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Declare His Glory

1963 Theme:

"BLESSED ARE YE THAT SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS" (Isa. 32:20)

1963 Watchword:

"WITHHOLD NOT THINE HAND"
(Eccle. 11:6)

1963 Hymn:

"BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES"

W.N.A.C. Permanent Hymn:

"JESUS CALLS US"

W.N.A.C. Permanent Watchword:

"LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"
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Dear Co-Laborers:

Thank you! very much for seven wonderful years serving as your Executive-secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. I shall always remember these years with a great deal of pleasure. These years have not been without their problems and burdens, but through *you* the Lord has always solved the problems and made the burdens bearable. And—always—there has been the constant joy that comes with being in His perfect will.

Now—it is time to make a change so that we, as a Convention, can grow a little more. Please continue to pray for me and I assure you that my love for you and the womens work continues.

Yours to serve for Christ,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK OF PRAYER

PROGRAM HELP

By **MRS. RONNIE MALONE**, South Roxana, Illinois

CONGREGATION: *Christmas Carol*

SCRIPTURE:

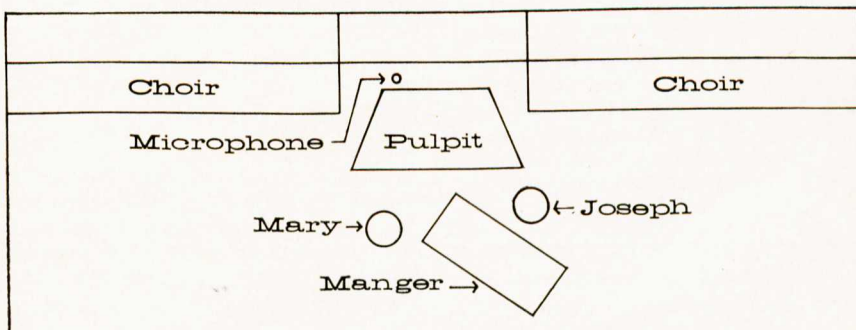
PRAYER:

CHURCH CHOIR: *2 Christmas Carols*

TOPICS I-V: Read in the same manner every night. The reader uses a P.A. system (concealed from the congregation). The church lights are dimmed and a light is focused on a nativity scene, with a boy and girl (from GTA or YPA) portraying Joseph and Mary.

CHURCH CHOIR: *Christmas Carol*

BENEDICTION:



CALL TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS



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URUGUAY

The Free Will Baptist work continues to make rapid progress in Uruguay! Thank the Lord for His direction! Praise is due Him for the persons who have come to know Him because of the witness of the Fulchers and the Robinsons. Much has been accomplished in training children through graded Sunday School

Our missionaries in Uruguay are . . .
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher

classes. The Sunday School has made remarkable growth since its beginning with 32. Children and young teenagers reveal appreciable interest in the activities of the church. Even though adults lack concern for their own spiritual needs, they show noticeable concern in their children's church attendance, and are quite glad for them to attend the services.

Since moving about three miles from the City of Rivera, the Bill Fulchers have been able to better communicate with those who attend their church. They are now situated only one mile from the church.

UNITED STATES

Denver, Colorado — "SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS" best describes our work in Denver. Approximately 2½ years ago this work was organized under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Roy L. Thomas. In obedience to the teachings of the Scriptures, the First Church has begun a mission in West Denver. Rev. Lowell M. McGowan is directing the West Denver Mission. With thanksgiving for the leadership of the Lord in our Denver work, let us ask His continued direction that the church and the mission will be fruitful in their ministries.

Washington, D. C.—Another example of the Lord's blessings is evidenced in the Metropolitan Area. He has provided land suitable for the construction of a Free Will Baptist Church. In the name of Jesus Christ, may we ask our Father to make every provision necessary for the construction of a church on this land.

Iowa—About 2½ years ago the work was begun in Iowa. Rev. Thompson pastors this church which averages 123 in Sunday School. Once again, God has proven Himself faithful: our Free Will Baptist Church in Iowa has become self-supporting! Give thanks to Him for His goodness!

Cheyenne, Wyoming — Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Perry, who have been appointed home missionaries to this area, need our prayers in making adjustments in their new work. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct in the establishment of this work and to supply the needed grace and strength.

"On the Move!"—

- ★ Our missionaries in Hawaii, Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, will be visiting many of our churches during July, August, and September. Pray for safety of travel, physical strength, and most especially that they will be used to glorify Jesus Christ!
- ★ Rev. Mark Vandivort, field secretary for the National Home Mission Department, is busily engaged in missionary conferences. He needs our prayers in accepting the many responsibilities that confront him daily.
- ★ A couple is expected to join our staff of workers in Alaska sometime this year. Ask the Lord to guide them in adjusting to their new environment and in the establishment of a work that will bring honor to Him!

TO AND FROM

India—Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk returned to their work in North India in June . . . while Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna came home on furlough the same month. Miss Volena Wilson plans to leave South India in August for a furlough in the States.

Japan—Coming home for their first furlough, the Herbert Waids arrived in the States in June.

Brazil—The Ken Eagletons also arrived in the States in June following their first term in Brazil.

Africa—Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks returned to Africa in June to begin their second term. Two couples—Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Aldridge and Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne—plan to begin language studies this fall as missionaries to Africa.

Set aside a regular time every day . . . and remember each of our missionaries in these areas!

- * PATIENCE
- * PERSISTENCE
- * FINANCES
- * PERSONALITY CONFLICTS
- * LANGUAGE
- * HEALTH
- * SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS
- * POWER IN WITNESSING
- * WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

AFRICA

The Harold Stevens report their new hospital has been opened. "It is really very lovely and we are constantly thankful for such adequate facilities." They further state, "The furnishings and equipment are scanty, but we have made this known to the Lord and we believe that He will supply in His own time."

Share in this time of rejoicing with the Stevens for His provision! In most of the areas of the district in which the Stevens are located, the famine conditions have been alleviated by the gardens yielding some corn. There are, however, three places where little rain has fallen and the hope of fresh food is gone. The Stevens will continue to assist in distributing food as the Lord provides. Continue to pray for relief in these areas!

MEXICO

The current school term has been the best the Billows have experienced since they began their "NATIVE TRAINING PROGRAM." The missionaries have been greatly encouraged this year by the response that has come from several States this school term.

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The Beautiful Flower

By MRS. CARLISLE HANNA,
India

Hymn: "O, Zion Haste"

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:5

Prayer: That we may be faithful in our witness for Him wherever we are.

Business Period:

Special Music: "No Man Careth for My Soul"

Program:

STUDY GUIDE SUGGESTIONS

Romans 3;
Ezekiel 18;
Acts 4;
Romans 6;
John 3

Write out all that these chapters say about the questions listed below. Search out all the Scripture verses that refer to the question being considered and write in brief statements what these verses say regarding that question. Do this before reading the "introduction and topics" in this program.

1. Are the heathen really lost?
2. Is there another way for the heathen to be saved besides belief in Christ?
3. Will a God of love punish people who have had no opportunity to hear of Him?

INTRODUCTION

The world is a harvest of souls! "Preach the gospel to every creature." This is the message of the New Testament. This is what Christianity is about. God placed us in the world to finish this business.

*"On with the message, on with the light.
On to the regions still shrouded in night,
On to the nations that never have heard,
On with the life-giving, soul-saving Word."*

As each of us witnesses faithfully for our Lord, as each of us allows His love flow through us, we will see "beautiful flowers" blossoming all over the world for Jesus Christ! He longs for us who know Him to see the sinner—not as one remaining in his sinful condition—but what he *can be* IN JESUS CHRIST! And, truly, one's life becomes beautiful when he comes in contact with the One who is "altogether lovely."

1. PRECIOUS PROMISES

The blessings of the Lord to the believer are precious! There are so many of them that we could not possibly mention them all here. I would like for us to look at some of these promises which concern the future of the person who

becomes "a new creature in Christ"—a "beautiful flower."

The Lord, Himself, spoke of this not long before His crucifixion in John 14:1-6:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my

Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go and prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also . . . Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

One of the most glorious things about this new home is that it is *with the Lord*. Jesus said He would come again for the believers that we may be with Him. Paul gives us this same promise again in I Thessalonians 4:16, 17:

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise

FLOWER." (Both u's in Suphul are long.) She was just a young Santal girl about eighteen years old. I cannot remember our first contact with her. She could not read nor write because she had not had the opportunity of attending school. Her husband had left her before we knew them. She and her year old baby boy were living with her parents. As far as we know, she had never heard of Jesus until her family moved to a village about five miles from Sonapurhat. There she heard both Devon Marandi, our Santal pastor, and Carlisle (Hanna) preach. She began coming to church in Sonapurhat each Sunday and also heard the Gospel in Bengali through David Das, our Bengali pastor. Carlisle and these two workers visited her village at

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first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

We are not sure just exactly what our heavenly bodies will be like nor all about our home. (I Corinthians 13:12) That both will be *beautiful* and *glorious*, we are certain. Parallel verses of the Old and New Testaments tell us this. (Isaiah 64:4)

I Corinthians 2:9 tells us "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Then, in Revelation 21:10-27 we have the beautiful picture of the New Jerusalem in which the *streets* are pure gold, the *foundations* are garnished with precious stones, the *gates* are pearl, and the *Lamb* (Jesus Christ) is the light shining so brightly that there is no need of any other light.

The *raiment* of the faithful believer is described in Revelation 3:5.

2. TESTIMONY OF SUPHUL

I would like to tell you about Suphul, whose name means "BEAUTIFUL

other times. There was also a Christian family living in that village and the wife was a keen Christian. Before long, Suphul said she had accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour but had not yet followed Him in baptism.

One Sunday morning she said to Naomi, the Christian lady living in that village, "I don't think I will go to church today. I don't feel very well."

