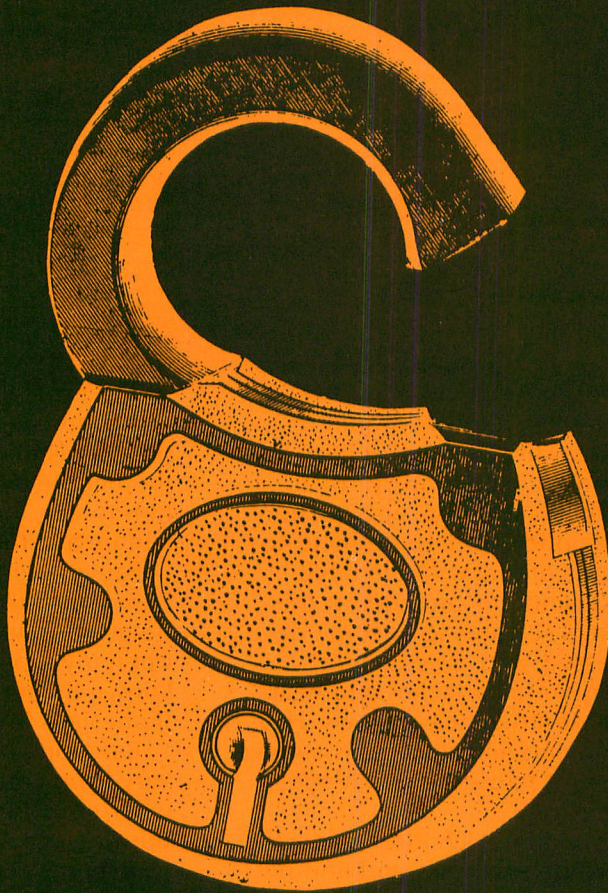


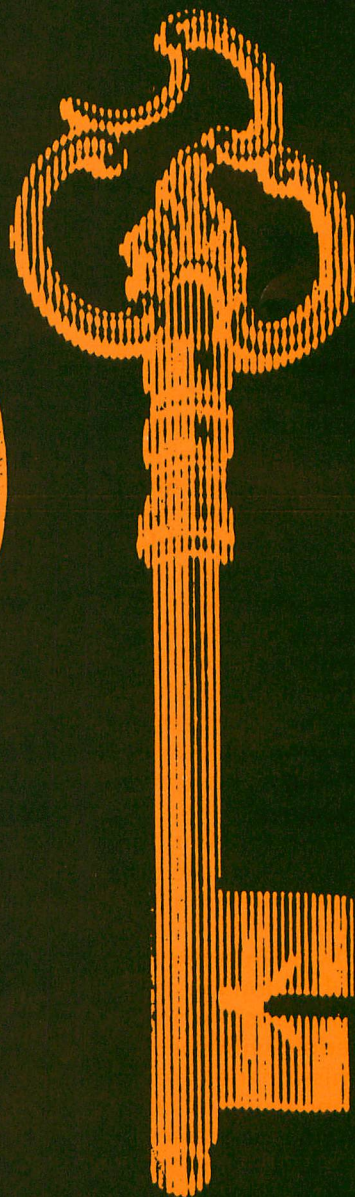
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**PRAYER:  
THE KEY  
TO MISSIONS**







*Bob Aycock has served three terms in Brazil where he started three churches.*

# PRAYER: THE KEY TO



by **Bobby Aycock**

**A**n intercessory foreign missionary is a laborer who cannot go into the foreign field. He sets himself apart to pray for the definite details of the foreign missionary work," stated Alfred Earnest Street.

The key to missions is old-time intercessory prayer. Unfortunately we have very little of it. Most churches are taken up exclusively with their local program. They forget that the world is white unto harvest and that we are responsible to put in the sickle. Hence, no prayer for world missions!

Some are interested but don't know how to pray for "the definite details" of a foreign missionary work.

