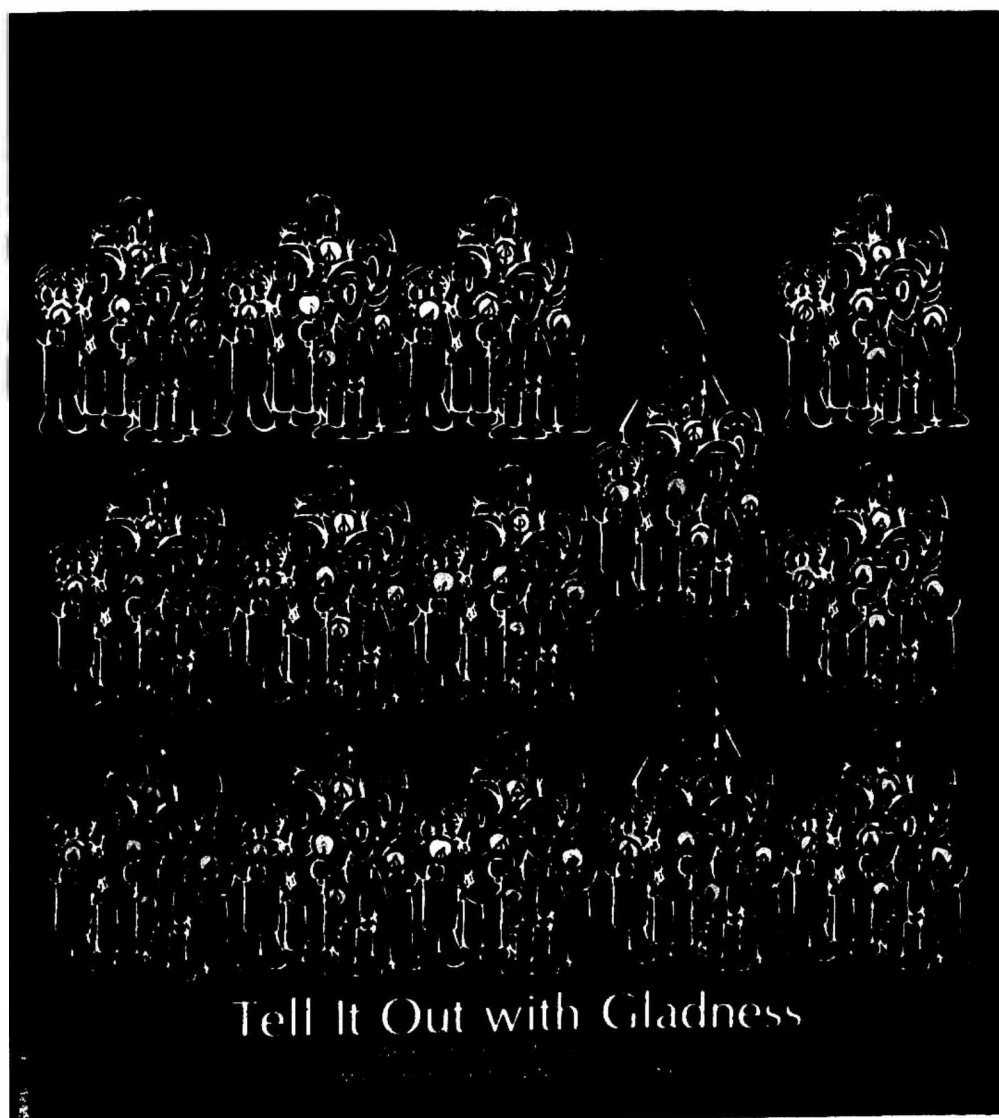


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Tell It Out with Gladness



Reflections on Kobe

Helen M. Sherer

We had looked down upon the beautiful Lottie Moon harbor in Kobe, Japan, before. But this time it was different.

It seemed the "zillionth" time we had made the trek up to Venus Bridge, the choice lookout point over Kobe harbor. The spot afforded a breathtaking panorama of our beloved port city. Only an infinitesimal few of Kobe's 1,300,000 people

have ever heard that Lottie Moon died there.

How many Southern Baptist pastors and their wives, excited WMU workers, denominational leaders, and other world tourists have stood there with us looking at that spot just to the right of Kobe Port Tower, recalling the dedication and sacrifice of Lottie Moon, the frail little China missionary whose life ebbed out on a cold December day in 1912. She had been aboard a ship carrying her home for a much-needed furlough.

A few of the pastors had needed a gentle prodding by their wives to recall why Kobe harbor had any relation to a China missionary. Those pastors had somehow missed out on missions education in their growing-up years.

We recalled the man who, observing Japan's Lottie chewing gum ads over Kobe, jokingly remarked that Miss Lottie had surely made an impression on our city.

Joyfully we remembered the two exuberant members of Woman's Missionary Union, who solemnly commissioned my husband to find 60 picture postcards of that harbor. They proceeded to write messages on at those cards late one night. The cards were dutifully postmarked "Kobe, Japan" the following morning, before the women proceeded on their missions tour.

My mind traveled backward to the psychiatrist friend in St. Louis, Missouri, who misjudged our motivation, as he remarked to me in 1964 that Southern Baptists had hit upon a unique way of raising money, as we "capitalize upon the guilt-consciousness" of Christians who spend selfishly on luxuries at the Christmas season. This man, not a Baptist, had been startled at hearing the multimillion dollar goal of the LMCO. How would he react today to the 40 million dollar goal for 1978? He was not aware that actually the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been blessed and is growing because it is based on prayer.

But today's view of the harbor, unlike the other trips, brought us to some deep introspection. We were rounding out 30 years of missionary service in Japan, beginning to look toward retirement. Did we measure up in any small way to that great woman whose name bespeaks missions around the world? Do the modern Pauls and Silases, today's Judsons and Bagbys and their companions know a similar dedication?

Are the valiant single women and men, our colleagues, content with self-sacrifice? Our terms on the field are shorter, our living conditions more comfortable, our mode of travel to and from the field much easier. College MKs come home to the field for a summer; telephone, telegraph, and rapid mail service shrinks the distance from family and friends.

But then, before my mind's eye paraded the missionary colleagues I have known intimately: young parents who have buried precious little children in foreign soil; the single missionary who shuttled back and forth at personal expense to minister to a father dying with cancer; families who went to remote areas and taught their own children, created their own social life, meanwhile digging new churches out of

to see a new church rise up in your beloved city of Kobe?"

We envisioned the faces of our three grown daughters, eagerly waiting for Mom and Dad to come home. We heard once again the words of one daughter who said through her tears, "I'd like for my children to really know their grandparents—not merely see them once every five years, as I did mine."

Then we gazed intently at the Kobe roof tops. We thought of families who bow daily before gilded altars. We saw Japanese mothers praying in front of little stone idols for their children's health. Our ears once again resounded with the dull chanting of the Buddhist priest at the temple near our home.



Left to right, Robert C. and Helen Sherer, Claudia and Robert H. Sherer, all missionaries.

bare rock (the Chinese character for pioneer missions is "open the rock by hand"). We saw widows who stayed on at their posts, after burying their missionary husbands.

Yes, we had shared in the pioneer church planting venture ourselves. We know full well the joys and the tribulations. And now the question is being asked of us: "Would you forego your furlough in order

We pictured the thousands in our city who do not know the name of Jesus.

"Are ye able?" said the Master.

Lord, we are able. Remold and make us like Thee. Long live the memory of Charlotte Diggs Moon. We gladly follow in her train.

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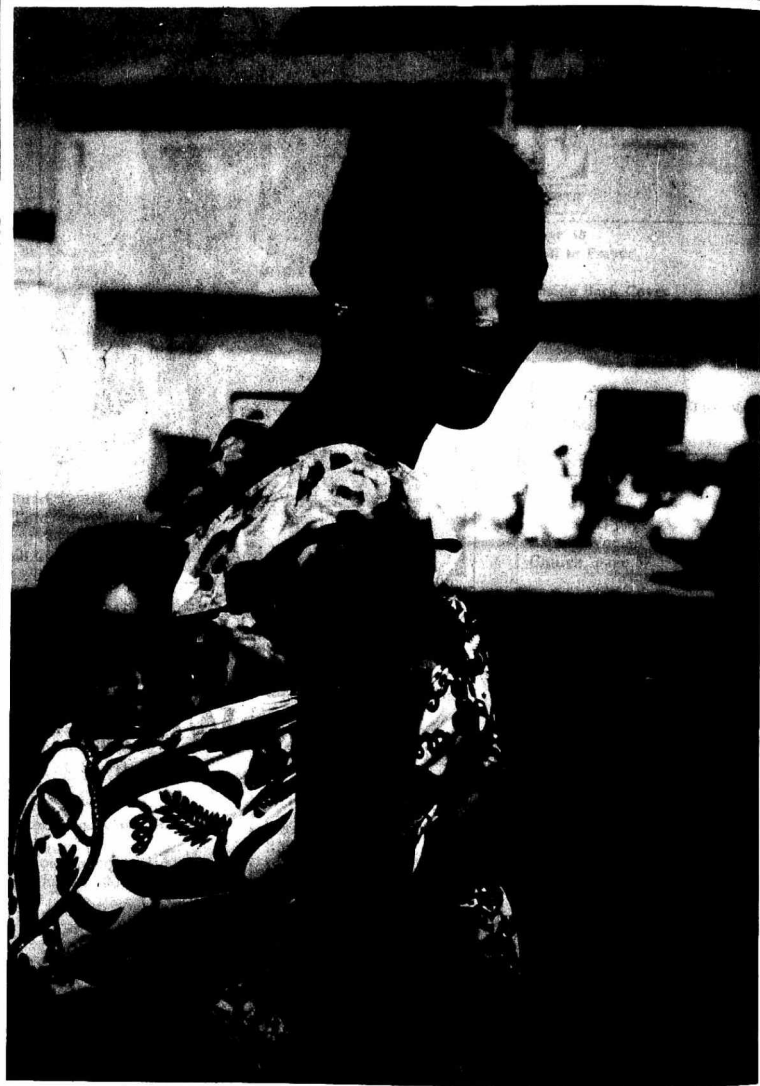
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Mothers and Children of the World

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POUNDING, POUNDING POUNDING, POUNDING

Gail Lathrop
Monrovia, Liberia

Warm brown arms
Fall to rise,
Left arm, right arm,
Taking turns,
Easing aches and
Muscle burns.

Small-small pickin
Struggles, cries,
Tied on tight
To rumble seat,

Flailing hands
And tiny feet.

Pencil pounds
Gold-brown rice;
To off-white grain,
Crushing blows
Will break the chain.

Old Ma beats.
Beats up and down;
Humbub Red Hen
Looks for food,
Begging rice
For her peepy brood.

MARKET MADONNA

Elaine Herrin
St. Georges, Grenada

She sits
with her head held high
eyes weary, chin thrust
forward—
a tribute to her African
heritage.

She stoops
and lifts the crawling babe,
cradles him in her arms and
freezes—
portrait of a sad-faced
madonna

She waits
for buyers to choose her
coconuts,
passersby on every side not
buying—
a second child tugs at her
skirts.

She stares
ahead into empty tomorrows,
thoughts really of nothing—
a desire for everything.

She needs
to know Love (not of eros
and babes
but that of redeeming
agape)—
then the market madonna
would smile



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How to Provide a Christmas Shopping Center for a Retirement Home



loss of independence and the inability to give may be disadvantages of living in a nursing or retirement home. Lack of transportation to shopping areas, limited mobility, or limited finances make Christmas shopping difficult, if not impossible.

A Christmas shopping center is an activity that will help to restore the I-can-take-care-of-myself-and-do-something-for-others feeling. It is a good activity to use in an ongoing ministry or as a special project.

Here is the idea: Provide gifts that persons in the retirement center or nursing home can secure to give as gifts to friends and relatives. They probably will appreciate this approach even more than if you were giving gifts to them.

Here are some steps to take and decisions to make.

Decide in which retirement or nursing home you will have the center. Contact administrators well in advance, to seek permission. Set dates and hours.

Decide whether the gifts will

be ready-made or will be made by hand, and how you will get them. (Ask stores to contribute small items? Ask everyone in the church to help make them?) Aim toward providing gifts suitable for all ages and for males and females. (Remember, it is not the residents you are buying for; it is the people they give gifts to.)

Decide whether residents will pay small sums for the items (a good way to maintain self-esteem, if they are able) or will be given vouchers which they can spend like money. (There should be some way to insure that the first person doesn't get all the gifts.)

Provide gift-wrapping materials, Christmas cards, and stamps to complete your service.

Set up the center in a central area, with plenty of space for wheelchairs and walkers. Also take a cart to rooms of bedridden residents.

Have carol singing as an added attraction for those waiting their turn to shop or to wrap their gifts.

Let residents know well in advance that you will provide this center, so that they will not make unnecessary provisions for getting gifts and will not worry about Christmas shopping. Knowing about the upcoming shopping spree will also make it more fun for them.

Involve many people in preparing for and conducting the shopping center. Have committees to prepare the gifts, set prices and mark them on gifts, make vouchers (if you use them), make arrangements at the home, publicize the activity, and do other advance preparation. Have women on hand during the shopping, to help each person select gifts, to help with gift-wrapping and card-writing, to take carts of gifts to bedridden patients, to lead in the caroling, etc. If you run short of adult help, invite Acteens or older GAs to be escorts during shopping hours when they are not in school.

Have—and give—a Merry Christmas!

CURRENTS

TRAINING • SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT • PRAYER

HERE ARE LAST-MINUTE PRAYER REQUESTS from Foreign Mission Board area secretaries

Pray for James and Dottie Gilbert who work in the Napo region in Ecuador. Thousands of colonists have moved to this region and are responsive to the gospel.

The Bill Clarks will begin work with children and youth in Concepcion, Chile, early in January. Pray that they will reach many of these for Christ.

John Magyar, mass media director for Columbia, reports there are Baptist programs on 16 stations in that country. There is excellent audience response. Pray that many will find Christ.

Following a year of preparation in 1978, Argentine Baptists are planning a year of penetration and saturation in 1979, and a national evangelistic campaign (October 5-19) and conservation in 1980. Rosario, the second largest city in Argentina, will be the hub of this evangelistic effort.

Brazilian Baptists' second national evangelistic campaign follows this schedule: a year of spiritual preparation, 1978; a year of public preparation, 1979; a year of evangelization/implementation, 1980; and a year of conservation, 1981.

Missionaries already at work are requesting more pastors and preachers to go as field evangelism missionaries to all of Eastern South America. Honduras also critically needs preaching missionaries and has requested nine couples for the departments (states) of Colon, Valle, Siguatepeque, Lempira, and Olancho.

Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, urgently needs updated equipment and presses to supply Christian literature to 40 countries. Pray for wide use of new hymnal and study Bible.

Pray for the Charles Collins family opening new work in the Western Guatemalan town of Momostenango.

Pray for the Jack Hubbs and Levi Price families in pioneer work in Yucatan state in Mexico. Pray specifically for their health, children's schooling, and fruitfulness in evangelistic and agricultural ministries.

Pray for Jack and Doris Hancock, our first Southern Baptist missionaries to Haiti. They will work with the Haitian Baptist Convention in the development and outreach of its 90 churches.

Pray for missionaries to begin Baptist work in the A, B, C (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao) islands (Netherlands Antilles) near the north coast of Venezuela. There is no Baptist witness among the 230,000 inhabitants of these islands.

Pray for new missionaries Orvell and Suzan Bryant as they begin work with the Carib Indians in the village of Sandy Bay, St. Vincent, where 500 people are attending the services recently begun.

November 12 marked formal end of Hong Kong for Christ Crusade, a two-year co-operative effort with Alabama and Oklahoma Baptists. Follow-up work is crucial during the next several months. Walter Wan, director of the crusade, will stay on in Hong Kong until April to direct the follow-up activities.

Korean Baptists and Florida Baptists have teamed up for a three-year Major City Evangelization program. During January, emphasis will be on home Bible studies throughout Korea.

Pray as James I. (Boe) Stanley and family move back into Bislig, Philippines—remembering that he was shot by a Communist guerilla on June 27. He and his family left the area two weeks after the incident for rest and to examine the future of their ministry in Bislig. The gunman has not been apprehended.

Pray for the reopening of the residential seminary in Semarang, Indonesia, under joint sponsorship of the Indonesian Baptist Mission (missionaries) and the Association of Baptist Churches in Indonesia. Negotiations for this joint sponsorship and the reopening of the seminary have gone on for three years.

The meeting of the First Asian Baptist Congress in Hyderabad, India, January 8-14, is important for the Baptists of Asia. It's to be the first international Baptist gathering on Indian soil.

During 1978, due to the devaluation of the dollar, cost studies have been made of the hospitals in India, Gaza, Jordan, and Yemen as well as the seminary in Switzerland. Pray that ways may be found to continue and expand the ministry of healing and teaching at these institutions.

Pray for the ministry of village evangelists in Bangladesh. Whole villages are being reached and many are showing interest in the Christian message.

Pray for the continued growth of partnership between missionaries and nationals. Jose Borrás has been elected president of the seminary in Spain.

Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Kennerb Robertson, who have just opened a new station at Nignona, Senegal, in the southern part of the country where Baptists are unknown. Their task is particularly difficult since Senegal is solidly Muslim.

Pray for three persons to lead in media use in the three West African nations of Nigeria, Ghana, and Liberia.

Pray for Gordon Robinson, newly elected executive secretary of the Nigerian Mission. His responsibilities include work with the missionaries and in liaison with the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wood moved to Paris, France, in September for language study before opening new French-language work in the Indian Ocean islands. They hope to be at work in Mauritius or Reunion within a year.

The end of 1978 is set for transition to majority rule in both Rhodesia and Namibia (currently called South West Africa). Pray for peaceable transition and increased opportunities under the new governments.

For several years, Baptists in Burundi have asked for a missionary to assist them. The Foreign Mission Board is looking for someone to begin this new work but has not found anyone with qualifications who feels God's leadership.



Tell It Out with Gladness

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Stuart Calvert

After accepting the 1978 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions assignment, I turned to my favorite Old Testament conversation between God and Abraham (Gen. 18) in the passage God shared with Abraham his concern about Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham pled a prayer of intercession for individuals who lived in the cities. God's response to Abraham is recorded in Genesis 18:29: "So it was that when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out" (RSV).

This is a wonderful truth: God remembered the conversation with Abraham.

Daily as I reviewed Abraham's pleas and God's responsiveness, images filled my mind.

The first image was of fulfilled promise: God spoke through Isaiah, "A young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him Immanuel" (God is with us)" (Isa. 7:14). Angels announced God's remembrance of that promise: "Your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:11).

Because God remembered, we have a story to tell with gladness.

The second image: You, the woman who will lead other women to pray. I have prayed that you would be a forgiving, forgiving woman, that your moments would be altars of

praise for every circumstance of life.

I believe that God remembers!

The third image. Praying women, participants with God in his redemptive purposes for our world. I have prayed that Baptist women would recognize that the most precious gift a person can offer another is that of intercession.

I believe that God remembers!

The fourth image. Letters to missionaries asking for prayer requests. "Lord, let the letters reach their destination. Put your thoughts into the minds of the missionaries."

God remembered! Letters, postmarked "everywhere," transported me to other places in God's world where the "called ones" tell it out with gladness.

This week all the images merge into five intercessory prayer meetings. The sessions blend the message of the Great Commission with the elements of prayer: confession, thanksgiving and praise, intercession, and listening.

Mission action chairman, prepare yourself for a week of prayer. To increase your understanding of the Great Commission, read Matthew 28:18-20; from different versions, study a commentary on the verses. Examine your personal commitment to the Great Commission. Pray for yourself.

Prepare your Baptist Women Prior to the week, explain that the sessions will be prayer meetings with brief comments about some of the requests. Encourage the women to participate faithfully in the daily

private confession time (at least 15 minutes). Encourage the women to thoughtfully, thoroughly read the requests and pray about each one. Discourage a rapid reading of the entire session, ending with an umbrella prayer—"bless the requests." Pray for your women!

Variations in Meetings

We ask missionaries to use bold, creative methods to evangelize. We must do no less. The week's material adapts to many methods. Set a goal to give Baptist women an opportunity to pray, including the ones who cannot attend a meeting. These options suggest a few ways to involve women: "Traditional five-day or five-night observance."

"Neighbors praying together." "Professionals meet for lunch or at breaks."

"Women who work shifts come earlier or stay later."

"Share-yourself-with-a-shut-in." Each day pray with one who is confined.

"Pray alone or with a family."

"Arrange for the church to be open from early morning into the evening. Prepare a prayer area and provide the materials for the prayer experience. Invite women to come alone or in small groups."

"Choose requests from ROYAL

service (see especially pp. 8-9) and the volunteer involvement needs (pp. 28-30 and inside back cover), and then make them available through newsletters, bulletins, etc.

Accept the challenge—every Baptist woman praying

How the Material Is Arranged

Each day focuses on one or two of the Bold Mission Thrust objectives in foreign missions. Each day begins by confronting the claims of the Great Commission and ends with the triumphant result of obedience to the command.

Monday's session emphasizes praise to God for his guidance in the past and his continued presence in the future. Career missionaries and new appointees are spotlighted.

On Tuesday (evangelism and church development), Wednesday (mass media and student evangelism), and Thursday (health care and social ministries), intercession is the prayer emphasis.

Friday's session climaxes a week of praying by asking, "How can I be involved? Lay volunteers are spotlighted in this listening-to-the-Lord emphasis."

Each day's material is organized in much the same way. An order of service is given for each day, with instructions about advance assignments and how to conduct the session.

Members will need copies of ROYAL SERVICE or duplicates of the prayer requests, Bibles, paper, and pencils.

The hymn "Tell It Out with Gladness," third verse

Gladness" is in the Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition. Or use "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Baptist Hymnal, 1956 edition). The special music is "So Send I You" (Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition); use soloists or a reading with instrumental background.

Interest Center

Create an interest center. Begin with a world map or globe. Then choose one or a combination of these options:

1. Place the theme poster on the wall behind the globe or above the map. (See instructions below for securing the poster. Or make one yourself, based on the cover of this magazine.)
2. Place prayer-posed silhouettes on the counters designated for prayer.
3. Stand silhouettes or pictures of praying people around the globe.
4. Print the Great Commission on a scroll-shaped poster.
5. Print the week's theme on a banner placed over the map or around the globe.
6. Arrange pictures or models of prayers on a table. Run streamers from them to the prayed-for areas on the map.

Create a prayerful atmosphere. Remove objects that distract minds. Play quiet music.

