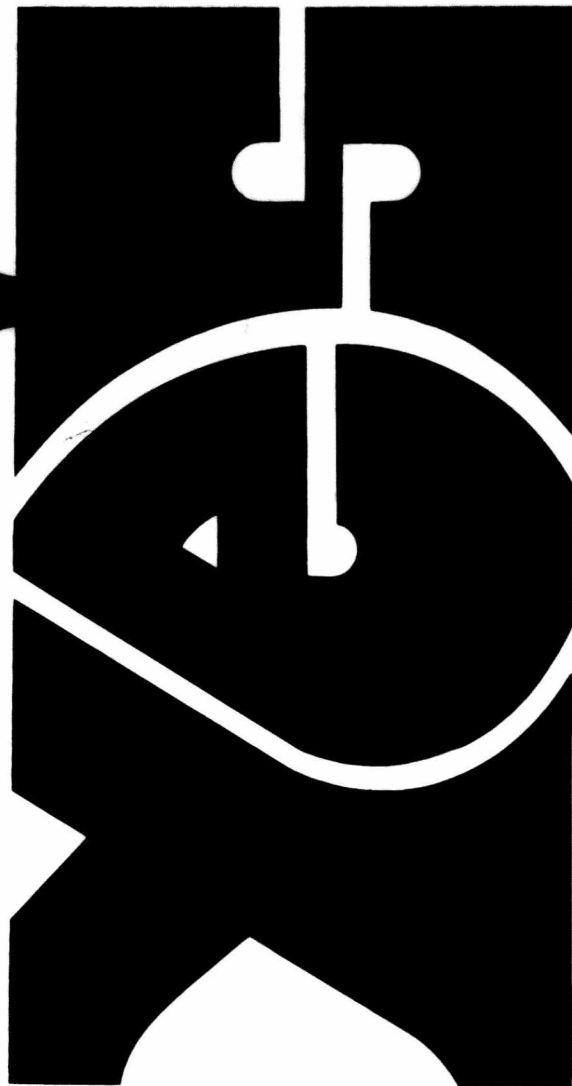
# ROYAL SERVICE



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## MIDDLE EAST FOCUS



Does it make a difference when you pray that missionary Robert Brink will be able to reach college students in South Burlington, Vermont?

YES

Does your opinion make a difference in how much money is available for the work of Mary Cannon, missionary in Japan?

YES

Does your giving affect the everyday life of Winnie White, missionary homemaker in Mexico?

YES

Does the GA work in your church have anything to do with the number of missionaries there will be in 1980?

YES

Could God want you as a missionary?

YES

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To affirm your own answer, read *Yes: A Woman's View of Mission Support* by Adrienne Bonham.

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Favorite things tell a lot about a person. Aline Hunt's memorable of a career rich in missions leadership help interpret her world concern.

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A missionary couple in Iran to help bring about the first Baptist church in that country take time to tour sites of ancient Persia.



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Do you know what \$1,000 will do in home missions? One thing it will do is send three student summer missionaries to serve ten weeks in areas of critical need.



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Everybody in La Iguala ought to have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. If we are true to Christ's commission, somebody should go to La Iguala. Does somebody care?



# ISRAELI album

June Whittow and Catherine Allen, in photo above, they are at right in second row. WMO SBC staff members visited Israel in January, 1973. They share the experience with ROYAL SERVICE.

Our tour of Israel is months behind us, but minds, eyes and a photo camera keep our impressions fresh.

Thanks to the Israeli Ministry of Tourism's hospitality, we and six other Southern Baptist communities were swept into El Al Airlines' wings. In eight days, we visited a large part of the vigorous young nation. It was a journey to some of the most important places in Christian history.

Israel's public relations experts chipped away our ignorance about its religious, agricultural, land, and scholarship politics and citizenship. Israel. They generously arranged for us to meet many Baptists and their work.

Israel is a photographer's paradise: clear blue seas, skies pulled with wispy clouds; copper deserts; green irrigated fields; gray skyscrapers of Tel Aviv; golden beige stones of Jerusalem. The historic sites from Jericho to Caesarea Philippi were as plentiful as to have a chatterbug.

But more memorable than the people and the buildings were the people. We saw people prayed in the latest fashion and in the most ancient rite. We saw people at worship before the shrines of Judaism, Islam, and branches of Christianity. And we saw the growing presence of Baptists. We heard people speak a babble of languages. We glimpsed the hopes and frustrations of the mixed population of intermingled Jews, Muslims, Arabs, and Christians of various nationalities.

Now we longed to talk to them. Now we wanted to understand more the spectrum of feeling that placed Israel at the hub of controversy and the heart of millions of people.

Our snapshots keep these pictures fresh in memory. Want to see some of them?

*Serge Regal, our tour guide, spoke from morning until night with refreshing zeal. His love for Israel was contagious. June*



*Sharon Jepper, a New York employee of the Israel Ministry of Tourism, was our charming hostess. She helped us understand the great importance of Israel to American Jews. Though she is un-American, she has worked and studied in Israel. -Catherine*



*At the Baptist Village in Petah Tigna, Baptist representatives in Israel (left to right) Orandler Lanier, Jerol Brown, James Smith, the Milton Murphreys, the James Burnhams and son, and Marcus Reed (back row) lined up to greet us. Baptist Village was once an orphanage, then a demonstration farm, now a conference center. -June*

Chandler Lanier (left) met us in the heart of bustling Tel Aviv to show us a unique witness in Israel -- the Dugith Art Gallery. Israel Pinkus (right) manages the store, which helped the country's artists to gain recognition. I was convinced of the outstanding quality of the gallery when I saw the price tags on the paintings. No souvenir hunting here! - Catherine

Respected scholar Robert L. Lindsey, a veteran Baptist in Israel, has won the hearts of many Israelis. He is presently translating the New Testament into modern Hebrew. - June

Fida Ramadan, an Arab, was employed by Baptists to help care for orphaned Arab children after the 1948 Israeli war. Now she and her husband Suhail lead Baptist activities in Ju'ran. Fida has opened the first nursery school in the community. - June



We arrived at the Nazareth Baptist School just in time for the lunch break. The children are mostly Arabs of Muslim, Greek Orthodox, or Roman Catholic background. Right in the middle is Jimmy Register, an MK. - Catherine

An interesting part of Israeli life to the outsider is the kibbutzim. These are communal villages in which people band together voluntarily to work for the welfare of all. The camera caught these two children visiting their parents' apartment on the sabbath. - June

This ancient headdress, sometimes worn with modern suits, is called a kaffiyeh.  
-Catherine



Shopping is a fascinating part of every trip. Many expert jewelers and artists are from Yemen -- one of the first countries from which Jews fled into the new state of Israel after 1948.  
-Catherine



The Milton Murphrys typified to me the new age of Israel. Milt uses the conference grounds at Petah Tikva to build understanding among the various religions and ethnic factions. Martha helps different kinds of people find harmony in music.  
-Catherine



An evening visit in the home of a Greek Orthodox family was a highlight of the trip. Bittersweet Turkish coffee was served. Late in January the family was still celebrating Christmas. June

# strangers in our midst

Helen E. Wood



A cold wind bit the girl's face as she paused to catch her breath. There before her was the goal toward which she had pushed for days, the no-man's-land which divided East and West Germany. Beyond that lay freedom. Freedom was not something she could define with ease. It simply meant getting away from the nightmares of the past months. During that time she had watched the changes come in her small village since the Russian occupation. Her home had moved in. She had witnessed her own family being forced to provide comfort and pleasure for the troops bored with their duties.

She had made no master plan for escape. Totally unphilosophical, she had been able to think of only one way—she would run.

Hanna looked about her. Getting across the border here would not be as difficult as in more populated areas like Berlin. Still, one must watch for the patrols who walked the stretch of land periodically. She gathered her shabby coat about her more tightly and sprang forward, but within inches of the border she stumbled and fell.

Quickly she started to her knees, only to realize suddenly that she was not alone. Standing over her, his rifle pointed and ready to fire, stood a German guard. Where had he come from? Their eyes met, and with astonishment she recognized him.

"Kurt," she cried, "don't you remember me?" It's Hanna. We played together all through our childhood years.

For a moment neither moved. Then with an urgency the boy commanded, "Run, Hanna, run! And tell the world there is God!"

Hanna ran. As she crossed the fence which had separated her minutes before from the freedom

she sought, she looked back to thank her friend. What she saw shattered the joy of her escape. Kurt was being led away between two other guards to an unknown fate. What price he must pay for his freedom she would never know.

Tomorrow after tomorrow passed before Hanna came to know the God of whom Kurt had spoken with such intensity. Her energies were spent finding enough food to eat and a place to sleep. One marvelous day she met Jim, a young American soldier, and through him found the English-language Baptist church. Eventually she came to know Jesus Christ.

Jim and Hanna were married, and when his tour of duty was over they returned to the United States. And the story should end, "they lived happily ever after."

But there is an epilogue. Three years later Jim and Hanna returned to Europe, this time to Belgium. Jim attended our English-speaking congregation, bringing their small child with him. Hanna refused to accompany them except on a few occasions.

Eventually she recounted what had happened since they last had been in Europe. They attended a small Baptist church in the area near their new home, but she had felt that no one had been concerned enough to share friendship. People were interested in many things but had not seemed to her to take their Christianity seriously. She was lonely without friends, unsure of herself. Hanna's account is related by her physician, to be sure, and her lack of friends was not entirely the fault of those about her. The outcome, however, was that she became disillusioned and her loneliness turned to bitterness. In time she joined a group whose teachings were contrary to the Christian gospel as presented in the New Testament.

Our love and concern came too late.

Dita also met her husband while he was stationed with the US military in her homeland of Germany. Coming from a Lutheran background, she had attended church as a child and had been confirmed at the usual time. But she described her early impression of the village church as being a cold, uninteresting place, where old people went for comfort. It offered nothing that appealed to her, and in time she stopped attending.

When Bill and Dita were married, she spoke little English and he, little German, but they were both willing to learn, and each was eager to teach the other more of his own language.

Only after Bill's tour of duty was completed and they returned to the United States did a problem of communication arise. Because she spoke no little English, Dita was afraid to use it, and even more afraid to meet people. Bill was a nominal Christian, and they attended a large church near the home to which he was assigned. Dita honestly admits that they chose a large one because they could hope for less risk of personal encounter. She also puts her finger on the inner turmoil and ambivalent feelings of most strangers in a country whose language they do not use well. She was lonely and wanted to have friends, but at the same time hoped no one would talk to her lest she not be able to understand them and so appear foolish in conversation.

In the small Baptist church in Bill's hometown in North Carolina, Dita was confronted with the demands of Christ in a way she could not ignore. She made a commitment to him that changed her life. She saw the love around her, and she responded at last despite her fears of being misunderstood.

Mrs. R. M. Wood and her husband are missionaries in Belgium.

Bill's next tour of duty brought them to Belgium. They became an integral part of the English-language church there during his tour. They have made great strides in their Christian development, and they have given their own unique contributions to the life of the church.

Both Hanna and Dita were influenced profoundly by their experiences in a foreign land—our land—and by people in church communities—our churches.

Mobility characterizes our age. There is scarcely an American community which does not have in its midst one for whom life is strange, who does not understand the language fully perhaps, who is not aware of resources to which she may turn in need, who may not know how to prepare, and serve food which is unfamiliar to her. Americans are among the most informal people of the world. To feel at ease in the midst of such informality is extremely difficult for one who has grown up in a culture in which one acts

with reserve on most occasions. What may seem to us to be unfriendliness or lack of interest on the part of the other person actually may be the inability to put aside on short notice the upbringing which requires one to act quite differently.

Having been a stranger in another land, I have experienced the longing for a friend who would spend an hour with me to ease loneliness, who would tell me where to shop for a specific item and how to interpret what I saw or heard. I have been fortunate, for I have found such friends.

In our power as Baptist women is the ability to seek out the stranger, find ways of loving her whether or not she speaks the language fluently, and search for methods of helping her without hurting her pride. We ourselves often shy away from her for the same reasons she keeps her distance from us. We fear being misunderstood, or not being able to communicate if she does not know our language well. We may be

concerned that involving ourselves will require more time than we care to share.

International luncheons and teas are good, but only if we can follow up with person-to-person contact with an attitude that expresses loving care. One church group asked a young woman from the Philippines to teach them how to prepare a different dish from her country each week following a Bible study period. She was given a way of being useful and important. Women in a church in Georgia began an English class which attracted several international people in their area, some of whom were profoundly impressed by the Christianity they saw in action.

If we can determine to find time and effort to put our ideas into practice, we may become true ministers of love and compassion to the strangers who are among us. And we shall discover that the joy and benefit of such encounters belong to us as well as to those we seek to help. □

## *something you can do*

**to minister and witness to internationals**

As a mission action project, work with the Baptist student director in your city or on a nearby campus to provide Bibles for international students.

National Student Ministries is seeking to give a copy of the Bible to every international student in the United States in his own native language. The plan is to give each student a dual language New Testament if one is available. If there is not a dual language New Testament available, the whole Bible will be given to the international student. "Dual language" means English on one side of the page and Korean, Spanish, or whatever the language may be on the other side.

Secure an order blank\* which includes the language of the international student, stock number, and the cost of the Bible. The cost of the Scriptures will be between \$1.37 and \$4.65. Naturally, the dual language New Testament will cost less, and the whole Bible in the language of some countries will cost more.

Talk with the director of National Student Ministries in your area or state about ways you can help in this project.

\*Order blanks may be obtained from National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37204.





# ER FAVORITE THINGS

Catherine Allen

Favorite things. Things that inspire legends, conjure up memories, get coddled on moving day. Favorite things tell a lot about a person.

For the next six issues of **ROYAL SERVICE** you will get a peek at the favorite things of Alma Hunt, WMU's executive secretary. The international array of beautiful objects will tell you a lot about Miss Hunt and her twenty-six years of intense world concern.

The tasteful memorabilia and art in Miss Hunt's suburban apartment make interior decorators gasp with delight and offer visitors hours of conversation.

As soon as you enter the apartment you instantly know that—  
—a woman lives here. Everything is airy and pastel.

—a world traveler unpacks her bags here. Oriental prints, Middle Eastern rugs, European glass, South American and African paintings abound.



Miss Hunt reminisces over her guest book. On the table is a plaque made of jade, amber, ivory, and coral—a gift from the WMU of Taiwan.





Miss Hunt sets the table for dinner with embroidered Damascus cloth, Austrian tea set, antique American water goblets, and antique Haviland china. The dining room is hung with South American art. The painting to her left is an oil of the Andes Mountains.

—a person of taste has been at work. The dozens of objects that cover the tabletops are blended in fit for a magazine cover.

After you have encouraged Miss Hunt to marvel come of the entertaining years that accompany her favorite things, you understand the reason behind everything in sight. "These things remind me of people I love and exciting things I have done with friends," she says. "I don't collect seriously or buy just for decorating."

When you know that Miss Hunt has often jotted away for extended travels with no place to call home—with furniture in storage, favorite transient boarder with co-workers, and the next season's clothes hanging in her office closet—you know that she

is not an idle accumulator of things. The things that surround her have personal meaning.

Thanks to Miss Hunt's famous hospitality, many guests have shared the pleasure of her home. Her guest book is a lineup of Baptist signatures from more than a dozen different conventions in this country and from numerous foreign countries.

Dinner is like an armchair tour of the world. A cobalt blue tablecloth, heavily embroidered in metallic gold and silver, reminds you of Damascus. The centerpiece is a perfectly matching blue, gold, and silver vase of Venetian glass. White Haviland china was found during a relaxing browse through an American antique shop. Miss Hunt will pour tea from an Austrian china pot of oriental design. Friends here and there gave the water goblets of antique American glass, which Miss Hunt collects. Blue and white antique china serving pieces once journeyed to Brazil with Mrs. W. E. Allen, a missionary who gave them to Miss Hunt.

