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Editorially . . .

by Guest Editor, Mrs. Rufus Coffey
President, W.N.A.C.

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

July—and the beginning of another National Convention year. Now would be a good time to take **INVENTORY** of what we have accomplished this past year in our auxiliaries. It is possible for us to have been very active, going hither and yon, and yet not really doing business that will count for the Lord and for eternity. So, let's take stock and really **EVALUATE** all of the activities of our auxiliaries, our **PURPOSES** and **MO-TIVES** for everything done.

Madam **PRESIDENT**, you are the **KEY**. Your consecration, vision and sacrificial life will have its effect upon the lives of those you lead. **PRAY** for specific leadership, **PLAN**, with definite aims in view. **OUTLINE** the work which you hope to see accomplished for the year, **SET** your **GOALS** and then **WORK** and **PRAY** to accomplish them for His glory. Remember that there are numbers of excellent helps for you and your officers in the National office. **AVAIL** yourself of them.

Finally, have we kept in mind the over-all **PURPOSE** of the Woman's Auxiliary? Lest we forget, let's remind ourselves that we are "To help the churches **TEACH** and **SUPPORT MISSIONS**." If this purpose is not kept first and foremost then we lose our right to exist. What has your local auxiliary done this past year for missions? What have your district and state conventions accomplished for the cause of world-wide missions? If we have not done all we would have liked during this past convention year toward spreading the gospel, **NOW** is the time to **PLAN** for the coming year. Remember, our **MISSION** is **MISSIONS**.

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NEW MATERIAL AVAILABLE:

Devotional-Cookbook, "With the Bible and a Mixing Bowl" @ \$2.00 per copy. Devotionals and recipes by Free Will Baptist women. All profits will go into the Memorial Student Loan Fund.

President's Challenge

Contributed by Mrs. Gertrude Whitehurst, President
Tidewater District Convention, Norfolk, Va.

"Are you an active member?

The kind that would be missed;

Or, are you just content that

Your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings

And mingle with the flock

Or do you stay at home, and

Criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part

To help the work along,

Or are you satisfied to be

The kind that just belongs

Do you go to visit

A member that is sick;

Or leave the work to just a few

And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled

That I'm sure you've heard about,

And we'll appreciate it if you too

Will come and help us out.

So come to meetings often

And help with hand and heart;

Don't be just a member

But take an active part.

Think this over, member,

You know right from wrong;

Are *YOU* an active member,

Or do you just belong?"

* * *

● **GOD HELP US.** The American public spent last year the following amounts for the items indicated:

\$304,000,000 chewing gum

\$5,000,000,000 Tobacco

\$10,500,000,000 Alcoholic beverages

\$2,000,000,000 Travel

\$341,000,000 Greeting Cards

\$146,000,000 Shampoos

\$144,000,000 Ball-Point Pens

\$76,000,000 Lipstick

\$325,000,000 Dog and Cat Food

\$16,000,000,000 Amusements (boat-ing, swimming, fishing, etc.)

The grand total of all the money given to foreign missions last year by all the Protestant churches of the U.S. was \$145,152,092. **TWICE AS MUCH WAS SPENT ON CHEWING GUM ALONE!**

National Youth Rally July 9

by Mrs. Chester Phillips

LETTERS have been coming in from all over the United States about the Youth Rally planned for July 9. Here is a quote from just one. "In scanning through the new CO-LABORER magazine. I saw the article about a National Youth Rally. Thanks be to God! It is the most wonderful news I have had since being an auxiliary member."

Now, there is a reason for such letters—something very special is being planned for our young people. The big event is the banquet on the evening of July 9, but other things are planned as well. New and unique plans for all auxiliaries will be introduced. Uniforms will be modeled. Contest winners will be an-

nounced. Teenage problems will be discussed.

These activities are being planned so they will not conflict with the WNAC in any way.

As stated before, Juniors and Seniors in high school will be given priority in room reservations at the college. The \$1.00 reservation fee should be sent in right away and in no case later than June 15. Reservation fees cannot be refunded after June 11.

Below are the forms which should be cut out and sent to Mrs. Chester Phillips, 2711 Cooper Lane, Nashville, Tennessee.

RESERVATION—DORMITORY ROOM & BANQUET

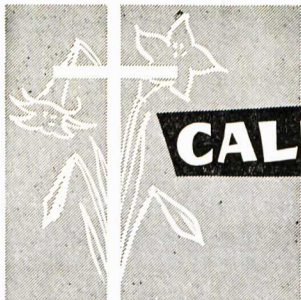
Name	Age	Grade in school
Sponsor or Youth Chairman		Address
Auxiliary		Pastor
Church		Address

TOTAL COST—\$9.00 Includes 4 nights in dorm, 4 breakfast meals, and banquet. Reservation fee of \$1.00 attached.

Date _____

BANQUET RESERVATIONS (For Youth Chairman to Mail)

_____ Midgets	_____ YPA's
_____ GTA's	_____ Youth Chairman
_____ Jr. Master's Men	_____ Sponsors
_____ Total number planning to attend the banquet	
Church	Address
Youth Chairman or Sponsor	Address



CALL TO PRAYER

for Missions

by Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell, 3613 Westbrook Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." (Mark 1:35) "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12) These verses give us an insight into the prayer life of Christ. Even as the Son of God, He found it necessary to pray.

As Christians is it necessary for us to pray? Yes, it is *very necessary*. If we do not have a consistent prayer life, our lives are not as influential as they should be, and we find ourselves very unhappy.

Just when should we pray? Every child of God who would make the most out of his life for Christ should set apart the first part of the day to meeting God in the study of His Word and prayer. The first thing we do each day should be to go alone with God and face the duties, the temptations, and the service of that day, and get strength from God for all. We should *get victory before temptations come*.

We see Jesus as He prayed all night. Is it necessary to pray outside our regular devotional period? Yes, there are needs in our life that cannot be met just by praying during our regular devotional period. May we yield ourselves to God when there is *need in our lives for extra prayer*.

Now, just how faithful are we in praying for our missionaries? I trust that each one of you pray daily for them. The CALL TO PRAYER should be a guide to help us in praying for our missionaries.

URUGUAY:

God has opened up a new area of service to Free Will Baptists. We do praise Him for this and for those who are willing to go and take the message of salvation to the people of Uruguay.

An item of prayer for this field is that the Robinsons and Fulchers will find a location to start services in this new area.

Our missionaries in the Uruguay area are:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson and family, % George Morauiu, Calle Nelson 3160, Montevideo, Uruguay, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, % Rev. Nolan Waters, Casillo de Correo 849, Montivido, Uruguay, South America.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH:

To be inspired to do more for God is to hear our returned missionaries tell about their work and what they have done to win the lost for Christ on their respective fields of service.

Our missionaries on furlough at the present time are:

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey and family, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. The Herseys will be returning with their family to Japan in June to resume their work. Please pray for them as they return to Japan and for safety of travel. New adjustments will have to be made when the Herseys arrive in Japan. Make this an item of prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk and family, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Mrs. Cronk is attending classes at Peabody College in Nashville while Rev. Cronk is on itinerary work on the West Coast. Pray for these missionaries while they will be witnessing for Christ in the homeland.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks and family, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Upon arrival in the states the Sparks presented a completed primer of the Gospel of Mark in the Kulango language to the American Bible Society. The primer was accepted and production is expected this year.

Pray for each of our returned missionaries as they labor for the Lord. (You will note that the addresses that are given for our returned missionaries is the same as the Foreign Mission Board. Their mail will be forwarded to them.)

STUDENTS:

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps, Miami, Florida

Rev. Phipps is currently studying at the Emory Riddle Aeronautical School in Miami. Upon completion of specialized aeronautical training, Rev. and Mrs. Phipps will be assigned to a designated field of labor.

Pray for these candidates as they pray and seek God's will for their lives.

WASHINGTON, D. C.:

The work in Washington, D. C. is now seeing its greatest growth. Rev. Kenneth Walker, area missionary, reports, "Thank God we are seeing souls saved. Our attendance is growing and is consistent. We are now planning to purchase some more property. Our offerings have averaged over one hundred dollars per Sunday this past month."

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker and family, 515 North Nelson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Pray that God shall continue to bless the work of the Walkers in Washington, D.C.

DENVER, COLORADO:

Rev. Homer E. Willis, General Director of National Home Missions, recently visited the work in Denver, Colorado. His report is as follows: "Roy and Pat Thomas have done what seems the impossible. Within one year they have gathered a church together of some sixty members and have a Sunday School of near 100. There were 115 at the morning worship service. They have purchased a church building, but they will not be able to occupy it until fall."

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas and family, 2602 S. Green Court, Denver 19, Colo.

Pray that God shall continue to bless the work of the Thomases in Denver.

IOWA:

The National Home Missions Board met recently with the new church in Davenport, Iowa. This work has become self-supporting and is a real credit to the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Rev. and Mrs. Dale Skiles and family, 1202 Grant Street, Davenport, Iowa

Pray that God shall continue to bless the work of the Skiles in Davenport.

MEDICAL MISSIONS:

Dr. and Mrs. Miley arrived in the Ivory Coast with their family amidst an epidemic of meningitis. His plans had been to become familiar with the language before starting to practice—but, the ministry to the Ivory Coast had begun. And Dr. Miley—the capable person that he is—stepped into the job of ministering to the ill.

You that have contributed to the cause of Christ by contributing medicines and hospital supplies can rejoice with us that some of the medicines and the hospital supplies are on their way to Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Miley and family need your prayers. The children will have adjustments to make in going to school this fall. Remember these missionaries as they labor for the Lord in Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley and family, Mission Protestante Evangelique, Box 20 Bouna, Ivory Coast, Africa.

Boards Unite in Joint Miami Project

MIAMI, FLA.—The foreign and home mission boards have pooled resources and manpower for a concentrated Cuban refugee program in this resort city.

To be known as CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund), the project will be under the direction of veteran Latin America missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr. The Rev. Benito Rodriguez and the Rev. Mario Perez are assisting the Willeys in addition to the home mission staff already in Miami.

The emergency program is demanded by the urgent situation in this city brought on by the hundreds of Cuban refugees arriving here weekly.

Since no budget allocations are made for this project, the foreign and home boards are appealing for emergency funds above regular missionary support to provide for needed space and equipment to maintain the agency. A building is being acquired for distribution of clothing and food and for spiritual counseling.

In addition to necessary operational funds, there is an urgent need for good, usable clothing (not rags) and for food. Canned or dried foodstuffs may be sent to CERF. However, money with which to purchase food wholesale is preferred.

All clothing and food should be sent directly to CERF, care Melitino Martinez, 441 S.W. Sixth St., Miami, Fla. Monetary contributions should be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.—Jerry Ballard, *Heartbeat*

Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, Ft. Worth, Texas

Dear Personal Service Chairman:

The cost of hate is high. During Caesars reign the cost to kill a man was seventy-five cents. In the days of Napoleon the cost was \$3,000. During the Civil War it cost \$5,000 to shed our own boys precious blood. World War One demanded \$21,000, and World War Two the cost was \$50,000. In present day the cost is \$150,000 to destroy one man. But there is very little said about the cost to save one man from a Devil's Hell.

But dear Personal Service Workers, it did cost God something, His Son. It cost Jesus something, His Blood. Yet salvation is a free gift to us. When you took the job as Personal Service Chairman, I'm sure you heard the voice as Isaiah did. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8. But have you gone?

