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COME YE APART

"Come ye apart and rest awhile" was spoken to the disciples by Jesus hundreds of years ago. The same admonition is fitting for His followers today—to those who are Co-Laborers with Him. I know of no place or program that could be more appropriate for resting in Him than at a District or State Auxiliary Retreat or Camp.

There are many outstanding features that are most profitable to a Christian woman. Some are:

- * **Fellowship** with God, as we find time from our hurried schedules to meditate upon God's Word and spend time in prayer with Him.
- * **Fellowship** with each other as we pray, study and play together. So often we lose touch with our closest friends and at camp there is time to renew those times of fellowship.
- * **Study**—Courses and topics are selected with Christian women in mind. You will be able to return to your home and church a more informed and trained Christian, better prepared to serve. How true is the slogan "When you know you care, and when you care, you share." Study and learn at your auxiliary camp.
- * **A Vision**—of the Mission fields and souls lost without Christ is kept before you. Many churches have felt the impact of women with a vision who have returned home with hearts afire for the lost of the world. Lift up your eyes and look, enlarge your

vision for Missions at a woman's auxiliary retreat.

- * A better **Understanding** of the Woman's Auxiliary, its purpose and work is received at camp. Many times we have failed because we have not known our work. Increase your understanding, be a better Christian and Auxiliary Member because of having attended a Woman's Auxiliary Camp.

"Come ye apart and rest awhile with Him.

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TIME TO PLAN

It's not too early to start some serious thinking and planning for a spring or summer auxiliary camp. A program such as this could be realized by a local, district or state group.

To begin with, choose a director, and a committee if desired, to work with the chairman. Some things to keep in mind when planning are: date of encampment, place of encampment, facilities needed and provided, camp fee, a theme for program, courses to be taught and teachers, evening mission service and speaker, film, recreation, meals and menus, advertisement and publicity.

Much hard work, prayer and perseverance is needed, and God will bless your efforts in a wonderful way! Make your plans now and have a wonderful time!!

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, President, WNAC

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"Jesus Calls Us"

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"Laborers Together With God" (1 Cor. 3:9)

PROJECTS ADOPTED

Virginia: State Convention—*Wheels for Waids*

North Carolina: General Conference Auxiliary—"Wings for Rice" (a Ticket to the Mission Field for Mary Ellen Rice.)

South Carolina: State Auxiliary Convention—the raising of \$2,500.00 for Pearl Harbor Fund. (Purchase of land in Hawaii)

Indiana: Wabash Valley District—Financing Vacation Bible School for the Robinsons.

South Carolina: South Carolina and Central Districts—YPA and GTA and MM have assumed the cost of Brenda Hanna's schooling which will be approximately \$400.00.

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PRAYER CALENDAR

World Day of Prayer

The National Association of Evangelicals annually sponsors promotion of the World Day of Prayer. The date for 1963 is March 1st. This year's theme will be "Witnesses Unto Me," emphasizing the work of the Holy Spirit through the life of the church in witness to Christ.

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1963 DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

- JANUARY**—Woman's Auxiliary enlistment month
Master's Men enlistment month
National Youth Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 3)
- FEBRUARY**—Love Your Neighbor month
- MARCH**—Revival Crusade month
- APRIL**—Foreign Missions month
Bible Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College, (April 7-11)
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer (April 8-12)
Foreign Missions Sunday (April 14)
National Library Week (April 14-20)
- MAY**—Christ Home month
National Family Week (May 5-12)
Chaplains and Servicemen Sunday (May 26)
- JUNE**—League month
Vacation Bible Schools
Superannuation Sunday (June 16)
- JULY**—Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Detroit, Michigan (July 16-16)
National Association of Free Will Baptist, Detroit, Michigan (July 16-18)
- AUGUST**—Christian Camp month
- SEPTEMBER**—Christian Education month
Stewardship Emphasis month
National Sunday School Week (Sept. 29-6)
Memorial Student Loan Fund month for Woman's Auxiliary
- OCTOBER**—Sunday School month
Missionary Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College, (Oct. 1-2)
- NOVEMBER**—Home Missions month
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer (Nov. 18-22)
Home Missions Sunday (Nov. 24)
- DECEMBER**—Universal Bible Sunday (Dec. 8)
Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer (Dec. 16-20)

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Editorially

I LIKE MY PRIVATE ISLAND

We live in an island of unawareness. All around us the world is falling to pieces or literally blowing itself to pieces and we sit on our little private islands and let it go on. The illusions of security has rocked us to sleep. And—we want to sleep on!

It is much easier to get a favorable response from today's Christian when asking for money for missions than when asking him to do something that will require an hour of his time. Christians don't have time to serve the Lord anymore.

When our economic interests are threatened, as in Cuba, we get quite excited. Jesus gave the commission to the church two thousand years ago, yet we remain unmoved and the task remains unfinished.

We like our little, private islands and we don't want to part with them. We like living on them and we don't want to move. In fact, we are so much in love with them that we don't even want to be asked to move. "Just let me alone. Let me rock along. Rocking is such a pleasant occupation." So reasons those who seem to think God meant to give them heaven on earth. At least—they **want** heaven on earth.

The peoples of the world who have been asleep for centuries are awakening. The illiterates are learning to read. Challenges are coming to the Christians with machine-gun rapidity. Doors of opportunity for Christ's message were never wider open than now, but the Christians sleep on.

They don't seem to be moved one bit by the growing delinquency problem, the crowded housing in our slum areas, racial tensions, riots of debauchery, and all the other evils rampant around them. I repeat, the world is literally falling to pieces; the Christian has the only message of hope, but it remains unproclaimed be-

cause we like living on our little private islands!

Christ said we were to get out into the mainstream of life. He **spoke** to the people. "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin." (John 15:22) Jesus **taught** the people." . . . And, as he was wont, he taught them again." (Mark 10:1) Jesus went where the needs were and **ministered** unto their needs. (John 4:14) "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

We, too, **must** move from our islands. We must move to the sidewalks, to the slum areas, to the homes for the aged, to the county courthouse, to the board of election commissioners, to all the places where there is a need for a Christian testimony.

Moving Day is here! We can not postpone the here and now. Christian women, it's time to pack up our Bibles, study books, etc., call the moving van, (an oldtime Holy Ghost prayer meeting) insure our belongings (rely on God's promises) and take off to new fields—where sinners and needers live.

When Jesus met with the outcast Samaritan woman, He dealt with and met her need. When the disciples came back from their "all-day eating and preaching on the ground" foray they were stopped cold with Jesus' words, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" . . .

Jesus' food was to do the will of His Father. The disciples failed to recognize that food. Because they did not recognize the food they didn't see the harvest field. And because they didn't see the harvest field they missed out on the revival that broke out in this woman's town. When she told her townsmen of Jesus and His loving, forgiving way "the whole town believed . . ."

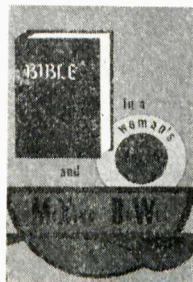
Every unsaved woman we meet is in as dire need as that Samaritan woman. But we won't see her needs if we fail to move from our little private islands. The world will continue to pass us by. And with its passing will go the will of our Heavenly Father, the revival we can have, and this close intimacy with our Blessed Lord.

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord—that is always being superior (excelling, doing more than enough) in the service of the Lord, knowing and being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile—never wasted or to no purpose" (1 Cor. 15:58, Amplified New Testament)

In the final analysis, our private islands are sinking anyway. Be wise. Move to The Rock.

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AFRICA

The **Lonnie Palmers** report another village has opened to the gospel. During a two months' period there were 17 professions of faith in this one village alone. Some of these people came to Christ in the face of much opposition from parents and fellow villagers. In this particular village the parents were telling their children that it was better for them to become Mohammedans or Catholics than Christians. **WHY?** Because as Catholics or Mohammedans they can still worship their fetishes.

In one village a young man came to be saved. His parents had already told him that if he became a Christian they would disinherit him. Just before the service started, his mother came to the edge of the crowd and yelled at him a final time

not to become a Christian. Our missionaries are truly made sorry when children must go against the wishes of their parents, but they rejoice at their **determination** in the face of such opposition.

However, all are not so faithful. One young man in this same village fell away when the parents of his girlfriend refused to let her marry him if he remained a Christian. You can see that these newborn babes in Christ need all the spiritual help our missionaries can give them.

Missionary Bill Jones attended a linguistic conference designed especially for those who are translating the Bible into the African languages. He took his translation of the Gospel of Mark with him. Just before leaving, he was able to do a complete revision on it with an educated boy from this tribe (David), who is a Christian. As our missionaries are able to give the natives the Word in their own language, and as they learn to read it, we should pray that they will be drawn into a fuller understanding of the Lord and His plan for their lives.

PRAISE THE LORD . . .

- * That another village has opened to the gospel.
- * For the mighty working of the Holy Spirit among the natives.
- * Because the missionaries are beginning to communicate more and more with the people in their own language.
- * For the progress being made in the class for illiterates.

PRAY FOR . . .

- * Bill and Joy Jones as they mimeograph the book of Mark.
- * The Lonnie Palmers who are in charge of the Goumère station during the Lonnie Sparkses' furlough.
- * The 126 women who attended a Bible School in which the Stevens worked. Ask the Lord to continue His work in their hearts.
- * An abundance of strength for Dr. and Mrs. Miley as they face each day with many responsibilities.
- * The Sparkses and the Merks that the Lord will use their ministry in

the states to challenge our hearts in a great way.