Come for another meal and you might find the table laid with delicate pink Meissen from Brunswick. Old Meissen china is the pink China Truce pattern is the accumulation of many gifts by widely traveled friends. Miss Hunt herself bought a few pieces in Scotland. Pink water goblets are old pieces from her mother's home in Roanoke, Virginia.

What kind of meal will be served on these exotic tables? Probably home-style fresh vegetables. Perhaps a Virginia ham. Very likely a fresh vegetable salad. Whatever it is, it will be cooked to perfection by hands that never lose their touch during weeks of absence from the kitchen.

But you will have to come for yet another beautiful meal to learn the stories of friendship hidden in the paintings on the dining room wall. □



what do you have to give?

## On Tiptoe

Carolyn Rhoads

This month begins a six-part series of helps for individuals in missions praying Mrs. Rhoads, of Birmingham, Alabama, is the author of several books on prayer, including *Missionary Prayer Guide*.

There are moments of brightness and in which I'm overwhelmed with the majesty of God and tremble with the thought that I, a creature of His hand, can fellowship with the Divine. I cannot rush right in to prayer but stand in His presence outside.

Before rushing into prayer for missions needs we shall pause a moment and "tip toe"—and let our souls mingle with awe at the majesty of God.

I saw the Lord high and lifted up. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts (the whole earth is full of his glory) (Isa. 6:1,3).

As we look at missions needs, we must learn to cultivate sensitivity to see the Lord at work in each situation. Seeing the Lord in changed lives. Today our lives are so conditioned by miracles by spectacular accomplishments of the space age—

walks and skylines—that the seemingly miraculous has become commonplace. Do these events dull our awe at God's continuing miracle of transforming lives?

A missionary from Brazil writes: "When Pastor Canale came and spent a week at Friendship House, he preached morning, afternoon, and night. About fifty people made decisions for Christ. Pastor Canale saw Salvation in the state penitentiary and ministered to his dear Christian brother and regaled with him in his studies. He was thrilled with the vigorous answers at the Santo Amaro Friendship House and the fair group of new converts. Never before had he preached to men with drug and criminal psychoses. Telling them about the power of Jesus Christ, he wondered how so many find their way to Friendship House."

The wonder we feel as we contemplate the power of God to transform individual lives will enhance our missionary praying.

Seeing the Lord in committed lives. When we take missionaries and their families for granted and fail to grasp the wonder of God at work in them as channels of his peace.

"After our fourth furlough we have returned to Japan to begin our twenty-fifth year of service," says Mrs. Charles Whaley. "Here we have known joy and sorrow, trials and blessings. And here, through the

years, He has led, and we have followed. Although our personal accomplishments have been small, we take great joy in the growth of the work, sharing the harvest he has given to the Japan Baptist Convention and the Mission. There is no doubt that the Spirit of God has moved among these people to increase his kingdom during this past quarter century."

Seeing the Lord in difficult situations. —At times we are discouraged by crippling circumstances in missions fields which hinder outreach. God's hand is not shortened. He can work in spite of closed doors. This happened in the Philippines, as reported by Mrs. Howard Oliver: "Only now radio broadcasts are available to us here. Confined to our fourteen twenty-three strings, you can understand our sadness and singings. As things look now, it is just possible that in the future no religious broadcasting will be permitted by the government on commercial stations."

"People remark, 'I suppose you will have to disseminate your Bible correspondence courses with no television and few radio stations to tell about it.' Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. Surprisingly enough, we are not dependent on this announcement by us to secure responses. In the past two months our mailings have increased from 250 per month to more than 600! Americans grasp us over the enthusiasm of students to share the gospel study with family and friends."

As we remember "Wounded Knee" and its impact on Christian women to Indians here in America.

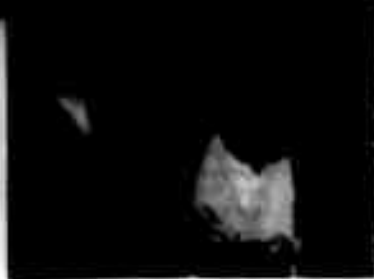
As we stagger with the overwhelming task of reaching mobile Americans for Christ.

As we tremble to think of our tremendous ministerial task throughout the world.

We need to be still and know that God is God. In that stillness will come a renewed sense of his power. Our souls will worship and bow down.

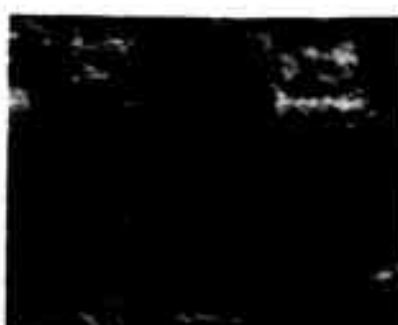
"Be still and know that I am God," says the Lord (Psalm 46:10). "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 134:1).

□



Dwight L. Baker

# PERSIAN INTERLUDE



Christmas, 1972 came and went in the Holy Land, but on one of the rare occasions when coming to Israel twenty-three years ago Dwight and Emma Baker were not a part of the scene.

In November, the Bakers went to Téhéran, Iran, where Dwight served as interim pastor for a small group of Baptists. George McClendon was to arrive in January to lead the congregation.

Dwight and Emma Baker, seen on the right, are standing before the new Baptist church in Téhéran, Iran, where Dr. Baker directs a mission training center and Mrs. Baker has been helping Baptist churches in the area.

The Téhéran experience provided the Bakers with two and a half months of unforgettable life-sharing with the US Baptists in that burgeoning metropolis of 4½ million people. Americans there, working in oil and related industries, now number around 10,000. Among that many, one can find lots of Baptists and find them the Bakers did, or they found the Bakers.

In December the young congregation found a home with the Iran Evangelical Church in its lovely new building. A beautiful relationship flourished from the beginning.

Opposite page, above: Memorial to fourteenth-century poet Hafiz at Shiraz. Lower left: At Pomehri, ruins of palace of Bakas I (left) and distant tomb of Kamsar (right). This page: Missionary George W. Braxton, Jr., talks to one of his Baptist class students at University of Téhéran (above); Tomb of Cyrus the Great at Pasargadae.

between the two congregations. During Christmas week, each group invited the other to dinner parties in the church fellowship hall. God gifted the Bakers the Christmas spirit through these new friends in the land of the West Men. The Iranians today are truly worthy successors to these early teachers of Bethlehem's Babe.

In January Dr. and Mrs. Baker J. Caution of the Foreign Mission Board were present for the formal church constitution and dedication service.

So, for the first time, Baptists have a church on hospitable Iranian soil. The Muslim government officials were helpful and cooperative at every approach. They granted Dwight a year's work permit in the unbelievably short time of three weeks. They accepted the church's application for government recognition with positive response. There is a degree of religious freedom in Iran not experienced in any other country of the Middle East.

A week before Dwight and Emma Baker left Téhéran, they took a four-day flying trip to visit biblical and historical sites in Iran. The trip was made possible by a generous Christmas gift of money from Téhéran Baptists.

Immediately on landing at Ahwaz, they took a car for a day's journey to Choga Zambil and Susa. At Choga Zambil, they see one of

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the East's best preserved ziggurats—an Elamite temple tower—in much better condition than those in Mesopotamia (Iraq). Driving north to Susa (the Shushan of Esther and Daniel) the party spent a remarkable two hours viewing the location where a stele containing the Code of Hammurabi was found, the traditional site of the tomb of Daniel, and the palaces of Darius, Xerxes, and Artaxerxes. Either Xerxes or Artaxerxes II, probably the former, was Ahasuerus (Esther 1:1-2), the Persian king who married Esther. Susa remained the winter residence of kings until it was destroyed by Alexander the Great in 330 B.C.

The next morning the touring missionaries flew to Isfahan, the fabled capital of Persia during the Middle Ages. One writer described it as the most beautiful city in the world in the seventeenth century. It doesn't fall far short of that poetic rating today, after one has seen so much urban ugliness of the technological age. "Isfahan is half the world" is one of the more modest examples of praise lavished by the inhabitants and poets of their city. It is a city of great architecture, expressed by the glorious occupation of space, shape, and color of its over one hundred mosques.

By car the Bakers reached Persepolis, the famous city begun around 518 B.C. It was a resplendent setting for the celebration of the New Year, the greatest feast in the Mazdanti (Zoroastrian) religion. Here Darius I and II, Xerxes, and Artaxerxes I, II, and III received tribute in the form of offerings from the representatives of their administered empire, comprising over twenty different subject peoples.

The group spent hours seeing and soaking up these ancient ruins, so well preserved that the imagination could easily fill in the details of their fabulous heydays. Not far from Persepolis they stopped briefly at

Naghi-Rustam for a look at the tombs of Darius I and II, Xerxes I, and Artaxerxes I.

Dwight was determined to see Pasargadae, the first of the two great Achaemenian capitals to be built in Persia. It was uphill all the way to the city of 4,250-foot elevation, and even the car was driving through snow. The ruins of this ancient capital is attached to its association with Cyrus the Great (559-530 B.C.), its builder and the founder of an empire. Pasargadae became the imperial home of Cyrus and his son Cyrus himself was buried there; his tomb remains after 2,500 years.

Still tingling from such a glorious day, the history-loving missionaries began their tour of Shiraz the next morning. The guide book read "Shiraz, the city of roses and nightingales, may well be called the poetic capital of Iran." It was the birthplace and home of famous poets. The exquisite tombs and mosques, the tapestry-like gardens, and the tranquil life of the city made it another unforgettable experience.

The Bakers returned that evening to Teheran in time to welcome the McClellands, who were to lead the new church. Next day the veteran missionaries pumped the new arrivals so full of information about the church and life in general in Teheran that their heads must have been buzzing for days.

By noon on January 20, Dwight and Emma Baker were back home in Israel. They agreed that even outer space could not have been more exciting and beautiful than their Persian interlude. □

# Challenge in Europe

John Allen Moore



Representatives of Eastern European Baptists at the European Baptist Federation Congress

Integration came from all countries of Europe where there are Baptists, except Bulgaria and Greece, for the five-day European Baptist Federation Congress in Zurich, July 1973. About a thousand came from outside Switzerland.

Dr. Moore is Foreign Mission Board field representative for Europe and fraternal representative to the Baptists of Eastern Europe.

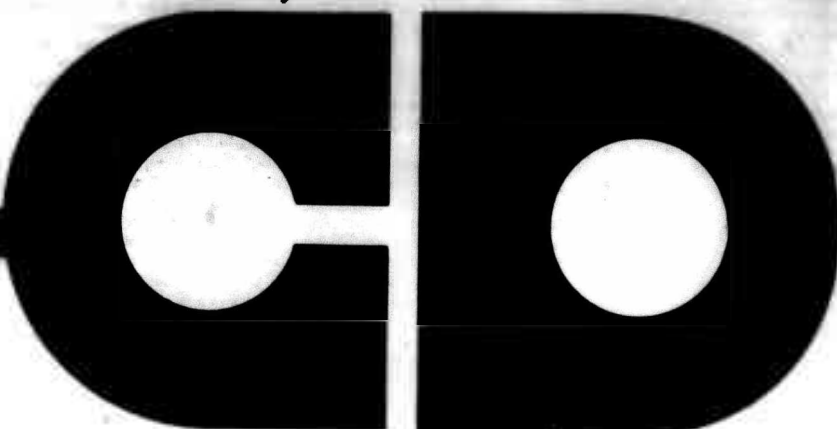
The congress theme "The Future of the Church—Church of the Future" was a timely one for Baptists of Europe. Their churches face unprecedented opportunities along with persistent threats to their strength in witness and work.

A spirit of optimism and advance dominated the congress. Andrew MacRae, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Scotland and immediate



Adronne Bonham

# how do you feel about the



## cooperative program?

enter your church's creative arts contest

Besides her husband and children, nothing is closer to a woman's heart than her needlepoint—or decoupage or ceramics, as the case may be.

That is perhaps a slight overstatement. But only a slight one.

Use your spare-time interests to help the whole church become more

aware of the Cooperative Program and what it means to mission support. Enter your church's Cooperative Program Creative Arts Contest. Preparing an entry will cause you to think about what the Cooperative Program means to you and to the denomination, to pull your thoughts together so you can express them, and to show your support of the Cooperative Program by using the special talents and hobby-type skills that give you pleasure.

If your church is not planning such a contest, talk with your Baptist Women director or WMU director about the possibility. Your Baptist Women organization may be asked to lead out in the plans. Here is how to have such a contest.

Schedule the contest for a convenient time in May. (See below for reasons for this timing.)

The time for judging might be an after-church fellowship on Sunday, a before-supper browsing on Wednesday, or some special time set aside for the whole church.

Decide on the rules. Suggested rules are given below. But they should be adapted to meet the needs of your church. (For instance, if you have an unusually large proportion of children and youth in your church, you might divide these sections into older and younger.)

Publish the rules. Tell when and where entries are to be submitted in the church paper or bulletin, give suggestions about the kinds of pieces that may be entered.

Provide information about the Cooperative Program, how it works, what it does, who benefits from it. Such information will stimulate ideas for creative expressions. See the Cooperative Program spotlighters throughout this issue of ROYAL SERVICE. Also check current issues of other WMU magazines. Order from your state Baptist office sample copies of leaflets on the Cooperative Program. Specify the leaflet "What Is the Cooperative Program?" Available from the Stewardship Commission, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219 is a sermon on the Cooperative Program, and for "Lifetime to the World."

Choose the judges. They should know something about the crafts

and other items that will be displayed. They should also know about the Cooperative Program. If you expect many entries, you may wish to have different judges for different age levels or different types of entries. (If you don't like the idea of having judges, plan for a popular ballot among persons who view the exhibit.)

Arrange for display of the entries. (See detailed help on display in April-May-June 1974 *Denomination*.)

In terms of how much people learn, viewing of entries over a period of time is second only to actually making the entries. If possible, have the entries on view for a week or so before the judging and announcement of winners.

Plan for recognizing the winners. The traditional blue ribbon is an adequate prize especially when presented at a church service by the pastor. But some kind of recognition can extend the learning experiences related to the contest. Photograph winning entries for use in the church paper and historical files. Ask winners to give spoken or written testimonies about how they planned their project or what the Cooperative Program means to them.

Plan for continued use of the winning entries (and others, if possible). Move a changing display in the church vestibule, in the church library, or in other high-traffic areas of the church. Show the exhibits at meetings of mission organizations. Plan to use the exhibits from the time of the contest through the Cooperative Program's fifth birthday celebration in May 1975.

There is another way in which some of the entries can be used. Those (done by WMU members alone or with their families) can be eligible for entry in a national contest. A contest will be held at each of the WMU conferences, at Glenside and at Ridgecrest, in the summer of 1974. Winners of those contests will be shown at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in 1975, when the Cooperative Program Fifth Anniversary will be observed. (See April-May-June 1974 *Denomination* for details about the national contest.)

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### Suggested Rules

(Each church should adapt the rules as necessary to reflect the needs and interests of its members.)

1. Each entry will be judged on originality, artistic quality, and the message it conveys about the meaning or significance of the Cooperative Program. Entries in category 4, Dolls, may be accompanied by a description of twenty-five words or less telling the story of the doll(s). Entries in other categories must give a complete message without supplementary written explanation.

2. Any person is eligible who belongs to the sponsoring church or to one of its organizations (such as WMU or Sunday

School). A family is eligible for the family section if at least one of its members belongs to the church or to one of its organizations.

