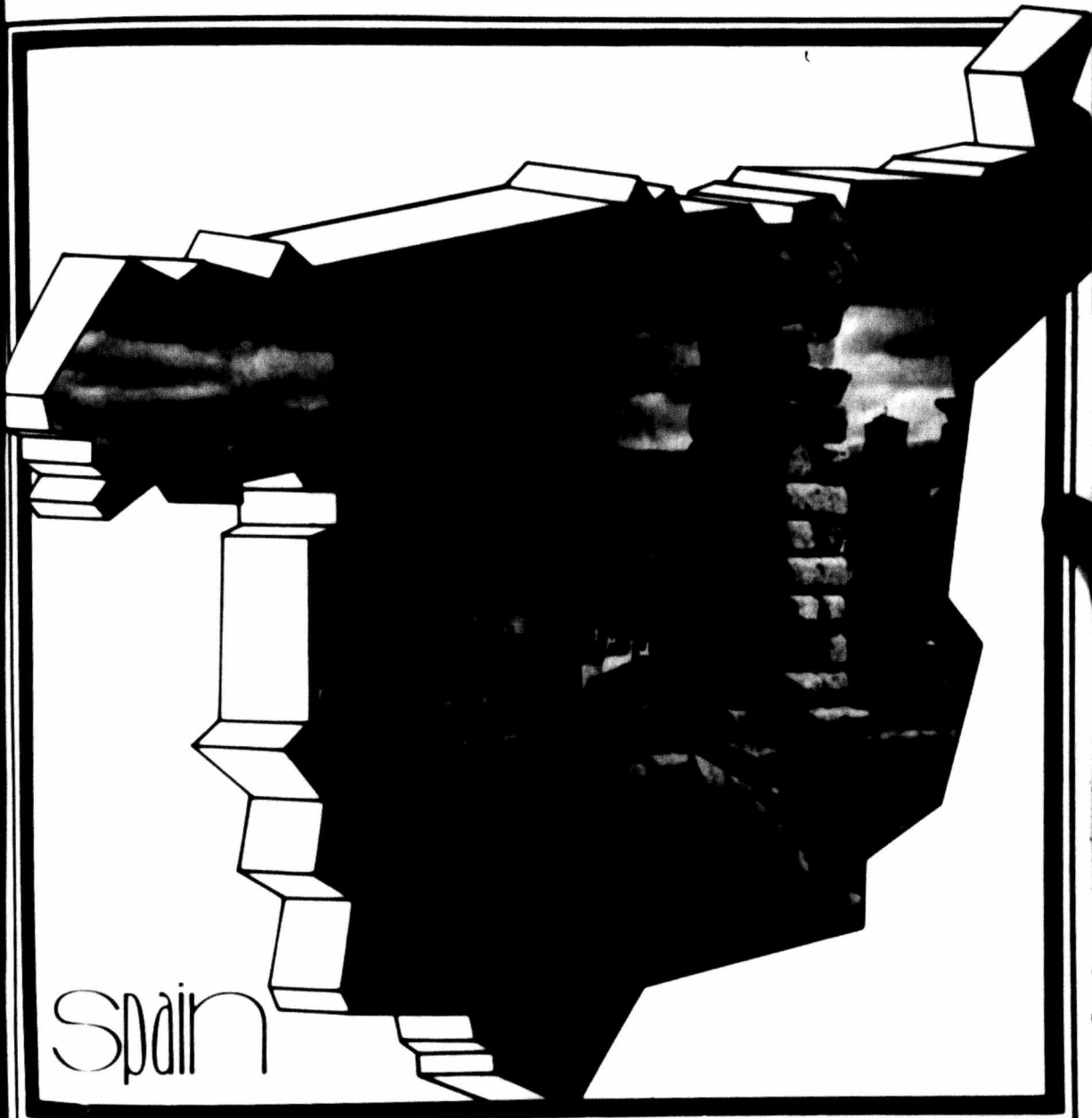


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No wonder that Christianity is called the religion of the second chance. Each day, at any stage in a woman's life, she can claim God's promise of a new creation, a fresh start, a better way of life. Each day she can approach God, who came in Christ to draw all to himself. Freed of troublesome burdens and regrets of the past, she can feel the surge of a brand-new vitality. In daily renewal of mind and spirit, she can meet challenges new and old with God's own creativity and strength.

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CATHERINE ALLEN, assistant to the executive secretary, WMU, SBC

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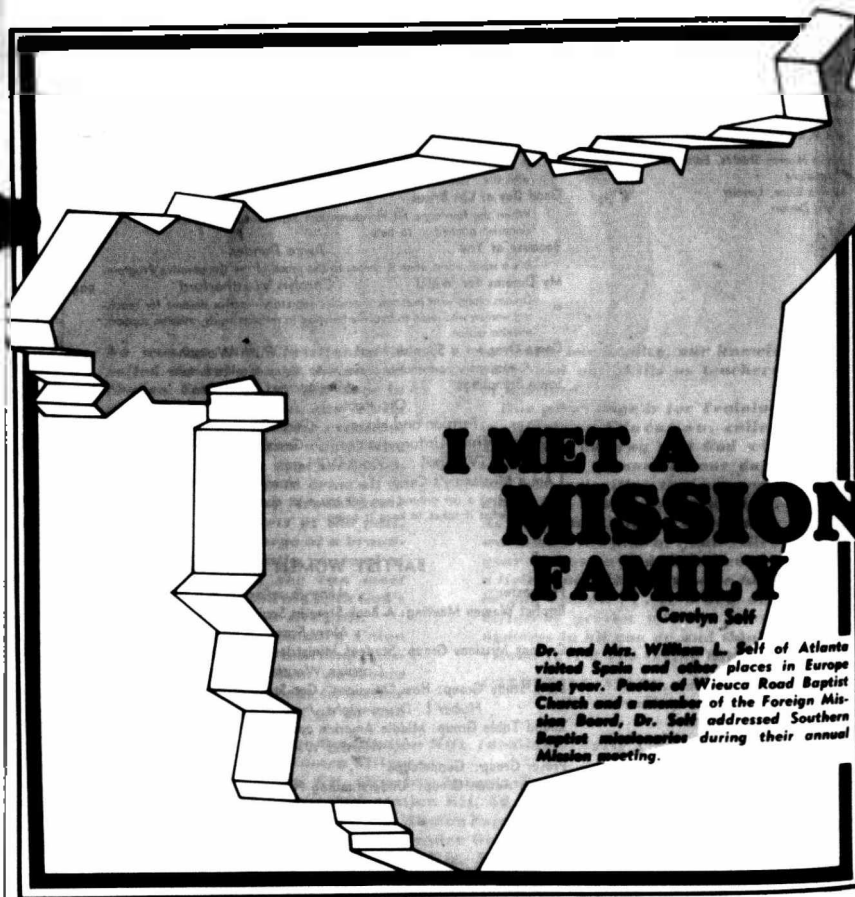
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# I MET A MISSION FAMILY

Carolyn Self

Dr. and Mrs. William L. Self of Atlanta visited Spain and other places in Europe last year. Pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church and a member of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Self addressed Southern Baptist missionaries during their annual Mission meeting.

Culture shock, jet lag, and bone weariness marked our arrival in Valencia, Spain.

My husband Bill, our fourteen-year-old son Bryan and his friend Craig Ewing, and I had flown from Atlanta to Washington, London, and Valencia within a twenty-four-hour period. When we stepped off the plane, our confusion concerning the time heightened.

Was it morning or afternoon? Should we be hungry for lunch or supper? Actually, we didn't have time to give this much consideration.

We were met at the Valencia airport by missionary Bob Warley. In his delightful Texas drawl, he told us we would arrive at our destination, Denia, in about two hours in time for supper.

We rode in Bob's small Spanish-made car over the road that the travel book had warned us about. "The road to Denia has not been dug out to its present depth of five feet; 2,600 years of traffic have worn it down."

Combine free-wheeling Spanish drivers with chickens and four-legged creatures on the loose, sharp curves, and less than adequate roads. The result equals four Americans with nubs where fingernails used to be and sheer panic in our eyes.

When we drove into the gate of the Residencia<sup>TM</sup> Bautista, we relaxed as we saw the beautiful swimming pool and children playing under trees.

Baptist Residence on the outskirts of Denia is the Ridgecrest or Glorieta of Spain. Spanish Baptists and missionaries use the facility as a year-round retreat and assembly.

The event we participated in is the annual meeting of all our missionaries to Spain. They come together for about ten days for fellowship, inspiration, and business.

The Baptist Residence building is rectangular with kitchen, dining, and assembly rooms on the first floor and sleeping quarters upstairs. Teen-age boys have a large dormitory-type room on the left wing and teen-age girls a room on the right wing. Families with young children are placed in rooms to suit the number of beds needed. All rooms are equipped with bunk beds and a wooden folding chair.

This building is ten years old, it has had no

maintenance in the way of paint or improvements since it was constructed. Light bulbs hang from the ceiling, and my husband declares that the wooden folding chairs were left from the Spanish Inquisition. We usually ended up the evening on the front steps rather than on the porch because steps make more comfortable seats than those chairs.

Oleander plants in full bloom banked the building and drive. They add beauty. But for me they meant instant allergy.

As we went to supper that evening, we realized we were experiencing the same thing missionaries go through when they are home on furlough. They are usually thought of as "real, live missionaries." We were "real, live" Board members and the missionaries wondered what we were like! It didn't take any of us long to discover that we all had the ability to appreciate each other as individuals, and we quickly felt the tie that binds us together in Christian love.

There were ten missionary families at the Mission meeting. Several other families were on furlough. It was like a big family reunion.

It was a day or two before we got caught up on all the family news. Grandparents had to show the latest pictures. Others shared letters from college-age children in the States and wedding pictures of children recently married. Some grieved together over loved ones who had died in the States. There were questions like, "Who leaves on furlough?" and "Do they have a place to live?"

The missionaries are not only thousands of miles from home in the USA, but they are also isolated from each other in the many areas of Spain. If you are the only American in Vigo, there is really no one who cares too much about how you feel or about the daily irritations or even the big problems you face. I can see how lonely and isolated a family could feel.

Knowing that God called you and put you there makes it all worthwhile (you couldn't do it if you didn't believe that), but that does not remove the homesickness and the loneliness.

Here at home people with outgoing, giving personalities can find all sorts of outlets for excess energy and sparkle. Missionaries have to

convert their energy and sparkle into another culture and another language; and fatigue can creep up in a hurry.

The Mission meeting consisted not only of fellowship but also of inspiration and work. Bill preached, and the missionaries were hungry to hear someone preach in English.

Then the work sessions began. (When you get letters from your missionary friends, and they talk about Mission meeting, don't think that they are having a vacation.)

By 9:00 A.M. all the missionary couples were seated around a makeshift table, and the Mission chairman presided with fair but firm hand. Everyone who wanted to express an opinion about the subject at hand was called on in order. Business ranged from buying new cars to finding a more effective way to work with the Spanish Baptist women.

Each family came to the Mission meeting with its list of needs already pored to the bone. Around the table it became a matter of which money allocation—Vacation Bible School literature, chairs for new work, cars for transportation—would accomplish the most for the lasting good of the work. There was real anguish when some saw their dreams of next year's project being scrapped because there was no more money. You need never fear that your Cooperative Program dollar for missions is less than judiciously spent.

In one of our open, heart-to-heart talk times

this feeling was expressed with love: "We are the best-cared-for missionaries in the world; but our hands are tied when we are put in a place, given a task, but have limited funds for equipment. The work suffers untold losses because of this fact."

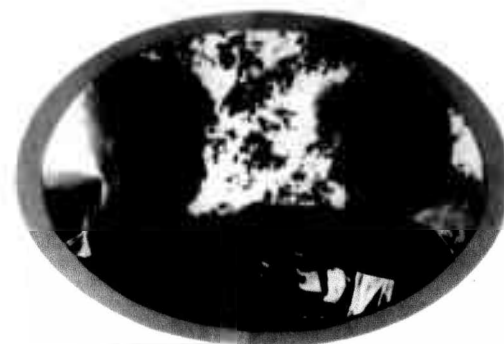
I also felt a sense of concern for missionaries facing upcoming furloughs. Can you imagine your own frustration if you had to leave your apartment or house, pack everything up, and move across the world for a year? Think of the stress on the children, whatever their ages. Even if you are fortunate enough to live in a missionary house provided by a church, could you help worrying about untold strings attached?

And a missionary must be prepared for a number of speaking engagements and camps while on furlough—and all the while wondering how the work in Spain is doing.

The evening before we left, we had a party out under the trees—soft drinks, cookies, ice cream, and lots of fun. Bill and I both felt so much a part of the group that it was hard to think we would be leaving the next afternoon to complete our trip.

Residencia Bautista may need some physical repairs, but the sense of community and love among the Mission families cannot be improved. This is the outstanding memory of my visit with the missionaries in Spain.

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## GOOD DAY AT LAS BRISAS

"Are you a reporter?"

"Yes," I responded, even though that was not my major reason for being in the hurricane-ravaged area of Honduras.

"I'm glad. It's time someone told the story of the people of Las Brisas." His bicycle rattled down in the sand as he stopped hawking his newspapers to talk.

"I hope you will put pictures on television and in the newspapers to show what has happened to these people. The government hasn't noticed their needs. No clothes, no shoes, no food has come in here. Only a group of evangelicals down the street are vaccinating and giving out medicine. No one else has come to help."

The "evangelicals down the street" were Southern Baptist missionaries teaming up with young people from the Second Baptist Church of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to minister to residents of the neighborhood at the edge of the city. They had seen their houses filled with mud and, in many cases, their furnishings destroyed as a result of Hurricane Fifi.

Although the river nearby rose waist deep in the houses, Las Brisas did not suffer the utter devastation and loss of employment experienced in some areas of the north coast. But with the water supply contaminated and mud and water standing everywhere, people needed medicine.



Members of Second Baptist Church in San Pedro Sula and Southern Baptist missionaries set up a makeshift clinic.



Demolished homes, like this one in Las Brisas, mark the area where Hurricane Fifi "walled through" the northern area of Honduras. All the Baptist churches escaped major damage.

and inoculation against typhoid. Raphael Flores, pastor of Second Baptist Church, had gathered a medical student and two girls to work as secretaries to help the missionaries.

Wayne and Annette Wheeler, missionaries, pulled up under the trees in their station wagon and began to unload table tops, tables, and chairs that would serve the makeshift open-air clinic. Nurse Frances Crawford and Joe and Shirley Bruce arrived and began carrying vaccines, antibiotics, and vitamins to the tables from their vehicles. Naomi (Mrs. Leslie G.) Keyes began mixing medicines and counting pills.

Within moments the waiting crowd began taking turns for shots, consultations, and medicines. From nine in the morning until dark, the line never ceased

Between 250 and 300 people were inoculated and received medicine and a word of encouragement along with gospel literature. They gave their names and addresses so the church can maintain contact and minister to them in the future.

The crowd was as varied as those serving them. An elderly man, too weak to stand, gratefully received the offer of a chair. An elderly woman with deep wrinkles sat patiently as she waited her turn along with her ten-year-old granddaughter.

Later in the morning, Robert and Olivia Williams, Jr and Barbara Nowell arrived. They had driven four hours through mountain roads from the capital city of Tegucigalpa. With their help and that of Linda Tamashiro, missionary journeyman from Hawaii, the organization im-



Pastor Rafael Flores (center) and members of Second Baptist Church, San Pedro Sula, distributed food in the community of Las Brisas. Food continued to be in short supply for months.



A small boy, digging away debris from his home, was typical of many people who found their homes half buried in mud.

proved and moved along even faster. Mrs. Nowell, a registered nurse, worked with a medical student, Edward Galea, giving shots, freeing Miss Crawford to administer diagnosis and treatment.

Since workers would not leave the site for lunch, Joe Bruce brought in boxed chicken and a case of soft drinks.

A piercing scream brought everyone to sudden life as a young mother ran wildly under the shade of the trees and thrust a small two-year-old boy, writhing in convulsions, into Miss Crawford's arms.

Within moments, the nurse was bathing his distended little stomach in cold water and fanning him. With the help of Mrs. Nowell, she depressed his tongue and gave him a shot. All the while, the mother was calling

out, "My baby, my baby." Then she rested her head on Linda Tamashiro.

As the temperature cooled, it was plain that the battle was won and the child would be all right. The people standing around murmured with approval and appreciation. The child began sleeping peacefully. The group returned to their now cold box lunches.

Only as night fell did the missionaries begin to prepare to go into the Keyes' and Bruces' homes to spend the night.

The day was not the first in the life of the clinic in Las Brisas, nor would it be the last. But it was the sort of day that gave "a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus Christ" a meaning beyond an empty phrase. □

CLARE MERRICK, Foreign Women Board fund representative to Middle America

# a cool drink of water

ideas for families

lynn madison barrett

**JESUS ASKED** the woman of Samaria for a drink of water. My children ask for a cool drink of water (as they stand by the faucet). I take a glass of cold water to Jerry or Pat when they are working in the hot sun. As painters work on the house, I make a pitcher of cold water available. To someone bending under the burden of emotional stress I offer a drink of water. For a contestant on a quiz show, a glass of water is sometimes at hand. For some, this drink of water satisfies a physical thirst. To others it is a token of affection or an emotional brace.