Prayer is always in order for missionaries, but don't just pray, "God, bless the missionaries." They are a people with special needs. The missionaries are not "super men and women, super spiritual with no weaknesses or needs," as some may suppose.

In heathen lands Satan's fiery

arrows fly almost without resistance. His strongholds have not been pulled down. Spiritual darkness is dense, and missionaries often have to do hand-to-hand combat with the devil.

It is not uncommon for the Lord's servants to become depressed and discouraged. Frequent heartaches and heartbreaks strike heavy blows. Health problems and sicknesses are ever present to molest and hinder them.

Missionary children generally have no examples and find no Christian fellowship with those of their own age. This is especially true when new works are being started. They face the ever-present temptation to be like the unsaved nationals with whom they associate. Pray that the missionaries' children will be preserved in the ways of the Lord.

Pray that the missionary will be an overcomer and will live daily the victorious Christian life, not suffering defeat nor

compromising Christian principles in his efforts to identify with the people that God has called him to win. And pray that he will be a faithful soulwinner.

Paul asked prayer of the Ephesians "that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19).

Religion and tradition may vary from country to country where mission work is done, but they are always evident and usually have strong roots in the minds and customs of the people. In Brazil Spiritism and Roman Catholicism have strong grips on the people. Because of their religious and traditional background, most new converts need instruction and a lot of prayer. You can petition God on behalf of these converts.

If you do not have information on these, you can still pray for them. God knows them and their needs. Or you may hear of some through your missionaries. Ask God to help them become ma-



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ture and fruitful Christians. Paul urged the Ephesians to be "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

Plead for deliverance of those to whom the missionary is witnessing. You may or may not know who they are. But here again, God knows! They may be unsaved neighbors. Eight out of ten families who lived in our block in Barbacena gave us a going away party shortly before we left for furlough. These families need your prayers that they may find Christ.

Shortly before we left Brazil it was necessary for Sue to consult a medical doctor. After her exam he visited with us in his office for about one-and-a-half hours. He asked her for a Christian book to read. He needs

your prayers that he might be saved.

Usually the missionary has many contacts. In Africa it might be a new village or tribe. Pray that the missionaries might be successful in leading to Christ those to whom they have witnessed.

Paul said "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9).

Beg God to open new doors and to provide new contacts for the missionaries. Many people whom he hasn't met live in his area. If he could only meet them they might get saved.

Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37b-38). As you pray for laborers offer yourself to

the Lord. One pastor did this and he is on the mission field today.

Ask God to call young people from your church for His service. If you have children offer them to the Lord like Hannah did Samuel.

Petition God to call nationals as pastors, evangelists and missionaries. We could not send enough missionaries to man all the work, nor do we want to fill the place of national leaders.

The need for world missions has not left us. To the contrary, the need has greatly increased. The percentage of Protestants in relation to world population has slipped from 25% in the early 1800's to 6% at the present time.

Should this discourage us? No! Absolutely not. It should challenge us and motivate us to get involved in world evangelism by intercessory prayer. □

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by Tom Willey, Jr.

**S**tartled, I awakened to something ringing in my ears. When I had pulled myself together, I realized it was the telephone. Glancing at the clock, I piled out of bed. Thirty minutes after midnight! I ran to get the phone before it should awaken the whole family.

"Pastor, this is Julio Cesar. Can we come to your house right now?"

"Surely," I responded. "I'll be waiting."

Quickly, I dressed and awaited their arrival. What followed turned out to be one of the most unusual testimonies I have ever heard.

But let's go back to the time it all began—some six months earlier on a Sunday night. We were showing a film on Jerusalem at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City. Approximately fifteen minutes from the end of the film a handsome, well-dressed young man entered and sat down.

As the film ended and the invitation was given, the man clambered to his feet and practically ran to the altar. He burst into tears, crying out, "Have mercy on me a sinner!" After some time had lapsed, I was able to show him in the Bible God's promise of mercy through faith in Christ. Julio Cesar Guerra rose from his knees a new creature in Christ.

