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WITH SERIOUS ISSUES IN LIFE,
HOW WILL YOU GUIDE HER?**

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WNAC Watchword:

"The Word of God is not Bound"
(2 Timothy 2:9)

WNAC Theme:

"Compel Them to Come In"
(Luke 14:23)

WNAC Hymn:

"All Hail the Power"

THREE DIMENSIONAL STUDY COURSES

KNOWING
CARING
SHARING

By Georgia Hill
WNAC Study Course Chairman

THE THREE dimensions of a practical study course are **knowing, caring, and sharing.** When women know, they care; then they will share.

Through the mail come various responses to study courses held in local groups. One lady writes, "Our study courses often seem such feeble, futile attempts." Another states, "Our auxiliary has studied all the books on the list." (She requests more books.)

Whether we realize it or not, God has blessed every sincere effort of our study course chairmen. He has supplemented with His blessings those which seemed feeble. He definitely has used us to "help our churches teach and support missions."

J. Reford Wilson, Director of the Board of Foreign Missions, stated during an interview at the 1964 WNAC Breakfast that he believed study courses sponsored by woman's auxiliaries through the years have contributed greatly to the increase of missionary interest and support in our denomination.

This should be a challenge to our study course chairmen. We must intensify our efforts toward regular and efficient study with this 3-dimensional aim in mind: **knowing, caring, and sharing.**

Make plans now to lead your auxiliary into a regular program of study this year. Order your 1964-65 WNAC Approved Book List. Information concerning study course requirements and the Standard of Achievement Chart is included with the book list. Note the new area of study, Christian Living, adopted by WNAC.

SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF STUDY FOR THIS YEAR

- January..... Stewardship
(See 4th quarter '64 Co-Laborer for program.)
- February..... Christian Living
(New area of study. See book list.)
- March—April..... Foreign Missions or Prayer
(May be conducted during Pre-Easter Season of Prayer.)
- May..... Evangelism or Child Evangelism
- June—September..... Youth Guidance
- October..... Manual of Methods
- November..... Prayer or Home Missions
(May be conducted during Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer.)

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The Word of God Is Not Bound

Paul is bound. He is in prison. But his tongue and pen are not bound. He can still teach those who come to him and he can dictate letters to others. While he himself is wearing chains, he knows God's Word cannot be bound by any restraints imposed by man . . . nor by persecution, false doctrine, or false

philosophy.

Manuel Garcia, who was captured during the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion, has given thrilling testimony to the power of the Word. While in a Cuban prison he was delivered from a shameful life of sin and darkness by reading the New Testament.

One incident in **Mutiny on the Bounty**, a true story, is seldom told. The mutineers sank their ship and landed on the lonely island of Pitcairn. There were nine British soldiers, six Tahitian men, ten women, and a girl of fifteen. One of the men discovered a method to distill alcohol and the island colony became debauched with drunkenness and vice. After a time only one of the white sailors who had landed still survived. He was surrounded by women and children. Alexander Smith found in one of the chests that was taken from the **Bounty** a Bible. He began to teach his fellow exiles the Word which resulted in his own life being changed and ultimately the life of the entire colony. In 1808 the United States ship, **Topaz**, visited the island and found a thriving community without liquor, a jail, or crime. The Word of God had changed the life of that entire island!

There was a time when the Bible was chained. Only a chosen few were permitted to read it. Superstition took the place of the gospel.

But God called Wycliffe and Tyndale to loosen His Word in the language of the common people.

The American Bible Society continues to translate God's Word into the languages men are learning to read and seeks to distribute it in unprecedented quantities so desperately needed in this age. The message of this Book is entirely relevant in this new space age. The Bible is the Book for our time and all time.

Until our churches fulfill the unfinished task of getting God's Word to "all

nations," we have not really begun to fulfill our mission. Auxiliaries can participate in the challenging task of making Bibles available to those who do not have them.

Free Materials Are Available

Programs for Church Women and Projects Church Women Can Undertake in the Local Communities and Around the World will be sent free upon request.

Write . . .

**Mrs. Paul Moser
Women's Activities
American Bible Society
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New York, New York 10022**

A filmstrip, *Women and the Bible*, is available (rent free). Order from WNAC office.



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PROGRAM WRITERS

Program writers have used this year's theme and watchword as they prepared our monthly programs and circle programs this quarter.
THEME: Compel Them To Come In
WATCHWORD: The Word of God Is Not Bound

**EVERYONE
WIN
ONE**

By Anna Lee Alexander

Much has been said about enlistment. But do we actually understand what enlistment is?

We are often satisfied with membership contests without realizing the importance of getting the new member dedicated to the task of world missions and down to work for God right where she is! We also overlook inactive members who need to be **enlisted** into meaningful activity in the Lord's service.

There are many ways of enlisting: personal visits, phone calls, cards, and letters. You might display an attractive poster in your church announcing the auxiliary meeting. Contests also can be effective if the right spiritual emphasis is maintained.

Let's enlist! Everyone win one!

Mrs. Alexander is WNAC Enlistment Chairman.

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Oswald or Oscar?

by Jerry Ballard

AS OUR denomination's foreign missions literature program continues to expand, it will produce transformation in the lives of many persons without Jesus Christ

The weather was becoming crispier. Fall was on its way out; winter was moving in. As I turned up the winding drive-



way leading to my home on the outskirts of Nashville I noticed that the beautiful prism of autumn color that had decorated the majestic, towering trees lining the drive was rapidly carpeting the ground, becoming a target for my friendly yard rake.

It was a peaceful day—at least in Nashville. As I lazily strolled up the walk ready for my noontime bowl of soup, I had no way of knowing the world-shaking events taking place a few hundred miles south.

A few minutes later I sat down to a



TV tray snack intrigued by our little Kim's antics on the floor. She was just beginning to sit alone. Being our first child, her every action was a historical milestone. My wife was watching her favorite noontime "soap opera." Nobody has as many problems as that TV family. Perhaps the value of such daytime drama is that it gives one a sense of gratification that his problems are minor by comparison.

Suddenly the action stopped. That horrifying slide came over the video portion, "NBC News Bulletin." Then the audio portion announced the beginning of four days that Americans will never forget. The President of the United States had been shot.

I had only taken one spoonful of soup, but it was my last for the day. Immediate resentment, if not anger, soon turned into mourning and questioning frustration as the announcement of awful finality came, "The President is dead."

How could such a thing happen in our society? What satanic influence must possess a man to do such an incomprehensible act!

During the hours that followed, the story of a warped personality unfolded. Investigators delved into the life of the accused assassin who did not live to bare the facts himself.

Where did Oswald go wrong? Was it in Russia? Was it in grammar school? Was it his family background?

Certainly, all these things had their effects on his character development. But the assassination of the President of the United States is directly traceable to a day several years ago when 15-year-old Oswald picked up a pamphlet on the street of his home town. In eloquent yet subtle expression, the attractively printed pamphlet plaudited the merits of the communist way of life. The teenager's intellectual appetite was whetted,

not to be satisfied until he had secured and digested every available book on communist ideology. And the life of an assassin was moulded.

I've always believed that the most powerful humanly created substance is printer's ink applied to paper. But never has this power to mould character been demonstrated so forcefully and so close to the heart of every American.

Thousands of other lives have been drastically changed by the volatile quality of the printed page. I think of Oscar Garcia, a man who fought in the Cuban underground for years, finally finding himself in Castro's prison as the result of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs Invasion.

The torment, the privation, the stinch, the misery, the hunger that became his lot brought Oscar to the brink of suicide. He had to have relief, even if that relief were death.

Then God began to work. Oscar borrowed a New Testament from a fellow prisoner. He did not know if the friend were a Christian, but he knew he had a Testament. No preacher was present. No missionary. Only a man needing God. And a little Book. And the Holy Spirit.

Oscar began to read. And by the time he reached the 17th chapter of Matthew, he realized his need of salvation through Christ and confessed his sins, receiving Christ as his Saviour. God used him to lead scores of fellow prisoners to Christ. Oscar today continues to serve the Lord in Miami.