Naomi replied, "Oh, come on. Perhaps you can see the doctor after church and get some medicine."

She did come and did not appear to be feeling too ill—although her face was slightly swollen. Tuesday morning word came that she was dead.

This is what happened: Monday she still was not feeling well and the swelling had increased in her body, but did not seem alarming. On Monday evening, she told her mother that she wanted **chicken curry**, which the mother proceeded to prepare. However, when it was ready, Suphul said she did not feel like eating then and went on to bed. About midnight, she called her mother and asked for the curry.

Having eaten some, she said, "Mother,
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Arise, Shine!

By MRS. KENNETH WALKER,
Washington, D.C.

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

Scripture Reading: Daniel 12:3; Matthew 5:14-16

Prayer: That our lives, as Christian women, will radiate the light of Christ, so that others will know we have been with Him.

Business:

Special Music: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Program:

Hymn: "I Surrender All"

STUDY GUIDE SUGGESTION:

Acts 14

Write out all that this chapter says about the questions listed below. Search out all the Scripture verses that refer to the question being considered and write in brief statements what these verses say regarding that question. Do this before reading the "introduction and topics" in this program.

1. What characteristics did Paul, the missionary, possess that every missionary needs today?
2. How should the missionary react in the face of opposition?
3. How did Paul and Barnabas fulfill their obligations to the church that had commissioned them as missionaries?

INTRODUCTION

As we look around us in this Metropolitan Area, we see multitudes of women—young and old—going to and fro seeking and longing for a peace which they do not have and cannot find in the worldly places they are seeking.

It is our prayer that Christian women everywhere will ARISE, AND SHINE, that Christ will be magnified in our lives, that we will be separated from the world, and be a peculiar people (II Peter 2:9). What will be the result of our taking this stand for Christ? The unsaved will hunger for what we have in our hearts—the wonderful presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We are going to look into the lives of three women who have been real blessings to my life and an inspiration to others in our work here in Washington, D. C.

PROGRAM HELP — Place four lamps (without shades) on a table before the group. Put a light bulb in each lamp . . . 1—100 watts, 1—50 watts, 1—25 watts, and the other one "burned out."

"Are we letting the light and love of the Lord Jesus shine out of our hearts to those with whom we come in contact?

Just how bright am I shining for Christ? Am I like the 100-watt bulb? 50-watt? 25-watt? Or have I gone out?"

"Lord, grant that we may all shine as the brightest bulb, that we may be missionaries and tell the old, old story that others may come to the knowledge of Thy saving power." (Use this "help" with the introduction.)

1. YOUTH AND MISSIONS (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Ruthann Ross came to us from Pennsylvania, and represents the *YOUTH* of our work. She is nineteen years old and is a soul-winner for our Saviour. She has dedicated her life completely to God, to be used of Him anywhere He may choose. She is very talented and often plays the piano for our church services.

Concerning Christ's direction in her life, Ruthann writes:

"Praise God for the assurance of salvation Jesus Christ can give. Though Satan tries to convince me that I am not saved, I know that Christ is my personal Saviour. When only eight years old, I asked Him to come into my heart. God has done so many things for me! I feel so ashamed because I have done so little for Him. One of the greatest blessings of my Christian experience was leading my sister to the Lord. Nothing can compare with the joy felt when one you have witnessed to accepts Christ as his Saviour."

After graduation, came time for work. Living in a small town presented a problem—no work. So I moved to a larger city, Washington, D. C. Upon arriving here, I was faced with some problems—(1) lack of Christian friends, and (2) finding a fundamental church. After several months, a door was opened. God led me to the Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, where I rededicated my life to the Lord. After my complete surrender to God, my life became more fruitful."

Ruthann has been a witness to the young people of our church. She has led two persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

As our missionary vision increases, we must go forth as stewards by:

1. Witnessing—Acts 1:8
2. Praying—Philippians 4:6
3. Regular Church attendance—Hebrews 10:25
4. Dedicating our talents to God—Matthew 25:14-29

It is hoped that many more of the youth of our churches will completely

surrender their lives to God and be the missionaries He would have them be. We have heard it said, "They are our church of tomorrow." But I believe "They Are Our Church of Today!"

2. HOME! A MISSION FIELD (Proverbs 22:6)

Mrs. Zylphia Bondeson came to us from North Carolina, and represents *young motherhood*. She has a little girl, Sharon Faye. Sharon has been trained from the time she was a baby to pray, sing, and quote Scripture verses.

I have heard mothers say, "They are too young to learn." But not so! In foreign countries they train children to take sacrifices to idols when they can only crawl or are just beginning to walk. How much more should we in Christian America train our children to serve and follow Christ! It can be done!

Zylphia testifies to this truth:

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord . . ." (Psalm 127:3). "What a great heritage is ours! What a privilege and blessing from God to be a mother! God had entrusted children into our care and expects us to train them to love and serve Him. There is no substitute for a mother's love. A mother who truly loves her children will do everything in her power to bring each child to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. If we only allow Him to work through us, we can know His will, and see His mighty works. May we assume the responsibility that is ours at child-birth—and train our children to be responsible, God-fearing citizens of tomorrow."

If every mother belonging to the Woman's Auxiliary would this day surrender her life completely to God, and determine in her heart to win her children to Christ, we would see one of the greatest revivals in history. We are called and chosen. May we prove ourselves faithful.

One of the greatest mistakes parents make today is waiting too late to give their children spiritual training. The time to begin is when they are babes. It has to be a consistent, day by day practice. Many people say they will wait until their child can understand. But by the time they think the child is old enough, too many other things have taken God's place.

I know a child can learn the things of God. When my little girl learned to talk, among her first words were "Bible,"

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Sowing in Africa

By MRS. LONNIE SPARKS,
Africa

Prayer: That He may give wisdom and understanding to all our missionaries.

Hymn: "Send the Light"

Scripture: Mark 4:1-20

Business:

Hymn: "O, for a Thousand Tongues"

Program:

Prayer:

STUDY GUIDE SUGGESTION:

Acts 13

Write out all that this chapter says about the questions listed below. Search out all the Scripture verses that refer to the question being considered and write in brief statements what these verses say regarding that question. Do this before reading the "introduction and topics" in this program.

1. *In the sending out of a missionary, what is the part of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *What part does a local church play?*
3. *What is the part of an individual believer?*

INTRODUCTION

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28)

One of God's priceless gifts to us is TIME! Have you ever thought about it? It comes to us bright and sparkling, absolutely unspoiled. We receive a new supply each day—24 hours . . . 1,440 minutes . . . 86,400 seconds. Twenty four "brand new" hours!

In facing every day, the sower should live in this attitude: "I MUST MAKE THE TIME COUNT FOR CHRIST." If he is going to really make the time count for Christ, the sower must count the cost, know the soil, know the adversities of sowing, and expect God to give the increase.

1. THE SOWER MUST COUNT THE COST

Arriving in New York after our first term on the field, we could not hold back tears of joy as once again we stepped on the soil of our beloved country. It brought back memories of our departure from that same city over five years before, tears that were shed that day, the sadness that accompanies parting, and the anxiety of what the future

had in store for us. Standing there once again, it hardly seemed possible that we had been gone. It all seemed like a dream. This city was so vastly different from where we had been. Unconsciously my thoughts slipped back to the continent we had left just the day before. I thought of those we had left behind—the missionaries and the African Christians — those few working among so many. I also thought of the loneliness

that comes with living in a foreign land, the desire to see loved ones and friends or just seeing people who think as you do. You're lonely and yet hardly ever alone because of all the demands upon your time. You are a white person and can be called upon any time for help. The realization comes to you that your life is not **your own**.

The heartaches and disappointments that have to be faced so often in a new work make you ask, "Is it worth it all?" Yes! A thousand times, yes! Paul who knew the worth of suffering said, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). If we expect to accomplish a mission for God, it will cost us

about raising a garden, I still had to get some advice from them for they know how to plant in their soil and what can be expected from it.

Just as a pastor who takes a new church not knowing all the needs and problems of his flock until he has been with them for a while, so we did not at first realize the real need of the people to whom God had sent us to minister. Oh, yes! We knew that they were lost and needed Christ, but until we could communicate with them in their own language and win their confidence could we begin our real ministry. I believe God gives the missionary a love for those He sends him to. We were immediately drawn to these who outwardly seem so gay and happy. They are a care-

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something. You who are mothers know the suffering that accompanies physical childbirth. For some, the suffering is more intense and longer than for others, but it is inevitable if a new life is to be brought into this world. In like manner, there is going to be a certain amount of suffering for those who desire to bring souls into the spiritual kingdom of God. Unless we are willing to undergo this suffering, our lives will be barren. Christ, in speaking to His apostles, said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit." (John 15:16a)

2. THE SOWER MUST KNOW THE SOIL

Toward the end of the dry season, our people in Africa go out to clear the fields for planting. If possible, they choose a fertile spot near the edge of a forest. They then cut away all the underbrush and weeds, burn them and turn the soil for planting. Plows, discs, tractors and the such are unknown by most of the people in our area. All the farming is done with a long bladed knife called a "machete" and a short handled hoe. The people are farmers for the most part. Even though I have been raised on a farm and thought I knew a little

free people and laughter comes easily for them. But the longer we lived among them and the more intimately we became acquainted, the more we realized the fear that grips the hearts of these dear souls.

There is a fear of ancestor spirits, fear of witches and witch doctors, fear of medicine that might bring sickness and death, fear of the dead and fear of living . . . in other words, a fear of just about everything but God! Most of their acts of heathen worship are done from sheer fear of omitting them. Even Christians do not always throw off these shackles of fear because it is something that has been taught them from childhood and has become a part of their lives. Knowing the everpresent fear in their lives, we began to stress the protecting and keeping power of God through Christ Jesus.