Secure Materials

Prepare in advance by securing from:

- Baptist Book Store, selected

items (Christmas cards, hymnbook cover, program cover) from the order form on page 46.

- State WMU office (through your WMU director), the packet containing the theme poster and factual leaflet. (If leaflets are distributed churchwide, encourage members to use them at home. Otherwise, distribute them to members before the week, with a list of the week's activities.)

- Foreign Mission Board, a free world map. Address: Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23230.
- "Volunteer Involvement in Missions," 1350 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309, the pamphlet "Volunteer Involvement in Missions" (one for each member).

Publicity

Prepare publicity.

To emphasize prayer: On posters announcing your plans, surround a world with prayers. Or use the theme posters.

To emphasize giving: Glue play money to a poster. Print: "Today in most cities in Japan a tiny building on a small plot of land costs from \$100,000 to \$500,000."

For a year, I have daily talked to the Lord about this week of prayer. Today we are ready to pray. Because I believe that God remembers!

Tell It Out with Gladness

Monday



Lord, draw near to me—as you did to the disciples on a hill in Galilee.

On that day
In a simple way
You announced the most

Supreme
Sublime
Enterprise that every Christian
is called to accomplish.

Order of Service

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," third verse

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Given by leader

Lord, Prepare Me to Pray: Confession: Ask members to sit alone as they read the information under this heading, read the Scripture passages, and pray.

Reassemble as pianist plays Special Music: "So Send I You Getting Ready to Pray: Divide into four smaller groups, each with one missionary leader.

Listen to and sing: "So Send I You" by Ralph and Gene, "So Send I You" by Julia Graham, "So Send I You" by Robert and Robert, and "So Send I You" by Robert and Robert.

Thanksgiving for Life Commitments: The Committee on Ministry, Introduction

Prayer Time: The four groups pray, each focusing on its requests.

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Given by leader. Members place offering below map of interest center, at end.

Amen Moments: Given by leader

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," third verse

LORD, DRAW NEAR TO ME

Lord, draw near to me—as you

groups are responsible, or distribute duplicated copies.

Intercession: God Answering His Own Desires: Introduction given by leader; three subsections given by same three members. Assign requests as before.

Thanksgiving for Life Commitments: New Appointees Rob and Nan Sugg: Given by one member. Assign requests as before.

Prayer Time: The four groups pray, each focusing on its requests.

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Given by leader. Members place offering below map of interest center, at end.

Amen Moments: Given by leader

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," third verse

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did to the disciples on a hill in Galilee.

On that day
In a simple way
You announced the most
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Sublime

Enterprise that every Christian
is called to accomplish.

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Ralph Calcutt heard you speak and responded to your command. "Go make disciples." Being sensitive to his responsibility led him to Japan to tell it out with gladness.

Mr. Calcutt says, "As a missionary I relate to the Great Commission as one who has gone to make disciples for Christ, to teach, and to baptize as a member of Tsudanuma [sue-dah-new-nah] Baptist Church. I relate in giving and sending as we give to missions in Japan and in Brazil."

Lord, draw near to me.

Today I cannot stand beside Ralph Calcutt in Japan. But I can pray. Or can I?

Do I accept the command that all nations are to be consecrated to God as revealed in the Father, in the Son, and in the Holy Spirit?

Is my attitude: Let someone else go; let someone else pray; let someone else give?

Have I repeated pious platitudes rather than praying?

If every person is to hear the gospel by the year 2000, I must reconsider my personal commitment to the Great Commission.

Today I cannot go, but I can pray.

LORD, PREPARE ME TO PRAY:

CONFESSION

1. Read Psalm 51. Are you a totally clean vessel that God can use? "Lord, forgive me for (list unconfessed sins): _____."
2. Read Matthew 5:23-24; 6:14-15. People may have hurt you and need to seek your forgiveness. "Lord, help me forgive (list the people): _____."
3. Read Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:9. List the people you have offended, gossiped about, or hated without asking God's forgiveness or theirs. (At this point, is it necessary for you to seek forgiveness of one you have wronged before continuing your prayer experience?)

Lord, forgiveness liberates me to pray

I am ready to be one of those with whom you can trust the burdens of the world.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "SO SEND I YOU."

THANKSGIVING FOR LIFE COMMITMENTS:

THE CAREER MISSIONARY

Many of the "called ones" spend an entire career in one area of the world. They have seen nations and peoples change. They have witnessed successes and disappointments. They have developed an understanding of the language and the culture of the people.

They have stayed. We have prayed

Tell It Out with Gladness in Japan: Ralph and Gena Calcote

For 27 years we have prayed for Ralph Calcote, a church developer and church strengthener in Japan. A missionary since 1951, he has seen the Japan Baptist Convention expand from 18 churches to 174 churches and 72 missions, from 30 pastors to over 300, from financial dependence on South-

ern Baptists to self-support in 1977. (Southern Baptists continue to support the seminary, give nominal amounts for two schools, the Baptist hospital, and capital grants.)

Mr. Calcote says, "As I look back through 27 years, I am thankful for:

"Persons whom God has touched through me in conversion, growth, and dedication

"Japanese pastors who have become closer than brothers and to whom I go for advice.

"Five churches that I have helped organize.

"Mr. Togami [toe-gah-me], our missionary from Japan to Brazil."

We prayed. Ralph Calcote disciples. God answered. Praise him for the response of the Japanese to Ralph's ministry.

Tell It Out with Gladness in Lebanon: Finlay and Julia Graham

For 30 years we have prayed for Finlay and Julia Graham, Southern Baptists' first missionaries in permanent residence in Lebanon. "In 1948 our station wagon was the only transportation for the whole church. Not one of the 15 or so members could afford a car. We often hauled all 15 in one load. Today the streets of Beirut [bay-ROOT] are crowded with vehicles. Our Lebanese Baptist constituency has as many churches and mission points as we had Baptists then."

When the Grahams moved to Lebanon, they had several goals. Through the years they have labored along with fellow missionaries to accomplish three of the goals.

1948 goal: To see the gospel spread from Beirut to the rest of the Arab world.

1978 result: "Through our Beirut Radio Recording Studio, the gospel message covers the entire Arabic-speaking world."

1948 goal: To adequately train national leaders.

1978 result: Beginning with in-service theological classes in the Graham home, the training expanded to a full resident seminary program. Today Theological Education by Extension (TEE) and seminary extension courses supplement the program. Seventy-five percent of the pastors in Arab lands are graduates of the seminary. The seminary has supplied pastors to six Arabic-speaking congregations in the US.

Two tentmaker witnesses in Morocco are graduates of the seminary in Lebanon. While attending the school, they received training as electricians. Now one is witnessing in south Morocco while plying his trade. The other, an electronics technician, spends his spare time witnessing in north Morocco. Pray for these two young men.

1948 goal: To make Sunday School literature and training materials available in the Arabic language.

1978 result: Baptist Publications in Beirut supplies materials to most Arabic-speaking countries.

We prayed. The Grahams disciples. God answered.

Since the late 1940s, the Grahams have witnessed God's saving power through a series of crises. During the Lebanese civil war, a young man from a rightist military group attended a Christian service. He heard people singing God's praises even though war raged about them. He heard the gospel for the first time. One day he accepted Christ as Saviour. He began reading the Bible.

In appreciation to the Christians for their kindness, he decided to photograph the group of believers with a camera he had stolen from a store. In fact, his house was full of loot—recompense for fighting. To his

dismay, the developed film was blank. He tried again, with similar results. Soon in his Bible reading he reached Exodus 20:15, "Do not steal." He knew then the reason the camera failed. It was stolen property. He loaded the loot in a truck and deposited it in the office of the commander of his unit with the remark, "I don't want to see this stuff again. I have become a good soldier in the army of Jesus Christ."

Through the crisis in Lebanon we prayed; Christians witnessed; God saved souls. Praise him!

Tell It Out with Gladness in Brazil: Sophia Nichols

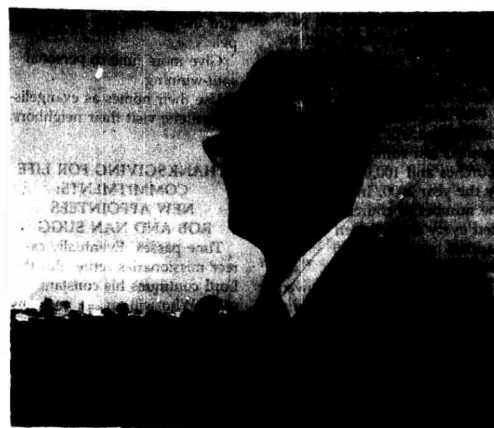
For 31 years we have prayed for Sophia Nichols, executive director of Brazil WMU. Growing up in a small town did not prepare her for life among the thousands of people in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Feeling inadequate, she wondered, "How can I win these multitudes to Christ?"

During the long process of learning Portuguese and gaining the confidence of the people, she realized two facts: (1) Winning the multitudes had to be done one by one. (2) Brazilian Christians were more effective witnesses to their own people.

Miss Nichols' early goal: Win the multitudes by personal soul-winning and by training Brazilians to witness.

Results in 1978: "As a teacher in the South Brazil Training School for young women, I had an opportunity to help mold the lives of future leaders. As WMU director, I have the privilege of cooperating in the missionary education of thousands of children, youth, and women—helping them envision this tremendous country as their responsibility in carrying out the Great Commission."

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"Through the crisis in Lebanon we prayed; Christians witnessed; God saved souls. Praise him!"—Finlay Graham, veteran of 30 years' missionary service.

Tilda is one who caught the vision. As a timid GA, she became aware of Brazil's vast hinterland. Today she is an enthusiastic missionary of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board, telling the story of Jesus to hundreds of children every week.

We prayed. Sophia Nichols disciples. God answered. Praise him!

Thank God for all the career missionaries who have made the evangelization of Japan, Lebanon, and Brazil the burden of their lives.

INTERCESSION: GOD ANSWERING HIS OWN DESIRES

Lord, draw near to me—as you did to the disciples on a hill in Galilee.

Today we will help make disciples in every nation through intercession. We are not praying answers—demanding that the Lord intervene in our way and time. With the finest motives, we may have misinterpreted needs. And so we pray

requests, believing that the Holy Spirit will take our prayers and intercede for us before the throne of God.

Intercessory Prayer for Japan

A long-time resident of Japan, Mr. Calcote has seen life change from scarcity to plenty, from poverty to wealth, from seeking to selling. The changes affect the attitude of the people.

Growing inflation, nationalism, and materialism slowed the pace of starting new churches and of baptizing new believers. Only 1 percent of the population of Japan is Christian.

Pray that the Japanese will have a change in priorities.

The missionaries and Christian national leaders need wisdom in searching for ways to multiply congregations. One way is in home meetings. Another way is to train each church member to be a Bible teacher. Training members to be teachers is difficult because,

now cannot reach all of these people. Pray for church members to become bold in sharing Christ.

Go . . . Make Disciples in Italy:

Robert and Flora Holifield
The Holifields direct the Betania (beh-tan-ee-ah) Evangelistic Center in Rome, a favorite place for conferences and retreats. Pray that the ministry of Betania will encourage an evangelistic spirit among Italian Baptists.

At least two factors influence the future work in Italy. Italians are conditioned to view the ministry as an elite religious activity. But Baptist churches have difficulty supporting a pastor. Italian Baptists are studying the benefits of having pastors who are employed in nonchurch-related vocations and of using lay pastors.

Building costs keep rising, which may mean that new churches must manage without buildings. For people who live in the shadow of elegant cathedrals, this concept is difficult to grasp.

Pray for Italian Baptists as they seek self-identity in a maze of political and theological confusion.

Go . . . Make Disciples in Togo: Morris and Carol Pruitt.

Simon Atiah Ayah's pagan background and his sins made him miserable. Curious about the Bible, the white missionaries, and Christianity, he attended the Bible study class in the Pruitts' home. He was amazed that the Bible talked about his life and sins. He accepted Christ, who transformed Simon into a happy compassionate Christian.

Thérèse, his wife, rejected the message for a long time. When the Pruitts gave special attention to Simon and

Thérèse's newborn son, they won the friendship of Thérèse. In time, as Carol explained the plan of salvation, Thérèse accepted the Lord. Then she went to her parents' village and stomped to pieces a big gourd covered with thread and chicken feathers. Her family had offered sacrifices to the gourd to keep her alive. The parents believed that Thérèse was killing herself. She lived! In a short time her parents trusted Jesus. "Whether Thérèse witnesses, translates, or teaches, it is exciting to see her radiate the love of Christ," say the Pruitts.

Pray that Pastor Simon will have wisdom and patience as he witnesses.

Pray that Koura Larange, the missionaries' language helper, will become a Christian.

Kodjo Bassay needs to be a leader in his home and encourage his family to come to church. He needs to see it is wrong for his wife to make beer.

Pray for Nestor, church leader, in Lassa. He has very little education, but is willing to lead.

To see the blessing of tithing is difficult for the people. Many are poor and barely have the necessities of life.

Pray for a medical doctor to work in a mobile clinic in central Togo.

Pray for Jerome and Joann Ethredge, agricultural evangelists. Pray for their two children as they study by correspondence for the first time. Carol Pruitt teaches her sons Jim (17), Tim (14), and Mark (13) by correspondence also.

Go . . . Make Disciples in Malawi: Gary and Carolyn Swafford.

"Our greatest need is for spiritual leaders," say the Swaffords. Fifty-seven pastors and

12 missionaries work in churches. Pray that Malawians will answer as pastors.

Pray for Jacob Phiri who has surrendered.

For many years denominations have given religious instruction in schools and have worked with student Christian groups. Being in Mzuzu [m] for a few years, Baptists invited by school officials take part of this request. The other groups felt that a cooperative spirit, all will work together for the good of the students the glory of God.

In 1977, the Baptists of Malawi began a program emphasizing Bible study, Scripture memorization, and a woman who completes basic steps is present in the Bible.

Some women who read for themselves are working on the steps. The aid of their sisters in Christ. Pray that a result of this effort will be Christian maturity and concern for witnessing.

Pray that Mrs. Tembo, the first convert in Mzuzu, will continue to grow spiritually.

LORD, DRAW NEAR TO ME (Refer to Monday.)

AMEN MOMENTS (Refer to Monday.)

*Matthew 28:18-20

Tell It Out with Gladness

Wednesday



When I changed fields of service after being in the same place for 17 years, "I will be with you always" came to have specific meaning for me.

Order of Service

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," second verse

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Given by leader

Lord, Prepare Me to Pray: Confession. Use information and plan given for Monday

Reassemble as pianist plays

Special Music: "So Send I You" Intercession: God Answering His Own Desires: Introduction

given by leader; eight subsections given by members. Each of these members describes a prayer request, pauses for members to pray silently, then describes the next request. Leader prays a summary prayer.

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Use information given for Monday; take offering at end

Amen Moments: Given by leader

HYMN: "Tell It Out with Gladness," second verse.

LORD, DRAW NEAR TO ME Lord, draw near to me—as you

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did to the disciples on a hill in Galilee.

On that day In a simple way You announced the most Supreme Sublime

Enterprise that every Christian is called to accomplish:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."¹

Mattie Lou Bible heard you speak and responded to your command. Being sensitive to her responsibility led her to Brazil to tell it out with gladness

Mattie Lou says,

"Since I memorized Matthew 28:19-20 as a GA member, it has had special meaning for me and a personal challenge to me

to go and make disciples. However in 1974, when I changed fields of service after being in the same place for 17 years, the last part of verse 20, 'I will be with you always,' came to have specific meaning for me.

"During those confusing months of adjusting to change, I read David Livingstone's words regarding the passage. He said that these words of Jesus had helped him maintain his sanity during many difficult situations. He interpreted them to mean day after day after day, for an endless number of days. As I meditated on those words, realizing that they were Jesus' commitment to be with me today, the next day, and day after day, his presence became even more personal in a commonplace, daily sort of way. I find new joy and a challenge to meet each day, sure of his presence with me."

Lord, draw near to me

Today I cannot stand beside Mattie Lou Bible in Brazil. But I can pray. Or can I?

Do I sincerely believe that there are no boundaries to the mission of the church?

Is my attitude: Let someone else go, let someone pray; let someone else give?

Have I repeated pious platitudes rather than praying?

If every person is to hear the gospel by the year 2000, I must reconsider my personal commitment to the Great Commission. Today I cannot go, but I can pray!

LORD, PREPARE ME TO PRAY: CONFESSION (Refer to Monday's confession time.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: "SO SEND I YOU."

INTERCESSION: GOD ANSWERING HIS OWN DESIRES

Today we pray about mass media and student evangelism

We are not praying answers, demanding that the Lord intervene in our way and time. With the finest motives, we may have misinterpreted needs. And so we pray requests, believing that the Holy Spirit will take our prayers and intercede for us before the throne of God.

Remember . . . I Am with You in Indonesia: William and Betty McElrath

A year ago the Indonesian Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist missionaries decided "to work together in a unified program of theological education, mass communications, and publications." William McElrath, missionary with the publishing house and language study center, is one of the people to implement this decision.

Baptists in Indonesia, along with other evangelical Christians, desire to produce a monthly outreach magazine with a clear gospel message. It must be able to compete with other magazines sold on newsstands or by subscription. Problems with personnel and publishing permits have thus far blocked this approach to evangelization. Pray that God will clear the way for an outreach magazine.

Late 1980 is the target date for the biggest and best hymnal Indonesian Christians have ever produced. Pray for those directly involved in completing this venture: National editors Imarto Wirawan, Yusak Sridadi, and Denny Yusuf, missionaries Mary Alice Ditsworth and Mr. McElrath, other Indonesian co-workers at the Baptist Publishing House in Bandung (BAHN-doong), West Java.

Mrs. Mia Sigar, a leader among Baptist women of Asia,

translated the majority of the Indonesian New Testament equivalent of *Good News for Modern Man*. Pray for Mrs. Sigar and two other women who are working on the Old Testament in this same translation.

Mr. McElrath is involved in writing programmed instruction textbooks used for Theological Education by Extension. Pray that he and his co-workers may be guided as they finish a textbook entitled *The Holy Spirit and the Church, Now and in the Book of Acts*.

Remember . . . I Am with You in the Ivory Coast: James and Barbara Lassiter

James Lassiter is a specialist in communications. His responsibility is to find ways to more clearly communicate the gospel. He helps to provide books, cassettes, and filmstrips for preachers and teachers.

The mass media ministry requires skilled operators. However, skilled operators usually choose higher-paying secular jobs. Jim must train the available, intelligent people, who may have limited education. After becoming qualified, they often leave. Pray that Christians of Ivory Coast will catch a vision of what the media can do, stay with the Mission, and grow in their vision.

Pray for Marcel, a young man who is being trained and is doing some recording.

Jim wants to produce materials written from an African point of view. He is trying to involve Africans in order to use their idioms. An ultimate goal is to develop an African staff competent to write scripts and prepare materials to keep on cassette, film, slide sets, and videotapes. Pray about this goal.

The organization of missionaries is considering television as

a future evangelizing medium. A videotape studio is expensive. Pray that the missionaries will know how to expand.

Jim asks for spiritual sustenance: life in a third world culture is a constant battle. A task that takes two months in the States may take two years out here. Pray that missionaries maintain spirituality that allows them to face the dirty gritty, that pile up.

Remember . . . I Am with You in Nicaragua: Stanley and Glenn Stamps

Nicaragua was the first country Southern Baptists entered after the Bold Mission Thrust was approved in 1976. In that year the Stampses transferred from a bookstore in Ecuador to the Baptist Cultural Center in Nicaragua.

Pray for increased usefulness of the center's multifaceted ministry: book deposit of Baptist Spanish Publishing House, bookstore, film and filmstrip ministry, and Bible correspondence course.

Most of the students enrolled in the Bible study are prisoners. Juan Jose Ulboa visits the jail for weekly Bible study with the inmates. Pray that he will be able to explain the Scriptures clearly.

Pray for a harmonious and productive annual session of the women's organization and Nicaraguan Baptist Convention, next month. Prior to 1978, there were no organizations for girls. Last January at the women's convention, the women adopted the use of five missionary magazines and planned to promote children and youth organizations. Praise the Lord for this forward step.

Pray for a couple to develop a music ministry and a couple to assist in the business administration of the Baptist Cultural



Top: Howard Olive tapes a program for the Philippine Baptist Hour radio program. Middle: Glenna and Stanley Stamps operate the Baptist Cultural Center in Managua, Nicaragua. Bottom: Marjorie Olive (center) and Mrs. Julie Lacanillo (right) witness to Mrs. Rejula Gomez, who was converted through contact with the Baptist Hour.

Center

Will someone from your church hear and heed this request?

Remember . . . I Am with You in the Philippines: Howard and Marjorie Olive

Roger Arienda, an outstanding radio and television news commentator, is a political prisoner. Roger met Christ in prison. Deeply depressed, he read the Bible and studied the Baptist Hour Bible Correspondence Course. After a remarkable conversion experience, he felt the call to preach. Roger seeks a parole for the remaining six years of his sentence. Pray that he will be released so he can continue his preaching

ministry already begun among the inmates. Since the Filipinos hold him in awe, his Christian influence could touch many lives.

Pray that God will call Filipino personnel to staff new radio programs. The organization of missionaries has projected daily airings with a Bible-teaching format in English and in every major dialect in which missionaries are working. This is the most important mission thrust yet undertaken in radio and television evangelism.

More than 100,000 people are enrolled in the correspondence course. Many write that they received Christ as Saviour through listening to the program or through the course. Pray that Christians may use innovative ways of conserving and maturing this vast number who study God's Word.

Pray that God will call a couple to volunteer for a special ministry of follow-up. This involves going into the field to assist Filipino pastors and missionaries in reaching new converts.

Will someone from your church hear and heed this request?

Remember . . . I Am with You in Taiwan: Mike and Pat Wolf

Mike Wolf, director of the Baptist Mass Communications Center, says, "In Taiwan most of the gods look like something out of a horror movie and almost all of the religious practices come from fear. I have an unusual opportunity to tell it out with gladness, and to make the Chinese people aware that God is a God of love and not a person to fear."

Mike asks for wisdom in leading the mass media work in Taiwan. "I am the missionary who is supposed to know. Sometimes I don't know be-

cause the work is moving into areas outside my formal training."