Remember the motion picture "Letter to Melitino"? Missionary Thomas Willey,

The Communists have spear-headed every advance with the printed page. So have the cultists. So must the church.

(Heartbeat—Oct. '62)

Sr. gave Melitino a friendly word and a gospel tract in Spanish. Later, after gambling away his money and becoming afraid to go home to tell his family, he sat dejectedly under a tree. Then he remembered the tract he had carelessly crammed into his pocket.

He began to read, and God began to work. The little pamphlet created a hunger to know more about the glorious possibilities of new life through Jesus Christ. He ran to the missionary's home. The message of that little pamphlet revolutionized Melitino's life. He has gone on with the Lord to a fruitful life of dedicated service.

The printed page is a powerful instrument. Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "I'd rather have three newspapers than a thousand bayonettes."

Literature is a subtle power. It works quietly and reaches its target at the most penetratable time.

Literature is receiving a prominent place in world evangelism strategy today because it is the only solution to the missionary dilemma—how to reach an exploding world population as fast as people are being born. At the present time, the Christian message is being disseminated to only seven to ten million people annually while the world is growing by more than 50 million annually. And this is to say nothing of the backlog of millions who have never heard. The problem is obvious.

It's interesting to note in this light that people are learning to read at the rate of 50 million annually, the rate of population growth.

Literacy is keeping pace with the population explosion. It's high time we who are concerned about reaching this population for Christ realize that the only way to do it is to take advantage of the literacy explosion.

The communists are pouring millions

of dollars into printed propaganda. So are the cultists. The thing we must remember about the power of the printed page is that this power can be unleashed for evil as well as good. Remember Lee Harvey Oswald?

People seldom question what they see in print. I've heard folks make an obviously ridiculous assertion, and then I'd ask them, "Where on earth did you get that?" The answer invariably will be, "I read it somewhere!" Who wrote it? Where did you read it? What organization published it? These questions are ignored. The assumption is "If it's in print, it must be true."

The fact of the matter is that most things in print are not true. A starving Chinese writes about the utopia of communism, and an overweight American gulps it down with his charcoaled steak.

I was reading today an article in the St. Louis **Globe-Democrat** by a Unitarian minister in which the author set forth the beliefs (or disbeliefs) of his theological school of thought. He asserted dogmatically that the Christian doctrines of the deity of Christ, the inspiration of Scripture, and salvation by grace were "unbiblical." No examples were given. No alternatives. Just a simple assertion that Unitarianism holds the Bible in high regard and that these Christian doctrines are not in accord with the teaching of the Bible. And the gullible reader will say, "How about that? I wonder where Evangelicals get their doctrines anyway?"

In the face of the tremendous ideological combat going on throughout the world, we as bearers of "the way, the truth, and the life" must bring the "glorious light of the gospel" to the consideration of the teeming multitudes in the valley of indecision. People everywhere are searching, hungry for an answer to their frustrations. And they are reading to find their answers.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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What are Free Will Baptists doing in the area of literature evangelism? Are we doing our fair share?

The Church has waited to a late hour to realize the importance of literature in the quest for the souls of men. Satan's forces have gained the strong advantage of a long head start. Newsstands throughout the world are filled with communistic, cultic, and pornographic periodicals and books. Few Christian publications are there to offer an alternative.

The million people who are learning to read every week find little material worthwhile to read. A prominent Indian church leader said recently, "We Christians have taught people to read, and the communists have provided the literature."

Closing the literature gap is taking the best all Christian groups have to offer. It takes talent. It takes time. And

it takes hard, cold cash—the kind Americans had rather spend on affluency than use to evangelize the world.

The Department of Foreign Missions launched a foreign language literature program two years ago. The first phase was to prepare evangelistic tracts and Scripture portions in Spanish and Portuguese. Thousands of these pamphlets are now being used by our missionaries in Latin America and Spanish-speaking areas in the United States. Production of similar pieces continues.

The second big step in the department's foreign literature development was launching the Spanish magazine **Impacto** last January. Edited by Benito Rodriguez, the colorful publication has met with wide acceptance throughout Latin America. Several other missions agencies are utilizing the magazine in their own missionary operations.

Impacto now has circulation in the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina, Venezuela, and Uruguay. You will notice that the magazine is circulated in five countries where there are no Free Will Baptist missionaries, evidence of the ability of the printed page to extend evangelistic efforts to an unlimited degree.

The magazine is published quarterly. It is a Bible-study publication designed to lead the reader into serious study of the Word of God. A basic feature is a 13-part study on a selected book of the Bible, one study for each week in the quarter. In some areas these studies are used in formal Sunday schools; in other areas they are used in informal weekly Bible study groups. The magazine is also designed to be used in general distribution as an evangelist itself. It is sold in numerous bookstores in major Latin American cities.

A Portuguese version for use in Brazil is scheduled for release in mid 1965. Don Robirds of California will arrive in

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RECORDS

His Glorious Presence (Mennonite Hour Records, MH-LP-13-ST). Features hymns of eternal life and heaven by the Mennonite Hour A Cappella Chorus, Men's Chorus, Men's Quartet, and Ladies Triple Trio. This heartwarming and inspiring recording may be procured by writing to **The Mennonite Hour**, 1111 North Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The Best Selections of Back to the Bible Broadcast (Zondervan, ZLP-639). An excellent album by the Men's Chorus and Radio Choir. Such songs as "Saved By Grace" and "Since I Have Been Redeemed" will afford many hours of inspiration for you.

Tony Fontane Sings Concert Tour Favorites (RCA Victor, LPM/LSP-2869). The entire family will delight in hearing this thrilling concert right in the home. "Concert Favorites" includes such songs as "The Stranger of Galilee" and "Medley: Onward, Christian Soldiers and Battle Hymn of the Republic."

BOOKS

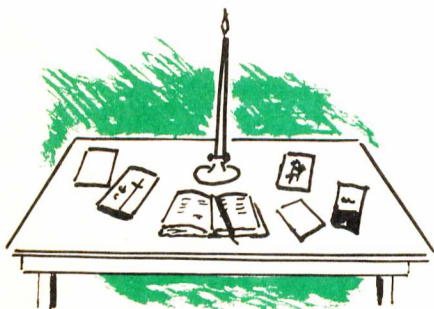
Can We Know God? by R. E. Harlow (Good News; 64 pp; \$.50). A penetrating series of the essential teachings of the Christian faith that will warm your heart. This book will cause you to lift your heart anew in praise to God for such a wonderful redemption provided by God through Jesus Christ.

The Quest for Serenity by G. H. Morling (Eerdmans; 89 pp; \$2.50). Here Morling clearly describes the steps involved in the quest for spiritual rest. The reader will also see how the practice of serenity has been perfectly exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ.

PROGRAM HELPS

By Elyse B. Creech
Norfolk, Virginia

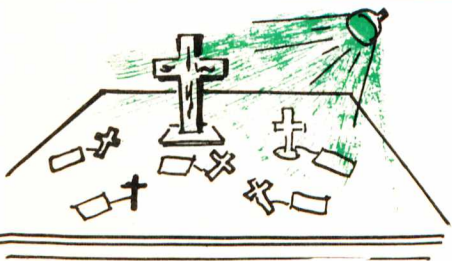
JANUARY



Arrange an object center at the front of the room using a tall candle and arranging a **Co-Laborer**, a **Contact**, a Bible, several soul-winning books, and other materials that would assist a new member.

Hand each auxiliary member a small candle as she enters the room. Ladies presenting the program should light their candles from the tall one on the table. At the end of the program each auxiliary member will light her candle indicating what can be done for the Lord in enlisting others when all lights are burning brightly.

FEBRUARY



Prepare a large cross and erect at the front of the room. The persons taking part in the program should bring crosses of different sizes and leave them at the front of the larger cross. The crosses should be labeled with different prayer requests; such as, the missionaries, the unsaved, pastors, etc. A red spot light will make the scene more effective. At the close of the program a soloist could sing, "Are You Living Where God Answers Prayer?" or some other appropriate song.