At the time of his conversion Julio was a master of ceremonies at various nightclubs and dance halls. He also worked as a radio announcer and was a reporter for a local sports magazine. Naturally, his work as "M.C." ceased immediately.

A few weeks later he relinquished his job at the radio station. He was feeling convicted for having to spend most of his



Tom Willey, Jr. instructs Doris and Alberto in Panama.

## His "Job" Yielded Maximum Remuneration!

*Doris and Alberto Hinestrosa conquered demon powers through prayer and the blood of Christ.*





time advertising liquor. This left him with only what we might call a "part-time" job as a sports reporter.

But Julio took on another full-time job: He began praying for the producer and editor of the magazine, a husband-wife team.

Every time he came to prayer meeting, Julio would ask the church to remember them in prayer. Two days prior to the midnight call Julio telephoned and asked if I could talk to Doris (the wife and editor). He claimed she had problems and was desperate.

So, on a Wednesday afternoon I sat and listened to the sad story of a lovely, brilliant young woman. She had been on "pot" and all that this entailed as a Panamanian "hippie." She had sunk so low that the courts had taken her daughter from her. (Mothers always get custody of their children in Panama.)

Then she had married the first man she had ever loved. She was on her way back to being a respectable person again only to discover that the man had married her in order to avoid being deported. He was a Columbian without legal status in Panama.

In desperation Doris was reaching out. Having seen the change in Julio Cesar, she felt he had something she needed. Her final, desperate words were, "Pastor, I've come to the end of myself. I have come here to give my life to God."

**K**neeling in our living room this young woman—having tried everything the world had offered her—met the Friend who really loved her. She became a new creature in Christ. On the next night (Thursday) at prayer meeting Doris testified of God's transformation of her life.

Following the service she shared with several of those present her story of the night

before. She disclosed that she had seen what looked to be a "vapor" rise out of her husband as he lay sleeping at about midnight. It had moved around the end of the bed, and after standing above her for a moment, had disappeared.

At about 5:00 a.m. she had awakened feeling a strange "presence" in the room. When she opened her eyes, the "vapor" was once again at the foot of her bed. It began to move around and then seemed to "enter" her husband who began to have what appeared to be a seizure (eyes rolling, face contorting and hands gnarled.) She awakened him quickly and he acknowledged having a horrible dream. I suggested that this might be demon powers (they had been involved with the occult and witchcraft) and urged her to claim the blood of Christ should this occur again.

When the telephone call aroused me that night shortly after midnight, I didn't know what to expect. I was dressed and waiting when they arrived. As I opened the door Doris and Alberto rushed into my arms. Julio Cesar stood in the background singing a song of praise to the Lord.

Through their tears they unfolded the story of having an actual physical conflict with demon power. The "strange force" had pulled on one of Doris' arms and her husband had pulled on the other. She related how the struggle had gone on until she remembered what I had told her at church. She cried out to be covered by the blood of Christ. Immediately, the struggle ceased. They still felt the "strange presence" in the room.

Alberto grabbed a yardstick, broke it in half, and constructed a crude cross with some thumb tacks. Holding it in one hand and his Bible in the other, they

read Psalm 46, 51, 54 and others as they knelt on their knees beside the bed. Finally, when they felt they could, they dressed, left their apartment and drove to Julio's house. From there they had called and made their way to my living room.

Having told me all of this, Alberto dropped to his knees, confessed his sinfulness and asked Jesus Christ to take his life completely. He arose a new creature in Christ with a radiant smile in the midst of all the tears.

Terrific struggles marked the weeks and months that followed as Satan tried by every means to reclaim these lives he had once controlled. But victories were won.

The magazine was "given" to the Lord. On nation-wide television they were interviewed and asked about the phenomenal success the magazine was enjoying. They responded, "We recently committed our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and the magazine is His. So, if there has been any success, it is His."