3. There are separate sections for children, grades 1 through 6; youth, grades 7 through 12; adults; and families. For an entry to qualify in the family section, every member of the family (except preschoolers) must have contributed to its creation.

4. In each section, there will be four categories:

- (1) Two-dimensional art (posters, paintings, drawings)
- (2) Three-dimensional art (sculpture, mobiles, ceramics)
- (3) Handicrafts (litterary, macramé,

embroidery, decoupage, banners, wall hangings)

(4) Dolls (dolls made or dressed in costumes)

5. Each person (or family) may submit as many entries as he likes, in as many categories as he likes.

6. These awards will be given: first, second, and third place in each section (age) of each category (type of art); Most Creative of the Show; Strongest Message of the Show.

7. Judges will be chosen by the church WMU council; members of judges' families will not be eligible to receive awards but may submit entries.



# HEALTH CARE

Dorothy Senti

What is health? The World Health Organization defines health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being. Health is not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Today the trend in health care has broadened to include more than treatment. Today emphasis is also placed on maintaining optimal health and preventing disease.

## Why Be Involved?

Our Christian faith teaches the value of human life. To be true to this faith, we must be aware of the human waste which can occur when people are not in full health. As individuals and as a church we have a responsibility to reduce this human waste which often comes about through ignorance and neglect.

If the trend to emphasize the maintenance of optimum health and the prevention of disease is

realized, the total community must be involved. Each of us as individuals can help by assisting people in the community to become aware of the needs and the existing means of health care in the community.

## How Can We Become Involved?

Listed below are ideas for health-care projects. Some require a minimum of involvement; others require much preparation and involvement. The projects may be undertaken separately, or you may choose to combine some of them.

Depending on the size of your church and the number of health professionals available, you may decide to confine the projects to your church or expand them to include the total community.

## Seminars in Health Care

Plan a health-care seminar either (1) for parents of families of mission action target groups who need help in knowing about and using health-care services or (2) for church members who could

use the information in helping others.

Several hours are needed for this project. Two approaches are possible: (1) conduct a one and one-half to two-hour meeting session each week for a month or (2) find a day when at least six hours can be scheduled for the seminar. If time is limited, it will be necessary to limit the topics.

Here are suggestions for topics of discussion. You will want to involve health professionals in suggesting other topics and/or ideas for the seminar:

(1) Invite a public health nurse to speak about the services offered all citizens through the local Public Health Department. Allow approximately forty-five minutes.

(2) Invite a dietitian to speak on the value of a well-balanced diet in maintaining health and preventing disease.

Dietitians may be enlisted through the American Dietetic Council, the Public Health Department, local hospitals, or schools of nursing. The American Dietetic Association can also be helpful if your community has none of the above-named resources. Allow about one hour.

(3) Invite a representative from the local Mental Health Association to speak on mental health concepts and the services available to all members of the community through mental health centers. This person can also speak, or recommend someone to speak, on drug and alcohol abuse treatment centers and on crisis intervention programs which are available in your community and/or state. Allow about one hour.

(4) Invite a representative of the American Heart Association (through the local or state chapter) to speak on heart disease. The association has educational films and pamphlets on every aspect of prevention and treatment of heart disease. Allow one and one-half hours.

(5) Invite a representative of the American Cancer Society (through the local or state chapter) to talk about the prevention and early detection of cancer. Both films and pamphlets are available which are most informative for the public. Allow approximately one hour.

(6) Invite a dentist or a dental hygienist to talk about dental hygiene. If the dentist you know cannot assist, ask him to suggest someone to contact. Allow approximately one hour.

## Salute to Health-Care Professionals

Plan a banquet which you will publicize as a salute to health-care professionals in your church and/or community. Send written invitations to those whom you will honor. Also invite all church members who are involved in a health-care ministry through mission action.

Invite as speaker a state senator or representative, or the executive director of the state nursing association. Suggest that (s)he pay tribute to the health-care professionals and speak to the following:

What are the major health problems?  
How our tax dollars help to deal with the major health problems.  
What laws have this community, state, and nation had difficulty with in regard to health care?  
What he or she is doing to promote health care.

## Health Fair

"Health Fair" is a term describing a project which provides health screening for persons in the community who would not secure this service otherwise. This screening helps individuals identify possible health problems so that medical attention can be obtained.

Much planning and preparation are necessary before the day of the health fair. The church's educational building will be a good

place to hold the fair. Enlist the counsel and help of health professionals in your church and/or your community both in planning and implementing this. It is essential that these professionals assisting you help determine the kind of screening that can be considered. Some examples are: blood pressure check, urine check for sugar, eye examination for glaucoma, breast examination for cancer (including teaching of self-examination), hemoglobin check.

Those people who have abnormal findings should be encouraged to see a doctor.

## Transportation and Baby-sitting Service

This project will be a natural follow-up of the health fair for those who need medical services. Many individuals do not get proper health care because transportation is not available. This is true for many housewives and for senior citizens.

Providing a baby-sitting service for young mothers will give them an opportunity to obtain a routine physical examination and health care.

Appoint a group of people to be responsible for transportation and another group for baby-sitting.

If possible, provide these services both morning and afternoon. Keep in mind that the schedules must be flexible since a lengthy wait in the doctor's office is often necessary.

Make the community aware of these services through bulletins or newsletters in the community churches, by public service radio and television announcements, and by a telephone committee.

Opportunities to provide health education and assistance in obtaining health care are limitless. Great satisfaction comes from contributing toward the prevention of disease and the maintenance of optimal health. The challenge is yours! □

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Baptist Women  
Meeting

# The Missions-Minded Portuguese

Margaret Malone

Portugal, a nation with an age-old civilization, offers picturesque scenes of historic interest and rare natural beauty. The land's borders to the west and south stretch along shores washed by the Atlantic Ocean; on the east and north it is bordered by Spain.

During the age of exploration, Portugal was one of the most powerful sea-going nations of Europe. Today the grandeur has been dulled. The tiny nation struggles to maintain what remains of a once-global empire. Centuries of overseas involvements almost exhausted the small nation's resources.

Intensely religious from its beginning, Portugal displays on its coat of arms five blue shields, each

with five discs representing the wounds of Christ.

Although there is no state church in Portugal, nearly all Portuguese are Roman Catholics. Those who profess no religion are classified as Roman Catholics.

Portuguese Baptists during the early part of this century observed the quality of religious life among their fellow Portuguese and were struck by the need of the gospel of salvation by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Many people did not have the Bible and did not hear biblical preaching.

"This small nation of Portugal does not lack those who will dare all for Christendom," sang Portugal's national poet Luis de Camoes, who is buried near the great explorer Vasco da Gama. Missions-minded Portuguese Baptists today are willing to dare all for Christ Jesus, their Lord and Saviour.

**Portuguese Baptists Carry the Load**  
(As the following paragraph is read, a woman dressed as a wife appears before the group and remains standing throughout the presentation.)

Varinas, or fishwives, of the coastal towns carry on their heads basket loads of seafood fresh from the boats. They chant their songs as they walk through the city, looking for customers.

In Portugal, the Portuguese carry the load of Baptist work. The role of Southern Baptist missionaries is to work as any other church member, pastor, or leader. The missionaries feel that in this relationship to Portuguese Baptists they not only avoid potential conflicts along Portuguese-American lines but also apply democratic principles. "We try to serve as resources for the Portuguese churches," says one missionary. "We give advice, share our experiences, and try to stay in the background in order to encourage the national leaders." The Baptist work is indigenous, with missionaries in a helping role. "Helping other people to do what ought to be done is as praiseworthy as doing it oneself," said J. O. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

The Portuguese Baptist Convention is organized in accordance with its constitution, which was approved in 1928 by the Portuguese Government. This situation is probably unique to Portugal.

The annual general assembly has four officers who function only during the days of the convention sessions.

A group of seven is responsible for the promotion of cooperative work, directing the work of the various committees.

The convention has a camp, a national paper, a book store, a seminary, and a regular radio program.

As we shall see later, Portuguese Baptists look beyond themselves. As a result they have experienced

growth in numbers and maturity in the Christian life. The Portuguese Baptist Convention has doubled the number of churches in thirteen years and increased its membership by 130 percent—from twenty to forty churches, and from 1,000 to 2,500 members.

## Overseas Missions

(As the following paragraph is read, a person dressed as a fisherman [see p. 26] appears and remains standing throughout presentation.)

The Portuguese fisherman, wearing the stocking cap, is common in areas north of Lisbon. He keeps money in the cap's band. His shirt and baggy pants feature wildly mismatched plaids. He says, "Fishing is better for us now. We have bigger vessels and more efficient equipment. In the old days we had to watch the gulls when we saw them plunging into the sea, we knew they had sighted fish."

The Portuguese Baptist Convention is missions-minded. Believers think of themselves as fishers of men.

Overseas missions receives 45 percent of the cooperative funds of the convention and a special offering is raised each April for this sector of the work.

Portuguese Baptists support one missionary family in Angola, a Portuguese state in Africa. The missionary works principally with tribes but is also related to the work of the Angola Baptist Convention, which is composed of both Europeans and Africans. In Mozambique, also a Portuguese state in Africa, the situation is similar except partial support comes from the church. The missionary serves as pastor. (If you have a copy of October 1973 *ROYAL SERVICE*, add information about Portuguese missionaries from "Mozambique—Land of the Good People," p. 7.)

The 1973-74 budget for overseas missions is approximately \$20,000 (US dollars). The money is raised

entirely by the Portuguese Baptist churches. Most Portuguese Baptists feel strong interest in supporting the missions work in their two African states.

## Home Missions

(As the following paragraph is read, a person dressed as a wheat miller [see p. 26] appears and remains standing throughout the presentation.)

White sails whipping against a blue sky turn windmills. When the wind changes, clay whistles on the rigging signal the millers at work in the wheat fields, warning them to reel the sails.

A relatively new work of Portuguese Baptists is called "continental missions." The budget for 1973-1974 for this work is approximately \$30,000 (US dollars). From their Cooperative Program 20 percent is given. And a special offering is raised in November for continental (home) missions. The Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptists will provide about two-thirds of the budget this year, which includes aid to churches, half rent, evangelistic emphasis, and new work.

The two major emphases in Portuguese home missions at present are undergirding established work and opening new work.

The convention has taken the initiative to begin a subsidy reduction plan, which will reduce as rapidly as possible aid given to established work. This plan will make possible strong thrusts in evangelistic and stewardship campaigns. A goal of Portuguese Baptists is to enter the major cities still without a Baptist—or any kind of evangelical—witness. "The fields are ripe," says a Southern Baptist representative in Portugal. "We do need to go in and possess the land for the Lord."

Sometimes several Baptist churches work together to establish a mission and support it until it is strong enough to stand on its feet. The Vila Nova de Gaia Church, near

the town of Porto, was supported for a time by the five churches of Porto. Now it is a good church on its own. New work was begun in Braga, called "the Rome of Portugal," and in Rio Mauro, near Lisbon. The latter work was realized largely by the efforts of one pastor, John Oliveira, of the Quibus church near Lisbon. In the last five years he has led his church to establish three other churches or missions.

## Evangelism and Radio

(As the following paragraph is read, a person dressed as a fisherman's wife [see p. 26] appears and remains standing throughout the presentation.)

Fishermen's wives and each fishing day sitting together on the beach, awaiting the return of their husbands from the fogbound ocean. "O salty sea," wrote a modern Portuguese poet, Fernando Pessoa, "how much of your salt comes from the tears of Portugal!"

The vigilant concern of Portuguese Baptists expressed itself in three nationwide evangelistic crusades in 1964, 1967, and 1971. In those evangelistic efforts there were 700, 750, and 629 professions of faith. Not all of these people were baptized into the churches, because Portuguese Baptists have a high standard for church membership. But the crusades did help in church growth.

Another important ministry is the radio program. Listener responses average about ten letters a day. "Some of the responses would break your heart," says missionary Betty (Mrs. Grayson) Tennison. Mary says, "You mention on your program each week that we should attend the Baptist church nearest us. There isn't one anywhere near me." (Listeners also ask, "Why don't you have some churches in all the large cities in Portugal?")

A recent letter came from a jail where there is a group of nine Christians who meet to study the Bible. They have only one Bible and two

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New Testaments among them. The writer earnestly requested Bibles so each member of the group could have one.

Responsiveness to the radio program came from the Azores Islands, Germany, Canary Islands, France, and Spain. "This is one of the most important ministries we are doing now in Portugal," says Mrs. Tennison. "Pray with us that this ministry will continue and we may even be able to have more time on the air. We need someone to help prepare music for the programs. We use records from Brazil, but we need music from Portugal. We need a choir director to continue preparing music for the program *Musica para Meditar* (Music for Meditation)."

The missions-minded Baptists of Portugal need our prayers as they continue to grow and reach out beyond themselves.



## Planning the Baptist Women Meeting

### AIM

As a result of this study, members should be able to identify one specific prayer request related to the growth of the Portuguese Baptist Convention.

### LEARNING METHOD

Plan to have a study luncheon, complete with costumes, braised fish and Portuguese egg custard, and up-to-date reports from the missions-minded Portuguese Baptist Convention.

Decorate the room with fish nets, ropes, miniature boats, fresh fruit, flowers, and cork. Arrange for guitar background music.

Appoint several members to arrange a display of items typifying

the arts and crafts of Portugal. (Check your public library, for instance, see *National Geographic*, Oct. 1965.)

The study chairman may act as hostess for the study luncheon. After presenting the introductory material (p. 24), she may present in turn each of the costumed Portuguese personalities who suggest facets of Baptist work in Portugal.

**Varina**—fishwife—dressed in dark peasant skirt, white blouse, dark apron; carries large basket of "fish" on head.

**Fisherman**—man in black stocking cap, wildly mismatched plaid shirt and pants.

**Wheel miller**—a woman in black peasant skirt, dark apron, black scarf on head.

**Wife of fisherman**—black shawl over head, ankle-length skirt (the Portuguese wear as many as seven layers of skirts), and boot-like shoes.

Close the session with members singing "Ye Christian Herald" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 459).

### PLAN FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH

Suggest that members jot down their prayer request and add it to their individual or family prayer list.

Young people in Portuguese Baptist churches who need to respond to God's call for service as church leaders. The Baptist seminary in Lisbon now in its fifth year has graduated two classes. There is an urgent need for national leaders for the churches.

### Related Activities

**Call to Prayer**—Print the names of the missionaries with birthdays (see *Call to Prayer*, pp. 44-45) on miniature flag stick pins. If possible, use the flag of each country represented on the prayer calendar. Ask members to call out the missionaries' names then pin the flags on a large world map on the country or state where the missionary is serving.

**Read Romans 10:6-15**, preferably from a present-day translation, and lead in a period of prayer.

**Preview May Baptist Women Meeting**—Distribute paper and pencil to members. Ask these true or false questions orally: 1. Baptists in Guatemala place emphasis on general evangelism. True or false? 2. On the average three new churches are organized a year. True or false? 3. Interest in the indigenous tribes has motivated the assignment of three missionary couples to learn their dialects and work with them. True or false? 4. Guatemala Baptists' evangelistic program needs the prayers of Baptist women. True or false? (All answers are true.)

If you want to know more about the answers to these questions, be sure to attend the May Baptist Women meeting.

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The Cooperative Program works for you. It carries your mission support to all fifty states and to seventy-seven foreign countries.

From Luanda, Angola, a letter came in 1973 from missionary Harrison Pike. He reported progress being made toward opening a small book store in Luanda. For this purpose, \$1,200 was provided in 1973 for Angola from Cooperative Program funds.