For over ten years Baptists have been praying for the opportunity to have a radio broadcast on the major Taiwanese radio network. It can be heard by all 16½ million people on Taiwan. The Holy Spirit gave Mrs. Christine Mao an idea to seek the station's permission to use a few minutes at noon—a time that was being used to air a news filler. The network agreed to sell them this time. God opened a door when he knew the time was right. Audience response increased almost eightfold. Thank God for this way of evangelizing. Pray for Mrs. Anna Gau as she prepares this daily program.

Mike's prayer requests: Guidance in production of their first full-length evangelistic film.

Forty thousand dollars for a two-year project for daily short-wave broadcasts to the China mainland.

For the new musical group, "The Sounds of Joy," as they minister through music evangelism to the student population.

For the beginning of a videotape ministry. Equipment is installed.

That Taiwan Christians will be willing to dedicate their lives to the mass media ministry.

Personal petition: Two of the Wolfs' children approach college age and a time of separation. Pray that God will continue to make his call and will clear to the family.

Remember . . . I Am with You in Colombia: Tom and Peggy Sutton

Tom Sutton, involved with the publication ministry, shares these prayer requests:

Pray for persons with business expertise to answer the

call to help with literature distribution.

An adequate literature ministry means: bookstore locations, equipment, vehicle, travel expenses, a good stock of books. Pray for financial resources to increase and extend the literature ministry.

The literature ministries committee is responsible for providing all printed materials that will strengthen and enlarge the total church ministry. Pray that the plans and programs will reach the maximum number of people with the gospel.

Pray that more Baptist laymen will seek overseas jobs. Does your employer offer overseas job opportunities?

Personal petition: At Christmas, families enjoy being together. Pray for missionary families who are separated at this time of year. Pray that the children's loneliness may be filled with love from others.

Remember . . . I Am with You in Brazil: Mattie Lou Bible

To better equip Christian students to reach out to almost 2 million university students, Miss Bible prepared a program of student evangelism. It stresses individual spiritual growth through Bible study, prayer, and witnessing. Weekly sharing sessions serve as a challenge to the students to be more bold in witnessing. Pray that the student leaders will prepare themselves to lead groups in their churches. Pray that they will begin now and not wait for an ideal time or for larger numbers.

Student morals are teaching a low ebb. Often the church shuns troublemakers at a time when they need support. Pray that church leaders will begin a program of crime prevention rather than wait for youth to fall and then stop contact with them.

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Pray that Christian leaders can help professional people to consider their vocations as ministries, to mobilize this witnessing force.

Remember . . . I Am with You in Guam: Wesley and Genevieve Brizendine

The Brizendines serve in a student center ministry that provides opportunities for Bible study, worship, and viewing of religious films to the University of Guam students.



I would like to sing for the unsung heroes who stay home and mind the store while their wives are out WMUing. I am proud to share Stuart with the women of WMU. All of us feel that we have a part in her work. Julie burns some very good meals for us to eat. Actually she is getting to be a good cook and keeps the house in fair order. Adam likes to mow the grass as long as the riding mower works. Barton is a young man of varied interests—from painting houses to playing football.

Some of our members kid me by complimenting

The students have problems with drugs, drinking, and sex. Pray for the spiritual growth of the students.

The missionaries witness to students individually. Pray for individual conferences and the group meetings.

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me for the good sermons Stuart writes. I tell them that her writing for ROYAL SERVICE comes easy after listening to my sermons over the years. We feel that we all have a part in sharing a very warm, Christian woman with you.

I believe in what you women are doing through WMU. I would encourage all Christian women to be active in sharing Christ with everyone—everyone.

Robert Calvert
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Piedmont, Alabama

Tell It Out with Gladness Thursday



My life insurance bill was more than I would make as a missionary. Would I be happy? Let me tell you we are more than happy.

Order of Service

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," first verse

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Given by leader

Lord, Prepare Me to Pray: Confession: Use information and plan given for Monday.

Reassemble as pianist plays.

Special Music: "So Send I You"

Intercession: God Answering

His Own Desires. Introduction given by leader; six subsections given by members. As part of introduction, explain conversational prayer (each person prays only a sentence or two at a time; prayer flows like conversation, following the same subject and being taken up by anyone who wants to contribute to the "conversation" with God.) Close this section with conversational prayer.

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with you always, to the end of the age."

Charles Deever heard you speak and responded to your command. Being sensitive to his responsibility led him to the Ivory Coast to tell it out with gladness.

Charles says: "If people only knew the joy of serving the Lord in foreign missions, I think that more would answer the call. We had such fears that we were about to make a mistake in going to Africa. I had been a dentist for ten years. The Lord had blessed us with lots of things. My life insurance bill was more than I would make as a missionary. Would I be happy? Let me tell you we are more than happy. It's fantastic. If you want to have the best time of your life, surrender to the will of the Lord. And if you could be so lucky as to have the Lord invite you into foreign missions, glory!"

Lord, draw near to me.

Today I cannot stand beside Charles Deever in the Ivory Coast. But I can pray. Or can I?

Is my attitude: Let someone else go; let someone else pray; let someone else give?

Have I repeated pious platitudes rather than praying?

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LORD, PREPARE ME TO PRAY: CONFESSION

(Refer to Monday's confession time.)

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tries. But we are not praying answers, demanding that the Lord intervene in our way and time. With the finest motives, we may have misinterpreted needs. And so we pray requests, believing that the Holy Spirit will take our prayers and intercede for us before the throne of God.

Go . . . Make Disciples in Thailand: Alton and Olga Hood

"Every day in our hospital ministry and in our personal lives we have a real sense that God's people are praying. It is a thrill to patch up a man, watch how the Lord heals, then introduce him to the Healer. You are a part of this ministry as you pray." Alton Hood's testimony inspires me to pray!

Dr. Hood often works an 18-hour day. Pray that he will have Christlike kindness in the midst of many demands. Pray that God will give him wisdom. Every day he sees an ailment that he has not treated before.

Satan tries to negate the witness of a Christian hospital. But each person who comes—patient, relative, visitor—hears about the Lord. Pray for the words of testimony spoken by the personnel and physicians.

Pray about ways to follow up the hospital's ministry as people go back into the villages.

Most of the people gladly hear the presentation of the gospel, but Thai people are slow to accept. Of the 45 million people, only 50,000 are evangelical Christians. Today there is a sense of expectancy in Thailand. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit.

Each month a doctor visits the leprosy clinic to encourage the medical people involved in that work. Pray for the patients and personnel.

Masses of Thai people live in poverty. The family planning service is a tangible means of helping these people. Between 300 and 500 women take advantage of this bimonthly ministry. Pray about ways to extend this ministry.

Aside from the hospital ministry, Dr. Hood sought a way to teach the Bible on a regular basis outside the hospital. The Lord answered his desire: Overwhelmed by desperate family problems, a Thai woman, Ladda, came to Dr. Hood's office. He discovered that he knew Ladda's husband. The Lord provided the contact. The couple invited the Hoods to teach the Bible in their home.

Pray for Ladda and Chum-porn and their two sons, Joe and Jack, who are eager listeners to the Bible stories. When this family accepts Christ, they will influence others.

A preaching doctor, making disciples! Praise the Lord!

Go . . . Make Disciples in Korea: Irene Branum

Southern Baptists began training Korean doctors 20 years ago. "Out of all the men who have trained, where are the ones who would have the dedication and spirit of service to run our hospital?" asks Irene Branum, missionary nurse.

Pray that Christian Korean doctors will understand the meaning of ministry and will decide to serve in this hospital.

For several years, some of the hospital staff has taken the gospel and medical care to various villages. They desired a more permanent type of community health program. In May 1977, a health center, attached to the base hospital, opened in an area of farming villages. The ministry combines preventive medicine and presenting the gospel through films and

preaching. Pray that the villagers will take advantage of this ministry.

Chaplain Jason Lee leads a busy department. The chaplain minister in the outpatient clinic, visit the wards, sponsor a weekly radio program, and provide three weekly chapel services for the employees. Pray for the chaplains department.

Go . . . Make Disciples in the Ivory Coast: Charles and Dianne Deevers

Two years ago when Charles and Dianne Deevers arrived in Bouaké [bou-AH-keh] the city of 100,000 had only two government dentists. Charles sought a location for the clinic that would best meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people. A site was chosen in the center of the Belle-ville area where there is no religious work—not even a Muslim mosque.

Praise God for adequate physical facilities in the clinic.

Pray that the city will bring running water to the clinic.

Pray that the Lord will give Charles the know-how to install and repair the complicated dental equipment.

Nationals must be trained to help with the dental procedures. They need to be evangelical Christians. Pray that God will send the right ones.

The village mobile clinic ministry may prove to be the most effective way to reach the lost. Taking a portable dental chair (ironing board covered with foam rubber) and some equipment, Charles visits villages, healing diseased mouths and talking about Jesus. As a result, two villages have regular weekly preaching. Ask the Lord to strengthen the congregations begun by the clinic.

A village full of fetish worshippers refused to hear the gospel after receiving dental

treatment. A few other villages have treated Charles with indifference. Pray that the opposition to the gospel will not cause discouragement.

Pray that the village of Alakro [ah-ka-kro], which means village of the monkeys, will not be led astray by the witch doctor and his fetishes.

Dianne visits the hospital three times a week. Each week patients come to know the Lord by listening to tapes in their native language. Be glad about this ministry.

Pray about the organization of a Baptist medical-dental fellowship composed of dentists, physicians, nurses, and dental assistants in the US interested in foreign missions. The organization would encourage professionals to become involved in missions for two weeks, two years, or a lifetime. Share this information with medical personnel who are members of your church. Then pray that they will hear and heed God's call.

Raphael accepted Jesus and with Charles' help introduced his brother to the Lord. These two men became the nucleus of a Bible study that developed into a church.

A preaching dentist, making disciples! Praise the Lord!

Go . . . Make Disciples in Colombia: Diana Hall

When Diana Hall visited the hospital records department for the first time, she realized that she would be the learner rather than the teacher. Colombian filing is different from the American way—but efficient. Diana, a medical librarian, is involved in all phases of health care and disease prevention.

This hospital in Barranquilla [bar-rah-KEY-yah] needs:

1. Space for offices, equipment, and a new kitchen.
2. A full-time chaplain. Two

part-time chaplains are national pastors.

3. A registered nurse who can teach nursing.

4. A literature mobile on the halls.

5. More national Christian doctors and nurses.

Pray about each of these requests.

Thank God for the efficient intensive care unit and the caravan mobile clinic.

Raul [rah-ool] came to the hospital with a crippling disease. Serious surgery would require many blood transfusions. Before his operation he accepted Christ. He said that he did not need blood because the "blood of Jesus flows in my veins." By the time he went home, he was walking on crutches. He and his mother have led eight of their neighbors to know Christ.

Go . . . Make Disciples in Mexico: Lee and Ruthie Baggett

Dr. Lee Baggett directs the medical missionary extension program. The purpose of the program is to minister to the whole person. By invitation, teams of medical and backup people go into areas where medical attention is either nonexistent or unsatisfactory. They offer help for physical and spiritual needs. As of February 1978, 17,000 patients had been treated and 940 professions of faith had been recorded.

Be glad about this outreach program.

Pray that more Mexican medical personnel will become involved so that the work can expand.

Dr. Yolanda Lohato, a leader in the outreach program, is suffering from a rare disease. Pray that God's will may be done in her illness.

Dr. Baggett has written a manual for lay leaders entitled

How to Use Your Home in Evangelism: Pray that laymen will take advantage of this learning tool.

Go . . . Make Disciples in Brazil: Catherine Chappell

Catherine Chappell is our missionary in the good will center in Rio de Janeiro [REE-oh deh jah-NAY-roe]. She presents us with two urgent requests:

The crime rate in Rio de Janeiro is appalling. Young chil-



"Every day in our hospital ministry and in our personal lives, we have a real sense that God's people are praying."—Alton Hood, missionary doctor, Thailand.

dren are involved in criminal activities. To reach these children and their parents, the center needs a day-care program. It needs staff members and money to pay them.

The girls training school needs a new building. God is calling the young people of Brazil. This year more than 100 first-year students are requesting permission to enter. There is space for only 30. Classrooms are being used for dormitories; therefore, class space is lacking. Last year Catherine taught 53 students in a 2-car garage. "We rejoice that God is dealing in such a magnificent way. We are trusting him to provide the space and personnel. Pray in faith."

LORD, DRAW NEAR TO ME
(Refer to Monday.)

AMEN MOMENTS
(Refer to Monday.)

*Matthew 28:18-20

Tell It Out with Gladness Friday



"Go ye . . ." speaks to every Christian no matter what his profession. If we volunteers do not go and help, our Lord's work cannot be accomplished.

Order of Service

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," third verse.

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Given by leader.

Special Music: "So Send I You."

Tell It Out with Gladness: Volunteers Involved in Missions: Four subsections given by four members, as first-person monologues. Ask each member to write down one prayer request related to each monologue. After the four have been given, have sentence prayers in which members share the requests they have written down.

The Writer Speaks: Given by one member, as report on what Mrs. Calvert experienced while writing the week of prayer material.

Lord, Draw Near to Me: Use information given for Monday; take offering at end.

Amén Moments: Given by leader.

Hymn: "Tell It Out with Gladness," third verse.

LORD, DRAW NEAR TO ME
Lord, draw near to me—as you did to the disciples on a hill in Galilee
On that day
In a simple way
You announced the most Supreme Sublime
Enterprise that every Christian is called to accomplish:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Patricia Bowling listened to your command. Being sensitive

to her responsibility led her to Gaza for 10 months to tell it out with gladness. Pat says: "The Scripture 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations' speaks to every Christian no matter what his profession. If we volunteers do not go and help in some of these fields, our Lord's work cannot be accomplished."

Lord, draw near to me.
If every person is to hear the gospel by the year 2000, I must reconsider my personal commitment to the Great Commission.

Is it possible that you desire my prayers for the salvation of all nations and

my presence to tell with gladness. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life?"

I am listening. Speak to me

SPECIAL MUSIC: "SO SEND I YOU."

TELL IT OUT WITH GLADNESS: VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN MISSIONS

Listening Led Edwin and Margaret Lytle to South Africa
[Margaret speaks] Edwin and I had a good life in Gadsden, Alabama. Until his retirement in 1973, Edwin was the corporate director of personnel for a rubber company. Strong influences led us to participate in the lay volunteer program.

We were active members of a missions-minded church where I was WMU director for five years. We had no desire to retire to a leisurely life, since we were physically, mentally, and financially able to work. Our son Norman and his family are missionaries in Israel. When the opportunity came to serve the Lord as volunteers, we felt privileged to be a part of the

fulfillment of the Great Commission.

During our first and second years, we were home parents for the MKs (missionary kids) in Israel and Rhodesia. In both places, we managed the homes and were mom and pop to the children.

Presently we serve as the guest house hosts for the South Africa Mission (organization of missionaries) in Johannesburg. This city is the crossroads for missionaries traveling to other fields. Also, they come here for medical care, or to shop or vacation. The South Africa Mission renovated a large house into three apartments to accommodate the traveling missionaries. Edwin and I manage the properties and domestic personnel, and help the missionaries with shopping, medical needs, obtaining visas, etc.

Being on the missions field has made us more tolerant of other peoples' cultures and viewpoints. We have learned the feeling of being a minority member in a society.

Join us in these prayer requests:

Our hearts are burdened for the people we served: Israelis, Arabs, Africans. The injustices toward each other are so built-in that only prayer and the miracles of our Lord can alleviate them.

Often when nationals become Christians they are persecuted. In Israel a 16-year-old convert was disinherited when her parents learned that she had become a believer in Jesus. Pray that the national Christians will be strong in their convictions. Pray that they will have peace.

Pray for the MKs. Many of them are born in one country, live in another, but are US citizens. When they visit the States, the fast pace is an emotional strain. They need love, prayer, and companionship.

Our word to you is that not everyone should go overseas. It is a matter of qualifications and a realistic urge. One should be very careful not to confuse light-hearted wishes with well-founded, God-given directions. Many people are too reserved or hesitant. We would urge them to let go for the Lord's sake.

Listening Led Patricia Bowling to Gaza

[Patricia speaks] I am Patricia Bowling from Arlington, Virginia. Several factors influenced me to become a lay volunteer. I remember as a little girl having my mother tell me the story of how Jesus called his disciples. Obedience of the disciples to God's will stuck in my mind. Also, each summer our family would host summer missionaries. Occasionally they let me help in the Bible schools among the mountain folks. Through the years I have belonged to missions-minded churches.

In the fall of 1975, I became involved in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. As I prayed about ways to challenge my church, the Lord spoke to me, "Pat, are you willing to surrender your life completely to me so that I can use you in a very special way?" What a peace I had when I was able to say, "Yes, Lord, I am willing; your will be done in my life." I wrote to the Foreign Mission Board asking, "Is there a place for me?"

October 1, 1976, I said goodbye to my family, my church, and my government job. I went to serve for 10 months as a clerk-typist in the Baptist hospital in Gaza. In addition to the office work, I taught English to 19 student nurses—2 Christians and 17 Muslims. The hospital had a 3-year nurses training program. In 1975 and 1976, Ava Nell McWhorter, director

of the nursing school, found she could not begin a new class until she had an English teacher.

Without realizing it, God had prepared me to teach English. For many years my family traveled with the State Department. In some of the countries where we worked, I taught English to the local people.

During the months of teaching in Gaza, I spent many hours in the students' homes. I learned to love them and felt accepted by them and their families. At my invitation, many of the students attended revival services at our local Arab Baptist church.

Join me in these prayer requests:

Pray that God will give physical and mental stability to the overworked missionaries in Gaza. Medical personnel are needed in this desert area.

Pray for the student nurses. Before leaving the Gaza hospital, I reminded my students of our discussions about the importance of being good nurses and honest persons. In conclusion I read to them John 3:16 and explained that this message was the most important. I am praying that God will give them a true understanding of his Scriptures, and that they will accept Christ.

Pray for yourself. If God speaks to you, answer his call; reach people who may never have an opportunity to hear of God's love unless you go as a volunteer.

Listening Led Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Mines to the Philippines

[Mr. Mines speaks] Journalism and photography have been my lifelong hobbies. Since 1959, I've had a printing business as a hobby. From the information sheets that my wife and I filled out, the Foreign Mission Board learned of my hobby. When

the Philippine Mission (organization of missionaries) requested a layman printer, the board relayed the need to us. For years we had preached full surrender. "Whatever God wants" is our motto. When he opened the door, we were glad to go.

I am a technical consultant in the Baptist Center, the publishing, printing, and bookstore arm of the Mission. In the print shop I activated an inactive copy camera and plate burner and trained an operator. As interim bookstore manager I tried to improve all areas from purchasing to billing, from advertising to vacation scheduling. In addition to the Baptist Center work, I've preached in 15 Filipino churches.

Join us in prayer for: Money and guidance for Pasay [pah-sai] Baptist Church. The government is taking the land for a highway and paying about half what a new site will cost.

Money and guidance for Bethel Baptist Church. They meet in a basement of a rented house. They are being evicted, and rent for a new place will be two and one-half times what they are paying.

Listening Led Bertie Mae Garrett to Honduras

[Mrs. Garrett speaks] I don't like the label... "been-to person—been to here and been to there." But I have traveled, not as a tourist, but as a volunteer using my business skills to help people and missionaries in several countries.

My lifestyle changed 12 years ago at the death of my husband. I needed a change in geography. So I, a homebody, joined the Peach Corps as a lecturer in the business department at an institution in Malaysia. The Peach Corps prepared me not to fear going alone into

situations totally foreign to my lifestyle.

Listening to the Lord led me to Guatemala to tutor seminary students, to Antigua as an office worker, to the Dominican Republic to teach typing and secretarial work.

I spent six weeks of the summer of 1977 in Tegucigalpa, [teh-goosey-GAL-pah], Honduras, as a worker in the Mission office. My main job was to catch up with the correspondence. At the annual Mission meeting I typed minutes, cut stencils, etc.

Being a lay volunteer has made me aware that poverty, ignorance, and disease—academic words to me in America—are stark realities. I learned of cultural barriers to communication, and about things that speak to all men—a smile, a handshake. Each day when I bought fruit from the woman at the stand, I would use my feeble Spanish to invite her to church. She allowed us to put on the wall of the fruit stand a poster reading "Jesus Saves." On the morning I left, I gave her a gift. She tried to thank me, but we could only smile our good-byes.

Join me in prayer: Pray for the weekly Bible studies at the prison in Tegucigalpa.

Pray that Mary Helen Viera, University of Honduras student, will be encouraged as she shares her love of Christ on the campus.

Pray for me, Bertie Garrett. As winter passes and spring arrives, my shoes will get ready for a flying trip and walking days of service somewhere.

THE WRITER SPEAKS

The family room, made cozy by the fire, offered a haven from the cold rain pelting the patio. I settled into the recliner to enjoy the letters from the lay

volunteers. Each one described interesting personal experiences. In the middle of a page, Mr. Miner asked: "Writers are needed, Mrs. Calvert. Why don't you come and help us?" In a moment, this week became extremely personal for me.

Will listening lead me—to volunteer involvement?

Below is a list of service opportunities. Insert each of the needs and your name in the blanks of this sentence: "— (Librarians) are needed, Ms. — (Jane Doe). Why don't you come and help us?"

Lay evangelists
Church leadership trainers (WIN schools, women's work, interim pastors)

Teachers and educators
MK hostel dorm parents
Business managers for Missions, schools, hospitals
Camp manager
Food service directors
Bookstore managers
Maintenance directors
Bookkeepers
Secretaries
Music promotion specialists
School psychologist
Agriculturalist
Veterinarians
Contractor/Builder
Printers
Student center workers
Orphanage workers
Well-digging coordinator
Doctors, dentists, nurses, other hospital personnel

Can you give an affirmative response to one of these opportunities?

LORD, DRAW NEAR TO ME
(Refer to Monday.)

AMEN MOMENTS (Refer to Monday.)

Matthew 28:18-20
John 3:16

LEON MADISON BARRATT

TREASURES STUMBLING OVER



I take offense easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love."

Two days ago I used this statement from Amy Carmichael's tiny book of jewels entitled *If, to speak at a missions retreat.*

Last night I "took offense easily, and was content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible."

When I sat down to write this afternoon, I had nothing to share. I had "come to the altar" with enmity between me and another. Leaving my pen on the blank paper, I found Jerry in his dark room and made my peace. Now I'm free to share with you a more serious thought—about my old rubber spatula. That's right, spatula.

We had been married almost two years when Mig, our 60-year-old neighbor, brought me my first spatula. Somehow my cooking lessons had overlooked the multipurposed spatula. Mig had noticed me ineptly scraping the bowl with a spoon. She

dropped in one day and handed me a new wooden-handled, rubber spatula. I remember the thrill of scraping the bowl almost spotless.