On our last Sunday in Panama prior to "furlough," Alberto went to the front of the church during Sunday school when birthdays are announced. He put an offering in the birthday box and stated, "Today I am one year old. A year ago today I gave my life to Jesus and was born into God's family."

During that year he and his wife had grown tremendously in the Lord. In addition to the TV interview, he had witnessed before the World Boxing Association, General Torrigos (the "maximum leader" of Panama), most of the leading figures of government, and many others.

Julio's "new job" has yielded dividends beyond human measurement. Prayer from a heart burdened for souls made contact with the transforming power of God. That power is still at work!





# How Should I Pray?

by Marie Hanna

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear.  
The upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of  
speech  
That infant lips can try;  
Prayer the sublimest strains  
that reach  
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's  
voice,  
Returning from his ways;  
While angels in their songs  
rejoice  
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

Prayer is the Christian's vital  
breath,  
The Christian's native air,  
His watchword at the gates of  
death;  
He enters heaven with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to  
God,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
The path of prayer thyself has  
trod;  
Lord, teach us how to pray!

—James Montgomery





Marie Hanna and husband Carlisle have served 24 years as missionaries to India.

**S**uffocation soon brings death. Breath is necessary to life! Montgomery calls prayer the Christian's vital breath. As it is to the individual Christian, so it is to missions. Missions without prayer becomes man's feeble efforts. If the work of our missionaries is to be effective, it must be upheld in prayer.

But how?

In pondering this question of missions and prayer, I have found some examples of how to pray for our missionaries and national churches. Perhaps you have also found these in your study of the Epistles.

Look at some requests which Paul made for the missionary (himself, but just as applicable today):

1. For physical protection (2 Thessalonians 3:2; Romans 15:30, 31).
2. That other Christians would accept his service (Romans 15:31).
3. That he might be a blessing and that he would receive refreshing (Romans 15:32).
4. That he would have a good conscience and live honestly before all men (Hebrews 13:18). (Missionaries are human. They have temptations and weaknesses too.)
5. That utterance or clarity of message be given him (Ephesians 6:18, 19).
6. For boldness (Ephesians 6:19, 20).

7. That the Word may have free course (receptive hearts) and be glorified (Ephesians 6:20).

At the risk of being repetitious, apply these to our present missionaries and their families.

Pray for:

1. Physical, mental, and spiritual health.
2. Protection from both known and unknown dangers.
3. Wisdom in making decisions.
4. Lives pleasing to the Lord.
5. Understanding of the people we serve—their culture, language, etc.
6. That the Word would be glorified through us and find receptive hearts.

Now turn your attention to the national churches. Paul loved the people with whom he worked and brought requests concerning them to the Lord. These same needs exist today. He prayed:

1. That they might be established (Romans 1:11).
2. That they may have wisdom and knowledge of Christ (Ephesians 1:16-23).
3. For sanctification and blamelessness—purity in individual lives resulting in purity in the church (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
4. That they not become discouraged because of his difficulties (Ephesians 3:13, 14).
5. That their love may abound (Philippians 1:4-11).
6. That they may have the knowledge of God's will (Colossians 1:9).
7. For faithfulness, joy, a worthy walk, increased knowledge of God, strength, patience, longsuffering, and thankfulness (Colossians 1:9-12).

"Lord, teach us how to pray!"  
Then we might add, "Teach us to pray."□

## deputational echoes



by Henry  
Van Kluyve

### CLOSE SCRUTINY

Recently I read again the Scripture in John 4:35 where Jesus urged His disciples to view the fields that were already white unto harvest. The passage is very familiar. Over and over again I have referred to it in my preaching.