In our W.N.A.C. office, there is a pamphlet for fifteen cents, entitled "Medicine for Missions." This is a wonderful project for any one to sponsor. No doubt you have at some time or the other had your family doctor to give you free samples of vitamins and medicines. That's what this is about. I urge you

to write your W.N.A.C. office and secure this information.

The U. S. Navy has advised us that they will have some ships sailing in early Fall that will touch at Abijan. So we are planning to send an extra shipment of medicine and surgical supplies to Dr. Miley at that time.

Please bring your medicines, etc., to Nashville when you come to the National Convention. It requires a great deal of time to process the medicine so, *please bring it then.*

Do you know about our coupons for orphans? Any kind of coupons that you receive can be redeemed for the amount stated on them by any of our orphanages. This might seem like a little but when an auxiliary bands together and collects them you would be surprised what a blessing this can be.

Last, but not least, are you going into the homes of our shut-ins? Are you placing tracts where the lost and dying world can see? Are you leading your women in personal contacts and soul winning efforts? Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"SOME SEEDS FELL . . ."

Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson, Jaboticabal, Brazil

Hymn: "Bringing in the Sheaves"

Scripture reading: Jonah 3:1-10

Prayer: Pray for all of our missionaries at home and abroad. Also, pray that each auxiliary member will endeavor to become better acquainted with the Word and be faithful in sharing it with others.

Business period:

Special music

Program introduction

Topic I: "Behold, a Sower."

Topic II: By the Wayside

Topic III: Upon Stony Places

Topic IV: Among Thorns

Topic V: Into Good Ground

INTRODUCTION

The Word of God is likened unto seed. The different types of ground upon which the seed fall we can liken to the condition and disposition of the hearts of those who hear or the attitudes with which the Word is received. There are those who hear but are indifferent to the Voice of God; those who have hardened hearts which cannot be penetrated by the truth; those who are pre-occupied with life itself and the pleasures of the world so that the Word is choked out or suffocated; or those whose hearts are ready to receive the Word, apply it to everyday living and bring forth much fruit.

In the third chapter of Jonah, verse eight, we read: ". . . and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from violence that is in their hands." Verse ten reads: "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not." Perhaps you are wondering how the story of Jonah fits into the thought of the parable of the sower. Every sower would desire to be a Jonah in that he brought a whole city to repentance. However, it is seldom, if ever, that one is able to do so, be it a city or village ever so small. Often one labors for days, months, and even years sowing the seed of the Gospel before there is a harvest. Why? Let us consider the parable of the sower.

Topic I: "Behold, a sower."

Since our program is a missions-emphasis program let us liken the sower unto a missionary. Who then is a missionary? A missionary is any born again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who makes Christ known to others by the preaching or teaching of the Word and by his Christ-like living. Christ began the parable by saying: "Behold, a sower went forth to sow." Note that he WENT forth to sow . . . perhaps next door to a neighbor; as a circuit rider to several preaching points; as a home missionary to establish new churches; or to a foreign country as a missionary. The master in

Luke 14: 21-23 bid the servant to "go quickly to the great streets and the small streets of the city" and "out into the highways and hedges and urge and constrain (them) to yield and come in."

Let us consider some of the sower's methods of sowing the seed. One of the most used methods is the preaching of the Word in churches, street meetings, and private homes. The old saying "seeing is believing" is very often true especially in the teaching of the Word with visual aids. Flannelgraph stories, flash cards, and film strips have sown many seeds. Here in Jaboticabal children under five years of age are not permitted en-

trance to the movies and those under ten are permitted only on special occasions. Usually most films are attended by those sixteen years of age or older, therefore, one can easily draw a crowd by the use of religious film strips. Since there is very little diversion except the movies especially in the interior, families stay at home at nights making it easy to witness to people through religious films. The loudspeaker has been a great help in the street services as people's attention can easily be attracted by such. On Sunday afternoon Sam and Israel have a Sunday school in one of the poorer sections of town under some huge manga trees. They use flannelgraph stories and chorus singing for this particular work. The piano accordion helps also in drawing attention as the Brazilians are very fond of music.

awareness of this fact is really noticeable in the street services. For example, in one such service the loudspeaker was being used for the preaching and some boys were handing out gospel tracts. The public square or park was just filled with young people as it always is on Sunday night. Several of them passed where the service was being conducted and each was given a tract. One girl read hers and immediately tore it in half and threw it to the ground. Satan was there to immediately devour the precious seed before it could take root. Once, several boys passed our meeting place and inquired as to what was happening. When they were told one said: "Let's go because the devil is here." How true. He was there to keep him from entering to hear the Word of God. There is a family

PROGRAM HELPS

Prepare a small, low box of dirt and place on a table. The person giving the introduction would bring a packet of seeds and place beside the box. Each person giving topics would bring a miniature bird, a stone and a small thornbush in that order. The final speaker would take a few of the seeds from the packet and place them in the box of dirt.

One night at the same place mentioned above they were having a street service and showing a film strip using the side of one of the houses for a screen. Soon a little girl about three years old left the service running as fast as she could. Shortly, she returned but not empty handed. She had gone home and brought her supper with her—rice in a little tin pot—in order not to miss the film. Behold, the sower and some of these methods of sowing.

Topic II: By the Wayside—Matt. 13:4-19

"And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up." Verse 19: "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside." On a foreign mission field the "wayside" becomes a greater reality than ever before. It seems that the fowls of satan are constantly, with eagerness, waiting to devour any seed that falls. The

with eight children, the oldest 14 and the youngest 3, who is interested in becoming Christians. The father works in a bank here and attended a protestant high school for two years when he was young so is acquainted with the Gospel but has never been converted or attended church. Sam and I visited in their home one Sunday afternoon and they promised to attend service that night and were on their way when one of the small boys crossed the street in front of a car and was hit. He was not hurt but they went back home saying that was their punishment for going to attend a protestant service. Their hearts were not hardened though and asked to have film strips shown in their home and attend our cottage prayer meetings in that section of town. During our recent week-end revival they did attend and we are praying that nothing else will happen to enable the fowls of the devil to devour the seed that has already been sown and they will be saved. Others turn a deaf ear saying: "Why change my religion.

My mother was of this religion. My grandmother was of this religion, etc." They cannot understand that it is not a "changing of religion" that is needed but an acceptance of Christ as personal saviour and a "change" of heart and life.

Topic III: Upon Stony Places—Matt. 13:5-6; 20-21; Mark 4:16-17 (A.N.T.)*

"Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and at once they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil; but when the sun rose they scorched, and because they had no root they dried up and withered away. As for what was sown on thin (rocky) soil, this is he who hears the Word and at once welcomes and accepts it with joy; Yet it has no real root in himself, but is temporary—inconstant, lasts but a little while and when affliction or trouble or persecution comes on account of the Word, at once he is caused to stumble—he is repelled and begins to distrust and desert Him whom he ought to trust and obey, and he falls away." Mark 4:16-17: "And in the same way the ones sown upon stony ground are those who, when they hear the Word, at once receive and accept and welcome it with joy; and they have no real root in themselves, and so they endure for a little while, then when trouble or persecution arises on account of the Word, they immediately are offended—become displeased, indignant, resentful; and they stumble and fall away." When our work first began here in Jaboticabal there were many who eagerly and joyfully accepted Christ but soon the persecutions and afflictions from family, friends, business associates and former religion became too strong and most have fallen away. One man accepted and bought a Bible but because his wife did not approve, he gave up his "new" religion. She is a steamstress and has a sewing school and was afraid she would lose some of her business and students if her husband were a Christian. Another example is of a fourteen-year-old girl who was one of the first converts and seemed very happy in her new found faith until a short time later when she had a quarrel with another girl of our

congregation who was not a Christian.

The latter has since been converted, will be baptized soon, and is one of our most faithful workers while the first has returned to the ways of the world.

Topic IV: Among Thorns—Matt. 13:7; 22; Mark 4:18-19 (A.N.T.)

"Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them out. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the pleasure and delight and glamour and deceitfulness of riches choke and suffocate the Word, and it yields no fruit." Mark 4:18-19: "And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word. Then the cares and anxieties of the world, and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless." Remember the young girl in Topic III? Because of an unforgiving spirit her heart began to become hardened toward the Gospel and the Christians. She began taking part in the things of the world and gradually began to fall away. As a result she no longer has anything to do with the believers. How sad that Satan is so cunning and strong to be able to cause "the weeds of sin" to grow up so soon and choke out the new life in Christ. Another example is Maria, a married woman with two young girls. She was saved shortly after our work began here and seemed to be very happy and growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord. Then she began to miss services frequently. The reason? She had begun to attend again the fiestas of the Catholic church—began yielding to the craving and passionate desire for other things. In conversing with her about her spiritual condition, she said that her husband and husbands' family who are spiritists, began saying that she couldn't be a Christian and be baptized because she gets nervous and talks loudly to the children when they worry her. Also, some friends of another group of believers here began saying she isn't a Christian because she cuts her hair and wears short sleeved dresses and a bit of

*The Amplified New Testament

makeup. All of this Satan used to cause doubt of salvation to spring up in her heart. Please pray for her and others like her that victory might be gained over these doubts and temptations.

Topic V: Into Good Ground—Matt. 13:8; 23; Mark 4:20 (A.N.T.)

"Other seeds fell on good soil and yielded grain, some a hundred times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some thirty." "As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps and comprehends it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields in one case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another sixty times as much, and in another thirty." Mark 4:20: "And those that were sown on the good (well-adapted) soil are the ones who hear the Word, and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit, some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some (even) a hundred times as much." What a thrill and joy it is for the sower to witness the harvest from the seed that fell upon good ground. Good examples of the good ground are our four national preachers. Each has a different, but interesting testimony, and is eager to sow the seed of the Word that others may experience the joy they know. Each was saved in our church in Campinas. Laércio, who at the present time lives in Araras and helps Bobby and Sue Aycock, was saved about two years ago from a drunkard's life and it is remarkable at his spiritual growth and his zeal to win others. Israel has been a Christian for about four years and is a real worker for the Lord. He is quite an intellectual young man who reads in much of his spare time and spends what little bit of money he has on books. He witnesses every day to everyone with whom he comes in contact and seems never to tire. He has a service every night in the week either on the street or in someone's home. Emilio and one of the girls from the church in Campinas were married there on January 20th and have moved to a town near the Aycocks. The possibilities for work there are very good and they are quite enthusiastic about it. Emilio's wife, Sebastiana, is also

a wonderful example of good ground. She was saved from a life of much misery. Her mother made a living by gathering rubbish from the streets and selling it. One day when Sebastiana was helping her she found a Bible in a trash can in which was the name and address of a pastor. It just happened to be the name of our former Brazilian pastor whom she knew. She did not return the Bible soon because she feared he would take it from her. One day, however, she went to him and told him how she had found the Bible and did not return it because she wanted it for her own. She began attending the services and was saved at the age of 13. She then began working for a missionary family as a house maid and when they moved from Campinas, she began working for a Christian business family and came to live with us for a year when that family moved away. Her mother was at that time an alcoholic and was living in São Paulo with a daughter who was a prostitute. Sebastiana wanted no part of such living so came and lived with us until we moved to Jaboticabal and then lived with the Aycocks until she married. It is only by the mercy of the Lord and his giving of grace to overcome temptation that she is today what she is—a good witness and a preacher's wife. The fourth preacher has just recently been released from his years service in the army and helps Ken Eagleton with the work in Campinas. He has a special gift for speaking at the street services. His mother died recently and since then his father has all but disowned him and an older sister who is also a very good worker in the church in Campinas. They especially need our prayers to overcome the power of the evil one. These four preachers, all in their twenties, are now supported by our Brazilian home mission board. The church in Campinas voted to organize a national home mission board with each of the other congregations, Jaboticabal, Araras, Ribeirão Preto, and Piraçununga, contributing monthly. The boys are given their room and board plus about six dollars per month for personal use.