3. THE SOWER MUST KNOW THE ADVERSITIES OF SOWING

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: and when

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



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The first six circle programs for 1963 have featured **preparation, guideposts, and soil** for the **SOWER OF THE WORD**. This quarter devotional themes will be centered around **refreshment for the sower, reaping** and the **harvest**. If at all possible, prepare the visual helps suggested. Your program will be much more effective!

JULY—REFRESHMENT FOR THE SOWER

"He restoreth my soul" (Psalm 23:3a)

For Presentation:

1. Place a picture of a shepherd on a poster or flannelboard. Add a sheep for each "P" to make an attractive shepherd scene. (The 23rd Psalm, in ready-to-use flannelgraph form may be purchased from any Baptist Book Store).

2. Attach sweet "P's"—written on strips of paper—to stems of real sweet peas. Place each in a vase as the "P's" are discussed and take to a shut-in following your meeting.

Program:

The following outline has often been called the "Sweet Peas of the Twenty-Third Psalm." Although the Psalm con-

tains only six short verses, many ideas are included therein that may be discussed under topics beginning with the letter "P." This Psalm provides comfort, encouragement, and refreshment for those who may have become "weary in well-doing."

SING as a group or special number—
"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD."

(Broadman Hymnal—Page 22)

PRAY that the members will be blessed with new zeal for witnessing through this program.

THE SWEET "P'S"—PSALM 23

POSSESSION — The Lord is my Shepherd

PROVISION — I shall not want

POSITION — He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

PEACE — He leadeth me beside the still waters

PARDON — He restoreth my soul

PROGRESS — He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

PROTECTION — Thou art with me

PREPARATION— Thou preparest a table

PLENTY — My cup runneth over

PROSPECT — I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CLOSE with prayer.

AUGUST — FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AND OF THE SOWER

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal . . ."

(John 4:36).

For Presentation:

1. The leader may place pieces of fruit in a basket as symbols of the "Fruits of the Spirit." Print the Scripture reference and the "Fruits of the Spirit" on a card. Attach to the handle of the basket of fruit and deliver as a **SUNSHINE BASKET** to one who needs a bit of cheer.

2. Place colored pictures of fruit on a poster and add the "Fruits of the Spirit" as they are discussed.

Program:

The FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT, as recorded in Galatians 5:22, 23, will form the basis for this program. One shows good evidence of possessing the FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT by yielding forth the fruit of the sower—souls for Christ.

SING "If You Want Joy" and other choruses.

PRAY that members will possess and sow these "fruits"—reaping souls as a result.

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT—Galatians 5:22 and 23. (Discuss each and weigh its value as an attribute of a sower of the Word.)

LOVE—I John 4:8

PEACE—Mark 9:50

GENTLENESS—II Tim. 2:24

FAITH—I John 5:4

JOY—Hab. 3:18

LONGSUFFERING—Eph. 4:2

GOODNESS—Eph. 5:9

MEEKNESS—Col. 3:12

TEMPERANCE—II Pet. 5:7

CLOSE with prayer.

SEPTEMBER—THE HARVEST—WHAT WILL IT BE?

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest . . ." (John 9:38a).

For Presentation:

1. Print this caption on a poster:

THE SOWER—THE SEED—THE SOIL

Underneath, place pictures of:

1. A Woman (the sower)
2. A Bible (the seed)
3. A Group of Women, Children, etc. (the soil)

Program:

Through our prayers and gifts to missions, most of us share, indirectly, in the harvest of souls around the world. But what about our direct responsibility to those in our community? Have we reaped a harvest here? Will we reap one at all? How soon? Our Lord has many promises to the faithful sower of the Word of God. We must pray for prepared hearts, prepared soil, and guidance as we bear His witness. Then, God will give the increase. (I Cor. 3:6)

SING "BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES"

PRAY for a harvest of souls in your community.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE in the light of these promises from God's Word?

- *"He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor. 9:6,10).*
- *"So shall my word be (shall not return void)" (Isa. 55:10-13).*
- *"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Ps. 126:5).*
- *"Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing" (Ps. 126:6).*
- *"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).*
- *"Both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:36).*
- *"One soweth and another reapeth" (John 4:37).*

CLOSE by singing "SCATTERING PRECIOUS SEED." (Broadman Hymnal—Page 309)

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JULY, 1963

DORCAS—A Woman Full of Good Deeds

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 9:36-42*

HYMN: "To the Work"

- I. What Hands Find to Do.
Acts 9:39; Col. 3:17
- II. The Hands and the Heart.
Acts 9:36; Prov. 15:17; I Cor. 13:3
- III. Sorely Missed.
Acts 9:38-39
- IV. A Living Testimony.
Acts 9:42

AUGUST, 1963

RUTH—A Drama on Devotion

SCRIPTURE: *Ruth 1:16-18 (Study the book of Ruth)*

HYMN: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

- I. Cutting Ties
Ruth 1:16
- II. A Great Love
Ruth 4:15
- III. Doing the Work
Ruth 2:2-3
- IV. A Kinsman Redeemer
Ruth 4
- V. Blessing from God
Ruth 2:20; 4:13-17

SEPTEMBER, 1963

MARY and MARTHA—Women Jesus Loved

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 1:38-42*

HYMN: "The Woman's Hymn"

- I. Mary's Sense of Values
Luke 10:38-42
- II. Martha's Labour
Luke 10:40; Luke 12:2
- III. Martha's Faith
John 11:20-27
- IV. Mary's Act of Love
John 12:1-8; (see Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9)



"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters"—Isa. 32:20

Pictured above are the GTA's of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. They are shown visiting Mr. Ed Atwood on his 89th birthday, at Senior Citizens' Convalescent Home.

This is a favorite project of the GTA's—visiting this home. On this particular day they visited everyone in the home and took them fruit and candy.

From left to right: Kay Cockrell, Vickie King, Suzanne Simms, Mrs. Willa B. Cockrell, Marky Adams, Mrs. Adelle King, Sharon Gentry, Mrs. Artella Cox and Bobby Goss. (Several members were unable to attend.)

Mrs. H. Z. Cox is the GTA sponsor.

tips for teens

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of three articles created especially for teenagers. We hope you like it and profit by these timely tips.

WHO ARE YOU?

by DORIS RAPER, Flat River, Mo.

The students of Piedmont High School were all excited these days. School had just started a few days before and class schedules were being worked out, old friends were greeting each other, and new friends were being made. One reason for part of the excitement was the presence of a new student this year. Ann Bennett was a beautiful young lady who dressed very smartly and drove a classy sports car, which was the envy of several of the fellows. Ann was the daughter of an important state official and several were a bit curious as to why she was enrolled in a small school like Piedmont. Much attention was paid her because of *who* she was. But after a while her schoolmates and teachers began to find out *what* she was—and that wasn't good. Before long the teachers were seriously thinking of expelling the girl.

In 1957 Charles Van Doren gained national prominence by his spectacular success on the quiz show, "Twenty One." In a few short months he had won \$129,000.00. Van Doren became the "All American Idol"—the honest, innocent young man whose traditional "bookish" background was now paying off. He became a professor at Columbia, had a \$50,000 a year job with NBC, had a book published in the space of a few months. He was quoted as saying, "I love my life. It seems too good to be true."

In 1959 his world had crumbled. He lost his job and was publically disgraced when the fact of his deception was brought to light—the quiz show was "fixed." He had been given the answers before the show! Everyone knew *who* he was, but few knew *what* he was until

this time. Van Doren has found what many another has learned: We make a tragic mistake by cheating. We may make restitution. God will forgive us if we ask. But the public may never forget or forgive.

Have you ever wished that you had been born into some other family? You may think God uses in His work only persons from good homes. "Like father, like son" is not always true. Some wicked men have sons who are outstanding Christians. And other boys are juvenile delinquents even though their fathers are honorable men. So it's wrong to assume that a young person who has godly parents and a good home will turn out all right.

Eli, a father in Israel, had two sons. Eli was a godly man. He was both the judge and the high priest of Israel. But his sons did not follow in his footsteps. Samson came from a very godly family and had a good start in life, but later went bad. Perhaps you wonder why.

God gave this reason for selecting David as king, "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

Who are you? The captain of the football team? A cheer leader? The best English student in your class? A church pianist or choir member? Maybe even the child of a minister of the Gospel. Who you are is important, yes, but more important is your answer to this question: What are you? The greatest answer you can give is, "I'm a born-again child of God." Here's how you can be saved! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." (Acts 16:31)

"IN THE KNOW?" — "IN THE GROOVE?"

by HELEN SANDERS, Hawaii

There is a new word that has come into focus in recent months—the word "non-conformity." I would like for you to get in a huddle with me around this word for a few minutes. I do not wish to create in you an attitude of rebellion but

are you familiar with these expressions: "Don't be a square!", "Get with it!", "Everybody's doing it!", "Everybody's going!", "All the gang is wearing it!"? I am sure you are familiar with these plus a few others such as "He's in orbit!", "That's my speed!", etc. I have often wondered as I have heard these expressions why the urge to lose one's identity.

Dr. Clyde M. Narramore in his book **YOUNG ONLY ONCE** says, "You are wonderfully unique. Different. There never has been and never will be another person exactly like you. Even 'identical' twins aren't precisely identical. You are a blend of your heredity and your environment: a fascinating God-mixed combination of traits and talents, attitudes and abilities. To be YOU is an exciting experience."

There is a verse in the Bible I would like for you to analyze with me. In Romans 12:2, Paul, in writing to the church at Rome, said, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." This verse was written to christian people and it is to you christian young people I direct this article today. Have definite standards—have some principles of your own. Think for yourself!

Don't do this half-heartedly or with bitterness. Before Paul told the christians at Rome to be not conformed to this world he first told them in verse one of this twelfth chapter of Romans to "Present your bodies, a living sacrifice . . . unto God."