As Pike approached the time to get the little book store in operation, he had to face the question of staffing the book store. The rent used up most of the operating funds. His initial plan had been to pay a manager or clerk from the profits made on the sale of books and other items. He now realized that it would take some time to develop enough trade to provide a margin of profit sufficient to employ a manager. His letter contained this plaintive inquiry: "As we have only about \$100 a month for operating expenses, who then

is going to operate the book store once we get it started? We have a capable and experienced Christian man available, but we need at least \$300 a month to pay him, and I'm afraid that the initial profits will not be sufficient, nor can they be used for this, since we need to put that back into stock. Therefore, if a request came asking for an increase in operating expenditures, would there be a possibility to receive them for the remainder of the year, and possibly next year before cutting back and allowing profits after establishment to carry this part of the program?"

The additional \$3,000 for the operating costs could not be provided from available resources. The book store is needed to serve a real purpose. But the Foreign Mission Board simply did not have the money to send to Mr. Pike.



WHY NOT INCREASE YOUR GIFTS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM THIS YEAR?

## Two Portuguese dishes



### Fish and Potato Casserole

Poach about 2 pounds fish steaks or fillets in 1 cup simmering water with 1 teaspoon salt just until it flakes when tested with a fork. Cool, drain, and flake fish (discard any skin or bones); add cream or milk to the poaching liquid to make 2 cups; set aside. Cook 4 slices bacon until crisp; drain and reserve in 2 tablespoons of the drippings. Sauté 1 large onion (sliced) until soft; set aside.

Put about 1 quart sliced, cooked potatoes in a 2- or 2½-quart casserole. Top with the flaked, cooked fish (you should have about 1 quart fish). Distribute onions over potatoes.

In the frying pan melt 2 tablespoons butter; add 2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, and ½ teaspoon thyme; cook, stirring, until bubbly. Grad-

ually stir in the 2 cups reserved liquid; cook, stirring until thickened, then pour into casserole. Crumble bacon over top. Bake, uncovered, in a 350-degree oven until heated through about 30 minutes. Makes about 6 servings.

### Portuguese Soft Custard

In a heavy saucepan combine ½ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon corn starch, and 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel. Gradually stir in 2 cups milk. Heat, stirring, over medium heat until it boils and thickens. In a bowl beat 4 egg yolks with a fork; then gradually beat in the hot milk mixture. Return all to the pan and stir over low heat for about 3 minutes. Cool, then cover and chill. Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon, if you wish. Makes 6 to 8 servings when spooned over orange slices or canned fruit.



Current Missions

# Everybody Ought to Know in Honduras

Barbara Joiner

**STUDY LEADER:** Everybody ought to know who Jesus is. Everybody in Honduras ought to know who Jesus is.

A small band of missionaries who have begged repeatedly for reinforcements asked Winston Crawley, director of the Overseas Division of the Foreign Mission Board, "Do Southern Baptists still believe everybody ought to know who Jesus is?" As we study Honduras this session, keep this question in mind. Personalize it. Ask yourself, Do I believe everybody ought to know who Jesus is? Narrow it down: Do I believe everybody in Honduras ought to know who Jesus is? Are you ready to take a look at Honduras? Before we are through, perhaps you will risk a look at your

heart as well.

Honduras — look at the map (Use one of the floor maps described in *Learning Aids*, p. 30.) Honduras is a land about the size of our state of Tennessee. It is bordered on the north by the Caribbean, and on the south it touches the Pacific. Honduras is in the middle of Middle America next to Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. (Point all this out on the map as you go.)

The map cannot show you the towering mountains, the deep valleys, the vast forest lands, the banana and coffee plantations. The map cannot show you the most important resource of the country — its nearly three million people.

Approximately 90 percent of the people are Spanish-speaking mestizos (a mixture of Spanish and native Indian). Honduras has been

called by a recent Honduran president "the land of the four 70s: 70 percent are illiterate; 70 percent are rural; and 70 percent of all deaths are caused by avoidable sicknesses." (Most of these figures are changing for the better.)

Add to those sad statistics a sadder one: probably less than 1 percent of the entire population knows Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Twenty Southern Baptist missionaries serve in Honduras. We will examine briefly the preaching ministry of three of these. Let's jet down to Tegucigalpa (teh-goo-GAL-pah), the capital city and the headquarters of the Baptist Mission. From there, by Jeep, we will proceed to La Ceiba (lah-SAY-eh) and meet missionary Hoyt Roberts. (Point out these places on the map as you go.)

**HOYT ROBERTS:** Everybody ought to know in La Ceiba.

La Ceiba, with approximately 35,000 people, is the third largest city in Honduras. My family and I and a national pastor and his family share our witness in this northern city on the Caribbean coast.

We have a strong congregation in the city of La Ceiba, and we are busy now working to develop local church leaders. You will be glad to know we have an active WMU!

To be more effective witnesses, our people are using WIN (Witness Involvement Now) materials, except in Spanish they are TEA materials. I am also involved in teaching extension courses in connection with our theological institute in Tegucigalpa.

Most important, the national pastor and I are working to establish new mission stations. God is using us to bring people to know Him in La Ceiba.

But let me tell you about Olancha (oh-LAHN-cho). This is the largest department (state) in Honduras, both in area and population. Lack of personnel, lack of means of com-

munication, lack of highways make this mission task almost an impossible one. One layman is trying to carry the gospel to Olancha. A missionary visits once every two or three months.

This year Olancha is first on our request list for missionary personnel. Surely God is calling someone to this rural area that is hungry for the gospel.

Everybody in Olancha ought to know and has a right to know who Jesus is. Will you pray with us that someone will come?

**STUDY LEADER:** Let's travel due south, clear across the country to Choluteca (cho-too-TAY-ah). Four wheel drive is needed to get into this area. Charles W. Bryan, the Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, describes this as a hardship post in terms of living conditions. Ralph Wilson says it is worth it all. When he and his family went to this city of 20,000 in 1968, there were two small Baptist churches. Let's listen to Ralph Wilson's report.

**RALPH WILSON:** Everybody ought to know in Choluteca.

I try to present the gospel in several ways. Basically, though, I feel the most effective way is to let Christ live in me so the people can see Him in my life. I try to present Christ by helping the poor with clothes, food, medicine, and education. I counsel with eight national pastors. I preach and play my fiddle and mandolin in the three small churches and twelve mission points every week. I train new workers, baptize new converts, organize new congregations, help build new church buildings, and help with medical care for rural areas that have no doctor. I try to cultivate a homelike which reflects God's love in Christ.

Our work in Choluteca is small and struggling, but God is using Baptists to present the gospel to the lost.

The village of San Jeronimo (san zhen-RAN-nee-mah) is a sweltering, sprawling, farm-labor community about ten miles south of Choluteca. There are many houses and huts, but few stores. People come and go with the harvest, but many stay the year round. Roster fights, gambling, drinking, and bracts are commonplace. It is a discouraging place to try to grow a church, but San Jeronimo needs the good news of Jesus Christ.

We had a mission in San Jeronimo in the past, but it was disorganized when war erupted between Honduras and El Salvador in 1969. A woman, Dona Teresa (DOHN-yeh-ter-ah), wants us to have weekly preaching in her home. She is concerned for the spiritual welfare of her children and the other people of the community. But we have not been able to resume services for lack of time and workers.

Will you pray that God will send someone to share the good news with these people? For surely you believe that everybody ought to know in San Jeronimo.

**STUDY LEADER:** Back in the Jeep, we head north to the second largest city in Honduras, San Pedro Sula (pahm-PAY-dro-SUE-lah). Over 100,000 people live here. Two missionary families share the gospel through a strong church, a mission, various preaching points, and numerous surrounding workers' camps and villages. Let's meet one of the missionaries, Grady Nowell.

**GRADY NOWELL:** Everybody ought to know in San Pedro Sula.

How do I present the gospel? My role is supposed to be one of counseling, teaching, and working along side the national pastors as we present the gospel together. Some times, however, there is no national pastor. This was the situation when I came to San Pedro Sula four years ago. I became pastor of First Baptist Church. After a few months, a young national pastor, a recent graduate of our theological insti-

tute, was called, and I could then begin my "helping" role.

When the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) lacked a business manager, I became treasurer, which means book-keeping and check writing. I have the power of attorney and must handle any legal business pertaining to our mission. About half my time is spent handling mission business, which includes everything from securing visas to buying properties. This responsibility drastically cuts down on my time to preach the message of the Lord.

Opening new work is my most exciting and challenging task. As strong members of First Baptist Church have moved to the suburbs, new churches have begun in their homes. We thank God for concerned laymen who have spearheaded the work all around the city of San Pedro Sula.

But let me tell you about the village of La Iguala (lah-ee-GWAA-lah). Where in the world is La Iguala? I had never even heard of the place until a few weeks ago. How did I hear? A man from La Iguala wrote to our Baptist Mission, asking that someone come there to preach the gospel. How did he know about us? He read a tract that someone had given him. Who knows who? The tract had our Baptist address written on it. He listed what he read and wanted to hear more.

Searching the map, I found that La Iguala is a village in the interior of the western part of the country, apparently beside a river. Searching further, examining other maps, I decided that a car could leave either Tegucigalpa or San Pedro Sula and arrive by road to within about fifteen miles of the village. From there, one could ride a mule or walk into the village.

La Iguala can be reached. Everybody there ought to have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. If we are true to Christ's commission, somebody is supposed to go to La Iguala. Does anybody care?

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**STUDY LEADER:** Dr. Crawley has asked, "Do we really believe everybody ought to know about Christ? Do we really care?"

Honduras is asking the same question. The lost villages of Olancha, San Jeronimo, and La Iguala are asking the same question. Missionaries Hoyt Roberts, Ralph Wilson, and Grady Nowell are asking the same question. Christ is asking, too.

What will we as Baptist women do about this tremendous, hurting world?

Let us pray now for these missionaries, for the cities where they are stationed, and for the lost villages they are concerned about. Ask God to lead you as you seek a way to answer the needs of Honduras.



## Planning the Current Missions Group Meeting

### AIM

After this study, members should be able to describe how three Southern Baptist missionaries share the gospel in Honduras and to pray for these three missionaries and their needed reinforcements.

This is the first session of a three-part unit on sharing the gospel through the preaching ministry in three Middle American countries. In May the study will focus on Costa Rica; in June, Guyana.

### LEARNING METHODS

Before the session assign the material concerning Hoyt Roberts, Ralph Wilson, and Grady Nowell to three women. As study leader you have the responsibility for introductory activities and assigned portions of material in the session itself.

As members arrive, each should be assigned to one of the three mission stations to be studied. Chairs should be placed in three clusters, each cluster near the mission station that group represents. The woman who will share the story

of Hoyt Roberts would obviously be assigned to La Ceiba, Ralph Wilson to Choluteca, Grady Nowell to San Pedro Sula. Each subgroup should be encouraged to listen most carefully to the material concerning one station.

At the end of the study session let each "mission station" discuss the needs presented in its area. Have each woman who presented the material lead in her group. Then let each group pray for its city. Stress the need to pray for the village that "ought to know but has no preacher." Consider this as a continuing prayer support project.

### LEARNING AIDS

Make a big floor map of Honduras. Make it of butcher paper or have that talented seamstress in your group stitch up a colorful map out of scraps. Label the cities of La Ceiba, Choluteca, San Pedro Sula, and Tegucigalpa (Tegucigalpa is not one of the three mission stations, but it is our departure point and the location of the Baptist Mission headquarters.) Another map possibility is to use a blue sheet, cut the shapes of Honduras and other Middle American countries out of newspaper or colored paper and glue these on the sheet. Do not forget we study Costa Rica and Guyana the next two sessions. If all else fails, use string or rope to make the outline of Honduras. Make a floor map of some kind!

Then group chairs near each of the mission stations.

Now, play paper dolls! Confiscate the "bananas" from each group member's ROYAL SERVICE (see p. 31). Cut them out and make a bright yellow cover (banana-shaped, of course). Shiny yellow vinyl would be great. Put the session title on the cover. Everybody Ought to Know in Honduras. Staple the cover and the two pages (four sides) together.

On the back of a third of the "banana books" write the name and address of one of the three missionaries. On another third write the

second name, and on the last third write the last name. (Write for this: Missionary Address Sheet #1 from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.) This will help you divide the women into three equal groups.

Ask someone in your group to dress as a senora and hand out the little books at the beginning of the meeting and help seat the women at their mission station.

Since we'll be visiting the Caribbean for three months, let yourself go. Travel posters, palm trees, flowers, pictures all add atmosphere.

Be sure to begin the meeting by singing the chorus "Everybody Ought to Know." Do it first in English and then in Spanish. (See be-

low.) Try it! You might print the name of the mission station, as it is pronounced, for each of the stations and post them before the group. Let members practice saying the names before the meeting.

### PLAN FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH

Why not write (you have the address) and pledge prayer support to "your" missionary preacher. Be sure to indicate in your letter that you do not expect an answer from the missionary.

### Related Activities

**Call to Prayer**—Ask each woman to pray silently for the missionary whose name is written on her "banana" booklet. (See suggestion for banana 2, below.)

**Preview May Baptist Women Meeting**—Distribute paper and pencil to members. Ask three true or false questions orally. 1. Baptists in Guatemala place emphasis on general evangelism. True or false? 2. On the average, three new churches are organized a year. True or false? 3. Interest in the indigenous tribes has motivated couples to learn their dialects and work with them. True or false? 4. Guatemala Baptists' evangelistic program needs the prayers of Baptist women. True or false? (All answers are true.) If you want to know more about the answers to these questions, be sure to be at the May Baptist Women meeting.



Banana 1



Banana 2



Banana 3



Banana 4

(on back of a third of the "books" write one name and address; next third, the second name; next third, the last name)

# My Spiritual Pilgrimage

Work Sheet 7: April 1974  
Scripture passages: Luke 4:18-30; 4:31 to 8:56

## Study Questions

As I have read through the first eight chapters of Luke, I have discovered the following ministry actions of Jesus:

Chapter/verse(s)	Ministry actions of Jesus	To whom he ministered
1:		
2:		
3:		
4:		
5:		
6:		
7:		
8:		



## To Enrich My Spiritual Life

Selected verse: Luke 4:18  
Since Jesus was involved in ministry actions, so should I be. The meaning of this verse for my own life is

## My Prayer List

Item	Date Entered	Date Answered
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Study for next month: Luke 5:17-26, "Jesus Ministers to a Cripple" (Read also Luke 9:17, listing Jesus' ministry actions and the responses of the people.)



Bible Study

# Jesus Announces His Ministry

Monte Clendinning

Passage for Study: Luke 4:18-30

During the past six months our Bible study should have led us to a clearer understanding of how man's spiritual need (relationship with God) is met only through Jesus. Men also has other needs. Jesus is concerned with man's life in this world as well as his life in the hereafter. The three studies this quarter will emphasize ministry actions of Jesus.

Baptist doctrine leader Manuel defines ministry this way: "To minister is to make a loving response to the total needs of persons in the name of Jesus Christ."

The writings of Luke furnish excellent material on ministry actions of Jesus. Today's study of Luke 4:18-30 focuses on Jesus as he announced his ministry.

The Setting for Jesus' Announcement (Luke 4:14-17)

Jesus had just experienced two significant events in his life—his baptism and the victory over Satan's temptation. He was about to share the same spiritual power as he launched his ministry in Galilee.

Jesus, now popular among the people, went back to Nazareth, where he had grown up. There he attended the synagogue as he was accustomed to do. As he stood up in respect for the reading of the Scriptures, he was handed the scroll of Isaiah. Any person could be invited to read the lesson, and the reading was followed by a sermon delivered by a competent teacher. Jesus unrolled the scroll to Isaiah 61:1-2 and began to read.

The Meaning of Jesus' Ministry (Luke 4:18-21)

The people were hearing words they had heard before, words they

associated with the Suffering Servant promised by Isaiah. Only after the reading did it become evident that Jesus was doing more than read the day's text, that he was applying the verses to himself, in retrospect we saw what he meant.