Jesus' request for a drink served these purposes, in addition to satisfying his physical thirst. It offered spiritual support, emotional strength, and broke down barriers of prejudice. To many, as it was with Jesus, a cool drink of water opens a line of communication.

This introduction recaps the purpose of these pages the past six months and "tightens our shoelaces" for the remaining six months of learning to love our neighbors as Jesus loved us. When we offer a drink of cool water in his name, we offer it to him.

**SEEMS LIKE OUR COMPACT** car needs a tune-up every ten miles, although the book says every 10,000 miles. When we ignore that tune-up, gas mileage goes down, down, down. (Our economy car becomes less and less economical.)

Does your family mission action group need a check and tune-up? Get together next week for a freer of homemade sherbet. I'll give you my mother's terrific recipe and evaluate your activities for the past six months. Before the set time, make a checklist.

1. What need did we set out to meet?
2. Was this need met?
3. If not, are we still headed for the same goal?
4. Has everyone in the group participated?
5. If not, how can we involve them?

If you answer yes to number 2, consider the ideas on these pages—or check with your WMU director or mission action director—for a new activity.

While the group is together, let everyone share the experience that meant the most. Perhaps you would like to include at this meeting an other family who has become interested in mission action.

## Orange Sherbet

Mix well together 48 ounces of any carbonated orange beverage, 1 can of sweetened condensed milk, and 1 small can crushed pineapple (undrained). Freeze in a gallon freezer.

The meeting and the sherbet will put everything in good running shape again.

**YOU HAVE A NEIGHBOR**—someone who needs you—to whom you can offer a "cool drink of water."

This neighbor lives in a land where customs require him to work on his sabbath. Few people recognize his holidays, even fewer understand his religion. Frequently he encounters blatant and cruel prejudices. He is one of nearly 6 million Jews in America.

Can you communicate with your Jewish neighbor? Does (s)he recognize you as a friend? Why not try to understand her in order to establish a friendship?

Easter falls on March 30. Most calendars also show the Passover date this year is March 27. Send an appropriate greeting card to your Jewish friend in observance of Passover.

A helpful preparation to cultivating a relationship would be to recognize the extent of your neighbor's involvement in Judaism. There are three major groups of Jews: Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. Orthodox Jews strictly observe all Jewish laws and traditions. Their Sabbath is a day of rest, prayer, study, and devotion. Dietary laws are important. Men wear skull caps or hats at all times. Conservative Jews observe dietary laws and the festivals but they believe revelation is subject to interpretation. They stress the unity of all Jews and recognize the role of other faiths in the salvation of mankind. Reform Jews believe that each generation may accept, reject, or modify the traditions it inherits. Their stress is on the ethical teachings of Judaism rather than ritualistic observances. They observe the Sabbath and holiday ceremonies. Some observe dietary laws, others do not.

About half the Jews in this country are Orthodox. About 1 1/2 million are Conservative and 1 million Reform. And while many Jews preserve their cultural identity, they practice no religion per se. All Jewish groups have as their primary interest their ethical conduct in this world. They believe God demands righteous conduct of his people. Therefore they are open to most efforts to promote good will and better relationships. This fact enhances our efforts to plan occasions for dialogue.

A family mission action group would do well to invite a rabbi to come and explain Judaism. The single adults in our church had a tremendous experience with a young rabbi. He made a second visit because the first just didn't allow enough time. He brought with him and explained the seder (Passover meal) and he described many other rituals and festivals.

In an encyclopedia you can find a wealth of information under the names of Jewish feasts: Passover, Hanukkah (HONN-uh-kuh), Rosh Hashanah (rahsh-uh-SHOW-nuh), Purim (POOR-im), Sukkoth (SUKK-oth), and others.

After study, each family could invite a Jewish friend or family for an evening of dialogue. The invitation might include the idea of becoming better informed about the Jewish religion and practices. Planning a meal together will require care: some Jews observe dietary laws—about foods prepared by Gentiles, restrictions of types of meat, no shellfish or fish without scales or fins, and prohibition of meat and milk products served at the same meal. Remember that many supermarkets sell kosher foods, and fresh fruit is an acceptable refreshment to all Jews.

We all know that the Jews have been persecuted throughout history. It will take many years of acceptance to break down these memories. We can show our Jewish friends our appreciation of them as individuals and as members of a group who enrich our culture.

An encounter with Jews should be a sharing of Judaism and Christianity. Parallels will be easy to establish on the basis of our one God and our mutual acceptance of the Old Testament.

My admiration of the Jewish people and especially their family relationships rose to new heights when I read the three novels by Chaim Potok: *The Chosen*, *The Promise*, and *My Name Is Asher Lev*. Most libraries now have these.

\*Or you can order them through Baptist Book Stores: *The Chosen* (Simon and Schuster, 1967) \$7.95; *The Promise* (Knopf, 1968) \$1.25 paper; *My Name Is Asher Lev* (Knopf, 1972) \$7.95; *The Chosen* (World, 1969) \$6.95; *The Promise* (World, 1970) \$1.50 paper; *My Name Is Asher Lev* (Knopf, 1972) \$7.95; *The Chosen* (World, 1973) \$1.50 paper.

**WHAT DOES PEACE** look like? When did you last see a parade? How many hairs do you have on your head? Have you ever swallowed a gnat? Or how about a camel?

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know by Rolf E. Aaseng is a book that offers parents an interesting, effective approach to family devotions.







When I was a member of Girls' Auxiliary, working on Forward Steps, I dreamed along with the other GAs. My "dreams for fifteen years from now" theme included Women's Missionary Union. That dream, however, did not include being executive secretary of WMU, SBC. I dreamed of being married to a handsome young man, of having children to send off to Southern Board, of being an active leader in my church WMU.

It was when I was a high school junior and a member of YWA that my WMU dreams became more serious. While at Ridgeway I knew that the Lord was speaking to me about a special kind of work for him, and I committed my life to his leading.

Really, though, it was not until my senior year in secondary, after five years of high school teaching and volunteer work in the church (including much WMU-type work), that WMU became central in my thinking and dreaming and planning.

Through Mary Emie Stephens, WMU executive secretary in Alabama, and her personal committee

the Lord opened the door to Women's Missionary Union for me. At seminary graduation I went to Alabama as YWA director. The year was 1958, and since that time I have been an employed WMU worker. I have continued, also, to be a volunteer WMU worker in my church and immediate area.

In 1974 the Lord opened a larger door of service. In that year his human instruments were the members of the Women and Personnel Committee and the Executive Board of Women's Missionary Union. As we searched, separately and together, for the leadership of the Lord, we came to know that I was to be the fifth WMU executive secretary. At first this seemed more like a nightmare than a dream, but I have come to know that through the years this dream has been in the making.

Will you dream with me awhile, Baptist Women member? I like you, as a member of Baptist Women in my church. Because I am employed, I participate in a night group. I read ROYAL SERVICE, and I follow the prayer calendar in its pages

every day. I participate in the same kind of meetings in my church and association that you do. Because we have this common life, I believe that our dreams for WMU are similar.

I have a dream that every woman in my church will belong to Baptist Women. As I stretch my mind to include your church, too, I dream of the day we will involve all ages in the appropriate WMU organization. Is this an impossible dream? I think not. I believe that as we who are members rethink our reason for being in a Baptist church, we will come to the conclusion that our organization has meaning for all women in our churches.

For Baptist Women, particularly, this dream includes finding the "just right" kind of meeting schedule that will permit working women, mothers of young children, elderly women who have difficulty getting out alone, and single women with their own unique needs to participate in group and general meetings. This dream sees study groups, prayer groups, and mission action groups provided, so that each woman can find her own area of interest and concern. The dream (dreams) when each woman comes to a new understanding of her own individual worth in relation to God's plan for her and for all people in her world.

Dream with me a moment about study of missions. Baptist Book Store pamphlets have long carried the slogan, "When we know we care." This is a good rallying cry for WMU. In our commitment about education, mission action, working together with other church organizations on special projects, and in our honest effort to be all things to all Baptist women, our dreams should be filled with the substantial diet of mission study that will establish our purpose for all else that we do. Think about what it would mean to missions around the world if women really read ROYAL SERVICE, if we really studied missions books, if we really knew the extent of our missions program in our country and overseas. I dream of quality mission study, month by month in meetings, day by day in families and by individuals.

Dreaming of mission study leads naturally to thoughts about mission support. We still are looking forward to the day when individuals will give more money for missions and churches will give larger percentages of their budgets through the Cooperative Program. This dream approaches reality when mission study gives us the vital information about missions that inspires our giving.

Somehow, it seems easier to dream about the monetary side of mission support than about prayer for missions and providing personal to reinforce the mission staff. I dream of the day when Baptist Women members will be faithful in praying specific-

ally for missionaries, not just in meetings but in personal and family prayers. This calls for involvement with missionaries on missions, developing an empathy with the missionaries, and learning how we are related to God's plan for the world.

I dream of church in the thought of our convention who are providing a climate in which people can hear and respond to God's call to missions. Provided in large measure by the organizations of Women's Missionary Union, this environment has produced missionary personnel through the years. In our effort to lead all people to see their place in missions, let us not overlook the fact that God still calls some people to service in mission service. A young woman recently said to me, "You know, I think we ought to have WMU in our church—if for no other reason, so that when God calls a person to be a missionary (s)he will know what God is talking about." And I added with pleasure that she did not limit this to young people, for God in our day is calling older adults to meaningful places in home and foreign missions.

In no way would I minimize mission action in my dream. Some women are engaged in ministry and witness to persons of special need or circumstance in ways unthought of in years past. Yet, many groups of Baptist Women have never seen the necessity of crossing barriers to reach people who are hard to reach with the news of Jesus' love for them. Is it an impossible dream to think that one day there will be at least one mission action group in every Baptist Women organization in our nation?

A retiring dream, in the midst of twentieth-century women's struggle for human rights, is that our organization can help the individual woman to recognize that already she has been given freedom through Jesus Christ. My dream sees our helping each other, and those who would deny us this freedom in Christ, to realize this dream and to develop to the fullest potential which God has planted within us. This dream goes beyond merely "earning our rights"; it leads us to identify the purposes for which Christ provided freedom and to equip ourselves for carrying out those purposes. This dream includes our being willing to assist others in their struggle to overcome handicaps that hinder their full exercise of freedom in Christ.

The basis for my dream is found in John 1:12, which reminds us that those who receive Jesus are given by him the "power to become children of God."

I dream of the day when Women's Missionary Union will fulfill its challenging tasks of providing mission study, channels for mission support, and leadership in mission action, to the end that the world may know Christ. □



# Come Over for a Spanish Meal



The James Watson family lives in the busy capital city of Madrid, located in the center of Spain. Tourists come and go every day. Many of the tourists are Southern Baptists interested in seeing Baptist work in Spain and visiting missionaries. The Watsons enjoy the fellowship of Christians from the United States and often invite tourists to their home for snacks or a meal.

Because Madrid is in the center of Spain, missionaries find it convenient to stop overnight there on their way to other commitments. Sometimes missionaries have meetings in Madrid which call for several nights' lodging. Extra food must be prepared. Spanish churros (doughnuts) with coffee make a good breakfast, but a Baptist can get quite hungry by noon!

Between the Watsons' four children (three teen-agers especially demand a lot of food), the tourists, missionaries, and other Baptists always stopping by, Mrs. Watson has learned to be resourceful about food. She must plan ahead and be prepared on short notice. She uses quick recipes, casseroles, and dishes that can be stretched to fit the number at the table and the family budget.

Ruth Watson enjoys cooking outside on the grill and eating on the patio. Many of the hot summer evenings find the Watsons eating and playing games in the yard of their home. A specialty for such an evening is home-made ice cream with delicious Spanish strawberries and Ruth Watson's pound cake.

The Watson family loves picnics. The Spanish people prepare a potato cake called "tortilla" for their picnics, and it has become a Watson favorite (see recipe below).

\*At present on a leave of absence, RUTH (MRS. JAMES) WATSON (pictured above) and her husband expect to return to their service in Spain as missionaries in English language work.

Ruth Watson says it is the easiest Spanish dish to prepare, and a treat with fried chicken. Many ingredients for American dishes cannot be found in Spain, so a missionary cook tries substitutes or changes the recipe. "A flop is not unusual when you are trying something new," reports Ruth Watson. But grocery shopping in Spain is exciting. Fresh vegetables and a wide variety of fresh fruit are available almost the year around. Seafood is fresh every day, and a great selection is available. The open market is interesting any time of day.

Besides cooking, Mrs. Watson has the responsibility of housecleaning. She remembers that someone said, "Every missionary wife should take a quick course in hotel management." Although "now it is too late," two years of experience have made her a good manager. Mrs. Watson also likes to sew and makes most of the clothes for her three girls.

As a pastor's wife, she is much involved in the church. Fifth and sixth graders in Sunday School, adults in Training Union, Acteens, and Baptist Women claim much of her time. And she visits new members and prospects of the English speaking Baptist Church. Sometimes Ruth Watson wishes for more hours in a day to read and learn more about the country and people of Spain.

The recipes that follow are Watson favorites and could be enjoyed by any Stateside Baptist woman with an adventurous culinary bent.

## GAZPACHO

(Cold Vegetable Soup)

- 2 slices bread, soaked in water
- 1/2 pound ripe tomatoes
- 1 onion

- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 medium-sized cucumber
- 1 green pepper
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cups water

salt and pepper to taste

Mix first six ingredients in blender and strain. Add to liquid the oil and vinegar and blend well. Refrigerate for at least one hour. Add the water, mix, and put back in refrigerator until serving time. Add salt and pepper just before serving.

Serve in separate dishes: chopped green pepper, chopped onions, chopped cucumber, and cubes of toasted bread to sprinkle on soup as desired.

## ARROZ CON POLLO

Cut 1 chicken in small pieces and brown in frying pan with fat or cooking oil. Remove from pan, and set aside.

Saute 1 large onion, 2 cloves garlic, and 1 medium-sized tomato in 1 tablespoon cooking oil in large pan. Add the chicken and completely cover with water. Cook until tender. Add 1 teaspoon saffron while chicken is boiling. Also add salt and pepper to taste. Add 2 tablespoons chicken-seasoned stock base if desired. When chicken is tender, remove from the broth.

Measure about 1/4 of the broth into a large frying pan or casserole dish. Add 2 cups rice and simmer on top of stove 20 to 30 minutes. As the rice swells, add more broth if needed. Stir often so the rice will not stick. About 10 minutes before the rice is cooked, add a can of drained green beans or peas and stir into the rice. Then place chicken over rice on low heat. The chicken will sink into the rice. Just before the rice is completely cooked, place pimiento slices around the chicken. Serve hot with lemon wedges.

## TORTILLA ESPANOLA

- 6 medium-sized potatoes, finely sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 eggs
- oil
- salt to taste

Fry potatoes in a little oil until soft. A covered frying pan is recommended. The onion may be fried at the same time with the potatoes. Beat eggs well in a large mixing bowl. Add the fried potatoes and onions to the eggs. Mix well. Put 1 or 2 tablespoons oil in a frying pan and heat. Pour in the egg mixture. Brown well. Then turn, using a plate. Brown on reverse side. Add salt to taste.

## CHICKEN (POLLO) ANDALUCIA

- 1 chicken, cut up
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1 1/2 cups tomatoes peeled and diced (or canned tomatoes)
- 1/4 cup olives, stuffed with pimiento
- 2 cups chicken stock
- salt and pepper

Brown the floured chicken in oil and butter. Add the mushrooms, garlic, oregano, tomatoes, olives, and stock; cover and allow to simmer 40 minutes. Add salt and pepper just before serving. Serve over rice.

A green salad, french bread, and fresh fruit complete the menu.

## CHURROS

(Spanish Doughnuts)

- 1 pint water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- rind of lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound flour
- 1 egg
- oil for deep frying

powdered sugar for dusting

Put the water in saucepan. Add butter, sugar, rind of lemon, and salt and place over heat. When mixture comes to a boil, remove rind of lemon and gradually add the flour, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Remove from heat. Beat the egg and add it to the slightly cooled mixture, stirring vigorously until the paste thickens. Heat oil in deep pan. Using a wide funnel, force the mixture through it into the sizzling oil. Cut convenient lengths with scissors as the paste comes out of the funnel and lay it in the pan in a spiral, starting on the outside and working toward the center. Remove from fat as soon as it turns golden, drain, and serve sprinkled with the powdered sugar.

## FLAN

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Put sugar in heavy skillet over low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon until sugar melts and turns golden. Pour into one-quart casserole. With wooden spoon, spread caramelized sugar around casserole, to coat bottom and sides evenly. Let cool while preparing custard.

Beat eggs. Add condensed milk, water, and vanilla. Pour into caramel coated casserole. Place casserole in pan containing one inch hot water. Bake one hour or until knife inserted one-half inch into center comes out clean. Cool completely about two hours. Run spatula around edge of flan, and turn out on serving dish. Pour caramel over flan. Chill before serving. □



## Oh, Pablo

I had known him all his life but was totally unprepared for the Pablo that came to camp in Denia in 1972.

He was a handsome teenager with fashionable long hair and intense brown eyes. His brother, two years older, was so good that it seemed Pablo was determined to be just the opposite. He was in the exact center of every problem, the soul of every painful or damaging prank. He led the younger children to disobey rules and then laughed about it.