Paul knew that transformation must precede being a non-conformist. The books, magazines and other materials you read and the things you see, etc., influence the way you think, the attitudes you acquire, and the acts you do; therefore, it is of vital necessity that you be careful of the fuel on which you feed your mind. Today young people are more blessed than any previous generation by the many helpful books and magazines written especially for you to help you be victorious in your christian life.

Take advantage of them. Learn to be popular with the other kids—not by selling your standards, principles, and christian testimony but through love, kindness, cooperation and Christ-like attitudes toward others and life. For most of you your life is yet before you and you are only beginning to build your life today and I challenge you to make the foundation a good one.

JUDGE SAYS "GO HOME"

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teenager: "What can we do? Where can we go?" The answer is "Go home."

Hang the storm windows; paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk. Wash the car, learn to cook, scrub the floors. Repair the sink, build a boat, get a job.

Visit the sick, help the poor, study the lessons. And then when you are through—and not too tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and talent and energy so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again.

In plain, simple words, **GROW UP!** Quit being a cry-baby. Get out of your dream-world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or a lady.

You are supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, helped, appealed, begged, excused, tolerated and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every benefit. This they have done gladly, for you are their dearest treasure. But now, you have no right to expect them to bow to every whim and fancy just because selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality, thinking and requests.

Yes, I say, **GROW UP AND GO HOME!**

—JUDGE PHILIP B. GILLAM, DENVER, C.



PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK OF PRAYER

By MRS. LESTER JONES, Kirksville, Missouri

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "We Would See Jesus"
John 12:21b

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The Universal Christ"

Program-Prayer Chairmen: You and your committees should spend much time in praying and planning for this program. Feel keenly the responsibility of making known our UNIVERSAL CHRIST. The world is looking for such a Christ.

Read *HEARTBEAT* and *MISSION-GRAM* to secure the present needs of missionaries and fields to be used in the special prayer requests. Make known these special needs at each season of prayer.

MONDAY

THEME: "WE WOULD SEE JESUS AS A BABE IN BETHLEHEM"

Song: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Prayer Request: That we may know the real joy of Christmas.

Song: "Joy to the World" (If possible, for an added attraction, show the manger scene. This could be very attractive with proper lighting.)

Prayer: For state home missions in different areas and their missionaries.

Leader: Scripture—Galatians 4:4, 5.

Our Heavenly Father planned the first Christmas when He sent His Son into the world. We shall never be able to fully comprehend this *great* Gift! When we read the Christmas story, we form a mental picture of the birth of Jesus. But is this the only way we can see the Christ in Christmas?

A lady was telling an underprivileged child the story of Christmas and how this Babe grew up to be such a kind man and was always doing good to others. The child exclaimed, "I know him. He has been to our house!" The truth was: a kind man had visited them and brought them some food at Christmas. The thing that matters is: CAN WE SEE THE CHRIST AND CAN OTHERS SEE CHRIST IN US?

First Speaker (Luke 1:26-38)

We see the miraculous conception of the Son of God. It took this to make Him our Saviour. Not to believe that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost would be putting Him on the level with man. It would mean that His blood is not sufficient to cleanse us from sin. We stand in awe when we think of this! To give an explanation is almost more than can be done—but we believe by *faith* just what God's Word tells us.

I remember how Brother J. L. Welch explained this to the Free Will Baptist Doctrine Class when I was attending Bible College. It was something like this: God, in His great power reduced the Son of God Who was with Him in Heaven until He became the proper size and then He was implanted by the Holy Ghost into the womb of Mary. It is an act of God and is to be accepted by faith.

Second Speaker (Luke 2:1-20)

Pray with thanksgiving for what God has given to us in the birth of His Son!

It was not hard for the innkeeper to say, "No room in the inn" that eventful night—but he did not realize he was turning away the Son of God. Christ was born in a manger and destined to die

on a cross. That made the glory greater as the angels announced His birth. Turmoil, unrest and uncertainty crowd upon the world today as it did in that day. Human arms are too short and human hands are too weak to come to grips with sin and satan, but our *DELIVERANCE* has come in God's only begotten Son. "They that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

*He is our light for every night—
And courage for every fight,
Comfort for every sorrow and
Assurance for each tomorrow.
He is the Pilot in every storm,
Victory o'er evil in any form;*

HE ALONE IS OUR HOPE!

What a gift we may declare! He is all-sufficient . . . in the day of disappointment . . . the day of sickness . . . the day of heartbreak . . . the day of death . . . the day of danger . . . just *any day* you may name and He is able to keep you through it.

TUESDAY

THEME: "WE WOULD SEE JESUS IN HIS MINISTRY"

Song: "Bringing in the Sheaves"

Prayer: That our lives may be more like Christ's. **Use other** songs or prayers if desired.

Prayer: Our mission fields and missionaries in India, Japan and Brazil. (The Program-Prayer Chairman should have late requests from each of these fields.)

Leader: Scripture—John 3-16

This verse has often been called "A PORTRAIT OF LOVE." It expresses love in action. Wherever we see Jesus in His ministry, HE IS IN ACTION! The world Jesus was born into is a needy world . . . so needy that it cannot be helped of itself. It was necessary to bring a powerful expression of love before men if they were to repent. This love was to show to every man the folly, the emptiness and the vanity of the world that

is powerless to satisfy. To study the examples of Christ challenges our hearts. He went about doing good—always denying Himself.

First Speaker (John 9:1-12)

To be a Christian and walk with God means to expend energy in service for others. All about us are people in need just as there were when Jesus was here in person. Perhaps we cannot do all the great things He did, but *we can do something*. Our whole pattern of life must be governed by the Word of God. The distinctive element of life cannot be alone on *what I know I ought to do*. It must come in the area of what I *actually do*.

A young lady expressed it like this: "I used to be concerned as to what I **COULD NOT** do as a Christian. I have come to see it is much more important to see the things I *can do*."

Let us consider some things that a Christian **CAN DO**:

1. I can pray with the promise that God will hear.
2. I can read the Bible and claim its promises.
3. I can have compassion on those in need.
4. I can show concern for the unlovely, the unsaved and the unholy.
5. I can tell others what God can do for them on the basis of what He has done for me.
6. I can contribute in some way, large or small, to spread His gospel into all the world.
7. I can and **MUST** give an account at the judgment seat of Christ. (II Cor. 5:10)

Second Speaker (Mark 1:32-43)

With Jesus there was never a dull moment. We see Him rising early and often He spent the night in prayer. O, that we today could only get a glimpse of the urgency of the hour! Christians today must still follow His example if all peoples, tongues and races are to be evangelized. Our desperation should be

great enough that we would spend hours in prayer, then rise from our knees to go with the message of salvation. We dare not set up barriers against any for whom Christ died. He is a *UNIVERSAL CHRIST*! It is not enough to supply a physical need and not share the Bread of Life. At Christmas we may be tempted to take a basket of groceries, but not a package of love seasoned with a Christian testimony and the Word of God.

People are looking for Jesus! Can they see Him in you? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

WEDNESDAY

THEME: "WE WOULD SEE JESUS AS HE SUFFERED"

Song: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

Prayer: Pray for a deeper dedication of life.

Song: "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Prayer: For Africa, Central America and Cuba.

Leader:

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone?" is a question each one should ask herself and settle it now and forever. We are bought with the price of His own blood. He has a right to claim us and to expect loyalty, allegiance and faithfulness. We never found our Lord shirking a responsibility. He "suffered all" that we might live. The whole structure of Christian living is based on *UNSELFISHNESS*. Christ was a hero. Heroes existed in former days. We need heroes today. We cannot evangelize Africa, India or any other country unless we have those who will give themselves to the Lord.

First Speaker (Mark 15:9-38)

As we view the sufferings of the sinless Son of God, we should realize more fully our great responsibility to Him. Jesus was in an "all out" war against satan, and the Christian is still in that

war today. There is a battle on for the minds of men. There are millions in the world today *hungering for the truth*. False doctrines are sowing their literature.

How long has it been since you gave someone a gospel tract? Communism has seen the hunger for literature and is pouring tons of it into every country in the world—including ours. Our hearts should *burn* with a desire to **HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL INTO ALL THE WORLD!**

Pray for the lost in your community.

Second Speaker (Luke 22:39-48)

As we behold this scene in Gethsemane, it is not a scene of defeat but **VICTORY**. Jesus knew that the ultimate victory would be His death on the cross for the sins of the world. Cannot we gain a new dimension of life as we hear Him say, "Not My will but Thine be done?" God's purpose was being fulfilled step by step. Just as His Heavenly Father had a purpose for Him, so does He have a purpose for our lives. Sometimes people fritter away the best of their lives on pursuits of wealth, pleasure, etc., and wake up to the realization later that their lives have been devoted to trivial things. This is a lesson Jesus was trying to teach Martha. (Luke 10:4) He was trying to show her not to devote her time to "third rate" causes.

Emil Gauverau had this to say about himself: "I was a part of the strange race of people, best described as spending their lives doing things they detest; to make money they don't need; to buy things they don't want; to impress people they dislike." What a contrast to Paul's ring of victory he gives in II Timothy 4:7, 8.

THURSDAY

THEME: "WE SEE JESUS IN HIS CRUCIFIXION, RESURRECTION AND POWER"

Song: "He Was Nailed to the Cross"

Prayer: That we may view Calvary anew and the price paid for our sins.

Song: "Rock of Ages"

Special Prayer: Mission fields and missionaries of the U.S.A.

Leader: (Luke 23:20-46)

We have taken a view from the manger to the cross. Sometimes we do not like to think that this is a part of the Christmas story. But it is. The story is not complete without the ending. We cannot have Christmas without the Babe in Bethlehem — neither can we have Christmas without the *cross*.