MARCH



Each lady participating in tonight's program should come into the room bound by a paper chain (chain could be made from construction paper with links stapled together), indicating that sinners are bound in sin by Satan. At the conclusion of each topic allow the chain to be broken and dropped to the floor.

"Give Me A Passion for Souls" could be sung at the conclusion of the program. During the last stanza ask the ladies to bow their heads and pray for the Holy Spirit to bring revival to each life present. Revival in one's life produces a passion for the unsaved.

Mrs. Creech is Study Course Chairman of the Tidewater W.A. District Convention in the State of Virginia.

COME with me on an imaginary visit to some homes, also for a quick look at our clinic in the Campinas Church. You will learn that I do not inject the gospel with syringe and needle; however, through our ministry God uses injections, pills, salves, bandages, and medical advice as a means of opening hearts and homes to the hearing and sometimes receiving of His Word.

First, I will go to the home of one of our Christian families. The husband is very sick and needs injections daily in the vein. My equipment is already sterilized and soon I am carrying out doctor's orders. These injections must continue for several days. Today, as usual, I pray before leaving, asking our Heavenly Father to use the medicine for His glory. But . . . listen! While I am praying someone is washing clothes in this very room. After the "Amen" I notice the patient's sister-in-law is busy at her work. She shows no concern or respect for God's Word nor for prayer. How my heart yearns to see this stony heart touched, but I must wait continually for God to give the wisdom to speak at the right time to this precious soul.

Day after day I return and one day I notice a quietness during Bible reading and prayer. Dare I speak to her now? I must not delay another day. So I ask, "Dona Aparecida, are you ready to accept Jesus as your personal Saviour?"

She quickly replies, "I'd like for Him to save me now."

Another soul is born anew by the Spirit of God. Doesn't it bless your heart to experience such a miracle right before your very eyes? And then I hear her say, "Now, I want my husband to be saved."

A few days have passed since her decision and now I go with a missionary pastor to witness to her husband. Let me brief you a little on his attitude toward the gospel up to now. He does not like to be around Christians and is very opposed to the man I have been treating. His past ideas are not important

Injecting the Gospel in Brazil

By Eula Mae Martin
Missionary Nurse to Brazil



to us now—just his spiritual needs. The pastor begins to unfold the plan of salvation and as meekly as a lamb he accepts the blood of Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for his sins. Can you see how the Lord used these visits and injections to penetrate these hearts?

Quickly let us visit another home even though we have to travel quite some distance by bus and on foot. Ken Eagleton has told me about a small child who appears to be near death. Finally I enter their tiny two-room shack, noticing with alarm the fevered little body covered with one sore from the waist down. There is no Christian doctor to help, but I know this one should have been treated long ago. The father states he is against hospital care for his child. It is even difficult to persuade him to let us find medical aid.

With reluctance I ask him to let us pray now for God's direction. He finally agrees for us to have prayer and do what we can to help. We cannot forget the effect our Christian testimony may have on these frightened, unsaved parents. Neither can we ignore the small life hanging in the balance.

Effort is made to locate a doctor. When he sees the little one, without hesitation, he states that the child must be hospitalized for immediate blood transfusions. The sore body is due to lack of blood and the child has become dehydrated. Things become increasingly more difficult, knowing the father's attitude. He admits the doctor knows best, thus allowing us to seek admittance to a charity hospital. How we must pray as we anxiously await a change in the child's condition!

Follow the above case with me a few more days and do not forget how important the child's life is to us. We have given the gospel to the family, but now their main concern is the physical welfare of their daughter. Wait! Someone is ringing the doorbell. Opening the door, I see the parents. As the mother

In addition to Miss Martin, Free Will Baptist has 21 missionaries "publishing glad tidings" in Brazil.

Miss Mary Ellen Rice
The Bobby Aycocks
Jim Combses
Louis Coscias
Ernie Deedses
Ken Eagletons
Walter Ellisons
Dave Frankses
Bobby Pooles
Don Robirdses
Sam Wilkinsons

weeps, she informs me that their child has just died.

I try to comfort them. But will the father turn against me now? Will this home be closed to my witness? Wondering just what will happen, I go to their home with a burdened heart. The mother, sad and without hope, receives me. I keep going, but they will not accept Christ. We dare not question our Father's taking the child; instead we must thank Him that this sickness gave us another opportunity to witness for Him.

How wonderful it would be if you could spend more time with me! You could visit one home that I entered the first time just after their baby's death only to hear the mother say, "If I had known about you, my child might still be alive!" I determined to continue visiting the home, witness to them, invite them to church, and eventually see members of the family made alive in Christ Jesus.

I could point out to you homes where we have dealt with tuberculosis, pneumonia, small pox, leprosy, and other diseases. There are other times when calls for help were not answered because of lack of time.

You ask, "What can I do?" Together we must ask God to open a **more effectual door**.



God's Way to

**Individual Christians can
know the joy of revival by
meeting God's conditions.**

There has never been a "magic formula" for having revival. However, God has a plan for revival that always works. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). God's own people hold the key to revival.

A fire cannot be revived after it has gone out or if there is no spark to begin with. So it is with revival fire—there must be something to **revive**. The sinner is dead in sin and must first be made alive or quickened. In Ephesians 2:1 we read, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Revival is for God's people, but it will result in souls being saved. Let us face the question, "How may we have revival today?"

Revival

There must be a longing, a thirsting, and hungering for God and revival. In short, we must want God. When we want a thing badly enough, we seek until we find it. If we want food to eat, water to drink, or something for pleasure, we pay to get it (and what a price some pay!). "If from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).

David expressed his thirst for God in Psalm 42:1, 2, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, the living God." Jesus gave this promise in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." He did not say they **might** be filled, but "they **shall** be." Here, as always, the hungering and thirsting must precede the blessing and the filling. The trouble with most of us is that we have no real appetite for God. We want revival if it is convenient and does not cost us anything. If there is no real hunger, there

will be no seeking, no praying, no working, and certainly no filling nor blessings from God.

We must repent of our sins and be clean. David declared, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18). Sin blocks the channel between God and us so that the blessings cannot flow. Sin is the only thing that can separate God from His people. It need not be a big sin nor an outward, overt sin in the eyes of man. It may be some pet, secret sin that no one knows about except you and God. But it is there and God sees it.

We read in Isaiah 59:1 and 2, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Oh, how awful when God's face does not shine upon His people, when sin as a dark cloud hides the face of God! When this happens, the worship services are a

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Enlistment That Compels

BY DORIS RAPER

Scripture: Proverbs 14:25; Luke 14:23

Prayer: Use **Call to Prayer** requests.

Hymn: "Footprints of Jesus"

Business

Program



INTRODUCTION

The feast was prepared, invitations had been given to many, and the time was at hand. Where were the guests? "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." The master gave the command once again, "... compel them to come in." Compel defined is "to secure or bring about by force."

Surely the Lord does not expect us Christians to go out and bring in followers for Him by force, at least not by physical force. However, He does have a feast table spread for all who will serve Him, and the invitation has gone out, "... Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). But like the reluctant guests in the parable, many begin to make excuse.

Note the place the **servants** played in the parable. They were given the job of going out and bringing in the guests that the feast might be profitable. Christians are to be servants of the Great Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, and as servants we are given the job of going out and bringing others to Him.

1. ENLIST THROUGH LOVE

God has revealed His love from the very beginning. Even though the human race sinned and was no longer deserving of God's love, He revealed it when He promised a Redeemer for their sin. One who would pay the price for the sin of mankind. Jesus, the Son of God, lived among sinners, lived a perfect life, was ridiculed, doubted, betrayed; yet He willingly submitted to scourging, being spitten upon, having thorns pressed in His head, and being crucified in order to save sinners. Was it because He could not help Himself? Was it because God forced Him? No! A thousand times no! The only explanation is summed up in one word—**love**.