When talked to about his behavior, he sat like a stone and replied not a word. By his actions and the set of his jaw, he made it perfectly clear that he was much too smart to go for the activities the camp offered.

The camp staff, of which I was the director, tried everything and then some, but camp ended with a tremendous sense of frustration about Pablo. We had him at camp but did not reach him. I was among the first to breathe a sigh of relief when I saw him get on the bus and head for home.

I tried not to think of it as a personal failure or to consider Pablo a hopeless case. But it hurt, and that hurt stayed with me a long time.

I didn't go to camp in 1973 because I was in the States on furlough. But August 1974 found me back, this time as associate director and teacher. I was particularly pleased that in 1974 each room was to have an older teenager as a counselor.

As we arrived at camp we parked the car beside the swimming pool. Coming toward us was a coun-

selor who looked and walked in such a familiar way that I was startled. No, it could not be Pablo. I tried to get control of myself so Pablo wouldn't notice. "Somebody must be out of their mind," I thought. "Pablo will run everything."

But a counselor he was, and a good one. He worked all day long and on into the night with the boys in his room. He was the lifeguard, he led the music, he organized sports, he gave devotionals, and he was loving and kind yet strong in his convictions.

He was the inspiration of the week, especially to those who knew him in 1972.

Pablo was different because in his words, "I had a real experience with the Lord."

That simple and that profound.

INDY IMRS. CHARLES W. WHITTEN, Southern Baptist missionary in Spain.

## Tension and Hope

In Spain things are happening in regard to religious freedom that are difficult to explain. For example, evangelical soldiers are being forced to participate in a Catholic Mass when they enter the military service, something that they had not had to do for several years.

At the same time, many opportunities for evangelistic outreach are greater than ever. Increased opportunities for a radio ministry illustrate this new freedom. Consequently the Spanish Baptist Union has requested five additional missionary couples for general evangelism: one couple each for the Canary Islands and Melilla, and three couples to work on the

Spanish mainland. In addition, specialists have been requested, one each in the fields of music and radio.

As new missionary couples come, you will support them and provide funds for their work through the Cooperative Program and the Little Moon Christmas Offering.

God is at work in Spain, and we and you are collaborators with him through our prayers, our offerings, and our lives.

GERALD AND JUNE MCNEELY, Southern Baptist missionaries in Spain.

## Three Unforgettables

Our family will never forget thirteen-year-old Luis and his friends Jesus and Enrique who came to the Vacation Bible School at Buen Pastor.

The first day of the school Luis came to the door and asked if he could come the next day. Of course we encouraged him to come, and he did. He had a wonderful time and asked if he could bring his brother and some friends the next day. He said, "This is so good I want all of my friends to come." We encouraged him to bring as many friends as he wanted to, but the next day he arrived with only one friend, very dirty, tiny little Jesus, also thirteen years old. Both boys stayed outside until they had finished smoking their cigarettes.

Jesus was a belligerent boy who obviously had never had any love. As he talked about his family situation we became more and more aware of his needs, both physical and spiritual. He works every day running errands and doing odd jobs for a *churreria*, a place where they make and sell a type of doughnut. He told us he could not come the next day because he had to unload a truck of flour.

During the refreshment period Luis and Jesus came to June and asked how much the school cost. Jesus said, "I have only 10 pesetas; but I want to come back, so can you take this and I'll pay some more later?" When told that the school was free and he could have refreshments without paying, Jesus was so excited he ran out and bought potato chips with his 10 pesetas and wanted to share them with everyone.

Although Jesus missed the next day, Luis was there with another friend, Enrique. He was dirty, too, but not as dirty as Jesus. The next day, however, both boys returned clean, at least Enrique was clean and Jesus had tried hard to get clean. But it

was obvious he didn't have anyone to help him or even to care.

At Vacation Bible School all three boys and Luis's younger relatives were accepted and loved by the pastor, the workers, and the other children. When young people in the church found out that Jesus couldn't read at all and Luis and Enrique very little, they began to plan meetings on Saturday afternoons to teach them to read.

Other boys and girls came to the church for the first time, but none had such obvious needs as Luis, Jesus, and Enrique. Pray with us that these boys will continue to attend the church and that they and their families will come to know Christ.

GERALD AND JUNE MCNEELY

## Vigo [VEE-go] Vigor [VIH-gor]

"Shalom," a Baptist rock group from Barcelona, came recently to Vigo to participate in a youth festival sponsored by our church. We requested and secured government permission to hold two concerts on the most popular beach in Vigo.

Members of the group gave testimonies during the concert; a young Christian, a member of our church, gave her testimony; and Dennis preached a brief message. More than 500 people formed the audience.

We have been able to continue contact with several youths and expect to see new Christians born out of that contact with the gospel. That open-air meeting was a first for Vigo.

The most encouraging aspect of the work in Vigo is the continued evangelistic activity of the members of the church. We continue to distribute literature, witness, and visit.

One matter of concern for which we ask prayer is our effort to secure radio time for Baptist programs in Vigo. Currently, no church has programs on the air here in this city. Dennis has a good relationship with the director of one local station, but the station belongs to the Catholic Church. The director, however, has promised to do his best to secure air time for the weekly programs on another station. We are praying that God will open the door.

This city of 250,000 people needs a greater exposure to the Baptist witness than the six baptized members of the local Baptist mission can give. □

DENNIS AND JUDITH HALE, Southern Baptist missionaries in Vigo, Spain.



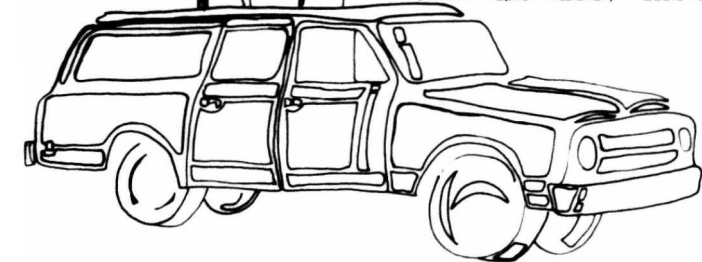
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## I AM A MISSIONARY'S CAR

HARRY E. BYRD

Southern Baptist missionary in Guatemala



For more than six years I have lived in the Central American country of Guatemala, but my story could be duplicated in eighty-one countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries. Southern Baptists made my going to Guatemala possible through Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings. And I quench my enormous thirst for gasoline thanks to the Co-operative Program.

Some of my happiest times have been with my missionary family. Some are like the times you spend in your family car. Some are different.

I remember purring pleasantly to church on Sunday. I remember trips to annual Mission meetings (a Mission is the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in a country or an area) three hours from Guatemala City with the missionaries' kids filling my insides with cow-punkas, rounds, choruses, and hymns. I remember trips to visit other missionaries' families in different parts of the country. Especially memorable are the times when we went to the airport to meet the children's grandparents. I still smile when I recall the grandparents' expressions of joy, shock, and awe as I carried them through Guatemala City. They reacted to signs in Spanish which they could not read; Indian women clad in beautifully woven hughu costumes, balancing water pots on their heads on carts; and vendors selling vegetables and meats on the city sidewalks. Those were happy times.

I have known crying moments with the missionary family. When I carried the grandparents back to the airport to say good-bye, I knew several years would pass before the family would see them again.

The hardest trip I ever made was a short one. One morning I carried the family from the house to the airport to put the oldest daughter on the plane for college in the United States. Donna was leaving the world which for so long had been home to enter another which she really did not know. The family didn't talk much on the way but I knew that rule meant a new day in the girl's life and I was proud I could serve at that time.

Serving the missionary family pleases

me, but you should know this is only a small part of my job. The family lives only one block from the Guatemala Baptist Theological Institute, and students often accompany us. The students know me well. Many times I am packed with young men and women as we go to churches for choir presentations. Some of the married students take their children along. My, the many cracker crumbs I have seen in my day!

On Monday afternoons and Tuesday I usually smell quite different. Monday morning the missionary's wife goes with the institute cook to the market to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. Since Guatemalan dishes call for a good bit of onions and garlic, it takes about a half a week to air me out.

Extension classes conducted outside Guatemala City are another part of my beat. The missionary and a Guatemalan teacher drive two hours to a little village where a group of adults and young people wait to receive instruction in New Testament and Christian education. After the class we roam along another hot two and a half hours to Puerto Barrios on the Caribbean Coast, pulling up just in time for night classes. My trip, very long and hard, but the students don't have it so easy, either. Some of them have walked, ridden trains, mules, and canoes; traveled up to half a day in order to study. So, in spite of the 160 miles I travel on this trip, it is worthwhile.

On the trip back to Guatemala City the next day I sometimes carry a sick person to the hospital, because medical services outside Guatemala City are scarce and inadequate. I recall the little Indian boy whose parents were troubled and bewildered by the disease he had. Little did I dream as we chugged along toward Guatemala City that it would be almost two years before he would return to his village. The doctors discovered that he had tuberculosis. Special care in the children's hospital for tuberculosis brought complete recovery, and today he is well and strong and back in his village. After carrying him to the capital, I transported all of the family for X-rays.

Then there was the old man with

cancer who lived in a dirt-floor thatched hut. The neighbors had told him there was no hope. I made the long trip to the cancer hospital in cool, mountainous Guatemala City. The missionary got him additional clothing to withstand the cold of the city; the old man's look of gratitude made me feel warm inside.

Perhaps the saddest task I ever had was to transport the missionary and a father from the isolated town of Cerro Colorado to Santo Lucas, a larger town, to buy a basket for a baby. The father had to bargain for the cashes, as is the case with most purchases in Guatemala. I nearly choked on the dusty, bumpy drive; but we got back to Cerro Colorado in time to prepare the little body for an evening service. Burial was early the next morning.

I remember transporting dentists who had come from the United States to remote areas of Guatemala to pull teeth in areas where no dentist or doctor had ever been.

Perhaps my future "auto"-biography will tell you of my rides over mountain curves and bumpy roads and foraging streams and rivers to get to revivals, anniversary services, and national conventions. Some days I scurry for my life in the hustle and bustle of the streets of Guatemala City.

The life of a missionary's car is sometimes sad, sometimes satisfying, and on certain days bewildering. But one thing for sure, it is never dull.



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## a book store in spain

every footer

For help in planning this mission, see page 23.

Mrs. Jervis L. Foster is a house-mother living in Greenville, South Carolina.

William Carey, missionary to India, spoke to a printer: "If the Lord blesses us, we shall want a person of your business to enable us to print the Scriptures."

Robert Moffatt, missionary to Africa, wrote in 1817: "You cannot conceive what a threefold cord it requires to drag me from the work of translation."

J. G. Chastain, a pioneer Baptist missionary editor, stated: "Whatever people read goes to determine their ideals and form their character."

Frank W. Patterson, a missionary who has devoted his life to the ministry of the printed word in Spanish, said: "The idea of evangelization through literature is a key that can open up a new future in our work."

Frank Laubach once declared: "Whether literacy is really an important contribution to the lives of a people or not, depends upon the material which the people read after they become literate."

The Baptist book store in Barcelona (bar-seh-LOH-nah) opened to the public in 1966 as one of the first evangelical book shops ever allowed in Spain. Since that time, the book store ministry has combined the Christian witness of personnel with the influence of the printed page. Results: many are won to faith in Christ, churches grow, people are alert to the gospel message for the first time. Christians receive instruction and encouragement, a business community becomes aware of the Baptist witness.

### The Operation of the Book Store

Known to the Spaniards as "*Llibreria Bautista*," the book store has an annual volume of business of around \$70,000. The Foreign Mission Board provides a financial supplement through the Spanish Baptist Cooperative Program to help with expansion plans. One goal for the future is self-support as soon as possible. Missionary Jesse D. Bryan directs the Baptist book store ministry in Spain and is manager of the store in Barcelona.

All of the regular stock of printed matter is in Spanish. Books and materials are purchased from the United

States, Spain, and Spanish-speaking countries. The major supplier is the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Special orders are placed with the Foreign Mission Board for English-language books that are not available in Spanish. In addition to books, other popular items sold include office, school, and church supplies, tracts, wall texts, gifts, and periodical literature for church organizations and leaders.

An average day in the book store is quite long.

Employees arrive at 8:00 A.M. to work at various internal tasks. Public sales begin at 9:30 A.M. and walk-in customers are attended by sales personnel. Many out-of-town visitors just want to see the book store and purchase gifts to take home as reminders of their trip. Other customers are local church members who need literature and educational materials. The believer or nonevangelical often comes in, attracted by some book in the display window, he may ask for an article normally sold in a secular book store.

The staff continues throughout the day with other assigned responsibilities. Many of the tasks are identical to those of book stores in the States: accounting, inventory control, correspondence, employee training, publicity, catalogue mail-outs, and packing-shipping. Located in a mission situation overseas, the book store also plays a major support role in Baptist life in Spain.

Most of the fifty-eight Baptist churches in Spain have book depositories or small book stores. Each church elects a member to be responsible for ordering and making available materials and books to other church members. *Llibreria Bautista* employees care for orders from this important ministry.

The major volume of business in the book store is by mail order. Churches and individuals throughout Spain and from foreign countries where Spaniards live make up this largest group of customers. Orders are packed and shipped from the book store for items such as Sunday School



JESSE BRYAN (left), Southern Baptist missionary from Louisiana, directs *Llibreria Bautista* (Baptist Book Store) of Barcelona. A branch store operates in Tarrasa. Plans are to open a store in other big cities in Spain. Madrid probably will be next.

materials, WMU literature, tracts, and other reading matter for all ages. The book store also distributes *El Eco* (The Echo), the Baptist national publication in Spain. Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary living in Madrid, is editor of *El Eco*. It is published for information, inspiration, and promotion and is also used as an evangelism tool.

Other book stores in Spain buy materials wholesale from *Llibreria Bautista*. The books are sold later by these various evangelical book stores. Businesses become aware of the ministry as Baptist books spill over into the other denominations in Spain.

Lunch break for the book store staff begins at 2:00 P.M. Two employees remain in the store to continue the inside tasks. At 4:30 P.M. the store opens again for counter sales until 8:00 P.M. Often someone is still working at nine in the evening.

A branch book store in Tarrasa, Spain, opened in 1973. Natividad Baptist Church had a small storefront in the building that the Foreign Mission Board had helped them buy. Several businessmen wanted to rent the store, but the church decided that it would be used for the work of the



INDY (MRS. CHARLES) WHITTEN, missionary and editor of *El Eco*, the Spanish Baptist magazine, talks to a Spanish pastor about the importance of every Baptist family receiving the magazine *El Eco*. Photos by Angel Tello and Fern H. Southard, Jr.

gospel. They offered it to the Baptist book store in Barcelona without cost.

Future plans are that this ministry be repeated in other parts of Spain. Only with the support and prayers of Baptists everywhere can this dream of missions outreach become a reality. People in Tarrasa, both believers and nonbelievers, are proud of their book store.

### The Christian Witness of Personnel

The Barcelona book store employs two Spaniards on a full-time basis and an additional four for part-time work. Before hiring any applicant, director Bryan considers the person's ability to represent Baptist faith and practice.

Jose Simon (hoose-SAY see-MOHN) is one such employee who capably presents Baptist beliefs. His experience as a teacher and in working with literature for more than twenty years adds great value to the book store ministry. Samuel Rodrigo (shuh-MWEL see THREE-go), a local pastor, works part time in the store. Among his various tasks is the important one of public relations with customers who come in off the street.

The salesman becomes a special contact for manager Bryan. As a cus-

tommer, the salesman does not represent a large volume of business, but he does provide a satisfying opportunity to share Christ. Missionary Jesse Bryan writes: "Many salesmen come offering different items. After placing an order with a salesman, I offer him a copy of *Dios Llega Al Hombre*, the Spanish version of *Good News for Modern Man*. I have only failed once to make a sale. The man was not the regular salesman, and he did not have the money (50 cents). I talked with him briefly about his message and gave him the New Testament. He was Jewish."

Antonio Grau first visited the book store four years ago, accompanying a friend who was a regular customer. Antonio became interested in the books and asked help in choosing some of greatest value. He visited the store frequently. He showed interest in the gospel, and Senior Simon of the accounting department spent many hours talking with him as he asked searching questions.

Antonio helped with tasks for which missionary Bryan did not have time. The staff at *Llibreria Bautista* became his friends. They encouraged him to attend the *Bona Nova* (Good News)



**CHARLIE WILSON**, missionary journeyman from North Carolina, arrived in Spain in August 1974. He works in the Book Deposit. The deposit is a supply of books from the Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, held in Spain to supply the book store as needs arise. Charlie works under the supervision of two missionaries who live in Madrid.

Baptist Church, where pastor Pedro Bonet helped Antonio in his spiritual quest. After a short time, Antonio made public his profession of faith in Christ and was baptized at Christmas in 1972. Workers in the book store proudly witnessed the baptism and were grateful for the part they had played in his conversion.

Through materials from the book store, Antonio became a good student of the Bible. He expressed a desire to preach as he and Jesse Bryan returned home one day from a mission point. The missionary helped him select some books for lay preachers. Antonio learned fast. His church elected him teacher of the young people's Sunday School class. He sought to expand his knowledge of God's Word

and equip himself for carrying out God's will for his life.

On his last visit to the book store he played a cassette tape of a sermon he had preached, while employees Emi Garcia [EM-MEE gar-SEE-ah] and Samuel Rodrigo listened attentively. Antonio was killed the next night in an automobile accident; his wife, who had not yet shared the faith of her husband, was hurt. He was given a Catholic funeral because his family did not respect his Baptist faith.