The supreme revelation of Truth is at Calvary! We never come to the knowledge of our true state until we come to Calvary. Do we not stand amazed at the price that has been paid for our sins? We see people who live in the shadow of some dogma or doctrine hoping that it will suffice.

We must go to Calvary personally in repentance and there receive forgiveness and cleansing from our sin. We must know Him personally. He then becomes the **STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT** against which we test the validity of any teaching, doctrine, or practice.

First Speaker (Mark 16:1-10)

We should offer thanksgiving in humble gratitude for the marvelous power of God that brought our Lord forth from the grave making Him victorious over death, hell and the grave. I think we should take into consideration more earnestly the importance of *His resurrection*. (Read I Corinthians 15:12-20)

Second Speaker (John 20:19-21)

The unregenerated mind cannot grasp the truth in this Scripture. Jesus entered the room where His disciples were assembled with the **DOORS SHUT!** We believe, and, therefore, have faith in the **RESURRECTED CHRIST**. (It would be well to run some references in the Bible to use in this topic.)

We need to get the full emphasis of His message, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me: even so send I you." The peace He bestowed upon

them is the same peace the angels sang about the night He was born.

*The call is clear! A world of gloom
Awaits the light as when
There gathered in that upper room
Those stalwart fishermen.
A hungry world! Past ages dim,
What can we do but go for Him?*

FRIDAY

THEME: "THE GREAT COMMISSION"

Song: "Send the Light"

Prayer: That we may yield our lives to do His will.

Song: (Make your own selection.)

Prayer: For Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska and our missionaries there.

Leader: (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8)

Our Lord's commission is to "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL." Acts 1:8 tells us that this is to be *simultaneous*. While we are engaged in winning souls at home, we are also to be praying for mission work throughout the world. We are not only to pray, but give our tithes and offerings that those whom God has called to go in person may be supported. We must neither be far sighted nor near sighted.

Jesus taught us to "Look on the fields that are white unto harvest." Jesus majored in one thing: serving the Kingdom of God or doing His Father's will. Every Christian should make Christ's first objective his or her first objective, then, put those things which are secondary in their proper places.

First Speaker (Matthew 9:37, 38)

Get a mental picture of this sign: "WANTED: LABORERS IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD." Today, the great fields of the earth are the nations of people which are the golden grain ready for the harvest. The **MASTER'S CALL** is the same. He labors with only a small crew. He is calling for harvest hands whose vision is great enough to see beyond the ad-

vantages, comforts and ease of self—those who can discern spiritual values about material things.

The Lord needs laborers with compassionate hearts that realize the storm could break anytime and destroy the unreaped grain. This ripe grain can be found all around us:

1. Within our block or even at our door are those who are sin-blighted. They are looking to see Jesus in the life of the Christian. Have you told them about Him?

2. There are unsaved ones in the Sunday school class. A small field? Yes! But the grain is ripe and these can be a gold mine.

3. There are the elderly, the sick and the neglected. Where is the harvest hand that is dedicated to such a task? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

4. "White fields" are in the cities in our own U.S.A. Whatever community we would go into, whether town or country, we can find them. Do you have a *burning heart* for the asphalt jungles? The cry is, "WHO WILL GO FOR US?"

5. I am sure if we could get one look at the foreign mission fields today, our hearts would never be the same again. We know the grain is falling and the need is urgent.

We must have broken hearts for the souls of men! A religion that does not touch a person at the depth of his nature and that does not plow deep into his total resources is superficial.

When Jesus talked about treasurers in Heaven, He did not mean our "left overs" after we have had everything we want. He meant the *first fruits* of our increase. He meant the widow's two mites when she gave all she had. Paul spoke of churches who "gave liberally out of their poverty."

PRAY for a greater awakening of giving in our denomination.

Second Speaker (Luke 19:29-31)

All that the owner needed to be told concerning the use of this colt was "the

Lord hath need of him." I wonder if we are so easily persuaded to use what we possess at His command?

The Lord is still saying, "The Lord hath need . . ." — possibly of a son or a daughter, or a piece of land, or some of your money. To release the treasure would work no hardship on you, but if we are covetous we feel almost poverty stricken.

Sometimes the treasure that God needs has been held for so long and has become such a part of us that to let go is a painful wrenching. Our attitude concerning our treasures on earth should be that of Livingstone's motto: "I count nothing of value save in its relation to our Lord Jesus Christ."

There is more to following Jesus than most people are willing to accept—because it demands more than most people are willing to give. We need to take into consideration the things our Lord was willing to give. We need to take into consideration the things our Lord was willing to give for us. He gave His all without reservation.

What am I willing to give to Him? More prayer? More witnessing? More love to mankind? More time to the church and His cause? More money? He is seeking more of you. Will you give what He asks?

A prayer of dedication:

Third Speaker:

*God writes the drama, sets the stage,
And plays the leading part.
But down each countless age on age
He teaches love's great art.
To us He speaks His sacred Word
Points where our feet should go,
By Him alone our hearts are stirred;
From Him does guidance flow.
The curtain rises and life sings!
And we, so slow of heart,
Emerging from the stage's wings
To play our little part!
In every time, oh, does not He
Need men to cry, "SEND ME!
SEND ME!"*



thru the LETTER BOX

Drumright, Okla. — There were 47 ladies present for the Auxiliary Meeting. Guests included three district auxiliaries—Oilton, Cushing, and Silver City. . . . It was a wonderful program.

—ELSIE KELLER

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The Capitol Hill Auxiliary had guest speakers during the Missionary Conference. They were Rev. and Mrs. Deed, Rev. Postlewaite, Rev. Willey, and Rev. Payne. We also had three cottage prayer meetings in the homes of shut-ins.

—MAYE INGLE

Northside Turley, Okla.—We met at the home of Mrs. Verdell Stokes for a wonderful Bible Study on the 7th chapter of Matthew. We have had a very inspiring study course on the Bible which extended for two weeks. Our Auxiliary planned a banquet for the men and women of our church. . . . We had our program from our Co-Laborer book with 17 attending.

—ROBERTA MESSER

Kirkville, Mo.—Two new Auxiliaries have been organized within the last few months. They are the Cuba Auxiliary and the North Side Auxiliary in St. Louis.

—MRS. LESTER JONES

Northeast Missouri — The Northeast Missouri District Convention engaged in a project by sending out baskets of fruit

and cookies to the shut-ins. They have given individual gifts to the children in the Children's Home at Greeneville, Tennessee. The youth, under the direction of the District Youth Chairman, Maisie Sevits, made a tray card for each elderly person in the Nursing Homes in Kirksville.

Henderson, Texas—The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas, reports that three Youth Auxiliaries have been organized. Mrs. Dovie Fears is sponsor of the YPAs. They organized with six members. A Go-Tell Auxiliary was organized with four members and Mrs. Louise Fears is the sponsor of this group. Our Missionary Midgets organized with two members. Mrs. Eunice Jordan is sponsor for this group. We have many prospects and we know our small group will grow.

—MRS. JUANITA PARKER

Lawnwood, Okla.—For our Week of Prayer, we had an all day service. Several Auxiliaries met with us and each auxiliary had a topic. We had a good service.

—BESSIE MANGRUM

Norman, Okla.—We organized just one year ago with eight members. Since that time we have continued to grow. We now have a total of seventeen members.

—RUTH TURMAN

Bethel, Ill.—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary of WNAC, directed a study course for our auxiliary.

Beacon, Mo.—We now have a Missionary Midgets Auxiliary. Dixie Green is the sponsor. Our monthly project was an offering of \$13.45 for Alaskan Missions. The GTAs also sent \$4.00.

—RUTH POSTLEWAITE

Flat River, Mo.—The Woman's Auxiliary officers are: Genevieve White, president; Eileen Head, vice-president; Jean Blakely, secretary; Oma Barker, treasurer; Lizzie Williams, study course

chairman; Edith Keeney, program prayer chairman; Marion Wilson, personal service chairman; Jean Blakeley, youth chairman.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Victory Church met with nineteen present. We decided to make fruit baskets for the sick.

—DOROTHY RANDLEMAN

Vancouver, Wash.—The Woman's Auxiliary of Vancouver has begun several projects. An emergency kitchen is being set up for the needy. An offering was taken for Dr. and Mrs. Miley, missionaries in Africa.

Silver City, Okla.—Our Auxiliary visited the Oilton Auxiliary and the following month they returned the visit. We enjoyed the fellowship and dinner with 25 present.

Weleetka, Okla.—Our pastor, Brother Curtis Hogue, met with us and gave a talk on Missions, which we all enjoyed very much.

—VIRGIE BLANKENSHIP

Petaluma, Calif.—The Woman's Auxiliary prepared a basket containing food and gifts for a needy family.

—NANCY MARTIN

Flat River, Mo.—Rev. and Mrs. James F. Miller were adopted as our part in WITNESSING THROUGH APPRECIATION. God has richly blessed our Auxiliary. We have all four of the youth groups and many blessings are enjoyed by those working in those capacities.

—JEAN BLAKELEY

Kerman, Calif.—Several of our ladies have been attending classes on Child Evangelism taught by Pauline Miller. They organized a Good News Bible Club in the home of Mrs. Miller. The Club quickly outgrew the home. They now meet on Tuesday evenings from 4 to 5

p.m. It began with nineteen members, and it has increased to an enrollment of 48, with an average attendance of 30. Due to the large number, the Club now meets in the Church social hall. Plans are being made to begin two additional Clubs in homes. This is a wonderful work. We have been able to reach many children who do not go to church anywhere.

—ELSIE KEMP

Mendota, Mo.—The morning was spent cleaning our church. Lunch was served outside at the noon hour. The business meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Leona Logsdon presiding.