- * The African Church in this day of Nationalism. Pray that the weak Christians will experience real growth in the knowledge of Christ and His grace. Pray for the stronger Christians to continue growing!
- * The Child Evangelism classes—for Christians to become “built up in Him”—and for Catholics and pagans to be saved.
- * The new class for women that has begun in the native language.

URUGUAY

The Lord is certainly blessing the work begun by the Fulchers and Robinsons in the city of Rivera. Their hearts are thrilled—and ours, too—as they report “SOULS ARE BEING SAVED!” Their report for one Sunday read:

Fifty-one present!
Six decisions for Christ!

They have been meeting in the yard of one of the families in the village where they began their work. However, they plan to begin using a small house that is not nearly large enough, but will be a place to get out of the rain if necessary.

PRaise THE LORD . . .

- * For the interest being shown in the work in Rivera.
- * For those who have been saved.
- * Because He has given such good weather during the times outside services were held.

PRAY FOR . . .

- * A couple to go to Livramento, Brazil, the city on the border just

Change of Address

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across from Rivera. Wonderful opportunities await some couple here. There is very little evangelistic work being done in this city of 55,000 people. The people are open to the gospel.

- * The Spirit of God to move in a great way in Rivera.
- * Our Lord to direct the Fulchers and Robinsons as they make plans for the work in Uruguay.

PANAMA

The John Moehlmans and the Tom Willeys, Jr. are experiencing difficulty in their efforts to officially register the mission with the government. The John Moehlmans have established residence in the city of Penonomé. The Tom Willeys, Jr., are living in Panama City.

PRaise THE LORD . . .

- * For providing living quarters for the Moehlmans and Willeys.
- * For His faithfulness in providing the needs of our missionaries in Panama.

PRAY FOR . . .

- * Both mission registration and residence papers to come through rapidly and with the fewest possible problems.
- * God to break down walls of indifference and prejudice in Penonomé, enabling John and Barbara to have a ministry among needy hearts there.
- * Our Lord's wisdom as Tom Willey, Jr., works with the university students.

MEXICO

The attendance at the Bible Institute exceeded all expectations this year! Fourteen new students arrived on campus without having previously notified the Billows of their coming. Space had not been provided for them—neither were funds available to meet their needs in school. Once again God proved Himself faithful! Some of the students who had returned to school volunteered to cut
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Program for January, 1963

Beside All Waters

by Mrs. Ken Eagleton, Brazil

Hymn: A Charge to Keep

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Prayer Thought: Lord, help us to be on guard against the neglect of the least opportunity of usefulness to others.

Business Period

Special Music

Program

Prayer

Program Helps

Prepare a little boat for the title of each topic by sticking a toothpick in a big cork. Attach a flag with the name of the topic on the toothpick. As each person arises to give her topic she should launch her boat with the topic title in a bowl of water which has been placed on a table in the front.

INTRODUCTION

Not long ago we had a visitor in our home. We discussed our work—our hopes, our plans, the various ways of reaching as many people as possible with the good news of salvation. Finally our guest turned to me and asked, "And what do you do?" Perhaps my answer seemed a little lame to him since it did not involve any outstanding projects. But one thing it served to do was to start another self-analysis of the position of the missionary-wife-mother. How well I remember our commissioning service in the home church. My husband and I stood together as our charges were given and then later we were each given a separate folder that contained our commission as missionaries. I was very conscious that not only was I the wife of a missionary, but that I, too, was a missionary and I was determined to give my very best to that calling. Not too long after arriving on the field I began to see that my job was going to be different from his. The first hint of this came during our language study. I soon found that the household chores and care of the children took more of my time than was left for studying the language. Soon other obstacles to working unhindered manifested themselves one by one. As we always are prone to think, I felt that my problem was unique. But gradually I came to realize that I share the same problem as every other wife and mother who is also a Christian worker. Then came my first time of searching for the answers. What is the responsibility of a woman missionary? Which comes first—her family or other duties? What proportion of time is to be spent on each responsibility?

Our theme for this year ("Blessed are Ye that Sow Beside all Waters . . ." Isaiah 32:20) helps us in finding these answers. This scripture reminds us that God's blessings are promised to those who sow beside *all* waters. One commentator points out that the analogy between the moral and material husbandry in this verse is very obvious. We are always sowing seed, the fruit of which is in our character and destiny, in time and eternity. This is the great work committed to the church; committed to us as individuals. We are to tell the story of God's love; to make known the moral ruin; to proclaim the salvation; to persuade men. The prophet Isaiah pronounces a blessing upon those who are prepared to scatter seed, not only where there is a probable prospect of a rich harvest, but upon whatever soil God shall bring them in contact with.

THE HOME

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

So much has already been written about the responsibility of the mother in giving spiritual instruction to the children in the home that I cannot add anything new. However, this study would not be complete without giving space to this ministry. At times we all think our little ones must be the most mischievous of all but who can know which little tow-heads will grow up to be greatly used of the Lord because of faithful training given by the mother. The only place Lois is mentioned in the Bible is in connection with her great faith that was evident in the home. We read where Paul said to Timothy, "... I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." The daily devotional time spent with the children can be the most looked-forward to time of the day. Each one should be allowed to participate by singing, reciting Scripture, etc., so that he will feel that it is a time set aside for him. Not only will the things learned here stay with him for life, but he will feel that here is something his parents deem important and a necessary part of the home life.

One opportunity that we sometimes forget is that of our children's playmates. It is the most natural thing in the world for our six-year-old to talk to his playmates about Jesus. One day he came in and asked me if Jesus is dead. I assured him that He is not and explained to him once again about His death and resurrection. Later he returned after having explained this to his Catholic playmate and said, "Then I guess it must be another Jesus because Sergio says that He is dead." We must not discount the value of a child's teaching to another when he himself has been instructed properly. It is also a wonderful means of contact with other mothers. Friendships are started very easily between mothers of playmates.

DAILY PERSONAL INFLUENCE

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." I Cor. 10:31,32.

I have often heard missionaries from various countries say that for a missionary there is no privacy. How true we find this. Primarily as foreigners we are a novelty. Our every word and action is of great interest and reported from one to the other. Particularly do I think of the girl who helps us in the house. She came to us only a few days after she had been saved and was very much in need of learning Christian principles. She is very susceptible to the habits of those around her and quickly mimics the things that I do. Not only this but she likes to tell others of any differences we have in the home such as the way we eat, train the children, etc. Brazilians are very superstitious and even the Christians are so engrained with these ideas that they still believe in them without having any basis for their belief. One of these concerns round worms which is a very common ailment among the children. It is thought that if a child is not given his way the worms will get angry and make him sick. This particularly applies in the matter of eating. If the child sees another person eat something he wants, he must have it or get sick. Most everyone can tell you cases of children who have sickened and died because they were not able to eat something they saw another eating. Our helper has seen evidence in our home that nothing bad will come from a child's not always having his own way and she is able to convince others of this in a more effective way than I.

Not only those within the household but also the neighbors have this keen interest in what happens in the house of the Americans. When someone comes to visit for the first time, she expects to be shown through the whole house, asks your age, how much money you make, how much house rent you pay, and any other question of interest to her. This is

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WOMEN —

Use What You Have In Your Hands

By Jenell Villalobos,
Monterrey N. L. Mexico

Hymn: "I Want to Be A Worker for The Lord"

Scripture: Exodus 4:17

Business Period:

Program Period:

Special Prayer: For the Christian women
in heathen lands

INTRODUCTION

The women in Mexico are typical of all women in lands where the Gospel is not known. When a baby girl is born in this country, she is born a slave—no matter how rich or poor the family may be. It is a very rare occasion when a girl studies for a profession. Mexico is "a man's world." Women have no place in business, politics, or in the public life at all. She looks forward to only one thing: getting old enough to be married and raise a family. Mexican women have no other ambition. Rich or poor, they then become slaves to their husbands' desires. Their outside activities consist of going to the market once a week with their husbands, to church, and that is all! They do not even have the privilege to vote. Among the poor families, the girls begin working as servants at the ages of 9 to 10 years. Some few parents sacrifice in order for their daughters to take a business course. The girls must then work to pay their fathers for the course before they are free to marry. When they marry, they no longer work. Married women are not allowed to work in public places.

God has given us Christians many ways to help these women in heathen lands . . . many ways to witness for Him. Just as a carpenter or mechanic must have tools to work with, so must the Christian. Of course, we know the "Master Tool" is the *BIBLE*. Let us look at some of the other tools we must use if we are going to be effective witnesses for Him.

"WHAT THE MISSIONARY HAS IN HER HAND"

"For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good" (Mark 14:7). When a missionary goes into a heathen country, the first thing she sees is the physical poverty of the people. One begins to wonder how she can help the situation. This verse was the first one I, as a missionary, thought of. Secondly, I saw the most important need—their *spiritual poverty*. I realized there was not a lot

I could do about their physical poverty, but I knew the answer to their *spiritual poverty*!

The missionary sometimes feels she has few tools with which to work because of the language barrier. But she has *kindness*! This is the first tool to use. If one uses this tool wisely, she will soon overcome the language barrier. Kindness must be used to show the people that the missionary does not want to destroy their faith, but she wants to show them a stronger faith. No matter how dirty they are, or how poor, they must feel that the

missionary's home is open to them at all hours. The missionary must visit their homes, eat their food, and hold their children. Once she has their confidence, then she is ready to use another tool.

Patience is another important tool the missionary needs. The people are not going to respond quickly to a foreigner with a strange doctrine. Their ways, customs, food, and everything is different from what the missionary has been accustomed to. She must not condemn them! She must adapt herself to many of the ways and customs of the country so she will become one of them.