Most of the people attending his funeral were his brothers and sisters in Christ, many of whom he came to know because one day he visited the *Liturgia Bautista* in Barcelona.

#### The Value of the Printed Page

Nearly 6 million tracts and booklets are published each year in Spanish by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Thousands of these are distributed in Spain through the book store in Barcelona. Many must be given out in order to bring response from a few people. Quite often, missionaries hear of a Christian whose original interest was stirred by reading a tract.

Mrs. Maruja Fernández Lahoz [mah-ROO-bah fer-NAHN-dez LA-ohs] is the wife of the pastor in Retoria [ren-tay-REE-ah] in the north of Spain. She is treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union in Spain and its former president. When she was a child, her father was killed in the Spanish Civil War, she spent three years in a children's refuge. After the family returned to Madrid, one of her brothers became ill. During his recovery, he walked each day to watch the construction on a new building. One day a group of people had gathered around the excavation site when a man walked up, opened a briefcase, and gave Antonio Fernández a tract on how to become a Christian.

The boy sat under a shade tree and read the tract. He then went home to tell his family. "I have found the true religion." The family bought a Bible. All were so eager to read that little Bible that they had to take turns. The



**TONY ANAYA**, a Southern Baptist missionary from New Mexico, directs the Correspondence Bible Course in Spain. He promotes the use of the course as a means of making contact with people for the gospel.

family began attending First Baptist Church in Madrid and became Christians. Later Maruja graduated from the Baptist Girl's Training School in Rome, she has been active in Woman's Missionary Union through the years.

The printed page supports every area of Baptist outreach on the missions field—evangelism, musical missions, social ministries, church development, and education.

Some advantages of the print media make it indispensable in reaching persons for Christ. Printed matter is relatively inexpensive and can reach places missionaries cannot enter. It sets no time limit, but permits the reader to study at his own pace as the subject captures his attention. The reader controls his own exposure to



**DENNIS HALE**, missionary, is beginning a work in Vigo and also conducts a printing ministry. On a small offset press he produces tracts and special bulletins. A regular task for Dennis is packaging and mailing this material.

the message.

Christian literature often makes the initial impact of proclaiming the gospel. Just as often, it becomes a follow-up tool as it nurtures new churches and cultivates the new believer.

José Díez [hoe-ZAY dee-YEZ] is a construction worker in Córdoba [KOR-dough-hah], Spain. As a young man, he had been active in the Roman Catholic Church and even served as an altar boy. But he had grown disillusioned with his religion and felt a desperate longing within himself.

Occasionally, while on a lunch break from his job, he would read a newspaper that a fellow worker had used as a wrapping for sandwiches. One day in that newspaper, José noticed an announcement of services

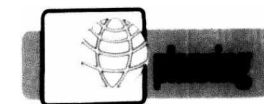
at a nearby Baptist mission. He decided to attend. In the mission, José found a personal experience with Christ. Later, his wife trusted Jesus too. Their experience is unusual because only for a short time has it been possible for Baptists in Spain to place an advertisement in a newspaper. The Baptist mission in Córdoba was begun four years ago and was organized into a church on March 19, 1974.

Perhaps one of the most active witnesses for the Lord in Madrid is Antonio Alcón [ahn-TOE-n'yo al-KOHN]. Six days a week he goes to work as a bus driver, carrying his dark leather briefcase. The well-worn case contains his "tools of the trade." As a bus driver, Antonio needs wrench and screwdriver for repairs. As a Christian witness, he takes from his case a New Testament, gospel portions, and tracts.

Antonio received 15,000 tracts in Spanish and within a short time distributed all of them. He gives English and French tracts to visitors in Madrid. Also, he carries literature with big type for people with vision problems. Antonio loves to meet people, and conversations are never difficult. If someone shows interest in the printed message, he tries to direct him toward a church. One friend with whom Antonio shared Christ is now a Baptist pastor in Barcelona.

When asked about his work, Antonio says, "I don't consider myself a preacher, but I carry the gospel in my briefcase and in my heart."

"Seeds are sown through the written word," writes missionary Bryon. "Who but God knows their final fruit?"



#### BEFORE THE MEETING, do this

Gather an assortment of literature which represents all church organizations: Sunday School and Training

Union quarterlies, Church Study Course books, Vacation Bible School materials, Woman's Missionary Union literature.

Display the literature attractively on a table or bulletin board in the meeting room.

Arrange chairs in a circle.

Assign questions (see below) to Baptist Women members who will prepare the answers from the content material on pages 20-23. Depending on the size of your membership, you could have as few as three or as many as twelve women to make advance study preparation.

#### IN THE MEETING, do this

**Hymns:** "Word of God, Across the Ages" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 176)

#### Call to Prayer

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 in *The Living Bible* or another version.

The Bible is the basic tool of every missionary. Various types of missions careers work together for one purpose: to share the message of Jesus.

The apostle Paul must have realized the need for mission support when he sent requests for prayer to the Thessalonian Christians. He reminded them to pray for the success of the gospel being shared and for the safety of the missionaries.

As you lead Baptist Women members in prayer for missionaries having birthdays today (see Call to Prayer, pp. 42-48), use the two verses you have read from Paul's letter as a guide.

#### Study Session

Remind members of the ministry available to your church through the Baptist Book Store and those who publish materials for use in Southern Baptist churches. Call to members' attention the display which illustrates valuable Christian literature placed in their hands through the church.

Share the quotations and the information about the importance of the Baptist book store ministry in Spain in the introductory paragraphs on page 20.

Ask the following questions. Members who are prepared will respond



**JOSE BORRAS** is president of the Spanish Baptist Union and professor at the Spanish Baptist Seminary in Madrid. He is a prolific writer in promoting the work of the convention.



**ANTONIO GÓMEZ**, pastor of Córdoba Baptist Church and associate editor of *El Eco*, gives a report at the Spanish Baptist Convention meeting last August.



**SAMUEL RODRÍAGO**, assistant in *Librería Bautista*, does part-time pastoral work and helps in the administration of *El Eco*, the Spanish Baptist magazine.

with answers from their places in the circle.

1. What is the annual volume of business, and how is the book store in Barcelona financially supported?
2. Where do the books come from?
3. What other items does the book store sell?
4. What is a day like in the life of the book store?
5. Who are the customers?
6. Tell about the opening of the branch book store in Tarrasa, Spain.
7. Who are the employees and what are their duties?
8. What influence did the book store have on the life of Antonio Grau?
9. How does the story of Mrs. Marija Fernandez Lahoz reveal the value of the printed tract?
10. How is Christian literature a

valuable support to missions outreach?

11. How did printed material affect Jose Díez?
  12. What are the tools Antonio Alcon packs in his briefcase, and how does he use them?
- In closing, ask members to recall and list some prayer needs of the book store ministry in Spain. Allow adequate time for response from members. As women join hands in the circle, close by praying for the specific needs members have mentioned.

**Another way to do it:** Plan with your librarian for a mock book store setting in your meeting room.

Ask several members to represent customers and employees of the Barcelona book store in a pantomime (a play in which the actors express mean-

ing without dialogue). Three readers will use the content material to tell of the literature ministry of *Librería Bautista*.

#### Something to do because you learned:

1. Place in the church library reading material which would encourage readers in choosing careers related to church ministry. The following books may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store:

*God Calling: A Devotional Diary*, edited by Arthur J. Russell (Dodd, Mead, and Company) \$4.00 (Revell, 1974) \$1.25, paper.

*Take Another Look at Guidance: Discerning the Will of God* by Bob Mumford (Logos, 1971) \$4.95, large type \$2.50, paper.

*The Church's Mission to the Campus* by Charles M. Rowell (Conven-

tion, 1969) \$1.10.

*How to Succeed in the Christian Life* by Reuben A. Torrey (Moody) 75 cents, paper.

*A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life* by William Law (Westminster, 1968) \$1.45, paper.

*Beyond Call* by Baker James Cauten (Broadman, 1973) \$3.95.

2. Are there Spanish-speaking resi-

dents in your community? Provide *Nuestra Tarea* for the women. (See number 3, below.)

3. Provide a **ROYAL SERVICE** subscription (or renewal) for every home-bound woman in your church. (Order *Nuestra Tarea* and **ROYAL SERVICE** from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North Twentieth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. Price for each magazine: \$3.00 per year, single copy 35

cents. Please enclose remittance. For subscription outside the US, add \$1.00 for postage and handling. Annual subscription only. Alabama subscribers add necessary sales tax.)

#### Preview May Baptist Women Meeting

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*Nuestra Tarea* could be a bridge to bring you and the women from a Spanish mission together. Or, do they know about *Nuestra Tarea*? Share a *Nuestra Tarea* today! (See ordering instructions above.)







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## student ministries: indonesia

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*Although this work on student ministries overseas may represent Baptist Women members' last chance to enjoy Missions Week, ROYAL SERVICE hopes to feature the new WBSM executive secretary periodically as a special feature writer.*

Who are some individuals who have been led to Christ through a student ministry in Indonesia? In what different ways were they led?

Ministries for university students constituted the largest single need after general evangelism when the Foreign Mission Board met to review requests for missionary personnel. Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, notes that while the growth of student ministries overseas has been rapid, response to student worker requests has lagged noticeably.

Why do missionaries go overseas to work with students? What methods are used overseas to reach students? What results have been realized in efforts made by missionaries in student work? Who are some of the students who have been led to Christ through this kind of foreign missions effort? These questions will be answered this spring quarter as we look at student ministries in three countries: Indonesia, Peru, and Kenya. This month we focus on Indonesia.

### What Is Student Ministry?

Ministry to students is different from an approach to students that is made by establishing a school. Missionaries who minister among students are not usually teachers in a Baptist school. As a part of their ministry, they may teach in a non-Christian institution. Of the Southern Baptist missionaries outside the United States, only about 2 percent of the total missionary force are classified as student workers.

### Why Is Student Ministry Important?

Because many of today's students are tomorrow's professionals, they are the ones who will determine the course their countries will take. The course their countries take may determine the acceptance or rejection of Christian missions.

More important, however, is the fact that students are at the age when

they are probably easier to reach for Christ than at any other age. If a student becomes a Christian, then he can soon assume leadership in a national church. His education and his position in the community will add prestige to the Christian community.

### Students Are Being Reached in Indonesia

Indonesia, that country in Southeast Asia made up of thousands of islands, has been a growing center for Baptist witness. In 1965 this nation had the third largest Communist party in the world. The Communists attempted to take over the government, but failed. Students in Indonesia were greatly affected by the revolution, as is true in any national crisis. The ministry to students by missionaries in Indonesia at that time helped to give the young people direction and stability.

Bennie was one of these students. Sent by his wealthy Muslim parents to medical school in the great university city of Jogjakarta, Bennie was halfway through his studies when the Communist revolution took place. In a bloody counterattack to the revolution, students were recruited to go "Communist hunting."

When Bennie saw that Communists and even those suspected of being Communists were being brutally slaughtered, he would not participate. Asked by the leader why he refused, he indicated that he was a medical student and felt that life is sacred. The leader said that Bennie could provide first aid for the students who were wounded in the fighting. This was a way of compromise for Bennie, and he went along.

Bennie had difficulty understanding what was happening. The people who were killing the Communists were doing so, they said, to defend the honor of God and true religion against atheistic communism.

Bennie noticed, however, that the Christians, who had as much to fear from communism as anyone, were not taking revenge. Instead, they were helping the wounded and widowed.

One day Bennie stopped by the Baptist student center. He enrolled in English-language classes. In the lives of missionaries John and Nell Smith he saw the same self-giving love he had seen in Indonesian Christians. One night, on the pretense of asking help in one of his courses, Bennie went by the Smiths' home. Gradually he turned the conversation to Christ. "Tell me about Christianity," he said to the missionaries. Gently they led the confused, troubled young medical student to a personal acquaintance with the Lord who had come to teach about love, not hate.

### Paul, Another University Student

Paul Iskandar left home in the Minangkabau (me-NANG-kuh-tough) area of the island of Sumatra to go to Jogjakarta. He, too, was touched by the ministry of the Baptist student center.

The people of the Minangkabau tribe are among the strongest and most devout Muslims in all of Indonesia. Their tribal customs are especially harsh against anyone who would break with the old ways.

Paul did become a Christian. His family disowned him. An uncle was sent to try to bring him to his senses. When the uncle failed, the family threatened to kill him for bringing such disgrace on his clan.

Paul Iskandar stood firm. In his new life in Jesus he had found enough to compensate for even the loss of his family. Paul began to spend much of his time at the Baptist student center, helping other young Indonesian students to know about Jesus.

### High School Students Are Being Reached

Lydia left her remote mountain village to attend a high school boarding school. She became a Christian and went back to her village. The only Christian there, she tried to witness to her parents without success. However, an uncle and a friend accepted Christ.

Lydia felt that she and her uncle and friend needed help in understanding the teachings of Jesus and in sharing their newfound faith with others in

the village. She wrote a letter to the nearest place she knew where there was a Christian school.

Two women missionaries from that school made the long trip to the village. They tried to teach the Bible, but it was difficult, for they did not speak the language of the villagers. The only person who could translate was the Muslim school principal. In interpreting the things the missionaries said, he kept repeating, "I just don't think Allah (God) could have had a son."

After a short visit in the village, the two women returned to their school. They felt something of defeat. Two weeks later, they received a letter from the school principal inviting them back to teach in his school. Four of the six teachers in the Muslim school became Christians.

Six years after Lydia became a Christian while in a high school boarding school, there were twenty Christians in her little village. In the next six years, the number of Christians because of Lydia's witness had increased to three thousand in her village and in the villages around it.

### New Christians Become Students

The ministry of student work is a two-way street. Students are reached in schools and universities; they become strong witnesses among other students.

In other instances, persons come to know Christ and then become students. Such is the story of Peter Angu, who is now pastor of an Indonesian Baptist church.

Pastor Angu was reared by relatives. His grandfather was the priest of spirit worship in his area of Indonesia. He sacrificed chickens so that the rice crop would be plentiful. He sacrificed water buffalo to insure favorable conditions. He cast weird spells on people and objects. Peter was a product of this animism.

When he was ten years old a dramatic change took place in young Peter's life. He was reunited with his own parents.

Peter's father was a simple man,

not educated. He had found, however, something much more valuable than education: he had found Christ. This had come about in an unusual way.

Peter and his family were members of a tribe known as a singing tribe. Indonesian home missionaries knew this, so they began to witness to them in the area of their interest. They called the villagers together for a song-fest. They taught them gospel songs. As the villagers learned the words, the missionaries asked them, "Do you understand what you are singing?"

The missionaries explained the words they were singing. Many of the villagers were won to Christ from animism.

Among the new Christians was Peter Angu's father. Mr. Angu found it difficult to read the Bible, but he began to teach his family about his new life and its meaning. He explained difficult passages, and through the influence of his own father Peter became a Christian.

Peter decided to become a preacher. He became a student, first in a Bible school, then in the seminary.

Now Pastor Angu is an influential pastor, teacher, preacher. He has touched the lives of many other Indonesians, young and old.

### Student Work Includes the Military

When William and Betty McElrath, missionaries doing publication work, went back to Indonesia from furlough about four years ago, they felt they did not want to continue to work in Bandung (BAHN-doong).

As they were trying to know the Lord's leadership, one of the student workers in Bandung invited them to go with him to a suburb of the city where there was a large military base. The student worker wanted to begin work among the service personnel.

In their visiting in the area the missionaries found a Christian widow, member of another denomination, who was interested in what they wanted to do. She offered them the use of her garage.

A ministry was begun in the ramshackle garage. The McElraths recog-

signal that this was to be the place through which they would work on weekends.

One of the first people the missionaries met in the garage was a girl fondly known as "Little Sister." She was living with "Big Sister," a military wife. Little Sister, a faithful Baptist, brought her nieces and nephews to services in the garage. When Big Sister's husband was briefly hospitalized, Bill McElraith visited the army lieutenant. Through the missionary's witness this officer became a Christian.

In April 1974 the McElraiths were among thirty-three people who signed the roll as charter members of a new Baptist church. The congregation still meets in the garage, but they are looking toward the day when they will be able to build a building. Already they are reaching out to areas nearby in a strong witness.

#### Why Student Ministry?

Students are an important group in missions work. Christian students are able to lead other students to Christ. Because they are educated, and because they are leaders in their communities, they become a strong influence for Christ in the areas where they live. Like Lydia, they often can change the entire area in which they live.



#### BEFORE THE MEETING, do this

This is the first of three studies on student ministries overseas. When the third study has been completed members should have a better understanding of the ways that missionaries work with students. Their understanding should be increased, too, about Christian witness among students in their own community.

Because the group leader knows her members, she will be sensitive to their needs, to what they know al-

ready about student work, and to their own family situations, which might involve at least one student. The group leader should have current information on student work nearby. If there is a college or university in your area, find out if there is a Baptist student ministry to that campus. If students are members of your church, know their schools. Try to get their addresses so that you can write to them after the study.

If there is a college or university in your city, try to determine if there are students from Indonesia. Get their names, and find out how they can be contacted.

To introduce these three studies, make three posters. At the top of one write "Indonesia." On the others write "Peru" and "Kenya." The rest of the poster should remain blank, for adding information at the close of each study session.