Kirkville, Mo.—The North-East District Youth Rally decided to make plans for a Youth Bible Conference. These plans came to fruition when a quartet from Free Will Baptist College came to conduct the conference. As we evaluate this conference, we feel it was very profitable. It was a time of revival as the Holy Spirit moved on hearts challenging them for greater service to Him. This was the first attempt made to sponsor a Bible Conference in this District. The response was very good.

Leadington, Mo.—We have been having a series of book studies. We have just completed "GROWING UP FOR GOD." Our president told us of the needs of the Billows in Mexico and we voted to send \$35.00 to help them.

—ANNA LINCOLN

St. Louis, Mo.—The ladies of the Northside Church met and organized under the direction of the State Auxiliary President, Mrs. Lucille Beatty with eleven present. Officers elected were: Lela Dann, president; Jean Cook, vice-president; Millie Dodson, secretary-treasurer; Bertie Templeton, corresponding secretary; Lillie Poole, youth chairman; Peggy Giunta, program-prayer chairman; Kay Case, study course chairman; Betty Poole, personal service chairman.

—BERTIE TEMPLETON

Wenatchee, Wash.—Members of the Wenatchee Auxiliary turned in miniature aprons with an offering in the pockets. The amount was equal to a penny per inch of waistline. No one complained when members gave more than necessary. The money will be sent to the BILL PHIPPS' account.

Newport, Tenn.—**Cocke County High School Honor Students for 1962-63 Announced.** "Terry Horton Dover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dover, 407 Woodland Drive, ranked number one in the senior class of Cocke County High School with an average of 96.74.

Terry is active in the high school Beta Club. He attends First Free Will Baptist Church where he is assistant pianist and assistant Sunday School teacher of the young people. Terry plans to enter the University of Tennessee this fall majoring in Medicine."

(Editor's note: Our heartiest CONGRATULATIONS, Terry! Continue faithfully in your YPA!)

Another YPA member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Martha Hughes, was among five CCHS Choral students who recently were in Mars Hill where they performed in the Mars Hill Choral Clinic.

Bryan, Tex.—Mrs. Ernest Gregg is the newly installed president of the First Free Will Baptist Church Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. L. Vance installed the officers Sunday. A tea and fellowship followed the installation.

Savannah, Ga.—Nothing but good reports are in order from the Go-Tell Auxiliary and the Missionary Midgets. Mrs. Mary Sheehan, Director, reports an attendance of 30 children last week plus a number of helpers. These ladies are doing a wonderful job with the children.

—FIRST F.W.B. REMINDER

Arlington, Va.—"Our Woman's Auxiliary continues to grow. Everything we do is centered around missions and God is really blessing. We have sixteen mem-

bers—all active. We are working with the State of Virginia on the "Wheels for Waids" project. Also, we are sending food boxes to our home missionaries.

Each month we "visit" one of our mission fields and get acquainted. This has been a real blessing to each member."

—LOU WALKER

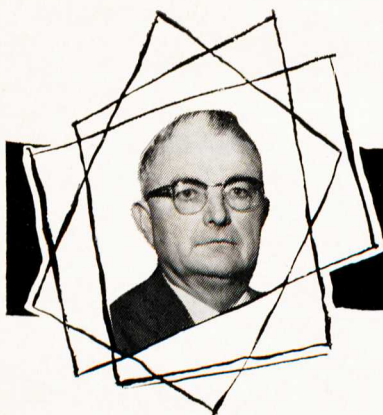
Nashville, Tenn. — Miss Katherine Harris, member of Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, recently issued a request through the church bulletin for *excerpts of letters from missionaries*. They were used in a special program feature of the Woman's Auxiliary meeting. The letters were handled confidentially and were used mostly for background material. Mrs. Art Norris, mother of Mrs. L. D. Miley, saw the Cofer's bulletin with the request for letters and graciously shared some recent news from her own "children" in Africa, as well as two letters from other missionary friends—Bill and Joy Jones and Glenda and Bill Fulcher.

Moultrie, Ga.—For our State project this year, we plan to purchase a 33mm Movie Camera, a tape recorder and the Calvert School Course for the Wilkinsons.

Nashville, Tenn.—A district GTA Fellowship was recently held at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Billy Melvin, CDWA Youth Chairman. All local GTA's, Junior Master's Men, and all boys and girls, ages 9-12, were invited to the Fellowship. Skits, special music, games, and fellowship were on the agenda to make this a very outstanding experience for the boys and girls.

Wichita, Kan.—A good time of fellowship and prayer was recently enjoyed by the Woman's Auxiliary. An offering of \$10.95 was received for the home mission work in Kansas.

Inez, Ky.—Mrs. Elmer Lafferty recently entertained the Woman's Auxiliary of the Inez Free Will Baptist Church. Delectable refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Lafferty and Mrs. Russell Webb.



suffer the children

WHY Do Teenagers Get Into Trouble?

By DELMER T. PRIEST, Director of the Juvenile Bureau;
Deacon, First F.W.B. Church — Richmond, California

Our Nation's crime problem is growing in both size and intensity. During the past decade, crime has nearly doubled in the United States. It is outnumbering our population growth by more than four to one. Today, in this great land of ours, a vicious crime of violence—a murder, forcible rape or assault with intent to kill—is committed every three minutes. There is a robbery every six minutes, a burglary every 39 seconds, and 37 cars stolen every hour. The most SHOCKING aspect of this mounting crime problem is the role played by *youth*. Nowhere is the tragic failure of American parents more dramatically demonstrated than in police records—which show that nearly one-half of the arrests for burglaries and larcenies, and almost two-thirds of the auto theft arrests each year involve persons LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD.

Over 60% of the girls who married when they were under 18 years of age were "expectant mothers" at the time of their marriages.

IN WHICH CATEGORY IS YOUR DAUGHTER?

Mothers, your daughter will enter into one of three basic social spheres of life.

The one she enters will be determined by the teaching and examples you are giving her.

(1) The first group of girls has been taught from babyhood about the origin of life. Their questions have been answered frankly and truthfully. This group is small in number.

(2) The second group has obtained their information from "dirty" conversations, vile, or vulgar stories told in an atmosphere of *mystery* and *evil*. This group is the LARGEST!

(3) The third group is entirely ignorant of the beginning of life and the meaning of love. Many languages in the world do not know the word "LOVE"—whereas the term "LUST" is known the world over. To many young girls, the words "LOVE" and "LUST" have the same meaning. "LUST" makes a temptress of girls and women. (Proverbs 7:21-27)

There is a brighter side to this picture. With the help and teaching of a good Christian mother, they can cultivate the power of self-control and the sense of responsibility. Just being a mother who goes to church on Sunday is not enough. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST MUST BE FIRST IN EVERYTHING!

THE TRAGIC RESULT OF FORGETTING GOD

Let me tell you about a mother whose daughter came to my attention a few weeks ago. This mother at one time was a Sunday School teacher in a church not far from the Police Station. The Lord had given her and her husband two fine children—a boy and a girl. The boy grew up to be a fine young man! The girl, at the age of 17, walked into my office with tears in her eyes. She said, "Sergeant Priest, I want to be taken to Juvenile Hall." This came as a surprise to me, knowing the girl and her parents as I did. I questioned Mary as to why she wanted to go to the Hall. She stated she was having trouble at home, that her parents nagged at her continually, and that she just could not stand her home any longer.

After talking to Mary for some time, I called her parents. Her parents were so shocked they hardly knew what to say! I asked them, without Mary's knowledge, to come to the Police Station. When the parents arrived, they were at a loss as to why Mary would want to be taken into custody and placed in Juvenile Hall. Along with the Policewoman, I questioned Mary further to learn that she was three months pregnant and what she had told me concerning her parents was not true.

I will not go into all the details, but I will tell you I had two heart-broken parents in my office. They could look back about five or six years and see where they had made a tragic mistake of forgetting God. They had let television take the place of God in their lives. Until about six years ago, they had attended church on Sunday mornings and league and church on Sunday nights. After Mary was old enough to go to league with her girlfriend, Mom and Dad stayed home to watch the Sunday night T.V. programs. They had lost all interest in the church. Mary, knowing that Mom and Dad were home watching T.V., did not stay for church after League. She and her girlfriend would meet their boyfriends, whom their parents did not

know and who were much older than the girls. Remember . . . Mary had gone to church all her life, but now, more than ever, **SHE NEEDED A CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S INFLUENCE!** Would Mary have left the church if her parents had continued attending faithfully???

EVERY MOTHER NEEDS A SELF-EXAMINATION

Mother, how about your church attendance? Are you too busy to attend the Woman's Auxiliary? League? Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings? Are you too busy to teach a Sunday School class? If so, you are too busy to set a good example before your daughter. Don't blame the school, nor the Police Force, nor anyone else should your daughter get into trouble as Mary did.

I don't know about your church . . . but we have several parents in our church who have gotten into the same habit as Mary's Mom and Dad. Unless we as parents have a spiritual awakening and accept our responsibilities toward our children, I can see nothing but heartache and sorrow. Do not blame someone else should your child become involved in crime and sin! Put the blame where it belongs—**ON THE HOME!** Parents are guilty!!

THE REAL TRUTH: "PARENTAL" DELINQUENCY

I was in a home some months ago where both the parents and their seventeen-year-old daughter are members of a church. It was heartbreaking to hear the girl "sass" her parents and to see her light up a cigarette. My heart began to go out to these parents. But then, I began thinking—something had caused this girl to lose respect, not only for God, but for her parents as well.

Mothers, you may be active in your church, a leader in the auxiliary, respected by other church members—but if your daughter falls into the above category, the chances are **YOU HAVE FAILED TO SET THE RIGHT EXAMPLE!!!**

CALL TO PRAYER

—(From Page 3)

The cost for training the Mexican Indians in our Bible School is \$20.00 per student. Remember these needs in your prayers—then, be faithful to respond to the Holy Spirit should He direct you to support a student.