Jesus' first words made it clear that the Spirit of the Lord was with him. Pause long enough to catch the significance of the next words: "He hath anointed me" (v. 18). It is from this idea—anointed of God—that Jesus was to receive the of his earthly name: Messiah and Christ. "Messiah" is the Hebrew term for "anointed one," while "Christ" is the same term in Greek.

Linking him definitely with God, the passage described what God wanted the Suffering Servant to do: (1) preach the gospel to the poor, (2) heal the brokenhearted, (3) proclaim liberty to the captive and recovery of sight to the blind, (4) set free the oppressed, and (5) announce God's willingness to save those who come to him.

What did this mean? Were these the only kinds of people to whom Jesus would minister? Not by any means. Jesus was to preach that the kingdom of heaven was available to all—not just those materially poor, but those who were poor in spirit (teachable). He was also concerned with people who could not see or hear who had no food, and who needed forgiveness and fullness of life in other words. Jesus was concerned with all their needs—both physical and spiritual. As Jesus moved in and out among people, he primarily identified with people of special need—the socially, religiously and economically excluded people of his day.

As Jesus rolled up the scroll and handed it to the synagogue attendant everyone watched him intently. In startling simplicity he said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (v. 21). Jesus had come to fulfill prophecy.

Jesus had stated his program of ministry. He had indicated his au-

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thority was from God. He had made clear that the Old Testament prophecies would find fulfillment in him. But what would be the scope of this ministry?

#### The Scope of Jesus' Ministry (Luke 4:25-27)

The Jews knew they were God's Chosen People. Many of them had forgotten, however, that God had chosen them for a purpose—that through them the peoples of the world would be blessed (Gen. 12:1-3). After announcing his ministry in his hometown synagogue, Jesus used two illustrations from Old Testament history to help remind his people of God's grace for all the world.

In verses 25 and 26 Luke recorded the illustration Jesus drew from 1 Kings 17. Jesus reminded the people in the synagogue of the time when, during a famine, Elijah was sent to help a widow in Sidon—a town outside Israel. Next (v. 27), Jesus recalled the story of the time when the prophet Elisha healed Naaman, a Syrian who had leprosy, rather than the many Jewish lepers.

Jesus was telling the Jews in Nazareth that God also loved all the peoples of the world. This meant that Jesus saw peoples of all kinds throughout the world constituting the scope of his own ministry.

#### Reaction of Jesus' Listeners (Luke 4:22-24, 28-30)

Three words could describe the reaction of Jesus' listeners in Nazareth as they heard him announce his ministry: wonder, doubt, and anger.

When the people heard Jesus begin his explanation, they were filled with wonder. Here is one of our own, they probably thought, one who left home but has made a name for himself teaching in neighboring synagogues (v. 15).

But wasn't this also the little boy who had grown up in Joseph's carpenter shop in their midst? How

could such profound teachings come from the lips of such a boy? Jesus realized that his own townspeople were beginning to doubt him, to demand that he prove himself by performing miracles as he had done in other places (v. 23).

Finally when Jesus, through his two illustrations, reminded them that God's love was not just for Jews but was to extend also to Gentiles, it was too much for those who felt they had top priority with God. The people became so angry that they even led Jesus up to the hill overlooking Nazareth, intending to throw him off the top and kill him. Their wonder and doubt had turned into intense hatred.

It seems that they were determined to destroy Jesus, not because he claimed to be God's anointed one, but because he interpreted his life purpose as meeting all the needs of all the peoples of the world. Jesus included Israel, but he went beyond. There was to be no difference between Jew and Gentile.

The efforts of the Nazareth Jews to kill Jesus were thwarted, for he walked through the middle of the crowd and went on his way (v. 30).

Jesus in the hearts of believers today continues to thwart plans of all who try to limit his ministry to one nation or certain kinds of people. In announcing his ministry, Jesus made it clear that those who minister in his name and in his power must reach out to all kinds of people—with all their needs, physical and spiritual—throughout the entire world.



### Planning the Bible Study Group Meeting

#### Study Session

Remind your group of the year's plan for Bible study as explained in October 1973 ROYAL SERVICE.

This month's session is the first in a series of three studies from the book of Luke under the general

subject "The Ministry Actions of Jesus." At the end of the quarter, members should have a clear understanding of what ministry is, Jesus' authority for ministry, and the motivation for their personal ministry. Studies for the quarter are:

- April: Jesus Announces His Ministry, Luke 4:18-30
- May: Jesus Ministers to a Cripple, Luke 5:17-26
- June: Jesus Gives Guidelines for Ministry, Luke 10:25-37

#### AIM

As a result of this month's study of Jesus' introduction to his ministry, each member should be able to begin to formulate a sound basis for her own mission action.

#### LEARNING METHODS

1. Make assignments ahead of time. Ask three members to be prepared to:

- (1) Read Isaiah 61:1-2
- (2) Tell in her own words the story found in 1 Kings 17 of Elijah and the widow
- (3) Tell in her own words the story found in 2 Kings 5 of Elisha and Naaman

2. Display map of Palestine (see Learning Aids, p. 35)

3. Introduce the study by asking members to define the word "ministry." Ask them to write the definition or to give definitions orally. Some may like the definition given on page 33. After a brief discussion of the word, lead group members to open their Bibles to see what they can learn about ministry from the experience of Jesus.

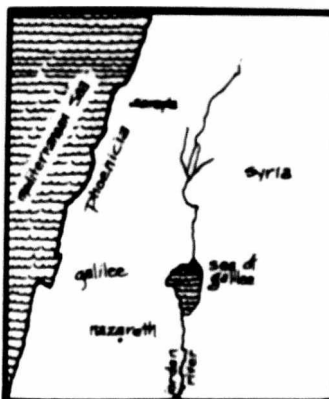
4. Use the Bible With Bible open to Luke 4, you may want to study the passage this way:

- (1) Read verses 14-15. Point out Galilee on the map. Explain the phrase "in the power of the Spirit" by referring to Jesus' baptism and victory over Satan in recent temptations.

- (2) Ask a member to read verses 16-17. Locate Nazareth on the map.
- (3) Ask the member to whom the

assignment was made to read Isaiah 61:1-2 as other members compare Luke's account in verses 18-19. Help members to understand the meaning of "anointed me" (see study material). Lead the group to discuss their understanding of verses 18-19.

- (4) Ask a member to read verses 20-21. Point out the significance of Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.



- (5) Ask a member to read verses 22-24. Discuss the change of attitude of Jesus' listeners at this point. Point out that the listeners were asking Jesus to give them a sign as proof of his powers.

- (6) Suggest that members listen for Jesus' statement about the scope of his ministry as one member reads verses 25-26. Ask the member with assignment (2) to locate the place on the map as she tells the story from 1 Kings 17.

- Call on the member with assignment (3) to read verse 27 as a sounding board for briefly recounting the story of 2 Kings 5. Ask her to locate Syria on the map. Be sure members understand that both these incidents happened outside Israel.

- (7) Read verses 28-30, pointing

out the change in the attitude of the Nazareth Jews toward Jesus. Ask: Why? (They were resentful of Jesus' including the Gentiles.)

8. Use work sheet (p. 32). After the passage has been discussed, encourage members to share their findings from Luke 1-8. Use this month's study material for help with chapter 4. Ministry actions in remaining passages include:

- 4:31-37—cast out demons in Capernaum
- 4:38-39—healed Peter's mother-in-law
- 4:40-44—healed the sick, cast out devils
- 5:1-11—miraculous catch of fish, Simon
- 5:12-16—healed leper
- 5:17-26—healed paralyzed man
- 6:6-11—healed man with withered hand
- 7:1-10—healed centurion's servant
- 7:11-17—raised widow's son
- 8:1-3—healed woman in Galilee
- 8:22-25—stilled the storm
- 8:26-39—cast out demons, raised Jairus' daughter
- 8:40-56—healed women, raised Jairus' daughter

Encourage members to share their answers under "To Enrich My Spiritual Life" and to memorize the suggested passage each month.

Remind each member before the next meeting to read Luke 9:17 and to list on her work sheet ministry actions of Jesus, noting the reactions of the people to whom he ministered.

#### LEARNING AID

Display a map of Palestine in Bible times. Or sketch a simple outline map on the chalkboard or poster board as shown above.

#### EVALUATE THE STUDY

Ask yourself these questions:  
1. What is members' understanding of the word "ministry"?

2. Do members of my group understand the authority for Jesus' ministry actions?

3. Does each member in my group realize her responsibility to be involved in ministry? How is she expressing this responsibility?

#### PLAN FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH

Are you leading members to be involved in mission action at least once a quarter?

Talk with the Baptist Women mission action chairman and/or leaders of mission action groups to discover a need which your group may help meet. Present this need to your group.

Or, you may prefer to lead members to choose their own mission action participation this quarter.

#### Related Activities

**Preview May Baptist Women Meeting.**—Are you aware of the fact that missionaries in Guatemala are actually counting on your prayers to support them in their work? Do you know of specific needs in the Central American country? Come to Baptist Women meeting in May with pencil and paper, prepared to jot down needs. Then you can be a more effective prayer.

**Call to Prayer.**—If time permits, give members an opportunity to share answers to prayer they have experienced recently.

Does one of the members have a birthday today? If so, encourage the member to write to one of the missionaries on the prayer calendar, assuring him (her) of prayer support every day. Addresses of missionaries may be found in Missionary Directory (free from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6567, Richmond, Virginia 23230) or Personnel Directory (free from Home Mission Board Literature Service, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309).

Point out to members that because missionaries are often hard pressed for time, they may not be able to answer every letter they receive.



## Round Table

# Focus on the Middle East

Marie McKay

What are the trends in the Middle East today and how do they affect the work of missionaries in those countries?

Nationalism is the prevailing trend in the Middle East. It was the Jews' desire for a nation of their own that allowed Theodore Herzl's dream to catch on and become Zionism.

It was the same feeling that made the Arabs of Palestine desire to govern themselves after many years of rule by the Turks, and later of a British mandate.

The people of India, widely diverse in religion and custom, were not content at winning freedom from British rule. The Muslims and the Hindus clashed, and the new Muslim nation of Pakistan came into being. The struggle continued as East Pakistan (separated by one thousand miles from West Pakistan).

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wanted its own government, it has now become Bangladesh.

For this first session of a three-part Round Table focus on the Middle East, we will look at Israel. Suggest that each member consider this aim question: What do I need to know in order to understand the Jews' desire for a nation of their own?

For nearly 2,000 years the observance of the Passover ended with the words, "Next year in Jerusalem." Now for many the dream of living in a Jewish nation, without fear, has come true. Uri Avnery says that Israel today is the most irreligious of nations, yet more tightly bound with the form of religion than any other.

### Books for Reading and Study

*O Jerusalem!* by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre (Simon and Schuster, 1972) \$10.00; (Pocket Books, 1973) \$1.95\*

*Furnace of the Lord: Reflections on the Redemption of the Holy City* by Elisabeth Elliot (Doubleday & Co. Inc., 1969) \$4.95\*

*Abba, Father* by Virginia Mason (Moody Press, 1971) \$4.95\*

*Israel Without Zionists: A Plea for Peace in the Middle East* by Uri Avnery (Macmillan, 1968) \$5.95\*

### O Jerusalem!

This book is a detailed account of the short weeks between the end of the British mandate in Palestine and the truce between the Jews and Arabs in 1948. Written in episodes, the book captures the mood and fear of the Jews wanting desperately to maintain their foothold in Palestine and to build a nation of their own. Both sides of the story are told with some objectivity. This is a long book but an extremely interesting one.

**Approach to study:** Ask several members to be prepared to tell about some of the episodes that depict the great urgency on the part of the Jewish leaders to hold the land. Examples are on these pages (numbers in parentheses refer to the paperback version): 19-21 (5-9), 40-41 (33), 218-221 (237-240), 251-252 (276-278), 409-410 (457-459), 554-555 (644-645).

**Furnace of the Lord: Reflections on the Redemption of the Holy City**  
In this book the author tells of her experiences in Jerusalem following the Six Day War in 1967. She went to see "prophecy being fulfilled." She talked to both Jews and Arabs and viewed the "holy spots." But she found no way to know what is truth in this situation, only to yearn over the people as Christ did long ago.

**Approach to study:** Have one person review this book, pointing out Mrs. Elliot's background, then telling of her experiences in Israel with both Jews and Arabs. Highlight the author's concern with people and what the conflict in the land has done to drive wedges between these two groups of Semitic people, to both of whom Jerusalem is a sacred city.

### Abba, Father

This novel gives a picture of life in Israel before the Six Day War. A German scholar in Old Jerusalem learns by accident that his Jewish fiancée, whom he believed to have been killed in Germany during World War II, is alive and living in Israel. He goes across into the territory dangerous for him because of his nationality, finds his Ellen, but realizes that she is mentally ill. He sees much of life in Israel as he seeks to be a friend to Ellen and her family, and patiently waits for healing to take place.

**Approach to study:** Ask several members to report on various matters presented in this book: (1) the place of religion in the life of the ordinary Israeli; (2) the love of the land; (3)

relations between Arabs and Jews; (4) the Jewish fear and hatred of Germans; (5) the author's view of the "true Jew."

### Israel Without Zionists: A Plea for Peace in the Middle East

Uri Avnery is a journalist and a member of the Knesset (the Israeli parliament). Although born in Germany, he grew up in Palestine, was a teen-age member of the Irgun terrorist group, and a soldier in the 1948 war. In this book he tells of his experiences that led him to believe that Jew and Arab can live together.

**Approach to study:** Ask two members to be a team and report on (1) the historical reasons for Israel's political stance in the Middle East and (2) the author's proposals for bringing peace to the Middle East.

### Related Activities

**Call to Prayer.**—It has been said that the Israelis have made the desert bloom. Make a poster showing a flower garden. Make blossoms of folded circles of paper. Write in the center of the circles the names of missionaries having birthdays on this day. When the blossoms are opened the names will show. These people are blossoms in the Lord's garden.

**Preview May Baptist Women Meeting.**—Distribute paper and pencil to members. Ask these true or false questions orally: 1. Baptists in Guatemala place emphasis on general evangelism. True or false? 2. On the average, three new churches are organized a year. True or false? 3. Interest in the indigenous tribes has motivated the assignment of three missionary couples to learn their dialects and work with them. True or false? 4. Guatemala Baptists' evangelistic program needs the prayers of Baptist Women. True or false? (All answers are true.) If you want to know more about the answers to these questions, be sure to be at the May Baptist Women meeting. □

## Book Forecast

### Books for May

*Whose Land Is Palestine?* by Frank H. Epp (Eardmans, 1970) \$6.95, \$3.95, paper\*

*Search for Peace in the Middle East* prepared for the American Friends Service Committee (Fawcett, 1970) 75 cents\*

*From War to War* by Nader Safran (Pegasus, 1969) \$10.00; \$2.95, paper\*

*The Fall of Jerusalem* by Abdullah Schueier (Monthly Review Press, 1972) \$7.50\*

### Books for June

*Walk the Distant Hills: The Story of Longri Ao* by Richard G. Beers (Friendship Press, 1969) 95 cents, paper\*

*Mother India's Children: Meeting Today's Generation in India* by Edward Rice (Orbis Books, 1971) \$2.95\*

*Dokter: Displaced in Bangladesh* by Viggo Olesen (Moody Press, 1973) \$5.95\*

*Pakistan Crisis* by David Loshak (McGraw-Hill, 1971) \$6.95\*

\*Available through Baptist Book Store. Be sure to check early with your book store in case it will have to order the books you want.