We moved away from Mig, and after several years of use, several nips from the blender blade, and too many trips through the dishwasher, the much-loved spatula gave up the ghost. In a Christmas card to Mig, I mentioned the spatula and its long service. Almost by return mail I received a new wooden-handled, rubber spatula.

Seven years have passed. Have you ever tried to dip vegetable shortening from a can with a flimsy spatula, or scrape a mixing bowl with a big chunk of the spatula missing? I've been doing this for nearly two years. Last week I finally asked Jerry to look for a spatula while he was shopping, and he brought home two! One narrow one that the blender won't chew on, and a regular one. The old one is sentimentally displayed in a crockery jar.

Saturday, while making a birthday cake, I remarked to who-

ever might be in the kitchen, "What fun it is to cook with my two new, strong spatulas!" (Little things keep me happy.) Jerry was listening and asked, "Why in the world did you wait so long to buy something so useful?"

In that instant, the Lord made that a spiritual question. "Why do you not keep yourself spiritually equipped for everyday tasks?" It's so easy—and free.

This morning Ertn gave me a note from school about a meeting I needed to attend—yesterday. If I had started my day asking our Lord for spiritual equipment, Ertn would have boarded the school bus trying to whistle instead of drying tears. Her reason for not delivering the note was logical—to her—but I didn't listen. (James 1:19. Ouch!)

When Selina Cheng drew me out of the Sunday School class asking for spiritual help, I should have opened my Bible right then and given her specific answers. But I was not properly equipped and needed to call later with answers.

Benjamin Tsang called yesterday with another of many searching questions. The Bible is completely new to him. I had to say, "Let me call Jerry to the phone. He'll know the answer." In 1 Peter 3:15 I read, "Be ready at all times to answer anyone..." I was not equipped to do that.

Keeping a strong new spatula makes baking so much more enjoyable. Buying a new one is so easy. And not buying one is dumb.

Keeping spiritually equipped makes life so exciting, so happy, so fruitful, so effortless. And do I dare finish the analogy? Yes, I think I will. The equipment is so freely available. It's dumb not to have it!

Mrs. Jerry Barratt is a missionary housewife in Hong Kong.

MY GOD AND MY INDIANS

ALBA MONTES de OCA

Editor's note: November ROYAL SERVICE carried the first part of a condensation of the book Mi Dios y Mis Tobas. Miss Oca told of her childhood experiences, of becoming an obstetrician, of studying in theological seminary, and of beginning her work as an Argentine home missionary among the Toba Indians of Chaco Province. Here is the final part of that story. She now serves as Argentine Baptists' only foreign missionary, to Peru.

When I arrived in General San Martin, I didn't know the Tobas, nor their needs. I spent a lot of time with them, trying to understand them, seeing what would be best for their lives.

We thought about creating a source of work. I asked them what they wanted to do, and this is how the brick factory was started. We were very strict with them. We insisted that they be on time, have regular attendance, do good work, and accept responsibility. If someone did not do it, he must stop working because we understood that he didn't want what was being offered.

It was not easy. One day they got angry and stopped working. I was very hurt. I thought about the many sacrifices we had gone through to start the brick factory. I prayed to God and waited.

A few days later, one of them came wanting to sell some clay pottery because he was hungry. I didn't buy anything from him. I told him that, if he was hungry, he

knew where he could find a job. He didn't talk much. He wanted to hurt me.

"Sure, you have food. What do you care that others go hungry? You say you love God, but you have not pity?" I explained that because I loved God I wanted them to work in something that would last.

A few days later they returned to work. But first I talked to them, one by one. We started over, because they now had a deep desire to have something better.

It was difficult for Tobas to become part of society. We thought it would be good to teach some of the youngsters some skills. We knew it was not going to be easy. The white man would not pay them when they were apprentices; and the Tobas will not work if they are not paid. I talked to the parents and the youngsters, telling them about the good of this arrangement for the future and how I had worked and studied for many years without receiving remuneration.

We placed one youngster in a mechanic shop, another with a mason, another in the municipal government—six in all.

We started a sort of boarding house at my home. They ate breakfast, lunch, and supper, and attended literacy classes there. At least they were eating their meals, which was something they didn't always do before. And what little they earned seemed more

The people needed clothes. I didn't want just to hand them out. They would soon have the same need. It would create a useless people who would only expect to receive.

We started sewing classes so they could make their own clothes. We gave them the material, but they provided the labor. The first half-hour every day, they worked for the community; the rest of the time, for themselves.

In each class they learned how to make clothes for their children. When one item was finished and well done, they could start another, but not before.

One day the members of one of the churches confronted me. They said, "There are many unbelievers who laugh at you. You take care of them, give them medicine, take them to the hospital, solve their problems. They tell us we are fools because we are always with you and help you in the church; and you help both of us the same way. You don't have to take care of nonbelievers."

I looked at them and said slowly, so they could understand, "Well, the Bible says I must have the spirit of Christ and, even though I know I am going to be left alone, I should serve everybody."

When the people needed tools to work their land, horses

to plow, etc., or when they needed medicine not available at the local hospital, or seeds or poison to take care of their plants, I lent them money. When they could, they would return the money. They knew that, if they didn't return the money, they could not borrow the next time.

Loans were always to fill needs, meet emergencies. Sometimes they wanted to purchase things that were not necessary. I would not lend them the money. They got angry with me.

"What did you come here for? Didn't you come to help us? Since you came, we have not had any progress."

Another time one of them shouted at me, "I came here because you are our missionary, and you have to help us. But you don't care about us either."

I listened to them and kept quiet. Was there anything to say?

In spite of all these problems, the Lord rewarded me.

The last Sunday of each year, we had a thanksgiving meeting. Everyone gave his testimony on what God had done in his life that year.

In 1973, after all of the Tobas had given their testimonies, I stood up and said, "I also want to give thanks to the Lord for the 10 years I have worked with you. I have been very happy. But I want to let you know that next year at this time I won't be with you. In the same way that the Lord said to my heart to come, in that way he has also said I should leave."

All of them were silent. Then the leader walked to the front. With a voice full of emotion, he started saying the things I had done which they should be

thankful for. When he got to the middle of the list, he started to cry.

It was the first time I had seen a Toba cry for a reason other than the death of a person. Seated in the first pew, I also felt hot tears falling from my eyes—from emotion, from gratitude to God.

My love for them was greater, because I was able to confirm now what I had always thought. They thought I belonged to them, so they lived their lives, demanding things from me, as the most natural thing. It was not ingratitude. Now when they felt that something which was theirs was leaving them, they were opening their hearts in express what was inside.

From that day on, they were different people. They wanted to keep me. They said with voices full of love, "Miss, why are you leaving? You don't love us anymore?"

I told them that God had put it in my heart to go somewhere else. They asked me if the person who was going to take my place was going to do things the way I had.

Everytime I visited them, they gave me presents—some squash, eggs. They didn't know what to do to make me stay.

I told one of my co-workers, "If I had known they were going to change so much, I would have told them I was leaving a long time ago."

My last two years with them were the most precious ones, because I was able to give my love and found a response in them. My God rewards in abundance.

I left General San Martin crying, but with the assurance that he was staying in the hearts and lives of the 120 members

of the Toba churches.

My God orders constant service. But how difficult it is to understand the human mind. We work, and he does the job. We put ourselves in his hands, and he makes us capable. We are impotent for the task, and he rewards us more abundantly than we can ever understand. And in the midst of all these things, we feel the happiness of knowing ourselves useful in his hands and the intense desire to accomplish the service he orders.

BOOK FORECAST

January

Hope in the Ruins by A. Clark Scanlon (Broadman, \$3.95)
A Migrant with Hope (Broadman, \$4.95)**
American Montage by Celeste Loucks and Everett Hullum (Home Mission Board, \$6.95)**

February

The Mormon Papers by Harry L. Ropp (InterVarsity Press, \$2.95)*
Faith Sharing in Mission Action by Lynn Barrett (Woman's Missionary Union, \$3.00)**
More Than Just Talk by Tim Nicholas (Home Mission Board, \$6.95)**

March

The Chaplaincy: Love on the Line by Walker Knight and Steve Wall (Home Mission Board, \$6.95)*
Special Skills for Mission Action #1 by Pat Thompson (Woman's Missionary Union, \$1.00)**
The Art of Listening with Love by Abraham Schmitt (Word Books, \$5.95)**

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Gaines S. Dobbins, below, did not get to finish the book he was writing about missions before the year 2000. He died in September, after this story went to press. But he did not die when he retired.



Beth Sayers Wildes

Retirement Is Not EXPIREMENT

Is there life after retirement? Foolish question? Not necessarily. More than one retiree has asked it.

After years of living at a brisk pace, many face—for the first time—long hours without scheduled activity. They no longer have a job to fill the days or a family to care for. And time, that most treasured

possession, becomes a burden.

Yet many find retirement a liberating experience. As one retiree expressed it, "I'm finally free from the 'musts' of my life."

Many use these years creatively, doing the things they've always longed to do. They pursue an education, take up a hobby, travel, or learn a

new skill. Others apply to helping opportunities the wisdom and experience they've accumulated over a lifetime.

Those who continue to live productively tend to be happy people, for they have glorified God and enriched their lives as well as the lives of others.

For Juliette Mather, retirement meant doing something millions of people only dream of—embarking on an exciting second career.

For 36 years Miss Mather worked at Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, first as young people's secretary and later as editor of several magazines, including *ROYAL SERVICE*.

But in 1957 when she retired, Miss Mather fulfilled her lifelong dream of serving as a missionary in the Orient.

"In a way, I was one of the first volunteers," she says. "The Japan Mission [organization of missionaries] sent me an official invitation. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen [head of the Foreign Mission Board] approved the idea so long as it did not cost the Board anything, and a WMU friend paid the passage."

For several years she filled some of the void left by missionaries on furlough in Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. She taught English and Bible classes, spoke in WMU meetings, and drew from past work experiences to help nationals develop missions curriculum for children and youth.

Following her stint as a "missionary," Miss Mather returned via Europe and the lands where the Apostle Paul had traveled.

Now she's come to "rest" (we use the word loosely here) at a "retirement center" in St. Petersburg, Florida.

She maintains a somewhat

active schedule and social calendar, speaking to WMU groups and doing some volunteer service at a local health center.

Miss Mather believes retirees should share the skills and talents they acquired in their longer lifetime, and she is dismayed with those who don't.



Juliette Mather, retired from the WMU, SBC staff for more than 28 years, recently gave some of her missions memories to WMU.

To those facing retirement, Miss Mather advises, "Continue to work hard. You can't just sit down and expect to be entertained. To be happy, keep on doing what you've been doing—or do something new. Pray for openings—the Lord will provide them."

When asked what she's doing these days, Eva Inlow quickly replies, "Everything I can find to do!"

That statement seems easy to believe, for her interests are varied and her activities many. Stepping down as executive secretary of New Mexico's Woman's Missionary Union 17 years ago, Miss Inlow perhaps envisioned a less hectic one with fewer responsibilities and not as many meetings. But instead of sitting quietly with her hands folded in her lap, Miss Inlow has chosen to reach out

to those around her to meet their needs.

"I had a lot to people who can't see," she says.

Since settling down in a retirement home almost nine years ago, Miss Inlow continues to find special ways to serve the Lord. "I speak at vesper services in a health center, and I'm

we ask them if they'd like to do some volunteer work or join an organization. Some say, 'No, I'm retired now,' and that's it."

"Well, in a few months you'll notice that they're beginning to slip—both physically and mentally. If you expect to stay healthy, you have to stay busy."

Miss Inlow has other advice for prospective retirees. "Quit working before you get physically down. That way you'll still be able to turn your life in a new direction. If you wait too long to retire, you won't be able to do that."

But in Miss Inlow's opinion, there's no excuse for a retiree to let hour after hour drag by, unoccupied with useful activity.

"If you look around, you'll find you're just as busy as you ever were," she says.

Speaking of retirement, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins chuckles and says, "Why, I'm busier now than when I got paid for it."

Although Dr. Dobbins formally retired from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1966, he's filled his retirement years by living life to the hilt.

Upon retiring from one job, Dr. Dobbins immediately accepted another, as an emeritus professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California. He also continued to write books and articles.

"And I'm working on another book right now," says Dr. Dobbins, now 92.

"I'm tentatively calling it *Bold Mission Thrust*!" (Bold Mission Thrust is Southern Baptists' plan to carry the gospel to everyone on earth by the year 2000.)

According to Dr. Dobbins, bold missions is a concept

as active as I'm able to be in my local church."

After 26 years in a full-time leadership position, retirement proved a radical change. An adjustment? "Yes, but for me it's been a fine one," she says.

Soon after she left office, she and her sister packed their bags and hopped aboard a freighter for a three-month cruise to the Orient. They enjoyed that trip so much they later decided to go on another—this one to South America, Mexico, and Canada.

"I finally got to meet the missionaries and see the missions fields I talked about all those years," she chuckles.

Miss Inlow's positive outlook on life is contagious. She's a firm believer that busy people are happy people.

She frequently advises recent retirees to get involved in something. And if they don't? "When people first come here,



Gaines S. Dobbins, 91, is planning another book, this one on Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist missions effort that extends to the year 2000.

whose time has come.

"For the first time since Jesus gave the Great Commission to a people, we have the resources to reach the rest of the world.

"Now there won't be any easy victories, but we must not get discouraged. It can be done, maybe within 20 years," he says.

Obviously excited about sharing the gospel, Dr. Dobbins tries to instill a concern for missions in those around him.

As a Sunday School teacher ("I don't teach actually. I try to stimulate their minds"), Dr. Dobbins conveys a sense of urgency.

"These men are between the ages of 50 and 60. They're businessmen and they're very important people. And I ask them, 'Why can't you take a year or two away from your work and go to a missions field and work in your area of expertise?'"

"I've visited almost all the missions fields and come to the conclusion that missionaries

can't do it all themselves.

"They need people who are agriculturalists, accountants, doctors, and business people. You name it and there's a need for it on the missions field.

"For years I've said that instead of singing 'Send the Light' we should be singing 'Take the Light'.

"What reason can you give for not going to these people?"

Retired from living?

No, not that!

Retired from learning?

Don't make me laugh.

Retired from serving God?

Pensh the thought.

Without fellowship with God.

Life would be naught.

Retired for more time for self

adulation.

While enemies attack the very

foundation.

Of civilized society.

And chaos threatens?

No, retirement is slowing down

at nature's demands.

Then we have more time for

the inner man.

These words were penned by Many Edwards Renaker, who began writing poetry at 75. "We always lived on the farm, and there just wasn't time for things like that" is her explanation for the late start.

"But after my husband's death I needed something to occupy my mind."

Mrs. Renaker had long admired the hymns of Fanny J. Crosby, but she never considered herself capable of writing poetry. "Then God answered my desire to write, and now it fills a special need in my life," she says.

Mrs. Renaker, now 90, still finds she must practice self-discipline to perfect her craft. "Poems don't come to my mind already written," she says. "I get ideas, but I have to sit down and work them out. And that takes time."

When she isn't writing poetry, she's busy either taking care of her efficiency apartment in the Baptist Towers (Louisville, Kentucky) retirement center where she lives or walking several blocks to the grocery store.

"I usually attend the Sunday morning services at my church. Weather permitting, I attend Sunday and Wednesday evening services, and the Baptist Women meetings.

Spiritual growth is still important in her life. "I study my Bible every day," she says. "When I was younger, I studied it the way I had always been taught. But now I'm reading it to find out what it really says."

Obviously enjoying her new discoveries, Mrs. Renaker says, "With Christ, one always has something to look forward to."

Mrs. Bill Wilkes, of Birmingham, Alabama, is editorial assistant for *Contempo*, the WMU magazine for Baptist Young Women.



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A Day in the Life OF: Home and Church Missionary Barbara Crider

Barbara Whatley Crider, Southern Baptist missionary in Spain, is listed as a church and home worker, which means she gives most of her time to caring for her family and working in her church. That sounds simple until you find out all of the other things Mrs. Crider does. One has been to help her husband, Bob, direct the Baptist camp in Denia, a small town on the Mediterranean coast. The camp is the national assembly ground of the Spanish Baptist Union.

Of this article, Mrs. Crider says, "This is an actual day. If it seems hectic, just be glad I did not write about the day before (a genuine nightmare) or the day after, which happened to be our sixteenth wedding anniversary and which we spent apart, each working in separate places from 7:30 A.M. until after midnight!" Since this article was written, the Criders have returned to the States for furlough.

7:00 A.M. Can it be morning already? Our bright Mediterranean sun seems to be hiding today; but according to the clock, it's daybreak. It is an unusual day in that it is the strident alarm—rather than the

cheery voice of Timmy (age 3)—which awakens us. As soon as he hears Mommy's feet touch the floor, however, he chimes in, ready for a new day! Because a youth retreat begins tonight at the Baptist Residence here in Denia, and because I am responsible for the meals, the first thing on my



Children are always a part of camp life in Denia.

schedule is to call in the order for fruits and vegetables (My husband, Bob, and I did the other purchasing yesterday.)

That taken care of, my attention turns to what occupies mothers around the world at

the beginning of each day—personal grooming, awakening the children (in addition to Timmy, there are Todd, age 13, and Stephanie, age 11). In deference to our two overnight guests who have come to work at the camp, we forego our typical American breakfast for a lighter one of fruit and popovers.

8:30 A.M. Bob leaves to take the daily garbage to the dump and to pick up Teresa, a young woman from our church who cares for Timmy every morning. Meanwhile, I com-

plete some calling for the camp. **9:00 A.M.** Our guests—Maria, a refugee from Angola, and Rosa Mari, a student at the Baptist seminary in Madrid—leave with Bob to finish cleaning the residence before the young people arrive.

Todd, Stephanie, and I ascend curving stairs to a single round room in the tower of our

1:50 P.M. Thanks to my husband's capable assistance, all dishes are washed and the kitchen cleaned. He leaves me with Maria, Todd, and Stephanie to return to the camp. Rosa, who studied until 4 A.M., collapses into profound sleep across Stephanie's bed. Tim and I now have a chance for some time together. He



The main building is the center of activity in this national assembly ground of the Spanish Baptist Union.

house. Here we spend every morning, Monday through Friday; this is our schoolroom. Soon we are deeply engrossed in fifth and seventh grade studies. During school hours, Timmy remains downstairs, under the watchful eye of Teresa, practicing his Spanish.

12:05 A.M. While Bob takes Teresa home and the children set the table, I put the finishing touches on lunch, cooked at odd moments during the morning.

1:30 P.M. Rosa Mari and Maria join the family for the noon meal. This is a normal lunch hour for Spain, and a normal one for our family. Gathered around the table, we swap events of the morning

cuddles beside me as we read *Bucky's Friend*. Because the room he shares with his sister is occupied, I take him to our bed for his nap. I lie down beside him for some devotional reading of my own.

3:05 P.M. Todd and Stephanie return with fellow MKs Terry and Christy Lee, whose father works with the radio station here. Now that Timmy is napping, I prepare some papers for the English class I teach to Spanish children Saturday mornings at the church. I also make a phone call to confirm a date for a puppet show.

4:00 P.M. My husband returns to take me to camp. Time to go to work! This is Maria's

first day as cook, so I must introduce her to the kitchen and our system of meal preparation.

5:00 P.M. The youth arrive for their afternoon snack. Roni Mari, Tom Turnbull (the camp journeyman) and I prepare large submarine sandwiches, *hondillos*. The next few hours will be spent preparing supper.

6:00 P.M. Time to eat, and the first plate is on the table. Spanish meals consist of two courses and a dessert. All goes well.

9:00 P.M. With all dishes washed, it is our time to eat! For off-season camps, our staff is small. There are seven of us gathered around the table.

10:05 P.M. The last kitchen task done, I take home the two helpers who live in Denia.

10:55 P.M. I return to the camp to pick up Bob.

11:05 P.M. Home! As we quietly peep in on the children, a pair of big blue eyes greet us—Timmy! Although in bed, all three children are awake, so we have a short family fun time together. Todd and Stef have fed their brother, dressed him for bed, and washed their supper dishes. What would I do without children like that?

11:15 P.M. Bob settles down to study the three sermons he must preach twice tomorrow. I check my accounts for tomorrow's meals.

11:30 P.M. With thanks-giving to God for his care this day and a prayer that the retreat will enrich the lives of those attending, I happily snuggle under the blankets.

Current
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Group

Venezuelan Vision

Wanda Leonard Baxter

To see . . .
where there is nothing to

To know . . . where
knowledge does not exist,
To speak . . . because one is
compelled.
To do . . . that a vision may
become reality.

This is all part of vision. God
has long granted people vision.
His people in Venezuela are at
work so that a vision can be-
come a reality.

Venezuela is about the size
of our states of Texas and
Utah. It is rich in oil. Baptist
work in Venezuela was begun
by Christians who had studied
literature published at the Bap-
tist Spanish Publishing House
in El Paso, Texas. The first
Southern Baptist missionaries
arrived in Venezuela in 1949.
The National Baptist Con-
vention of Venezuela reported 52
churches at the end of the 1977
church year.

The Vision

"When people are active in
the church or attempt to start a
new work, they seek help to
equip them for the demanding
tasks of leading, teaching,
preaching, planning, and coun-
seling." Thus writes Dr. Wil-
liam E. Goff, professor of
Christian ethics at the Venezue-

lan Baptist Theological Semi-
nary, Los Teques (lohss
TAY-kehss).

Starting new work and seek-
ing preparation are well-known
phrases in the life of the Vene-
zuelan Baptist Convention.
Their plans include having 143
churches by 1980—a tremen-
dous challenge when it took al-
most 30 years to establish the
first 50 churches! Their goal,
though expressed in different
terms and measured against
their own potential, is at least
as bold as Bold Mission Thrust
goals of Southern Baptists.

Quickie Quiz—Quinary Questions

Stop, think, then circle one
answer for each of the follow-
ing questions:

1. If your state Baptist conven-
tion accepted a goal to triple
the number of organized, self-
supporting churches in the next
eight years, would you: (a)
laugh, (b) conclude that it was
impossible, (c) determine what
you could do?
2. If several years had passed
since adoption of the goal and
the number of churches had in-
creased by only about 50 per-
cent, would you then: (a) give
up; (b) give thanks for those
established and then give up;
(c) continue to do all that you
could do?
3. Do you believe that you can
have a part in such a goal es-
tablished by the national Bap-
tist convention in a country
other than the US? (a) yes; (b)
no
4. What part do you think you

could have? (a) prayer; (b)
knowledge; (c) money; (d) all of
the above.