It has been said that "to know Him is to love Him and to love Him is to serve Him." It would not be loving without serving, and this brings up the question, "What does that have to do with me?" If you have responded to God's

love for you and have accepted His proof, Jesus Christ, you should be seeking ways in which you **express** this love. Your love for the Lord Jesus should result in faithful attendance at His House of Worship with other Christians, consistent daily study of His Word, daily communion with Him in prayer, a constant witnessing of what He has done for you to others, and a desire to win others to Him.

Do you really love the souls of people? How about the woman down the street who is a questionable character, or the man who stumbles down the street with blood-shot eyes and foul-smelling breath, or the child in your neighborhood who is headed in the direction of juvenile delinquency? Now, be honest! Of course we do not love their evil deeds, nor their sinfulness, but we are to love their souls. Jesus died for each of them just as surely as He died for you and me.

This writer heard a true story recently of a man who was known for actually **loving people** into the kingdom. He would pick out one individual and become friendly with him, visit him, and just simply love him until the sinner wanted to know the same Christ whom he served. How many people have you loved to Christ?

2. ENLIST THROUGH VISITATION

"Come and visit with us soon." With the fast pace we try to follow these days, this simple request has almost disappeared. Many people do not want to be visited because it might interrupt their favorite television programs, or the guests might stay a little late and keep them up. The American people are fast losing the art of just plain visiting. But this is one of the best methods of winning people to the Lord.

Whenever you hear of a church that has experienced rapid growth and is really doing something for the Lord, you may be sure that church is a visiting church. You will probably find that it has an active visitation program and that many people are won to the Lord through this program.

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"A missionary is born when a person is born again." And a missionary is one who tells the Good News to others, whether it be here at home or abroad. This world is full of people who feel unloved and unwanted. Surely there are those around you who need to feel that someone cares for them. We Christians should tell them that Someone does care for their souls and even died for them.

Maybe your church does not have an active visitation program. Do you know three people in your community who are lonely, or sick, or lost without the Saviour? Will you spare a few minutes of your precious time and visit one of these persons, if not all of them? If

only we could make the world believe that we love them there would be fewer empty churches and sweeter fellowship among God's people.

3. ENLIST THROUGH WITNESSING

Jesus was always sending someone somewhere, and still sends His children out as witnesses for Him. When one becomes a Christian, he receives the Holy Spirit as his Guide, and with each new task he undertakes for Christ he should seek a refilling of the Holy Spirit. "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32). He may send you to foreign shores, next door, or maybe to your own home, but be sure that where He sends He will be there also. We are the only means He has of carrying this great salvation to the ends of the earth.

The everyday life that one leads can be a great testimony to the unsaved. It takes courage to live a full Christian life in this turmoil-filled world, and it takes greater courage to be a witness for Him.

An infidel, who had been converted, in speaking of it afterward, gave the credit to a timid old man who lived near him. When the old man heard this he said, "I can't remember having ever said much to you about becoming a Christian."

"No," said the ex-infidel, "you didn't have much to say about it, but you lived me to death. I could stand all their preaching and upset all their arguments, but I couldn't stand the way you lived." Proverbs 14:25 declares that "a true witness delivereth souls." This is the reward for witnessing, visiting, loving, and living for Christ. And it is worth every effort it takes to get the job done.

Mrs. Raper of Flat River, Missouri, is Youth Chairman of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.



Mission Flashes

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Eight new missionaries are enroute to the foreign lands as God continues to call out those who will serve Him. Six others are under appointment.

The Louis Coscias and Walter Ellisons began their language study and missions work last fall in Brazil.

The infested jungles of the Dark Continent will be the home of the Archie Mayhews after they complete a year of language study in Switzerland.

The Jimmy Aldridges have already arrived in the Ivory Coast to carry on the village work with the Agni tribe.

MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE

Several thousand miles across the Ocean from Africa lies a small mountainous country shaped like a sprawling S. This Latin American country of Panama is the new home of the Estenio

Garcias, a Cuban missionary couple who have assumed tasks of evangelization and church extension.

Six missionary appointees are awaiting legal preparations while traveling across the nation on itinerary. The Jim Combses and Don Robirdses will go to Brazil within a year to begin missionary work.

Beginning a new ministry for Free Will Baptists in Ecuador, Misses Ella Rae Jones and Pat Tyson will perform missionary duties and minister to the physical needs of the natives, after final preparations are made to permit their leave.

The Estenio Garcias have arrived in Panama to join the Tom Milleys, Jr., as associate missionaries. Designated support of \$350 is needed to underwrite the ministry of the Garcias. Individuals or groups desiring to support this missionary

endeavor are requested to contact Director Reford Wilson, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

PANAMA

Tom Willey reports that the Cuban missionary couple have assumed their new duties with enthusiasm and desire to see souls saved.

Mr. Garcia has surveyed the work in Panama and is challenged by the results. The mountainous country with its teeming populations of varied ethnic groups and strange, colorful customs is a difficult country in which to minister, according to missionaries who have gone there.

"... The only answer is to train our people here to take them the message. But they **must be trained**. This takes time. Sometimes we get anxious to send someone out because the people beg to have someone teach them the Bible... But we have learned it is better to wait until they have the preparation they need even if it does take longer." —**Missionary Billows**

MEXICO

Under the direction of Missionary Billows, new buildings were erected several months ago on our recently purchased property in Mexico. These buildings include: two offices, a girls' dorm (will accommodate 18 girls), a boys' dorm (will accommodate 22 boys), a large kitchen, dining hall, and the Goshen Building (resident for two teachers as well as classroom space). The chapel building was on the property at the time of purchase.

This is the first year a nine-months' school term has been inaugurated. Five months were inadequate.

You or your auxiliary can support a student for this nine-months' term for just \$35.00. Send it to the Board of Home Missions, indicating it is for a **Mexican Student**.

The Board of Foreign Missions has launched production of a motion picture with the dual objective of evangelization in Brazil and missions promotion in the states.

With the original version in Portuguese for Brazilians and an English adaptation for Americans, the film's premier showing is scheduled for the National Association of Free Will Baptists this summer in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Jerry Ballard, producer for the board, will be in Brazil during January with a filming team. Ken Anderson, well-known Christian writer and motion picture producer, will write and direct the production.

This will be the first motion picture produced by the board since "LETTER TO MELITINO" 14 years ago.

Missionaries Helen and Luther Sanders remind us of the acute land situation in Hawaii. The Lord has provided valuable

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property on which our missionaries plan to have a Free Will Baptist Church erected. Approximately \$18,000 to \$20,000 need to be sent in at once for the purchase of this property.

Many Free Will Baptists have already responded;

others have not. Ask the Lord today what He wants you to do; then follow His direction.

The Compelling Power Of Prayer

BY WINNIE McCLAIN

Prayer: Use **Call to Prayer** requests.

Scripture: Psalm 86:3; John 15:7

Business

Program

Solo: "Are You Living Where God Answers Prayer?"



INTRODUCTION

Deeply ingrained within our lives is the need to pray. To whom can we go in times of crisis unless we turn to God? Where else are the words of life, of hope, and of comfort except in God's Word? And only as we pray and study is His message revealed to us.

Some people keep their prayers for emergency use only. They think of prayer as a stimulant which will give them extra strength in an hour of distress. But like a stimulant the strength which comes from such praying is short lived. It is far better to pray daily like the psalmist did (Psalm 86:3).

The inner man is renewed day by day through prayer. One lesson that all Christians should learn is the absolute necessity of fellowship with Christ every day. Time alone with Christ each day is the indispensable condition of growth and power. In Matthew 11:25-30 Christ said, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest . . . learn of me . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

1. PRAYER AND THE WORD

In His Word God speaks to us and in prayer we speak to God. The Word reveals how wretched and sinful we are. It reveals the wonders that God will do for us and the strength He will give us to do His will if we only ask Him. The Word teaches us how to pray—with strong desire, with a firm faith, and with constant perseverance.