On the wall place a long strip of brown wrapping paper. Across the top write the name of your community. Write on the paper the things you have discovered about student work near you, including the name of the Baptist student director if there is one, names of students from your church, and the name of the school they are attending. As you get additional information from members during the study sessions, add this to the paper. At the close of each session, remove the paper, roll it up, and save it for the next meeting.

Ask three or four members to be prepared to help you share the information about students in Indonesia. Point out to your helpers that the aim of this study is that members will be able to name individuals who have been led to Christ through a student ministry in Indonesia, and will be able to indicate different ways they were led.

To prepare for Call to Prayer, arrange on a table a stack of books and other items to represent schools. From construction paper cut triangles to look like college pennants, one for each missionary on the prayer calendar for the day of your meeting (see

Call to Prayer, pp. 42-48). Write on the pennant the name of the missionary, the country where s/he serves, and the type of work in which s/he is engaged.

#### IN THE MEETING, do this

As the women arrive, give out the pennants, asking each woman to be prepared to pray for her missionary. At the beginning of the prayertime, read 2 Timothy 1:11-14. Remind those present that most missionaries have opportunities to work with students informally, even though they might not be assigned to student work. Talk about ways that the missionaries on the prayer calendar for the day might be involved in touching lives of students. Pray for the missionaries. Then talk about the fact that these missionaries might be the parents of students, some of whom might be studying in the United States, separated by hundreds of miles from their parents. Pray for missionaries' children.

#### Study Session

After giving the introduction (p. 26), call on the members you asked to be prepared to help you share the information about students in Indonesia.

Following the presentation of the information, divide the group into small discussion clusters. Ask each group to discuss: Why is it important to confront students with the gospel? Why is it necessary to use different methods with students, in addition to the usual "come to the church and hear the preacher" approach? After five minutes, call the clusters together to share their ideas.

#### Plan for Follow-Through

1. Take time during the meeting to pass around a cue card for each student from your church who is studying in a college or university. Ask each member to sign the cards, writing brief personal messages if she wishes. Mail the cards with notes assuring the students of the prayerful interest the Baptist women have in them as they are away studying.

2. Remembering Lydia, think of the high school students in your church. Think about things in your community, the pressures of daily living, that make it difficult for a high school student to maintain a strong Christian example. Ask members to take the responsibility for high school students, to call them on the phone, to write notes, or simply to speak to them at church services, encouraging them and assuring them of your support.

3. Talk with Acreem leaders and Baptist Young Women officers. Ask how Baptist Women can help them in their efforts to provide missions education for the youths and young adults in your church. If your Woman's Missionary Union does not provide these two age-level organizations, discuss the need with your WMU director.

Discuss why the organizations are important, especially in light of your study of student work. Determine to do something positive to begin these two organizations in your church.

4. Are any of your group members in a family mission action group? Suggest that members adopt an international student or family. (See p. 10.) Chances are that internationals live in your community, or at least near enough that they could be invited to your home. Invite them regularly to meals, weekend trips, entertainment, and sports outings. Invite them for weekend visits in your home, and ask them to attend worship services in your church. Plan meals so that internationals can cook the food they like. At other times prepare typical meals of your area, introducing the internationals to food that is special to you.

As you develop friendships with internationals, you will find many ways you can help them as they live in what is for them a foreign country.

5. Consider beginning a mission action group to work with internationals. Some of your members might want to transfer to membership in this group if you find there is a need for a continuing witness and ministry to internationals. Order a copy of *Mission Action Group Guide: Internationals* from Baptist Book Store or Woman's Missionary Union (see WMU order form, p. 48).

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## Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and Mission Action

WMU Summer Conferences\* this year will offer Baptist Women members training in mission action. The mission action chairman will find two specific opportunities for training. One relates to the specific work of the mission action chairman. The other is a conference on Special Skills in Mission Action.

A conference will be offered the mission action group leader on the specific mechanics of her job. She too will be able to participate in the special skills conference. A third conference of special interest to the mission action group leader and member is How to Be a Group.

Informal sharing with other persons involved in mission action will provide additional training opportunities.

You will be a part of the entire program of the WMU Summer Conference. It is designed to motivate and inspire you to more creative and dynamic work in Baptist Women.

\*For WMU Conference, July 19-26, write Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535. For WMU Conference, August 9-16, write Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.



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**Passage for study: Acts 13:1 to 14:28**

The gospel had spread. The early chapters of Acts told of that. The good news had been carried chiefly by refugees fleeing from persecution in Jerusalem, who had gone to other centers of Jewish life in distant places. Some disciples had gone beyond the expectations of their fellow believers by working among Samaritans and Gentiles. But up to this point (chapter 13) no note had been made of a church deliberately sending out preachers to those who had never heard, of taking the message of Christ to distant places. (Some of those at Pentecost from distant lands, however, no doubt took the message home with them.)

Certainly more than ten and most likely as many as fifteen years had passed since Jesus had given his final Commission to the disciples. That Commission had been gathering dust—with a few exceptions—as far as a church's planning and undertaking were concerned.

But now the wind of God's Spirit was stirring in the church at Antioch. The voice of the Spirit to the community of faith was being heard, and a new day was dawning for the world—a church rising to respond to the demands of Christ's Commission! The whole civilized earth was going to hear the good news because a single church, a Gentile church at that, was answering to its responsibility to proclaim Christ everywhere.

#### **The Church Listens to the Spirit (Acts 13:1-3)**

Some men in the church at Antioch were spiritual leaders by virtue of the gifts which the Spirit had given them, independent of any election or appointment by their fellow Christians. Some of them were prophets and teachers (see lists of such leaders in Rom. 12:6,8; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11).

What a nondescript group were these men at Antioch! There was a Barnabas, a devout Jew and a native of Cyprus.

There was a black Symeon (possi-

bly so nicknamed because he was a Negro) whom some have identified with Simon, who bore the Lord's cross (Luke 23:26) and whom Mark described as the father of Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21).

Among the Roman Christians to whom Paul sent greetings was a Rufus and his mother, described as "both his mother and mine." Some have thought that this meant that it was in the home of Symeon that Paul lived while he was in Antioch.

Also in the church was Lucius, specifically identified as having come from Cyrene, North Africa.

There was Manacc, a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch (this was Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great), who had perhaps been the boyhood chum of Herod.

Now for a year there had also been Saul of Tarsus, former Pharisee of the Pharisees, persecutor of Christ become preacher of the gospel.

Luke in a matter-of-fact way indicated that the church got the message. "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2 RSV). It is not necessary to suppose that a voice was heard from heaven, though such would not be out of place in Acts (chapter 9). But through the impressions made on men by the Spirit the church found its sense of direction.

Several observations about this important and interesting introductory paragraph should be kept in mind. First, the laying on of hands was a commitment of the church to the task, to the prayerful support of those who were being sent; it was the church acknowledging its responsibility as well as pledging its support. This act did not impart to Barnabas and Saul any qualification which they did not already possess.

Second, the men chosen by the Spirit were the best at hand; they were the gifted leaders of the church. They were the strongest, mentally and spiritually, that could be found.

Third, those early Christians did not seem to be impressed by the argu-

ment that there were "enough hachens at home" to keep the church busy. At least 500,000 people lived in Antioch at that time; the overwhelming majority were pagans. Even in the face of that fact, the church at Antioch was sensitive to the need of a lost world.

#### **Saul Who Was Also Called Paul (Acts 13:4-12)**

Seleucia was the smaller port of the great city of Antioch, located at the mouth of the Orontes river, fifteen miles from the metropolitan area. At Seleucia Barnabas and Saul, taking with them as an attendant young John Mark (a relative of Barnabas), caught a ship to the important island of Cyprus, which lay just to the west in the Mediterranean.

Landing at Salamis, a city on the east coast of Cyprus, the missionaries first preached the gospel in the Jewish synagogues. This practice of beginning the work in a new place by preaching in a synagogue (where one was available) was to characterize the missionary method of Paul.

From Salamis the missionary party went across the island, from east to west, arriving at Paphos, the seat of government. At Paphos Barnabas and Saul had an interview with the governor (proconsul) himself, Sergius Paulus. The governor was a man on top of his situation: anything new on the scene came to his attention. When he learned of the presence and work of the missionaries, he sent for them in order to hear them.

Like many Romans, Sergius Paulus was superstitious. He had a Jewish magician, Bar-Jesus, at his beck and call, no doubt to help in determining important dates and other matters. Bar-Jesus (also called "Elymas," which is probably a Semitic word meaning "sorcerer") was jealous of his place and feared the loss of influence to Barnabas and Saul. He opposed them. Saul strongly rebuked the man, who was thereby struck temporarily blind.

These events amazed Sergius Paulus, who "believed." There is some question about what this means.

Probably it means he believed in the power of Saul rather than in Christ as Saviour, though some think otherwise. Luke occasionally uses the word "believed" in such doubtful situations (see Acts 8:13).

In this story we note that Saul was also called Paul. From this time on the author of Acts will call him "Paul" rather than Saul. Some have thought that Paul took this name from his notable "convert" Sergius Paulus (though it seems unlikely). Others have thought that he simply followed the Jewish custom of having a Roman name; and that because "Paul" sounded like "Saul" it had been chosen. Still others have thought it was a sort of nickname for "Paula" in Latin meaning "little" (a reference to Paul's size). The important thing is that the name "Paul" comes to the forefront here in Acts and continues to the end because Christianity is especially going to be seen among Gentiles.

#### **Preaching to Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13:13-52)**

Paul and his companions took a ship from Cyprus and sailed to the

north. They came to Pamphilia, the district that lay along the coast of southern Asia Minor.

There John Mark turned back and went home. Why he should have done so remains a mystery. Perhaps the work was more difficult than he had anticipated. Perhaps the missionaries were going farther than had been originally planned. Perhaps as a kinsman of Barnabas, John Mark resented Paul's new leadership of the group. Whatever the reason, Paul later revealed that in his judgment it wasn't good enough.

Apparently, the missionaries did not preach in Pamphilia at this time. Paul may have caught malaria in the low-lying coastal country (see Gal. 4:13). They then traveled north, across the Taurus mountains, to the higher province of Roman Galatia.

It was in this province, at Antioch of Pisidia, that Paul's first sermon of record was preached (Acts 13:16-41). Paul began by preaching in the synagogue; this opportunity was afforded him by the practice of the Jews to invite the visitor to address the congregation. Paul reviewed the history of Israel from the Exodus to David. Having reached the royal line of David, he jumped to the royal descendant of David, Jesus. Next, he related the essential facts of Jesus' life to the Scriptures (Psalm 2; Isa. 55; Psalm 16).

In the conclusion (Acts 13:38-42) Paul's distinctive message emerged. Paul as a Pharisee had been a legalist. The essence of his religion had been keeping the law of Moses. Now, as a Christian, Paul preached freedom. Paul's word "justified" in verse 39 means "freed." Paul has sounded his watchword: "Justification by Jesus upon belief."

With a strong warning against rejecting his message, Paul closed the sermon. One week later the crowds gathered to hear Paul preach again, but some violently objected. Paul turned his attention from the Jews to the Gentiles, claiming Isaiah 49:6 as his justification for this action. Something of a pattern in Paul's missionary

#### **OF MAY STUDY- ACTION PLANS**

Baptist Women Meeting: *Born in Taiwan (indigenous work in Taiwan)*

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strategy was beginning to emerge. Paul would concentrate on the larger cities, seeking to plant churches there that would in turn evangelize the entire district after he was gone. He began in a city by preaching in a synagogue, gathering an interested group of Jews and God-fearers. When opposition drove him from the synagogue, he would organize a church among the Gentiles.

When Paul and Barnabas were driven out of Antioch of Pisidia, they left a congregation of believers, perhaps disorganized but possessing the joy of salvation. The Holy Spirit affirmed the genuineness of this joy by his presence in the lives of the believers.

#### Onward to Iconium (Acts 14:1-7)

The city of Iconium lay to the east of the great highway that eventually reached Mesopotamia. In the first century it was one of the chief cities in the southern part of Roman Galatia.

Luke seems to indicate that Paul was at Iconium for a considerable time. The brevity of Luke's account was due, no doubt, to the similarity of the missionaries' experiences there with those in Antioch of Pisidia. The Jews stirred up the Gentiles; and the resulting riot caused the departure of Paul and Barnabas who continued toward the east on the great highway they had been traveling.

#### Fleeing to Lystra and Derbe (Acts 14:21-23)

The next important city on the highway the missionaries traveled was Lystra, a Roman colony. Here Paul and Barnabas were received as gods. Barnabas must have been a large man, heavily bearded, to suggest to the people that he was Father Zeus (Jupiter as the Romans called him). The fact that they thought Paul was Hermes (or Mercury as the Romans called him) suggests the Apostle's small stature, quick movements, and role as spokesman.

Here at Lystra Paul preached his second sermon recorded in Acts. It should be compared with his previous sermon in the synagogue at Antioch

of Pisidia in order to observe the different approach which he made to a pagan audience. He quoted no Bible passages, because his audience was ignorant of them. Instead, he talked of God whose power and love they could see through the works of nature and providence.

Old enemies from Antioch and Iconium caught up with the missionaries at Lystra and stirred up trouble again. Paul was stoned and left for dead. The statement that Paul was able to travel very shortly to Derbe has a note of the miraculous in it.

At Derbe, the missionaries came to the frontier of Roman Galatia and paused. Apparently their ministry there was successful and uneventful. It may be that their enemies did not pursue them because they were under the impression that Paul was dead. The good road which they were following stretched to Tarsus, Paul's hometown, and then to Antioch of Syria and the church which had sent them out.

With this inviting prospect before them, Paul and Barnabas turned around and, in the face of great danger, retraced their steps and revisited the very cities from which they had been driven. They wanted to strengthen the churches they had founded.

They organized the churches, appointing elders for them. The word "appointed" means to stretch out the hand (Some think that Paul led the group in voting for elders by the raised hand).

Eventually reaching the coast again, they sailed for Antioch.

#### Declaring What God Had Done (Acts 14:24-26)

On the return of the missionaries to the home church, they made a full report—not what they had done, but what God had done through them. They did not major on their sufferings. They attached the most importance to the opening of the door of faith to the Gentiles. It was not a door of race or ritual, but a door of faith. No other door—just a door of faith.



Juanita M. Wilkinson

#### QUESTION

How can "missions" get started in a church?

#### BEFORE THE MEETING, do this

From your kitchen bring to the meeting a mixing spoon, hand beater, or electric mixer.

Secure a copy of *Family Missions Guide*\* and select in advance several features to present at the meeting (or ask another member to do this).

On a large sheet of paper, write:

one church taking a serious look at the Great Commission  
one (or more) unusually qualified man or woman for missionary service  
one (or more) effective mission strategy or plan

Also, bring to the meeting a map outlining Paul's missionary journey. You may be able to borrow such a map from the church library or a Sunday School class.

#### IN THE MEETING, do this

Display the mixing spoon or beater. Remind members that although some recipes require "beating" some mixtures, other recipes such as angel or sponge cakes depend on the gentle "folding in" of other ingredients.

Call attention to the aim question and the large sheet of paper listing the ingredients to be "folded in." Ask all members to open their Bibles to Acts 13 and 14. Read aloud Dr. Drumwright's introductory paragraphs (p. 30). Emphasize that the church at Antioch was ready to respond to the demands of the Great Commission.

Divide members into two subgroups. To one group assign Acts 13:1-12 and Dr. Drumwright's comments on the qualifications of persons

for missionary service. To the other group assign Acts 13:13 to 14:25. Ask this group to trace the journey of Paul and Barnabas and relate significant events on the journey. Allow twenty minutes to the groups to study their assignments.

After the two subgroups have shared their reports (ten minutes for each group) lead the whole group to discuss these questions: How effectively was the gospel preached to the "overseas" missions fields? (Read Acts 14:26-28)

Is our church committed to the demands of the Great Commission? In

what ways are we encouraging youths to prepare themselves for missionary service? Are we informing fellow church members of the various methods used in missions at home and overseas?

What can we do to get missions started in our church? in our own families?

Ask a member to share ideas from *Family Missions Guide*\* and the monthly feature in *ROYAL SERVICE*, "A Cool Drink of Water." Urge each member to follow through on this study by seeking to involve her family in a missions activity.

#### Call to Prayer

Pray by name for each missionary on today's prayer calendar (see pp. 42-48). Pray for missionaries on far enough as they seek renewal of personal and family life and as they share their missionary methods and journeys in speaking engagements.

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Meet another team of state WMU leaders, the executive secretary and Baptist Women director for the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. They share with *ROYAL SERVICE* readers their convictions about leader-member training and some of their personal interests and favorite activities.

#### Frances (Mrs. Martha E.) West, Baptist Women director

I believe in Baptist Women! To maintain the work of this great organization at a high level of proficiency demands training. I believe that training opportunities should be provided at the beginning of the year when new officers are elected and throughout the year on a continuing basis. The Baptist Women president should lead in providing materials and opportunities for officers and members to learn their jobs. If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well. This means training.

One of my strongest interests is music. Since the age of twelve, I have found great joy in serving my Lord as Sunday School and church pianist, soloist, choir member, and choir director. Just now, an opportunity is opening up to conduct a Christian songfest at a senior citizens center. No religious activities are provided on a regular basis and some of these dear old people, having a church background, are feeling a need that we hope to help meet. We plan to include Bible study and perhaps a reading period. I'm excited about this mission action.