5. When a Baptist convention
adopts a goal of establishing
new churches, its theological
seminary would (a) have no
concern in such a goal; (b) have
an important role in the growth
of such a convention; (c) not be
as concerned with growth as
with Bible teaching.

The Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary

Venezuelan Baptists in their
annual meeting of 1967 chose
Dr. Roy L. Lyon, missionary,
as chairman of a committee to
start a theological seminary.
The Baptist Theological Semi-
nary of Venezuela actually
opened in September 1970. The
site chosen for the seminary
was Los Teques. Los Teques is
just an hour's ride from
Caracas, the capital of Vene-
zuela.

Today Dr. Lyon is president
of this seminary which trains
ministerial, music, and religious
education students. The semi-
nary faculty is composed of
nine missionaries and thirteen
nationals. Most of the faculty
members carry outside respon-
sibilities such as pastoring
churches, working in the ad-
ministration of the national
convention, or teaching semi-
nary extension classes. Only
two nationals are on full-time
salary. The others have profes-
sions to support themselves,
and they donate their time to
the seminary.

Dr. Goff states that the semi-
nary is pivotal in the growth of
the convention. Though admir-
ing Dr. Goff's loyalty, zealous-
ness, and other laudable
attributes, we might question
that an entire Baptist conven-
tion depends upon or revolves
around a seminary. Yet in a
very real sense, the statement
is true. For Baptist work in

Venezuela to become a strong,
cohesive force, there must be
trained leaders.

Seminary Students

Forty-three students were en-
rolled in the Baptist Theological
Seminary of Venezuela for the
1977-78 school year. Seven of
these were candidates for
graduation in May 1978.

Students may enter the semi-
nary on one of three levels.
The largest segment of students
are high school graduates

working on a university-degree
level. Other students have com-
pleted at least three years of
study beyond grammar school
and are working on a high-
school-degree level. The third
group of students have at least
sixth grade education and are
working on a diploma level.

Dr. Goff explains: "All three
levels of students are required
to take many of the same sub-
jects and often, due to limita-
tions of space and time, receive
the same instruction in the
same classroom. We differenti-
ate between them by having
outside assignments and differ-
ent minimum grade require-
ments for each level. This kind
of arrangement makes for some
interesting dialogue as these
varied cultural and educational
backgrounds come in dynamic
contact in a context of biblical
and theological studies."

Students working on the di-
ploma level often surprise the
more advanced students and
beat them for grades.

Seminary Extension Classes

The seminary sees the need
for trained leaders to provide
the impetus, vitality, and
know-how for reaching out to
open new work. But the semi-
nary administration also real-
izes that it cannot train pastors
for all the new churches by
bringing them to classrooms at
Los Teques. Seminary extension

classes help train many of
them.

In the 1977-78 school year,
225 people were enrolled and
studying in ten extension cen-
ters. The primary work of the
extension classes is to help lay-
men prepare for leadership,
both in existing churches and
in opening new work. Nearly
400 Venezuelan Baptists have
taken at least one course by ex-
tension class or by correspon-
dence since this work began in
1971.

Trained Laymen Help Meet the Challenge of New Churches

Two laymen who have re-
ceived and continue to receive
training through the extension
program are Arturo Garcia (ah-
to-roh gahr-see-uh) and Ramon
Moreno (rah-mohn moh-ray-
no).

Garcia was one of the first
graduates of the seminary
through the extension program.
He and his wife, Luz (loose),
live in Caracas, Venezuela's
largest city. During his exten-
sion studies, Garcia began an
apartment house ministry. He
ministered in an area where
some 50,000 people lived in
high-rise apartments. By door-
to-door contact and evangeliza-
tion in the open air, a mission
was slowly organized. The
work has grown. A church was
constituted early in 1978. This
was church number 55 in the
convention's goal of 143
churches. This church needs
prayer. They are not allowed to
put up any sign near the build-
ing where they meet.

Ramon Moreno and his wife,
Eufracia (eweh-frah-see-uh), are
a young couple who live in
Acarigua. Acarigua is a major
agricultural center. The city is
on the western high plains of
Venezuela. The Morenos' pas-
tor got them involved in a mis-
sion work in the small,

neighboring community of Ca-
nelon (sh-nee-lone).

There was a wonderful re-
sponse to the work. So many
people were converted and the
work grew so rapidly that the
community of Canelon built its
own church. A full program is
carried on with nothing but lay
leadership.

The Morenos are now en-
rolled in the seminary's exten-
sion classes. Ramon works in a
factory. He still spends an aver-
age of 15 hours a week visiting
and working in Canelon. He
uses the extension courses to
train the laymen in his mission.
This mission also organized
into a church in early 1978. It
became church number 56.

Help Is Needed

The first missionary to work
full-time in seminary exten-
sion—Bob Barker—arrived in
Venezuela only in April 1977.
In 1979 the Billy V. Powells are
scheduled to arrive in Vene-
zuela, to help with seminary
extension.

Certainly our prayers are
needed. The seminary faces
problems of expansion. More
young couples arrive than there
is room for. The seminary must
continue to develop national
Baptist leaders for the promis-
ing work of the future. By 1980
it is hoped to have 20 extension
centers. Teachers are needed.
They must continually assess
the needs of the lay leaders
whom they teach.

Venezuela—Alive!

We have looked at a part of
the story of a Venezuelan vi-
sion. We can pray that the na-
tional Baptist convention will
continually expand its horizons
so that it may be increasingly
alive to God. We can pray that
Venezuelan Baptists will con-
tinue to work toward those
things which cannot be seen by
ordinary sight. Likewise we can

pray for our own current missions group and our own church. As we pray we remember the words of Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (KJV).

PLANNING THE MEETING

AJM: As a result of this study Baptist Women should be able to explain the Venezuelan Baptist Convention's plan to establish new churches. They should also be able to list ways that the Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary is contributing to this new church growth.

PLAN 1

Display a map of South America and point out Venezuela.

Give each member a pencil and a piece of paper. Ask each to write her vision for the current missions group and for her church. Ask her to make a few notes on what she knows about the Bold Mission Thrust goals of the Southern Baptist Convention. Say that these will not be shared at this time, but ask each member to keep in mind her own vision as she hears about a Venezuelan vision.

Present the introduction and the topic entitled, "The Vision." Have the group members to number on their papers from one to five. Read the "Quickie Quiz," asking members to write the correct answer beside the number of each question. Point out that the best answers would be C, C, A, D, B, in that order.

Ask four members to present the following study material. Introduce them as being from

the Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary, and say they will tell how the seminary is helping the national convention meet its goal. Dr. Roy L. Lyon will summarize the material entitled "The Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary." Dr. William E. Goff will talk about "Seminary Students." Arturo Garcia will tell about "Seminary Extension Classes" and his work in Caracas. Ramon Moreno will tell his own story.

Summarize the section entitled "Help Is Needed" and close with the challenge entitled "Venezuela—Alive!"

Allow members to redraft their visions if they wish. Some members may share their visions at this time.

Ask your group to consider doing one of the things suggested under "Something to Do Because You Studied."

Close by presenting the Call to Prayer.

PLAN 2

Gather books and materials from the library about Venezuela. One book on Venezuelan history is *Colombia and Venezuela and the Guianas*, Life World Library, Time-Life Books, Gary MacEoin, 1965. A recent travel guide is *Fodor's South America 1977*, Eugene Fodor and Robert C. Fisher, Editors.

Out of poster board make a sign: "Goal: 143 Organized Self-Supporting Churches." Attach to it a smaller sign, "Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary." Find a map of Venezuela. Make an interest center using these items.

On a large sheet of poster board print "The Question Board." Cut 5 large question marks from different colors of construction paper. On each question mark, print one of the following questions: What do the numbers 143, 56, and 1980 have to do with a goal adopted

by the Venezuelan Baptist Convention? How does the Venezuelan Baptist Theological Seminary help in the goal to establish new churches? On what educational levels are students admitted to the seminary? How do seminary extension classes help train leaders? (Use Arturo Garcia as an example.) How have extension classes helped Ramon Moreno?

At the meeting, point out interesting items in the interest center. On the map, point out the cities mentioned in the study material.

Divide the group into five small groups. Ask for each group to take a question mark from the question board. Allow ten or fifteen minutes for each group to study and prepare an answer for their question. Each small group should choose one person to present their answer. These members will be the answer board.

Ask your group to consider doing one of the things suggested under "Something to Do Because You Studied."

Close by presenting the challenge entitled "Venezuela—Alive!" and Call to Prayer.

PLAN 3

Ask your group to read the ROYAL SERVICE material before your meeting. Ask a member to prepare a brief description of Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust, by reading recent issues of ROYAL SERVICE, *The Commission*, *Home Missions*, and your state Baptist paper. Ask another to prepare a short review of the study material.

After the review, lead a group discussion. Use questions such as: Compare and contrast Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust with the Venezuelan plan to increase the number of churches. (Use as a resource the person who

learned about Bold Mission Thrust.) How can trained leaders be a cohesive force for the Venezuelan Baptist Convention? What advantages are there in seminary students of different educational and cultural backgrounds being in the same classrooms? What visions do we have for the advancement of God's kingdom in our community?

Ask your group to consider doing one of the things suggested under "Something to Do Because You Studied."

Close with the Call to Prayer

SOMETHING TO DO BECAUSE YOU STUDIED

Contact your pastor or the missions committee of your church. Ask about current needs to establish mission churches in your area. If your church is supporting a mission church, determine needs that your group can meet. (In these and the following suggestions, do not begin with the idea that your group can give money to meet a need. Decide how you can give yourselves.)

For information about mission churches needing aid in your state, write to your state missions director. Ask him to list three or four needs your group might meet. Choose one of these and notify your state missions director of your choice.

If needs in your area and state are being met, you might help with the North Central Mission Thrust. This is a cooperative missions and evangelistic effort in the seven North Central states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Information about particular states may be obtained by writing the following addresses: Harold E. Crane, 15635 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076

R. V. Haygood, Box 24038, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224.

Otha Winattingham, Minnesota and Wisconsin Southern Baptist Fellowship, 301 1st National Bank Bldg., Rochester, Minnesota 55901.

Harold E. Cameron, Box 3406, Springfield, Illinois 62788.

Arthur Walker, 1680 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43283.

Pray for the Venezuelan Baptist Convention and the people whose names you have learned in today's study.

CALL TO PRAYER

This is the month of Christmas. Make prayer reminders symbolic of this time, perhaps Christmas trees—or carolers like those shown on the cover of this issue. On each, print "Venezuelan Baptist Convention Goal: 143 Churches." Also print the name of one of the missionaries whose birthday is the date of your meeting.

For Call to Prayer, read Psalm 136:1-3. Lead your group in a prayer of thankfulness for your church and its mission efforts, for the vision of Venezuelan Baptists, and for missionaries whom you will call by name today.

Mrs. Minnie Botkin, who also wrote this month's prayer group material, is a housemaker from Lindenhorn, Ohio.

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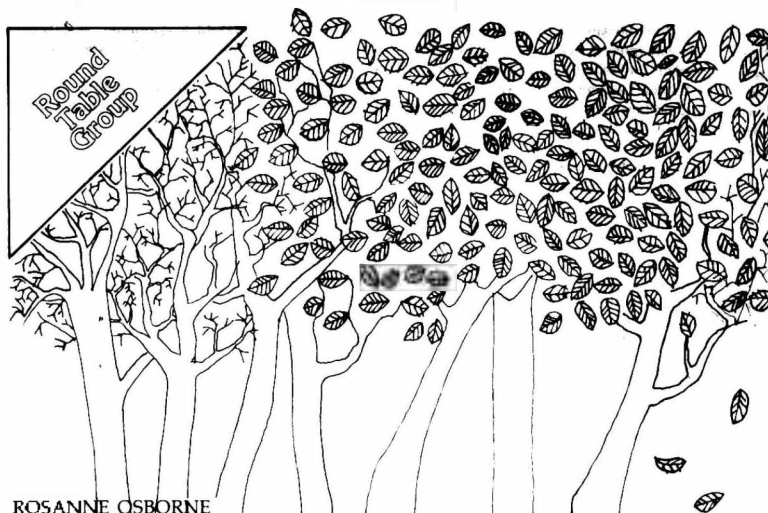
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ROSANNE OSBORNE

DISCIPLINE for All Seasons

The key word for this month's Round Table is discipline. Discipline implies a single-minded approach to the tasks one feels called to do—whether it is to be a missionary or to pray or to become the person God intended one to be.

Discipline suggests both a level of priority and a level of performance.

Baker James Cauthen: A Man for All Nations by Jesse C. Fletcher (Broadman Press, \$6.95)*

Baker James Cauthen is a man disciplined to the task of missions. The reader is impressed with the single-minded

nature of a life devoted to one end—that all men of all nations might know personal salvation through Jesus Christ.

Executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for a quarter of a century, Dr. Cauthen has insistently fought for the right of every man to hear the gospel. He excels in the area of mission support because he simply lets nothing else get in the way of that cause.

Jesse Fletcher's biography traces the lines of discipline in Cauthen's life. From his early days in East Texas through his undergraduate college experience at Stephen F. Austin, Baker (as he was known then) consistently led a life of per-

sonal discipline. By the time he had graduated from high school at 16, he had saved enough money to buy a used car for the hour's drive to college 25 miles away.

During his college years, he was able to buy his own clothes, take care of his college expenses, and save enough to finance a year of graduate study at Baylor University. During those years, Cauthen pastored four quarter-time churches while participating in a wide range of college activities. During his senior year he was class president, lead actor in the school play, and coeditor of the newspaper.

The patterns of discipline had long been a part of his lifestyle

when he went to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. To pastor a Fort Worth church and study for a doctorate in theology was no problem for the disciplined man.

Later as a professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary, Cauthen faced the call to mission service with the same sense of purpose that had characterized his life. The years in China and the years as secretary for the Orient combined in single-purposed preparation for the job he would assume at mission headquarters in 1954.



What Happens When Women Pray by Evelyn Christenson with Viola Blake (Victor Books, \$2.25)**

Evelyn Christenson was highly involved in prayer support for the Crusade of the Americas in 1968. Chairman for her convention, the Baptist General Conference, Mrs. Christenson piloted a six-month project on prayer in her own church, Temple Baptist Church of Rockford, Illinois. From that experience she learned the things about prayer that she shares in *What Happens When Women Pray* (written with Viola Blake, assistant editor of *Decision* magazine).

The women in the pilot project devised a set of six rules to regulate their prayer experience: (1) Prayer should proceed subject by subject with all women in a group praying about the same subject. All minds should be united on the subject expressed by the one praying. (2) All prayers should be short, limited to a single sentence or only a few sentences. This limitation is particularly helpful in encouraging women who have not had a great amount of experience

praying in public. (3) Each prayer should be expressed simply. Involved, lengthy, flowery prayers invite concentration on form rather than content. (4) Prayer requests should be specific in statement. All members of the group should know exactly what is desired by the group. Records should be kept of dated requests and dated answers. (5) Silent periods should be a natural part of every group session. Such periods give God a chance to communicate with those in prayer. (6) Large groups should be broken into groups of four or five for the prayer experience.

The book is filled with human interest stories of women at prayer as well as suggestions and guides for more effective praying. Underlying the suggestions of the book is a strong disciplined concept of prayer support.



A Woman for All Seasons by Jeanne Hendricks (Thomas Nelson Publishers, \$2.95)**

The title chapter, coming at the end of the book, begins with a fable from Aesop. According to the fable, a dog was carrying a bit of meat when he crossed a bridge. Seeing his reflection in the water, he dropped the meat, diving into the water for what appeared to be a bigger portion. Mrs. Hendricks admonishes her readers to beware of losing substance while chasing shadows. She, too, suggests the virtue of the disciplined life that avoids the shadows planned by modern culture to ensnare the contemporary woman.

The chapters in her book search for biblical models for contemporary feminine experience. Beginning with Eve, she

moves through a list of Old and New Testament favorites: Sarah, Hannah, Naomi, Esther, Mary, Martha. Each personality is explored with an eye to conservative biblical interpretation and an understanding of modern experience.



Guides for Study
Whether the members of your group choose to study

one book or all three books, the objective of the study should be the same. At the end of the study, women should be able to state three specific ways they can improve the discipline of mission support in their own lives. At the end of the session, distribute paper and pencils so that each woman can write down three resolutions that she will make concerning her own private mission support.

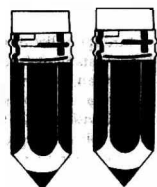


Suggestions for the Study of Baker James Cauthen
1. Ask each member to

make a list of the personal qualities of Baker James Cauthen as revealed in the book. Next, in group discussion, show how each of the qualities listed has been effectively used in mission support through his role as executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

2. Ask one member of the group to prepare a report on the China years of the Cauthens. Ask another member to explain the way the youth and college years of Baker and Eloise prepared each of them for the China years. Ask a third member to explain how the Fort Worth years prepared the young couple for the China years.

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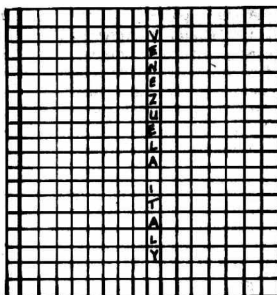


Missions Fact Finder

Lynn Yarbrough

Each of the underlined words fits across one of the letters spelling Venezuela and Italy. Several words may fit more than one space, but some words will fit only one. Move words around until they all fit.

Literature published in El Paso played a key role in the starting of Baptist work in Venezuela. In 1972 the Venezuela Baptist Convention



adopted a goal to have 143 self-supporting churches by 1980. The role of the seminary is pivotal in achieving this goal. Of the 43 students enrolled, seven were candidates for graduation in May 1978. The faculty is composed of 9 missionaries and 13 nationals. There are also 10 extension centers to prepare laymen such as Arturo Garcia and Ramon Moreno. Arturo and his wife Luz began a new

work in an urban high-rise apartment area. Ramon and his wife became involved in a missions work in the small community of Canelon. The response was so great that a church was formed and is conducted by lay leaders.

In Italy, the Centro Battista Radio was established as a radio and recording center. One of the employees, a young Italian named Domenico Beniporato, works as a technician and helps with conferences for church workers. Rev. Stanley Crabb helps churches prepare for broadcasting through conferences and personal visits. He met Paolo when he visited Cuneo Baptist Church. This young man helps in the church's radio ministry. Paolo now feels God's call into full-time Christian service, perhaps in radio broadcasting.

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Witness to Jews

Lawrence E. Webb

Diary of Belief

If you began your diary of belief last month, rewrite your beliefs in light of this month's study. If you did not begin last month, write a diary, emphasizing the subjects in Plan 3, item 1.

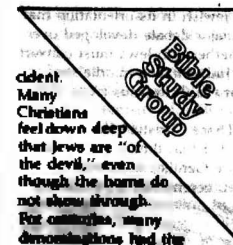
Introduction

"This Gentile with whom I shared the hospital room kept staring at my head. When I finally asked him what he was

looking at, he said he thought all Jews had horns—like Michelangelo's statue of Moses."

The speaker was a Jewish electrician who was doing repair work at a Baptist personage. The pastor was dumbfounded. But when he told the story to a rabbi, the rabbi said other Jews had told of similar experiences.

Whether we smile or cry over this strange true story, there is tragic symbolism behind the in-



cident. Many Christians feel down deep that Jews are "of the devil," even though the horns do not show through. For centuries, many denominations had the official stance that the Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus, and Jews have been referred to frequently as "Christ-killers." Some who call themselves Christians have taught their children to hate Jews "because they killed Christ."

Paradoxically, some Christians believe that Jews are "Christ-killers" and also that Jews are especially privileged among all the people of the earth and that they fit into a grand pattern of world redemption.

As we continue our study of witness to people of various faiths, we look this month at our relationship with Jews. (We think specifically of persons who are Jewish in the religious sense, while realizing that some people have a Jewish cultural orientation without being involved in the Jewish religion.)

Born in Judaism

Christianity began in a Jewish setting. Jesus was a Jew. He grew up in the Jewish tradition of his day. His original followers were Jews. He reached out to non-Jews from time to time, but his own personal ministry was largely among his fellow Jews.

Jesus' parting words to his disciples were a challenge to take his message of love and forgiveness to all the nations of the world (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8). But the early church was

so Jewish in its orientation that a major debate developed over whether non-Jews must convert to Judaism as a middle step toward faith in Jesus (Acts 15:1-5).

Those Christian Jews concluded that they could not require Gentiles to submit to their ceremonial requirements



(Acts 15:19), largely because Barnabas and Paul told of salvation coming to Gentiles apart from circumcision (Acts 15:12-14). Thus, Christians began to see their movement as distinct from Judaism.

Yet, Christianity is Jewish in its origins. The Gospel of Matthew sees many experiences in Jesus' life as fulfillment of Jewish prophecy. (See 1:22; 2:6, 15, 17, 23; 3:3; 4:13-16 as examples.) Sermons in the book of Acts also indicate that those Jewish Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of their sacred Scriptures.

When the Holy Spirit came in great power at Pentecost, Peter declared this pivotal experience to be the fulfillment of prophecy by Joel (Acts 2:14-21). Peter further asserted that the resurrection was prophesied in the Psalms (Acts 2:22-28). Our Lord's ascension was also cited in the Pentecost sermon as fulfilling prophecy (Acts 2:33-36).

On the day of Pentecost, three thousand or more accepted Jesus as the fulfillment of Hebrew Scriptures (Acts 2:41). Others continued to make similar responses in the days that followed (Acts 2:47).

But not all response was favorable. As opposition mounted, Stephen testified before the Jewish council (Acts 7). Although his presentation was more abrasive than that of Simon Peter at Pentecost and met with a violent reaction, he linked his preaching about Jesus with the Scriptures which were known well by his hearers and by himself.

As a former persecutor of the Christian movement, who had witnessed Stephen's death, Paul had a continuing concern for his fellow Jews. He longed for them to reach the same understanding he had—namely, that Jesus was God's Son, the fulfillment of Scripture. Though he identified himself as "the apostle to the Gentiles" (Rom. 11:13), Paul usually started his witness in a new city by going to the synagogue among his own people (see Acts 17:1-3, 16-17; 18:1,4).

In his letter to the Romans, Paul dealt at length with his deep desire that his "kinsmen by race" (Rom. 9:3) should accept Jesus as Lord. The desire of his heart was "that they may be saved" (Rom. 10:1).