Another tool the missionary must have is *love*. She needs love for people who are unlovable, love for the dirty as well as the clean, love for the ones who cannot quickly understand, as well as for the ones who can read and write. The missionary, in showing her love for the people with whom she works, must be a doctor, nurse, chauffeur, baby sitter, seamstress, and an advisor! Her home must be open 24 hours a day to all who come seeking help. Love for her people will help her to have a better understanding of them.

The missionary must use *time* wisely. One soon forgets her time is not her own. Neither is it her families. She is a servant to those with whom she is working. She must have time to prepare meals for those who come at mealtime. She must have time to do laundry for others. Time, to a missionary, has no beginning and no ending!

Tact is another tool a missionary must use very wisely. The Mexican people are a very sensitive people. They have had their religion for years. One must be careful not to quickly condemn their god. Every situation must be handled with tact.

When a missionary has learned to use these tools well, she is then ready to begin with the "Master Tool"—*THE BIBLE*! Solomon said, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from another country" (Proverbs 25:25). The heathen are hungry and thirsty. We have what they need to be satisfied. We must use the "Master Tool" in our teaching.

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and *TEACH* all nations . . ." (Matthew 28:19a). Teaching is the most important work of any missionary! The missionary must teach the people as one would teach a baby. Because they have not had the Bible, she must start from the beginning. They must not only be taught the Word of God, but must be taught simple things, such as, cleanliness, how to dress, how to take a bath. A missionary must use all her tools well in order to teach others.

Money is another tool a missionary has which she must use. Although a missionary has very little, she must share what she has with the ones with whom she works. Many times I have had dress material given to me, but when I saw our students come in with only two dresses, I make dresses for them instead of myself. Sometimes I begin saving for something I would especially like to have, but someone needs it for medicine, for a doctor, or I see someone without shoes, so it is used for their needs. Regardless of how small the amount is, we must use it to help others.

We as missionaries are asked the same question that God asked Moses, "What is that in your hand?" Moses had a rod! With that rod he did mighty things! We must also give an answer. These are the tools we as missionaries use to win souls to Him.

"WHAT THE NATIVE CHRISTIAN HAS IN HER HAND"

It may seem to those in the states that the native Christian women have very little material with which to work. Very few can even read and write. She is not allowed to work, so she has no money to give. She owes complete obedience to her husband. So it would seem she has nothing "in her hand." Let us look at an example in our church.

Petra Puente came to our church quite "by accident," we would say. She was passing the church on New Year's Eve, 1960, about ten o'clock. Since this was a holiday, none of her "menfolk" were home, so she dared to venture out. She

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Program for March, 1963

SOWING THE SEED *In Lobi Land*

by Mrs. LaVerne Miley,
Bouna, Africa

Prayer: That our concern for our mission work in Africa will be greatly deepened tonight.

Hymn: "Help Somebody Today"

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:47

Business Period:

Prayer: For our missionaries in Africa.

Program:

INTRODUCTION

I had admired the African women in Abidjan with their rich, brown skin, their dangling, gold jewelry, their flowing, silk robes and frizzy, black hair. I had marvelled at their gracefulness as I watched them inland, carrying the huge loads on their heads. I was interested in the varying costumes, the bright kerchiefs wrapped around dark heads and the sandaled, but more often, bare feet. What would our Lobi (Lō-bē) women be like, I wondered?

It was late afternoon as we entered Lobi Land and the women were going to the river to fetch water. Line after line of them, we passed. Viewing their closely cropped heads, my first impression was that they were all men. But their bare chests proved otherwise. The only clothes any of them wore was a single piece of cloth wrapped around the waist, tucked in at the top and hanging half way down to the knees. Some of them simply wore a string of brightly colored beads around the waist, a branch of leaves hanging behind and a cloth about four inches wide covering the front. I quickly decided this was one native costume I would never be able to model while on furlough.

As the road became more sandy and the car moved more slowly, I was struck with another characteristic of the Lobi woman. Just above her upper lip and just beneath her lower one, huge wooden disks were inserted which made the lips sharply protrude. Even in this remote corner of Africa, the women had a desire to be charming. And even though their concept of it was different from mine, I felt a kinship with them.

This then was Lobi Land. These were my people.

GIVE ME A DAYUMA

I had been greatly challenged by reading the book "The Dayuma Story." The missionary found one woman, had so instructed her in the Word of God, led her to a saving knowledge of Christ as Saviour, and impressed her with a desire to teach her own people. Dayuma, with the missionary, returned to her own tribe and witnessed to them of what Christ had done for her and could do for them. This she did in such a way the missionary

could never have done.

Immediately my heart uttered a prayer, "Give me a Dayuma." This prayer followed me to Africa and continued as I searched the women who passed our door each day. It was with a sinking feeling that I realized the near-impossibility of fulfilling this desire. For this woman should be free from family ties. She would need time to be taught, long discussions of the Word, practical applications in day by day experiences. And here

in Africa there is no such thing as an unmarried woman. Often she is spoken for at birth, bought when an adolescent, and claimed in young womanhood. So just at the time the Lord could begin to accomplish something through her, she is being constantly tied down by child-bearing, wood-carrying, food-searching, husband-pleasing, plus all the many responsibilities of home and family.

No, it will not be the woman who will be the Dayumas here, but it is to the young Christian boys to whom we look with expectancy. They are young, they are not steeped in sin and idolatry, and they have committed their lives into His keeping.

What then of the women? The women must experience first the power of God in their own lives and then manifest the new life in Christ daily before their sister wives until it becomes a living thing. This then is their witness—as they carry the wood and water, as they dig the peanuts, as they care for their babies—in the midst of the multitude of daily chores. Yes, a living thing.

VERY GOOD OR VERY BAD

There is a ministry in French. Many of the children attend public school and they have a speaking knowledge of the language. Too, in our village where there are four or five different languages spoken, French is the unifier.

It is not so, however, in the work with women. For it is a rare thing for a girl to attend school. Out of an enrollment of about 75 in the school here, only a few of them were girls. Thus it is very difficult to find a woman with whom you can converse in French. Conversation in the native dialect is a requirement in order to win the Lobi woman.

As with anyone, confidence must be gained before an effective witness can be given. The women here seem naturally appreciative. Nothing is done for them but that many try to return the favor—a gift of yams, eggs, or a chicken. Once when we were leaving a compound after treating the sick there, one woman smiled and said, "You are very good." That was the nearest way of saying, "Thank you,"

in her language.

One gets to feeling somewhat elated after an experience like that; often the Lord permits another to bring you down a notch or two. In my case, it was to the bottom! For we were in another compound one day to see another sick patient. I had nothing to do at the moment, so looking around, I saw a young girl with the cutest little baby. I walked over to the child to goo over him, when suddenly a woman, presumably his mother, walked quickly to him, grabbed him from the girl's arms and with a firm "un-huh!" disappeared into a nearby hut. I sat down stunned and wished for a hole somewhere. Did she think I would cast a spell over her child?

Yes, to some we are "very good," while to others we must be "very frightening."

THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

The Lobis are an unreached tribe. Neither the Moslems nor Catholics have made much of an impression on them. They are devout fetish worshippers. I feel it is the Gospel for which the Lobi woman is starved. For the Gospel is a message of love and it is this which the Lobis have never experienced.

For the Lobis are unloved, rejected people. You see it in the market places. They are cheated, taken advantage of, mocked, and ridiculed. They accept it as a matter of course. They bring their peanuts and corn for sale—two cents a cupful. The other tribes scoop up as much as both hands can hold and insist on paying the two cents for this oversize amount. And they meekly submit.

We see it in our clinic here. Wooden blocks bearing numbers are given to the sick as they come to facilitate order in treatment. The Lobi woman comes, takes a seat in the dirt at the rear, and waits until someone comes to her. Others push ahead insisting on service, while I suppose she would sit there all day if necessary.

In the early days a woman brought her child for treatment. The clinic was still in the construction stage, our medicines

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PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER

by Mary Wisheart, Nashville, Tenn.

General Theme: Let the Saints Be Joyful Psalm 149:5

Introduction

Monday: Sing Unto Him A New Song Psalm 33:3

Songs: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"
"Then Jesus Came"

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Since Easter is a time of pouring out our hearts in songs of rejoicing for what God has done, this year we are using as a theme for the week "Let the Saints Be Joyful." Short devotional thoughts have been given. These may be developed further, but keep the most of your time for prayer. Keep current requests from *Heartbeat* and other periodicals. In addition to these requests, let's build a wall of prayer around our missionary women this week! If you have time, let someone give brief sketches of the women. Use the biographical information in *Heartbeat* or the material from the WNAC office. They need prayer, and who knows better than you how to pray for the personal needs of our women?

Two dramatizations of hymn stories would be especially suitable for Thursday and Friday nights. Both have a missionary emphasis and could be produced simply and easily. They are "I Love to Tell the Story" and "Have Thine Own Way." They are available only in the book, *Hymn Dramatizations* by Nellie E. Marsh and W. A. Poovey. "I Love to Tell the Story" is centered around a woman's auxiliary in the church. It is about twenty minutes in length and requires at least seven women and others may be used. "Have Thine Own Way" requires three women and one man or four women may be used. It is about twenty-five minutes in length.

The book may be ordered from the WNAC office. The price is \$1.50.

The human heart without God cannot sing a song of joy and rejoicing to the Lord. One morning a group of Christians was riding down the highway. The driver turned on the radio and kept turning the dial. Finally he said, "Isn't there any happy music in the world? All I can hear is this sad music." How typical is the strain of hopeless, despair, and frustration in the music of men without God. When Jesus comes, a new song is given, and He is the source of the song. Christ abides in our hearts, and the song He gives, no outside circumstance can drown.