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

Faith and prayer will cause the Holy Spirit to enlighten our lives so that we have power to do God's will and experience the love and abiding presence of the Lord Jesus every day. He will strengthen us through prayer; then through the study of His Word we will grow in His love and come to know His commandments.

2. STRONG IN THE LORD

A life long battle is committed to Christians in which they must always be ready to fight by being equipped, endowed, and enlightened. Many are overwhelmed because they are unprepared to stand against the day of evil. To be prepared one must have gained strength in prayer. This strength is received as the Holy Spirit helps our infirmities and intercedes for us (Romans 8:26).

Paul pleads for the exercise of the believer in prayer. He speaks of "praying always" and "all prayer" and "all perseverance" and for "all saints." The Christian who is **strong in the Lord** must pray always. There are those who pray only when they are in trouble, in a crisis, in sickness and sorrow, but they do not know how to use their armor. Saul tried to clothe David in his own armor but David put it off with the excuse that he had not tried it. He resorted to his slingshot which he had

tried and on which he could depend. Why not pray "without ceasing"—in times of joy, blessings, and victory? One who exercises in prayer daily is strong in the Lord when the crisis arises.

Jesus gave us an example of persistency in prayer. He prayed early in the morning, He prayed at His meals, He prayed before retiring, He had stated seasons of prayer, and He spent nights in prayer. In the farewell message of our Lord is the promise of answered prayer in which He stressed our union with Him. Our union with Christ produces strength.

Paul speaks of praying in the Spirit. Only a Christian can pray in the Spirit. Through such prayer forgiveness, cleansing, fellowship with God, grace, love, peace, and other blessings come. This kind of prayer is to be prayed "with all perseverance," that is, with self-discipline which is the secret of spiritual power. Paul was a man of prayer who urged his own people to pray and thus use the strongest weapon in the arsenal of the Christian.

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Do you want to be strong in the Lord? You will find strength with which to overcome temptation, strength for daily problems, and strength for victorious Christian living at the feet of Jesus.

3. POWER THROUGH PRAYER

Today our nation is in mortal peril. There are enemies within and without. J. Edgar Hoover said, "If there is hope for the future of America, if there are to be peace and happiness in our homes, then we, as a nation, must return to God and to the practice of daily family prayer."

God's ancient promise has not been rescinded: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive

their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). This generation needs to see Christians filled with God's power as a result of the time they spend alone with Him.

God has placed a great convincing power within our reach—the power of the Spirit of God through prayer. Clothed with this power Christians are able to go forth and meet every obstacle and conquer every evil.

In heaven Christ intercedes as we pray. God delights in our praying. As Christian women, we need to learn that the highest blessings of heaven will be unfolded to us as we ask for more power in prayer.

Lord, what a change within us one short hour

Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make!

What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,

What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!

We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;

We rise, and all, the distant and the near,

Stands forth in sunny outline brave and clear;

We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,

Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!

—Richard Chenevix Trench

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CIRCLE PROGRAMS

1965 WATCHWORD • "THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND

BY GENEVIEVE WADDELL

These devotionals may be used effectively during the opening Sunday School and Church Training Service assemblies, in your Sunday school class, or at the beginning of your auxiliary meetings. You may also wish to save them for future use.

JANUARY

THE WORD IN DAILY DEVOTIONS

Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy"

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13; Deuteronomy 8:3

On the occasion of Christ's temptations in the wilderness, the devil was boldly defeated because of the power of God's Word. Jesus answered Satan's questions by quoting portions of the Word.

We are continually tempted by Satan. He is far more powerful than we—yet, **powerless** when cut down by the mighty "twoedged sword." Many of us lose our battles because we have such a poor spiritual diet. A baby who is fed one day and starved the next will never be a normal child. No matter what amount of food he consumes on Monday, the baby demands more on Tuesday. We often seem to believe that we can feed on God's Word one day and neglect it the next. If we meet and defeat the tempter daily, our souls demand a well-rounded devotional diet. The Word, prayer, and a burden are our daily feast.

If we are successful Christian women, we must daily read the Word. Using devotional guides and booklets is fine, but they are much like a dessert after a perfect meal. The Word itself is a sufficient diet for us; however, Bible study aids are good for helping us better understand the Bible.

We cannot make substantial excuses for neglecting the Word. We would not think of living our days without physical food. Our daily spiritual food is far more important because "It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

Leader, if your women have been negligent in their daily devotional lives, this new year is the time to remedy the situation. Why not mimeograph a calendar sheet with the twelve months on it and have each lady keep a daily check on herself. Perhaps in December a comparison of sheets can be made. You can also use this time to encourage the women to use our own publication DEPTH as a help in the study of the Word.

FEBRUARY

TEACHING THE WORD TO CHILDREN

Hymn: "Tell Me The Story of Jesus"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:7; Proverbs 22:6

When he's been lazy about learning the Scriptures, one of our little ones will sometimes ask, "Well, why do we have to learn so many Scriptures anyway?" Yes, why do they? Why do we spend time at meals as well as nightly teaching our children God's Word? Is it so they will grow up to be good boys and girls? That is the ultimate aim because only the Word can make them righteous through repentance and bring them to maturity as Christians.

The home is the fundamental learning ground for the child. It is here that he first learns "Now I lay me . . .", "God is great . . .", "God, bless Mommy and Daddy . . .", and "For God so loved the world . . ." The church is limited in its time and opportunity for teaching. The schools have mostly lost their chance. Therefore, the home must prepare the child for salvation. Who in the home has this responsibility? Of course, the father is the head of the family and he, if a Christian, should lead in teaching the Scriptures. But we as mothers hold the greatest opportunities because we are usually with our children more than anyone else. We are the ones to help the children apply the Scriptures they are learning to their daily lives. For instance, when little Paul and Marcia are fussing over sharing cookies, remind them that "there was once a little boy whose Mommy had given him 5 loaves and 3 fishes . . ."

How can we best teach the Word to children, apart from taking them to church? First, actual memory work is necessary. At our house we begin on Monday learning the week's memory verse. During the week, we review Scriptures already learned. The children are also delighted with Bible quizzes. We often tell them a Bible story and let them act it out. We sometimes review the sermon highlights on Sunday and quiz them on this.

How early can a child begin learning Scripture? As soon as he can learn anything else he can learn Scriptures. A child who is able to talk in sentences can memorize simple Bible verses and stories. Yes, they forget what they learn, but so do adults. Much review is needed.

Many mothers who make their children learn reading and arithmetic neglect to teach them the most important truth in the world. God has commanded us to "train up a child in the way he should go."

Leader, have a discussion of various ways to teach the Word to children and compile a list of these ideas. At a later meeting, review these to see if the women are practicing them.

MARCH

THE WORD GIVES DIRECTION

Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

Scripture: Isaiah 61:8; Proverbs 3:5, 6

Have you ever watched a vacant lot progress from an ugly spot to a lovely home? Where did the carpenters begin their work? Did they just pick up a piece of wood here and a piece there until a house emerged? No! They built the house in an orderly fashion, following a specific plan.

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Call TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

"Call unto me and I will answer thee . . ." (Jer. 33:3)

AFRICA—Bill Jones and Lonnie Sparks have completed translations of the gospel of Mark in Agni and Kulango dialects.

Missionary Bill Jones is awaiting consultation with the American Bible Society for a review of his manuscript. He has already begun translating Acts and will resume that work upon his return to Africa.

The Kulango dialect of Mark has been accepted and is now in the process of publication.

Both missionaries are accomplishing their tasks of translation and are expanding their ministries on the field as they undertake literacy work along with translations of the Bible.

Ask the Lord to use these manuscripts to bring glory to Himself. Pray that many lives will be changed through these Scriptures.

SOUTH INDIA—Miss Volena Wilson has been working with other authorities in child evangelism in South India. At the present time, more than 500 children and Sunday schools with enrollments totaling nearly 1,000 pupils are sponsored. Much of this work was begun by Miss Laura Belle Barnard in the early years of the denomination's missionary outreach.