# Mexico

Eula Stotts

You can walk, swim, or ride across to a foreign missions country, Mexico. Many land miles mark the border between the United States and Mexico. Meandering miles of the Rio Grande River mark the water boundary. At many places the river dries up and one can walk across. No other "foreign field" is similarly situated.

Stand near the border, look into the distance at the Mexican horizon rising from valleys to mountain heights, and feel enfolded in a mystery of oldness and newness. Mexicans are accused of enjoying being mysterious. What is the origin of the earliest people of Mexico? How did the Oriental influence come? Why did the Mayans enter? Who understands the high civilization of the Aztecs? The Spanish brought another culture

Movements and resettlements of the people caused sorrow, suffering, and death. The mingling of cultures, religions, and customs produced today's Mexican. He is taking his place in his nation and the world.

He has kept his love of fiesta and celebrations, especially at Easter. He has handed down his crafts, painting, sculpture, weaving, metal work, and pottery. Visitors to Mexico can find casual curios or treasure collector's items.

A Baptist woman might become lost in enjoying the mysterious. Surely she would want to seek the treasures, look into the beautiful eyes of the children, and ask herself: Have I accepted this easy to cross border too casually?

The W. D. Powells, Ida B. Hayes, the H. R. Moseleys, the A. B. Rudds are among the names of Baptists who walked in this mysterious country in the 1880s and beyond. There have been times of crisis in Southern Baptist missions work. Decisions have had to be made in the face of immediate demands. There have also been times of joy. Through good times and hard, the Lord has been able to use Christians for the proclamation of his word.

In general, our foreign missions endeavors in Mexico have centered around general evangelism and church development, education, and medical work. Adaptations have been made through the years, but the work is still based in these areas.

Perhaps one of the greatest satisfactions for our missionaries has come with the acceptance of responsibility on the part of Mexican Christians.

Challenge and satisfaction are both part of missions endeavor in Mexico. Both speak to us of our responsibility to pray for Mexico.



## Planning the Prayer Group Meeting

### Ahead of Time

1. Be sure there is a copy of April ROYAL SERVICE for each member.
2. Gather for each member paper, pencil and a copy of the hymn "When We Walk with the Lord" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 260).
3. Talk with the Baptist Women mission action chairman and/or the leader of a mission action group working with Spanish-speaking persons about the possibility of your group doing something to help with that group's work. What about a party for some Spanish Americans? Be prepared to lead members in discussing such a mission action project.

### Personal Preparation

As the women arrive give each a copy of "When We Walk with the Lord" and paper and pencil. Read the words together, study the phrases. Ask each woman to write the statements of promise, praise,

and dedication that she finds in the hymn. After briefly sharing these, read the fourth stanza and point out that some sit at Jesus' feet, others work in his service. Our privilege and responsibility today is to learn of definite needs and pray for fellow workers in Mexico.

### The Prayer Experience

1. Briefly review some of the background of the Mexican. Mention the love for the Easter fiesta. Tell members about the evangelistic campaigns being held by Baptists in Mexico during the Holy Week, April 7-14. If your meeting is after the Easter week, your group may want to express thanksgiving for the results of the meetings and pray for those who follow up. Lead the group in such a prayer.

2. Ask women to have ROYAL SERVICE open and in turn read the following prayer requests. Pause after the statement of each request for silent prayer.

- (1) That God may grant Baptists the ability to win at least 1 percent of Mexico's population to Christ.
- (2) For God to call more Mexican men into the gospel ministry.
- (3) For the women who are leading in Baptist women's work in Mexico.
- (4) For the growth of lay leadership training efforts currently being made throughout Mexico.
- (5) For more Southern Baptists in the US to respond to God's call as missionaries. People are needed to serve in general evangelism which includes stewardship promotion and directing church programs for new congregations. Also there is a need for people in youth and student ministries, for physicians and nurses, and for theological teachers.
- (6) For the Mexican Baptist young people. Like young people throughout the world they are feeling the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Pray that they may continue to respond to that moving and may be able to distinguish between what is of the Lord and what is not.

(7) For the missionaries on the prayer calendar today, whose names represent an even broader scope of need than Mexico. Close this prayer time with "Amen."

3. Preview next month's Baptist Women meeting (see Related Activity, below).

4. Suggest the idea for a mission action project (see Ahead of Time, p. 38).

5. Read this excerpt from a letter from Martha Stephens, missionary journeyman: "I shall never forget that day when I looked out the window of the jet and for the first time saw Mexico City. Since then, my work has provided an opportunity to travel much in Mexico. No matter where you go, there is contrast: the latest model car and barefoot men and women urging their loaded burros along the road. Most church members are poor, and the church or mission may not have many members. This helps you understand why they still need our financial help. Even more than money they need prayer, for the saddest thing about Mexico is the millions who have heard of Jesus but don't realize they have to trust him and not their church for salvation. Helping a person to see this distinction is a difficult task—the responsibility of every Christian in Mexico. That is where we need you. We need you to pray that the Holy Spirit will be living and working through us constantly and convicting those without Jesus to come to him as their personal Saviour." Call for a brief time of conversational prayer in response to Martha Stephens' requests.

6. Ask the women to join hands, close their eyes, and pray individually as you bring these requests.

(1) Pray for the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary which is scheduled to move from Torreon

(Torreón-ON) to Mexico City before the end of this year. The buildings were made possible through Little Moon Christmas Offerings.

(2) Pray for all who serve in the Baptist Hospital in Guadalajara. People from the city, state, and the entire nation are treated here. Medical services are expensive, and money is needed. Pray that Southern Baptists will take new looks at their commitment to giving in this age of swelling costs.

(3) Pray for Mexican Baptists and missionaries as they bring together finances and personnel in integrating their efforts into an overall program of Baptist work in Mexico. Pray for the meeting of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico this summer. Pray that God will lead Baptists to take unusual and daring steps under his leadership.

(4) Pastor Daniel Soltero of San Francisco, California, pleads, "Yes, pray for Mexico, my native land, bathed in superstitions, lost in the darkness of traditional religion, and in great need of the Saviour's touch."

7. Close by sharing this slightly changed version of Isaiah 2:6: O come, Baptist Women, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Related Activity

**Preview May Baptist Women Meeting.**—Distribute paper and pencil to members. Ask these true or false questions orally: 1. Baptists in Guatemala place emphasis on general evangelism. True or false? 2. On the average three new churches are organized a year. True or false? 3. Interest in the indigenous tribes has motivated the assignment of three missionary couples to learn their dialects and work with them. True or false? 4. Guatemala Baptists' evangelistic program needs the prayers of Baptist Women. True or false? (All answers are true.) If you want to know more about the answers to these questions, be sure to be at the May Baptist Women meeting.

Miss Stotts before her retirement was WMU executive secretary for California Today, living in Daly City, California, she continues to be active in missions work.





Mission Action

# A Mission Action Skill Be Available

• Dorothy Alred

Missions has been described as "the conscious response of each Christian to the Great Commission." It is what a Christian does because Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

The response a Baptist woman makes to this command of Christ determines her availability for mission action. Any lesser motivation will not be sufficient to make her available to meet the challenges of human need. Read Matthew 25:14-40 in a present-day translation.

Availability to meet realistic needs is a basic skill in mission action. The busy woman immediately protests, "I just don't have time!" Availability does involve the amount of time we have, but time is not the only consideration.

In his book *People Who Care* C. W. Brister points out that avail-

ability "is more a matter of spirit, a helpful disposition, than of waiting for a knock on the door. Care takes the initiative, makes a call, sees a need, and acts on a generous impulse to help."

Alan Keith-Lucas in *This Difficult Business of Helping* suggests three basic qualities for helpers. A closer look at these should prove helpful.

## • Courage

Religious liberalism cannot be condoned by a person with a mission. Crossing the street, turning the corner, shutting eyes, and closing ears where there is a problem or a person with special needs must not be the action and response of the Christian woman. Too long Christians have "played it cool" and waited for someone else to "do something." Quickly we have walked away and tried to dismiss the scene of poverty, drugs, hunger, illness, filth, human distress as though we thought it would go away without our help.

\*Available through Baptist Book Stores, 75 cents.

The Baptist woman must have the courage to make herself available and be drawn into—involved in—the lives of others.

Close your eyes and try to read these for whom you lacked the courage to show that you cared:

a new family that moved into your neighborhood  
an aged woman who lived at the end of your block  
a friend who had a mental (emotional) problem

an aged aunt who lived alone  
a grandparent who lived in a nursing home

a child who would have been named as a nurse with someone to express concern and confidence in her

a teen-age girl who needed a mother image in her loneliness.

## • Humility

A person with humility recognizes she cannot know and understand all that is involved in a person's problems and needs. Humility means not claiming credit for some accomplishment with the person, but being willing to call in a specialist to meet a specific need. It means letting someone else realize success. It is being willing to be an instrument through whom God accomplishes his purposes in getting the help that is needed.

Humility means getting yourself out of the way in order that Christ—embodied in you—might be seen more clearly.

## • Respect for Others

Jesus looks on everyone as being of supreme value. He never met an unimportant person. His ministering today reaches to all individuals regardless of race, sex, age, character, economic or educational status.

We sometimes balk at seeing a person who has needs as a person. But in all of life's encounters will we ever meet someone who is not superior in some respect?

It is easy to respect the person who is just like us, who lives in the same kind of house, dresses and

acts as we do. It is much more difficult to respect and show love and concern for the one who is different. But Jesus did. And Baptist women must.

A danger in availability is the danger of involvement. Care we risk getting involved?

One mission action group leader contacted the local automobile (t-car) examiner in her efforts to become available as a teacher to non-readers.

Members of a mission action group left their telephone numbers at the local hospital, with the intention to be called when out-of-town people were hospitalized.

Two women in one community offered their friendship to women released from jail or prison. This willingness to stand beside women in need caused a kind of involvement that demanded the best in Christian love.

Another group ministered to youthful patients in an orthopedic hospital where patients sometimes spend years with corrective surgery and therapy. The Baptist women regularly visited children who had no close-by family members.

Availability is a basic skill to be learned by Baptist women who decide to respond personally to the Great Commission.



## Planning the Mission Action Group Meeting

### Introduction of Unit

Certain basic skills are important to all helping relationships. These skills become the tools that Baptist women use in effective mission action. This study is one of several which will help Baptist women members involved in mission action to increase their ability to use basic skills in ministry.

Participants in mission action must be openly available to meet members' needs. Unless this first skill

is mastered there is no satisfactory encounter between the ones seeking to minister and the target person or group.

### Personal Preparation

Encourage each group member to read the material on the preceding page.

Before making ourselves available to help others, let us look at ourselves. Ask group members to take the following self-inventory.

	To a	I Am
		Degree Unsure
I accept myself as a person with both strengths and weak points.	_____	_____
I am usually able to express emotion.	_____	_____
I genuinely like people and want to respond to their needs.	_____	_____
I have a sense of humor.	_____	_____
I am self-confident.	_____	_____
I am able to listen to and accept another's point of view.	_____	_____
I can keep my troubles to myself when working with an immature or troubled person.	_____	_____
I have firm convictions about standards of behavior, but I am flexible enough to show myself and others to grow.	_____	_____
I have unusual patience.	_____	_____

The more yes answers you have, the better prepared you are to make yourself available to help another person.

**To Service Training**  
Suggest that members keep notebooks during the next six months

in which to enter meaningful information and insights gained in in-service training sessions.

Members could divide notebooks into two sections: (1) In-service training helps; (2) Personal findings about person or persons in target group; (3) Notes on shared information from other group members; (4) Evaluation of mission action encounter (date each entry); (5) Suggested ways to minister and witness (add to this from time to time in light of progress made and new knowledge gained through involvement with ministry). Dates should be listed when helping suggestions are carried out, or dropped as unneeded or undesirable.

After members have read the material on the preceding page, discuss the three qualities of a helper: courage, humility, respect for others.

Call attention to the examples given of Baptist women who made themselves available.

Lead the group members to list specific efforts they will make during this month to make themselves available to persons of the target group.

### Related Activities

**Call to Prayer**—Many of our missionaries face daily crises. Some have special concerns for family members here in the States (parents, children); some are faced with health problems of their own. Others work under political pressures. Assign two names of missionaries on the prayer calendar to each member of the group. Have a period of audible prayer.

**Preview May Baptist Women Meeting**—Our praying is most effective when we can pray for specific needs. Study in the Baptist Women meeting next month will help us do this as we learn about the start of new churches in the Central American country of Guatemala.

□

An experienced participant and teacher in mission action work, Mrs. Mayle T. Alred is the wife of the superintendent of missions for Eastern Baptist Association, Charlotte, North Carolina.

# forecaster

Alma Fendley

## Midyear Progress Report

Baptist Women president, by April 1 give the Baptist Women director or the WMU director the midyear report. Use the Baptist Women Record and Report Book.\* See March Forecaster for details.

April 1 means that half the year is over in Baptist Women. Six months are left to accomplish the goals set in the beginning of the year. You did set goals at the beginning of the year? If not, it is never too late.

Turn to pages 30-42 in the WMU Year Book 1973-74.<sup>1</sup> Follow the Baptist Women Achievement Guide in setting goals. Decide how many things you can do between now and September 30, 1974.



WMU Conference at Glorieta will be July 20-26; at Ridgecrest, August 3-9.

Baptist Women conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest will seek to train Baptist Women leaders and members in two ways. On Monday and Tuesday, women will choose conferences on the basis of the office they hold. (There will be a conference for members, also.) On Wednesday and Thursday, women will choose conferences on various topics, such as enlistment, how to pray, how to conduct the October study session. The Wednesday and Thursday Baptist Women choices, combined with special interest conferences for all women Monday through Thursday afternoons, will let each Baptist Women participant get information on a wide range of subjects.

For reservations, write one of these: Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535, or Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.

## cooperative program day april 21

Every member of Baptist Women should be aware of the work of the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program is the lifeline of mission support. To learn more about the work of the Cooperative Program, see pages 16, 23, 27-30. To consider a special way to express your feelings about the Cooperative Program, see pages 20-21.

Plan to present the play 'I'd Give Anything.' Ask permission to present the play as a part of the church's Wednesday evening activities. Request per-

mission through the WMU director and the pastor. The play requires a minimum of props and characters. This is a good opportunity to get the Cooperative Program before the entire church for consideration and discussion.

Ask your pastor to preach a sermon on the work of the Cooperative Program. Suggest that he consult The Baptist Program for ideas for sermons on the Cooperative Program. If his sermon is good he can submit it to the Stewardship Commission—and it might be printed.

A missionary or another person who receives a salary from Cooperative Program gifts may give you a testimony concerning the work of the Cooperative Program. Interview such a person and report to the Baptist Women general meeting.

The Cooperative Program is a part of mission support.

# YES

Yes is the name of a book. The entire name is Yes: A Woman's View of Mission Support.

Yes is an attractive, appealing book that should be read by every woman in the church. Seek ways to provide each woman in the church with a copy. You may decide to ask women to purchase copies. Buy as many copies as possible from the Baptist Women budget and make them available to all women in the church.

Yes is an exciting, interesting book that should be studied by every woman in the church. The mission study chairman is responsible for planning the study. Choose a good teacher. Provide her with a copy of the book and the Teaching Guide.<sup>2</sup> The Teaching Guide suggests many activities to choose from in studying mission support.

The study of Yes is to be an additional meeting. Do not substitute the study of Yes for the general meeting. Plan a two-hour study. This study qualifies for Advanced Achievement 2 on the Baptist Women Achievement Guide. Additional mission support suggested in ROYAL SERVICE was studied.

Plan to study the book on a Saturday women's picnic in July. Or have a dinner on the ground on Sunday in connection with the book study. Or plan a potluck supper on any day that fits the schedule of the women in the church.