This new song Jesus gives is a song of praise for three things the psalmist

mentions in this passage. First, God heard his prayer, as God heard our prayer when we called upon Him for salvation and cleansing from sin. Second, the Lord delivered him from the pit and out of the miry clay. Men had sunk into the pit of sin and could not save himself. But the love of God devised a plan. (II Cor. 5:21) The Son of God was willing to partake with us in that horrible pit in order to lift us when we could not lift ourselves. We can say as Hezekiah did after he had been granted fifteen additional years of life, "Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back." Isaiah 38:17

Third, He has set us upon a rock and established our goings. Not only does He lift us from sin, but gives us the strength to overcome it. Outside of Christ, we were in bondage to sin. (Romans 6:16) In Christ, we have been freed from it. (Romans 6:7) The Holy Spirit is given as guide along with the Word. Thus, the way of a Christian is established. Psalm 37:23, "The steps of a good man are ordered (or established) by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way."

This song becomes a testimony. "Many shall see it . . . and trust in the Lord." How many lives have been touched by songs of praise issuing from the heart of a child of God! The song in the heart, not hindered by outside circumstances becomes a powerful magnet for drawing others to the Lord.

Let us sing the new song He has placed in our mouths.

Prayer: In Panama—Mrs. John Moehlman

Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr.

In Cuba—Pray for the testimony of our Christian women there, especially for the woman's organization.

Tuesday: A Melody in Your Heart

Scripture: Ephesians 5:19; Col. 3:16; Psalms 33:21

Songs: "He Keeps Me Singing"
"Jesus Gives Me A Song"

The heart of the believer rejoices in the Lord. Perhaps the reason some Christians do not rejoice is that their hearts are not right. Our relationship with the Lord must be guarded at all times. Failure to confess and forsake sin, failure to walk in His way, failure to trust Him may disrupt our peace and joy. Psalms 33:21 says our hearts rejoice because we have trusted in His name. This implies He has fulfilled His promise; He has been equal to the trust. This knowledge should give us a peace of heart that results in a song of praise to Him. This song of praise comes up to God as a pleasant sound.

Isn't it wonderful to think that we as human beings and individual believers may bring pleasantness to God? Ephesians 5:19 instructs us to make "melody

in your hearts to the Lord." So this melody is to be for God's ears. And He must be pleased when He hears from the hearts of His own this melody of love and thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:16 shows us that singing may be a means of blessing other lives as well. You remember the story of the old man who just couldn't keep quiet in the church service. Even though his singing disrupted the choir and upset the congregation, the song in his heart just had to overflow. The same thing is true of the believer who has the melody of the Lord in his soul. The music spills over and flows out to bless other lives.

Prayer: In Africa—Mrs. LaVerne Miley
Mrs. Lonnie Palmer
Mrs. Bill Jones
Mrs. Dan Merkh
Mrs. Lonnie Sparks

Wednesday: The Lord Is My Song

Scripture: Psalm 118:14

The program tonight is to be a message in song. There are two songs suggested for each point in the outline. Either one or both may be used. The first selection may be used as a congregational number, the second as a solo or with some other special group.

I. His Name.

Scripture: Isaiah 6:9

Songs: "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know"
"Blessed Be the Name"

II. His Grace.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7; 2:5,8

Songs: "Amazing Grace"
"Saved by Grace"

III. His Love.

Scripture: Romans 8:32-39

Songs: "Love Divine"
"The Love of God"

IV. His Comfort.

Scripture: Psalm 34:18 Isaiah 61:1

Songs: "Come, Ye Disconsolate"
"Just When I Need Him Most"

V. His Care.

Scripture: Psalm 91

Songs: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me"

VI. His Life.

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-8

Songs: "He Lives"

"He Lives On High"

VII. His Coming.

Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Songs: "Christ Returneth"

"Jesus Will Come Some Day"

Prayer: In India—Mrs. Carlisle Hanna

Mrs. Trula Cronk

Miss Volena Wilson

In Japan—Mrs. Herbert Waid

Mrs. Wesley Calvery

Thursday: A Song in the Night

Scripture: II Corinthians 6:10a; Psalms 77:6

Songs: "It Is Well With My Soul"

"Some Day He'll Make It Plain"

A line of song reads, "Anyone can sing when the sun's shining bright." The Christian, however, goes one step farther. He can sing in the night of life; in the darker hours, his song remains. The life of Paul bordered on sadness. How often do we find him "pressed beyond measure," passionately concerned about his own people, almost despairing. At the same time, he uses the word "rejoicing" over and over in his writings. The Christian was not, as Annie Johnson Flint says in her poem,

"promised

Skies always blue,

Flower strewn pathways

All our lives through."

We expect trials, hurts, rebuffs, even hate from the world. But the Christian does not suffer from a martyr complex. He does not call attention to all he must suffer. He rejoices that God has counted him worthy. Once a song of rejoicing from two Christians in a hard place brought an earthquake and salvation of a whole household. (Acts 16:25-34)

I Thessalonians 5:16 commands, "Rejoice evermore." And the Christian may rejoice in all things. He should say with Christ, "I delight to do thy will, O God." All the things that come to us as God's children come to us through His will. Thus we can rejoice in every circum-

stance, knowing it is a part of His plan for us.

The bright hope before us also should provide a source of rejoicing. II Corinthians 4:17-5:1. The songwriter expresses it this way, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus; Earth's trials will seem so small when we see Christ." Then, no doubt, we shall wonder what we ever had to complain about or why we ever doubted.

Prayer: In Brazil—Mrs. Sammy Wilkin-

son

Mrs. Kenneth Eagle-

ton

Mrs. Bobby Poole

Mrs. Bobby Aycock

Miss Eula Mae Mar-

tin

Friday: A New Song in Heaven

Scripture: Rev. 5:9-14; 19:1-7

Songs: "All Hail the Power"

"Holy, Holy, Is What the Angels Sing"

In heaven we shall sing His praise perfectly, for our redemption will be complete. In high school we used to look forward to being a part of the county chorus or even the state chorus. Then we would join with many other voices in a mighty chorus; some we had never heard before, most of them we had not met. But under the direction of one leader we would blend our voices together in a swelling chorus. How thrilling to be a part of that great surge of music! How much more wonderful to be a part of that great chorus in heaven before the throne of God. There will be many in that multitude we have never met, many voices we have never heard before. But there will be no false notes to mar the perfect song lifted to the praise of the Lamb.

Some will be there from every tribe and nation. Some will be there because you have shared in the getting the message of salvation to them.

Prayer: In Uruguay—Mrs. Paul Robin-

son

Mrs. Glenda Ful-

cher

Also—

Wives of Mission-

ary candidates

DEAR SPONSOR YOUTH

by Mrs. Chester Phillips,
Youth Chairman
c/o Grace FWB Church,
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" Ye have not, because ye ask not." James 4:2b

Perhaps you have heard of the poor man who scrimped and saved in order to make a trip on an ocean liner. It took all of his money to purchase a ticket. The man had known that this would be the case; therefore he had bought some food to hide in his suitcases. He had pork-and-beans, sardines, and salty crackers.

Each day the steward invited the man to meals. Each day the man made some excuse and then slipped quietly away to eat his meager breakfast, lunch, or supper consisting of pork-and-beans, sardines and crackers.

The trip was long, considering the traveler's menu. The day before the ship docked, the steward explained that they were having a special fried chicken dinner and insisted that the man come to the dining room. At last, the poor man confided that he wanted very much to have a good meal but that he did not have any money.

"Oh, you don't need any money," the

steward exclaimed. "When you purchased your ticket, you paid for ALL of your meals!"

How sad it has always made me to think of that pathetic man eating his monotonous diet alone unaware that the ship's very best meals were *his* merely for the asking.

YOUTH SPONSOR, don't cheat yourself. Ask and receive. Our Free Will Baptist women have paid the fare. They have made a national office possible. In this office there is an abundance of material that could mean much to you. Materials, books, and posters have been assembled. If you are looking for a new spark, why not incorporate some of these extra "appetizers"?

Examine your present menu. Do you have a song, prayer, an orally-read program, and a business session? Perhaps you seek to make this interesting by closing with some social "whip cream." All of this can become stale; variety is needed.

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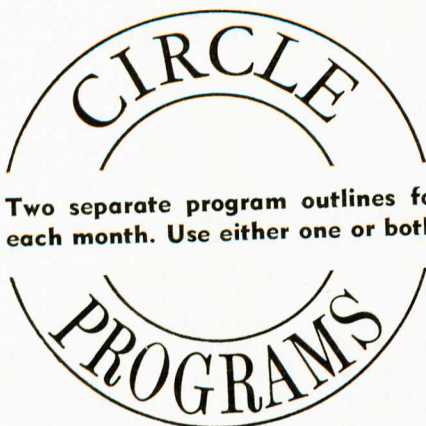
SQUARED AWAY (50¢)

. . . that Don Hillis has some excellent *mission study course books*. School students would enjoy these. The messages are written in an interesting manner. There are blanks to fill in; these are similar to check-up tests given in school.

. . . that suggestion sheets regarding *Declamation* and *Essay Contests* can be yours upon request? (no charge)

. . . that suggested *Rank Drills* are available?

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Two separate program outlines for each month. Use either one or both.

January—The Sower of The Seed
 "Break up your fallow ground".
 Jeremiah 4:3

Preparation: Plant a paper flower garden. Place artificial (or real) flowers in the garden with the virtue each symbolizes written on a card and attached to the stem; or make a bouquet and take it to a shut-in after the meeting.