Nicy Murphy, executive secretary

My efforts toward training workers during nine years in religious education in local churches and more than twenty in WMU speak of the importance I place on leader-member training.

People in professions, in the business world, and in technology and science not only have spent many years in preparation but are also constantly updating their training if they are effective. How much more should Christian women in the matchless business of missions

education spend time in training!

I enthusiastically endorse the emphasis which will be put on Training in Missions Education during the next two years.

One of my personal interests is creative writing. I do not consider myself professional, nor even proficient. But I find much pleasure in trying to make words express my thoughts and feelings in news reports, feature articles, and even in verse.

I am also vitally interested in international students, counting many as friends. I attend international student retreats at Thanksgiving; and during the year I participate in social events with internationals and have them in my home.

A more recent interest is work with the deaf. I am learning their sign language and am beginning to understand and be understood by them. I participate in a weekly Sunday evening Bible study with them and enjoy their company at parties and dinners.

I play Ping-Pong (pretty well for a woman, I am told), make most of my own clothes, and enjoy photography, reading, music, and travel. Life is just too short to exhaust all the interesting things I like to do!



round  
table

## Middle America and the Caribbean

monthly newsletter

Mrs. D. L. Warrington is a  
missionary living in Ocala,  
Florida.

What thoughts come to mind when you hear "Middle America"? Someone who was asked this question responded by saying, if he were not a Southern Baptist, he might think "Middle America" meant Illinois!

The term "Middle America" has distinctive meaning for Southern Baptists. We help support missions work in the Republic of Mexico and four Central America republics, and maintain the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Our oldest work in this area is in Mexico, which was begun in 1880. The newest field is Panama, which was transferred from the Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board on January 1, 1975.

The Caribbean? Now what thoughts come to mind? Perhaps you think of the beautiful Caribbean Sea. Maybe you have hopes or fond memories of a Caribbean cruise. Those who love history will no doubt think of the voyages and discoveries of Columbus. Due to tension in recent years, the spotlight of the world has often turned toward a troubled Caribbean.

Since 1951, Southern Baptists have been seeking to share Christ in these islands that extend from the east coast of Central America to the Leeward and Windward Islands in the far east of the Caribbean and on to Trinidad.

About Costa Rica, missionary S. Dan Sprinkle says "The gold and riches sought by the early adventurers never fully materialized, but Costa Rica is rich—rich in promise. Such promise is evident in her people's increasing response to the message of the riches of God in Christ Jesus."

"Rich in promise!" These words seem descriptive, not only of Costa Rica, but also of all of our outreach in Middle America and the Caribbean.

Missionaries in Middle America and the Caribbean, along with national Christians, serve with a deep faith and reliance on God's promises as they see encouraging response to the gospel.

Books for Reading and Study

*Middle America* (Foreign Mission Board, SBC; 1974) free\*\*

*The Caribbean* (Foreign Mission Board, SBC; 1974) free\*\*

These booklets are two in a series published by the Foreign Mission Board. Each contains articles on those countries in that area in which Southern Baptists have work. In addition to information about our Christian witness, facts are given regarding the physical aspects of the country, the people, and their culture. Numerous pictures are included, which make the booklets most attractive and help to give greater insight into the area and our efforts there for Christ.

*Intregue in Santo Domingo* by James Hefley (Word Books, 1968) \$3.95\*

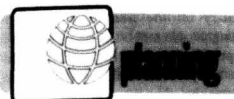
This is the story of Howard Shoemaker, who has served as a Southern Baptist missionary since 1947. After having worked in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Ecuador, he and his wife Dorothy Dell went as our first missionaries to the Dominican Republic in 1962.

The book begins with this statement by Howard Shoemaker: "I followed a hard-sell philosophy for ten years as a pastor and fifteen as a missionary. I was obsessed with the idea of staying busy, preaching every Sunday. I mistook religious activity for spirituality. Something happened to change that when I came to the Dominican Republic."

The account of how this man's philosophy has made him so influential among folk of all walks of life in the Dominican Republic is thrilling.

Although he is not a medical missionary, he has been responsible for opening a number of clinics throughout the Dominican Republic and is the representative in that country for Medical Assistance Programs, often referred to as MAP. In addition, he serves as pastor of Templo Bautista Central, the downtown church of Santo Domingo, and takes other preaching responsibilities. He has been named by the President of the Dominican Republic as a member of the National Commission for the Supervision and Reform of the Prison System. He is on the board of direc-

tor of "Radio Club Dominicana" and uses his own amateur radio as a means of service. Because he has so identified himself with the people and has sought to help them through unusual ways, he has had unique opportunities of ministry and sharing the marvelous riches of God's grace. Howard Shoemaker is a tall man, not only physically, but spiritually as well.



BEFORE THE MEETING, do this:

In advance of your meeting, order the booklets *Middle America* and *The Caribbean* (no more than one copy for each four members\*\*) from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230. Also request the free map of "Southern Baptist Missions in Middle America and the Caribbean."

Prepare a poster of a rainbow. Make a separate placard with the caption "Rich in Promise." Decide which countries you are going to study and make a small "pot of gold" for each, placing the name of the country on it. If you prefer, you may make placards for the countries. You may choose to major on one area or select countries from both.

IN THE MEETING, do this:

To begin your session, use the quotation of Dan Sprinkle, given on page 34, and place the placard "Rich in Promise" on the poster.

Divide members into groups, giving each group one of the area booklets. Ask each group to study the booklet and make a report based on this outline.

Summarize the introduction by Charles Bryan in the booklet to give an overall view of the area. Prepare a chart giving the dates Southern Baptists began serving in each country. This informa-

tion may be found on each contents page.

Tell one interesting fact about (1) the land and the people and (2) Baptist witness in each country.

Point out on the map the location of each country and place the "pot of gold" on the poster for that country. Introduce *Intregue in Santo Domingo* by reading Isaiah 45:1-3. Relate how this Scripture passage was meaningful to Howard Shoemaker as his family prepared to go to the Dominican Republic. This experience begins on page 62.

Ask one member to be prepared to tell about Mr. Shoemaker's involvement in the medical ministry. Chapter 7 provides a good basis for this report. Tell about the conversion of Gladys Gormosen de Mieses (p. 94), who is now a member of Templo Bautista Central of which Mr. Shoemaker is pastor. In 1973, Mr. Shoemaker wrote "Out of this congregation came the new president of the Dominican National Baptist Convention this year. She is Gladys Gormosen de Mieses, MD. She is one of the great Dominican Christian leaders of our day. We are thankful to have her in our midst." Further mention of Dr. Gladys de Mieses is made throughout the book and a picture appears on page 161.

The experiences of the Shoemaker family during the revolution as related in chapter 8 could be condensed and read as if from their diary.

Have someone tell the story of "A New Heart Chamber for Ingrid" in chapter 10.

Include a report on "Shoemaker's USO." The letter in recognition of the Shoemakers could be read as quoted on page 150.

Conclude with highlights from the last chapter, giving up-to-date information on our work in the Dominican Republic (see pp. 15-20 in the Foreign Mission Board booklet *The Caribbean*). Paul and Nancy Porter are mentioned in this chapter. In 1971, this missionary couple was murdered shortly after their return to the

Dominican Republic after a furlough in the States.

An inspirational conclusion to the study would be to use the author's visit to the children's hospital, which starts on page 177 and continues to the end of the book.

Close by singing "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" (Baptist Hymnal, No. 65).

Call to Prayer

Read Romans 4:21. Ask members to quote a favorite Bible promise. Be prepared to give one if there is little response. Read the names of missionaries on the prayer calendar and ask members to choose one for whom she will claim one of the Bible promises. Pray that it might be experienced in the life of that one on his or her birthday.

Preview May Baptist Women Meeting

Preview next month's Baptist Women meeting, using information from page 31 of this issue. Announce the time and place of the meeting.

## book forecast

Books for May

*A Complete Guide to the Christian's Budget* by Michael L. Speer (Broadman, 1975) \$2.95\* (available April 1)

*Faithful to the Lord* compiled by E. Stanley Williamson (Broadman, 1971) \$3.95\*

*It Is Required of Stewards* by John M. McBein (Broadman, 1972) \$1.95\*

*The Cooperative Program at Work Around the World* (SBC Sewardship Commission, 1975) 25 cents\*\*\*

*The Simple Life: The Christian's Journey Toward Possessions* by Vernard Eller (Eerdmans, 1973) \$2.25, paper\*

\*Available through Baptist Book Stores.  
\*\*Order from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230. Please link your order for each booklet to one copy for every four members of your group (not more than five per group).

\*\*\*Order from SBC Sewardship Commission, 440 Johns Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.





prayer

A baby's wistful cry was the surprising first sound from the recording tape. Then, "This is Judy Gary (missionary Mrs. Alvin L. Gary) on Guadeloupe about 9:30 in the morning." Judy was tending her baby Timothy and dictating a message about missions work on Guadeloupe. Jonathan, the older child, later joined the recording session.

Guadeloupe (gwahd'l-OOP), in the Caribbean, is one of the main islands in the French West Indies. The Foreign Mission Board designates it as part of the Leeward Islands Baptist Mission. Two islands, making a butterfly shape, are joined by a bridge over the Salt River. Judy says, "There are people everywhere and many, many, many, young people." The majority are of African origin. French is the official language.

All the beauty of a tropical island can be found on Guadeloupe. Blue, blue water, sandy beaches, grassy slopes of mountains—some almost 5,000 feet high—waterfalls, and volcanoes attract attention.

Guadeloupe has been called a pioneer field. Missionaries were appointed in 1961. The W. H. Cams arrived in 1964. They were able to establish fraternal relationships with the French Baptist Union and to register with the government. There have been many changes in missionary personnel. Most of the time a husband and wife have carried on the work with a second couple serving with them for a few months before a furlough is due.

In 1967 the first baptismal service was held, and in 1973 a young man became the first Baptist in Guadeloupe ever to be ordained.

Catholicism is the religion of most of the people and permeates their social and religious life. Jehovah's Witnesses have been increasing in almost unbelievable numbers.

The months of March, April, and May will be full of memories for Alvin and Judy Gary as they compare their second year with the first in Guadeloupe. The French have many holidays. The Baptists take advantage of these and plan special occasions.

They enjoy spending their holidays in Christian fellowship.

On Good Friday "all our churches come together" for singing, prayer, and sermons.

On Easter Sunday last year, the Baptists made a special trip to Port Louis mission point. Al Gary led the Lord's Supper in French for the first time. It was also the first time this service had been held at Port Louis. Easter Sunday made it special.

The Monday after Easter is also a holiday on the islands. About fifty young people meet on a beautiful grassy slope. They were so happy in the open air away from their crowded little houses that they ran and laughed "like little animals let out of a pen." Baptist young people enjoy Bible study. The book of Philippians had been chosen for intensive study. Each church selected a team to compete at the big event—a Bible knowledge contest. The pastors prepared questions for a panel of judges. The questioning continued through the morning and part of the afternoon. Two churches were deadlocked. The judges asked for someone to quote the first ten verses of the second chapter of Philippians. A girl stepped forward and quoted the first eleven verses. She had studied so thoroughly she probably could have quoted the whole book.

A holiday on Guadeloupe is not complete without a picnic, French style. An hour and a half or longer is needed. A tablecloth is spread with plates, silver, and glasses. Not sandwiches, but chicken and rice or spaghetti and other good foods, are served.

May 1 is another holiday. This is the day Baptists train workers for Vacation Bible School in July and August. Missionaries have been hard at work since February on the materials, since Vacation Bible School curriculum materials have not been prepared in French. Materials for at least two age levels are prepared. New missionary Carel (Mrs. Robert W.) Shehane was expected on the island in time to prepare one set for this year. A theme, Bible material, stories, and other related activities are needed. If

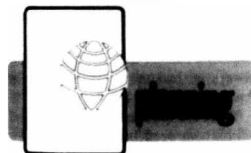
filmstrips are available, they need translated scripts. Conversations for object lessons must be written. Activities must be carefully explained.

After all the writing and translating are completed, the missionary tries to become so familiar with the French language that she can stand before the women and just "talk off the top of her head."

These are special events of just three months of a missionary's year. Day-by-day household duties, visitors, and meetings make for very, very full days.

Women in Guadeloupe like to share prayer experiences. Soeur (sister) Wehbe tells of being in Paris with her daughter who developed a headache. The doctor requested an operation. After prayer, the X rays showed the young woman was clear of trouble.

Remember Timothy who cried? He is the Gary's "baby of prayer." He was due to be born a few weeks after his parents reached Guadeloupe. Judy Gary could have left the island for more sophisticated hospital facilities. But she decided to stay. The doctor proved to be capable, even when a little trouble developed. Everyone prayed. "It was a beautiful experience," Judy testifies. Timothy is special, a real Guadeloupean.



#### IN THE MEETING, do this

##### Call to Prayer

Grande-Terre and Basse-Terre are the names of the two islands making Guadeloupe resemble a butterfly. Make a paper butterfly for each birthday missionary. (See Call to Prayer, pp. 42-48.) At prayertime, as you read the names and types of work and places, place each butterfly on a world map at the area where the missionary works.

Lead a one-word prayertime. Ask each member to think about one of the missionaries and mention in one word what it is she prays for that person today.

##### Pray for Guadeloupe

Wayne and Florence Frederick were serving as missionaries when Al and Judy Gary arrived. Just before Florence Frederick left for furlough she and Judy learned Baptist Women members would focus in April 1975 on their island. They rejoiced at these plans and gave thanks for the prayer support that was to come. Today is the day they were looking forward to!

Read Philippians 2:1-11, if possible, from the Today's English Version translation. Read again the questions of verse 1, pause for meditation. Pray for the young people of Guadeloupe and of your own church, particularly that they will search Bible truths.

Pray for these Baptist churches: Raizer, Baie Mahault, Pointe-à-Pitre; the mission at Port Louis; the mission in the apartment area; and radio and correspondence work.

Alvin Gary writes, "Our churches are small and need much prayer and encouragement. All evangelical work on the island is overshadowed by the large and popular work of Jehovah's Witnesses. Baptists need prayer support so they will have strength and wisdom and courage to meet the challenge."

Pray for first-year missionaries who are learning new customs and using a new language.

Express thanks for missionaries (even though you do not have their names) who have served in earlier years and contributed to maintaining and enlarging the work.

Ask members of your group who are enlisted to work in your church's Vacation Bible School—or a mission Bible school—to pray for the missionaries on Guadeloupe who prepare materials in the French language.

Give thanks for the faith of our missionaries who trust God with their own lives and the lives of their children, wives, and husbands. Pray that

God's name may be glorified through their lives.

##### Preview May Baptist Women Meeting

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## under- standing nonreaders

continued

Mrs. Mayle Allred is a housewife living in Gastonia, North Carolina.

In the world today 800 million adults cannot read. That is one-third of the adult human population.

In America, according to a 1970 Harris Poll, more than 18.5 million people are functional illiterates—people who cannot read well enough to fill out routine applications on such items as loans and driver's licenses. Another definition of a functional illiterate is "one who has completed five years or fewer of schooling." Functional illiteracy goes as high as 35 percent in some states.

Whatever the statistics are in your state, every state has pockets of people who are impoverished intellectually, economically, socially, and spiritually because they cannot read and write.

Individuals suffer because of their lack of education, and society suffers. Welfare rolls; charity wards, numbers of school dropouts, jails, and prisons reflect this fact. One state reports 55 percent of its prison inmates are illiterates.

Government-funded programs have been set up but have reached only 3 percent of the illiterate adult population.

Professionals are needed, but the work will never be done apart from volunteers. Baptist individuals and families can help swing the pendulum of literacy in America. Their concern for the nearly one-in-four in America can make the difference.

Each literacy teacher has a different story to tell of her work with nonreaders. Each learner is different, with a different set of characteristics and needs.

Two stories, however, will point out some of the more common characteristics of adult nonreaders.

"I want to learn to read so I can read along with my six-year-old son who starts to school this year. I don't want him ever to know I cannot read." These words came from a twenty-six-year-old man who because of poor health as a child had been unable to go to school. When he became physically able, he could no longer "fit in" psychologically with the school pro-

gram. He had only been to Sunday School once; at that time he was embarrassed by being asked to read.

This nonreader learned to read, progressed rapidly, received a promotion on his job—and has been able to keep pace with his son. He can now read the Bible with understanding for himself and others to whom he reads.

A sixty-four-year-old man, for thirty years custodian of a large high school, approached a literacy teacher and said, "Before I die, I want to be able to sign my own deeds and write my own letters."

As a child, this man had had to stay at home in order to work on the farm. As an adult, he had successfully held a job because of his natural reasoning ability and ingenuity. He had reared a good family, and no one but his family knew he could not read.

When asked about his ability to function in his job, he explained that his instructions were often left in the form of handwritten notes. He would learn what the instructions were by taking the note out on the playground, or to the furnace room where students dropped by to talk. He would say, "Here you are in high school, and you can't even read!" The student would immediately retort, "Of course I can!" Then the man would hand the student the note and say "All right, read this for me." The job was carried out! He had done this for thirty-five years. But always he had the desire to learn to read.

What are the characteristics of most adults who need basic education? Lacks self-confidence. Fears school because of past unpleasant experience. May live in conditions of economic poverty. Is unaccustomed to the tedium of long, quiet concentration. May be culturally deprived—at least in terms of the dominant culture. May have values, goals, and attitudes which are different from yours. May have weak motivation—and

motivation is basic to learning. Is sensitive to nonverbal forms of communication. May feel helpless.

May have a live-for-today philosophy. How many of these characteristics can you identify in the two men described above?

Mrs. Olga Daves of Gastonia, North Carolina, became interested in literacy through her Baptist Women organization. For ten years she has taught people to read and taught teachers how to work with nonreaders and those needing remedial reading assistance. Now recognized as a master tutor/trainer, Mrs. Daves was asked to share with ROYAL SERVICE what her experiences have taught her about nonreaders.

She has found one of their greatest needs is for self-confidence. They do not know how it feels to experience success. They need to know someone—the teacher—thinks they can do it! They have many fears: fear of school, of the teacher, of embarrassment, of not measuring up to someone else, of a new culture (this one is especially true of newcomers to America).

Most, but not all, nonreaders are poor. Some are highly intelligent and have learned to make a good living and raise their families. Many others are slow to learn and understand. Mrs. Daves has found that nonreaders lack experiences that would give them learning opportunities. She has found even a trip to a supermarket can be exciting. She heard a Korean woman read the names on cans for the first time. Previously the woman had to make selections by pictures only.

Mrs. Daves cautions that nonreaders learn as much by what they see in the teacher as by what they hear. Facial expressions, gestures, tone of voice, and general attitude are "read" immediately. This is where the "extra dimension" of the Christian teacher is evident. A barrier is often thrown up between the nonreader and the teacher,

according to Mrs. Daves, because cultural backgrounds differ. Words and behavior acceptable in the nonreader's world may be rejected and completely unacceptable in the teacher's world. The teacher must look for the good qualities and potentials of the person who is hiding behind this unacceptable behavior. Criticism, either open or silent, will set up a serious barrier, so that nothing further can be accomplished.



### IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Whether or not your target group is the nonreader, try to place yourself in the shoes of the person you are seeking to help.

Close your eyes for three full minutes and just imagine your world without the ability to read. (Group leader may read the following aloud.) Imagine what it would be like.

never to have had a book in your home  
never to have read a newspaper or magazine  
never to have had a bedtime story read to you  
never to have gone to a library  
never to have been on a trip  
never to have gone out to eat  
never to have been able to read labels on cans and boxes.

### EVALUATION AND PLANNING

Discuss progress which you are currently experiencing. Share ideas for working with specific problems. Use *Mission Action Group Guide Nonreaders*.\*

Plan for some definite learning experiences that will help the target persons enlarge their world. This could be a family missions effort with the group member asking the target person to join her and her family or another friend for an excursion. These

might be considered as possibilities: a trip to the nearest museum  
a trip to a grocery supermarket  
a trip to a catalogue store to learn the price of an item and read about its quality by words describing the item  
a trip to a public library.

### PRAYERTIME

Frank C. Leubach once said: "The person who will save the world is wearing your clothes. Not you alone, of course, but you and millions who will do what you should do." He personally dedicated his life to teaching adult illiterates to read and write.

In a period of directed, silent prayer, lead group members to pray for a deeper commitment to the task of teaching the nonreader for greater awareness of people in your community who do not read.

For patience and faithfulness that their teaching may point people to Christ.

Read the names of missionaries on the prayer calendar today (see pp. 42-48). Pray the same prayer for each of them.

### PREVIEW MAY BAPTIST WOMEN MEETING

Preview next month's Baptist Women meeting, using information from page 31 of this issue. Announce the time and place of the meeting.

\*See WMU order form, p. 48.



# forecaster

forecaster is a guide to help Baptist Women officers know what they ought to do and how to do it. *—Aline Fuselier*

Agenda for  
General Assembly Officers Council Meeting

- Introduce TIME
- Consider buying training materials
- Discuss results of midyear report
- Plan prayer retreat
- Check plans for study of Yes
- Plan general meeting for May
- Plan mission action project as a follow-through to study

## Midyear Report

Midyear reports are due April 1. The Baptist Women president, assisted by the secretary, is responsible for making the reports, using the Baptist Women Record and Report Book.<sup>1</sup> Give the reports to the Baptist Women director (if you have one) or the WMU director.

Reporting is a form of evaluating. Use the results of the midyear report as a guide in planning what needs to be done for the rest of the year.

You report in two areas: (1) membership in the organization and in each group; (2) work completed according to the Baptist Women Achievement Guide.

When the reports are all filled in, discuss these questions:

1. How many general meetings remain to be planned for the 1974-75 year? (Answer: six, April through September.)

2. On what basis do we plan mission action projects? (Answer: As a follow-through to study in the general meeting and as a result of needs expressed by mission action groups.)



TIME stands for Training in Missions Education, an emphasis in Woman's Missionary Union for the next eighteen months. "Emphasis" means that we will be talking a lot about TIME.

What is "training"? It's helping a member or an officer do her job better.

The Baptist Women president is responsible for planning training activities for officers and members. Training is both continuous and year-round. Do it several ways.

Plan for officers to study *Baptist Women Leader Manual*<sup>2</sup> during WMU wide planning-training retreat in July or August.

Plan for a Baptist Women Member Handbook<sup>3</sup> study in October.

Conduct regular officers council meetings, every month if possible. Follow suggestions provided in Forecaster.

Include a brief training activity at each officers council meeting. Suggestions for mini in-service training activities appeared in Forecaster October through March. Look at them again to spark additional training ideas. You might throw out these questions for discussion: What are your feelings and convictions about the meaning and worth of the Baptist Women organization? How can we communicate a positive attitude about Baptist Women? Can we enlist more women to experience these benefits?

Assign each new member to an experienced member.

Encourage group leaders to plan a social-and-study activity in which all new members of groups will come together to study *Working in a Missions Group*.<sup>4</sup>

### Materials for training include:

Officer orientation kits<sup>5</sup> (these are new);  
Baptist Women member enlistment folder<sup>6</sup> (this is new)

*Baptist Women Leader Manual*  
*Baptist Women Member Handbook*  
*Working in a Missions Group*  
*Persons, Not Things*  
*How to Use Community Resources in Mission Action*  
*Special Skills for Mission Action #1*  
Other materials are listed in WMU Year Book<sup>7</sup>

### Officer Orientation Kits

A separate kit<sup>5</sup> is available (April 1) for each officer: president, secretary, mission action chairman, mission study chairman, mission support chairman, mission study group leader, mission action group leader, and mission prayer group leader.

Each officer orientation kit contains: (1) a sheet to be given to a person when she is approached to take the job. The sheet gives duties of the office and a challenge to train to learn to do the job; (2) several sheets to be used after the woman accepts the job. These sheets tell her resources to use and suggest ways to get started in her job. Bible study helps related to training and planning and motivation are included.

How should the officer orientation kits be used? Try one (or more) of these ways.

In making the initial approach to a prospective officer, the nominating committee uses the first sheet.

The president or other person responsible for training new officers works through the kit with each officer.

The officer being contacted can be given the entire packet with instructions to work through the sheets on her own.

Each officer can buy the packet herself and use it on her own.

### Prayer Retreat



The mission support chairman is responsible for planning the prayer retreat.

Purchase a copy of *Missions Prayer Guide*.<sup>8</sup>

Follow the suggestions on pages 41-48 of *Missions Prayer Guide* for preparing for the retreat. Guidance is given in:

designating a leader  
selecting a quiet place  
choosing an appropriate time  
planning a schedule to coincide with suggestions which will appear in next month's ROYAL SERVICE.<sup>9</sup>

Give prayer bookmarks<sup>10</sup> to each person who participates in the prayer retreat. Space is provided on the bookmark for listing prayer requests.

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## Use Call to Prayer

The mission support chairman is responsible for presenting the prayer calendar in Baptist Women meetings and encouraging individual use.

Spotlight the use of Call to Prayer in ROYAL SERVICE with the following skill.

A mother, father, and child sit at a table with a map of the world near them. Father reads from ROYAL SERVICE the names of the missionaries with birthdays and says, "I know this missionary (give name); he was my classmate in college." Mother (points to the place of service on the map and turns to the child): "This is where Daddy's friend is a missionary." Child says, "He is a long way from home." Father responds, "Yes, and we must ask God to be very close to him to help him have a happy birthday and to bless him and his work." Father, mother, and child bow heads.

After the skit, say:

PRAY for foreign missionaries in eighty-one countries and for home missionaries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

LEARN where the missionaries serve and the kind of work they do.

READ a mini-missions report each day.

SUPPORT missions through prayer.

YOU CAN DO ALL THESE THINGS as you use Call to Prayer. (Turn to pp. 42-48 in the magazine and hold it up for all to see.)

## Yes

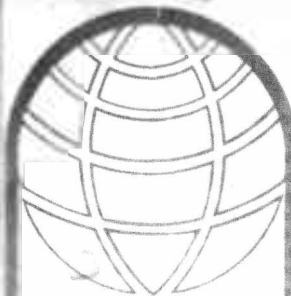
Did you decide to study Yes?<sup>11</sup> Check to see that all preparations have been made (mission study chairman, this is your job).

- Book available for members to read
- Teacher enlisted and given a copy of book and Teaching Guide<sup>12</sup>
- Publicity for book study completed

<sup>1</sup>Available from Woman's Missionary Union or Baptist Book Stores (see WMU order form, p. 48).

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call to  
prayer...

mary g. ford

"I do not pray only for them,  
but also for those who be-  
lieve in me because of their  
message" (John 17:20 TEV) \*

Mrs. J. E. Ford is a pastor's wife, liv-  
ing in Nashville Tennessee

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ciety

# 1 Tuesday Romans 1:1-15

Herbert Billings serves as director of the book store and book depository in Guatemala City, Guatemala. His wife Judy shares this responsibility and is librarian for the theological institute, where Mr. Billings is a teacher. Pray that God will use this couple in their work at the institute to prepare Guatemalans for his work.

Harold T. Gruber, Spanish, Kansas  
Mrs. Harvey L. Hoffman, Baptist cen-  
ter, Texas

Mrs. James Hume, Indian, New Mexico  
Donald E. Ottwell, deaf, Florida  
Mrs. James A. Reid, church extension,  
Nevada

Mrs. Robert Rodriguez, Spanish, Texas  
Mrs. Frank Venable, Indian, Oklahoma  
Mrs. Larry G. Wilkerson, Spanish,  
Puerto Rico

Herbert D. Billings, business adminis-  
tration, Guatemala

William J. Dames, religious education,  
South Brazil

J. Wayne Fuller, education, Lebanon  
Ralph W. Neighbour, preaching, Singa-  
pore

Mrs. John M. Wilson,\* home and  
church, France

# 2 Wednesday Romans 1:16-23

Many missionaries are asked to write articles for magazines or materials for national Christian literature. They do this in addition to their regular duties. Mary Fox, Nigeria, is writing programed instruction lessons on the book of Acts. Pray for her and others in missions around the world as they produce materials for theological education by extension (TEE).

Mrs. Basilio Engraved, Spanish, Texas  
Mario Hernandez, Spanish, California  
Domingo Ibarra, Spanish, Texas  
S. L. Isaacs, retired, Oklahoma  
Raul Ortiz, Spanish, Texas

Mrs. John Abernathy, retired, China,  
Philippines, Korea

David M. Duvall, business adminis-  
tration, Bangladesh

Mary Fox, education, Nigeria

Robert H. Garrett,\* doctor, Rhodesia

Donald R. Hill, preaching, Bangladesh

Mrs. Rodney R. Ivey, home and church,  
Chile

L. G. McKinney, music, Hong Kong

Mrs. Kenneth B. Mullican, home and  
church, Graza

Raymond L. Odle, dentist, Yemen

Mrs. Philip R. Overton, home and  
church, Panama

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

Ruth Vanderburg, nurse, Indonesia

# 3 Thursday Romans 2:1-11

Southern Baptists entered South West Africa in 1968, but as yet Baptists do not own a building for worship in that vast land. Charlton Whitson asks us to pray for a building for the Windhoek church, for a pastor to work in its mission in the port city of Walvis Bay, and for a German pastor to work among the German-speaking people.

Robert H. Brindle, pastor, Vermont  
James B. DeBussche, Jr., director of asso-  
ciational missions, South Carolina

Mrs. Joe Torres, Spanish, Texas  
Mrs. Everett R. Barnette, home and  
church, Senegal

Raymond V. Lindholm, education,  
Ethiopia

William A. Llewellyn,\* music, Taiwan

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

George Onkes, preaching, South Brazil

Ray F. Stanner, publication, Italy

Charlton D. Whitson, English-language,  
South West Africa

# 4 Friday Romans 2:17-24

Calvin L. Fox has had occasion to give thanks for the training in auto mechanics he received while in missionary orientation at Callaway Garden, Pine Mountain, Georgia. He and fellow missionaries J. Gordon Harris III and Jack S. Branan were driving a jeep in the mountain jungles of the Philippines when the engine conked out. The training given them by auto mechanic Bill Cleveland of La Grange, Georgia enabled them to fix the jeep and continue their journey. Thank God for thorough training provided for missionaries.

Mrs. Carlos C. Cohen, Jr., Spanish,  
Wisconsin

Isabel Galarza, retired, California

Mrs. Donna Rula, retired, Texas

Mark Ivan Taylor, special mission  
ministry, Massachusetts

Mrs. Zach J. Deal, music, Colombia

Calvin L. Fox, preaching, Philippines

Donald R. Helm, preaching, Japan

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dress of missionaries are listed in  
Missionary Directory, from  
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ginia 23260, or in Home Office  
Board Personnel Directory, from  
Home Office Board Literature  
Service, 1380 Spring Street,  
N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

William C. Hughes, English-language,  
Venezuela

Hans Lare, journeyman, medical, Thai-  
land

Mrs. Richard L. Lamb, home and  
church, Hong Kong

B. Donald Mastomh, student work,  
Israel

Sherrill S. Stever, retired, Brazil

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

# 5 Saturday Romans 3:1-9

Pray for Cass and Margaret Vincem who serve in a heavily populated area in northwest Indiana. The nine-county association provides ministries to seamen at the port of Indiana and to truckers, radio programs in language groups, and Scripture distribution at steel mills.

Mrs. Porfirio Mejia, Spanish, Texas

Fabian G. Nera, Spanish, New Mexico

Sam Vincent, language missions, Indi-  
ana

M. Dale Gunn, preaching, Tanzania

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

Raymond L. Kells, field representative,  
Brazil

H. Cecil McConnell, education, Chile

Douglas G. Ringer, preaching, Laos

Mrs. Sam T. Vignon, home and church,  
Malawi

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

# 6 Sunday Romans 3:19-31

The Okinawa Baptist Convention is made up of six English-language churches and twenty-four Okinawan churches. Wayne R. Maddox is principal of a Japanese-language kindergarten in Central Baptist Church. His wife Dorothy works with kindergarten pupils and their mothers. Pray for Wayne and Dorothy Maddox and for the kindergarten children who are being exposed to the teachings of Christ.

Mrs. Enrique Cepeda, Spanish, New  
York

Graciela Diaz, Spanish, California

Mrs. Daniel M. Hernandez, Spanish,  
Texas

Jonathan Hernandez, Spanish, Texas

James P. Pittman, pastor-director, Cali-  
fornia

Eliah Torres, Spanish, Texas

Mrs. Samuel Valdez, Spanish, New  
Mexico

Mrs. A. T. Walker, National Baptist,  
Mississippi

Joseph H. Caldwell, journeyman, stu-  
dent work, Taiwan

Charles I. Deavers, dentist, Ivory Coast

Mrs. Wayne R. Maddox, home and  
church, Okinawa

church, Okinawa

Edward L. Oliver,\* preaching, Japan

Mrs. Matthew A. Sandstead, Baptist  
Spanish Publishing House, El Paso,  
Texas

Mrs. W. R. Hall, home and church,  
Kenya

# 7 Monday Romans 4:1-8

More and more on the prayer cal-  
ender you will see Spanish names. The  
names sound beautiful. More important,  
they reflect home missions' growing re-  
sponse to the need to reach Spanish-  
speaking persons—as all ethnic groups  
—in the language and culture of their  
hearts. About 96 million Americans  
have Spanish ancestry. Pray for Daniel  
Gomez, Mrs. Munes Padilla, and Santos  
Ramirez, who touch the lives of some of  
these 96 million with the gospel of  
Christ.

Mrs. Louis F. Brent, retired, Texas

Young Glover, National Baptist, Florida

Daniel Gomez, Spanish, California

Mrs. Munes Padilla, Spanish, Texas

Santos Ramirez, Spanish, Texas

Mrs. H. B. Ramon, Spanish, Texas

Mrs. M. D. Sosa, retired, Florida

Annie Jeanette Williams, US-2, church  
extension, Alabama

James E. Gilis, education, Colombia

Mrs. Jerry A. Hubbard, home and  
church, Zambia

Kathleen Jones, doctor, Indonesia

Mrs. M. Margaret Murrow, home and  
church, Tanzania

Mrs. David L. Martin, home and church,  
Tanzania

Zebedee V. Mow, radio-TV, Africa

# 8 Tuesday Romans 4:20-25

Located almost in the center of  
Europe, the Baptist Theological Semi-  
nary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, serves  
as a strategic educational facility for  
young people from many countries.  
Pray for Pentecost St. Amant, seminary  
president, as he seeks to guide the  
school to fulfill its task of training  
leaders for the Baptist churches of  
Europe.