So the Christian Scriptures have a strong Jewish orientation because of Christianity's origins within Judaism. There is also the strong expression of evangelistic concern for Jews

A Contemporary Jewish View
How does modern Judaism view Christian claims that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament?

Jews reject this concept. They also reject our terminology regarding their Scriptures. To a Jew, there is no "Old Testament."

A rabbi wrote the following to Christians:

"We must tell you that we have no 'Old Testament.' You call it 'Old' because you have

an additional one that is 'New.' But we have, simply, our Bible, the Jewish Bible.

"The Christian New Testament is not authoritative Scripture for us. We believe, moreover, that when you interpret our Bible in the light of the New Testament, then you are imposing meanings on our Scripture that just are not there."

This Jewish view of "imposing meanings . . . that just are not there" would apply to passages such as the picture of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53, in which Christians see the crucifixion foreshadowed.

The rabbi addressed other issues in Christian-Jewish relations:

"We do not recognize Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah.

"We do not believe that God is best understood as a trinity, a concept which we find both arbitrary and incompatible with our affirmation of God's oneness."

Another rabbi stated:

In Judaism the individual can achieve the grace of a loving God only by means of mitzvah ("law")—only by performing the mitzvahs and laws of ethics and morality. He must merit the state of grace by first performing these daily ethical and religious laws.

Christians as "completed Jews" or "fulfilled Jews" is a concept which evangelists among Jews have often stressed in recent years. Some Jews respond favorably to this approach which stresses Christianity as the ultimate step of faith, the love of Jesus as the final step in fulfilling the Jewish law.

But Jewish leaders object to this. One writer said:

"I personally consider it an insult to be told that I am an 'incomplete Jew,' an 'unfulfilled Jew,' and that I am not

teaching my children and my congregants the truth."

About the Messiah

The Greek word *Christ* is the equivalent of the Hebrew word *Messiah*. The word means "deliverer" or "saviour."

This title was claimed by Jesus and was applied to him by his followers (as in Matt. 16:13-20). Jews acknowledge Jesus as a great teacher, but not as the Messiah.

The Orthodox branch of Judaism still looks for a coming Messiah, a human being who will redeem mankind in this world. But Conservative and Reform Judaism look more to a messianic age in which oppression will end and peace will be established on earth for all humanity (a period similar to the millennium as interpreted by some Christians).

A Reform rabbi said this, concerning messianic expectations of Jews and of Christians:

"The Messianic Age will come to pass in this world! Whatever else it may be, in our view, the Messianic Age will at least be a *this-worldly* happening."

In days of old, Moses was God's instrument to lead us out of Egyptian slavery and to bring us to Mount Sinai, where the covenant between God and Abraham was established for all Israel.

"Despite the importance of Moses, who provided us with political as well as spiritual leadership, we never looked upon him as the Messiah."

"If not Moses, how much less likely are we to regard as the Messiah Jesus of Nazareth, a man who announced that his kingdom was not of this world (New Testament, John 18:36)."

If we discuss Jesus as the Messiah with a Jew, we need to be aware of the basically political and social understanding

of the Messiah which most Jews hold. In Christian thought, the Messiah is indeed concerned with the here and now, but Christ's reign is basically spiritual and finds its ultimate fulfillment beyond this life.

Anti-Semitism

"Holocaust," the TV drama broadcast last spring, led many Christians to a deeper awareness of prejudice against Jews. The slaughter of 6 million Jews by the Nazis in World War II has no parallel in human history. Hitler sought to destroy an entire race of people. This anti-Jewish or anti-Semitic action was an appalling sin against the human race.

For most Jews, the Holocaust is a vivid part of their continuing awareness. Many survivors of the concentration camp ordeal are still alive. Many Jewish families living today had loved ones or friends who died in gas chambers or before firing squads. Understandably, they feel threatened when people march today under Nazi banners.

Anti-Semitism has shown itself in many ways other than literal murder. As an ethnic group in this country, Jews have often been discriminated against in jobs, housing, and social acceptance.

Theologically, it is anti-Semitism to label Jews "Christ-killers." Another example of theological anti-Semitism may be in evangelistic approaches.

Any campaign with Jews as objects of special concern will probably be interpreted by the Jewish community as anti-Semitic. Perhaps any effort at all to win a Jew to faith in Jesus will be so interpreted.

Jewish leaders say emphatically that a person cannot be a Jew and a Christian simultaneously. What does this say about

evangelism as a basic Christian teaching? What does the Bible say?

The New Testament makes exclusive claims about Jesus and the necessity of faith in him for salvation (as in John 3:18; Acts 4:12).

If these claims are anti-Semitic, they are also anti-Hindu and anti-Muslim. In each case, the religion is closely linked with a culture and, perhaps, a political ideology. In such cases, we may seem to be "anti" or against that religious-cultural group as we ask a person to give up her former identity within that culture and to become a Christian.

What Can You Say?

There is no set formula for sharing your faith in Jesus with another person. Each person is an individual and should be recognized as such.

If a person is Jewish, she may be Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform. Within any of these denominations of Judaism, there may be diversity such as you would find among Baptists (Southern Baptist, American Baptist, or Seventh Day Baptist, for example). Furthermore, you should not expect every member of the same Jewish group to think exactly alike, anymore than you expect every Southern Baptist to think alike.

If you want to share your faith with a Jew, consider the following suggestion:

1. *Share yourself.* You will not be effective in sharing your faith with another person (whatever her religion) until you have established a genuine basis of friendship and understanding. If you have a Jewish neighbor, take turns with babysitting or child care chores for each other. Learn the joy of Jewish cooking by trading favorite recipes. Explain to each

other the significance of religious holidays (Hanukkah and Christmas are close together on the calendar and have some similarities in the customs surrounding them: gifts, lights, family time).

2. *Listen.* Learn the concerns, the hopes, the hurts of your Jewish friend. They may be much like your own deep feelings. Hear how she views Christians. How has her family been affected by the Holocaust, by hard-sell evangelism, and other attacks on their personhood?

3. *Compare beliefs.* You will discover profound differences as well as similarities, as this study material has indicated.

4. *Admit* to ignorance, indifference, and bias where these are part of your outlook toward Jews.

5. *Affirm* your belief in Jesus as Christ, the Son of God. Affirm your Jewish friend's right to her own beliefs. Affirm your continuing friendship.

PLANNING THE MEETING

AIM: At the end of the session, each woman should be able to explain: some of the likenesses and differences between Judaism and Christianity, and why an understanding of the basics of both faiths is essential in a spoken witness to a Jew.

PLAN 1

After the group has silently read the study material, do the following:

1. On a chalkboard or flip chart, list indications that our faith developed in a Jewish setting. (See "Born in Judaism").

2. Assign these Scripture passages for study and comment, to help members understand Jewish thought and customs: Acts 15:1-5, 12-14, 19; Matthew 1:22; 4:13-16; Acts 2:33-36, 41.

3. Discuss evangelistic methods of your church which may or may not be effective with Jews. In what ways may a traditional evangelistic approach be considered anti-Semitic?

PLAN 2

In addition to the study approaches in Plan 1, do one or more of the following:

1. During December, Jews celebrate Hanukkah. Learn about this tradition from the encyclopedia, the library, or a Jewish friend who can explain it to the group. Find out how Christmas is handled by Jewish families in a Christian-oriented culture.

2. Write the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 for the pamphlet, "The Jewish People and the Baptist Witness" and distribute it to members.

3. What do you know about Jewish cooking? Get a Jewish recipe book, and plan some food for the meeting. Find out the significance of kosher foods.

4. Suggest one or more of these books, pertaining to the Holocaust, for members to read:

Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

Anne Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*

Victor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

PLAN 3

Discuss the following questions, based on the Bible passages and the outlook of present-day rabbis as presented in the study material:

1. What might a Christian

and a Jew say to one another on these subjects? (Ask pairs of members to act out a scene for each subject.)

Jewish Bible versus Old and New Testament

Jesus the teacher versus Jesus the Son of God

One God versus the Trinity
Law versus grace
Messiah

2. Why do Jews resent evangelistic efforts of Christians?

3. How would we feel if Jews actively sought to evangelize us?

4. In light of these differences of belief and attitude, should we (or should we not) seek to win Jews to faith in Jesus as Christ, the Son of God? Explain your answer.

CALL TO PRAYER

The 1978 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions theme is "Tell It Out with Gladness." On slips of paper, write names, locations, and types of work of home and foreign missionaries whose birthdays are today. Distribute these slips among the members. As each woman reads her name aloud, she should express a reason for gladness concerning Southern Baptist missions work and voice a prayer for the missionaries whose names she has

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Give me time for prayer.

Lord,

A time for prayer
And then a burden
Which I can share.

And as I pray, Lord,
Help me to see
With each burden
You tenderly change me.

Today as we learn
Of missions in Italy,
Touch my mind, my heart, my soul,
Yes, Lord, touch me.

Rome—the eternal city. And through the work of the Baptist Radio Center, the news is broadcast of the eternal God. It is time now. A program entitled "Another Dimension" is on the air. If you listen carefully, you will hear the Italian word *invitano* [in-vee-tah-no]. Yes, *invitano* does mean invite. The Baptist churches of Lazio are inviting us to listen to this program which they call "a new program for new times."

Pause to Pray

Let us thank God for the Baptist Radio Center in Rome and this program. "Another Dimension." Ask for God's direction in this work. Also ask that your mind be opened to understanding and to prayer as you study today.

New Freedom in Broadcasting
Stanley Crabb, Jr., has been engaged in radio work in Italy for 11 years. When his work started, Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy had only a 15-minute weekly broadcast over Trans World Radio. Trans World Radio is located in the principality of Monaco on the southern coast of France.

Until the spring of 1975 the only broadcast opportunities in Italy were the state-owned

On the Air in Italy

Wanda Leonard Botkin

radio and television stations. Two of these were in Rome. They were like American network television, not like local stations.

Crabb says, "In this kind of situation, it was virtually impossible to envision developing a radio or television ministry."

A loophole was found in the law in 1975, and radio stations began popping up all over Italy. This is still occurring. Crabb estimates that there are two to three thousand radio and television stations broadcasting every day—legally and without regulations.

Pause to Pray

Thank God for doors that open in unexpected ways. Pray that the programs of the radio center will be heard and their message understood.

The Centro Battista Radio

In 1969, even before the loophole was found, mission-owned property in Rome was renovated as a radio and recording center. The center, known in Italy as the Centro Battista Radio (the "C" in Centro is pronounced "ch"), is described as a fully professional recording studio used for preparing radio programs and recording cassettes, tapes, and so forth for Baptists (first) and other evangelical groups in Italy.

Italian workers are employed by the center. Domenico Bemporato lived in the Baptist Children's Home in Rome as a

boy. He studied electronics as a young man. At the time he needed a job, the center needed a technician. He is known as an extremely good worker who continues to learn.

In late 1977 a radio conference was held at the center. It was for Baptist churches already engaged in broadcasting or interested in beginning broadcasting. Thirty people representing thirteen churches came from all over Italy. The purpose of the conference was to help churches prepare for broadcasting. Domenico Bemporato taught a course on microphone placement and other studio techniques. Now Bemporato's teaching ability is also known.

Pause to Pray

Pray for Bemporato and other Italian workers involved in the ministry of the Baptist Radio Center. Pray that they may be constantly aware of the value of their work for the gospel. Pray also for the next conference, which will deal with recording techniques in religious broadcasting.

Other Work of the CBR

Crabb finds that there are many aspects to the work of the Baptist Radio Center, or CBR as it is known in Italy. He helps churches prepare for broadcasting through both conferences and personal visits.

On one such visit to the Cuneo Baptist Church, he met a young man named Paolo.

Prayer Group

Paolo is a very capable man in the work of his church's radio ministry. Paolo now helps his father in the family detective agency, but he feels God's call to work in full-time Christian service. He feels that the call may be to work in radio broadcasting.

The center also wishes to help those interested in developing a television or film ministry. Personnel are seeking to develop filming capabilities through the use of super-8 as well as 16-mm photography.

The center employs one full-time and several part-time workers. It is hoping to find the right Italian program director. Southern Baptist Convention funds keep the center on the air.

Another item still in the idea stage is a cassette ministry. Some thirty musical cassettes have already been produced. One development may be the use of cassettes in a correspondence program when the theological school reopens next year.



Pause to Pray

Pray that Paolo may clearly understand God's call and that he will have the determination to undertake his given work.

Pray for the film ministry and for television openings.

Pray for the Italian program director who is being sought.

Thank God for the ability to give financial support for this and other mission efforts

through the Southern Baptist Convention giving channels of the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Pray that a cassette ministry may develop.



BEFORE THE MEETING

Create an interest center which will give immediate identification to today's study. Cut from poster board a large outline map of Italy. Attach it to a world map so that it stands out. Place a small radio, a microphone, and other broadcasting equipment in front of the map.

Ask three group members to relate the material found in these sections: "New Freedom in Broadcasting," "The Centro Battista Radio," and "Other Work of the CBR."

On a cassette recorder, record the sections entitled "Pause to Pray." Record these sections in order, with soft background music and space between each group of prayer requests.

Prepare a prayer reminder for each member to take with her. Draw small radio facsimiles on construction paper. Cut these out. Put one prayer request (from the program material) on each. Also put the name of one missionary whose birthday is the day of your meeting. Use the reminders in your Call to Prayer.

IN THE MEETING

Use the opening poem as a moment of meditation to begin. Then use the opening para-

graph to start the members thinking about Italy and the work of the Baptist Radio Center.

Each time that a "Pause to Pray" section is reached, turn on the cassette recorder. After listening to the prayer requests, allow time for these requests to be lifted up in prayer.

After the study material has been presented and the last "Pause to Pray" has been observed, lead in the Call to Prayer. Give each member the small copy of a radio you have made from construction paper. Have the group divide into groups of two or three. Ask women to share with their small groups the names of the missionaries for whom they are praying. Then allow time for these groups to have a share and prayer time.

SOMETHING TO DO BECAUSE YOU STUDIED

Take your radio prayer reminder home and share with family or friend something about what you learned. Pray for the requests on your radio at least once a week until you attend your next prayer group meeting.

Write down the names of any Christian radio or television broadcasting stations in your area. Tell your friends about programs you enjoy. Look at a program schedule for other stations and be aware of Christian programs that they carry. Write to these stations, thanking them for broadcasting the programs that you like.

Collect extra and unused radios that people in your church may donate. Attach a schedule to each of these radios, showing Christian programming available in your area. When your church has an opportunity to help a family in need, include one of these radios.

I Saw Need Today

Mission Action Training Module 3

As a result of this and next month's sessions, members will have discovered below the surface needs of persons to whom the group is ministering.

Elizabeth Swadley

Two internationals shopping near me in the supermarket were trying to read labels on cans. They may have been Vietnam refugees. One asked, "What does 'packed in heavy syrup' mean? I am diabetic. Can I have this?"

I stared at need in the hospital elevator. I didn't mean to stare, of course, but it was so hard not to. A young man in a wheelchair, skin blotched and stretched from massive burns, neck and head twisted grotesquely to one side from tightened skin.

"You OK, Skip?" asked the orderly attending him. "Yeah, thanks," Skip answered, adding, "You know you're the only one who ever asks me how I am, and I guess you get paid to do it."

"My mama got real mad. She hit me over and over," explained the three-year-old in the church weekday care center. "See her hand is still there." Sure enough, on that little girl's backside was the distinct yellow-black bruise in the shape of a hand.

I walked by the halfway house and saw a girl of maybe 15, wearing heavy makeup, dressed in low-cut black satin—just standing there. Leaning against the brick wall, she was obviously waiting for someone to talk to, to be with, to care.

We have become adept at

evading these, and other needs which we see everyday. The average person today might respond to these needs with:

- The government should do something about this.
- "Someone" should help.
- This bothers me if I think about it, so I'll just get my mind on something else (like the character in a long-running play who liked to say, "I don't think about the things I don't think about").

But a mission action group member is different. We have thought about need, recognized specific needs, and are trying to respond as best we can to alleviate those needs. Our response is, we hope, "What can we do to help? Lord, please show us how we can help."

We have already responded to a specific need in our own community. It may be similar to one of the cases we've just looked at, or it may be entirely different.

What we need to do now is to dig a little deeper into that need, to determine what's below the surface, so that we can insure that we are helping in every possible way to make our ministry effective.

Have we discovered and become thoroughly familiar with the contents of the mission action group guide which is appropriate for our task? Examine this list of available mission action guides and determine

which might help persons involved in the I-Saw-Need cases above. Then decide which might be helpful to us.

Mission Action Group Guides:

The Aging
Alcohol and Drug Abusers
Child Care
Disaster Relief
Headliners
Internationals
Juvenile Rehabilitation
Language Groups
Military
Nonreaders
Prisoner Rehabilitation
Resort Areas
The Sick

These guides are invaluable resources for carrying out the mission action tasks. (They may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store. See order blank, p. 46.)

When Jesus wanted to provide a fertile atmosphere for a learning experience, he didn't lecture. Instead he asked a question. So, today, in this session, let's follow the example of Jesus. He asked questions for which everyone knew the answers, like the time he held up a Roman coin and asked, "Whose face and name are these?" (Matt. 22:20)

Then there was the time he told a story and conducted a thought-provoking review by asking, "Which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?" (Luke 10:36).

And he asked commitment-producing questions like, "Who do you say I am?" (Matt. 16:15).

So, let's ask questions. Let's devise a list of questions about the persons we want to help through our mission action group, questions that when answered will enable us to do a much better job of ministering to them.

Today we will compile a list. Before our next meeting we will do one of two things to get answers. We will find an expert in our field of interest, ask the questions, and bring back the answers. Or we will find the expert and prepare for him/her to answer the questions at the meeting.

Let's arrange our questions under three general headings.

1. Who are these persons of concern in our community (persons this group can help)?

a. What is their age range?
b. What are their family ties?
c. Where do they live? (For instance, if we are ministering to the aging, list all the places they live. Include private homes, as well as nursing homes and high-rise apartments.)

d. If they are transient (like seasonal farm workers, military, internationals, etc.) where did they come from? And what can we learn about their origin to help us minister to them?

e. What is their health status?
f. What opportunities for social interaction do they have?

g. What is the mental state of these persons?

h. What can we learn about their economic status that will help us to understand them better and to be able to offer practical help?

2. What kind of needs do these persons have and what is the extent of their needs?

a. What is the most obvious need (probably the one which

prompted us into mission action in the first place)?

b. What are the persons most anxious about?

c. Who cares about these persons?

d. Upon whom are they dependent to fill some of their needs?

e. What are their transportation needs?

f. What material needs do they have that our group might meet?

g. What are their spiritual needs?

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

What is being done by:

a. The Red Cross

b. Civil Defense office

c. Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen groups

d. Doctors or public-health nurses

e. Parole or probation officers

f. Social workers

g. Counselors

h. Legal Aid Society

i. Other churches and church groups

We can perhaps add other questions to each list. These questions are worded to fit all types of mission action groups. Our group may be able to make for itself a more specific list of questions, focusing on our target group. Just for practice, let's try applying our list to one of the I-Saw-Need cases already described. We will try making educated guesses at some of the questions.

At the Meeting.—The content material is written as if it were being said by the group leader. Here is further guidance in using it.

Ask the four women to present the four cases. Then carry through with sharing the rest of the content and doing the activities called for. Spend most of the time working on a detailed set of questions and identifying people who could answer the questions. Decide who will contact these people before the next meeting and whether an expert will be asked to come in person to that meeting.

Close with the Call of Prayer. As you read the name of each missionary who has a birthday today (from the prayer calendar), ask members to think of one significant question that they might ask about that missionary's needs for the day. Let those questions guide your prayer.

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listed in today's material can be copied for all members to be able to see.

Leave space for the group to add questions in each category.

Choose persons to suggest to the group for answering the questions. This will depend, of course, on the kind of mission action your group is involved in. But some possibilities include: directors of associational missions; government and private social agencies; family, domestic, or juvenile court officials; hospital social directors or chaplains; school officials; law enforcement officers; persons connected with universities who might be helpful with international ministries or language mission projects.

Ask four women to be ready to share the I-Saw-Need cases given in the content.

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Before the meeting.—Prepare a flip chart or overhead projector cells, so that the questions

TRAINING

FORECASTER

MABEL McRAE

AGENDA FOR BAPTIST WOMEN OFFICERS COUNCIL MEETING

(Record plans on Planning Forms*)

Plan for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering promotion
Plan for Baptist Women homebound members
Plan for use of basic missions information plan
Plan regular Baptist Women activities

mission action project
mission support activities
coordinate plans of groups
Evaluate Baptist Women work according to the Baptist Women Achievement Guide
Promote Missions Night Out
Complete plans for December Baptist Women Day in the Church participation in Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (see what Bea-Cumming Wise has to say, p. 57)
Plan for promotion of family mission study
Plan for WMU Focus Week



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Mission support chairman will lead in this promotion. The theme of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Tell It

Out with Gladness, can be seen as the purpose behind the \$40 million goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

For latest, up-to-date information, and to add incentive to bold giving, call the Foreign Mission Board's Hot Line: (804)355-6581. For the price of a three-minute station-to-station call, you will hear a tape of the latest news from foreign mission fields. The tape is changed weekly.

To help reach the goal set by the church, mission support chairman will suggest each member set her own bold personal goal. Information received from Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions program, followed by bold praying for specific missions needs, leads to bold giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



HOMEBOUND

What better Christmas remembrance for your homebound member than taped sessions of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? Suggest that the homebound member pray particularly for all the missions needs mentioned in these sessions, and for those missionaries who make the requests. Remind this member how dependent our missionaries are

on our prayers and how Baptist Women depends on the intercessory prayers of homebound members. Remind her that she, too, is an important member of Baptist Women.



BASIC MISSIONS INFORMATION PLAN

Mission study chairman leads in this promotion. Call attention to Missions Fact Finder on page 46. Encourage women to learn three missions facts and three prayer requests. Remind women to add these prayer requests to those received during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. If members are keeping a missions notebook for the reading plan, this information can be entered. Or, prayer requests can be noted on Baptist Women Prayer Bookmark* and kept in members' Bibles for ready reference.

When specific prayer requests have been answered, take time in Baptist Women to share these answers to prayer.