Program: Sing, "In the Garden", have prayer and read Jeremiah 4:1-3.

The beginning of a new calendar year is not the season for planting flowers or vegetables. It is, however, a good time to sow certain virtues among the members of the circles, if we expect to sow the Word of God this year. Those who would sow the good seed must possess the qualities we will discuss in this program.

Faith—Matthew 17:20 and Psalms 37:5—use red flower

Courage—Psalms 31:24—fortifies faith—use orange

Purity—Matthew 5:8—white

Christian growth—Matthew 14:23, II Peter 3:18—evergreen

Vision—Matthew 19:26—violet

GOD'S GARDEN

I tarried alone in the garden,
 All burdened with worry and care;
 I yearned for a friend in the garden,
 And lo! He was tarrying there!

by *Mrs. Robert Hill*,
 3240 Moorewood Dr.
 Nashville, Tennessee

These programs are built around the 1963 theme: "Sowing beside all waters." Suggestions will be given for using visual aids in presenting them. A good devotional period may be experienced without visual aids, but with a little time and effort, the presentation may be made much more effective and the impressions more lasting. Each program may be adopted to either a short devotional period or a complete program.

For God seemed to be in the garden
 Where flowers and butterflies play;
 And happiness came to the garden,
 My worries and cares went away!

The birds in the treetops assure me
 That Heaven's as near as the air;
 And beautiful visions of Nature
 Call gently my spirit to prayer.

"Consider the lilies—" said Jesus.
 For even a lily can teach;
 And I, in the heart of God's Garden,
 Hear sermons that men never preach.

Herbert Wendell Austin

Service—John 9:4—yellow, representing sunlight—we must work while it is day

Fidelity—I Corinthians 3:9, Matthew 28:19—true to the Woman's Auxiliary purpose

Other attributes such as love, patience and kindness, may be added.

Close with the poem, "God's Garden", by Herbert Wendell Austin.

February—Guideposts for Sowers
 "Behold, a sower went forth to sow". Matthew 13:3-9

Preparation: Use a blackboard, flannel-board, or poster, with two simple lines, curving upward, showing a highway. Make signposts to place along the highway as the program progresses.

Program: Sing favorite hymns or choruses
Prayer time
Roll call—verses containing the word heart

Certain requirements are made of individuals who desire to be sowers of the good seed. Persons who do not arm themselves with these pre-requisites, will certainly miss their mark.

A motorist cannot rightly expect to reach a safe destination if he does not heed the signs of warning along the road he is traveling; one who would sow the Word of God must also take precautions

March—The Sower and the Price

“ . . . except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die.” John 12:24

Preparation: Using a blackboard, flannelboard, or poster, place a large red cross and this Scripture quotation: “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” Make this the center of attraction for the program.

Program: Sing songs of the cross and have prayer

Christ paid for our sins in four different ways:

—by leaving Glory to live on earth—

Sing as a special or group number, “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken.” Ask those who desire to take up their cross anew, to step forward and pin the small cross near the large red one on the poster or flannelboard.

Close with prayer.

as he travels the road of a soul winner.

Guideposts will include:

- Prayer—Ephesians 6:18
 - Bible Study—II Timothy 3:16
 - Learning—from mission study books and denominational literature —II Timothy 2:15 and I Peter 3:15b
 - Witnessing—Acts 1:8
 - Christian example—II Timothy 4:12
 - Service to others—Galatians 6:10
 - Giving—Luke 6:45
 - Church attendance—Hebrews 10:25
- Close with prayer.

John 1:14 and John 3:16

—by defeating the temptor—Matthew 4:1-11

—by His lonely life on earth—Matthew 8:20, John 1:11

—by His suffering in the Garden, Luke 22:39-46 at the trial, Matthew 27:11-30 on the cross, Matthew 27:45-53

He paid the supreme price for us; a price is demanded of those who would be His disciples. My possessions, my pleasure, and my will must become His possessions, His pleasure, and His will—if we effectively sow the Word of God.

Note: If using flannelboard or poster, give out small red crosses and pins at the beginning of program for use now.

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General Theme:

God's Woman for the Hour (Matthew 26:13)

Note: Make these circle programs real biographical studies of the Bible women. Extend the suggested outlines by reading and studying together all the references to the women. A study of these godly women, their strengths and weaknesses, their spiritual triumphs and failures, can be a help to us in our work for God and our own spiritual growth.

February, 1963

Deborah—A Woman of Courage

Song: "I Would Be True"

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:25-29

- I. A Mother in Israel.
Judges 4:4,5; 5:6,7
- II. Her Faith in God.
Judges 4:9,14
- III. Her Bold Stand.
Judges 4:5-8,10
- IV. Her Praise to God.
Judges 5

January, 1963

Miriam—A Leader Among Women

Song: "Ready"

Scripture: Colossians 3:17,23-25

- I. An Instrument in God's Hands.
Exodus 2:1-8
- II. A Leader in God's Praise.
Exodus 15:20,21
- III. A Deadly Sin—Envy.
Numbers 12

March, 1963

Sarah—A Woman of Faith

Song: "Have Faith in God"

Scripture: Hebrew 11:11

- I. A Dutiful Wife.
Genesis 12:5,10-20; 20:1-7
I Peter 3:5-6
- II. Interference with God's Purpose and the Consequence.
Genesis 16:1-7; 21:9-11
- III. Sarah's Faith and the Results
 - A. The Promise. Gen. 17:15-16
 - B. Doubts. Gen. 18:9-15
 - C. The Fulfillment. Gen. 21:1-5
 - D. The Results. Gen. 21:6-7 Hebrews 11:11

NOTICE

Another possible source of Medical Supplies of medicine for Dr. Miley is being investigated. Until you hear further, please *DO NOT* gather anymore medicines.

SWEETHEART PARTY or BANQUET

SWEETHEART PARTIES appeal to all —young people and adults. Such a party can easily be made colorful and unusual. Perhaps each person in the auxiliary should be able to invite a “special” someone with him or her.

Since Hawaii, one of our newest states, is considered such a romantic spot and since we have missionaries there, it might be interesting and informative to build our party around a Hawaiian theme.

Hostesses and hosts may dress in costumes. The women may wear muumuus and the men slacks and colorful shirts. It is possible that all of the women would like to wear muumuus. Even if the women and girls had to make muumuus for this special occasion, they would find them very useful as housecoats afterwards.

Strings of fresh flowers can be worn around each person's neck (if these are available). If fresh flowers are out of season, lovely artificial flowers can be made out of pastel-colored Kleenex. Small ukuleles and cut outs of cupids can be used for decorations. If you are having a banquet instead of a party, placecards can be made from colorful valentines. (if it is near Valentine's Day). White cards with red hearts could be used; these could be held erect in a slit made in a large red piece of jellied candy.

Suggested Games

ROUND TO BE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF “ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT” (Let everyone sing it together once or twice and then divide into three groups.)

Love, love, love, my dear,

Is all that I can say

Makes the world go round and round
And brings a brighter day.

AWARDING KISSES

A handsome man (or boy) and an attractive woman (or girl) are chosen to award kisses to one of the opposite sex who answers a question first. The girls are given an opportunity to try first. The leader in a distinct voice reads an old

saying such as “Black as a” The player who first shouts “crow” wins a point for his team. The girl who answers first is awarded a CANDY KISS by the chosen boy. The kisses are kept by each winner until the end of the game when count will then be made. The team with the highest score will be given a large bag of candy kisses to be shared.

Some old sayings are:

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| 1. Hard as a rock | 18. Fat as a pig |
| 2. Light as a feather | 19. Sly as a fox |
| 3. White as snow | 20. Thin as a rail |
| 4. Cold as ice | 21. Strong as an ox |
| 5. Hot as fire | 22. Cross as a bear |
| 6. Yellow as gold | 23. Neat as a pin |
| 7. Fine as silk | 24. Dead as a door-nail |
| 8. Sweet as honey | 25. Flat as a pancake |
| 9. Clear as crystal | 26. Red as a beet |
| 10. Green as grass | 27. Blind as a bat |
| 11. Large as an elephant | 28. Busy as a bee |
| 12. Sharp as a razor | 29. Happy as a lark |
| 13. High as a mountain | 30. Slow as a snail |
| 14. Dry as a bone | 31. Clean as a whistle |
| 15. Sour as a lemon | 32. Fit as a fiddle |
| 16. Pretty as a picture | 33. Fierce as a tiger |
| 17. Snug as a bug in a rug | 34. Quick as lightning |

MENDING BROKEN HEARTS

An envelope is given to each person. In each envelope is a red heart which has been cut into at least five pieces (all from the same pattern). Each person tries to put the heart puzzle together. The first one to do so is awarded a prize.

MATCHING LOVERS

(Mimeograph a sheet with 2 columns. Give each person a sheet.) Match the lover in column 1 with the right lover in column 2. Write the letter or word.

Column 1

Column 2

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| a. Jacob | 1.—Eve |
| b. Martha | 2.—Boaz |
| c. Jack | 3.—Jiggs |
| d. Ruth | 4.—Ma |
| e. 1st Name of Pastor's Wife | 5.—Johnny |
| | 6.—Sarah |

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SHARING

Dear Mrs. Edwards: “. . . I have four Bible classes a week so please pray for me. We have made contact about some property so please be much in prayer for us and pray that God will so lead us that we will not make a mistake. May God continue to bless you and your work. Give our best regard to all the friends there.” (Sanders)

Dear Friends: “We are amazed at the goodness of our God. We should not be, but at times we must stand off and look in awe and wonder at His greatness . . . We have been greatly encouraged in the work for we have felt and seen God move . . . The Christians are growing in grace and we have a warm spirit in our services. Sunday, we had three to accept Christ as personal Saviour and others seem interested . . . For the work on the farm we need your prayers for the seed has been sown now for about five months. A young mother told Geneva, ‘We like the music, the filmstrips, and the messages, but we don’t understand.’ Only the Holy Spirit can open their hearts so they will be able to understand the simple message that Jesus died for sinners.” (Pooles)

Dear Ones in Christ: “We have been extremely busy at the Center these days. Most of our work is done there and will be until we can get things organized and really begin our church work again. We can’t do much until we have our own building and stop having services in a school house.