Mrs. Ed L. Brown, associational ser-  
vices, California

Alton Green, director of associational  
missions, New Mexico

Fay O. King, retired, Hawaiian

Mrs. Petru Popovici, Roumanian, Cal-  
ifornia

Danilo Ruiz, retired, Texas

Fortha Stanford, retired, Texas

Mrs. William F. Carwin, dorm parent,  
Indonesia

Mrs. Elton P. Gray, home and church,  
Okinawa

Mrs. Ray D. Hawkins, home and church,  
Venezuela

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

J. William Poor, radio-TV, Uruguay

Mrs. C. Edward Spence, home and  
church, South Brazil

C. Penrose M. Amant, education, Swit-  
zerland

# 9 Wednesday Romans 5:1-11

Wayne E. Massey, Philippines, asks  
us to pray for trained, dedicated men  
who are willing to answer God's call  
to a full-time pastorate. Pray that new  
churches may be begun by means of  
Bible studies in places that lack an  
evangelical witness, especially among  
tribal groups.

Thomas Baird, Baptist center, Virginia

Mrs. Daniel Banda, Spanish, Texas

Edward R. Davis, National Baptist,  
Georgia

Mrs. Gilbert Diaz, Spanish, Texas

Mrs. Donald E. Fleming, church ex-  
tension, New York

Ramiro C. Rivera, Spanish, Texas

Mrs. Lloyd H. Adkins, home and  
church, Chile

Mrs. M. D. Sosa, retired, Florida

Annie Jeanette Williams, US-2, church  
extension, Alabama

James E. Gilis, education, Colombia

Mrs. Jerry A. Hubbard, home and  
church, Zambia

Kathleen Jones, doctor, Indonesia

Mrs. M. Margaret Murrow, home and  
church, Tanzania

Mrs. David L. Martin, home and church,  
Tanzania

Zebedee V. Mow, radio-TV, Africa

# 10 Thursday Romans 5:12-21

Dennis Hale has placed New Testa-  
ments in each room of a boarding house  
near the site of a proposed chapel in  
Vigo, Spain. Permission must be ob-  
tained from the Spanish government  
for the opening of the chapel. Pray for  
Mr. Hale and other Baptists of Spain as  
they work in a climate of uncertainty  
and transition in regard to religious free-  
dom.

Mrs. David Espersen, retired, Texas

Mrs. Abraham Larran, Spanish, Texas

E. Fernando Martinez, Spanish, Arizona

Mrs. Edward M. Munroe, Christian an-  
nual ministries director, Texas

Nao Ortiz, Spanish, Texas

Joan L. Santos, Spanish, Colorado

Mrs. Kenneth B. Briggs, home and  
church, Japan

Mrs. Robert C. Pritch, home and  
church, Mexico

C. Ray Frye, preaching, Malaysia

S. Dennis Hale, preaching, Spain

Diana Lay, nurse, Ghana

Mrs. Eugene L. Leftrich, home and  
church, Nigeria

Mrs. J. Daniel Luper, education, Equa-  
torial Brazil



has made it impossible for converts to be baptized. Pray for help for these people.

**Robert Hall**, director of associational missions, Ohio  
**A. C. Matthews**, National Baptist, Mississippi  
**Ismael Negrin**, retired, Florida  
**A. Peckard**, retired, Florida  
**John Tullman**, director of associational missions, Ohio  
**Mrs. C. S. Buntwright**, home and church, Japan  
**Mrs. Uthra L. Green**, home and church, Ghana  
**Mrs. Raymond C. Hicks**, journeyman, education, Israel  
**Shurvell Kwoon**, journeyman, secretary, Korea  
**Mrs. Wayne Lagan**, home and church, Nigeria  
**Mrs. W. Hugu Parkman**, home and church, Philippines  
**Allen N. Strickney**, student work, Kenya

#### 23 Wednesday Romans 12:9-15

**Ernest and Autie Sibley** and their children, ten-year-old Samuel and five-year-old Alicia, have become a family of witnesses in Malawi. Pray for Mr. Sibley's work with pastors and church leaders. Pray for Mrs. Sibley as she gives religious instruction in two European schools and works with Malawian women's groups. Pray for Samuel and Alicia as they share Christ with school friends.

**Catherine Elizabeth Burkett**, US-2, Indian, California

**Mrs. Hooper Campbell**, associational services, California

**Ada Farnham**, Spanish, Georgia

**F. Harold Halsey**, Indian, South Dakota

**Jorge T. Martinez**, Spanish, Florida

**Vernon Mosha**, director of associational missions, New Mexico

**Elizabeth Ann Wootton**, Christian social ministries, North Carolina

**Fred L. Howkins**, administration, South Brazil

**Mrs. Gayle A. Mugg**, home and church, Trinidad

**Martin F. Moorhead**, business administration, Japan

**Mrs. Ernest A. Sibley**, home and church, Malawi

**J. Leslie Smith**, preaching, Indonesia

**Jack E. Warren**, journeyman, education, South Brazil

**Mrs. Ben M. Welsch**, education, Colombia

#### 24 Thursday Romans 12:16-21

Recreation is one method of Baptist outreach in Surinam, a South American country facing on the Caribbean Sea

At the Christian Life Development Center six Bible clubs and Bible study groups meet weekly. Through Bible study groups, converts begin evangelistic outreach in their own communities and other areas. Pray for Leo and Margaret Waldrop as they serve in Surinam. Pray that other missionary families will join them.

**N. Mayt Embury**, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas

**Mrs. Jerold E. Gohman**, home and church, Equatorial Brazil

**Jerry A. Hubbard**, preaching, Zambia

**W. Carl Hushner**, education, Taiwan

**Mrs. Douglas M. Kump**, home and church, Tanzania

**Leam Lale**, retired, Nigeria

**Marian T. Lueberger**, preaching, Argentina

**Morris G. Prati**, preaching, Togo

**Jerry G. Simon**, preaching, Taiwan

**Blanche Simpson**, retired, Brazil

**Mrs. Ethel C. Smith**, home and church, Indonesia

**Paul S. Smith**, preaching, Jordan

**Mrs. James O. Terry**, home and church, East-Southeast Asia

**Leo E. Waldrop**, preaching, Surinam

**William J. Williams**, doctor, Nigeria

#### 25 Friday Romans 13:1-10

In September 1973, Mike and Ethel Ledbetter (Mexico) were faced with a dilemma as they planned reopening of Bible classes. There were six women's and children's classes that Ethel wanted to teach—not counting her Sunday commitments. Later that year the Ledbetters reported gains in attendance at Bible classes and spiritual victories. Pray for this couple and others who share the frustrations of too little time and too few witnesses in the Lord's harvest.

**Mrs. A. E. Castillo**, Spanish, Texas

**John E. Dent**, director of associational missions, South Carolina

**Benjamin Duque**, Spanish, Colorado

**Robert C. Fling**, pastor-director, New York

**Jerry B. Graham**, director of associational missions, Maryland

**William K. Smith**, center director, Washington, DC

**Mrs. J. Allison Banks**, home and church, Yemen

**Mrs. Richard N. Horn**, home and church, Japan

**Mrs. Don C. Jones**, home and church, Korea

**Michael J. Ledbetter**, preaching, Mexico

**Mrs. Marion A. Mahley**, home and church, Japan

**Mrs. Donald J. Richards**, home and church, South Brazil

#### 26 Saturday Romans 13:11-14

Ray Register of Israel recently spent a year studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem—"a year of growing in understanding and sharing in the teamwork of the land." Pray today for Mr. Register and other missionaries who live in the Middle East. His year of study, said Mr. Register, "taught me in a deeper way why Jesus wept over Jerusalem, the 'city of peace.' I can now pray more intelligently for the peace of Jerusalem, that it may find its Messiah."

**Dale Edwards**, Indian, New Mexico

**Mrs. F. N. Marshburn**, retired, Texas

**Delbert Lee Parnell**, director of associational missions, Illinois

**L. Gerald Pichler**, education, Japan

**Ray G. Ragland**, preaching, Israel

**Ethel C. Smith**, education, Indonesia

**Mrs. B. Clifford**, Sweden, home and church, Ethiopia

**Lawrence F. Webb**, English language, Singapore

#### 27 Sunday Romans 14:1-9

Rebecca (Mrs. H. F.) Miller assists churches in Ohio in improvement of teaching methods in children's work. She is also interested in developing WMU organizations in the churches. Pray for Rebecca Miller.

**Santiago Garcia, Jr.**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. Jorge A. Martinez**, Spanish, Louisiana

**Mrs. Hugh F. Miller**, associational services, Ohio

**Mrs. Robert W. Crockett**, home and church, Argentina

**James T. Lachridge**, preaching, Philippines

#### 28 Monday Romans 14:10-23

Harold and Nona Rendrow travel out from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, setting up nurseries, clothing rooms, and assisting in other activities of the churches. "With each of these we try to train the Christians to carry on after we leave, for, otherwise, what is the purpose?" Please pray that God will give us the health and strength to keep witnessing and working, and to be spiritually ready to tell others about Jesus.

**Mrs. Howard E. Gury**, Spanish, Texas

**Ariel Hernandez**, Spanish, Florida

**Mrs. Juan Hernandez**, retired, Texas

**Mrs. Juan F. Valdez**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. Elias S. Valdez**, Spanish, Texas

**Mrs. Douglas A. Bryant**, home and church, Ghana

**Mrs. Ned L. Duncan**, home and church, Uruguay

**Jack D. Gusewood**, journeyman, student work, South Brazil

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## What Kind of a PRAY-ER Are You?

Elizabeth Swadley



How would you rate your prayer life? Using these questions to probe, examine your attitudes about prayer and praying. Answer each question honestly, then check the scoring section. You'll come face to face with a prayer portrait of your personality.

1. The man in your life has to make an important decision about a job transfer. He asks your advice and you:

a. Give him your opinion and suggest praying together to determine God's guidance in the matter.

b. Tell him you'll be praying for him to make the right decision.

c. Tell him emphatically what you think he ought to do.

2. Think about the last newscast you heard or the last newspaper you read. Did you find:

a. That you felt compelled to pray about something you heard or read?

b. Something you thought you might mention to your prayer group meeting next month?

c. Nothing whatever to pray about?

3. Do you believe that:

a. God hears you every time you pray?

b. God might listen to you sometimes?

c. God only hears you when you have something important to pray about?

4. Are most of your prayers:

a. Fresh communication with God?

b. Full of repetitious phrases?

c. Just words, words, words?

5. You're leading a teen discussion on prayer and a boy asks you for an example of answered prayer. Would you tell him about:

a. A definite answer you've received to a recent prayer?

b. How Peter was delivered from prison?

c. A prayer incident that your mother told you about your great-grandfather?

6. As you go about your daily work, do you:

a. Find many things to praise God for?

b. Occasionally feel thankful?

c. Never feel any gratitude at all to God?

7. After you've attended a Baptist Women meeting do you:

a. Frequently remember a request and pray about it again privately?

b. Occasionally remember a request and intend to pray about it?

c. Consider your missions prayer duty accomplished?

8. Think about your prayer life and local and national political activities. What statement most accurately describes you:

a. I pray frequently for the Lord's will to be accomplished.

b. I pray that my party will look good.

c. I never mix politics and praying.

9. How long has it been since you prayed for a lost person by name?

a. Just recently.

b. I think it was during our last revival.

c. I've never mentioned the name of a lost person in prayer.

10. Your discussion leader has asked, "What are some things Jesus said about prayer?" You can think of:

a. Three or more.

b. Just one.

c. Nothing.

#### SCORING

Give yourself five points for each a answer, three points for each b answer, and one point for each c answer you checked.

40-50 You have an "I love the Lord!" attitude and a maturing prayer life acquired through experience.

30-40 You're on the right track. Strengthen your faith with more Bible study and more time for prayer.

10-30 Your prayer profile isn't pretty, but you can change it. Read Psalm 42; Ephesians 1:6-8; Matthew 7:7-11; and Philippians 4:6-7.

Elmer W. Munn, student work, Dominican Republic  
 Louis A. Miller, English-language, Tulsa  
 Mrs. Harold E. Ranshaw, home and church, South Brazil

#### 29 Tuesday Romans 15:1-13

Among Navajo Indian Americans alcoholism is a serious problem. Gallup, New Mexico, has twice the number of bars allowed by law on a population ratio basis. Also, in 1973 the city reported the highest ratio of venereal diseases in the state. Pray that Victor and Edna Kananabito may win many of the lost people to Christ through the First Indian Baptist Church in Gallup.  
 Mrs. Thomas Baker, Baptist center, Virginia

Mrs. Sambo Kananabito, Spanish, Texas  
 Victor Kananabito, Indian, New Mexico

Harriet F. Stone, publication, Rhodesia  
 Marvin E. Ford, education, Ecuador  
 Robert D. Hardy, preaching, Japan  
 Mrs. L. C. Quisenberry, retired, Argentina  
 Donald J. Richards, preaching, South Brazil

Calvary Smith, religious education, South Brazil  
 Oak Vineyard, retired, Brazil

#### 30 Wednesday Romans 16:21-27

Pray today for Don and Elaine Crane as they continue efforts to master the Chinese language. They are studying in Taipei, Taiwan, preparing to serve in Malaysia. Effective use of the language will enable them to join with other missionaries and Chinese Christians in witnessing to many who have not yet learned of Jesus Christ and his love for them

Thomas B. Juleta, Christian social education director, California  
 Mrs. Ivory Jones, retired, Mississippi  
 Mrs. Ophelia Lara, retired, Texas  
 Mrs. Kenneth W. Nulbel, church union, Illinois

Mrs. Harold Nelson, Spanish, Kansas  
 Mrs. C. Trent Smith, National Baptist, Florida  
 Mrs. Jack B. Smith, church extension, Pennsylvania

Thomas A. Adams, business administration, Georgia  
 Donald A. Cross, preaching, Malaysia  
 Ray A. Fowler, preaching, North Carolina  
 M. David Gales, journeyman, male, Philippines  
 Raymond D. Humphrey, business administration, Zambia  
 Mrs. Carol A. Venable, Sr., home and church, Bahamas



Left to right, seated: Blount, Weatherford, Whitlow, Sorrell. Standing: Webb, Haas, Allen, Bonham

## A Woman's Privilege

Carolyn Weatherford

That's a woman's privilege—to change her mind. In a woman's organization—in which most of the 100 employees are women, and where policies are determined by an executive board composed of almost 50 women—that privilege is exercised quite often.

Through the years the national organization of Women's Missionary Union has experienced changes. Not simply to satisfy the feminine whim, these changes have been brought about in an effort to provide more efficient and appropriate help for W MU in the churches.

The year 1974 was a year of many changes. Facing the retirement of the executive secretary who had led W MU for 26 years, the Executive Board employed a management consultant firm to study the workings of the organization. With this counsel, the board effected a major reorganization.

Baptist Women members will be interested in seven persons in seven positions that relate, directly or indirectly, to Baptist Women.

Two new positions were created, with the title "assistant to the executive secretary." Catherine (Mrs. Leo N.) Allen was named assistant to the executive secretary in the areas of employee and public relations. Jane Whitlow is assistant to the executive secretary in research and planning. Both Jane and Catherine were on the staff already, and were promoted to these new positions.

Director of customer service is a new title for a position that combines several functions that had been housed in different places. Mary Elmer was promoted to direct the division that produces and distributes the printed and manufactured materials of Women's Missionary Union. This includes the important work of handling subscriptions to **ROYAL SERVICE**.

Evette Sorrell succeeded Nina Whitlow as director of the Education Division. This division of work includes program design, editorial service, and promotion. Working with Nina Sorrell to provide these services are directors of the two departments. Evette Blount is director of the Promotion Department, and Laurence Webb is director of the Editorial Department. Nina Elmer was already on the staff. Mr. Webb has two distinctions in this reorganization. He is the first male employee to supervise professional women, and he is the only person who was brought into the organization for one of the new top-level positions.

Adrienne Bonham's name is a familiar one to readers of **ROYAL SERVICE**. She now fills the newly created position of editor of adult products. This means that she will be responsible for all the materials Baptist Women use except for **ROYAL SERVICE**.

Give a big Baptist Women welcome to Allen, Whitlow, Sorrell, Elmer, Webb, Elmer, and Bonham, and congratulations, too.

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## ***Dear Pastor:***

Is Love Thy Neighbor (WMU and Brotherhood's 1974-75 emphasis on family and churchwide mission action) moving full steam ahead in your church? This is a good time of the year to think in terms of involving the entire church in a mission action project.

WMU, under the direction of the WMU mission action director, is equipped to lead out in churchwide mission action projects. Or, leadership might be assigned to Baptist Women.

What mission action projects could your church be involved in? A multitude of ideas surface: a mission Vacation Bible School, working with residents to clean up their area of the city, adopting elderly persons, working with internationals. The list could go on and on.

Although an exhaustive list cannot be given here, you can find several good resources for ideas. Your WMU director should have a copy of each of these:

- . Love Thy Neighbor brochure
- . An article in the April-June issue of Dimension, "Your Church Can Be Involved in Mission Action Projects" (p. 7)
- . Mission Action Projects Guide for Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women.

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