## Officers Council

You have six more months to serve in your elected job. How do you evaluate this past six months?

President, have you:  
trained the officers in doing the job?  
held regular officers council meetings?  
conducted the general meeting each month?  
planned activities to attract new members?  
provided necessary materials for officers?  
Mission study chairman, have you:  
planned exciting study sessions each month, using ROYAL SERVICE?  
worked with the study group leaders?  
used a variety of persons in presenting the study sessions?  
conducted studies of Passport to People (\$1.00)<sup>1</sup> and Evangelism: The Cutting Edge (\$1.00)<sup>1</sup>?

Mission support chairman, have you:  
presented Call to Prayer in each meeting?  
encouraged individual use of Call to Prayer?  
led Baptist Women members in the weeks of prayer for foreign and home missions?  
encouraged giving to Lotte Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and the Cooperative Program?

Mission action chairman, have you:  
worked with prayer group leaders?  
planned a mission action project each month for Baptist Women?  
worked with the mission action group leaders?  
planned training activities for persons involved in mission action?

Group leaders, have you:  
worked with the appropriate chairman?  
used Call to Prayer in all group meetings?  
encouraged group members to attend Baptist Women meetings?

Study the results of the midyear report. Using the Baptist Women Achievement Guide (see WMU Year Book 1973-74, pp. 29-42) plan for the rest of the year.

Consider this suggested agenda for your April officers council meeting:

- Plan ways to observe Cooperative Program Day.
- Using Baptist Women Achievement Guide, plan for last six months.
- Plan study session for Baptist Women meeting 1p. 26.
- Plan mission action as a follow-through to study.
- Plan study of Yes.

<sup>1</sup>See WMU order form p. 47.

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

# call to prayer

Vicki Schmitt

## 1 Monday Galatians 1:1-20

The island of Puerto Rico is divided into four home missions regions with a missionary leading the work of each. The Larry Wilkersons lead the north region in every phase of Southern Baptist work. Pray for the Wilkersons as they strive to become effective witnesses through whom God's love penetrates the hearts of Puerto Ricans.

**Harold T. Brewer**, Spanish, Puerto Rico  
**Mrs. Harvey Maltese**, National, Baptist, Texas

**Mrs. Joanna Poma**, Indian, New Mexico  
**Donald S. Howell**, deaf, Florida

**Mrs. Janet A. Bald**, church extension, Nevada

**Mrs. Robert B. Baskins**, Spanish, Texas  
**Robert B. Thompson**, Christian social ministries, Alabama

**Mrs. Fayah Venable**, Indian, Oklahoma  
**Mrs. Larry B. Wilkerson**, Spanish, Puerto Rico

**Harriet B. Billings**, business administration, Guatemala

**William J. Boman**, religious education, South Brazil

**J. Wayne Fuller**, education, Lebanon  
**Mrs. John M. Wilson**, home and church, France

## 2 Tuesday Romans 1:1-16

For ten years Robert H. Garrett, missionary doctor, has served with his wife Elaine in Rhodesia. When the little two-room clinic seemed inadequate, Dr. Garrett began praying for a clinic building. His prayers were answered and the construction of an eight-room clinic was begun. God has demonstrated his power many times through the ministry and witness of this missionary doctor and his family. Pray for the Garretts and for Baptist work in Rhodesia.

**Donald M. Coates**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. Marlene Lee**, Spanish, California

**Barbara B. Boman**, Spanish, Texas  
**S. L. Isaacs**, retired, Oklahoma

**Kenneth Newman**, pastor, Hawaii  
**Paul Ortiz**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. Jimmy G. Sandell**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. J. A. Almsbury**, retired, China, Philippines

**Mary Fox**, education, Nigeria  
**Robert H. Garrett**, doctor, Rhodesia

**Donald S. Howell**, preaching, Bangladesh  
**Mrs. Rodney E. Juby**, home and church, Chile

**L. G. McElmurry, Jr.**, music, Hong Kong  
**Mrs. Hughes Schmitt**, president of Mission WMLU, lives in Clarksville

**Mrs. Kenneth R. McIllean**, home and church, Gaza

**Mrs. E. Richard Steel**, home and church, Mexico

**Ruth Vandenberg**, nurse, Indonesia

**J. Wednesday Romans 1:9-20**

Hong Kong has served as a retreat for Chinese refugees for many years. Baptists have thus had an opportunity to expand their ministry to the Chinese people. Many of the refugees experience a feeling of insecurity and uncertainty that only a miracle from God can erase. Mrs. Carter Morgan writes, "This urgent human need makes demands for beyond our ordinary capability. Will you pray?"

**Robert H. Brindle**, pastor, Vermont  
**Mrs. Joe Torres**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. Everett E. Bonnette**, home and church, Senegal

**Raymond V. Lindholm**, education, Ethiopia  
**Milton A. Liles**, music, Taiwan

**Mrs. E. Carter Morgan**, home and church, Hong Kong

**George Quinn**, preaching, South Brazil  
**Ray F. Sturmer**, publication, Italy

**Charlton Whitson**, English-language, South West Africa

**4 Thursday Galatians 3:13-18**

**Mrs. Carlos Cobos, Jr.**, her husband and their small daughter live in Wisconsin where they are missionaries to Spanish-speaking people. They have led many persons to Christ through a variety of ministries which include youth camps and Bible studies. The greatest need is for leaders from the Spanish-speaking people. Many of them do not read or write in either Spanish or English. Pray for the training program that has been started to meet this need.

**Mrs. Carlos C. Cobos, Jr.**, Spanish, Wisconsin

**Isabel Galarza**, Spanish, Arizona  
**Mrs. Donato Ruiz**, retired, Texas

**Mark Ivan Taylor**, student work, Massachusetts

**Mrs. Zach J. Deal, Jr.**, music, Colombia

**Calvin L. Fox**, preaching, Philippines  
**Mrs. Kenneth B. Glass**, home and church, Philippines

**Donald E. Heiss**, preaching, Japan  
**William C. Hoyle**, English-language, Venezuela

**Mrs. Richard L. Lusk**, home and church, Hong Kong

**R. Donald Montooth**, student work, Israel  
**Sharon S. Stover**, retired, Brazil

**Mrs. Thomas E. Thurman**, home and church, Bangladesh

## 5 Friday Romans 3:21-30

**Mrs. Sam Upton** and her preacher husband live in Liliangwa, Malawi. A new church building has been completed in Lilangwa, the only church building in town. More than 400 people, including many government officials, attended the dedication service. Mrs. Upton teaches women to sew and leads them in Bible study. Pray for Mrs. Upton. She has developed a rare blood disease.

**Rufus Ray Cantrell**, Indian, North Carolina  
**Mrs. Porfirio Mejia**, Spanish, Texas

**Cass Vincent**, language missions, Indiana  
**M. Dela Gann**, preaching, Tanzania

**Mrs. Lawrence P. Hardy**, home and church, Liberia

**Raymond L. Kolb**, education, North Brazil  
**M. Cecil McConnell**, education, Chile

**Douglas G. Ringler**, preaching, Laos  
**Mrs. Sam T. Upton**, home and church, Malawi

**Mrs. Gene O. Wilson**, home and church, South Brazil

**6 Saturday 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

**D. B. Martin** is pastor-director of Southern Baptist work in the Delaware Valley Baptist Association which includes eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. He helps coordinate missions development in the area while also serving as pastor of Southside Baptist Church at Mount Holly, New Jersey. Two great needs are for trained workers and for new missions work in many areas.

**Mrs. Enrique Cepeda**, Spanish, New York  
**Orlando Dano**, Spanish, California

**Mrs. Daniel M. Hernandez**, Spanish, Texas  
**Jonathan Hernandez**, Spanish, Texas

**D. B. Martin**, pastor-director, New Jersey  
**Jimmy P. Pittman**, pastor-director, California

**Elihu Sears**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. Samuel Valdez**, Spanish, New Mexico

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. An asterisk indicates missionaries as full-time. Addresses of missionaries are listed in Missionary Directory, free from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P. O. Box 6599, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

In Home Mission Board Personnel Directory, free from Home Mission Board Literature Service, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

**Joseph Wilkerson**, Spanish, California  
**Mrs. A. T. Wilkerson**, National, Baptist, Missouri

**Mrs. W. B. Wolf**, home and church, Tanzania

**Mrs. Lewis E. Lee**, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas

**Mrs. Wayne E. Maddox**, home and church, Oklahoma

**Edward L. Oliver**, preaching, Japan  
**Mrs. Matthew A. Sandorford**, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas

## 7 Sunday Romans 10:14-21

**Mrs. David Martin** serves with her husband as a missionary to Trinidad. She reports that national churches are responding eagerly to her husband's work in stewardship. Mr. Martin has received more invitations to lead stewardship clinics than he is able to accept. Pray that the Lord's work will continue to move forward in Trinidad.

**Diadete Abella**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. Leslie F. Breat**, retired, Texas

**Young Glover**, National Baptist, Florida  
**Daniel Gomes**, Spanish, California

**Mrs. Abraham Padilla**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. Jose G. Ramirez**, Spanish, Texas

**Seneca Ramos**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. H. B. Ramoser**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. H. D. Stein**, retired, Florida  
**James E. Giles**, education, Colombia

**Kathleen Jones**, doctor, Indonesia  
**Mrs. M. Maurice Morrow**, home and church, Tanzania

**Mrs. David L. Martin**, home and church, Trinidad

**Zabede V. Man**, radio-TV, Africa

## 8 Monday Romans 11:1-13

**J. Wallace** and **Elizabeth Parr** are communications missionaries to Spanish-speaking Uruguay. Predominantly Roman Catholic, Uruguay often complete religious tolerance. Pray for the missionaries as they serve in Christian communications through the print media, radio, and television.

**Mrs. Ed L. Brown**, associational services, California

**Alan Green**, superintendent of missions, New Mexico

**Fay O. King**, retired, Hawaii  
**Mrs. Peter Papadimitriou**, Romanian, California

**Donato Ruiz**, retired, Texas  
**Evelyn Bradford**, retired, Tennessee

**Mrs. William E. Corrie**, home parent, Indonesia

**Mrs. Elton P. Gray**, home and church, Venezuela

**Mrs. Ray D. Hawkins**, home and church, Philippines

**Mrs. Paul B. Johnson**, home and church, Philippines

**J. Wallace Parr**, radio-TV, Uruguay  
**Mrs. C. Edward Spain**, home and church, South Brazil

**C. Phoebe McAmis**, education, Switzerland

## 9 Tuesday Luke 9:17-31

**Wayne E. Maddox** writes that Baptists in the Philippines have projected goals for 1,000 churches and 100,000 members in the next decade. This goal means an annual growth rate of 20 percent. The annual growth rate in recent years has been about 4 percent. Pray for Baptists in the Philippines as they strive to reach these challenging goals.

**Thomas Baird**, Baptist center, Virginia  
**Mrs. Daniel Bonds**, Spanish, Texas

**Edward E. Davis**, National Baptist, Georgia  
**Mrs. Gilbert Diaz**, Spanish, Texas

**Donald E. Heiss**, preaching, Texas  
**Mrs. A. T. Wilkerson**, National, Baptist, Missouri

**John S. Tanner**, pastor, Hawaii  
**Mrs. Lloyd H. Ackleson**, home and church, Chile

**Mrs. Ray L. Lyon**, education, Venezuela  
**Wayne E. Maddox**, preaching, Philippines

**Mrs. John E. Plunk**, music, Argentina  
**Mrs. John A. Poe**, music, South Brazil

**Paul W. Brasher**, education, South Brazil

## 10 Wednesday Romans 15:14-20

**Mrs. Edward H. Mustoe** has been directing the Baptist Community Center in Austin, Texas, since September 1966. Pray that the love of Christ will be expressed through Mrs. Mustoe and the other workers of the center as they minister to the needy people in the area.

**Salvador Cano**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. David Espartero**, retired, Texas

**Mrs. Abraham Lomas**, Spanish, Texas  
**E. Fernando Martinez**, Spanish, Arizona

**Mrs. David H. Massey**, Christian social ministries, California

**Mrs. Edward H. Mustoe**, Christian social ministries, Texas

**Mrs. Gloria**, Spanish, Texas  
**John L. Santos**, Spanish, Colorado

**Mrs. Kenneth B. Gregg**, home and church, Japan

**Mrs. John D. Cove**, music, Argentina  
**Mrs. Robert C. Friebe**, home and church, Mexico

**C. Ray Frye**, preaching, Malaysia  
**S. Donald Hale**, preaching, Spain

**Diane Lay**, nurse, Ghana  
**Mrs. Eugene L. Leftrich**, home and church, Nigeria

**Mrs. J. Daniel Laper**, education, Equatorial Brazil

**Mrs. Donald E. Mines**, home and church, Argentina

**C. Dennis Tread**, business administration, Uruguay

**Martin J. Wright, Jr.**, preaching, Japan

**11 Thursday Romans 15:21-29**

**Virgil Clark**, superintendent of missions in Indiana, writes that the area in which he works includes twelve counties with a quarter of a million people and only seven Southern Baptist churches and missions. More than half of the people have no church affiliation. Pray for this pioneer work and for missionary Clark, who suffered a heart attack last summer.

**Yates W. Campbell**, Christian social ministries, North Carolina

**Virgil Clark**, superintendent of missions, Indiana

**Manuel Parson**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. M. Rodriguez**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. Abraham Wright**, retired, Illinois  
**Mrs. Chester S. Codrington, Jr.**, home and church, Guatemala

**Mrs. Bobby D. Evans**, home and church, Louisiana

**Susan Henderson**, journeyman, music, Colombia

**Russell L. Locke**, preaching, Nigeria  
**Howard D. McCamey**, retired, Nigeria

**Mrs. William L. Morgan**, home and church, South Brazil

**Faye Tammis**, student work, Philippines  
**Mrs. Henry S. Whitlow**, home and church, Mexico

**12 Friday Galatians 1:1-10**

**Bertie Fox** and his wife are retired missionaries to migrant laborers, but they are still active in the Lord's work. They spend time preaching and working in small groups.

Pray that the love of Christ will be expressed through Mrs. Mustoe and the other workers of the center as they minister to the needy people in the area.

**Salvador Cano**, Spanish, Texas  
**Mrs. David Espartero**, retired, Texas

**Mrs. Abraham Lomas**, Spanish, Texas  
**E. Fernando Martinez**, Spanish, Arizona

**Mrs. David H. Massey**, Christian social ministries, California

**Mrs. Edward H. Mustoe**, Christian social ministries, Texas

**Mrs. Gloria**, Spanish, Texas  
**John L. Santos**, Spanish, Colorado

**Mrs. Kenneth B. Gregg**, home and church, Japan

**Mrs. John D. Cove**, music, Argentina  
**Mrs. Robert C. Friebe**, home and church, Mexico

**C. Ray Frye**, preaching, Malaysia  
**S. Donald Hale**, preaching, Spain

**Diane Lay**, nurse, Ghana  
**Mrs. Eugene L. Leftrich**, home and church, Nigeria

**Mrs. J. Daniel Laper**, education, Equatorial Brazil

**Mrs. Donald E. Mines**, home and church, Argentina

**C. Dennis Tread**, business administration, Uruguay

**Martin J. Wright, Jr.**, preaching, Japan

**13 Saturday 1 Timothy 3:1-7**

**Thomas** and **Gloria Thurman** serve as missionaries to war-torn Bangladesh. More than 10 million people who fled to India from the hostile Pakistani army have returned as refugees, to find barren home sites. Many of the male members of the families were killed. Pray for the missionaries in Bangladesh as they minister to a bereft people, trying to give them hope for a better life.