“We have been somewhat handicapped with Meletinos illness. We are very thankful that he is getting along so nicely now . . . Do continue to pray for us here.”

Dear Friends: Be sure to notice our new address. It is Rev. and Mrs. Mack C. Owens, Millville, New Brunswick, Canada.

Dear Mrs. Edwards: “Joy and I are two widowed ladies these days since our husbands are gone for a language conference in Upper Volta for three weeks. Stephen and I are enjoying our stay at Koun with Joy.

“The Mileys and our family went together to take our children to Bouake to school the third of September. It is a pretty school and we feel they will enjoy it there. We thank the Lord that we have a school for them to attend. “We want to thank you for your interest in our work and for your prayers.” (Bernice Palmer)

THE MISSIONARY . . .

Far from the land that gave him life and name

He makes his home, amid an alien race.

He comes, not seeking worldly wealth or fame,

But by a mandate from the Throne of Grace—

“Go forth to all the nations of the earth,

Bearing glad tidings of the Saviour’s birth.”

Day in, day out, he labors . . . oft in vain;

Stony the ground and thorny where he sows.

Perchance some other hand will reap the grain

Sprung from the seed he diligently bestows.

He only labors on and is content;

Happy to go the way the Saviour went.

Where sin and ignorance hold baleful sway,

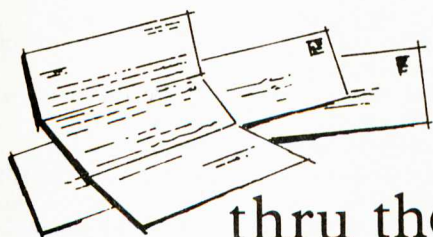
Or Superstition grips men in its thrall,

He strives to guide their steps into the way

That leads to Him who lived and died for all.

“Come unto Him, ye burdened and oppressed,

Come unto Him, and He will give you rest.”



thru the LETTER BOX

Mountain Grove, Mo.—New officers for the Auxiliary for the coming year were elected at their recent meeting. Mrs. Velma Elliot was elected president and Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell secretary. The Circle Chairmans elected were: Mary Martha Circle, Mrs. Oma Scott; Leah Mae Circle, Mrs. Bea Pettyjohn; Aileen Calvery Circle, Mrs. Neva Raney; Emma Ruth Willey Circle, Mrs. Bonnie Prock. YPA President is Eddie McCarty and GTA President is Joy Wade.

Savannah, Ga.—The South Georgia District Convention is sponsoring a special project in cooperation with the Cuban Emergency Relief Fund (CERF).

Nashville, Tenn.—Sales for the combination Cookbook and Devotional book are coming in right along. Have you ordered your copy yet? The book is entitled, "Bible and A Mixing Bowl In A Woman's World" and are priced at \$2.00 per copy. The net proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Memorial Student Loan Fund to assist worthy students to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Waipahu, Hawaii—There is growing interest in our women's Bible classes and we are hoping to have an auxiliary soon.

Ashland City, Tenn.—"We are always trying to do something 'different' here at Bethlehem. One of our members is expecting an addition to their family soon. Her other two children are in 4th and 5th grades. She made the statement once, 'If I ever have another child, I want you to have a shower for me', not thinking that it might come to pass. She suggested instead of having a shower for her that

we have a shower for the hospital in Africa, so that's what we are planning. We are advertising it as a shower for the hospital and then in a whisper we are spreading the word that we will surprise Mrs. _____ also. How's that?"

(Editor's note: I think it is great!)

Kirksville, Mo.—"The Lord has been pouring out showers of blessings upon our work here and we are most grateful. In our recent District convention we were privileged to have as speakers, the Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Rev. Jim McLain, missionary appointees.

"We are planning a Youth Bible Conference to be held during the Thanksgiving holidays.

"I would also like to say a word about *our* new cookbook. The only trouble I have with it is when I plan to use one of the recipes, I find myself more concerned with the food for the soul it contains and I almost forget to go ahead with the cooking. Several of our women are planning to order copies soon." (Mrs. Lester Jones)

St. Louis, Mo.—Some of the most important resolutions passed at our recent State Convention are: That we elect an editor for the Auxiliary page in the *Gem*. (Mrs. Lester Jones was elected to this office.) . . . Quarterly Treasurers reports are to be published in the *Gem* . . . That the state delegations be enlarged to include all local officers and three elected delegates from each local auxiliary . . . That we pay \$25 dollars toward the expense of the contestants to the National Convention and an award of \$5 dollars be given to both the Essay and Declaration winners.

Glennville, Ga.—"Our project for this year is to provide whatever the Wilkinson's need and to cooperate in the 'provisional closet' for our missionaries." (Mrs. E. C. Davidson)

South Carolina—"We have adopted Brenda Kay Hanna and plan to pay her tuition at school." (South Carolina District Convention)

Campinas, Brazil—"I have received my Cookbook and am delighted with it. Congratulations on a job well done. I have already tried several of the recipes and they have been good ones." (Marvis Eagleton)

Swannanoa, N. C.—Enclosed are items received at the Missionary Show, which concluded our Month's long Missionary emphasis, "Are Missions Missing You?" These are for the Missions Provision Closet . . . At the present time our Circle is preparing a box for the Mexico field which will include towels, sheets, etc. We are also preparing the Christmas gift for the family of Josephine Stevens. We have 11 active members and all are vitally concerned and enthusiastic for Missions. Next month is Enlistment Month. Help us pray that we may enlist many more who will enable us to double our aid to missions. Mrs. Jerry Bridges

Clarkridge, Tenn.—The young peoples league went out by two's Halloween night to witness for Jesus and hand out tracts. We thought this was a lovely gesture on the part of the teenagers so we of the Zion ladies Auxiliary bought the tracts for them. Mrs. Virgie Simpson

Wichita, Kan.—Friday, September 21, 1962, the Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas, went to Wellington, Kansas to help the Wellington First Free Will Baptist Church organize an Auxiliary in their church. Officers were installed at this meeting. The theme of the CROSS was used at this ceremony, with special music furnished by members of our auxiliary. Explanation of the duties of the officers was given, and a message by our Pastor, praising the auxiliary and its purpose . . . Our plans are to go to Ulysses, Kansas October 19 and 20 to organize a district Auxiliary. We shipped clothing to the Refugees in Miami today, Oct. 3. October 1, the auxiliary finished a study on the manual. The present project will be to send Christmas gifts to the Orphanage in Tennessee . . . Mrs. Alice Graves

John Bunyan said,

"There was a man, and some did count

him mad,

The more he gave away, the more he always had."

And another one said, "We might all of us give far more than we do

Without being a bit the worse:

It was never yet loving that emptied the heart

Or giving that emptied the purse."

Benton, Illinois—The first Youth Fellowship sponsored by the Illinois State Auxiliary Convention met at the Tabernacle at Benton on August 25 at 7:30 P.M. with 30 young people and 18 adults present. The theme of the meeting was "Whatsoever ye do, do it as to the Lord." This is taken from Colossians 3:23. Jerry Norris was emcee of the very enjoyable program of musical numbers, a monologue, and skit. Salem won the first trophy which was a beautiful cross to put in their church. The skit was entitled "Bothersome Joan". The winner was decided by a vote of the youth themselves. After the program, everyone enjoyed a fellowship in the dining hall with soda pop and potato chips. Churches which took part in the program were Hoits Addition, Oak Grove, Ina, Salem, Pleasant View, Oak Valley, Union Grove and Johnston City. Mrs. Hiltibidal wishes to thank everyone who helped make the meeting a success either by helping in it or by sending a contribution for the refreshments.

Next Youth Fellowship will be November 10. It will be a Bon-fire Sing.

Royal Oak, Mich.—" . . . LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD . . ." I Cor. 3:9. Behind the scenes, so to speak, of our Total Church Program are the auxiliaries—the Woman's, the Young Peoples (YPA), and the Go Tell (GTA). These organizations are part and parcel of our church, and thereby demand our attention and attendance. It goes without saying what a tremendous labor of love our National Woman's Auxiliary has been doing over the years. Our church has the blessed privilege of being associated with this organization. We need all the ladies of our church to enlist in our auxiliary, and we need to encourage all

eligible young people to enlist in either the GTA or YPA.

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UNIFORMS FOR G.T.A. AND Y.P.A. AVAILABLE—The newly designed uniforms for Y.P.A. and G.T.A. members were shown at the W.N.A.C. meeting in Nashville, Tenn. and now available for all who want them. The G.T.A. uniform consists of a green skirt with white blouse and a matching green beanie. The complete outfit including ready-made blouse, material and pattern for skirt (with zipper and thread) and the beanie may be ordered from the Nashville office for \$5.00.

The Y.P.A. kit comes with gold material for skirt (zipper and thread included), ready-made, drip-dry blouse, and pattern, for \$6.00 complete.

The Missionary Midget colors will be announced soon and the type uniform which they will wear will be made available soon thereafter.

These uniforms add tremendously to the G.T.A. and Y.P.A. emphasis. See that your young people get them soon.