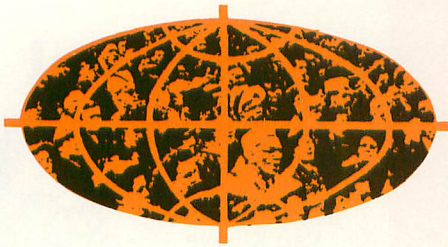
When Christ said, "lift up your eyes and look on the fields . . ." He used the verb (look) that describes a *close* and *meditative* scrutiny. What new light this sheds on the passage! In my office, on my knees, in the pulpit, and in the classroom I am to study and seriously ponder the words of my Lord. If I am obedient to His command, I will set aside many hours to meditatively scrutinize the fields of the world and determine what part I, my family, and my church will play in carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

While the strain of inflation, unemployment, and economic uncertainties have put a great deal of pressure on our people across the country, my heart resounds with praise to God for the results of our deputational ministry.

For the first eleven months of 1975, I personally recorded \$13,207 per month in faith promises. This amounts to around \$145,277 for the period January-November. About 60% of this is new support. The average attendance in the churches producing this new support is less than 150.

Twenty-seven states increased their monthly gifts during 1975. Praise be to God for a record year!





# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## **furloughs scheduled**

**Nashville, Tenn.**—A number of missionaries are scheduled to begin furlough within the next three months. While the exact dates are not known at this time, the following missionaries are scheduled to leave their fields to begin furlough:

Eddie and Sandra Payne are scheduled to leave the Ivory Coast in April.

Joe and Barbara Haas plan to leave France with their family during the month of April to begin regular furlough.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey are scheduled to begin a short furlough in May.

These missionaries are scheduled to begin furlough during the summer months: Bobby and Geneva Poole from Brazil, Paul and Amy Robinson from Uruguay, Lonnie and Bernice Palmer and Jerry and Carol Pinkerton from the Ivory Coast.

## **evangelistic campaign**

**Livramento, Brazil**—A special evangelistic campaign was held here during the second week of December with Independent Baptist missionary Jim Rose as evangelist. Nightly radio broadcasts were sponsored by the church.

According to communications

hasses (top) and paynes (bottom) begin furlough in april



from Walter Ellison, attendance was "fairly good." Approximately 20 rededications were evidenced and some five first-time decisions for Christ were recorded.

## **inscoes locate house**

**Panama City, Panama**—After searching for several months to locate a rental house in the area of Las Tablas, Larry and Priscilla Inscoe have finally found one. Although the house is in need of repairs and will not be available for occupancy immediately, the Inscoes plan to move to that area sometime during the month of May.

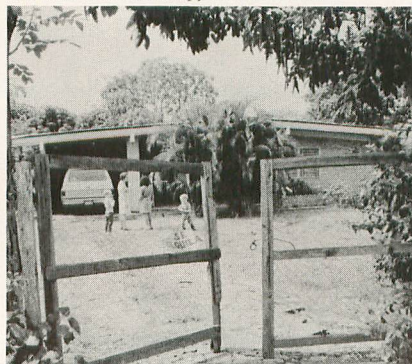
Larry and Priscilla finished Spanish language school and moved to Panama City in May of 1974. They have been working with the Fulchers.

Recently Larry assumed responsibility of the work at Nuevo San Juan. This work has never been more than an extension or part-time work. By establishing Sunday services for the first time an improvement in attendance is expected.

## **news briefs**

**Ribeirao Preto, Brazil**—Bobby Poole has announced plans to erect a building on the property recently donated to the mission church here. Estimated cost of the building was \$3,000. It was anticipated that most labor would be donated.

inscoes locate house in las tablas



**New York, New York**—Dr. LaVerne Miley was to participate in a Medical Conference at the First Alliance Church in Manhattan February 13-15. Presently he is studying preventive medicine in a New York hospital. He has requested prayer for another doctor to serve with him in the Ivory Coast.