Pray that these children will grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Board of Foreign Missions has issued a report concerning the general fund. The general fund maintains essential foreign ministries not provided through in-

dividual missionary accounts. Nearly the entire Cuba-Miami budget and portions of the India and Japan budgets come from the general funds. In addition, the fund maintains foreign literature production, **Heartbeat**, audio-visual productions, conference ministries, and administrative expenses. A healthy balance between designations to individual accounts and the general fund is necessary for a healthy financial operation. Therefore, churches and individuals are urgently requested to prayerfully consider increased designations to the general fund.

Pray for sufficient funds to meet these expenses.

The **Impacto** publication has been warmly received throughout Latin America. It takes \$1,000 a month to underwrite this ministry. In addition, a Portuguese edition of **Impacto** will be in publication by the middle of this year.

Pray for sufficient funds to carry on this important work.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—From the office of Director of Home Missions, Homer Willis, come prayer requests for missionaries who have begun working in new areas in recent months.

- The Roger Harwells are working in Pueblo, Colorado.
- The Wade Jernigans are our first missionaries to the Mormons in Idaho.
- Rev. Leroy Morrow has been appointed to service in Beatrice, Nebraska.
- The Kirby Joe Godwins have moved to Juneau, Alaska to begin a new work in this capital city.
- A work in New Mexico was begun last year by the Lonnie Rolens.
- The Malcolm Fry family is establishing a work in Arizona.
- Cuban missionaries, Mario Perez and family, are working in San Francisco, California.

- Free Will Baptists in Alabama are supporting Missionaries E. B. Ledlow and family as they establish a Free Will Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama.

EUROPE —The Foreign Missions Department has considered Europe as a missionary field for some time. There are obvious opportunities here and the challenge is great.

Pray that the board will follow the will of God in this important matter.

AFRICA —The help of nationals in village work has been tremendous. God is blessing their labors. In one of the villages, which has recently opened, the work was about to fall through. One of the preacher boys, Kouadio (pronounced Kwah-jo), determined to continue the work. Since his decision to remain with the people in this village, several persons have come to know Christ. They have already found a place to have their meetings. For a young man of non-Christian background, he thrills our missionaries with his knowledge of the Word. Missionary Sparks reports that Kouadio has been largely responsible for the work in this village.

Pray that Kouadio will be a power for the Lord.

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Brazil early in the year to assume production responsibilities of the Portuguese literature program in addition to other duties. I will be in Brazil in January to negotiate with printers and assist our Brazil literature committee in setting up a more extensive publishing program.

Also in production are a new convert study booklet in Spanish and a doctrinal book in Portuguese. These are to be available in 1965.

For several month plans have been discussed for a French literature program for Ivory Coast, West Africa. Al-

ready, missionaries have been involved in various literature projects. Lonnie Sparks and Bill Jones have developed translations of Scripture in the Kulango and Agni tribal languages. They are now working on primers to teach these people to read. Simple study materials will follow in these languages.

The board is cooperating in a French publication slanted toward children. This is being used in Ivory Coast and other French-speaking areas of Africa. A catechism in French has been published in the Coast by the field council. Other Bible study and evangelistic publications are being discussed.

God has given abundant demonstration of His blessing in the denomination's foreign language publishing program. He has raised up men of outstanding ability to get the job done. Benito Rodriguez has had extensive experience in writing and editing while publishing our denominational magazine in Cuba. He brings to the department's literature ministry a knowledge of Latin America that only a Latin himself could have.

Don Robirds brings to our Portuguese publishing program several years of graphic arts experience. He is a graduate of our Bible college in Nashville and has taught at our California Bible College. He is uniquely qualified for the task God has given him in Brazil.

In the talent department, we are praying earnestly for a Brazilian to handle the translation responsibilities in our Portuguese publications. Such a man is essential to an effective, long-range publishing program. We invite God's people to join us in praying for God's man in this area. And God answers prayer.

This publishing program costs money. The present budget need is \$1,000 per month. We need individuals and groups who will assume the responsibility for monthly support. The program has been launched out of the conviction that "this is the way, walk ye in it."

Haggai's Compelling Message

BY HELEN INBODY

Hymn: "Revive Us Again"

Scripture: Haggai 1:6, 9

Prayer: Use **Call to Prayer** requests.

Business

Program

Solo: "Give Me A Passion for Souls"



INTRODUCTION

Just as ministers today fill different places of responsibility in God's work so did the ancient prophets of God. Haggai had a specific job to do. The people of God were divided, weak, and slothful. The message which God gave Haggai was to admonish and encourage the people to finish building God's house.

Since this month has been set aside for revival emphasis, let us look at the message of God to His people and see what was and still is expected of God's people if we are to capably **compel** people to come into the household of God.

1. THE URGENT MESSAGE

The same message God gave His people through the prophet Haggai is needed today: "Consider your ways." Many of our churches are having revivals this month. What have we done to prepare for revival? Many times we become so busy with activities before and during the revival meeting that we fail to give the message to the lost. We are often so busy cleaning house and planning menus for the evangelist that we forsake the place of prayer.

An excellent picture of people today is given in Haggai 1:6. We are concerned with everything except God's house and His cause. As a result we are as a man who puts his money into a bag with holes—we are never filled and never fully satisfied.

Having a clean house and preparing a lovely meal during the revival meeting might make you feel worthwhile and give you a warm glow when the minister expresses his appreciation. But if you want revival fires to burn in your heart, bring your lost friend or loved one to the Lord and the fire and warmth of the Holy Spirit will leap in your soul

every time you see that person active in the work of the Lord.

We need to accept Haggai's message today. We need to recognize the urgency of it. We, too, should **consider our ways**.

2. THE NEEDED INSTRUCTIONS

Did you ever try to make a dress without the instruction sheet? No doubt you encountered much difficulty and were confronted with alarming results during the process. The same principle is true in God's work. Haggai gave the people definite instructions concerning the rebuilding of the temple. There was no doubt nor confusion. God simply said to do certain things to rebuild "My house and I will take pleasure in it." We also have instructions to follow if we expect to have revival.

Jeremiah 29:13 tells us to seek God's face and search for God with all of our heart. We must humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our sinful ways. These are God's instructions. He will then send revival.

God instructed the people to go up into the mountain and bring wood and build. Then, and only then, would He take pleasure in their work. They were

not to hire someone to go for them; they were not to find a substitute for the wood. Now, if we are to have revival we too must **go**. If we want to see people saved we must not substitute anything for **going, bringing, and building**.

We must not expect the pastor nor the evangelist to be our substitute in going nor can we substitute busyness for prayer and witnessing. We must compel them to come to God. Then will He take pleasure in our works because He will be glorified.

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In Haggai 1:9 there is a clear picture of many of us today: we are busy running here and there attending meetings. And because we are exhausted by the time we get to church we feel that we are religious. We “looked for much” and God said He “would blow on it” because we neglected what He plainly told us to do. Many of the activities in which we women become engaged are fine, but too often we use them as substitutes for real spirituality. We are just as responsible as men for fulfilling the command of Christ to be His witnesses. We are expected to find our places of service and **build** the house of God.

3. THE TASK COMPLETED

Did you ever do a job the best you knew how only to have someone say, “Well, it was all right, but it certainly is not the way we used to do it”? (Thus implying that your way was not as good as the old way). Do you ever hear this remark, “We surely don’t have services like we used to”? These remarks are made in many churches; yet we must live today and do the work of Christ to the best of **our** ability. We cannot live in the past nor can we thrive on past blessings. Certainly we should learn from the past experiences of others but we have the task **today** and the message is urgent. We must meet the needs of the world today and we must do it as quickly as possible.

Let us make a literal application of the second chapter of Haggai. God told them to “be strong and work.” Then He promised that He would hear them and be near them. He promised that “the glory of the latter house would be greater than the former.” He said that if the orders are followed then the things which are accomplished today can be even greater than those in the past.