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Little rows of houses on a little street,
Lawns and trees and flowers,
Fences white and neat.
Little rows of houses full of girls and boys
Full of shouts and laughter,
Full of love and noise.
Houses full of children
Starting off to school,
Learning of the nation
They will one day rule.
Houses full of children . . .
Have they heard of Christ, of a tender Saviour
A dear life sacrificed?
Little rows of houses on a little street
Time is passing over,
Time with flying feet.
Houses full of children,
Precious and blood-bought.
Have you told them, neighbor?
What have they been taught?

How I Know I Can Live A Christian Life

I. Through faith in God.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." (Genesis 5:24)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." (Titus 3:5-8)

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." (Phil. 3:9)

II. By trusting God's faithfulness.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

"But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." (Romans 8:25)

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5)

III. By reading God's Word daily.

"Search the scripture; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to

be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (Psalm 1:1-3)

IV. By fellowship with other Christians.

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company." (Psalm 55:14)

"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ." (Col. 2:2)

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:32)

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." (Acts 1:14)

V. By giving to the Cause of Christ.

"—And none shall appear before me empty." (Exodus 24:20)

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine

increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9, 10)

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (I Cor. 16:2)

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:21)



How I Know God Answers Prayer

I. Because God commands us to pray.

"Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore." (Psalm 105:4)

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" (Matt. 7:7)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints:" (Eph. 6:18)

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint:" (Luke 18:1)

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6)

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (I Tim. 2:8)

II. Because God has promised to answer prayer.

"Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows." (Job 22:27)

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24)

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." (Psalm 145:18)

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5:14,15)

"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." (John 9:31)

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24)

III. Because God answered the prayers of the saints of old.

"And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant." (Exodus 6:5)

"And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken." (Gen. 21:1)

"Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-sacrifice and the

wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench." (1 Kings 18:38)

"And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." (Ex. 2:24)

"And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." (Matthew 8:3)

IV. Because God answered the prayers of His Son.

"And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." (John 11:41,42)

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." (John 12:27,28)

CALVARY'S VISION

Is Calvary's vision before you?
The love that Jesus has shown,
Is His spilled blood still before you?
Oh, the grace to you He has made known.
Is the Cross of Calvary before you?
The blood-stained crown upon His brow,
Are the nail-scarred hands before you?
Oh, the grace God toward you did show.
Is Calvary the vision before you?
The riven side that with blood did flow,
Is Jesus the Master, and Saviour for you?
Oh dear sinner, His countenance in you can glow.

L. C. Carney

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their study hours and work to help feed the new students! The students made their own bunks with 2 x 4's and small boards. The food has had to be rationed so that everyone will have a little. These 14 new students came to know Christ the first week they were in school.

PRAISE THE LORD . . .

- * For bringing these new students to the Bible Institute.
- * For the unselfishness manifested by the older students.
- * For supplying every need for the students to remain in school.
- * Because He has directed the Billows in their activities in the school this year. His grace has been sufficient!

PRAY FOR . . .

- * The Lord to lay upon the hearts of our people to give generously to our work in Mexico.
- * His work of grace that has begun in the hearts of the students to continue.
- * His wisdom—not only for the Billows—but the students as well.

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rather provoking but it also gives you liberty to talk quite frankly with her.

The flesh rebels at being "different." But the fact is that our speech does have a strange accent, our habits are different, and our message is new to most. Even this strangeness is one of the Lord's ways of giving us opportunities to tell the message of the "stranger of Galilee".

TEACHING MINISTRY

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: . . ." Matthew 28:20.

One of my most enjoyable hours of the week is that spent on Sunday morning with my Sunday school class. There are 13 women in the class and I believe that this class is a real influence in their lives. Of the whole group only two know how

to read and write, so the instruction they receive here is the main Bible teaching they get. I like to look over the group and think of their different experiences. There is Dona Marfiza, a dear saint who was saved just four years ago. She is the mother of seven children. How sad that she found Christ so late in life; her children were already grown. They have brought, and still bring, much sadness to her life. Yet she is a very happy Christian and witnesses continually. Her favorite expression is "With God nothing is impossible," and she really believes this and lives as though she does. Then there is Dona Aparecida, a young woman who was brought up in a home that practiced spiritism. She remembers with grief the practices of that heathen worship in her home and the fact that her father died without ever hearing the gospel. And Dona Francisca. Her husband is now a deacon in our church and the family has a good Christian testimony. But it was not always so. Never do I talk to Dona Francisca about spiritual things without her mentioning the change in their home. She never gets through praising God for what He has done for them. Her husband was an alcoholic and the home was a place of torment. Once she even tried to commit suicide; then they found Christ and oh, what a difference. Dona Malvina was brought to Christ because of the death of her baby. Missionary nurse Eula Mae Martin was visiting in the neighborhood and learned that the baby in this home had died so she went by to call on them. Later in the day the father met us in the street and asked if Ken would conduct the funeral. Though he was an unbeliever, he had had some Christian influence as a child and he wanted his baby to have a Christian burial. We continued to visit them after this and before long the parents and the two teen-aged children were saved.

Each one has her own story but it matters not so much how she came to Christ as the fact that she did and now has the desire to grow in Him.

PERSONAL VISITATION

" . . . Go out into the highways and

hedges, and compel them to come in, . . ." Luke 14:23

Another joy is personal visitation. Brazilians are masters at making you feel welcome in their homes. There is never any lack of places to visit. Contacts are made in different ways, sometimes quite unexpectedly. It is not uncommon to have someone send us word that they would like for us to visit their home after they have heard about the "new law", as many of them call the gospel, through some friend or relative.

The first time I saw Valli was when she came to my home with one of the church families to see our new baby. I found her story to be a very interesting one. She came to Brazil with her family from Vienna as a teen-aged girl and settled in the city of São Paulo. There she met and married a young man who had immigrated from Rome. He worked in a factory and one day brought home a Bible that had been given to him at his work. She began to read the Bible and became very interested in it, though her husband did not share her interest. Some time later she moved next door to one of our church families and the husband of the family guided her to a decision for Christ. This was very displeasing to her husband and she began to suffer for it. The husband started hiding her Bible and forbade her to mention Christianity. She is very anxious to be baptized and is trying to think of a way to accomplish this. She invited me to her home and I began to visit her. Soon she sent for us one morning to come in a hurry. Her brother who was visiting her from the farm had become very sick and needed medical attention. We spent most of that day and until late that night seeing that he was taken care of. He was amazed when we did not charge anything for helping and even the husband was impressed by Christian love. Just a few nights later she came to our door with her three-year-old child in her arms and he was almost limp with fever. This time it was the father who suggested that she come to us for help. Even before he began to get better the mother observed to me, "We have never had sickness like

this before. I know that God is using this to help reach my husband." But the sickness did not stop there. Before another week had passed Valli herself was quite sick and her husband sent for Eula Mae. By this time he was showing a different attitude toward the Christians as they went to the home. This sickness was followed by a relapse and yet another for the child. During this time we became acquainted with Valli's parents and the brother who had been sick got married and we have visited in his home. So it is that through this one faithful one we have come in contact with several people who are in need of our Saviour. I wish that I could tell a happy ending to this story but as yet it is an unfinished story. The beautiful part of it is the faith and endurance of this young Christian who in the midst of an unsaved family is hungry to know more about her Saviour and to be instrumental in bringing the others to know Him.

IN THE BACKGROUND

" . . . so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff." I Sam. 30:24

Without doubt the very hardest of all the jobs is staying at home to look after things when it is necessary for husband to be away. It is not always wise for the family to accompany him when he goes away for meetings or other work. It is sometimes hard not to envy him just a little when he can pick up his Bible and go off unhindered and unencumbered to do his work. But would he be able to go so freely if there were not one to stay at home and look after things? Recently I was impressed by Dr. H. A. Ironside's application of I Sam. 30:24. When David and his men returned from battle, some of them did not want to divide the spoil with those who had stayed behind but David told them in this verse, ". . . but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." Dr. Ironside applies this principle in the case of wives who stay home while their husbands must be away in the Lord's work. He says, "And so if you carry out your part, when the judgment-seat of Christ

is set up and you and your husband stand there before God, if he has thousands of precious souls to his credit for whom he is to be rewarded in that day, you will get half of it, even though you could not go out and do the preaching, for the Lord says that those who abide by the stuff shall share with those that go to battle."

So in fulfilling the Lord's command to spread the gospel we find that our tasks are varied. Paul taught us in I Cor. 3: 6,7 "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." Therefore, our particular job is not so important as making sure that what we do is the Lord's will for us and is done to glorify Him. My prayer must be "Lord, help me to be sensitive to recognize the opportunities I have and ready to accept each one."

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came in to church. From the beginning, she sat spellbound as she listened attentively. At one minute before midnight, she came running to the altar! She had never heard the Gospel before. Like most families, hers was deep in sin. She smoked and did many things her husband did not know about. She was told how to be saved. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. She shouted with "shouts of joy!" She was so happy in her newfound faith. She left the church still rejoicing! When she arrived home, her children said she had lost her mind; nevertheless, she kept on rejoicing. From that night on, her life was changed! Her bad habits left. She was a completely different person. She is the mother of 13 children. She began praying that night for her husband and children. The only tools she had were *FAITH, PRAYER, AND THE ASSURANCE THAT HER FAMILY WOULD BE SAVED!* She used these tools. I have never seen a mother pray and weep for her family as this mother did. After about two weeks, one of her daughters, Teressa who is 16 years old, was saved. She joined her mother

in prayer. A few days later, the father of the family was saved . . . then Hesús, Juanita, and Pedro. Petra was very happy in her newfound joy! She had the assurance that all of her children and their families would be saved. This home had been completely transformed!

On Saturday, May 13, 1961, our Sunday School teachers took the small children on a picnic. Teressa was invited to go along. During the morning she went wading in the water. She had an attack in the water and drowned. It was a terrible shock to all of us. But we were worried about the family who had so recently come into the church. Knowing the people here, we expected them to weep and faint when we took the sad news to them. Instead, the mother raised her hands to heaven and said, "THANK GOD! SHE HAS GONE HOME! SHE IS NOT DEAD! SHE IS ALIVE WITH THE ANGELS OF GOD!" She shouted and cried! By this time, hundreds of people had gathered outside the little one room shack they live in. They remarked, "Poor thing! She is in shock! She does not even realize the girl is dead!" They could not understand why she reacted this way. At the funeral, five more of her brothers and sisters were saved, and a host of other people. I had never seen people saved at a funeral before. Today this is the most active family in our church! Petra Puente often repeats this verse of Scripture, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). The native Christian women have faith and prayer "in their hands." They use them mightily!

"WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND?"

We have learned some of the things a missionary holds in her hand as well as some of the things a native Christian has in her hands. Now, let us look at the American Christian. What tools does she have in her hand? How does she use them?

The American Christian has the greatest opportunity of anyone to use her

tools. She has the greatest opportunity to study. The Gospel has been preached in America for many years. The American Christian has been reared in the activities of the Christian church, district meetings, state meetings, yearly meetings, Bible Conferences, Missionary Conferences, League and Sunday School conventions, etc.

Prayer is a great tool God has placed in your hand. Every Free Will Baptist missionary depends upon your prayers. If you fail to use this great tool, the missionary can feel it. From your prayers, the missionary receives strength. From your prayers, the missionary's faith increases. The tears you shed on the homeland will water the ground where the missionary treads! Do not fail to use this great tool of prayer.

Each of you can use the tool of *giving*. Even the smallest amount will be blessed and multiplied by our Lord. Because America is a land of plenty, it is your duty to share more than anyone else. Remember Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than receive." Our churches in America must share so that the Gospel will be taken to the entire world. You may not go to the foreign field in person, but every cent you give for missions is just as important as the missionary who is working on the field. Without your support, your missionaries could not stay on the fields, and souls would not be told the Gospel story. Paul, in his journey to Macedonia, reminds the Christians of their responsibility to give. "I have shewed you all things how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak." We read of the thousands of dollars that are given to the smaller countries around the world so they, too, can enter the space race and have better protection against the enemy. Our giving is also to build better protection against our enemy—the devil. We must prevent people from going into eternity without the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Protection from the enemy is Jesus!

Visitation is another great tool you have in your hand. Are you using it? Or are you too busy? Many souls are just waiting for a knock on the door—some-

one inviting them to church. Personal visitation will do wonders in any church!

Along with the tools already mentioned—prayer, giving, visitation—you hold many other tools, such as *tracts*, *letter writing*, *voluntary work in hospitals* or *Red Cross*. Look carefully at what you hold in your hand. However small or unimportant it may seem to you, use it! God did not ask Moses what size the rod was. He merely asked, "What do you have?" Moses answered that he had a rod. God said, "Use it." I ask you, "WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND?" Use it! God will give the increase!

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were few, we just were not ready to begin our medical work. We encouraged her to take him to the government dispensary. "There is no medicine there for the Lobi," was her reply.

The love of God flowing through our lives is the key to the conversion of the Lobi woman. But it will have to be *His* love. For the Lobi woman is not naturally lovable. Some African tribes are very clean, bathing once or even twice daily. I doubt if some of our Lobis ever take a bath. Some come here whose bodies are just gray with incrustated dirt. They wear their clothes day in, day out until they will literally no longer hold together, after which they find some other cast-off garment to wear. All this combines to produce a characteristic odor which is recognizable even without sight.

But for such as she Christ shed His Blood. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever"—and that means the Lobi, too. She with the shaven head, protruding lips, naked, dirt-incrustated body, in the background sitting in the dirt. Is that not a picture of one in need of the Gospel of Love?

Love is an international language. It needs no interpreter. And there are times when I believe there is communication between us in this language even though no words are verbally spoken.

THE GRACE OF GOD IN LOBI LAND

I remember one WNAC I attended in which a returned missionary was describing the difficulties of his field. It was quite depressing and we looked forward to the conclusion, the bright part, but there was none. He sat down without giving that spark to the message.

This program may seem like that message. For after almost seven months in Lobi Land, there has not been one woman saved, not even one to whom I have personally witnessed. But I believe God will work through them. I don't know how, but I'm sure He will. My finite mind can imagine, but He is able to do abundantly more than we ask or think, so who can tell what marvelous works of grace will be displayed in the lives of our women here?

The women come to our door loaded down with dirty, dangling fetishes—a leather cord decorated with cowrie shells around the neck, metal bracelets around the wrists or ankles, a special something on their decorative hip beads, etc. I can see these being removed, thoughtfully, deliberately, after a deep personal struggle.

"What does it mean?" I can hear the other women ask her.

And a glowing testimony follows of what Christ has done for her. Gradually in time, others too, will remove theirs.

A child is born and right away a fetish is placed on him—something to protect him, something which he can grow up to worship and believe in. I can see a child being born and the mother refusing to place the fetish around his neck, wrist, or arm.

"What does it mean?" the women will ask.

Then she, too, can express her confidence in God. Gradually other babies will be born and the fetishes be forgotten.

Every five days is market day and all the women gather around their fires to fry their fermented corn cakes and sell their products of the soil. Much conversation is carried on in those continuous five or six hours. Little by little I can see spiritual things inserted into their discussions. First, the strangeness of it, bits

they have witnessed, until finally one woman is able to give a personal account of her own experience. Gradually other personal accounts will be related also.

Will you pray that the power of God will be manifested in the salvation of many of our women in Lobi Land?

Remember in prayer daily our missionary appointees who plan to leave the states this year, the Lord willing!

* Miss Mary Ellen Rice
 * Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge
 * Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Deeds
 * Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Payne
 * Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phipps

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f. Frankie	7.—Delilah
g. Dobbie	8.—Juliet
h. Pa	9.—Daisy Mae
i. Adam	10.—Minnehaha
j. Romeo	11.—Rachel
k. Isaac	12.—Helen
l. Abraham	13.—Rebecca
m. Little Abner	14.—Loraine
n. Maggie	15.—Thaila
o. Sampson	16.—George
p. Hiawatha	17.—1st Name of
q. Acquilla	Pastor
r. Luther	18.—Jill
s. Laverne	19.—Priscilla
t. Ricky	20.—Lucy

Answers: 1. Adam, 2. Ruth, 3. Maggie, 4. Pa, 5. Frankie, 6. Abraham, 7. Sampson, 8. Romeo, 9. Little Abner, 10. Hiawatha, 11. Jacob, 12. Luther Sanders, 13. Isaac, 14. Laverne Miley, 15. Dobbie, 16. Martha (Washington), 17. Pastor's wife, 18. Jack, 19. Acquilla, 20. Rickey.

Close by singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Suggestions:

Soft Hawaiian music could be played on a record player. One record would probably be enough. Both sides could be played several times.

If a banquet is being planned, write to Dole-Hawaiian Pineapple Company, 5th & Virginia, San Jose 8, California, and ask if they still have the booklets, "Luau Talky-Talk." This will give menus and additional hints.

Extra Program Helps

by Mrs. Margaret Dixon,
Mt'n Grove, Mo.

Have the program leader sitting in a living room surrounding with a telephone near her. As she meditates and talks about the introduction of the program she then picks up the telephone and calls the ones she would like to take part on the program. As she talks to the different women (located in different parts of the room) they actually give their parts by the telephone talking about the program.

Arrange a home surrounding with the lady of the house expecting her program committee to plan this particular program. While they enter in the discussion and planning they give the program by sitting around talking about the wonderful program.

Seat the entire group of women in a circle. Have each one to give their topic as they are seated making sure each one on the program is scattered throughout the group. During the course of giving topics the program leader or song leader may feel impressed to sing just as they are seated. As the program ends have all to stand and join hands in an unbroken circle for prayer. This can be a very warm and impressive service.

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... that soon a poster explaining and promoting *Ranks* can be ordered?

... that YPA and GTA uniform packets can be ordered from WNAC? This packet includes a monogrammed

blouse (state size), material in their appropriate colors for the skirt (state waist size), a zipper, pattern, and thread. Many youth sponsors are having uniforms made. What better advertisement could be had than to have leaders wearing uniforms to meetings?

Gold ties with a white monogram can be ordered for YPA boys. (\$1.50)

... that a catalogue listing ALL materials can be ordered?

Determine now to add to your youth work. Ask and receive!

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PARTY-PINK PINEAPPLE PUNCH

- 1 46-oz. can pineapple juice
- 1 Cup lemon juice, fresh or reconstituted
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 Pint bottle cranberry juice
- 2 Quart bottles gingerale

Have ingredients well chilled; combine first four and stir well. For lively bubbles, add gingerale at last minute. Makes 32 4-oz. punch cup servings or enough for two dinner glass servings, each, for eight.

To make ice ring (to dip punch through) pack a ring mold with cracked ice, add water to almost fill and freeze until solid. To unmold, run a little hot water over pan. If desired, garnish cups with maraschino cherries and pineapple chunks.

For your final "Heart" message of the evening, receive an offering to be used for the purchase of property in Hawaii. Send the offering through your regular auxiliary channels designated: "Land in Hawaii".