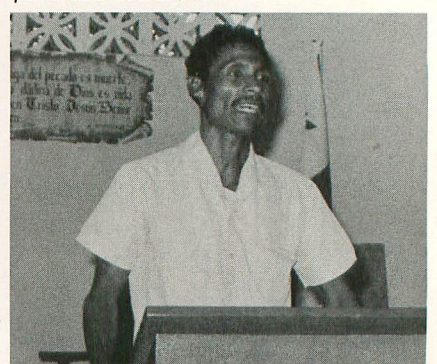
**Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil**—Approximately 150 people crowded into the meeting hall here for a Christmas program in December. According to a report from Earnie Deeds, several expressed interest in salvation when the invitation was given.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Evangelistic campaigns in Baptist churches in Portugal have resulted in 400 decisions for Christ in spite of recent political unrest. Protestants are allowed to evangelize openly under a law guaranteeing religious freedom. Communists are also busy in the new political situation.

**Jaboticabal, Brazil**—The latest possible report prior to press time indicated that nine students had enrolled for the new semester of the Bible Institute held at Evangelandia, the Bible Institute property. Others were expected to enroll soon since classes were scheduled to begin early this month.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Jehovah's Witnesses around the world now total two million, up 50% over last year. Recent reports indicate recruitment in Spain and Italy is really booming.

eusebio asprilla spoke at panama association





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## associational meeting

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*Panama City, Panama*—The annual gathering of the Panama Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Panama City church here Sunday, January 18, in a one-day session. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. and concluded at 6:00 p.m.

Speakers for this year's session were all Panamanians: Eusebio Asprilla, Agua Buena; Daniel Dorati, Panama City; and Tauro Howard, Panama City. The meeting consisted mainly of business, preaching, and fellowship.

Missionary Bill Fulcher indicated that missionaries were seeking to make a transition by transferring everything into the hands of Panamanian nationals. This will leave missionaries in an advisory capacity only.

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## changes planned

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—Heartbeat readers will most likely notice some style modifications in future issues of the magazine. The editorial staff indicated some changes will probably be abrupt while others are expected to be implemented gradually.

Readers can express opinions by writing to *Heartbeat*, Don Robirds, Editor, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

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## special activities

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*Tokyo, Japan*—The month of December was filled with special activities in the Iriso church here. Missionary Fred Hersey recently reported that several Christmas programs, dinners, etc. were sponsored by various branches of the church.

A special Christmas program and meal for men only was apparently encouraging to Fred. "There were 10 of us," writes Fred, "six Chris-

tians and four unsaved. It was a real blessing to our men."

On December 21 an evening candlelight Christmas worship was conducted. This was followed by a time of fellowship. A total of 64 people attended the event, and a number of these were non-Christian families.

Fred also indicated continued answer to prayer as he explained that the recently converted chemistry teacher "has been bringing his wife and two children to church every Sunday. He wants her to become a Christian also."

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## youth camps conducted

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*Jaboticabal, Brazil*—Three youth camps were held here during the last three weeks of January. Ken Eagleton reports good attendance in each of the three camps. Bible studies were taught each morning by Ken. In divided groups he and Marvis gave counsel at night on marriage, the home, etc.

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## book for muslims

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*Elgin, Ill.*—An authoritative manuscript on the life of Christ for the Muslim reader will be printed by several Christian publishers serving readers among the more than 600 million Muslims around the world.

The book was begun in the fall of 1972 by Dennis E. Clark who was assisted by his wife, Gladys. Eighteen months later, the 300 pages of *The Life and Teaching of Jesus the Messiah* were completed. During this period the book was tested and evaluated with the resulting comments being incorporated into the final revision.

Four Christian publishers for the Islamic world have already contracted to publish the book which is targeted specifically for the seri-

ous Muslim inquirer. The manuscript answers questions such as: Who was Jesus Christ? What did He do? What was His teaching and what is its relevance for today's reader?

The David C. Cook Foundation of Elgin, Ill., commissioned the Clarks to write the book and is providing funds to help with translation and printing expenses.

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## packages cause problems

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*Jaboticabal, Brazil*—Several Christmas packages were refused by missionaries in December because of high tariffs which were imposed by the post office in Brazil. Most items had a 205% tax levied on them.

Ken Eagleton informed the mission office recently that the post office director in this city indicated that no taxing would be made on packages if they were sent in the name of the mission instead of the missionary. He even went so far as to indicate that no missionary name should be on packages which were individually wrapped inside a larger box.

Ken suggested that a person sending a package should write a separate letter to the missionary explaining that the package had been sent and for whom the items were meant. When possible, actual costs of items should not be placed on the card which is to be filled out for the post office.

Ken noted, "since the package is a gift, the items have no commercial value and should not be declared for more than \$5 for the entire package. Anything over \$5 declared value is subject to import and other taxes."

*christmas at iriso*



*chemistry teacher (center) converted*



## THANK YOU!

In response to a December *Heartbeat* request many cancelled duplicate *Heartbeat* mailing addresses and others offered to mail newsletters as a means of cutting missions costs. The foreign missions staff thanks you.



# how Christ-like dare a missionary be?

"You drunkard!"

"Watch what you say!"

"You are full of the devil!"

"You shouldn't be seen with that crowd!"

"Your power and success are of the devil!"

"That method will bring reproach!"

"Your followers aren't keeping the traditions of the elders!"

Did it ever occur to you who it was that was always saying these things and to whom? Yes, that's right. The Pharisees were constantly pointing out things like these to Jesus. But Jesus didn't let them keep Him from doing them. Nor did they deter His objective in any way.

God's Son came "to seek and to save that which was lost." In order to do that, He sought to identify with the people and with their needs. He could not spend His time worrying about what the religious leaders thought nor what kind of social impression this made on those who claimed to be godly.

Dare a missionary be like Jesus?

Often missionaries are forced into "role playing." After all, Brother \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't do things that way. Or, Sister \_\_\_\_\_ certainly wouldn't wear her hair like that because it "looks sinful."

No Christian really wants to be offensive to another brother. But today's world is made up of

such a diversity of people, cultures, mores, likes, dislikes, traditions, etc., that non-offense becomes next to impossible.

What would Christ do? He would do His best to win the Samaritan adulteress in spite of the criticism of His disciples or of the Jewish leaders. He would go to a marriage feast in spite of the drinking and the dancing. He would show forth His miraculous power in a way that would displease many Christians. Yes, He would eat with sinners and publicans and have His feet washed by a harlot.

Somehow Christians, especially American Christians, have tended to equate Christianity with culture and tradition. Western culture at that! Conservative Christians, as we are, tend to resist anything that has not always been or which they have not always known. This may be valid but not always.

A pastor visiting one mission field was shocked because the church had only Sunday school on Sunday morning with no preaching service. Another American visiting Indonesia proceeded to suggest to the pastor ways of improving their services by adding Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship at 11:00 a.m., training period at 6:00 p.m., followed by evening worship, etc.

Having heard all the suggestions, the Indonesian pastor thanked him and replied: "We have a service at 6:00 Sunday morning for saints. We have one at 9:00 for sinners. You Americans try to feed sheep and convert goats at the same time . . . we have Sunday school at 7:30 which draws both groups." (From "New Hope for Planet Earth," by John Haggai.)

All people have a heritage which may be just as prized as our own. Missionaries must learn to respect that heritage and work within the confines of that culture. In order to be effective, his methods may "cross" the traditional ones of his home, church or of those of his home state.

He might be seen in places his Christian "friends" would not approve. He may not wear a suit and tie when he preaches. He may have drums instead of a piano in services. He may not have prayer meeting on Wednesday night nor visitation on Thursday. He might grow a mustache and wear a big hat. Or he might wear sandals with no socks.

If you were to see your missionary in this context, would you say he bore the "likeness of Christ"? Would you allow him to be that "different" without labeling him as a "compromiser," or a "drunken man and winebibber"?



# message from the general director

Rolla Smith

## RESCUE EFFORTS

"We will not let this deter our efforts." These were the words President Ford released soon after the huge C-5 Air Force plane crashed with 343 Vietnamese aboard. This was early in the United States' program of rescue efforts in Viet Nam. Christians should have a like attitude in regard to making available spiritual deliverance for fellow human beings. We should let nothing deter our rescue efforts.

As believers in Christ, we have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:13). By and large the present generation of mankind is dwelling in darkness—"The whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19). Sinners have been ensnared by the devil and taken captive by him at his will (2 Timothy 2:26). The evidence of this captivation is especially obvious in heathen lands where demon possession is common.

Every believer should be committed to rescuing as many as he can from the kingdom of sin and darkness. How can that commitment be fulfilled?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Be a personal witness to the delivering power and saving grace of God through Jesus Christ in your own sphere of living—"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy" (Psalm 107:2).

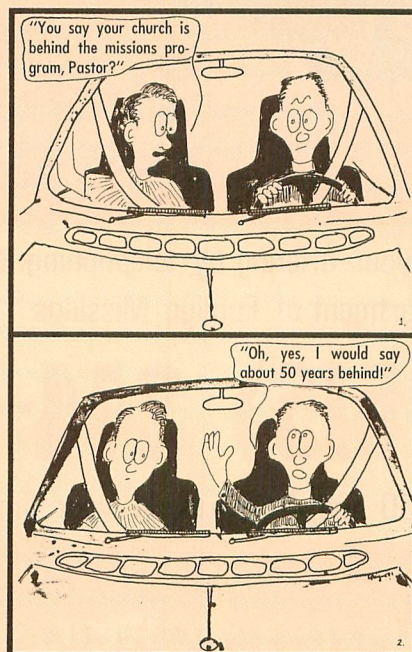
2. Let your daily living exemplify genuine Christianity. "What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say" is an old maxim that is applicable

at all times for Christians anywhere in the world. "For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8). Our task is to recommend salvation through preaching, teaching, and witnessing, but it is even more important that salvation be illustrated by godly living. Much witnessing in the name of Christ both at home and abroad has been nullified by an inconsistent life.

3. Find God's will for your life in relation to the Great Commission. Surely no Christian can spend his life in the will of God without helping to rescue the perishing millions of earth.

God has a perfect plan for each life. For some, the plan calls for going in person to some mission field. For others, the place of assignment is in the homeland—in a church on a full-time basis, in a business, in an office, in a trade, in a profession, in the home as a Christian mother and wife, etc. If you are in the place of divine appointment, though it

## payne's people



## financial facts

### Through January 31

On deposit January 1	\$ 258,454.65
Receipts through January 31	109,825.51
Disbursements through January 31	90,806.14
Projected receipts through January 31	102,667.25
Total 1976 Foreign Missions Budget	\$1,232,007.00

### Missionary Deficit Accounts

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Aycock	\$ 381.46	McLain	\$2,736.88
Callaway	905.13	Morgan	1,368.13
Deeds	2,468.20	Payne	151.07
Dickens	865.44	Poole	1,323.57
Ellison	215.54	Waid	1,837.16
Gibbs	2,718.20	Willey	718.52
Haas	5,671.55	Willey, Jr.	612.80
Hersey	4,930.52	Wode	398.60
Inscoe	5,434.26	S. India	111.80
Lee	874.06		

be in the United States, you can help rescue the lost around the world.

Increased material support is needed. "How can they preach except they be sent" (Romans 10:15a)? Your regular gifts help provide for consistent advance in missions. You may never go to a mission field personally but you can go through supporting others with your finances. God calls some to go, others to send and maintain. Both will hear the "well done" of the Savior.

The perennial and urgent need is for prayer not only for missionaries but also for all men (1 Timothy 2:1). Workers are thrust forth in response to prayer (Matthew 9:38).

If your local church does not have one of its own members on a mission field, pray that the Lord may soon call at least one. Perhaps He has already called but that young person has not yet said, "I'll go, Lord." Your prayer may be the means of his yielding.

Say, that young person may be your son or daughter!

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