THE MISSIONARIES

... Sharing

"Greetings from Hawaii! . . . The burden of the souls here that we need to be ministering to is tremendous and would be sufficient to have to carry, but I am not just a missionary-pastor, but a builder (carpenter, plumber, electrician, etc.)

Then there is the burden of \$50,000 which is constantly staring us in the face and the problem of raising that amount while we are still at our post of duty. Please pray much for us and help us all you can.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who has contributed so regularly and faithfully to our account and to the Pearl Harbor Fund."

—LUTHER, HELEN AND BRENDA SANDERS

"Greetings Friends: . . . The Church of Monterrey has 150 active members. These people were saved through the presentation of the Gospel message, and trained with care and much prayer. Everyone of these Christians is a tither. Not a single one refuses to give the Lord what belongs to Him including his or her life. The first lesson these Christians learned was how to know they were lost and then how to know they were saved. Later, they were taught that God has always reserved one PART FOR HIMSELF. Even in the Garden of Eden, there was something that man had to tend to, had a right to handle but never to partake of . . . Stewardship is our inheritance when we become the sons of

God. It penetrates every phase of our lives. We are the stewards of God over everything that He gives us to keep."

—ARTURO AND JENELL VILLOS

Dear Mrs. Edwards,

"The Lord has been so very good to us, especially these days of what normally would have been days of heavy expenses. The ladies at an evangelical community church (that we sometimes visit) in the Canal Zone got together and gave me a lovely shower—the big item was a blonde crib, complete with mattress. In Panama City it would have cost about \$75.00. We hadn't dreamed of such a thing, but then we never know how the Lord will choose to meet our needs . . ."

—RUTH WILLEY

Dear Friends,

" . . . We give thanks for the way the Lord has blessed us and our work and kept us by His grace. He has abundantly supplied our needs and our work has grown. We have had as many as 68 in our Sunday School at the hall with an average of 40. Our services in the various homes are well-attended and many are becoming acquainted with the Gospel. Recently a new work was begun on a small farm nearby. . . . This past week at mid-week prayer service four made decisions to accept Christ. . . . We have several to baptize soon and are very pleased with the progress some are making in their spiritual lives.

. . . Our heartfelt thanks for your support in every way."

—THE WILKINSONS

Dear Friends,

"We closed out a very successful six-day meeting with Ken and Marvis Eagleton in the Campinas church. . . . There was an average attendance of 140 each night with crowds over 200 three nights. There were 27 first time decisions, 24 of which were made in one service. Pray for these new converts.

Our family is happy and well for which we are thankful. We don't have babies

anymore—our girls are growing so fast. Debra is four and Rebecca is three.

... May the Lord bless you for your part in world missions ... "

—BOBBY AND SUE AYCOCK

Dear Ones:

... This section of the country is experiencing a very acute famine. Very little rain and almost no harvest for five years has brought extreme hardship. ... Assistance is coming from a World Relief Fund which has just made very limited funds available. ... Harold is responsible for all distribution in an area of 75,000 square miles.

The Women's Bible School is my (Josephine) "heart's love," and what a joy this year to finally count over 126 women sitting before me ready to be taught the Word for two full weeks. They have asked that it be taught for three weeks instead of two! "We travel so far to learn the Word and just don't learn enough in two weeks ... "

—HAROLD AND JOSEPHINE STEVENS

Dear Fellow laborers,

... We have been especially busy; thus, it is difficult to find time to write. However, with the increasing responsibilities we feel more than ever our need of your continued support in prayer. It is only by the power of the Lord that we shall be able to accomplish the tasks set before us.

During the first 16 days of 1963 that the clinic has been officially opened, we have had about 600 new patients. The two of us have the responsibility of ministering to their physical needs so you can understand why these days are busy ones for us. We have been indeed grateful for the supplies sent to us by the various woman's auxiliaries and groups in our local churches back home. However, there are always supplies that we find necessary to purchase here and this means added expense. We thank the Lord that He has seen fit to supply these needs and we thank Him for you who give that these needs may be met.

The Sunday morning class continues to be a blessing to us as well as a challenge. Our attendance recently has been about 50-60. Several have prayed in recent weeks and now we have begun a midweek class of Bible study especially for the new converts. As important as is the medical ministry, we feel that it is secondary to this all-important task of bringing souls to the Saviour. Do continue to pray for us that in all things we might have the guidance and blessings of the Lord that His will may be accomplished through us.

—DR. AND MRS. MILEY

THE CHRISTIAN PILOT

(TO MY SON, NATHANAEL)

Pilot, check your instruments, your load,
And all your safety things,
Seek through the clouds an op'ning road,
And the Lord protect your wings.
Swing your prop, and go again,
Missionaries at your side;
Seek those souls in jungle wide,
For whom your Christ has also died.
Fly pilot, through the lonesome blue,
And the Lord protect you there,
We know your heart is brave and true,
For Christ alone you do and dare!
Down below they're shrinking heads,
Go swiftly little Gospel plane,
They kill because their souls are dead.
Go pilot, go and go again!
Christian pilots with consecration,
By the wings of aviation,
Go ye swift to every nation,
With the message of salvation!

BY LAWRENCE SAINT, APRIL 4, 1953

If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From the night, and toss it over
A continent or sea;
If the petaled white notes
Of a violin
Are blown across a mountain
Or a city's din;
If songs, like crimson roses,
Are culled from the thin blue air—
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?

—ETHEL ROMIG FULLER

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

—(From Page 5)

don't worry about me. I am going to a wonderful place. I won't need these clothes any longer. Don't you see these beautiful white clothes that the Lord is giving me? Don't you see them? It is so wonderful." Thus Suphul died.

This is a simple testimony of one who had been a Christian a very short time. Because of this testimony, I am assured that she had accepted Christ—in spite of the language barrier that might have prevented her understanding the message and all the other problems involved. He is able if we will only trust Him.

What has been the result of this testimony? I do not know all the results, but at least five of the persons who were baptized this spring knew Suphul. Perhaps her testimony had a part in their decision to follow Christ. I feel certain that some day those of you who have prayed for the people of West Dinajpur District will meet this precious soul in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is also a discouraging side to this story. Several months after Suphul's death, we learned that her father had been baptized a number of years ago in another area. Apparently he was never born again. Even his children did not know of this baptism. There is no evidence that his daughter's testimony had touched him. Whether in India, U.S.A., or anywhere else in the world, nominal Christianity is a blight to the church and the cause of Christ as a whole.

3. WHAT CAN WE DO?

What can we, as Auxiliary ladies, do about this nominal Christianity, which is found all over the world? I feel that we will have to deal with it as individuals and I think there are three things which each one of us should do. (a) First of all, we must be sure that we ourselves are born again. Let us ask ourselves, "Am I trusting in my church membership for salvation? Am I trusting in my own good works? Am I trusting in some-

thing else, or is my trust in Jesus Christ only? In John 14:6, which we quoted earlier, Jesus says, "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." I am sure that most of us are born again, but if you are not, take Him as your personal Saviour today! (b) Secondly, let us maintain a vital, live relationship with the Lord. The devil is constantly striving to get us to become indifferent and to forget that our Saviour is a PERSON—not something abstract. If your husband arrived home from work one evening to find you so busy doing things for him that you failed to speak to him all evening, would he think that was a sign of love? I fear we often act that way with the Lord. We are so concerned about what we are doing to serve Him that we forget that He wants *Us*!

One day a little boy came running in from playing outside and called, "Mommy, look what I made."

His eyes were gleaming and he was so excited that the mother did not want to disappoint him. But all she saw were two balls of clay dirt, one on top of the other.

Tactfully, she replied, "Yes, dear, it is nice. What is it?"

His only reply was, "LOOK!"

"I see, but what is it?"

Finally, somewhat crest-fallen, the little boy said, "It is a beautiful lady."

Just as the little boy saw a beautiful lady in those two balls of clay, the Lord Jesus sees a "beautiful lady" in you and me. He wants to make us into that "beautiful lady" through a constant, vital relationship with Himself.

(c) Thirdly, we should let His love flow through us to the world. Our Lord left the command that we are to be witnesses for Him. As we show His love to the world and lead others to Him, we are helping them to be ready to share the beautiful home that He has promised those who love Him.

ARISE, SHINE

—(From Page 7)

"Jesus" and "Pray." At two and a half years old, she is a little "missionary" to her playmates. She is always singing choruses and quoting scripture verses. She tells them she goes to Sunday School to learn about Jesus. I'll admit that it is only "child talk," but there are many of us who fail to witness that much.

Another thing we must use is discipline. We live in an age when parents are in the background. Children make the decisions. This modern version is of Satan. In Colossians 3:20, we find God's way. In order to get results from this verse, we must first practice Proverbs 13:24. A child taught to obey will grow up with love and respect for his parents.

Finally, and of great importance, approach God's throne daily for strength and vision to face the many problems that confront us during the day. With God's guidance we cannot go wrong.

Mothers, our job is to be God-fearing and God-loving mothers. The teaching we give today makes the America of tomorrow. **ARISE AND SHINE** so that the glorious light of the Gospel will not be hid from our children."

Zylphia is a very dedicated mother and truly her home is her mission field. Mother, how about your home? Are your children saved? Do you have a family altar? Do you tell them about the love of God? If they are old enough, have you told them the plan of salvation? Or do you leave that to the Sunday School teacher?

Remember, mother, God has given you a great possession! Truly the "HOME IS A MISSION FIELD."

3. WASTED YEARS

Mrs. Mildred Foltz, a native of Virginia, is an inspiration to our Auxiliary, as well as our church. She is not an elderly woman, but she is our "church mother." Her life is lived daily to glorify Christ and to help others.