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST, 1962

The Christian Woman: God's Stewardess

by Miss Mary R. Wischart, 3606 West End, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Opening Hymn: "Something for Thee"

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44; Matthew 26:7-13

Prayer: That we may give ourselves to God.

Business:

Hymn: "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Program:

Hymn: "Take My Life And Let It Be"

INTRODUCTION

The steward pictured in the Scriptures was a trusted servant holding a position of high authority under his master. Abraham had a steward who "ruled over all that he had" and was even trusted to choose a wife for Isaac. (Gen. 24: 2; 15:2) The steward was expected to give an account of his use of the master's goods. (Lk. 16:2; Rom. 14:12) No doubt at times the steward became more than a servant to the master; he became a trusted friend. Not only was he in charge of a man's material possessions, but he shared in the fulfillment of the man's responsibilities and purpose in life, as in the case of Abraham's steward. As the steward became a friend, sharing in his master's plans, he, doubtlessly, was motivated by love and respect to fulfil his responsibilities.

The Christian as a steward is comparable to this Bible picture of a steward. We are entrusted with material possessions belonging to our Master. Even more than this, we are entrusted with helping to carry out the purpose and plan of God; for we know what He is about in the world. (John 15:15)

The motivating force of our stewardship is love. The everlasting love of our Lord draws us, and we love Him because He first loved us. The *therefore* in Romans 12:1 suggests some things exist as a basis for our giving to God. We have sinned, but we are justified by His grace; we have peace with God; we are no longer under condemnation; "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) THEREFORE! "The love for Christ constraineth us." (II Cor. 5:14) This then, is the basis for our use of the material possessions, our bodies, and our spirits in the work of the Gospel and for His glory.

Topic I—"To Him That Needeth"

Material possessions are abundant all around us today. Human hands are filled with *things*. The Christian and the non-Christian alike prosper in material things in our country. What is the Christian woman's attitude toward this abundance of material possessions?

First of all, she is not to be concerned with getting things for herself. Life is more than food and the body is more than clothing. (Lk. 12:23) She is concerned, not with laying up earthly possessions or provisions, but with storing

up riches with God. The woman who is a believer must keep her sense of values straight. It is more important to have His peace than to have money in the bank. It is more important that her children receive a rich spiritual heritage than cultural opportunities, expensive clothes and beauty parlor hairdos. God's woman seeks first His will and His kingdom. Then she gratefully accepts the things His will provides and is content.

Next the Christian woman recognizes the source of all material possessions. "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy

God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." (Deut. 8:18) It is His provision for us. God forbid that the Christian should boast of obtaining material possessions by his own might and power.

The purpose for such a blessing is that we may bless others. Ephesians 4:28, "Let him labour working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." To some God gives the power to get great wealth, to some a lesser amount; but all is to be used faithfully in furthering His purpose. Christians are to use their strength and time wisely and care for material possessions so that they may distribute to those in need.

So the Christian woman can aid in carrying the Gospel by wise use of material possessions. She is not extravagant. She knows how to save and buy wisely. Thus she has more to give to those in

dren as ministers, missionaries, and dedicated laymen?

She contacts other women. She is familiar with their thought patterns, their problems and burdens. She should be better able to reach them for Christ than any other. Does she work with women? Then let her be a good stewardess of the Gospel. Does she have opportunity to teach women? Then let her teach in the power of the Spirit.

There is committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation. We are to bring others to reconciliation with God. God grant that we may be faithful in proclaiming the Word of God in every place where He gives us opportunity.

Topic III—Of Your Life

God has a purpose for each one of us. To each He has given different capacities and abilities. These abilities are to be developed for His cause and for His glory. God's stewardess does not sigh to

PROGRAM HELPS

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Using this as a heading draw on the chalkboard or on poster paper an account sheet. List on the debit side all the things God has given us. List on the credit side those things we may give to Him. On a table use these objects to symbolize topics I-III: A pile of coins for material possessions, the Bible for the Gospel, a framed picture of a woman for "your life."

need, more to aid in spreading the Gospel over the earth.

Topic II—Of the Gospel

The Christian woman is also a stewardess of the Gospel of Christ. I Corinthians 4:1, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." God has shown us clearly in His Word that His purpose in these last days is to get the Gospel to every creature and to call out a people for Himself. The woman is to use every means at her disposal to aid in carrying out this purpose.

The Christian mother is to reflect Christ right in her own home. Who can say how far her influence will reach as she brings her children up in the knowledge of God? What greater gift can she give to the cause of Christ than her chil-

be something she is not; she does not desire another's gifts or talents. She realizes that all she has came from God. He has made us to differ. The Christian stewardess accepts her place; and, according to the gift He has given, she ministers to others "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (I Pet. 4:10)

First, God asks for *you*. For yourself and all that you are. When you become His, all that you possess also becomes His. Once we have given ourselves to Him, we are no longer our own. (I Cor. 6:19, 20) Thus our very bodies are set apart for His glory. This means keeping them pure and holy for His use. The Holy Spirit asks for a clean vessel to do His work.

Then God asks for the things we can do, the abilities we possess. Someone may

say, "But I have no gift, no talent." The Word says, however, in I Cor. 7:7, "But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that." Perhaps we are not content to use the gift God has given us, or perhaps we have not cultivated that gift to bring it to its highest; but let us not say, "God has given me no gift."

To some is entrusted the ministry of prayer. Some are permitted to teach. Some have a gift of personal witnessing. Some teach children. Some sing or play an instrument. Some can write for His glory. Whatever the gift, God has given it to us for a short time only. We are to polish it, increase it, and use it for His glory.

Topic IV—With What Results

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." (II Cor. 5:17) What ever we yield to Christ will be restored to us in greater abundance than we could imagine.

The widow who cast into the treasury received the commendation of the Lord. What more could the Christian stewardess want than to know that her Lord approves of her giving? To have Him say, "My daughter, thou hast been faithful in all that I have given thee," should be sufficient reward.

The reward, however, is not the basis for giving. The story is told in the *Prairie Overcomer* of a pastor who said, "The people are blessed in their giving. Remember Matt Hastings told me that so soon as he increased his contributions from ten to fifteen cents a Sunday, his cows gave more milk?"

"Yes, I do," laughed his wife. "When Mrs. Callow heard of it, she gave an extra dollar to the Woman's Auxiliary, and her hens stopped laying that same week. She wanted the dollar back!" Are we ever guilty of attaching strings to our offerings to God? We are to simply "cast on the waters" trusting God to care for us.

In Malachi God promises a blessing that there will not be room to receive if

His people will remember their vows and bring in the tithes and offerings. The widow who fed Elijah gave first to God's servant, and God replenished for her own houses as well as for Elijah. As we give, others are warmed and fed also. Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." A man was once asked why he was so particular to give good measure. He answered, "God has given me but one journey through this world; and when I am gone I cannot return to correct my mistakes."

Finally God's stewardess will give an account to her Lord. What will she have gained besides that He entrusted to her? Let her be faithful that she may hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." (Matt. 25:21) And best of all, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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A group of G.T.A.'s and Y.P.A.'s singing at the first Missionary Conference of the South Grand River Association, Wagoner, Oklahoma.

During the Conference there were 15 dedications for Christian service and two conversions witnessed.

Speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Denver, Colorado; Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Oklahoma; Rev. T. H. Willey, Sr. and Rev. Benito Rodriquez, Miami, Florida; and Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Nashville, Tennessee.

Missionary Midgets in Action!



812 Oak Ave.
Norfolk 2, Va.

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

I would like to submit a picture of our Missionary Midgets and tell you a few things about them.

We organized in January with fourteen boys and girls present and have had an average attendance of twelve at the four meetings. We hope to increase our memberships to twenty by the end of the year.

Mrs. Agnes Miller and Mrs. Lois Price are the leaders of this group and we are members at the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

We have elected our officers for this group and the children are doing a real good job filling the offices. They are very interested and we feel that much is going to be accomplished through these children in the Missions area.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Agnes Miller

NOTICE:

Tracts on Evangelism and Consecration written by a Free Will Baptist available from WNAC Office @ 40¢ per hundred. Tracts for teenagers @ 40¢ per hundred.



Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Enclosed is a picture of our Missionary Midgets.

This group is from the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We organized in October, 1961 with Mrs. Peggy Royal as sponsor. There are now four members enrolled.

In the picture, beginning at your left, are Kathy Cook, Jimmy Roberts, Mrs. Royal, David Roberts, Joe Johnson, Carla Hicks, and Becky Royal.

David and Becky have not quite reached the legal age, but they love every minute of it.

Lord bless in your wonderful work.

Pat Roberts

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RECIPE FOR A "SCRIPTURE CAKE" . . .

Do you like to bake? Here's a cake made up of ingredients mentioned in the Bible. Try it and see if it works:

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| 1 | Cup Butter | Judges 5:25 |
| 3 | Cups Sugar | Jeremiah 6:20 |
| 6 | Eggs | Isaiah 10:14 |
| 1 | Teaspoon Honey | Exodus 16:31 |
| 1 | Cup Water | Genesis 24:17 |
| 3½ | Cups Flour | I Kings 4:22 |
| 2 | Cups Raisins | I Samuel 30:12 |
| 1 | Cup Almonds | Genesis 48:11 |
| 3 | Teaspoons Baking Powder | I Cor. 5:6 |
| | Pinch of Salt | Lev. 2:13 |
- Add Chopped Nuts last.
—Selected

PRAYER

by Mrs. Dan Cronk, India

Address while in the states: 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee

Prelude: Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn: Did You Think to Pray?

Prayer: That we would learn to pray.

Scripture:

Business:

Special Music: Sweet Hour of Prayer

(This could be given as an instrumental solo or as a musical reading.)

Program:

INTRODUCTION

Probably no subject in the spiritual realm is more talked about or written about than the one before us today and though we have read much and heard much about prayer the plea on most of our lips remains, "Oh Lord, teach me to pray." While few of us do much about it most of us do believe that prayer is vital air to spiritual life. A speaker in our annual conference last year said, "I belong to a generation that knows nothing of prayer." Almost everyone in the room agreed with him. If that is a true statement then we are in dire need of more thinking on prayer. I can add no new thought to what has already been written many times over but I know that it is not so much teaching as it is *reminding* that we need. Most of us do not need to ask to be taught how to pray. We know how but we do need to be taught to pray. Most of us who are joining this discussion are busy housewives and many of us have other jobs or professions as well, and it is into that busy realm that I direct my thinking at this time. All of us, no doubt, look sometimes longingly at the monk in his cloister and think that if we had nothing else to do we, too, could really pray. While we must not forget that prayer take time it is possible to utilize many moments in prayer which are otherwise wasted.

Topic I:

Our Lord at prayer: The many stories of great saints at prayer are a challenge to us but not one of them so points up the necessity of prayer as the prayer life of our Lord. He in whom dwelt all wisdom and knowledge and who never took counsel with men spent much of his time in communion with his Father. Remember too, that He lived a very busy life and the crowds which pressed upon him for his ministry were far more demanding than our daily responsibilities can ever be. Yet our Lord was never hurried or distraught and he always had time for prayer. Recall the record of the occasion of choosing the apostles. It is written that "... he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called unto him his disciples and of them he chose twelve, whom he also

named apostles." Luke 6:12, 13. Imagine Him there weighing and considering each disciple in turn and discussing with the Father the final choice of the men who were to be the foundation of His Church. Then knowing the full will of His Father he chose his helpers.

When our Lord was about to bring Lazarus to life again after he had lain dead for four days he paused and said aloud, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. . . ." I think that he had already been praying for many hours about this great task and sign and now conscious of His Father's will he performs that great miracle and Lazarus comes out of his tomb.

His life was truly spent in praying without ceasing and when He is on the cross we hear the great amen to His life long prayer, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." But not only was

PROGRAM HELPS

To visualize the program sketch 9 copies of praying hands on flesh-colored construction paper. Cut these out and print across the hand the following words:

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| 1. Prayerlessness (Introduction) | 5. Quietness (Topic 4) |
| 2. Example (Topic 1) | 6. Others (Topic 5) |
| 3. Worship (Topic 2) | 7. Material needs (Topic 6) |
| 4. Repentance (Topic 3) | 8. Provision (Topic 7) |
| 9. Command to pray (Topic 8) | |

As each topic is given the hand which corresponds with the topic should be placed on the flannelgraph board. Back the hands with outing before they are cut out or either sand them lightly with sand paper and they will cling to the board.

Mrs. S. Johnson

His life an example of prayer he spent much time in teaching his followers to pray and all of us know by heart His great example or model prayer in which we find the various elements of prayer so perfectly balanced. Too often our prayers get out of balance on the asking end and short change the praise and thanksgiving part of prayer.

Topic II:

"Oh, come let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord, our maker." (Psalm 95:6) I think that worship must always be given first place in prayer and the better we pray we will find our prayers turning more and more to worship. What else have we to give to God but our worship? There is no other gift of mine which I may bring which is so wholly mine as my heart felt adoration and praise. I can offer my life but that is mine only by his sustaining mercy. I can offer my possessions but they must first come from His hand. My real gift comes from that part which is really me and that is my response in praise to the Hand that made me and keeps me in His grace. While praising and giving of thanks is for giving pleasure to my Lord I find at the same time that my own soul is filled with joy and happiness and that the time spent in telling Him how wonderful He is and how much I love Him is the best part of prayer.

Topic III:

"I will rise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father I have sinned . . ." (Luke 15:18). When we begin our prayer by calling to mind the beauty and holiness of our Lord our

thoughts must certainly very soon turn to our own unworthiness and we shall understand that without holiness no one shall see the Lord. Unless we face up to our sins and failures, weaknesses and temptations and cast our helpless selves upon His mercy we shall not get through to His throne. But herein is the glory of Christianity. *He* is my righteousness and with my savior's garments on I, too, am covered with righteousness but that not of my own but His. We cannot ignore our sins. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8, 9) One obvious thing about penitence is that it is a daily never ending requirement. I find myself having to confess sin in thought and deed, in attitude and omission over and over again and sometimes I nearly despair of myself but I never despair of Him because He always forgives and makes clean again. But I have to let Him do it. The only way we can keep an open heart to the master is to stay always sensitive to sin and confess it immediately. The moment an uncleansed sin takes up its abode in my heart it begins to push out my sense of fellowship with the Lord and before I know what is happening He is on the outside and sin reigns within but as soon as I confess sin and ask His forgiveness just that soon He forgives it. It grieves Him when I sin but the grief is multiplied ten times over when I refuse to confess it and ask His forgiveness. He can forgive sin because no matter what the

sin, it is He who is offended and sinned against. When we refuse His forgiveness we make all His suffering and agony on the cross of no avail to ourselves, but when we take of it freely, we apply to our lives that which He came to give. I do not feel that a general confession of sinfulness is sufficient. When my son comes to me to make a confession I do not want to hear that he is a bad boy I want to hear what it is that he has done. I think our heavenly Father wants us to confess the act of sin as well as our tendency to sin. And whenever the sin results in offense or harm to others He expects it to be put right. Confession almost always involves action—costly action when others have been involved. Confession is the only route to joy and victory over sin. By confession we open the flood gates to the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus and He makes us clean again. We must look on our sins with hatred but we must never give Satan the double victory of allowing them to discourage us and keep us from going to the cleansing fountain.

Topic IV:

“ . . . in quietness . . . shall be your strength.” (Isaiah 30:15) **“Be still and know that I am God. . . .”** (Psalm 46:10) Prayer is not all talking. It takes a great deal of listening too. Only by keeping quiet can we become conscious of what God is saying to us and of the inconsistencies in our lives which He wants to point out. Outward quietness is a good thing but it is not an essential to meditation. It is quietness of spirit we are to aim at. Some times I think there is not a quiet place in all India if I count only outward silence. I write on a special puja day and right now there are five loud speakers blaring forth all around our house. If I allow myself to become too conscious of them I soon find that every nerve end begins to prick, or so it seems, but if I deliberately refuse the onrush of sound I can still find a quietness down inside where I live. The quietness that I speak of comes from getting rid of all thoughts that distract our minds so that we can think about our Lord. At first it takes much effort to keep wandering

thoughts in line but He will help us if we ask Him and after all real prayer is not humanly possible at all and unless He enables me I cannot pray. Prayer is not so much our doing as it is allowing the Holy Spirit to pray through us. For Him to do that we have to make the channels free not only from sin but from other distracting thoughts. As we get quiet before the Lord He can work in us to restore and to guide. It is often in the listening time that the Lord reveals prayers which are not according to His will and in which He brings to our minds other things that He would have us pray for. So let us spend part of our prayer time waiting before the Lord and let Him do for us, in us and through us all that He delights to do. As we accept His direction in prayer we will find our desires and our prayers growing more mature and more in keeping with our calling as sons of God.

Topic V:

“I pray for them . . .” (John 17:9) To know our responsibility to pray for others we have only to look at our Lord's example in intercession and remember that He is even now interceding for us. **“Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us.”** Intercession means praying for others and presenting their needs to God. As Christ prays for us we too are to be praying for our fellowmen. One of the greatest examples of ordinary men interceding for others, I believe, is the case of Abraham interceding for Sodom and though God did not spare Sodom he heard Abraham's prayer and miraculously saved Lot who was the real object of Abraham's intercession. In intercession we may test our prayer lives. Anyone can make petitions for himself and his own but only the saint who has really learned prayer can undertake real intercession for others. It is here, I believe, that the most effective work of God is done and when at last our eyes are opened we shall see that much of the accomplishment in the Kingdom work has been done through unseen intercessors. It is for this reason that we missionaries count a strong home prayer support as our greatest asset. Wherever

lives a praying saint there lies the source of part of our strength. While it is not ours to say that such and such is the answer to his or her prayer we have often felt the effect of concerted prayer on our behalf and I believe that on a few occasions we have actually been snatched from the jaws of death because some one or more was praying.

Before we can undertake an effectual prayer ministry for others we must really care about what happens to the people for whom we pray. It is a ministry that cannot be feigned. Its source is in love for Christ and for His work and for all that have or may have a part in His work. Unless I love I cannot really pray. How uplifted we feel when someone writes to say "I am praying for you." We know that if he prays he really cares for us and for the work which we try to do for the Lord. We know that the Lord hears the prayers of His people and that every praying friend is an added source of strength. In like manner we long to be intercessors for our friends in the Lord's work in other places and for unsaved family and friends.

Topic VI:

"Give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6:11) It is right that we should ask our heavenly Father for specific things and that we should share with Him our longings and seek His will about all of our desires. Most of us have been so well fed for so long that we take our daily bread fairly much for granted and are apt to forget that the majority of the world is still underfed and hungry. We ought to pray for those who are hungry. Randall prayed a few nights ago and said, ". . . I thank you for food. Help those that don't have much food. Help you to give them some food." There he paused and after a moment's thought added, "Help us to give them some food." I thought he was on his way to understanding prayer when he identified himself with supplying the thing that he had asked for. Even though our bodies are well fed and lack nothing most of us go about spiritually starving because we don't ask our Father to feed our souls as He feeds our bodies. Beyond mere physi-

cal provision for health, clothing, and shelter which are all very close to our Father's concern He is concerned that we should seek His guidance in the little things that come to us all day long and when we bring these things to Him we can go about our work with greater peace of mind and assurance. When we are very young we feel that we know many answers and we do not readily hesitate in making decisions but as we become older I think we become less sure that all our natural choices are the right ones and it is a comfort to be able to seek divine guidance in all our decisions.

Topic VII:

". . . will he give him a stone . . .?" (Luke 11:11) Many people are troubled because they ask and do not receive and find little comfort in being told that they ask amiss. It is true that many prayers are not according to the Father's will and some are prayed with the purely selfish desire to gratify our appetites which we have been asked to deny. It is well to understand when we ask for things that the answer may be "no". Amy Carmichael tells how when she was a little girl she was taught that God always hears our prayers. She had brown eyes but she wanted blue and so she prayed that God would give her blue eyes and went confidently to bed knowing that God had heard her prayer. The next morning when she got up she rushed to the mirror but her eyes were still brown. She was greatly confused and began to doubt that God hears our prayers. Her mother explained that God hears but he sometimes says "No." Later she understood why when she had to disguise herself as an Indian when she went into temples to rescue children in South India. It was a feat she never could have performed for the Lord if her eyes had been blue because Indian eyes are brown. Other prayers which we think are denied are answered in another realm beyond our present vision. Take for example when we pray for healing for a loved one and that one dies. To consider that physical healing is the only possible answer is to take a very earth-bound vision of healing. Other prayers are not refused but their

answers are sometimes delayed. Spurgeon wrote that "God makes a file of our prayers." Almost certainly God is outside of time and if he delays to answer in our present it is because he sees all time as now and our future time may be a better time for the answer.

I have prayed for many things which I still feel confident are in the Father's will but which have had no visible answer,³ but still I pray, trusting that God's time will come.

Topic VIII:

"Pray ye therefore . . ." It is very easy to talk about prayer because our Scriptures are filled with so many references to it and the teaching concerning prayer is all good. It is in the actual practice of prayer that we fail and about which we ought to give much attention. The foremost problem is that we just don't pray or else we mumble a few hurried words that have become as formal and stereotyped as if we were reading them from the prayer book, and far less effective in accomplishing in our own that which prayer intends to do. Praying is as simple as a child asking his mother for milk or telling her he loves her, but it is based on a relationship made possible by the fact of redemption and it is made possible by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world.

"Pray without ceasing"

This verse would give us to understand that prayer takes a lot of time, all time in fact. The relationship that makes prayer possible must be maintained at all times. The closer our thinking stays to the Lord the easier it is to lift up our hearts in prayer. Praying takes time but it does not require that we retire from the world and shut the door always though sometimes that is certainly necessary. We can keep a quiet corner in our hearts and pray in spite of what's going on around us. I think that all housewives ought to read Brother Lawrence's experiences. Now there was a cook and a saint and believe it or not they can go together. It is said of him that when he began his duties in the monastery kitchen he used to pray, "Oh my God, since Thou art with me, and I must now, in

obedience to thy commands apply myself to these outward things, I beseech Thee to grant me the grace to continue in Thy presence." And it is said of him that in the greatest hurry of business in the kitchen, he still preserved his recollections and heavenly mindedness. He was never hasty nor loitering, but did each thing in its season. He said, "The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer." I think that is the answer for a busy housewife's need for more time for prayer. While making the beds or washing the dishes we can direct our thoughts to the Lord we love and talk to him about all the details of our lives and bring the needs of our family and friends to him.

"Suffer little children to come unto me. . . ." (Luke 18:16) One further thing from my heart to yours and that is about teaching children to pray. We have a tremendous responsibility to teach our children to pray and to lead them to growth in prayer. We have all heard the story of the eighty year old man who knelt every night and prayed, "Dear God, bless Daddy and mama and help me to be a good boy. Amen". While this is a ridiculous illustration it points out the danger in letting our children go on year after year with a form of prayer which is really nothing more than quoting a nursery rhyme. The memorized prayers have their use for the two and three year old but he should be led as soon as possible to praying his own prayer. The first thing, I think is to help the child understand that he is talking to a real Someone. Telling and retelling the stories of our Lord's life on earth help him to understand this. The second step is to teach thanksgiving. We are willing to tell a child over and over to thank Aunt Jane for the present she gave and we ought to be just as willing to keep reminding him of all the gifts we receive from God. It's very easy to go on from thanksgiving to show him that a loving Father who gives us all these things without our asking is worthy of our complete trust and that we can go on to tell him about all the things we lack or the things that trouble us.

Student Loan Fund Helps in Student Finances

E. B. McDonald, Treasurer
Free Will Baptist Bible College

(Editors note: September is Memorial Student Loan Fund Month on the auxiliary calendar. The following article provides information that should be of interest to you.

If you wish to use the article as a program you will need to add the songs, etc.)

Many students attending schools for higher education over the length and breadth of the United States are financing a part of their schooling costs through the student loan programs in the various schools, and this is true of students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The majority of students coming to the Bible College must receive financial help in some form or another whether it be a long-range loan, part-time work, or a work-scholarship.

Most of these worthy students are able to receive enough help to enable them to begin and to continue their education, but each year there is a larger number of worthy students who must have help to provide from 50 to 100 per cent of their school costs. Some of these students come from homes where there is no net income such as farming communities, homes where there are large families, and broken homes. Since many of our Free Will Baptist churches are in rural communities, this is to be expected.

The Bible College over the years has helped a good number of students who otherwise would not have been able to obtain Christian training. Each year the school employs approximately 50 students part-time, which has been of definite encouragement for them to attend school. At the same time it is recognized that the denomination in supporting the Bible College with gifts is actually providing a cash scholarship of approximately \$300 per year for each student enrolled.

Also the student loan programs are playing an important part with a good number of students each year. Up to a few years ago, this was a negligible factor; at the present time, however, approximately 20 per cent of the students must receive student loan help. Usually the demands exceed the supply.

Of definite help during the past few years, especially to married students, has been the Woman's Auxiliary Memorial Student Loan Fund administered by the W. N. A. C. office in Nashville. Some students get help from this source from year to year. Other students try to work part-time and get some help from home but occasionally run out of money before the end of the semester and must get a loan before completing semester examinations. These have been able to secure a loan from the Memorial Student Loan Fund without very much delay.

A recent report shows from 35 to 40 loans having been made since the beginning of the Loan Fund. Ten of these loans have been repaid in full, regular payments are being made on some loans, and more than \$5,000 is loaned out at present.

This fund is to help students after their first year at the Bible College and is limited to actual school fees.

Most of the students who have borrowed through the Memorial Student Loan Fund are aware of the value of repaying so that more money will be available for future students

I personally want to salute the women of the Free Will Baptist church for anticipating this need, and this need will grow larger as more and more young people enroll at the Bible College each year for Christian training. I feel that the gifts put into this loan fund to help our youth receive Christian training will go far in winning souls to Christ as our students go out as missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers.

SUGGESTED CIRCLE PROGRAMS For 1962

by Rev. D. C. Dodd, Savannah, Ga.

JULY—Free to Declare His Glory
July is "Independence Day" month. We
are reminded of a greater freedom.

You'll find it in—

Scripture—John 8:32-36

Sing—"Saved, Saved, Saved!"

Sentence prayers.

Talk about:

1. Our freedom to worship as we choose.
2. Our privilege to share the Gospel with others.
3. How our mission fields are closing down.

Get information from the Foreign Mission Office, 3801 Richland Avenue—or Home Mission Board, same address.

Give time for testimonies. Dismiss with a chain of prayer asking God to preserve our freedom of worship.

AUGUST—Visionary or Missionary—Which?

Visionary—one who sees and doesn't do.

Missionary—one who sees and does something.

Sing—"To The Work"—"Ready"

Pray—Read John 4:35

Talk about—Some great mission fields that you know about. They may be near you—or they may be far away.

What can we do to help? How may we get our church interested? How may we encourage our young people to consider missions or the ministry?

Pray for laborers to go into the fields.

Ask God to call some from your church. Be willing for God to answer this prayer by calling your sons and daughters.

Sing—"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

SEPTEMBER—Prepare to Declare

This is "back to school" month and we are reminded again of books and studying.

Read—II Tim. 2:15

Sing—"More, More About Jesus"—"Tell Me The Old, Old Story"

Pray—For knowledge of the word—For God's will to be done in your life.

Talk about: What to Study.

How to Study.

What Advantage is Knowledge.

Remember—Study is hard—but rewarding work.

Perspiration + study = information.

Information + performance = inspiration.

1. Know the Word.
2. Know your church.
3. Know your missionaries and pray for them by name.

Something to do: Write those missionaries now and let them know you're praying for them.

SUGGESTED CIRCLE PROGRAMS by Mrs. John Warren, Corning, Arkansas

JULY: The Missionary Call

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Pray: For a greater response to the call.

Thought: The missionary call is twofold: first is the general call to each Christian; second is the specific call to service.

Topic 1: The Call from the Regions Beyond

- A. A look at the fields shows men dying without Christ.
- B. These souls have never known about Christ.
- C. The call is the unsounded cry of a soul in need of a Saviour.
- D. The Call is clear and definite, and comes to each Christian who will look on the field that is white unto harvest.

Topic 2: The Call from the Regions Above

- A. The Gospels give the account of the Great Commission as follows:
 - (1) Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ."
 - (2) Mark 16:15 ". . . Go . . . and preach the gospel to every creature."

- (3) Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached . . . among all nations."

- (4) John 20:21 ". . . as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

B. The Commission in Acts 1:8 ". . . ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

C. The call has never been rescinded; the call still echoes from Heaven where Jesus sits on the right hand of the Father.

Topic 3. **The Call from the Regions Below**

- A. The rich man died. (Rich man and Lazarus)
B. In hell he cried out for Lazarus to be sent back to earth to testify to his brothers.
C. If this one soul cried out, how many more cry for some messenger to be sent to their loved ones!
D. Multitudes send the soundless call: it is too late for them, but the living may still be reached.

Topic 4: **The Inward Call**

- A. This call will not come unless one has heeded the outward calls.
B. The call is the voice of the Holy Spirit making a personal plea to a specific place of service.
C. The Holy Spirit is our guide.
D. We are to follow wherever He leads, if it be to Africa, Asia, India, etc.

AUGUST: The Church and Missions

Hymn: To the Work

Scripture: Romans 10:11-17

Pray: That the church may carry on the task of getting the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Thought: If the church does not evangelize the world, who will?

Topic 1: **The Task**

- A. The church has the true Gospel.
B. No one can be saved without hearing God's Word.
C. The Word must be carried by man, God's chosen instrument.
D. There are many places yet un-

reached by the Gospel.

E. The church must:

- (1) Provide messengers
- (2) Provide financial and spiritual support
- (3) Promote the entire mission program.
- (4) Pray for more laborers.
- (5) Train future missionaries.

Topic 2: **The Time**

- A. Today is the day of salvation.
B. Today men are dying without Christ.
C. Today the field is white unto harvest.
D. The Lord's return is nigh.
E. The church cannot afford to wait, it must act now.

Topic 3: **The Threat**

- A. Communism is at work undermining the countries across the world.
B. Catholicism has a stronghold in many countries.
C. Cults are zealous in spreading false doctrine.
D. Neo-orthodoxy and liberalism are rampant, putting out missionary fires.
E. Many church members are indifferent to the task of missions.

SEPTEMBER: The Home and Missions

Hymn: Throw Out the Lifeline

Scripture: Titus 2:1-11

Pray: That your home may be an instruction center where your children learn of God's plan for spreading the Gospel to every creature.

Thought: Your children learn by watching and listening to you. What kind of an example are you in the home?

Topic 1: **Teach Missions by:**

- A. Teaching from God's Word that everyone is to take part in world evangelization.
B. An active prayer life of your own for the mission fields and those who serve.
C. Being a good steward and teaching stewardship to your children.
D. Conducting a family altar (systematically, not spasmodically)
E. Be sure your children know the plan of salvation and try to win

them to Christ.

Topic 2: Provide Missionary Literature

- A. Request *Heartbeat* (if you are not receiving it) from the Foreign Missions Department; and the Newsletter from the Home Missions Department.
- B. Subscribe to good missionary magazines.
- C. Have a library of good missionary books, including stories for children and biographies and autobiographies of leading missionaries.
- D. Acquaint yourself and your children with our missionary personnel by having your name put on the missionary's mailing list to receive periodic newsletters.

Topic 3: Conduct Home Missionary Projects

- A. Correspond with a missionary a month.
- B. Place a family bank on the dining table and donate once a day for a specific cause. (Decide at the beginning what your project will be and the period of time for collecting funds.)
- C. Suggest individual missionary projects to each member of the family. Examples: Young men may mow lawns, sell papers, wash cars; girls may baby sit, and give the money to missions. Farmers may raise a calf or a hog and give the proceeds to missions, or set aside a certain piece of ground and give the profit from that ground to missions.

Brother Wade Jernigan preached for us last week, and eight people came to Christ. Sunday we had 201 for S.S. and four people saved, the church will soon not be large enough, so we will expand to the other Colonies.

Today, in my devotion hour, I thanked the Lord for all of you wonderful people who so kindly have helped and encouraged us through the years, I know that all over America there are those who are willing and ready to do their part in World Missions. Billows

ENLISTMENT

(Editors note: Mrs. Bert Brantley, Rt. 1, Spring Hope, N. C., gave this excellent devotional at the Second Western District Auxiliary Convention, Wilson, N. C. I asked her to share it with all our Co-Laborers through these pages. She gave her permission providing Mrs. Ben T. Bissette was given recognition for having helped her with it. We gladly do so.)

The scripture for this particular subject, Enlistment, is taken from Philipians third chapter verses 13-17, and in the fourth chapter of Philippians verse 13; isn't it wonderful to know, "We can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth us."

Through the years, since I have been an auxiliary member, much has been said about enlistment, its work, its results and its many other phases. But, do we fully understand the teachings of enlistment as given to us in the New Testament? I am afraid that too many of us have the mistaken idea that just getting women enrolled in our auxiliaries is enlistment, and no more. But it is far more than that. That is just the first phase, and if we do not go further, then we have not accomplished much.

To begin with we must ourselves be a real devoted Christian, and when I say devoted I am referring to our devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and the work He has for us to do. Willing to devote our time, our talents, our means and our all to whatever our Lord would have us do. When we become humble and submissive to His will then we can begin the next step, which to me is to promote the missionary spirit among our members.

The spirit-filled Missionary (and we all are Missionaries for Christ) is one not satisfied until she has reached out and enlisted every woman member in her church. In doing this it teaches us the doctrine of good stewardship, and stewardship takes in all of our life.

I am afraid that we who profess to be true Christians have not really learned the beauty and value of stewardship embraced in enlistment. There is a great field open before us, with work for each of us and not just members of the enlistment committee. So, let us not be negli-

gent in our efforts, but say as Paul said when he spoke, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

If we would give the women in our churches our personal attention in prayer and missionary teachings, and get them enlisted in our work, then there would be no deficiency in leadership in our church work today. We must realize the important part our women play in our churches, and strive to enlist everyone for this particular phase. For there is a place for every one of us to fill, be it great or small, high or low. Let us never shirk from our Lord's work.

The very heart of Christianity is service, and to serve we must be enlisted, not with just our name on the roll, but in word and deed. There are many attractive avenues of service given us in our auxiliary work, and we should not let one slip by un-noticed.

How many of us have ever stopped to realize the importance of hospital visiting? Visiting patients, ministering to the needy, going into the homes of shut-ins for prayer or an encouraging word are all personal efforts to win the lost to Christ. There are truly many more avenues if we would only take the time to search for them. Remember the scripture that says, "He that would be greatest in the Kingdom, must be servant of all."

The world in all the turmoil that confronts us today gives us a greater challenge than ever before. There has never been a time in our history that Christians needed to be on the firing line for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as is needed today.

Communism is at our very door. So let us put on the whole armour of God, and be fully clothed with the breastplate of righteousness. Let us take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, continuing always with prayer that God will make us ambassadors for Him, enlisting every lost soul, and every negligent Christian in His wonderful and abiding love. Let us be bold to speak His Word.

When we have completed our days work here at this convention, may we go

back to our respective churches with the strongest determination to work harder and longer hours than we ever have. Let us put Christ's work first and I know our auxiliaries will grow in number and surely grow in our spiritual needs. Do not let one single opportunity slip by you or you have failed God. But let us be willing to say, "Lord not our will, but Thine"—Here am I, send me, use me, in whatever way seems best, and then our enlistment program will be met.

May God bless you, as you make your decision.

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The Cuban Refugee Center received the \$10.00 sent in from the W.N.A.C. Headquarters, and wish to thank you very much for it.

We are glad to report that we are now open for business in a temporary building pending the arrival of Mr. Willey who will then make more definite plans.

We are very happy for the response to our cry for help and things are coming in. We are now able to care for some of the people that come to us for help.

We have a great opportunity also to minister to spiritual needs as well as material. We have some New Testaments donated to us that we can give out to those interested. We also hope to see many of these people in our services.

This is a busy time for all of us here in the mission. We open the building at 9 A.M. and close at 12 noon. Then we are open from 2 until 5 P.M.

We will appreciate much prayer in this very worthy project. We are very grateful for all the help that is coming, not only from our F.W.B. folks, but from others as well.

Yours in the Lord,
Bessie Yeley, Sec.

MEXICO

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Most articles on Mexico start out with the statement that Mexico is the land of contrasts. Although this is a banal statement, it is made for one reason, and that is because it is true. This is the land of extreme wealth for the idle rich and extreme poverty for the idle poor. It is a land with regions as fertile as the deltas of the Nile and Mississippi rivers, which are the most fertile areas in the world; and it is the land with other areas so hopelessly bleak that not even a desert rat can survive.

It is a land whose capital, Mexico City, is perched precariously on top of a mountain and whose altitude is so outrageous that playing tennis, for instance, is almost impossible because of the rarefied atmosphere. It is the land of peons dozing in the murderous sun. It is the land whose artists, to a certain degree, are among the most progressive in the world.

It is a land whose civilization was ancient when the North American Indian was still almost primitive. It is a land whose ancient Mayan architectural treasures are without parallel in the Western hemisphere. It is the land where Indian boys dive 200 feet into the water off Acapulco and it is the place where a wife says to a husband who is cleaning his pistol, "Oh, Cesar, you're not going back into politics, are you?"

It is a country which has, for centuries, labored under an almost feudal land system and then changed into a widely socialistic country. Yet, at the same time, it was the locale for the exile and eventual assassination of Leon Trotsky, one of the most influential socialists in history.

Mexico, as millions of U.S. citizens have discovered, is undoubtedly one of the most colorful countries in the Americas, and although many Americans know about their own history or about the history of France or England, they know little about Mexico's, which is rather

simple. It's an almost unrelieved story of tragic fights with often vicious foreigners. And for the most part, the Mexicans lost. The first of the brutish invaders was Cortez, the Spaniard who landed at Vera Cruz in 1519, and defeated the highly civilized Aztecs ruled by Montezuma. The superstitious Indians believed Cortez to be some kind of golden god. Two hundred years later, the Mexican hero, Hidalgo, a priest, led a group of Indians in an uprising that ended the Spanish rule in 1821. The next important event in Mexico history occurred when the gringo, Sam Houston, won Texas away from Mexico to bring Texas into statehood in 1845.

Napoleon III of France coveted Mexico and while the U.S. was busy with its Civil War, he sent Archduke Maximilian to Mexico. Maximilian, a foolish, inept, but in his way, gallant man went before a Mexican firing squad. At his death, he wore, incongruously enough for an Austrian aristocrat, a Mexican shirt and American cowboy trousers.

A great hero of Mexican history, or to some Mexicans a great villain, was the guerrilla Pancho Villa. But his revolt was crushed and he retired to the hills from whence he had come. One of his cohorts was Emiliano Zapata, as all followers of Marlon Brando's film, "Viva Zapata!" will recall. In 1916, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson ordered General John J. Pershing, who was later to become one of World War I's greatest heroes, to capture Pancho Villa, and thus began an idiotic pursuit which ended in total failure.

In recent years, however, Mexico's history has become more calm. Mexico, like Spain, has traditionally been the country of *manana*—"do it tomorrow." But at the present time, it is rapidly becoming a country of *do-it-today*.

The city of Taxco, for instance, which is not nearly as modern as Mexico City, boasts such innovations as super markets,

Sears-Roebuck, Nescafe, elegant hotels, a new modern tequila of absolutely superior quality, automatic cash registers and dehydrated pimento soup. Despite these modernizations, Taxco still retains all of its traditional charm for the tourist. Mexico City, which is, incidentally, the third largest city on the North American continent, has the most modern architecture in the Western world, because Mexican architects, in some cases assisted by Americans and other nationalities, have been daring to the point of what some people would consider madness. It is a curious contrast, in a way, between the old and new. The Paseo de la Reforma, the main boulevard of Mexico City, follows the path of the antique Aztec kings from their city palaces in Mexico City to their summer homes at Chapultepec. Today, it is lined by skyscrapers which can make Madison Avenue look a bit out of date. As for the tourist, Mexico City seems to have been built for him. Everything is comparatively close to everything else. There is University City, the fabulous educational conglomeration built to satisfy the Mexican's genuine desire for education, at least in recent years. Four and a half million people live in Mexico City and because of the recent decline of disease in Mexico and the accompanying improvement of food supplies, the mortality rate is comparatively low.

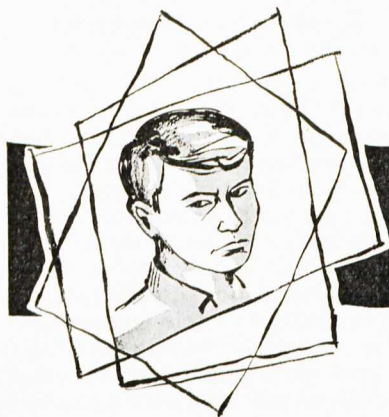
Just outside Mexico City is a town called Satellite City, in Tlalnepantla, which is in every respect a Westchester or Grosse Point or Pasadena, with the same morals, the same habits and the same Saturday night dances.

Mexico has everything including a Riviera. Acapulco, one of the most serenely beautiful ports the eye can behold, is sheer luxury. The hotel rates, by American standards, are reasonably low. The dazzling sun beats through the blue sky on the blue harbor and the sun bathers in their typical Mexican cabanas drink their tall tropical drinks (it seems nearly impossible in Mexico, as in Cuba, to get a drink that doesn't somehow have lime or lime juice in it), and gaze

across the tropical beaches and luxurious resort hotels.

In order to understand Mexico, it is necessary to correct a myth prevalent with most Americans, and that is that Mexicans are Spanish. They are about as Spanish as Chow Mein. A Mexican is a mestizo, which means he is of mixed blood (aren't we all?). He is the result of both Indian and Spanish blood, and the charm of Mexico which tends to overwhelm most tourists is this very mixture. You'll see bottles of wine imported from Spain and you'll hear Mariachi songs punctuated by yells that seem to imitate the yelps of coyotes. Mexico is a land of 33 million people, some of whom are farmers who just manage to stay alive on beans and tortillas, and the 500 families of the Mexican elite who live in luxury. But the economy of Mexico is changing. The middle-class which never used to exist is now emerging. For students of economics, it is interesting to note that the gross national income of Mexico rose in the seven years between 1953 and 1960 from \$201 per person to \$232, an almost incredible increase in so brief a period. According to one Mexican magazine, the peon enters the middle-class, an ascent which was roughly incredible until recently, when he leaves bartering and starts using money, begins to eat meat and butter, begins to wash, buys a second shirt and his first pair of shoes, and prefers leavened bread to corn tortillas. Twenty years ago, the average Mexican spent 1.50 pesos on entertainment. In 1959, it was 7.04 pesos, and the amount of money that a nation spends on entertainment is an excellent indication of its prosperity and progress.

A Mexican taxi driver often asks the tourists, "Why you come Mexico?" and if the tourist knows this country, he can give roughly a thousand answers. Mexico is an almost unending spectacle, with the high, cool country of Mexico City, and the low, hot country of the beaches. It is the fear of "tourist trouble" from unbottled water and a so-far undiscovered sacred satouette, Aztec in origin, behind so-far undiscovered altars, also Aztec in origin.



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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

**by: Delmer T. Priest, Director of the Bureau of Juvenile Delinquency
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(Editor's Note: Mr. Priest also serves as a Deacon in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond. We plan to carry other articles from him in each issue. Watch for them!)

After nineteen years of service in the Richmond Police Department, of which the past seventeen years I have been working in the Juvenile Bureau, counseling and working with young people under the age of eighteen years and their parents who come to the attention of the Police Department, I can truly say I've seen Juvenile Delinquency in every conceivable form and would like to offer the only solution to the problem as I see it.

First, I would like to tell you a little of my background or give my testimony. I was born in the State of Oklahoma, some forty-eight years ago on a little farm in Hughes County, about one hundred miles southeast of Oklahoma City. I was one of seven children, six boys and one girl. Both my Father and Mother were devout Christians. To us children, they were the best Dad and Mom that ever lived. They had very little material goods of this world to offer their children, but they gave us something much greater: they gave us love, recognition,

and above all, taught us about Jesus Christ. The teaching I received at home while growing up has been a great help to me as a police officer. I have attended several schools and training institutions to better prepare myself as a Juvenile Officer, but no school has helped me as much as the teaching I received from my Christian parents. Why? because there is no teacher greater than a Christian mother. Mothers, what are you teaching your children? Are you teaching them, or, are you just letting them grow up?

EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW

Every child needs to know that his parents love him just the way he is, and that they like him all the time. Every child needs to know that his home is a good safe place that he can feel sure about and that his parents will always be on hand, especially in time of crisis. Every child needs to know that there are limits as to what he can and cannot do. He must know that the parents will hold him to these limits. There is very

little the police can do or any other agency until we in America return to the philosophy of the home as the basic unit of society. We must have more companionship and discipline of the home, so that when our children grow up, they can walk the straight line and know the difference between right and wrong.

The expression "As the twig is bent so grows the tree" is altogether true. The Bible tells us "to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. There can be no proper training without discipline; on this point the Word of God is very explicit: "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Proverbs 19:18. Also, "Withhold not corrections from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." Proverbs 23:13.

In order to train anyone, the instructor himself must be trained. Mothers, are you a trained (Christian) instructor? It is not difficult to understand why young people become indifferent to law and order when they have seen their parents flout regulations and criticize authority. The father who "beats" a parking meter in the presence of his child should not be surprised when his offspring acts like a "chip off the old block" and then goes him one better into more serious violations.

God has placed the responsibility of raising the young in the hands of parents—not the police, nor the school, nor the church. Modern psychology, "progressive methods," and "self-expression" are of little value when a youngster is faced with the decision of joining the gang or turning "chicken." With nothing better than the admonition. "Now you be a good boy" to fortify him, how can a boy fight the ridicule and scorn of his companions when he refuses to commit a crime as his passport into the gang?

One and one-half million boys and girls under the age of eighteen years will

come to the attention of the police or law enforcement during the year 1962. You may be saying to yourself, "It won't be my daughter or my son." Don't kid yourself, it easily could be unless they have the Lord eJesus Christ to be their shield of protection. Until parents see their obligations to keep the law, can we expect the children to have confidence in our society? *Busy parents, working mothers, and prosperity* have all played a part in the indifferent attitude of many young people to the law of the land.

America needs to re-examine the foundations of her wonderful country and compare them with her own views. *Convenience has taken the place of conscience.* No longer must we fight for our freedom. The "pursuit of happiness" seems to be reduced to what a dollar can buy. Crime costs America billions of dollars a year. America spends twice as much money for liquor as they do on schools. Certainly, our young people need God, but who will point the way to Him? Their parents have been either willfully ignorant of God's claim on their lives or have been busy "building a better world". At a time when more Americans are church members, we find an increase also in the number of crimes committed by our young people!

In John 14:6 the Lord Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me." In order to come to God, we must acknowledge God's Word, the Him as our Saviour. Then parents, we must *take* our children to a Gospel-preaching church—not send them. We must acknowledge God's Word, the Bible, as man's only source of peace and wisdom, and then teach it to our children. Bible reading and prayer in the family circle at home will do more to halt juvenile delinquency than all the agencies now at work. The answer to juvenile delinquency cannot be found in a program, but in a person—Jesus Christ.

A STEWARD OF SUFFERING

by Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Florence, S. C.

It is not necessary to live a lengthy life to live a full life that will bring glory and honor to God. Many, with good health and long lives, fail to use the opportunities God has given to be a faithful witness and steward. With what God provides, He requires that we be faithful. We are familiar with the stewardship of money, time, talents and personality, but seldom do we think of being a steward in the field of suffering. Believing that God chose *Leah Waddell* in a very special way to be a steward in this field, we share some of the choice gems of faith and trust which came from her heart. They were not written to be published. Instead, they are a revelation of the thoughts and heart of a dedicated life, as He performed His perfect will in her life.

Leah was the wife of the Rev. Eugene Waddell, Garner, N. C. She worked faithfully and untiringly in every field of service which God gave to them. Included in her many activities was a term of service as the National Youth Chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary. In Dec. 1960 she entered the hospital to have three breast tumors removed, and found they were malignant. Following this, in Jan. 1961 she had major surgery performed. Her determination and courage was evident, when, the week after returning home she wrote 83 letters by hand to youth chairmen with ideas and suggestions. An excerpt from a letter Jan. 25, 1961 says: "*This I know, that I have every reason to thank God that right now, I'm alive! This 'fear' perhaps is the feeling that Satan delights in. Oh, I pray that I can be relieved from it and can serve the Lord with great joy and confidence.—We have felt that God would provide, but we have just been amazed at the mysterious ways He's worked His wonders to perform. He's done more than we have been able to ask or think.*"

During the next months she served the Lord in every capacity possible. She

made and promoted plans for the youth in the National Convention to be held in July, and had an active part in preparing the programs. May 1, 1961 she wrote, "As a whole I'm doing fine. Times of depression—aches and grunts—So many women give in to feelings and because they expect certain age-periods and conditions to make them feel 'bad', they just sit back and wait for it to come on them—then: at the first sign of an ill feeling, they exclaim 'this is what I've heard about! I reckon I'm sick!' It all adds up to being sorry for ourselves. I recently read a book 'How to Win Over Worry'. The Lord *is* and *wants* to be our victory. It's only when we 'die daily' to ourselves that we can claim this victory. Satan uses the 'nervous' tactic for spiritual defeat often—too often. I certainly believe that prayerful foresight of the condition is the answer—. In such ways the Lord has been so wonderful. May I *never* forget! I heard someone say recently that 'sometimes, blessings are as easily forgotten as pain'."

During the succeeding months, Leah actively served the Lord, doing such things as teaching Study Courses in surrounding auxiliaries, planning youth activities, attending revivals, preparing meals for visiting speakers, teaching Sunday School, and still being a faithful mother to Rhonda, Robin, Paul and Marcia. In July she attended the National Convention and presided over the activities of the Youth groups. Following this she and her husband were guest speakers and teachers at the Woman's Auxiliary Camp in S. C. Returning home in August she and her husband wrote all of the missionary couples on the field. In October she spoke at the Tidewater Woman's Convention in Virginia.

Nov. 15, 1961 she learned that malignancy had reoccurred. Some of her thoughts as related Nov. 16 are: "It isn't easy to act brave. However, my reaction is not like it was a year ago when I first

learned that I had cancer. Yesterday when the doctor told us, Eugene said to me, 'We committed this to the Lord last year, didn't we?' He's still in the miracle business. My feelings are similar to Rhonda's over her first tooth being loose recently. She came in crying 'Mama' look! Now I can't eat, can I? I explained how that the teeth were supposed to come out and after awhile a new one would replace it. This one would be new and better and would last a long time. Then she was happy! Surely we're born to die . . . (Heb. 9:27) and to us who know the Lord, we look forward to receiving a new body that will last forever. If our wills are resigned to His, we must believe Rom. 8:28 'All things work together for our good.' Recently, I heard Dr. Walter Hughes, a good Bible teacher from Canada speak. The Lord must have wanted me to hear that message, because this week I have recalled an illustration he used. He told of a revival meeting he was in. A quartet sang each night. It seemed they delighted in singing spirituals. This particular evening, they sang an old one called 'Some of These Days I'll See Jesus.' It seemed they sang unusually well that night. Right in the middle of the song the bass singer crumpled to the floor—Dr. Hughes asked if a doctor was present, and immediately one stepped out an aisle down to the front, and examined the bass singer who was stretched out . . . He was dead! Dr. Hughes said that he lifted his heart and hands toward heaven and said, 'Glory to God! He died with his boots on!' A real soldier of the cross! . . . No matter how I feel, I'll do what I can for Jesus while I'm living." And she did. During that week they were having revival services and attended every night, and sang at a wedding. On Nov. 24 she wrote, "The song writer said 'I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT I KNOW HE HOLDS MY HAND.' My confidence in the Lord is the same as when I committed my life to Him. He has certainly proven Himself o'er and o'er to me. Wasn't it Sarah who asked 'Is anything too hard for the Lord?' My

life has been full of failures and regrets, but this morning I read again with real assurance that 'the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.' Praise the Lord!"

On Nov. 27, '61 Leah entered the hospital again. During the time there she helped plan the Christmas program for their church, and was a constant witness to those with whom she came in contact. Discussing the medical terms the doctors used she said, "In fact, just about *all* I do understand is that I'm saved and in the hands of the Lord." While there she gave her testimony to a chaplain and he was shocked. Wiping away tears he said, "Mrs. Waddell, you're actually ministering to me instead of me helping you." Dec. 1, she said, "When I have the slightest symptoms of discouragement, I find medicine in Isa. 26:3, 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect *peace* whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee.' It's so easy to get our minds on 'family' and start worrying—to get our minds on 'possible future pain' and get all upset; but when our minds are on the Lord—eternity with the Lord, then there will be peace,—yes, perfect peace!"

A letter written Jan. 22, '62 reveals her continual desire to grow more like the Lord; "I'm reading the book of Galatians now—it's just like a history book unfolding—actually it is. Isn't it a difficult thing to say as Paul, 'I am crucified with Christ. . . ' I yearn to live a life proving that." And again Jan. 25, "I think of so many ways that God has blessed . . . so many answers to prayer. I feel so indebted to Him!" In a few short weeks her strength quickly grew less and less, but true to her determination she did not give up until she had to do so. Not until the last four or five weeks was she actually confined to bed. On April 5, she completed here the work committed unto her, and God took her home to serve in Heaven. Her life could well be summarized in the words of Phil. 1:20 "So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."



Thru the Letter Box

● Reports received from Cuba by the American Bible Society indicate that 906,660 volumes of Scripture were distributed there between November 1, 1960 and October 31, 1961. The total distribution in Cuba for the same period a year before was 611,993. It was anticipated that total distribution in Cuba during the calendar year 1961 might be well over a million copies.

● The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Midway Association sponsored a Visual Aid Workshop on Study Courses with Mrs. Harold Harrison (W.N.A.C. Study Course Chairman from Chipley, Florida) in charge, March 1, 1962, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Study Course Chairmen from both the local and district auxiliaries shared in the blessings of this day.

● COASTAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The first meeting of the newly organized Free Will Baptist Coastal Woman's Auxiliary District Convention was held April 12, 1962, at Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina. There were seven churches represented with eighty-six delegates, six Pastors, the National Free Will Baptist Evangelist, Rev. Bobby Jackson, and a most distinguished guest, Mrs. Rufus Coffey, president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

The officers of the Convention were elected as follow: President, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, New Bern; Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Hines, New Bern; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Owens, Beaufort; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rudolph Hill, Morehead City; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jack Ragan, New Bern; Treasurer, Mrs. Winford Gaskins,

New Bern; Field Secretary, Mrs. Joe Rice, New Bern; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Randy Cox, Beaufort; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Seldon Bullard, Morehead City; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Don Eubanks, Beaufort; and Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. O. C. Daniels of New Bern.

A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and plans for the convention work were presented with special emphasis on Missions. Mrs. Coffey brought the morning message which was an inspiring challenge concerning the true place of women in the church.

A most delightful lunch was served by the host and co-host churches, Fellowship F.W.B., during the noon hour after which the business of the day was concluded and the new officers were installed in a service led by Mrs. Coffey in which the officers knelt in the shadow of a cross as Rev. Jackson sang "Beneath The Cross of Jesus".

The next Convention will meet in First Free Will Baptist Church of Beaufort in October.

Mrs. A. L. Hines

● Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Enclosed is a check for \$27.00 to be used for Foreign Missions. The ladies of our auxiliary keep the Nursery and the Sunday School gives us three dollars a Sunday for this. We are giving this money to different things. Next time they give us a check we will send it to Home Missions. It may not be this much. We hope we can be a blessing to someone.

Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Treasurer
Cordova's Woman's Auxiliary
235 Branch St.
Cordova, Alabama

● Ohio Auxiliary News: The Franklin Auxiliary had a gift exchange but did not keep the gifts. Instead they were sent to Miss Bessie Yeley. The Franklin group had their election of officers and elected Mrs. Lurlie Howard as President, Mrs. Vertie Owsley was reelected to the office of Vice President and Mrs. Edwards was elected Treasurer.

The Vincent Auxiliary is systematically supporting the State Mission Board and the Conference Building program.

The Central Ohio Auxiliary met at Mechanicsburg with Urbana, Delaware and West Jefferson groups present. A study of the duties of District officers will be made at next meeting. Auxiliaries in the Little Miami River and Franklin County Conferences are invited to send delegates and join in this District organization.

● At this time we would like to express how much we enjoy the CO-LABORER. It is really a blessing to us. We enjoy the programs and the news in it.

Mrs. William H. Calvert
247 Gage St.
Chester, S. C.

● STATE WORKSHOP HELD AT SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, FIRST CHURCH

The State workshop held at Shawnee First Church was a very wonderful day, despite the rainy weather we had a good representation from over the state. President, Fern Duncan, opened the session then turned it to our study course chairman, Vivian Lewis. The high lights of the session were the inspiring messages including Mrs. Eunice Edwards, and her very capable teaching. Also the appearance of our own Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks returned Missionaries from Africa. We were especially favored by singing from the State Quartet. The two Shawnee churches presented Mrs. Edwards with a corsage welcoming her to Oklahoma and Shawnee. A gift was given Lonnie and Anita.

Due to resignation of enlistment chairman Jean Wilson, Cora Bruce was elected and also resignation of field secretary, Joy Yandell, Opal Lee was elected. She gave us a very inspiring and challenging illustration to promote our state projects. Coffee and cake was served by the two Shawnee churches after the close of the workshop.

—Mildred Cash

● DISTRICT AUXILIARY WORKSHOP WELL ATTENDED.

The South Georgia District Woman's Auxiliary Workshop which was held at Glennville, Saturday, April 7, was well attended and the program was the best that has ever been presented. The pro-

gram had been prepared around the theme "Pressed On By The King's Command".—Esther 8:14. Youth organizations sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary were featured at the workshop and the various ranks were explained. Young people were participants on the program and they acquitted themselves beautifully. Miss Laura Belle Barnard, former missionary to India, was present and spoke at the morning meeting. As usual, Bro. James Pelt and his Glennville group did an outstanding job of entertaining the workshop.

● SWEETHEART BANQUET A SUCCESS AT MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.

Some fifty or more young people attended the annual sweetheart banquet held in the fellowship hall of the basement last Tuesday night at 7:30. The young men and women enjoyed a delightful evening of real Christian fellowship. Immediately after the dinner was served a variety program was enjoyed. The Leah Mae Circle worked hard to make the banquet a success, and the young people of the church are grateful . . . The Woman's Auxiliary PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER had a very colorful series of programs and was climaxed by a breakfast in the church basement . . . Again Sunday night the teen-agers took part in OPERATION: DESTINATION UNKNOWN. They gathered in the old auditorium for prayer immediately after the evening services and then left for "destination unknown". Two weeks ago there were 36 who participated in this fellowship which was in the parsonage. Last Sunday night about the same number followed the processional which ended up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurse Smith. The teen-agers with youth workers will again participate in a wonderful hour of fellowship of "Operation: Destination Unknown."

● THE FIRST MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF SOUTH GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION of Oklahoma, was a great success. Our home missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, from Denver, Colo., were the speakers Friday night. Rev. Thomas read Acts 13:1-4 as a basis for his message.

Saturday morning Rev. Wade Jernigan showed film he had made in Mexico. He read Luke 10:30-37 using the last phrase of verse as his text. It was a challenging message. Two accepted Christ as their personal Saviour with twenty-three going forward as a token they were willing for God to use their lives either here at home or in a foreign mission field. After a basket dinner and an hour of fellowship, Mrs. Eunice Edwards spoke to us from Luke 12:13-20. It was a message that blessed each of our hearts. Rev. Thomas followed her using Ezekiel 33:33, II Peter 3:9, and Rom. 8:33. Truly each one there saw themselves and how far short we have fallen from what God would have us do.

The Grand Rally Sunday afternoon was all we had anticipated. Although it had rained Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday, the spirits of our people were not dampened.

The speakers for the afternoon were Rev. Benito Rodriguez and Rev. Tom Willey, Sr. Rev. Rodriguez sang two specials, "The Love of God" and "That One Lost Sheep." Their messages were both informative and inspiring.

- "I want to tell you too that our women think the magazine is just great. Our auxiliary is growing and our women are learning more about the entire program of the woman's auxiliary work.

We are proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of Christian women.

May God continue His blessings on His workers is our prayer.

Mrs. Herbert Roney
Route 3
Headland, Alabama

- YOUTH RALLY, BENTON, ILLINOIS

Total present at the Youth Rally on March 19, 1962, was 348. The attendance banner went to Johnston City with 104 present. Harmony (W.F.) retained the percentage banner. The special project will be songbooks and racks for the songbooks for the Tabernacle. Earlene Galloway is the leader. The next meeting will be May 21, 1962.

SHARING:

B.P. 20, Bouna
Ivory Coast, Africa

- Greeting from Africa in the name of our Saviour!

Finally, after years of preparation, we have arrived at Doropo, Ivory Coast, to begin our medical and spiritual ministry to a lost and needy people. Since we last wrote you, many things have happened, and although we cannot write all, we would like to share a few of these happenings.

Lorene finished her course in French the last of November, and I completed the course in tropical medicine about the middle of December. I was indeed thankful when I learned that I had successfully passed the course, for it, being in French, was somewhat difficult for me.

In the midst of so much physical illness and spiritual need, we can readily see why the Lord has led us here. We do thank you who have prayed and given that this ministry might be accomplished, and we ask that you continue to pray for us. May the Lord bless you all as you serve Him and follow in His paths.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
La Verne and Lorene Miley

Hebrews 13:5b-6

- Dear Mrs. Edwards:

These are becoming busy days for us as our plans for the work here are enlarging but we do wish to share with you our gratitude for your continued prayer support.

We received the rest of the shipment of vitamins this past week. We received one box about two weeks ago and then three more this past week. Thank you for your prompt answer to my last letter.

Bro. Wilson has probably told you that we are proceeding with plans to obtain our residence papers. This is going to be costly but it is the only way that we will be able to remain in the country and continue establishing the work. We are grateful for the funds you have channeled into our account and we trust to realize the will of God here in Panama that these funds are making possible.

Yours in His glad service,
John and Barbara Moehlman

● Dear Friends:

Thank you so very much for your recent contribution to our Mission work in Hawaii.

The Lord has been good to us and has supplied our needs through friends like you who will pray and share the financial burden with us. This work needs your continued prayers and financial support.

During the Easter Season the message of the Christ stands out as a beacon light among the multitude of false gods in this Oriental cultured Island State. It is comforting to us to point to the empty tomb and tell these people that, unlike Buddha and the other false gods, Jesus is not dead but is living.

The three of us are in good health and the Lord continues to bless in our services. We had three of our young people to accept the Lord and they joined the Church last Sunday. We now have 55 enrolled in our Sunday School and average about 45 in attendance. Our greatest need now is property—please pray with us that God will soon provide a bigger and better place for us to meet.

Thanks again for your faithful support.

For Christ in Hawaii,
The Sanders Family

I Thess. 1:2

● Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from the land of coffee—Brazil. We are so thankful to each of you for your interest in the work here. It makes us rejoice when we are

● The Woman's Auxiliary organization of Cuba is going well, thanks be to God. All of its activities are carried out without any difficulty. The district conventions are having their meetings with good success, and the missionary offering for the past year amounted to \$100.00, which was sent to the Free Will Baptist Spanish church in Miami, to be used for the glory of God.

The imperative need of the Cuban women under the present communistic regime is incessant prayer, and although the organization is going on as before, it lives with a constant threat of having the churches closed.

The women believers especially are suffering because of the communistic teaching against God, and their children will learn this in the schools, and they live with the fear that their children will be separated from them and sent to communist countries.

Sisters, pray constantly that the Cuban women will be able to use the infallible method of Moses' mother, teaching their little ones of God in their homes, while they are yet with them. Also that the peace of God govern and fill their hearts as it did in the life of the Shunamite woman.

The Cuban women are praying for you and are hoping for the day when they can again have a closer Christian fellowship.

reminded in so many ways of those back at home who are standing behind us.

In one of our last letters we asked prayer for the conference we had March 10-18 to open the work here in Ribeirao Preto. We ask you to praise the Lord with us for the blessings of the conference. The average attendance was about 25, but one night for our regular Bible study we had 43. There were 6 decisions made for Christ. Pray with us for these new Christians. It is very difficult for them. Our Sunday School is small yet but we are working to see it grow. Sunday morning is the most difficult time to get people to go to church. We have had disappointments and failures but God is faithful. We know that if we will "attempt great things for God" we can "expect great things from God".

The response during our services at the little farm village on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons have been very good. About 200 usually attend the Thursday evening open air meeting and from 50-80 attend the Sunday School. These people are hearing the good news of salvation for the first times. Pray with us that we may see many of these come to know Christ as personal Savior.

We have just received our monthly list of supporters from the Mission Board and to each of you we want to give our deepest heart-felt thank you. The Lord has been so faithful. We just praise Him.

Your missionaries in Brazil,
Bobby and Geneva

Carmen de Rodriquez

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COVER STORY:

The CO-LABOR station is located at Goumère, Ivory Coast, West Africa and was built with money given by members of the W.N.A.C. It is the station of Lonnie and Anita Sparks and was occupied on December 24, 1959. Presently, Lonnie and Bernice Palmer are taking their place while they (Sparks) are home on furlough.

Almost two years were spent in Africa in rented quarters which were inadequate for our needs. We cannot express the joy that was ours when we were finally able to move into our "own" home and unpack everything for the first time in three years (1 yr. Europe, 2 yrs. Africa).

It is not only an abode where we can hang our hats, but a place to which the African's can look for physical and spiritual help. Everyday, except Sunday, first aid is administered on the front porch from about 7:30-9:30 or 10:00 a.m. Christians often come for counseling or just to visit. Children love to come and play on the premises. It is here that the gospel of Mark was translated.

The convenience of it has helped keep up our morale and has aided in doing our work better. Coming back in the heat of the African sun after having had three or four services in outlying villages, we always rejoice for the nice home we have to come back to. We praise God for it.

To all of you who have made possible "our home" away from home we want to say a heartfelt *thank you!*

—Mrs. Lonnie Sparks