Yes, we should appreciate the past, learn from the past, but never be content to live on the blessings and work of the past. If we women will feed on God’s Word and pray fervently, we will, by the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, be able to compel people to come to Christ.

CONCLUSION

Christians have no choice in the matter of witnessing for Christ. He said, “Ye **shall** be witnesses.” Not only are men to be witnesses, but all who are born again of the Holy Spirit. Let us consider our ways and begin to build, not so much the literal house of God, but by bringing in others we will build and make stronger the household of God. “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God” (1 Peter 2:5). Our lives, in Christ, should not be concerned with self-satisfaction but with going into the highways and hedges and compelling them to come in.

SERVICE

Three things the Master asks of us;
And we who serve Him here below
And long to see His kingdom come
May pray, or give, or go.
He needs them all—the open hand,
The willing feet, the praying heart,
To work together and to weave
A threefold cord that shall not part.

—Author Unknown

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Emotional problems . . . Moral problems . . . and Spiritual problems . . . all demand constant attention from you, mothers, as you seek His direction and . . .

Guide Your Girls...





by Dorothy Phillips

"I'm so upset! I wish I could talk with you," a young girl whispered. We eased away from the crowd that was leaving the church. I asked what was wrong.

"I have to make a big decision this afternoon. After today I may not be dating John Doe (fictitious name for the young man she had been dating for over a year). I have to give him an answer this afternoon," was her reply.

"Why?" I asked. "Is he pushing you to get married?"

"No," she answered. Then with great difficulty, she added, "He wants to go farther than I want to."

How heartbreaking this was—to realize that one of our consecrated, innocent young girls was being forced to face such a serious issue so early in life. Pressure was being applied in the age-old line, "If you really love me, you would want to go 'all the way.'"

After our hour's discussion, that afternoon the couple spent two hours discussing the matter. At first the 20-year-old fellow was indignant, sticking to his old plea and threatening to never come back again.

At length when he saw that the girl was steadfast in her convictions, he said, "I don't want to lose you. I'm glad you said 'No!' I was only trying to see what you would do."

Ladies, Paul has instructed the older women to counsel the younger. Look over your congregation. Numerous young girls are facing not only the out-and-out "wolves" but also seemingly decent young fellows overpowered by their passions. These young girls are often super-romantic. They are in love with love. Many times they are easy prey for experienced **lover boys**.

Once you have shown your love and concern for the young ladies in your church and have won their confidence, you will be able to offer them counsel. Ask God to give you wisdom in pointing out certain dangers to them. As mothers, seek to protect your young daughters. Steer them from the following:

■ DATING UNSAVED YOUNG MEN

"Maybe I'll win him to Christ" is the main argument offered in defense of this type dating. If the young man has not been won within a few dates in which the girl has witnessed to him her chances of winning him may be too slim for her to risk "falling in love" with him. Scripture is specific when it says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

■ DATING TOO YOUNG

Often very young girls have mature bodies; seemingly they are older than they actually are. Yet, one must bear in mind that these girls with their well-developed bodies have only thirteen, fourteen, or fifteen-year-old brains. They cannot think like adults. Their reasoning is on a lower level.

On my first date I sat with a popular high school junior listening to soft music on the radio. After I had tactfully refused to dance and had jokingly slipped from the arm he tried to place around my shoulder, he became very serious. "You know," he said sweetly, "you are more like my mother than any girl I have ever dated." How gratifying these words were. I was thankful for the stand I had taken.

The next morning I proudly quoted his words to my older, more sophisticated brother. His response was cruel . . .

crushing. He laughed and called me "stupid"—declaring that he told **all** of his girls that. I had fallen for a line. I was young and gullible. Without proper leadership I might have been led to believe **anything**.

■ DATING WITH THE WRONG COMPANY

Educators contend that young couples should not date alone during the early years. There are counselors who feel that single couple dating should not be done until students have finished high school.

Group dating has advantages. It is easier for beginners. The pressure or burden of conversation is distributed. Serious love making is less likely.

The danger arises in the young person getting with the wrong group. Christian couples do not elevate the non-Christian couples; the tendency is for the Christians to be pulled down to a baser level.

A seventeen-year-old girl came to me after double dating with a certain couple. She had been shocked by their loose practices. For a while she stayed away from them. Then she again double dated. Before long she dated regularly with them. Sad to say, their practices, which had at one time been repulsive to her, were adopted by her and her companion. They were not strong enough to withstand.

■ STAYING AWAY FROM HOME AT NIGHT

It was reported that a certain high school girl was so drunk that she rolled on the floorboard of a car. I asked, "How could this happen? How could she go home in that condition without her parents knowing?" Someone answered, "Oh, she didn't go home; she was staying all night with a friend."

How many unsuspecting parents lie down and sleep peacefully, thinking their daughters are safely tucked away in bed at a friend's while, in reality, their girls roam around late at night and take

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bore rather than a blessing. There is no love for the Word, no power nor joy in the services. Sin must be confessed and repented of or there can be no revival. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

The power of the Holy Spirit must be felt in our lives. The Holy Spirit is in the world to convince men that they are sinners because they have not believed in God's Son and to convict them of sin. There must be Spirit conviction before there can be Spirit conversion. Note some of His work: The Holy Spirit draws the sinner to Christ (John 6:44); He performs the spiritual birth into Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13); He fills the believer again and again with power for service (Ephesians 5:18); He guides into all truth and shows things to come (John 16:13). How utterly hopeless to try to have revival or to do God's work without the power of His Spirit. Any real revival I have seen or read about took place only after strong, Spirit-filled preaching and praying had been done by God's children. We need His fresh anointing at all times.

Christians must travail in prayer. To travail in prayer does not mean just to say a prayer: It means to pray with real labor and agony. "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children"

(Isaiah 66:8). In travailing, pain and suffering are involved in bringing forth the child. What joy there is, though, when deliverance comes! There is also joy when travailing prayer results in a lost soul being born into God's family.

God's Word teaches us to pray in the Holy Ghost: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20). This is the kind of praying Jacob did in Genesis 32 when he wrestled all night with the man of God until he received the blessing. Even one hour, two hours, or three hours may not be enough; it may take all night. It does not take God all night to answer, but it may take us all night to get in a **condition** for God to answer.

Elijah continued to pray until he prayed down the rain after there had been a drought in Israel for three-and-a-half years. The early church travailed in prayer when Herod locked Peter up in prison. "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him" (Acts 12:5). The angel came from God, and Peter walked out of prison a free man.

Martin Luther had so much to do each day that he spent the first four hours in prayer in order to accomplish his day's work. God honored this kind of praying and started the great reformation through Luther. Charles G. Finney was a mighty man of prayer, and 300,000 souls came to Christ under his ministry. D. L. Moody also was a man who prayed in the Holy Ghost, and he swept over a million souls into the kingdom of God. Evan Roberts prayed for thirteen years for God to bend the church and to save Wales. In 1904, thousands were saved and all Wales was aflame with revival. May God help us to travail in Holy Ghost praying until real revival comes!

We must have Bible preaching and Christian witnessing to have revival. The best advertisement for any revival is the witness of those who have been blessed. The Bible not only needs to be preached

God's Way to Revival - -

from the pulpit, but must be taken to the lost by witnessing Christians. The Word of God "is the power (or dynamite) of God unto every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is a Sword in the hands of the Holy Spirit. God declared in Jeremiah 23:29 that His Word was like a fire which burns out sin and like a hammer that breaks into pieces the stony hearts. John 15:3 and Psalm 119:9 testify to the cleansing power of the Word.

Having real revival is much like planting a garden. The ground must be broken

up, the seed (which is the Word of God) must be sown, watered with tears of love and compassion, and God has promised that the harvest will come. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5, 6).

How may we have revival today? This is the only way I know. The plan is as changeless as God. The days of revival are not over if Christians will meet God's conditions. Will you meet His conditions in your life?