**Peter G. Camore**, Spanish, California  
**Mrs. Lawrence Castillo**, Spanish, Texas

**Wayne Randolph**, superintendent of missions, Colorado

**Joe M. Boman**, Spanish, Texas  
**Gary Lee Yancy**, weekday ministry, Pennsylvania

**Mrs. Paul A. Burkett**, home and church, Zambia

**Glen B. Harrington**, preaching, Malaysia  
**Betty Jane Hunt**, publication, Korea

**Mrs. Leslie G. Keyes**, home and church, Honduras

**Sally Kirk**, medical, Yemen

**Mrs. Arthur C. Robinson**, home and church, Taiwan

**Mrs. Ray E. Savage**, home and church, Ivory Coast

**Thomas E. Thurman**, preaching, Bangladesh

**C. Edwin Turner, Jr.**, music, Oklahoma

**14 Sunday Psalm 51:10-17**

**Mrs. Robert Brindle** serves with her pastor-director husband in Vermont. They lead the South Burlington Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist church in Vermont. Mrs. Brindle is a homemaker, but she also takes an active part in the work of the church and the association. She works with her husband in organizing and developing home Bible fellowships through which they hope to start new churches.

**Mrs. Robert H. Brindle**, church extension, Vermont

**L. Y. Hernandez**, Spanish, Texas  
**Linda Plante**, Christian social ministries, Louisiana

**Mrs. George Boudier**, retired, Argentina  
**Mrs. Pratt J. Doss**, home and church, Japan

**Bobette Joslin**, journeyman, education, Kenya  
**Mrs. Woodell C. Parker**, home and church, Guatemala

Mrs. Carol W. Shaw, home and church, Rhoads.  
Mrs. Teddy E. Yoder, home and church, Goshute.

#### 15 Monday Matthew 28:16-20

Don Kammundt is field representative for Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. He works closely with the area secretary in interpreting Foreign Mission Board policy to the missionaries and in sharing the needs and requests of the missionaries with the Board.  
Jose T. Aguilar, Spanish, Texas.  
Bobby E. Duffer, pastor, Hawaii.  
Gerald W. Edwards, weekday minister, Mamachua.

Mrs. Beatrice Green, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Pauline Moore, retired, Texas.  
Mrs. Rudolf Reim, Spanish, Arizona.  
George A. Tarnay, Christian social minister, California.  
Robert B. Brady, preaching, Rhoads.  
Donald R. Kammundt, field representative, Spanish South America.  
Barbara Schmidt, journeyman, nurse, Tennessee.  
Jerry W. Sapp, student work, Taiwan.

#### 16 Tuesday Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Cora Ridemour, missionary to Colombia, teaches in the Baptist seminary at Cali and has many other responsibilities. A friend came into the church building with blood streaming down her face from a cut caused by a rock thrown up by a passing car. Miss Ridemour went with the woman to get treatment. The woman said, "You cared, you went with me, you are my sister in Christ."  
Halla V. Bryant, superintendent of missions, Alaska.  
Mrs. Mary Jean Brown, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Floyd Lane Cummings, Baptist center, Michigan.

Andrew Kutter, retired, Louisiana.  
M. L. McElroy, Eskimo, Alaska.  
Mrs. Norma A. Polina, Spanish, Idaho.  
E. M. Townsend, Spanish, New Mexico.  
Barbara Wilson, education, Colorado.  
John W. Kline, Jr., preaching, Louisiana.  
Cora Ridemour, education, Colombia.  
Mrs. John L. Willey, retired, Brazil.  
Mrs. Donald E. Turner, home and church, North Brazil.  
Mrs. Charles W. Wiggs, home and church, Korea.  
Mrs. John N. Williams, Jr., home and church, India.

#### 17 Wednesday Titus 2:1-15

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Scott serves at Southern Baptist Home in New Orleans. A Southern Baptist agency offering care for unwed mothers. During a year's time about one hundred girls are cared for here. A dedicated staff ministers to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the girls.  
Mrs. Bay Mandy, Indian, New Mexico.  
Mrs. Domingo B. Gomez, Spanish, Illinois.  
Thomas Monroe Rutz, journeyman, Colorado.  
Mrs. Beulah E. Rodriguez, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Richard Smith, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Scott, Sisters Home, Louisiana.  
L. Orrell Mullins, doctor, Indonesia.  
Harold L. Shumaker, preaching, Dominican Republic.  
Harold E. Watson, agriculture, Philippines.

#### 18 Thursday 1 Timothy 4:1-11

Before her appointment to North Brazil last November Peggy Houston directed weekly ministries at Baptist Friendship

Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Peggy said, "It is not because of our love, but because of God's love in us that we need to be involved in meeting the needs of others. Pray with us that the work we do as missionaries may always be done out of love."  
Miss Paul Chappin, National Baptist, Alabama.  
Jorge E. Casanova, Spanish, Georgia.  
Cristabel Pena, Spanish, Texas.  
Peggy Herman, social work, North Brazil.  
Mrs. David W. King, home and church, Lebanon.  
Mrs. James C. Moody, Jr., home and church, Equatorial Brazil.  
Mrs. Rodney B. Wolfford, religious education, South Brazil.

19 Friday Colossians 3:12-17  
Mrs. Claud Bumpus, South Brazil, is busy working in the church her husband pastors. She serves as a counselor in YWA (similar to our BYW) and tells of rewarding experiences during the women's prayer-praise meetings. A potpourri-making and sewing class meets on Thursdays. This class has attracted women and girls who are not Christians. The class starts or ends with a devotional time. Thus some are reached who would not otherwise hear the gospel.  
Mrs. Rose Mayo, retired, Missouri.  
Comandante Rodriguez, Spanish, Texas.  
Jimmy O. Sanchez, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Edward G. Berry, education, South Brazil.  
Mrs. R. T. Beebe, home and church, Bangladesh.  
Mrs. Claude E. Henson, education, South Brazil.  
Vernon M. Hockridge, Jr., preaching, Texas.  
Mrs. Ward Hockridge, home and church, Nigeria.  
Virginia Wingo, education, Texas.

20 Saturday 2 Timothy 3:1-7  
Phillip Aaron and his wife are missionaries to Spanish speaking people in Fresno, California. California's population of nearly 11 million unchurched people increases daily—people like the mild winters, clear summers, and ocean breezes. Pray for the Aarons as they seek to reach these people for Christ.  
Phillip Aaron, Spanish, California.  
Mrs. Bina M. Garcia, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. S. P. Miranda, retired, Texas.  
Mrs. Jack Wamash, home and church, Uruguay.

21 Sunday Mark 5:15-20  
Have you noticed there are five retired missionaries on today's list? If you talk with a retired missionary, say John Johnson of the Foreign Mission Board, you usually sense an uncommon buoyancy of spirit. There is some nostalgia for what is past, but there is also joy in the present. And there is an inward openness to God nourished by long personal experience in prayer and service to others.  
Michael Alan Crane, US-2, short North Carolina.  
Ivory Jones, retired, Mississippi.  
Mrs. L. Edward Johns, Indian, Arizona.  
John Pennington, Polish, Michigan.  
Charles Pringle, Spanish, Panama Canal Zone.  
Elizabeth Gomez, Spanish, Arizona.  
Andrew Rodriguez, Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Carlos Ramirez, Spanish, Louisiana.  
John J. C. Shupard, language missions, California.

Mrs. Victor Kean, retired, China, Manchuria, Hawaii.  
Rosa Moore, retired, China, Japan.  
Mrs. Edward W. Nelson, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.  
Mrs. John S. Oliver, education, Equatorial Brazil.  
Latha Saunders, retired, Brazil.  
Elizabeth Workins, retired, Japan.

22 Monday 1 Peter 3:14-17  
Ismael Negrin, a retired missionary, will be seventy-five years old today. At present, he is working with Spanish-speaking people in the southern part of Florida. He has recently organized a Spanish-speaking mission at Marathon. The mission needs a pastor, Bible, and literature. Pray for Mr. Negrin and this mission.  
Mrs. Sami F. Ammer, Arabic, Massachusetts.  
Robert Hall, superintendent of missions, Ohio.  
Ismael Negrin, retired, Florida.  
A. Pasquelli, retired, Florida.  
John Tolson, superintendent of missions, Delaware.  
Mrs. C. S. Boatwright, home and church, Japan.  
Mrs. Urban L. Green, home and church, Ghana.  
Mrs. Raymond C. Hicks, journeyman, education, Israel.  
Mrs. Wayne Logan, home and church, Nigeria.  
Mrs. W. Hugo Parkman, home and church, Philippines.  
Allen N. Strickner, student work, Kenya.

23 Tuesday Acts 14:1-7  
Elizabeth Ann Watton is director of activities for Raleigh Baptist Center, Raleigh, North Carolina. She helps volunteer workers plan a weekly activity program to meet the needs of the community—mainly a housing project and the surrounding area. Activities include kindergarten, music, Bible study, arts, crafts, recreation, and field trips for school-age children.  
Catherine Elizabeth Burkett, US-2, Indian, California.  
Mrs. Heger Campbell, associational services, California.  
Ade Fernandez, Spanish, Georgia.  
F. Harold Holney, Indian, South Dakota.  
Jorge T. Martinez, Spanish, Louisiana.  
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Vernon Moore, superintendent of missions, New Mexico.  
Elizabeth Ann Watton, Christian social ministries, North Carolina.  
Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., administration, South Brazil.  
Mrs. Gayle A. Hogg, home and church, Trinidad.  
Marion F. Moorhead, business administration, Japan.  
Samuel G. Rankin, doctor, Hong Kong.  
Mrs. Ernest A. Sibley, home and church, Malawi.  
J. Leslie Smith, preaching, Indonesia.  
Jack D. Warren, journeyman, education, South Brazil.  
Mrs. Ben H. Wolmar, education, Colombia.

24 Wednesday Matthew 10:16-20  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Galston serve in Equatorial Brazil. They tell of Manuel, a new believer who testified, "This is what I've been looking for all my life. Manuel pays his own train fare to Tongre, where he preaches every other weekend. Pray for Manuel and for Mrs. Galston. Her birthday is today.

John E. Best, superintendent of missions, South Carolina.  
Benjamin Brown, Spanish, Colorado.  
Robert C. Flagg, pastor-director, New York.  
Jerry B. Graham, superintendent of missions, Maryland.  
Mrs. J. Allison Baska, home and church, India.  
Mrs. Richard N. Nann, home and church, Japan.  
Mrs. Dan C. Jones, home and church, Korea.  
Michael J. Ledbetter, preaching, Mexico.  
Mrs. Marion A. Mobley, home and church, Japan.  
Mrs. Donald J. Richards, home and church, South Brazil.

25 Friday Psalm 119:169-176  
Ebbe and Darne Smith and their three children live in Indonesia. Rager, their fifteen-year-old son, was killed in a motorcycle accident last July in Kediri. Pray for the Smith family.  
Mrs. Ronald Chandler, associational services, California.  
Dalton Edwards, Indian, New Mexico.  
Martha Jean Mason, Christian social ministries, Louisiana.  
Mrs. F. N. Marshburn, retired, Texas.  
Delbert Lee Pascoe, superintendent of missions, Illinois.  
L. Gerald Felder, education, Japan.  
Ray G. Ragland, Jr., preaching, Israel.  
Ebbe C. Smith, education, Indonesia.

26 Saturday 2 Timothy 2:19-26  
Santiago Garcia, with his wife and six children, lives in San Antonio, Texas. He is a missionary associate among Spanish-speaking people in his native city. Pray for the Garcias and the Spanish-speaking work in this area.  
Santiago Garcia, Jr., Spanish, Texas.  
Mrs. Hugh Franklin Miller, associational services, Ohio.  
Mrs. Robert W. Grobman, home and church, Argentina.  
James E. Ledbridge, preaching, Philippines.

27 Sunday John 20:30-31; 21:25  
Lloyd W. Mann, student worker in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, has recently formed a Baptist youth choir. The choir has presented a religious rock musical in city parks and churches, on local radio and television stations, and at the National Book Fair. Missionary Mann reports, "I had never directed a choir, and only four or five of the forty-three choir members knew anything about reading music." Pray for Mr. Mann and the choir members.  
Ronald Chandler, superintendent of missions, California.  
Mrs. Howard E. Gory, Spanish, Texas.  
Ariel Hernandez, Spanish, Florida.  
Mrs. Juan Luis Hernandez, retired, Texas.  
Mrs. Elise Valerio, Spanish, Texas.

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Lloyd W. Mason, student work, Dominican Republic  
Loretta A. Miller, English-language, Taiwan  
Mrs. Harold E. Sullivan, home and church, South Brazil

#### 29 Monday 1 John 5:11-15

Mrs. Thomas Baird serves with her husband at Baptist Neighborhood House in Roanoke, Virginia, where they have a full seven-day-a-week schedule. They minister to the needy by providing clothing and transportation to get food and medicine. They visit and counsel with prisoners in jail. Recently a thirty-nine-year-old alcoholic was saved and is now happily reunited with his family and praising the Lord. Pray for the Bairds.  
Mrs. Thomas Baird, Baptist center, Virginia

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Vitor Escobar, Indian, New Mexico  
Marvin E. Ford, education, Ecuador  
Robert B. Hardy, preaching, Japan  
Mrs. L. C. Quinlan, retired, Argentina  
Donald J. Staherke, preaching, South Brazil  
Cathryn Smith, religious education, South Brazil  
Oala Vinayard, retired, Brazil

#### 30 Tuesday Jude 1-4, 17-21

Mrs. Kenneth Neibel serves with her husband, an area missionary, in northern Illinois. In 1972 more than 12,000 children were enrolled in backyard Bible schools and over 1,500 made decisions for Christ. These schools are a means of enlisting children and their families in the church's program. Pray for the missionaries and the work in this area.

Mrs. Ivory Jones, retired, Mississippi  
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Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Barnes, Southern Baptist missionaries to Lebanon, examine a piece of mosaic with their son Steve as they participate in an archaeological dig in Heshbon, Jordan. The site was the capital of King Sihon's kingdom and a fortress city during the era of Herod the Great. Archaeologists revealed from this dig that the site was occupied from the Iron Age until the thirteenth century A.D., when it was abandoned, until the 1920's, when Arabs re-inhabited the area. Barnes, director of Baptist publications in Jordan, Gaza, and Lebanon, lives in Beirut and also teaches in the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary. The Barneses were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966. He is from Missouri, and she is the former LaNell Taylor of Arkansas.



Photo by Alta Lee Lovegren

# Let me have a word with you

Mrs. R. L. Mathis  
President, Woman's Missionary Union

Woman's Missionary Union will open its annual meeting in Dallas with a Sunday evening session, June 9.

An unusual missions night is planned for 7:30 in the 10,000-seat arena of the Dallas convention center.

A headline feature Sunday night will be a commissioning service for new foreign missionaries conducted by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. The missionary appointees will bring personal testimonies.

Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, will deliver the keynote address. Dr. Taylor's subject will be the theme for the W MU meeting, "Listen to Your World."

Soloists for the session will be Irene Jordan, concert and opera star who has made frequent world tours for foreign missions, and Sidney Buckley, concert artist fromasley, South Carolina. The Joy Singers from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, will also perform.

George R. Beasley-Murray, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, will be featured pianist. Dr. Beasley-Murray was a concert pianist before becoming president of Spurgeon's College in London. Joyce Jones, concert organist-in-residence at Baylor University, will be organist.

W MU will also have sessions Monday morning, afternoon, and evening.

The Adolphus Hotel in Dallas has been named the W MU headquarters hotel. Reservations should be addressed to the SBC Housing Bureau, 1507 Pacific, Dallas, Texas 75201. Prices range from \$14.50 for singles to a maximum of \$30.00 for twin rooms. Full information and prices are stated on reservation forms available from state Baptist offices.







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