BAPTIST WOMEN ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE

This is the third month of the church year, and progress in Baptist Women should be checked on the achievement guide. Baptist Women agenda each month should allow time for this checking of the achievement guide. If weaknesses are observed, take time in officers council to point out these

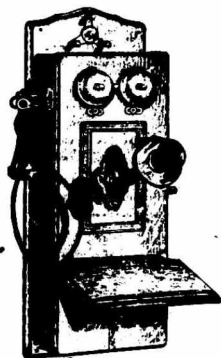
weaknesses and have officers suggest ways to strengthen these areas

MISSIONS NIGHT OUT

This may be the month for a Missions Night Out churchwide activity in your church. Check with WMU director to see if plans have been made, and where Baptist Women fits into these plans. Suggest Baptist Women members tell non-Baptist Women members about these Missions Night Out plans and urge them to attend.

Missions Night Out activities are not an end unto themselves. Encourage members to use the interest created in an MNO activity to enlist persons in Baptist Women. Definite assignments should be made as follow-through. Baptist Women can obtain the names from WMU director of all women (age 30 and up) who attended an MNO activity. A personal contact should be made with each of these women.

When enlisting a woman in Baptist Women, be sure to indicate the WMU age-level organizations available for her children also.

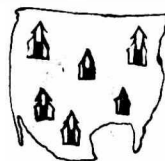


FAMILY MISSION STUDY

A worthy goal for this year of emphasis on teaching missions is that each Baptist Women member would lead her family to read a minimum of six Round Table books. Round Table books may be secured from members of a Round Table group, from families who subscribe to Round Table Book Club, or from the church media center (library). Order RTBC flier, "Be Aware and Care" (free from state WMU office), and make these fliers available to those members who show an interest in joining RTBC. Or use the form in the Baptist Women Year in the Church Resource Kit.

WMU FOCUS WEEK (FEBRUARY 11-17, 1979)

If a WMU Family Tree is to be displayed in February, continue to take pictures or collect pictures of all Baptist Women members, including home-bound members. When organizational activities are conducted, have slides made. Identify all pictures and slides with names, date, location, etc. January Forecaster will carry WMU Focus Week plans.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Did you know that there are more than 600 counties within the United States that do not have a Southern Baptist congregation? Many other counties have needs exceeding the ability of the Southern Baptist churches that are there. Your Home Mission Board is committed to studying these needs and providing a Christian witness. A congregation will be established where needed. The goal of the Home Mission Board is to evangelize and congregationalize. Congregationalize means to let every person in our land have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers. The Home Mission Board is supported through your Cooperative Program gifts.

*See order form, p. 46

CALL

Foreign Missions Hotline for the latest in missions information

(804) 355-6581

You will be charged for a three-minute station-to-station call.

TRAINING

Bea Cumming Wise Talks to Officers about BWYITC



Is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions one of the highlights of the missions year in your church? If so, use that interest to your advantage as you continue Baptist Women Day in the Church activities.

This observation is the only rent in BWYITC for December because, if you follow the usual suggestions, you will have five days of prayer events between December 3 and 10. Make the most of those days, for Baptist Women and for foreign missions.

Plans are given on pages 10-13 in this issue. The mission support chairman is responsible for planning the observance; but many women should be involved in preparation and participation.

On the theory that you're going to get from those other pages all the week of prayer help that you need, let's

go on to another subject. One goal of this emphasis is to form at least one new missions group during the year. As new members are enlisted, watch for opportunities to divide existing groups to provide for a wider variety of

options—current missions, Bible study, Round Table, prayer, various kinds of mission action.

For the last two years, there has been a special emphasis on study groups. That is true this year also, as the Teach Missions emphasis goes into its third year.

(Though we're concerned this year with forming new ongoing groups, don't forget the earlier suggestions about some groups that might last just for a year. Choosing a key Baptist woman to be the informal starter is the suggestion I've heard. If you try that idea this year, some of the groups might become permanent.)

Remember the options of (1) groups that meet in retirement homes or communities and (2) groups of working women who meet near where they work. The working women might meet at breakfast, lunch, or supper, or just before or after work. They might use an office, a conference room, a luncheonroom, or a convenient restaurant.

In fact, the working woman's group might grow into a separate Baptist Women organization. Think of the nonchurch organizations that meet in the same restaurant each month. Can't you see the Baptist Women emblem being added to the ones that hang on the meeting board?

Wouldn't it be great to end the old year with a triumph in missions giving and prayer?

Wouldn't it be great to start the new year with new groups committed to regular study or action or prayer? These are your opportunities for December.

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CALL TO PRAYER



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Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. An asterisk (*) indicates missionaries on furlough. Addresses of missionaries are listed in Missionary Directory, free from Foreign Mission Board Literature, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23201, or in Home Mission Board Personnel Directory, free from Home Mission Board Literature Service, 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

KEY
mission adm.—mission administration
Natl. Bapt.—National Baptists
pastor/dir.—pastor-director
programing.—program implementation
rel. ed.—religious education
rural/urban dir.—rural/urban missions director
social ministry dir.—Christian social ministries director
students—student work
weekday dir.—weekday ministry director
women—women's work
assoc. rep.—associational representative
bus. adm.—business administration

church ext.—church extension
educ.—education
English—English language work
evang.—evangelism
field rep.—field representative
gen. adm.—general administration
intl./eth.—international witness
intl.—international
men/boys—men and boys work
metro—metropolitan missions
metro dir.—metropolitan missions director

1 Friday Luke 24:44-53
Eloy Cruz, Spanish, N.Y.
Frances (Mrs. Roy) Davis, retired, Ga.
Zoila Diaz (Mrs. Edwin), Spanish, Fla.
Glacia Horta (Mrs. Efrain), Spanish, N.J.
L. Edward Johns, Indian, Ariz.
Ruby Moore (Mrs. A.A.), Indian, Ariz.
Abdian Mora, Spanish, Tex.

Cruz Rodriguez, Spanish, Tex.
Marvin J. Southard, social ministry dir., N.C.
J. Howard Teel, social ministry dir., Ky.
Kay Ellen Green Deckert (Mrs. W.B.), church/home, Japan
Marvin E. Pitts, evangelism, Peru
Janice Thompson Harvey (Mrs. C.E.), church/home, Portugal
Barbara Lawson, nurse, Indonesia
Bradley W. Layton, evangelism, Ecuador
Myrtice Taylor Owens (Mrs. C.R.), nurse, Tanzania
Carol Heester Fruit (Mrs. M.G.), church/home, Togo
Joe Snyder, social work, Kenya

2 Saturday John 20:19-23
Fred Joe Baker, metro dir., Ohio
Aurelio Gutierrez, retired, Tex.
John V. Hunter, Hungarian, Calif.
Robert Melton, retired, Tex.
Bruce W. Pearson, church ext., Calif.
Pera Pena (Mrs. Cristobal), Spanish, Tex.
R. Edgar Ables, evangelism, Ecuador
Cecile Price Alexander (Mrs. M.M., Jr.), church/home, Argentina
Shirley Rish Clark (Mrs. C.W.), worship, Venezuela
Paulette Wolfe Kellum (Mrs. J.L., Jr.), church/home, Philippines
Donald H. Radman, evangelism, Costa Rica
Gordon B. Reese, business adm., Ecuador
Cheryl Davis South (Mrs. D.R.), church/home, Chile
Susan Bowman Steeger (Mrs. W.F.), church/home, Seychelles
Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., educ., Colombia

3 Sunday Matthew 28:16-20
Marsha Eichenberg, social ministry dir., N.C.
Harold E. Lindsay, metro dir., Mass.
Lois Moeller Lamborn (Mrs. Richard), rural/urban dir., Iowa
Leroy Albright, evangelism, Brazil
Johnny J. Baker, evangelism, Brazil
Wilbur F. Butler, Jr., children, Venezuela
Joy Williams Glean (Mrs. D.T.), church/home, Togo
David Grosschone, evangelism, Israel
Robert L. Harris, evangelism, Bermuda
Jimmie L. Harvey, students, Indonesia
Gary D. Linebarger, evangelism, Taiwan

Ray Farmer Maroney (Mrs. J.K.), church/home, Kenya
Lavonne Thompson Meacham (Mrs. H.E.), church/home, Malawi
Edith Potter, secretary, Colombia
Wayne E. Sorrells, evangelism, Brazil

4 Monday Acts 1:1-8
Gerold M. Wittenmyer, metro dir., Wash.
Richard Wyatt, internationals, Mich.
Nevella Chiam Bender (Mrs. W.D.), church/home, Nigeria
Lydia Greene, retired, Malaysia
Thomas A. Jones, business adm., Kenya
Clara Huckaby Schooler (Mrs. John), church/home, Africa
Ernst C. Valerius, evangelism, Brazil
Weldon E. Vinsel, foreign publishing, Tex.
Tamara Williams, journeyman, Israel

5 Tuesday Acts 13:1-12
Jack O'Neal Coggins, US-2, Oreg.
David Liu, Chinese, Ga.
Hilda Mesa (Mrs. Ramon), Spanish, Fla.
Mary Hughes, journeyman, Brazil
A. Clark Scanlon, field rep., Middle America
Samuel T. Upton, evangelism, Malawi

6 Wednesday Acts 16:6-15
Robert W. Aikenworth, social ministry, Conn.
Samuel G. Simpson, church ext., N.Y.
Sandra Wideman (Mrs. James), social ministry dir., Tex.
Gena Wall Calcote (Mrs. R.V.), church/home, Japan
Bobby D. Compton, educ., Costa Rica
Pamela Gardner, journeyman, Paraguay
Carol Humphries, women, Nigeria
Elaine Menda McDonald (Mrs. G.C.), church/home, Colombia
Bettie Abernethy Rickelton (Mrs. Robert), retired, Philippines
Elizabeth Barnett Ranyan (Mrs. Farrell), church/home, Senegal
Carol Harrison Shabane (Mrs. R.W.), church/home, Martinique
Charles Westbrook, evangelism, Japan

7 Thursday Romans 10:8-17
Martha Cash (Mrs. Randy), deaf, Okla.
Eloa Cruz (Mrs. Eloy), Spanish, N.Y.

Mary Faircloth Griffin (Mrs. J.A.), metro dir., Kans.
Maude Lanier (Mrs. W.L.), retired, Ga.
Billy Gene Ryan, metro dir., Calif.
Cherrille Wells (Mrs. Billy), social ministry, Wash.
Diana Creek, journeyman, Brazil
Floyd Mitchell Land, evangelism, Togo
Dennis P. McEntire, evangelism, Paraguay
B. Rae Scott, educ., Malawi
F. Rae Scott, music, Philippines
Virgie Kirby Sorrells (Mrs. W.E.), church/home, Brazil
Lavona Murfin Sprinkle (Mrs. S.D., Jr.), church/home, Panama

8 Friday Ephesians 6:18-24
Concepcion Flores (Mrs. J.S.), Spanish, Tex.
H. Frank Miller, metro dir., Ohio
Laura Whyte (Mrs. L.N.), interfaith, Fla.
Martha Yates Brady (Mrs. O.W.), church/home, Belize
Robert H. Cupepper, educ., Japan
Darlene Anderson Hobbs (Mrs. Jerry), church/home, Thailand
Nella Dean Mitchell Whitten (Mrs. C.W.), church/home, Spain

9 Saturday Revelation 11:15-19
Bella Jo Meeks Austin (Mrs. William), rural/urban dir., Colo.
Jack L. Dink, metro dir., Calif.
Freda Finley (Mrs. Cay), church ext., N.Mex.
Wendell F. Gibson, US-2, Ala.
L. Ray McKinney, rural/urban dir., N.Mex.
Sonia Patonik (Mrs. Theophilus), internationals, Calif.
Mary Blanche Stogdill (Mrs. J.R.), Indian, Okla.
Louella Houston Beddoe (Mrs. R.E.), retired, China
Susan Ward Bryant (Mrs. Orvell, Jr.), church/home, St. Vincent
Edith Blackley Burney (Mrs. R.S.), church/home, Nigeria
Sally Lucas Conley (Mrs. J.G.), church/home, Kenya
Annie Sibley Frazier (Mrs. B.R.), church/home, Brazil
Robert C. Fricks, educ., Mexico
Martha Weber Hall (Mrs. R.J.), church/home, Nigeria
Helen Dalton Hardeman (Mrs. G.W.), church/home, Guatemala
Daniel E. Merck, doctor, Thailand
Damaris Jacard Muller (Mrs. A.C.), retired, Mexico
Yvonne Brannon Farber (Mrs. D.C.), church/home, Zambia

Paula Gotcher Simrell (Mrs. W.D.), church/home, Ivory Coast
Vivian Paulk Trimble (Mrs. J.W.), church/home, Lebanon
Leona Walker Troop (Mrs. J.E.), dorm parent, Brazil
Toby R. Walker, evangelism, Argentina

10 Sunday John 15:12-17
Maxie Gordon, retired, S.C.
Eulalia D. Guerrero, Spanish, Tex.
Paul Jolly, retired, Colo.
Teresa Martines (Mrs. Antonio), retired, La.
James Wideman, social ministry dir., Tex.
Dolores Thomas (Mrs. John), Natl. Bapt., La.
Edith Ayres Allen (Mrs. W.E.), retired, Brazil
Joseph A. Harrington, retired, Brazil
Dolores Wilson Hill (Mrs. D.R.), church/home, Bangladesh
Eveline Farmer Miller (Mrs. F.H.), church/home, Nigeria
John Allen Moore, retired, Switzerland
Danny M. Panter, evangelism, Togo

11 Monday Matthew 5:38-48
James E. Forrest, metro dir., Calif.
Samuel David Harbison, social ministry dir., Ala.
Beresty Lewis, US-2, N.Mex.
S.M. Taylor, retired, Ark.
Betty Alice Cowan Carroll (Mrs. D.M., Jr.), foreign publishing, Tex.
John H. Dillman, evangelism, Kenya
William T. Dunn, media, Lebanon
William Hobbs, dentist, Barbados
William Ichter, music, Brazil
Martha Hall Key (Mrs. M.H., Jr.), church/home, Togo
Benjamin R. Lawton, educ., Italy
L. August Lovegren, doctor, Jordan
Jane Parsons Park (Mrs. J.A.), church/home, Ecuador
Stockwell B. Sears, educ., Malaysia
Frances Hennessey Smyth (Mrs. J.P.), educ., Brazil
Fanny Starnes, secretary, Thailand
Susan Hill Sutton (Mrs. M.A.), church/home, France
Maxey C. White, retired, Brazil

12 Tuesday John 13:27-35
Jean Reese (Mrs. S.K.), social ministry, Calif.
Carolyn Crenshaw (Mrs. Genet), Indian, Fla.
J. Christine Dennis Henshaw (Mrs. C.L., Jr.), rural/urban dir., S.C.
Frank Medina, Spanish, Ill.
Dorothy Newman, Spanish, Tex.
Mrs. P.C. Rawland, retired, Tex.

A. Clark Scanlon
Apartado 322
Guatemala City, Guatemala
December 5

Although missionaries are sent overseas to minister to other people, missionaries are people, too. They also need to be on the receiving end of ministry.

The Foreign Mission Board recognizes this and provides people whose jobs are to meet the needs of missionaries in certain areas of the world.

Clark Scanlon is the missionaries' missionary for Middle America.

His official title is field representative for Middle America, which includes Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex.

In this job, he is a personal link with the FMB and its missionaries. He interprets FMB policy and actions to missionaries in his area and brings problems and explains situations to the FMB as well as explains situations missionaries face.

He is pastor to the missionaries in his area. But his job is more than that. He surveys new areas for possible Southern Baptist witness. He is a



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planner—in evangelizing, education, and in-service missionary training. He is also a trustee of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, which prints literature for 40 countries.

Although he is stationed in Guatemala City, much of his time is spent traveling. This often involves a lot of walking, so Clark keeps in shape by swimming and playing tennis whenever he has free time.

He is no stranger to this job. He has held since 1971. Before that, he was field representative for the Caribbean for two years. During that time he and his family made their home in

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Appointed as missionaries in 1953, Clark and his wife, Sarah, studied Spanish in San José, Costa Rica, for a year. Then they moved to Guatemala City, where he was president of a seminary for five years.

A former bookstore manager, he is also an author. He has written more than 50 articles for Baptist publications. His books include *Hope in the Ruins* (next month's Round Table Book Club selection), a story of Christian response following a 1976 earthquake in Guatemala, and *Passport to People*.

His days are full, but somehow he finds time for his hobby—photography. While in the United States on furlough about 2 years ago, he exhibited about 50 black-and-white prints entitled "Faces and Places of Central America."

The pictures expressed part of his message on needs in Central America.

Pray that his presence as the only North American in the Guatemala Photography Club will open doors for witness.

Anita Bowden
Richmond, Va.

Marian Wolfe (Mrs. E.S.), Spanish, Calif.
Brenda Shupe Brookie (Mrs. D.L.), church/home, Costa Rica
Sylvia Howard Fletcher (Mrs. W.E.), church/home, Peru
Tymel Grohman, journeyman, Dominican Republic
Gene Legg, evangelism, Nigeria
Jean Anthony Middleton (Mrs. H.K.), library, Chile
Audrey Price Swicegood (Mrs. G.M.), church/home, Brazil
Dennis Testerman, journeyman, Nigeria
Thomas L. Watson, media, Venezuela
Leslie Sands Williams (Mrs. W.J.), church/home, Nigeria

13 Wednesday 1 Corinthians 12:34-13:7
Randy Cash, deat, Okla.
Brenda Hearne (Mrs. J.G.), US-2, Alaska
Herbert W. Barker, educ., Taiwan
Myron Joseph Benfield, music, Uruguay
Thomas A. Clardy, English, Austria

Bonnie Moore, media, Nigeria
Florence Goldston Pinkston (Mrs. G.W.), church/home, Indonesia
William S. Weiler, evangelism, Malawi
Janice Hinson Wilson (Mrs. R.B.), church/home, Dominican Republic
Anna Wollerman, retired, Brazil

14 Thursday Romans 12:9-21
Grace Cunningham (Mrs. H.E.), retired, S.C.
Marie Eva Espurva (Mrs. Adam), Spanish, Tex.
Grace Faulkenberry (Mrs. S.L.), social ministry dir., Va.
Mrs. R.J. Ferguson, rural/urban dir., Idaho
Anne Gilliland (Mrs. Ray), social ministry dir., N.Y.
Yvonne Ottwell (Mrs. Donald), deat, Fla.

Elvira Gonzalez Sotelo (Mrs. Daniel), Spanish, Calif.
Janie Pickering Wallace (Mrs. D.T.), social ministry, Nev.
Lee Baggett, doctor, Mexico
Lotella Wesley Cole (Mrs. Phillip), educ., Liberia

Nadine Sikes Gray (Mrs. W.H., Jr.), church/home, Mexico
Jerry L. Harris, educ., Barbados
Veda Tyson Iorok (Mrs. G.S.), media, Venezuela
Gerald A. McNeely, educ., Spain
Pauline Gilliland Patterson (Mrs. F.W.), retired, Mexico
C. Thomas Stephens, Jr., educ., Indonesia

15 Friday Romans 15:1-7
Robert L. Foster, special mission ministry, Mont.
Raul Gonzalez, retired, Fla.
La Vern A. Inzer, church ext., Nev.
Barbara Martin (Mrs. L.R.), Natl. Bapt. La.
Lucio Moreno, Spanish, Tex.
Greta R. Lohman Sklar (Mrs. Gilbert), rural/urban dir., Oreg.
Roger Capps, educ., Malaysia
Shirley Lee Carter (Mrs. J.W.), church/home, Colombia
Jackie B. Cooper, evangelism, Panama
Ellen Askew Edwards (Mrs. J.M.), church/home, Mexico

Freda Finley
P.O. Box 113
Eagle Nest, NM 87718
December 9

Freda Finley thinks birthdays are always to be celebrated. Since her name appears on the prayer calendar, Freda knows thousands of Southern Baptists all over the world will be praying for her on her special day.

"It's always exciting to see what the Lord is going to do," she says.

One year on her birthday, Freda and her husband, Coy, received a letter from an Arlington, Texas, physician offering their mission some property he owned.

Since Freda and Coy are home missionaries in a resort area, they are always looking for new places to begin ministries.

As it happened, the property was located in an isolated area where the Finleys had never had access before.

"This property gave us an inroad to people there that we would not have had otherwise," Freda says.

Most of the work Freda and Coy are involved in is closer home and varies with the season.



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The summer season sees the arrival of campers and backpackers while skiers inhabit the snow-covered mountains during the winter.

"Resort work involves walk-to-wall people," Freda says.

In the summer, ministry centers around church services at campgrounds and day camps and a tent revival.

In the winter church youth groups

Marshall Flournoy, evangelism, Brazil
Wayne L. Hagenmyer, evangelism, Japan
D. Leon Mitchell, business adm., Indonesia
Gene D. Phillips, evangelism, Rhodesia
Mary Matlock Scott (Mrs. F.R.), church/home, Philippines
Lewis R. Smith, doctor, Hong Kong

16 Saturday Philippians 1:3-11
Enrique Capeda, Spanish, N.Y.
Audley Hamrick, Indian, N.Mex.
Don B. Phillips, US-2, Ariz.
Lola Rios (Mrs. E.L.), retired, Tex.
Minerva Sanchez (Mrs. Inez), retired, Tex.
Joyce Lee Barks Slaughter (Mrs. Ray), rural/urban dir., W.Va.

Betty Freeman Thomas (Mrs. A.W.), metro dir., Calif.
H. Wesley Wiley, Natl. Bapt. Md.
Sallie Dowdy Bostick (Mrs. R.K.), church/home, Kenya
Betty Wilk Carroll (Mrs. G.W.), church/home, Uganda
Martha Giddon Haylock (Mrs. A.R.), church/home, Dominican Republic
Felix Keith Lathrop, educ., Liberia
Gretl C. McDonald, evangelism, Colombia

Samuel G. Shepard, educ., Portugal
William L. Smith, evangelism, Brazil
Frances Davis Tumbler (Mrs. J.A.), retired, Brazil
Thomas Wade, Jr., evangelism, Kenya
Ina Jones Winstead (Mrs. R.G.), church/home, Taiwan

17 Sunday Isaiah 41:7-7
Bill Berry, US-2, N.Mex.
Paul Elledge, retired, Kans.
Joyce Elaine Sweeney Martin (Mrs. L.K.), metro dir., Mich.
Carolyn J. Mobley, social ministry, Ga.
Ruby Fletcher Davis (Mrs. H.V.), church/home, Brazil
MaryDean Terry Phillips (Mrs. B.E.), church/home, Zambia

18 Monday Isaiah 11:1-9
Maria Arrambide (Mrs. Pedrol), Spanish, Tex.
Fernando G. Down, church ext., N.Y.
Thomas Eason, Spanish, N.Mex.
Janette Hotaler Mills (Mrs. Robert), social ministry, Kans.
Lydia Silva (Mrs. A.J.), Spanish, Ga.
Maximo Vasquez, retired, Fla.
Leo Williams, Natl. Bapt., N.C.
Catherine Chappell, social work, Brazil

come to present dramas and musicals, many times they witness one-to-one on the slopes.