CIRCLE PROGRAM FOR MARCH (Continued From Page 21)

Our lives are much like a house. God has carefully laid out a blueprint for us in His Word. However, just as every house varies according to the individual owner, so our lives are finished according to the specific plan of God and our willingness to follow it.

The wonderful thing about it all is that God does not just tell us what the plan is once for all. He gives us instructions for each day's building. We have various problems every day and the directions given for yesterday's building are not sufficient for today. When we seek God's specific will for each day, our lives will be molded and polished according to His plan. His Word contains these directions for all of our building needs. The newest builder and the oldest can be assured of finding instructions for his day's work. It is in the Bible, written by the Master Builder, that we find strength for the tasks of the day; the answer to burdensome problems; love for the unlovely; the command to witness; and the peace that assures us that no matter what the day contains, we are building according to His will.

Not only does the Word supply the building materials for the usual circumstances of our lives, but it also stands ready for every emergency. The Word, when read each day before we begin our building, acts much like a directional-finder or compass. We know what we want our final goal to be, and it will be reached only if our daily building leads toward it. The carpenter will not produce a beautiful house if he does not do each day's work with his final product in mind and work according to each day's plan. Whether or not the Lord is pleased with our daily accomplishments and our final finished product will largely be determined by our receiving His directions from His Word each day.

Leader, to climax this quarter's study on the emphasis of the Word, have a skit taking place in the year 1980 to illustrate the necessity of studying and memorizing the Scriptures. Have two "communist guards" enter your service shortly after it begins and remove all Bibles, songbooks, etc. Continue your service without any aid and present various problems needing a scriptural answer. For example, have someone ask the way of salvation, someone desiring comfort after a death, etc. See just how much actual Scripture can be quoted. Do we need to study the Word more? How much Scripture do you have hidden in your heart? (This skit will be very effective at the beginning of your program.)

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Readers Write

To the editor:

We are taking the **Co-Laborer**, and our people are greatly enjoying it and getting a much needed spiritual lift from it. We plan to start supporting our work through the Co-Laborer fund next month.

Shirley Trimble
Marysville, Ohio

To the editor:

... I would appreciate any extra maps, pamphlets, etc. that you might have that would help me to instill in these children a desire to promote missions in this state. Considering the fact that we only have six churches in the entire State of Arizona, and all of them small, we almost feel as if we are a mission field ourselves. I don't feel as if we should ask for help from others until we show a desire to help ourselves, and am convinced that this can and will come about with an active statewide missions program.

Barbara Thompson
Phoenix, Arizona

To the editor:

Thank you for reminding us of "What's In A Co-Laborer Dollar?" The WA members here will continue sending \$15.00 each quarter to support this missionary effort.

Mrs. Willard C. Day
Newport, Arkansas

To the editor:

A fashion parade of Woman's Auxiliary officers' duties, a panel discussion of youth work, a word of advice from the State Auxiliary officers, and a challenging message to the women by Rev-

erend O. T. Dixon were all part of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary workshop held April 21, 1964, at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

This challenging workshop was prepared under the direction of Mrs. Jean Williams, State Study Course Chairman.

The workshop had a registration of 118 persons, representing 25 auxiliaries (including auxiliaries from all over the state) and one auxiliary from Kansas.

Hazel Hutsell
Mountain Grove, Missouri

To the editor:

Recently I was shown a copy of your little magazine **Co-Laborer** for April, May, and June, 1964. I was thrilled with the challenge to Free Will Baptists given by Gordon R. Sebastian. I would appreciate your sending me a copy of this publication.

Frank R. Mann
National Director
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

To the editor:

I recently came across an article in your publication, **Co-Laborer**, which I found to be the best I have seen. It was an excellent write-up on Good News Clubs of the Child Evangelism Fellowship. We thank God for a pastor like Reverend Gordon R. Sebastian. He is a man of vision.

Burton J. Bacon
CEF Director
Bakersfield, California

To the editor:

We would like to thank you for your offerings toward our support. Your gifts and prayers make it possible for us to stay in Brazil as your representatives for Christ.

Missionaries Dave and Pat Franks
Jaboticabal, Brazil

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Readers Write

To the editor:

The Missionary Midget Auxiliary of the Oak Ridge Free Will Baptist Church has been studying about our missionaries in Africa. For our project they made a small missionary box in which they put their offerings at each meeting until the box was filled. We opened the box at our last meeting; they helped count the money and were so thrilled to have a small part in helping our missionaries. This is the reason the check is earmarked for African Missions.

Mrs. Lonnie R. Hall
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

EDITOR'S NOTE: The amount received from these boys and girls was \$4.00. Thank God for concerned adult leaders who help our young people have a vision of the regions beyond.

To the editor:

The ladies of the New Home Auxiliary met and had our election of new officers for the coming year. . . . Our Auxiliary

was organized in November, 1960 with 10 members. . . . We now have 15 members. . . . We enjoy the articles in **Co-Laborer**.

Bethel Richardson
Melbourne, Arkansas

To the editor:

Our auxiliary ladies who worked in the Church Vacation Bible School were blessed by seeing 23 souls saved . . .

Mrs. Joyce Cariker
Tulsa, Oklahoma

FIRST QUARTER CALENDAR

JANUARY

W. A. Enlistment Month
Master's Men Enlistment Month
National Youth Week

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World Day of Prayer

MARCH

Revival Crusade Month

Guide Your Girls - - -

liberties that they would never take were they at home.

Homosexuality has become an alarming factor in America. Being under parental supervision at night would protect our young people from this un-Godly practice.

To these four dangers, which have been touched upon so lightly, could be added many more. Jack Wyrzten's book, **Sex and the Bible**, which can be ordered from the WNAC office, covers the subject thoroughly in a straight-forward, Scripture-backed way that appeals to young people. Concerned adults should see that this book is available for their young people to read. Perhaps a properly appointed person could meet with the girls and with the aid of this book discuss openly some of these problems.

At a time when 1 out of 8 babies in America is illegitimate and when homosexuals have been dismissed even from college faculties and from the United States Department of State, our young girls are in danger. Don't be blinded by your sheltered lives; not all of your girls are being sheltered. They need your help **now!** Pray that God will give you the wisdom needed to reach them and to keep them pure.

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, **chaste** . . ." (Titus 2:4, 5).

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WHEN FEET BECOME BEAUTIFUL

By Barbara Zoellers
WNAC Personal Service Chairman



Human feet are unattractive. Each year in the United States millions of dollars are spent on shoes and accessories for the feet. Some people even go to the expense of having a pedicure once or twice a month. We are anxious for our feet to look as attractive as the remainder of our bodies. However, all the beautiful accessories and all the luxurious feet treatments do not change their general appearance.

There is a sense, though, in which feet can be beautiful. In Romans 10:15 we read, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." The feet of them who preach the gospel means every person who practices soul winning.

No doubt you have heard the old saying, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." This is true with beautiful feet. Feet that are busy in the work of the Lord have no time to get dirty. Another important part of a beautiful thing is the feeling in it. A girl may have lovely hair, but if she does not feel it is lovely, she will not try to keep it looking attractive and soon it loses its beauty. If we do not feel our feet are lovely and make no effort to keep them so, they too will lose their beauty.

Have you ever awoke on a cold night knowing you were cold, but not knowing exactly where? You pulled the cover up tightly around your neck and snuggled down deeper into it, but still you were cold. Finally, you became so uncomfortable that you were wide awake. After checking carefully you found that your feet were uncovered. When a person's feet are cold he is miserable all over. In order for a person to keep his feet beautiful, he must keep them hot on the soul winning trail.

Tithing, regular church attendance, teaching a Sunday School class, singing in the choir, and taking part in special church activities are all important, but these things were not commanded by God for one to do if he wants to have beautiful feet. These things must not be overlooked; neither are they to be substituted for soul winning.

One's feet should be dedicated to seeking and bringing in lost souls. Set your feet on the soul winning track and run a good race. Your feet will become beautiful the moment you give yourself to the great task of winning others to Jesus Christ.

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