Mrs. Foltz ponders her wasted years:

"I wasted the best years of my life, but with God's help I want to live the rest of my life in His service. Coming from a Christian home where the plan of salvation was revealed to me at an early age, I accepted Christ while very young. For a while, I was very zealous for the Lord. Tragedy struck our home with the death of my father. Somewhere along the line I drifted from the Lord. I no longer had faith that He cared for me. I went to church only occasionally, and seldom ever read the Bible or prayed. Since I had had Christian training, I knew this was no way to live. As a result, I carried a constant burden of guilt. I was never happy or content, but I was always anxious and worried.

Years passed and I had a home of my own. Again tragedy struck with the death of my oldest son. My heart was filled with bitter rebellion. I could not reconcile myself to accept this "bitter experience." Finally, my burden became greater than I could bear. I began to pray again. I prayed for forgiveness for my lack of faith, for doubting God's love for me, and for all my sins. When I finally learned to say, "Lord, not my will, but Thine be done," I began to find peace for my tormented soul. Although many years of my life were "wasted," it is my earnest desire that by the grace of God, the remaining years will be lived in the service of our Lord and Master."

Mrs. Foltz is very "missions-minded" and it is her desire to help our church teach and support missions.

Examine Your Auxiliary:

- (a) Are we as individuals, as well as a group, teaching missions in our church?
- (b) Do our young people know our missionaries by name and on what fields they are serving?
- (c) As an auxiliary member, do you know the needs and prayer requests of our mission families? These can be secured by writing the individual missionaries or by writing WNAC.

SOWING IN AFRICA

—(From Page 9)

the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: but other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

The heart of a child is the best ground to sow in because it brings forth fruit more readily than any other. One such person, Kouame, came to know the Lord shortly after we arrived in Goumère. He is a school boy of about 15 years of age. We were able to reach him and others like him through the medium of the French language. He was desirous of seeing other members of his family saved also. His cousin, whom he calls his brother (as is the custom in Africa), also became a Christian. Later, the two of them led still another member of the family to the Lord. As I visited his compound, I came to know other members of his family. There was his maternal uncle to whom he had been given according to custom. This man is a devout fetishist and once expressed to Kouame that if the whole village became Christian, he alone would remain true to his fetish.

What was his fetish? My heart was moved to heartbreaking compassion as I gazed time and again upon the object of his worship. How could his eyes be so blinded and his understanding so darkened to believe it could help him! Before his door stood a piece of branch with a few chicken feathers and cowry shells tied to the top of it. At the base were pieces of broken glass stuck into the ground. If one looked closely, he could see dark stains on it which represented the blood sacrifice he offered to it every Friday. He tried to induce Kouame and his brother to eat of the meat offered to this fetish. But they would often go hungry all day rather than partake of it. Would you like to be in his place trusting in a stock of a tree to protect and deliver you?

Still another member of his family whom I came to know was his mother.

She is a slight woman of about forty with a ready smile on her face. As a young girl, she had wanted to marry Asare, a very likeable, but moody young man. The families did not agree to the marriage, so they did not marry; however, out of wedlock a son was born, Kouame. Asare now has a couple of wives. Kouame's mother married, but after a few years of marriage, her husband told her he no longer loved her, so they separated. Shortly before we left to come home, she married again.

As I visited her from time to time, I could usually find her sitting on a low stool before an open fire preparing a meal, or maybe just resting if it was not a work day. I could not always find her at home because African women, and she especially, do a lot of visiting in other villages. They go to visit their relatives and often stay over night.

Whenever I found her at home, I would usually take a stool and seat myself on the opposite side of the fire and we would talk. It wasn't until recently that I was able to carry on a decent conversation without an interpreter. You may wonder what African women talk about. Well, women are about the same the world over. They are interested in food, clothing and especially children. They would have large families if it were not for the fact that so many children die in infancy. Kouame's mother, too, has lost some children.

In the course of our conversation, whenever the opportunity presented itself, I would witness to her. Sometimes she would just laugh. At other times it seemed that her heart was touched and she promised to visit our church. Her promise caused my hopes to soar high because women have been hard to reach in our area. They are the custodians of their religion and it is hard for them to break away. Even as in America where women are often the backbone of the church—as in Africa—women are more faithful, generally speaking, to their religion.

One Sunday morning I went to her compound, but she was not there. As I began

to leave, I caught a glimpse of her coming up between some houses. She might have had the impulse to avoid me (as often they will do if they feel guilty about something), but she knew I had seen her. In her hand was a rosary. After the usual greetings, I asked her if she had gone to the Catholic church. She replied, "Yes." She explained that her latest husband was a Catholic and he had requested that she attend his church. I felt like crying. I knew my disappointment would be shared by Kouame who, too, desired to see his mother become a Christian and who, too, had spoken to her about salvation. I bade her farewell and turned to rejoin my husband.

She had chosen the wide road. She did not have to give up her old way of life. A few new fetishes had now been added to those she already possessed. Her life had not been a happy one. Could she be happy in her new found religion? Temporarily perhaps, I thought, as I remembered the look of satisfaction on her face as she fingered the beads of her rosary. There could be no lasting joy or peace because she had not met the One who came to bring peace. Her heart still carried the load of sin.

As we were traveling on to the next village, I wondered how I would be able to teach feeling so discouraged. The response from women was so slow. In this second village where we went, there was a group of Christian young men, but women simply would not come to the meetings. I invited them, but they were either too shy or too busy. So I began taking my flannelgraph material and setting it up in one of their compounds. Teaching with the flannelgraph material worked fine until I explained that, according to God's Word, all are sinners and in need of a Savior. This brought their wrath upon me and for several weeks, three or four of the women would not talk to me and many others were very cool. I then began talking to them individually and witnessing as the occasion presented itself. Before we left to come home, those who had quit talking to me started answering my greetings

again and asking questions. I felt that some ground had been gained and that one day I would see them won to Christ!

4. THE SOWER EXPECTS A HARVEST

"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." (II Corinthians 9:6)

If the soil is good and the rain is plentiful, and if all the weeds have been kept chopped down, our people can expect a good harvest. This is a time of rejoicing! After a summer of hard work and waiting, they can enjoy the fruits of their labors. They have a season of merrymaking when they give thanks to the spirits of departed ancestors for the crop. If they have been lazy and not planted much, they, of course, will not reap much and their yams will run out before the new ones are grown.

The Word of God has been sown widely among our people. Women have responded, but not in as great proportion as the men. I have been encouraged by one village in particular where the response from women has been good. The fetish priest is pretty powerful there and after an epidemic of Asiatic flu when many of the children died, we were asked to give up the room in which we were worshipping. Also, a young girl who wanted to become a Christian was forbidden to do so by her future husband. Yet, in spite of these obstacles, we have a group of young women who have given themselves to Christ.

It is our duty to sow, someone else may water, BUT GOD WILL GIVE THE INCREASE! If we continue to sow bountifully, God will, even as He has promised, build His Church among the Abrons.

MISSOURI ADOPTS PROJECT

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary is endeavoring to raise **Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00)** for a plot of ground and the erection of a temporary place for worship in **Uruguay!!!**

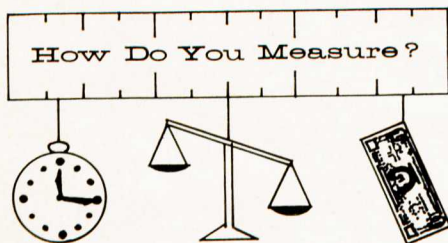
PROGRAM HELPS

By MRS. REEDY SAVERANCE,
South Carolina

FOR JULY'S PROGRAM . . .

"Wall of Fame"—Prepare posters of the various Bible teachings referred to in the program and place them on the wall. Print the Scripture references on the posters, and if no one in your group can draw suitably, select pictures from magazines, and paste (or tape) them to the posters. Refer to these during the program—"The Wall of Fame."

FOR SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM . . .



"How Do You Measure?"—Following the last topic, have one lady present this object lesson. Use as your attention getter an oversize cardboard yardstick. Mark off the inches. Print in the middle, "HOW DO YOU MEASURE?" Place three hooks on the bottom.

TIME "Do you measure by the hour?" Place a cardboard replica of a clock on the first hook.

TALENT "Do you measure by the amount?" Place a pair of scales on the second hook.

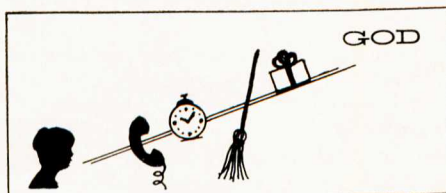
POSSESSIONS "Do you measure by the length?" Place a cardboard dollar bill that has been stretched on the last hook.

"As a Sower of the Word, How Do You Measure?"

"Share in Prayer"—At the beginning of the program, ask each lady to write a prayer request. Have paper and pencils ready to pass out. Place these requests in a box. (You may choose to have an attractively covered small box.) At the end of the program, have each lady draw out a prayer request and remember that one in prayer each day until the next meeting. You may make this a regular practice if your group so desires.

AN ADDITIONAL HELP

By MRS. RONNIE MALONE,
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"Daily Interruptions in Our Prayer Line to God"

(Use a flannel board.)

1. Black silhouette of a lady.
2. Cord or ribbon for line.
3. Letters printed—G-O-D—cut from construction paper.
4. Plastic telephone rattler.
5. "Paper-cut-out" of a clock (the time showing you slept late).
6. A broom or dust mop made by gluing a broom straw or string to an artist's paint brush.
7. A small ring box or aspirin box gift-wrapped (shopping) . . . These four things may be substituted with other ideas.

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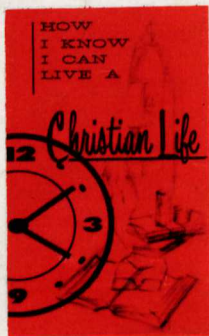
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