Through the years many people have come to know Jesus Christ through this ministry.

"Many times people make decisions that we don't find out about until several years later," Freda says. "They go home and make their decisions public, and the next year or so someone from their home will come through and tell us about it."

But sometimes Coy and Freda see immediate results from their work.

One night following an outdoor campground service, a man from Arkansas committed his life to Christ. "He was an alcoholic and had just about reached the bottom rung."

After he returned home, he became active in a church. Now he comes back every summer just to visit," Freda says.

"Pray that the Lord will give us strength—physical and spiritual—for this ministry. And pray that our mission will soon become a church."

Beth Sayen Wildes
Birmingham, Ala.

Eugene B. Kimer, Jr., evangelism, Venezuela
Gertrude Weatherly Morgan (Mrs. F.A.), retired, Brazil
Betty Rains (Mrs. R.M.), journeyman, Kenya

19 Tuesday Micah 5:1-4
James O. Beck, social ministry, Ga.
Elaine Dicarmine Hampton (Mrs. D.F.), church ext., Nebr.
Jackie H. McClung, social ministry, Ga.
Linda Miller (Mrs. W.D.), social ministry, Colo.
Bradley D. Brown, educ., Liberia
Ulene DeWeese Cader (Mrs. B.E.), church/home, Brazil
Linda Stevens Clark (Mrs. W.B.), church/home, Chile
Grace Fleming, journeyman, Argentina
Edward Gordon, evangelism, Philippines
Robert C. Hensley, evangelism, Panama
Margaret Johnson Porter (Mrs. P.C.), retired, Brazil
Arnon M. Remington, media, Portugal
Lair Samu, journeyman, Philippines
Charles D. Senda III, pharmacist, Korea

G. Thomas Wade, Jr.
Box 249
Kisumu, Kenya
December 16

Agriculture can mean the difference between life and death in third-world countries. People are eager to learn how to improve farming methods and how to grow more food for their sometimes hungry and malnourished families.

Many times it's easier to tell them about a loving, concerned God after a basic need—food—has been met.

Agricultural missionaries show God's love and concern by teaching better farming methods. Tom Wade is one of these missionaries. Tom and his wife went to Kenya well prepared in 1976. He earned a degree in forestry from the University of Georgia, Athens, and has completed some requirements for the master of agricultural extension degree. He has experience as an area and district forester in Haines and Juneau, Alaska.

Most of all, he knows that agricultural missions is not a stopgap measure. It's not providing food during a crisis and then retreating until another crisis arises. It means providing food when it's needed and then



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teaching farming methods to help prevent another food shortage

Although many Kenyans live in nice houses and are well educated, many others still live in mud huts on the shamba (farm) and try "to get a subsistence living out of two or three acres," he says. "There is much work for us in helping these farmers learn better farming methods as well as teaching them about Jesus Christ." Since he is relatively new, Tom is

spending most of his time surveying the needs of farmers and trying out varieties of food in experimental farming. He also continues to study the culture and language (Swahili).

Everyone needs a break now and then, so Tom and his family go camping and on camera-safari trips. During one night they spent at a game park, they saw 30 different animals come to a watering hole near the lodge.

About Kenya he says, "We can't get over the brilliant green trees and grass and the bright blue sky. Everything seems bigger than life here."

Some things are different, too. He had to get used to driving on the "wrong" side of the road and bargaining for purchases. "The color of our skin makes prices automatically go up. Then as we speak Swahili, the prices come down," he says.

Pray for Tom as he and his family continue to adjust to life in Kenya. Pray that his agricultural knowledge will help Kenyan farmers provide better for their families. And pray that his agricultural witness will also be a witness for Christ.

Anita Bowden
Richmond, Va.

Charles W. Shirley, educ., Argentina
Vi Marie Taylor, educ., Hong Kong

20 Wednesday Luke 1:26-38
Silvestre Ayala, Spanish, Tex.
Joan Flores, retired, Tex.
Gloria Gomez (Mrs. D. M.), Spanish, Calif.

Nancy Jean Parrish (Mrs. Robert), deaf, Ariz.
Theodore Virgin, retired, Tex.
Thelma Frith Bagby (Mrs. A.E.), retired, Brazil

Stella Baumgardner, journeyman, Nigeria
Elaine Jones Herin (Mrs. Mangert), church/home, Grenada

Betsy Herman (Mrs. M.D.), nurse, Colombia
Stanley P. Howard, Jr., mission adm., Japan

Paul B. Johnson, evangelism, Philippines
June Hall McNeely (Mrs. G.A.), church/home, Spain

Daniel W. O'Reagan, evangelism, Japan
Donald V. Phlegar, dorm parent, Thailand

J.W. Trimble, English, Lebanon

21 Thursday Luke 1:46-55
Claud T. Cunningham, church ext., Kans.

Peggy Latham, social ministry dir., Tex.
Carol Ann Sanders (Mrs. Jerry), Spanish, Tex.

Mary Anne Coffey Burnham (Mrs. J.L.), church/home, Israel
Chester S. Cadwallader, Jr., religious literature coordinator, El Salvador

Anna Cowan, educ., Jordan
Lois E. Hart, nurse, Chile

Tome R. Hayes, educ., Lebanon
Frances Horton, educ., Japan

Oncida Dodson Mahaffey (Mrs. J.E.), church/home, Thailand
Polly Love Morris (Mrs. J.G.), church/home, Thailand

Lee H. Nichols, evangelism, Korea
Robert M. Parham, retired, Nigeria
Carol Valerius, journeyman, Brazil

22 Friday Matthew 1:16-25
Marvin O. Berry, Spanish, Ill.
Martha Castaneda (Mrs. J.O.), Spanish, Tex.

Michael DuVal, US-2, Tenn.
Charles H. Hines, US-2, Fla.
Gladys McLanahan, retired, Fla.

C. Burd Potter, Jr., metro dir., Md.
Mrs. Mallie Swetsman, retired, La.

Mrs. Joseph Valenzuela, Spanish, Calif.
Barbara Wiley (Mrs. Robert), rural/urban dir., Ind.

Herman E. Wooten, metro dir., Calif.
Joy Watts Allen (Mrs. F.M.), church home, Zambia

Ruth Newport Cartledge (Mrs. R.L.), retired, Uruguay
Marie Saddler Eudaly (Mrs. N.H.), publishing, Nicaragua

Patricia Bateman Honeycutt (Mrs. D.A.), church/home, Colombia
Linda Pickett Hudson (Mrs. J.V.), Jr., church/home, Korea

Sharon Bamberg Landers (Mrs. J.M.), church/home, Brazil
Elaine Graham Meador (Mrs. L.D., Jr.), church/home, Indonesia

Henry Schwelmburg, evangelism, Spain
Ben H. Wetmaker, educ., Colombia

23 Saturday Luke 1:67-79
Rachel Alonzo (Mrs. F.M.), retired, Ariz.

L.P. Barnett, retired, N.C.
Weldon I. Barnett, rural/urban dir., N. Mex.

Deborah Snyder
5109 Goldsboro Drive
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Hampton, Va. 23605
December 24



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

"Lord, why can't Gwen sit still?" Deborah Snyder prayed as the teenager beside her fidgeted.

Since there were only four others at the weekly evangelistic service, Deborah knew Gwen's restlessness was distracting. Surely she wasn't paying attention.

But after the service Gwen wanted to talk. "She told me something had gotten to her," Deborah says. Deborah began counseling with Gwen, and later that evening Gwen accepted Christ as her Saviour.

"Gwen began coming to Friendship House in grade school. But the children here receive no spiritual training in their homes. By the time she was in seventh grade, she had done just about anything you can name," Deborah says.

Recently several girls Deborah teaches at the Baptist center have become Christians.

"We've been blessed in that we've

seen results," she says.

Friendship House is extending its ministry into other areas in the Hampton (Va.) community with satellite programs.

"We started a mission last year to reach the unchurched who live around Langley (an Air Force base). By spring we had 91 coming. 'We've also started one-day programs in the

Mrs. Freeda Harris, retired, Ky.
Harold P. HHS, language, Oreg.
David Holden, metro dir., Iowa

George Shabas, Arabic, Ill.
W.D. Sharp, rural/urban dir., W. Va.
Hedodoro Silva, Spanish, Tex.

Lein Woo (Mrs. Joseph), Korean, Calif.
John Adams, doctor, Kenya

Larry Cox, educ., Ivory Coast
Thomas E. Haisell, Jr., students, Senegal

Donald Langford, doctor, Hong Kong
Hal B. Lee, Jr., evangelism, France

Wanda Smith McNeill (Mrs. D.W.), church/home, Brazil
Edward Mills, youth, Zambia

Joel Carpenter Nash (Mrs. R.N.), church/home, Philippines
David Parker, educ., Zambia

Shirley Canada Smith (Mrs. T.L.), church/home, Liberia
Martha Sullivan, journeyman, Taiwan

Mary Lois Summers, educ., Brazil
Donald E. Turner, social work, Brazil

24 Sunday Luke 2:1-20
Marcela Beltran (Mrs. Jose), retired, Calif.

Ruth Lowe (Mrs. Thomas), retired, Calif.

New Market area, and next year we hope to start these in the Lackey area," Deborah says.

As director of Christian social ministries at Friendship House, Deborah stays busy. She's responsible for teaching weekly classes to about 40 teen-age girls, finding and supervising volunteers to work with other age levels, and counseling those who come seeking help.

She also works closely with other social service agencies so agencies do not duplicate services. Through this, she often meets people who would not ordinarily come to Friendship House.

"One family I'm working with has 17 children. At one time they were a proud family who wouldn't accept help. But several years ago the mother died, and the next year the father had a stroke. Pray for them. With 17 children, there's always a crisis."

"Also, please pray for the satellite programs we're beginning," Deborah asks.

Beth Sayers Wildes
Birmingham, Ala.

Flora Cole Hallfield (Mrs. R.A.), church/home, Italy
Elizabeth Jackson Johnson (Mrs. R.E.), retired, Brazil

James H. Laseiter, media, Ivory Coast
Tom W. McMillan, educ., Tanzania

Levi W. Price, Jr., evangelism, Mexico
Daniel B. Ray, evangelism, Kenya

Daniel Schellenberg, evangelism, Kenya
Maxine Asburn Stewart (Mrs. R.R.), church/home, Thailand

Jean DeVore Young (Mrs. J.N.), church/home, Brazil

26 Tuesday Galatians 4:1-7
Harry B. Heazee, social ministry, D.C.

John Hughton, church ext., Mass.
Daniel Riven, Spanish, Tex.

Betty Roorbach Abell (Mrs. J.C.), Jr., church/home, Nigeria
Rebecca Holmes Alexander (Mrs. C.A.), church/home, Mexico

Stephan Baumgardner, journeyman, Nicaragua
Ananda Cannaneri, educ., Bahamas

Dale Carter, evangelism, Brazil
Zach J. Deal, Jr., evangelism, Colombia

Judy Brown Garner (Mrs. D.E.), church/home, Malawi

Jerry B. Gaultney,* medical technologist, Nigeria
Evelyn Harden Hampton (Mrs. C.A.), church/home, Africa
Patricia Lane, journeyman, Israel
Valda Long, nurse, Nigeria
Rodney Stilwell, journeyman, Uruguay
Lavern Tape (Mrs. C.A.), church/home, Tanzania
James L. Wootton, educ., Korea

27 Wednesday Matthew 2:1-12
BW Anderson, US-2, Oreg.
Rufus Corbin, retired, Okla.
Lynn Bradford Gurney (Mrs. D.C.), special mission ministry, Colo.
Sally Klopfer (Mrs. Paul), Indian, N. Mex.
Robert M. Saul, evangelism, N.Y.
Velma Nalley Tullison (Mrs. John), metro dir., Ohio
Mark M. Alexander, Jr.,* evangelism, Argentina
Ruth Ford, retired, Indonesia
Farrell Remya, evangelism, Senegal

28 Thursday Matthew 3:1-12
Judy Pope (Mrs. Jerry), social ministry dir., N.C.
Ernie St. John (Mrs. Jerry), dekl. S.C.
Dorothy Armstrong Warren (Mrs. J.R.), rural/urban dir., Calif.

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3. Divide members into small action companies. Ask each company to act out a scene assigned from the biography. At the end of each scene, ask one member of the company to explain the importance of that scene to the ministry of the man.

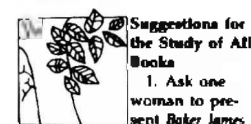
4. Ask several storytellers to choose incidents from the biography to relate to the group. Place emphasis upon discipline and the results of discipline in the life of one who accepts the call to mission support.

5. Use the following questions for a group discussion of the biography. How did Baker Cauthen's parents shape his life? What influence did W. T. Cauthen have on the life of Cauthen? What did Cauthen learn from W. L. Howse and his wife? In what ways are the Cauthen children products of their parents? What specifically

Vella Burch, retired, Hong Kong
James W. Carter, business adm., Colombia
Francis McCaw Goldfinch (Mrs. Sydney), church/home, Costa Rica
Yvonne Hallen, youth, Guatemala
Margaret Herrie, evangelism, Grenada
James D. Hallin, evangelism, Hong Kong
Nellie Brock Smith (Mrs. J.D.), church/home, Indonesia
Bobbie Gilbert West (Mrs. J.R.), church/home, Venezuela

29 Friday John 1:19-29
Deborah Baker, journeyman, Japan
Helen Lee Hancock (Mrs. H.R.), church/home, Korea
Judith Freddy Kent (Mrs. W.T.), press relations, Paraguay
Delores Hancock Kimbrough (Mrs. Clint), music, Brazil
Ruth Lloyd Partain (Mrs. J.C.), church/home, Tanzania
Marian Phillips, students, Nigeria
Larry D. Phillips, bus. adm., Hong Kong
Ann Swenson, publishing, Latin American
Margaret Roberts Tucker (Mrs. H.R., Jr.), music, South America
Earl Williams,* evang., Liberia

has Dr. Cauthen contributed to Southern Baptist missions?



Suggestions for the Study of All Books
 1. Ask one woman to present Baker James Cauthen, using one of the activities described above. Ask another member to present examples from *A Woman for All Seasons* that provide biblical basis for the disciplined life of Cauthen. Ask a third member to compare and contrast the prayer program of Evelyn Christenson with the one demonstrated by the life of Cauthen.

2. Choose three members to bring short reviews of the three books for study. Lead a group discussion on mission support goals in the lives of Baptist women. Draw examples from the reviews.

30 Saturday John 1:35-42
Mildred Ruth Davis Duke (Mrs. J.L.), metro dir., Calif.
Martha Shield (Mrs. H.D.), Eskimo Alaska
Reyonda Moncrief Deal (Mrs. J.L.), church/home, Malaysia
Betty McCown Dison (Mrs. Curtis), church/home, Angola
Phyllis Marie Hendrickson (Mrs. F.H.), church/home, Kenya
Mary Smith,* educ., Indonesia
Joe T. Fox, foreign publishing, Tex.
Eva Sanders, retired, Nigeria
Geraldine Washington Williams (Mrs. F.L.), church/home, Brazil

31 Sunday John 1:43-51
Jose Correa, Spanish, N.J.
Valentino Cuellar, retired, Tex.
Cary Harden, rural/urban dir., Ohio
Christine V. Jordan Hendzel (Mrs. Marshall), rural/urban dir., Tex.
Juliana Fancs (Mrs. Correll), Romanian, N.Y.
Bernie T. Griffin, retired, Nigeria
Norman L. Harrell,* evangelism, Portugal
Walter B. McNeely, retired, Brazil
Robert Morris, journeyman, Nigeria
Charles Vivrette, journeyman, Jordan

Call to Prayer Suggestion
 Use the questions on pages 24-29 of *Yes A Woman's View of Mission Support*. Read the questions aloud before reading the names of missionaries who have birthdays today. Ask each woman to pray a sentence prayer, linking a question with one of the missionaries.

*Members of Round Table Book Club get these books automatically. Also available through Baptist Book Store. Available through Baptist Book Store. See index item, p. 46.

Miss Osborn, a former editor of news services, teaches at Louisiana College, Pineville.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Secretary Mexico One year. Must speak Spanish. Round trip transportation and furnished housing provided.

Stewardship and Sunday School consultant Zambia One year. Train church leaders in stewardship principles and Sunday School methods. Extensive travel. Transportation provided. Furnished housing with utilities paid.

Research and design consultant Taiwan One year. Round trip transportation and furnished housing with utilities paid.

Theological professor Rwanda Bachelor of Divinity degree required. Must speak French. Round trip transportation and furnished housing provided.

Personal evangelism Brasilia, Brazil Take census. Portuguese version of WIN materials used.

Evangelism clinic Brasilia, Brazil Any three-week period, March 1979.

Guitarist Singapore Three weeks. Ability to finger pick, play classical jazz, play lead and bass guitars. Housing provided.

Graded choir specialists and piano tuner/organ recitalist Brasilia, Brazil Any two-week period, March-July 1979.

Organ builder Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 6-rank, 2-manual Mueller Pipe Organ needs a complete overhaul. Must come before February 1979. Moderate charge for meals and lodging.

Piano tuner Nigeria

Printer Zambia Nine months to one year. Round trip transportation and furnished housing provided.

Printer Malawi Six months. Round trip transportation for one person, lodging, and local transportation provided.

Hospital maintenance manager Jordan One year. Knowledge of mechanical and electrical supportive services. Round trip transportation and furnished housing provided.

Hospital administrator Ajloun, Jordan One year. Round trip transportation and furnished housing provided.

Electrical/mechanical engineer Nigeria Three months. Lodging and local transportation provided.

General maintenance Nigeria Three months.

Seminary maintenance engineer Nigeria Three months.

Maintenance engineer Tokyo, Japan Up to six months. Must be expert in maintenance theory and practice. Housing provided, but volunteer will pay board.

Appliance repairman Guadeloupe One to two weeks. Moderate charge for meals and lodging.

Business manager Tanzania Round trip transportation and furnished housing provided. One year.

Camp construction Equatorial Brazil Team of 4-12. Basic hand tools should be brought from U.S. Moderate charge for food and lodging.

Construction team of four Brasilia, Brazil Bricklayers and finish carpenter. One month.

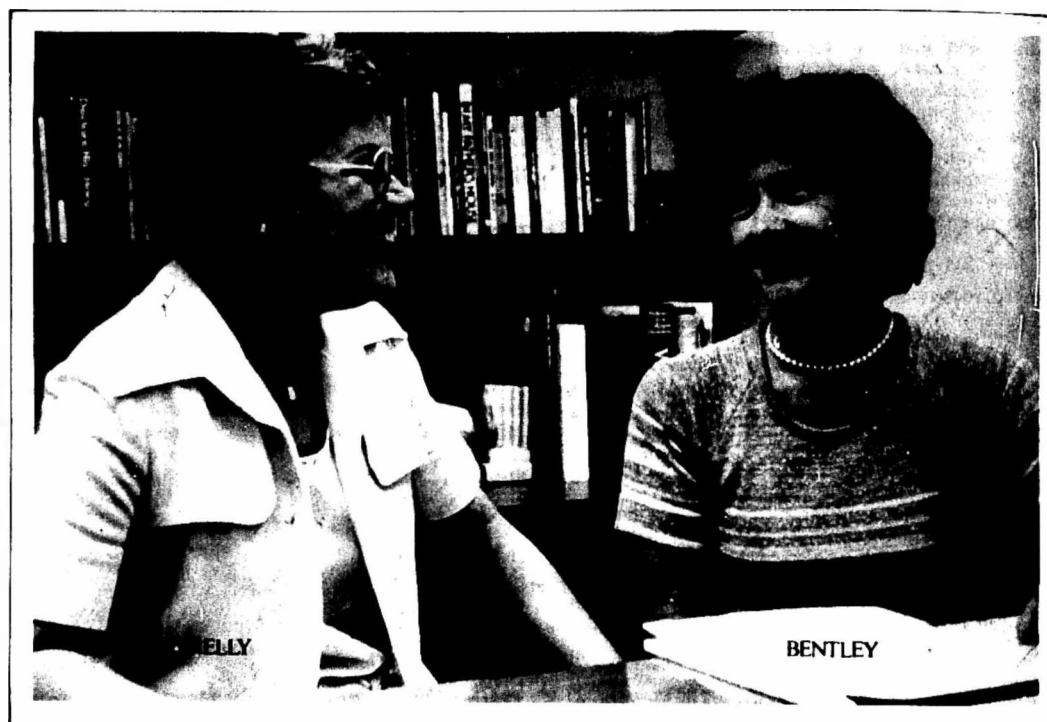
Crew for construction and repair Guadeloupe 10-14 days. Moderate charge for meals and lodging.

For additional information, please write: Consultant on Laymen Overseas, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23230.

CONTRACT TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Nigeria Salary plus round trip for family of five provided. State Board of Education, Benin City. At least two years. If interested, please contact: Embassy of Nigeria (Recruitment Section), 2201 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, phone (202)234-4400; or Consulate General of Nigeria, P.O. Box 3512 Rincon Annex, San Francisco, CA 94119, phone (415)433-8500.

Brazil American School of Recife. High-school English teacher, high-school math teacher, elementary teachers.



Eljee Bentley and Carrol Kelly Join Baptist Women Staff

Bobbie Sorrill

FACTS ABOUT ELJEE BENTLEY

- Became Baptist Women products editor in June 1978
- Will edit manuals, spiritual development books, mission action materials, leaflets, and other products for Baptist Women
- Native of Rock Island, Illinois
- Has taught school in Alabama and Georgia
- Has been a frequent contributor to ROYAL SERVICE, active in church and associa-

tional Baptist Women

- Received PhD in history from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- Married and the mother of three children

FACTS ABOUT CARROL KELLY

- Became Baptist Women consultant in August 1978
- Will work with state, associational, and church Baptist Women leaders in promoting missions; will lead confer-

ences and workshops, and will write for ROYAL SERVICE.

- Native of Hamilton, Texas
- Has been Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women director for Missouri WMU, served on the staff of Florida WMU and St. Louis (Mo.) Baptist Mission Board, and taught school in Texas
- Graduate of Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos. Received MRE from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas