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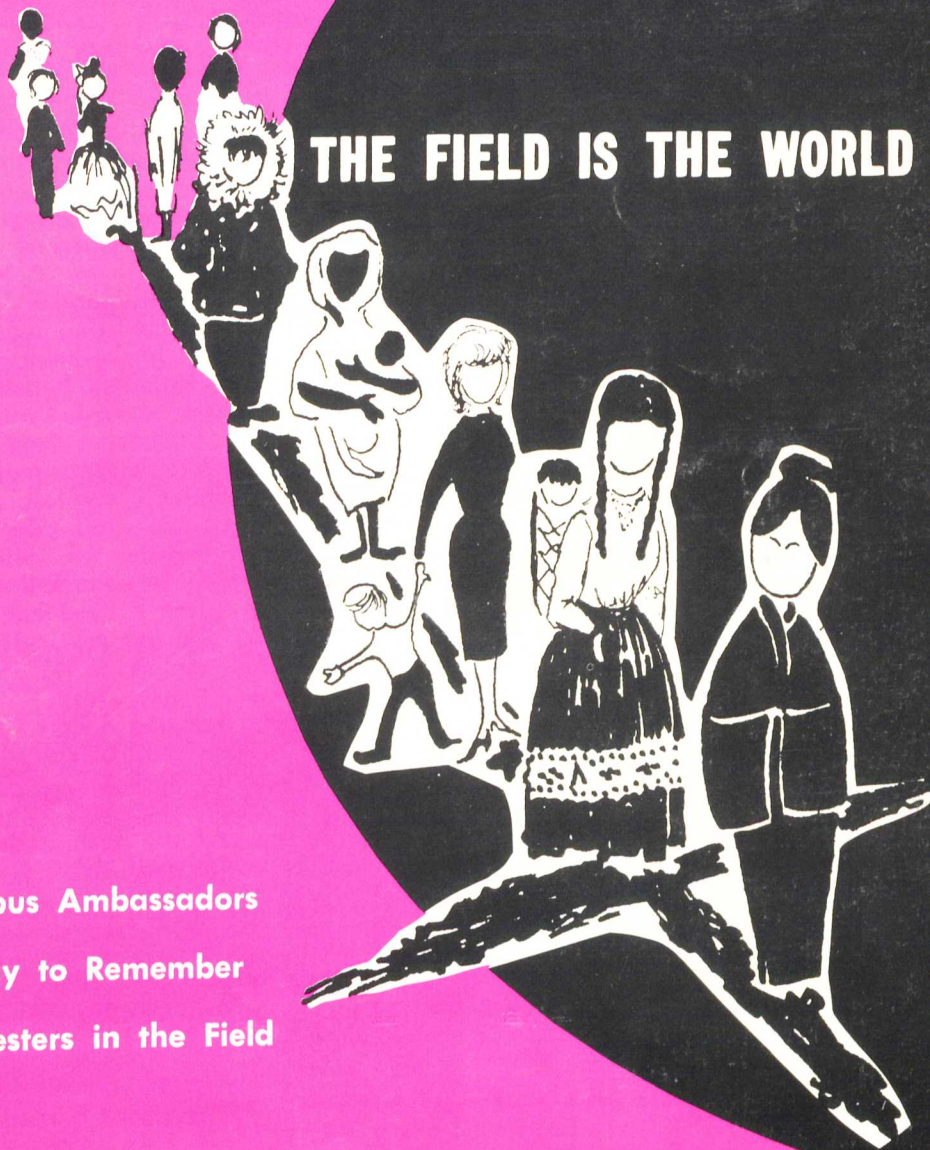
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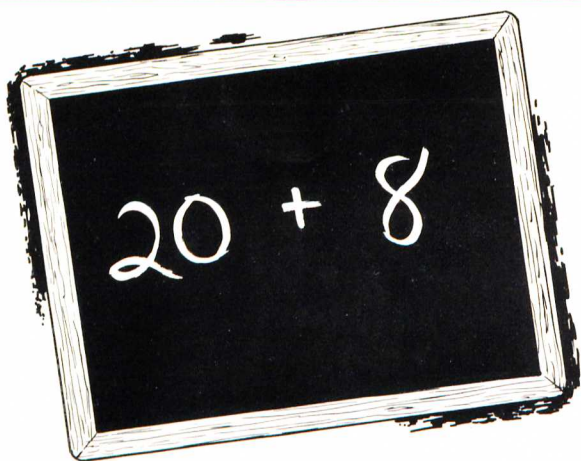
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THE FIELD IS THE WORLD

Campus Ambassadors
A Day to Remember
Harvesters in the Field





In June of 1965 a lovely new office building became the home of six departments of our National Association. For several months we could hardly get accustomed to the amount of elbow room. What is the situation now that several months have passed? One department is already renting commercial storage and two other departments are having to give serious consideration to the same.

An ever enlarging ministry and a greater responsibility is being placed upon Free Will Baptists daily. God has blessed us in an unprecedented manner in recent months. Likewise our part in the world-wide task of telling the Good News has increased. If we continue to be faithful to our charge, then we will see a continuous growth in our outreach at home and abroad.

At the time of the purchase of land upon which to build the national office building, an additional tract was taken under option for three years. The time is at hand when we must act in order to acquire the land at the price which was given in the original bargain. All who are acquainted with the situation are enthusiastic in the expression of the fact that we can ill afford to miss this bargain. We are going to need additional space and that very soon. The value of the property has increased considerable and the price of twenty thousand dollars, is the lowest figure that we can ever expect to pay for the additional acreage.

We are also carrying a side note of eight thousand dollars on the building which needs to be paid at the earliest date possible. The monthly payments on our building are being met with regularity.

We are asking your church to bring or send a contribution toward this project to our National Association in July at Little Rock, Arkansas. The date of the July meeting has been set as our main thrust for the summer on this particular project. We have hopes that this will put us well over the top.

You are asked to pray for this need. Pray for God's direction in what you should personally do and what your church should do in sharing with us in this endeavor to purchase the remaining portion of land and to pay off the side-note on our building.

SAMUEL JOHNSON
Campaign Chairman

EDITORIAL

THE CIRCLE OF THE CONCERNED

WHY SHOULD I BE CONCERNED?

Christianity lost ground during 1965. After World War II, Christians numbered one-third of the world's population. It is predicted that by the year 2000 (if the Lord delays His coming) only one out of five will be a Christian. Why?

- World population is increasing at the rate of 60 million per year. Approximately that many adults are learning to read every year and are looking for something (**anything**) to read.

- Communism is pouring one and a half billion dollars every year into atheistic literature. And who is the prime target? Newly literate people all over the world who have not had the opportunity of reading the Word of God.

- The influence of non-Christian religions has increased tremendously and they are competing with Christianity for the minds and hearts of men — Are you concerned?

WHAT IS THE CIRCLE OF THE CONCERNED?

As a pebble, when dropped into a pool causes an ever widening circle until it reaches the opposite shore, so the **Circle of the Concerned** is an ever-

widening circle of women working to get God's Word to mankind everywhere.

It is a national, voluntary group of women who are concerned about the use and distribution of the Bible at home and overseas. The only requirement for membership is some participation in the gigantic task of bringing God's Word to the United States and the rest of the world.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

There are numerous ways—here are a few:

- Distribute small, inexpensive Scripture portions in hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, and children's wards. (These may be placed on breakfast trays.)

- Place them in waiting rooms of doctors, dentists, beauty shops, hotels, laundermats, and in rescue missions, and women's correctional institutions.

- Colorful Christmas and Easter selections as well as individual Gospels may be purchased from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022, for \$3.00 per hundred.

This would make a good personal service-evangelism project for your auxiliary.

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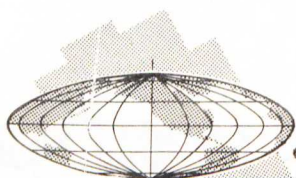
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Letters

to the editor

We enjoy the books so much that we use in our Auxiliary, and thank God for the writers.

Mrs. Jack Wallace
Pinetown, North Carolina

Our little Auxiliary at West Jefferson enjoys the **Co-Laborer** very much. Other women in the church who work and are unable to attend are always waiting for the next copy.

All articles are interesting and very inspiring, but there is one that stands out in particular to me. It is "Thank You, Lord, For My Suffering." I had a similar experience in 1961.

Our prayers are with you and the work of WNAC.

Mrs. Leo Young
Plain City, Ohio

We enjoy the added material in the **Co-Laborer**. You have certainly improved it.

Mrs. Charles Hollingshead
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

We are enjoying our **Co-Laborer** books. Seems as if they get more interesting each quarter. The lessons really bless our hearts as we study them.

Mrs. Reasie Lee
Florence, South Carolina

... We had our first Auxiliary meeting ... with seven ladies ... All were pleased with the **Co-Laborer** program. None of our women have ever worked with Auxiliary so please pray

that I can lead them in a way where they can realize the meaning of Auxiliary.

Rosa Lee Thomas
Denver, Colorado

... Mrs. Margaret Dixon, Field Secretary for the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention recently led in the organization of the Missions District Auxiliary Convention. The Convention is composed of the following churches: Springfield, Willow Springs, Cabool, and Mountain Grove. Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson was elected president.

Mary Latimer
Springfield, Missouri

We have enjoyed using the **Co-Laborer** in our meetings. The Lord is blessing and teaching us through them. Thank you.

Mrs. William H. Steele
Big Island, Virginia

We were blessed in our Pre-Christmas Prayer meetings. We have sent some books of green stamps to Oklahoma Bible College and our Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Joyce Cariker
Tulsa, Oklahoma

I think the **Co-Laborer** magazine for first quarter is the best we have ever had. All writings, news, and circle programs are so fine.

Mrs. Lela Crowe
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Our Auxiliary, in Farmington, starts the new year with emphasis on promotion of a program to increase the interest of our youth in attending our youth camp, at Niangua, this Spring.

Many young people have reaped rich and lasting blessings by attending the camp. We are anxious for more boys and girls to have this experience.

Mrs. Byrdie Highley
Farmington, Missouri

I appreciate so much the work of our Auxiliaries. It has always been a blessing to receive letters from the various Auxiliary groups around the States, letting us know of their interest and prayers for us. **I especially am thankful for the things I have been able to get from the Provision Closet.** I don't suppose the majority of the women who are sending in these things really realize what a help it is to the missionaries. When we have had to leave everything behind,

it helps tremendously to be able to just pick out things we need. May the Lord richly bless each who have made this possible.

Glenda Fulcher
St. Louis, Missouri
(Mrs. Fulcher is on furlough as missionary to Uruguay.)

We had a truly wonderful reunion with the people here. It thrilled our hearts. This is **home** as never before. We are praying for and truly expecting the Lord to work in a wonderful way. We request prayer especially for the school.

Bill and Joy Jones
Ivory Coast, Africa

I certainly enjoy the **Co-Laborer** each quarter. It is a real blessing to me. I save mine and use the articles time and time again.

Thank you so very much. May the Lord bless you and your staff in the auxiliary work.

Mrs. Alton Loveless
Monticello, Arkansas



Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona. Left to right they are: Bess Varnell, Nadine Patterson, Blanche Smith, Josephine Carmichael, Alice Fowler, Lois Dreher, Charlotte Betts, and May Fry. Rev. Malcolm Fry is the pastor.

From WNAC's Study Course Chairman

MERLEA DeFEE

For the second year we recommend **A Woman's World** by Dr. Clyde Narramore, as a study on Christian living. The author is an outstanding Christian psychologist. In this book he discusses twelve common problem areas in the lives of modern women. Every auxiliary woman will find herself and her own problems pictured somewhere in this book.

The problems discussed are:

- When a Woman is at Her Best
- Your Emotional and Mental Well-Being
- The Woman Outside the Home
- The Unmarried Woman
- The Immature Husband
- Married to an Unbeliever
- The Dilemma of Young Mothers
- When Love is Not There
- The Maladjusted Child
- Extra Family Members
- Sex Problems in Marriage
- Growing Spiritually

If you have used this book before, choose different chapters for this study, or select another book from the approved list. The book sells for \$1.95 (paperback), and has 207 pages. It can be purchased from WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Because of its valuable contents it would be ideal for a **standard** study course.

Dr. Narramore draws the best from his profession and gives it meaning in the Christian life. This book will be a real contribution in helping women understand themselves, their needs and problems. It will make each a better mother, wife, and most of all a more mature servant for our Lord.

SECOND QUARTER CALENDAR

April

Foreign Missions Month
Bible Conference at FWBBC-3-7
Pre-Easter Season of Prayer

May

Christian Home Month
National Family Week
Chaplain's and Servicemen's
Sunday

June

C.T.S. Month
Vacation Bible Schools
Superannuation Sunday-19

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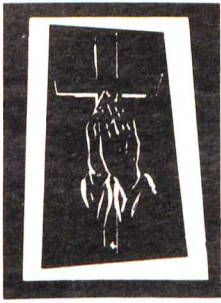
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BY VIOLET COX



Call TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

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

BRAZIL — Bobby and Geneva Poole and Bobby and Sue Aycock are on furlough in the states, having arrived home the first of December. Pray that they might have successful deputational ministries and that many Free Will Baptists will accept the challenge of Missions. Pray for our other missionaries in Brazil as they carry on the work.

AFRICA — Pray for Dr. Miley as he does advanced surgical study in Memphis, Tennessee prior to his return to Ivory Coast later this year. Pray for Eddie Payne as he is engaged in village evangelism, and for Sandra as she ministers in the clinic in Dr. Miley's absence. The Archie Mayhew family is in Africa now, and are studying the Kulango language. Pray that they will gain the ability to speak this tribal language. Continue to pray for Dr. Griffin as he studies the French language in Switzerland prior to her medical ministries in Ivory Coast, Africa. Pray for God's leadership in the Bible Institutes at Koun and Goumère.

JAPAN — The Wesley Calverys have arrived back in Japan after a year's furlough in the states. Pray that God will grant them a fruitful ministry as they begin work in a different city on the island of Hokkaido. Pray for the Fred Herseys and Herbert Waids as they serve Christ in Japan.

INDIA — Pray for Dan Cronk as he carries on hostel ministries and his ministries in village evangelism around Kishanganj. Pray that the Lord will bless both Brother Cronk and Carlisle Hanna

with good health. Pray for Miss Wilson and her ministry in the Christian Day Schools in South India.

URUGUAY — The Paul Robinsons have the responsibility to lead two churches in Uruguay while the Bill Fulchers are in the states on furlough. Pray that the Lord will grant strength and wisdom as they serve Him in Uruguay. Pray that many will identify themselves in a personal way with missions as a result of the Fulchers' ministry among our churches here in the states. After completion of language study in Costa Rica, Miss Molly Barker will go to Uruguay to begin her medical ministry there. Pray for God's direction in her life and work in the country of Uruguay.

CANADA — Mrs. Mack Owens has recently undergone surgery in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She is much better now, but pray that God might continue to strengthen her body throughout the coming weeks and months. Pray for the Frank Cousineau family as they continue their Bible study in Canada. Pray that God might direct them to a specific field of service.

NASHVILLE — The Les Carneys are the newest appointees of the Home Mission Board. They will begin work in Trenton, New Jersey later this year. There will be several students from Free Will Baptist Bible College going out as summer missionaries this year. Pray that they will have a successful ministry, and that God will burden them even further with the challenge of Missions.

by GENEVIEVE J. WADDELL



OUR WORLD- AT HOME

The Family Altar Alters the Family

A CHILDREN'S CHORUS says, "I want to be more than a Sunday-go-to-meeting-Christian." This chorus expresses the desire of many children who will never be more than Sunday-go-to-meeting-Christians. They will never know the joy of having intimate, day-by-day fellowship with their Savior. They will attend church on Sunday, and sometimes on Wednesday night, and the rest of the week their religion will be put away much like their Sunday clothes.

This does not have to be true, but it will be, unless parents show their children that Christianity is more than going to church once or twice a week. Parents must make God *real* to their children. Reciting a blessing before meals, and occasionally reading the Sunday School lesson to the children is not enough to accomplish this. Think about your own household. Is God the **Comforter**, the One who lies down with the frightened child at night? Does the Great Physician soothe the child with the fevered brow? Does your family talk

to the One who owns the cattle and the hills when money difficulties come? Is God the answer to **every** problem in your home? If not, then your children face the danger of growing up to think that God is not interested in their personal lives. They will believe that He is only like their best Sunday shoes — leave them in the closet until Sunday morning.

How can God, who wants to be our everyday companion, become real and essential to the children in a home? The family altar is the only answer. Let us look at the term "family altar" closely, for this is the key that unlocks the door to a close, vital relationship with our Lord.

The family altar is more than a place where the entire family kneels together, and reads some scripture and prays. It is a special time, set aside for the whole family, during which a part of the instructions of Deuteronomy 6:7 is fulfilled.

However, this special time is not enough for teaching the children. According to the previous scripture, the

time of teaching them never stops. This family altar time can be compared to the formal instruction in a chemistry class. The professor tells his students what the textbook says about the subject, and they discuss the ideas in the book. But his teaching does not stop when the students enter the laboratory. Their work there will only prove what the teacher has told them in the special time for teaching. The formal classroom knowledge is only the beginning for the learning process which takes place in the laboratory. The teaching process is necessary because it gives the students a background for their laboratory work.

The time set apart for instruction in the Bible is only the beginning of making God the most important Person in the home. The opportunity to apply what the Bible teaches comes in the ordinary living experiences of the family. These everyday happenings provide the laboratory atmosphere for proving the things learned in time of special teaching. The family altar can meet the needs of each individual in each family, whereas, the Sunday school and church services often have to be very general in nature. This teaching time must always precede the laboratory experience.

WHEN SHOULD A FAMILY BEGIN A FAMILY ALTAR?

The mother and father who wait until the first child is born has already lost much precious time. Even prior to a wedding, a couple should spend much time praying and studying the Bible together. After marriage, a definite time can be set to suit the flexible schedule. After children are born, the parents can adjust the time to meet the growing family's need. A child should be a part of the family altar long before he can see, talk, sit alone, or read. This should be as much a part of his **daily** life as eating and sleeping. It is much easier to let a child grow with a good habit than to have to make him conform to it later. If he has always known a certain

time of the day is set aside for Bible study and prayer, he will include it in his perspective of what a day should hold. This does not mean that a child will grow up to always sit perfectly still during family altar. However, this is an important part of his learning that during anytime of worshipping God, he must be still and quiet.

WHAT TIME IS BEST?

The time of day for the family altar is dependent upon each individual family. For example, the head of our house is a minister. Often his best contacts with the husbands of a family are during the early evening hour, just after dinner. This always interfered with the schedule of our small children. They were still wound up with the thrills of the day just after their meal, and they were in bed long before Daddy returned home. I was often left with the responsibility of having the devotion — not because of neglect on the father's part, but because of circumstances.

Two years ago, the Lord put it in our hearts to begin having our teaching time in the morning before school. This meant a special burden for me, getting the children up earlier and sticking to a good schedule. Immediately we noticed



Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Waddell and Rhonda, Robin, Paul, and Marcia. Rev. Waddell is pastor of Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

a change in the attitude of our children. They were easier to get up, dressed and ate without playing, and were anxious for devotions. Their minds were fresh; they recalled far more material. They somehow began to think that devotions were really important — mainly because they had a special time set aside just for devotions. Also, they didn't feel that we were interrupting their play hour. We soon found that fifteen minutes stretched into thirty as we began to study our mission fields each morning after Bible study. As an extra blessing, we also discovered that the children were not late for school anymore because we had a good morning pattern to follow.

Be sure to let the children participate in the worship. Even before they are saved, children should be allowed to pray freely and to make requests and offer praises to God. Family altar is an excellent time to teach the children the name of every missionary on our fields today. Give the children the opportunity to ask questions after scripture is read, and to answer some themselves.

After a definite time, place, and various methods have been set up, a family is then ready to try out their knowledge in the "family life laboratory." This is the time when the scripture in Deuteronomy 6:7 is fully carried out. God is to be a part of the family at **all times**. When Susie comes home from school because her schoolmate said ugly things to her, remind her of the scripture you studied in family altar, "love your enemies . . ." Pray with her for the Lord to bless that schoolmate.

When Johnnie tells you that he is afraid of the dark, remind him of the scripture in Psalms 4:3.

When the teenager wants a new bedroom suite, don't just tell her that you don't have that kind of money. Talk to

her about the God that owns the cattle and the hills, and then pray together for God to supply the money if He believes she needs the suite.

When conduct grades on the report cards are not up to par, turn to Proverbs and help the little boy understand the need to "hear the instruction of the teacher."

When the time comes for the child to be punished, don't let him nurse his wounds thinking that you despise him. Help him to see God's basic rule — "if you obey me, I will bless you; if you disobey me, I will chastize you." Make the scripture real that says, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." Pray with the child about his wrong and help him to see that his real strength and power for obedience lies in his having a right relationship with God.

By applying the things learned in the teaching time to the everyday experiences of life, the children will soon learn that God is a living, vital, **essential** Person. They will understand that God is not like a Sunday pair of shoes which is kept in a box in the back of the closet until needed. God will be as real to them when they are playing, sick, scared, or facing any problem, as He is in the quietness of the sanctuary.

Once a little boy and girl were saying their prayers. Tippy went on and on, naming his playmates, telling his wee problems, and even asking help for his pets. Sarai abruptly cut him short, "Tippy, God already knows everything you've mentioned. Just tell Him to bless everybody and be quiet." Tippy looked up at Sarai and said, "Yes, I know God knows everything and everybody, but He still likes to hear me telling Him what's on my mind." Tippy had learned the truth that we must pass on to our children.

"Who will go for us . . . ?"

(ISAIAH 6:8)

"I Will Go . . ."

Ruby Griffin, M.D.

DETERMINING one's "calling" in life hardly ever involves only one experience. From the many Christians with whom I've spoken and certainly in my own life, I have found that the Lord usually leads gradually and step-by-step.

In searching His will about anything, we have the most important guide — His Word. A Christian must be familiar with It's teachings before making plans for his life. One instance of this is 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved . . . " which is for every Christian. For us to keep this commandment may involve going to a Bible college as was true in my case or it may involve going to a secular college, a specialized school, and it will **always** mean studying faithfully the Bible.

Another verse would be 2 Corinthians 6:14 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers . . . " It is a pity to see Christian young people marry unbelievers because this is very bluntly disobeying a commandment of God. Not only does this verse apply to marriage, but one can use it as a guide in making many decisions in life. One other Scripture is the great commission "Go into

all the world and preach the Gospel . . . " This again is for all Christians.

All of these Scriptures and many others have been guides in my life. Through prayer He has laid upon my heart certain things to do, to say, or to go. He has used more experienced Christians to aid me in determining His will.

And it has been a daily process. I had been a Christian several years, had been to our Bible College for two years and had already learned to trust God in many decisions when He laid missions and later medicine upon my heart. In my opinion this doctoring just didn't fit me at all, and quite frankly I was rebellious at the idea, but as I stepped out and made daily steps in this direction, I had the assurance of His leadership.

It was after finishing medical school that He burdened my heart for the field where He would have me work.

I have found that the *sine qua non* of being in the will of the Lord is the peace in my heart which is always present after I step out on His promises and trust His perfect leadership in each decision which faces me every day.

Dr. Griffin will arrive in Ivory Coast, West Africa, this summer to assist in ministries at the Doropo Clinic. (See page 12).



The 31st annual session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention convenes July 11-12, 1966, in the Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock, Arkansas. **Hotel Marion** has been selected as headquarters for the convention.

The annual Executive Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., July 11, and a joint meeting will be held with state presidents and state field workers at 10:30 a.m. in the Rendezvous Room, of the hotel.

Your local auxiliary may send a delegate to this convention by paying a representation fee of \$3.00 at the registration desk.

Watch for information concerning the **WNAC DINNER**, in third quarter Co-Laborer.

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■ State recording secretaries and state treasurers should send in their annual reports and dues **before** the first of July if they wish them included in the report to the national convention.

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By OPAL LEE

PROGRAM HELPS

APRIL— *Focus on Japan*



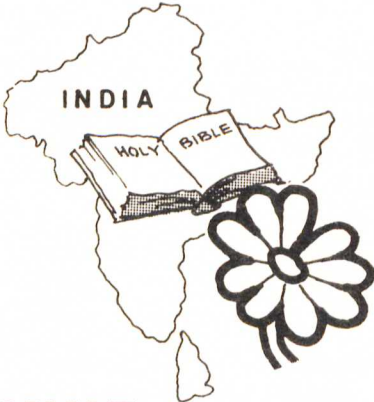
Visit Japan in this program! Decorate the room in oriental style and use Japanese customs. Ask the women to remove their shoes at the door and seat them around a low table.

The program chairman may ring for each speaker to enter the room (as a servant) and present her topic.

Serve tea at the close of the program.

Take-Home Prayer Reminders: Distribute small Japanese umbrellas with missionaries' prayer requests and pictures displayed.

MAY— *Ministering the Word in India*



Much can be said with flowers. Topics could be given using different flowers (either fresh or artificial) to represent missionaries and their needs. Each speaker places her flower in a vase or bowl forming a **missionary bouquet**. Since Mother's Day falls in this month, the bouquet could be presented to the oldest or youngest mother present.

Take-Home Prayer Reminders: Draw on construction paper an outline map of India. Paste on flower with a missionary's picture as flower center.

JUNE— *A Look at Uruguay*



Make three large pairs of eye glasses for those presenting the lesson. Depict on the lens the country, the missionaries, or their prayer requests.

This would also make a good poster to advertise the program in advance.

Prayer Reminders: Make smaller replicas of the glasses for each woman to take home.

MEET OUR WRITERS



LEFT: Mrs. Martha Everson, Colquitt, Georgia, is State Field Worker for the Georgia Auxiliary Convention. She prepared the Pre-Easter Season of Prayer Programs.

RIGHT: Mrs. Opal Lee, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is State Study Course Chairman of Oklahoma Auxiliary Convention. She compiled the Program Helps for this issue as well as several previous ones.



Mrs. Aileen Calvery and her husband Wesley, are serving their third term as missionaries in Japan, having first arrived there in 1954.



Miss Volena Wilson has been serving as missionary in South India since 1951. She is ministering to several churches, assisting national pastors, supervising Christian elementary schools, and leading Bible classes and vacation Bible schools.



Mrs. Glenda Fulcher and her husband, Bill, are on furlough after five year's service in Uruguay, South America.



Dr. Ruby Griffin is completing language study in Switzerland and will soon arrive in Ivory Coast, West Africa, to assist in ministries at the Doropo Clinic.

WHILE A STUDENT at a midwestern university, I was able to maintain faith and trust in my Saviour Jesus Christ and His Word because of the prayers and encouragement of my mother, father, and dear Christian friends.

Do you have college students in your church? *If so, I would appreciate having the names and addresses of Free Will Baptist College students who are attending colleges or universities other than our own Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges.*

Why do I want their names and addresses? I want to write a monthly letter to each student encouraging him to stay true to Jesus Christ on the college campus. I want to share tracts and testimonies of dedicated Christian men and women who have remained true to God on the campus. I want to encourage the students to continue faithful in Bible study and prayer and to stay loyal to the Free Will Baptist church.

After graduation from the university, I studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The fellowship and encouragement there was wonderful. While a student at the university, I would have appreciated it very much if someone had written to me or sent me helpful literature. There are Free Will Baptist students on some campuses who are not even aware of each other. I want to encourage Free Will Baptist students on the same campus to become acquainted and strengthen one another in their testimony for Jesus Christ.

There must be several thousand college students throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination. There are those students and graduates who choose the fellowship of another denomination. Some students begin to lose confidence in their Saviour, Jesus Christ, and in the Bible, during college years. We must encourage our college students to be faithful!

There is an urgent need for a vital Christian witness on the college campus through our Free Will Baptist students. I believe you can help strengthen this witness by sending me the names and addresses of your student friends. Perhaps you should check to see if your pastor may have already sent me a complete list. Please continue to pray for our Free Will Baptist students and this project which is in cooperation with projected plans of the Church Training Service Department.

Send students' names and addresses to the Board of Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088 Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Student's Name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) _____

Home Address _____

Campus Address _____

Class _____ Major _____

Rev. Vandivort is Field Secretary for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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around the world

STUDENT APPOINTEES FOR SUMMER WORK

Carl Heinz and Gregory Lewis will be spending the summer assisting in Bible Schools and preaching missions in Idaho. Several young ladies from the Bible College are planning to assist in Bible School work in New England.

CANADA

The Mack Owens family are temporarily located in North Carolina where Brother Owens is engaged in itinerant work. The Owens have completed their ministry in Millville, New Brunswick, where three preaching points have been established. They will return to Canada or New England for further ministries as soon as their account is out of the red.

The Frank Cousineau family are in Sherbrook, Quebec, where they are currently studying at a French Bible school for a future ministry among the French people in one of the home or foreign fields.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH EXTENSION

Eight metropolitan church extension ministries are presently being conducted

under the auspices or in co-operation with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. All of these ministries are in metropolitan cities where there are no other Free Will Baptist churches. Most of these cities have an urgent need for strengthening Bible preaching witness.

Several Church Extension project plans are now in progress. For special missions emphasis from time to time, auxiliaries are urged to remember the following Church Extension workers: The Wade Jernigans, Jerome, Idaho; The Richard Shades, Salina, Kansas; The Lloyd Plunketts, Seattle, Washington; The Lewis Perrys, Lincoln, Nebraska; The Johnny Postlewaites, Portland, Oregon; The Thurman Murphys, Youngstown, Ohio; The Harvey Hendersons, Austin, Texas; The E. B. Ledlows, Montgomery, Alabama.

INDIA

The cornerstone for the church at Gopalapuram was laid in the fall of 1965. The 63 members of the church have given all the funds for the building. A Harvest Offering taken in November was approximately \$105.00, a record offering for this church. The church has grown steadily under the leadership of Pastor John Raju.

Shkharan Benjamin and his family have recently joined the work in South

India and have assumed ministries in Karamadia, described by missionary Volena Wilson as the hardest of the gospel centers in South India. The work was begun by evangelist Henry David. This is the first time that Karamadai has had a resident worker. The Free Will Baptist Church is the only gospel witness in this large Hindu festival center with an estimated population of 10,000.

Both John Raju and Sekharan Benjamin are graduates of Bible colleges in India. Pastor Benjamin holds the Th. B. degree.

BRAZIL

The Louis Coscias are ministering at Pirassnunga. They report the church there is progressing. Attendance at Wednesday night services is usually good. The first Brazilian Sunday school teacher in the church is assisting Florine in the children's classes. As soon as possible she will be given charge of the children and Florine will begin working with the young people.

The Jim Combses replaced the Bobby Aycocks in Araras when they returned to the States for furlough in December.

Sammy and June Wilkinson assumed ministries at Ribeiral Pretao in December, replacing furloughing Bobby and Geneva Poole.

Don and Carol Robirds are in Piraicaba. In addition to duties there, Don is in charge of the mission's literature program.

In co-operation with other evangelical missions in Brazil, we have begun production of Gospel Light Sunday School lesson translations. Plans are being completed for production of a Portuguese version of the Spanish evangelistic mass-appeal magazine, **Impacto**.

Ken and Marvis Eagleton with Mary Ellen Rice have begun services in Monte Alto, a town of about 8,000 near Jaboticabal. Several decisions have been

witnessed. A small rented hall is being used for the meetings.

FRANCE

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, France was approved as a new field of service. The Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh, who formerly served five years in Africa and pastored for three years in Florence, S. C., were reassigned to this field. They are now in itinerant work in anticipation of leaving in the late summer for France. They plan to attend school in France for a language refresher course as well as taking special course concerning France. They have five children.

IVORY COAST

Dr. LaVerne Miley began surgical residency in Memphis city hospitals in January preparatory to further specialized ministries when the family returns to Doropo this summer.

Dr. Ruby Griffin will complete study of French, national language of Ivory Coast, early this summer and will sail to begin ministries at the clinic at Doropo.

Echo de Tam Tam, a French children's magazine produced in co-operation with other evangelical missions in Ivory Coast, is being very well received. The magazine is designed as an evangelistic tool for use among the school-age young people. It contains information slanted to their culture and Bible stories in pictures with a clear presentation of the gospel. Missionary Bill Jones is engaged in the distribution of this publication.

The Archie Mayhews completed language study in Switzerland in late 1965. They sailed to Ivory Coast and began studying Kulango, the tribal language spoken in their area. Already the Lord has given witnessing opportunities and some have been saved. Archie and Sarah will replace the Palmers at Laoudi Ba when Lonnie and Bernice come for furlough in June.



Harvesters in the Field

Free Will

by Martha Everson

Monday—

CLAIMING THE FIELD

SONG: "This is My Father's World"

PRAYER: Use "Call to Prayer" requests.

SONG: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"

"The field is the world." Spiritually, it lays here—dormant, empty, fruitless, unclaimed—because we who should be setting up the stakes are lazy, indifferent, unconcerned, and evil. "How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein?" (Jeremiah 12:4).

"Behold, he was wandering in the field" (Genesis 37:15) is a good description of many Christians today. "Wandering in the field"—but not "looking on the fields!" The wise man describes our modern field in Proverbs 24:30, 31. He also gives us good advice in verse 32, "Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction."

Co-laborers, *the world is our field to claim!* A field is a piece of land used for some particular purpose—a special work or opportunity. Our field consists of the *immortal souls of man.*

Three definite claims have already been made on this field: *God's Claim—Creation* (Genesis 1; Psalms 24:1, 2), *Christ's Claim—Redemption* (Colossians 1:9-20; Titus 2:11-14), and *the Holy Spirit's Claim—Unlimited Power for Wit-*

nessing (Luke 24:46-49; Matthew 28:18-20).

Let us liken our present field to a lovely old plantation—beautiful home and fields tended with loving care giving forth bountifully. Then the aged owner dies and the estate passes on to someone else—someone who does not care for and maintain the property in the accustomed manner. Soon the house begins to sag and the fields are untended. But one day another heir comes along and visualizes this place as it used to be. He repairs the sagging broken down house and carefully works the overgrown fields. Before long passersby take notice! They remark about the lovely old restored farm house and the fertile well-kept fields. This happened because someone *reclaimed* that which was already his.

So is our responsibility to the world as Christians. *The field lays here—waiting to be claimed.* It has already been claimed by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but you and I, co-laborers, must reclaim this field of immortal souls that has been neglected and left untended because of our (yours, mine, and other professing Christians') laziness and unconcern.

Prayer Time

1. Pray that every Free Will Baptist will awake to the need of "claiming the field for Christ."
2. For the Board of Foreign Missions and departmental workers.
3. For missionary candidates and appointees.

Tuesday—

PREPARING THE FIELD

SONGS "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

To many people *field* has no significant meaning. Maybe they visualize fertile land or barren—mountain slopes or level ground—desert acres or rich valleys. But it all seems so far removed!

Compare the reaction of the farmer to this word *field*. Note the interest. This is real to him—vital for his family. This is his livelihood! He knows to prepare his field appropriately for the seeds because short cuts result in reduced yields. He has seen expensive seed refuse to come through improperly prepared soil resulting in the added costs of having to buy more seed and prepare the seed all over again. He remembers the time he became impatient because of prolonged rains and hurriedly skimmed through the land preparation to planting the crop only to reap half a harvest that fall. Too many seed came through to plow under and yet the plants were so far apart. He worked all that year knowing he would realize no profit from that field because he had not prepared the ground properly. Short cuts in preparation are expensive risks that the farmer cannot afford!

Neither can there be any short cuts in preparing Christ's "field of souls." To many of us, this field too, is insignificant. Yet, it is here! Look around you! This is not a remote optional thing. We are a part of this field!

Some things necessary to preparation for this spiritual field are:

The New Birth—(John 3:1-21). Results of the new birth are a new heart, a new mind, a new nature, a new love for God and His people (Ezekiel 36:26).

Prayer—Throughout the Word, we are constantly reminded to pray. "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things" (Jeremiah 13:3). Prayer is not merely requests but rather communion or a pouring out of the whole soul to God. So little time is spent in prayer today. Daniel knew the value of prayer. The same prayer that released Paul and Silas from prison prepared the heart of the jailor to cry out, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Prayer takes the ugly things out of our lives and makes room for the beautiful. Prayer prepares the *pray-er* and the *field* (Matthew 7:7).

Bible Study—The Bible is God's Word (2 Peter 1:21); it was written for all Christians (2 Timothy 3:16); every person should study the Bible for his own self (Joshua 1:8); and the Holy Spirit is the teacher of the Bible (John 14:26).

God's Word is the Christian's weapon. We must study it daily and apply it to our lives thus preparing ourselves for Christian service (Hebrews 4:12).

Christian Living—The powerless Church is a direct result of the lack of Christian living among its membership. The *professing church* will never win the lost to Christ. Christians must act like Christ if preaching and teaching are to mean anything to our world today. Christian living includes: consistent prayer life (Luke 21:36); regular study of God's Word (Acts 17:11); daily witness for Christ (Acts 5:42); and clean living (1 Corinthians 6:13-20).

Consecration—Consecration means letting God have complete control. It means to be willing to be *anything* or *nothing*, to go anywhere, at any time, for God (Colossians 3:17).

SONG: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Prayer Time:

1. Pray for the Missions department of Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. Missionaries and appointees on itinerary.
3. Missionaries in language schools.

Wednesday—

PLANTING THE FIELD

SONG: "Scattering Precious Seed"

The anxious farmer follows the tractor—he stoops, digs down, measures the depth of the seed, checks the amount of moisture in the ground, determines the distance between the planted seeds. He beckons the tractor driver to stop. They adjust the planters—maybe a few more seed would be better—the plants will need to be closer if the yield is to be as great as planned. He decides to raise the planters and not sink the precious seeds quite as deep into the cool earth. If only he knew when it would rain and how much and what the temperature would be. But he doesn't. And the marvelous thing is that when he does his very best, plants quality seed in a well prepared field, God works the miracle! He sends the sunshine, the rain, and the right temperature. Before long tender blades will be peeping through the earth from one end of the field to the other.

We Christian workers can take a lesson from the farmer. Is important to the harvest for us to plant the spiritual seed just right (under the leadership of the Holy Spirit).

Just as different farmers have different methods of planting their crops, so God uses various people and ways to get His seed planted in the hearts of men. Some of us are responsible for one part, some another. But each is responsible for planting his share. (Study and discuss 1 Corinthians 12:14; and 1 Corinthians 13.)

God has not called all of us to the foreign mission field. He has not even called all of us to be ordained ministers. Many of us cannot sing very well. *But every born again Christian can testify of the love of Christ and tell his own*

personal experience to some poor needy soul. This system was used quite successfully by the early church.

While God used different people and various methods to plant His field, the *same seed* is used. "The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). People and methods may differ, but the seed does not. We are responsible for planting pure seeds in His field (Matthew 7:15-20).

Prayer Time:

1. Pray for Christian workers in our local churches.
2. Our literature program.
3. Missionaries on the field.

Thursday—

CULTIVATING THE FIELD

SONG: "I Want to be a Worker"

This is the growing season. The fragile little plants must be tended with the utmost of care. The plow must be just the right size and controlled by a steady hand. The tractor moves at a very slow rate of speed. Seeds that were sown in the well prepared soil have taken roots and come up. Now the responsibility of nourishing these tiny plants to maturity rests on the farmer and his helpers.

The next time the field is plowed the plants will be a little bigger, the plow will be changed and the tractor can go a wee bit faster. Succeeding plowings find the plants bigger and stronger.

In between plowings, the farmer checks on his field. This thing is important to him. Sometimes he brings extra workers to get the grass and weeds out of his plants. He is ready to do whatever he thinks necessary to increase his crop yield. Well, he can hardly prepare land, plant expensive seed, and then stop, can he? Certainly not! He must do whatever

is necessary to this crop now. It will not wait! Cultivation is the longest and most tedious part of the plant's life.

Cultivation is where many churches are failing today. Some are failing to nurture their new babes in Christ; some are failing to utilize the services of their growing Christians; many are failing in both ways.

Christians need the companionship and influence of other Christians. New Christians face a new world. "Old things are passed away." This new world is strange and different. They need support and help from other Christians. The growing Christian matures as he reaches out to help these new babes in Christ. It was Christian love and concern that caused Aquila and Priscilla to "take unto themselves" Apollos and teach him further about God's Way. Their efforts were rewarded many times as the eloquent Apollos preached Jesus to the world in his day.

Some of the areas in need of cultivation among Christians today are:

- *Fellowship*—Acts 2:42; Philippians 1:3-5; Psalms 1:1.
- *Consecration*—Romans 12:1; Hebrews 12:1, 2; Colossians 3:17.
- *Stewardship*—Proverbs 3:6; 1 Corinthians 4:1; Matthew 24:44-46.
- *Giving*—Deuteronomy 16:17; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Luke 6:38.
- *Service*—Matthew 25:40; Luke 9:23, 24; 1 Corinthians 15:58.

There are unlimited areas of service in God's field. The important thing is for each of us to use what we have (time, abilities, possessions, opportunities) to the glory of God. There is enough work for everyone. The Church should see that every member is utilized in Christ's service. "For we are laborers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

SONG: "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?"

Prayer Time:

1. Pray for new missionaries on the fields.
2. New mission stations.
3. Native Christians.
4. Laymen in our Free Will Baptist churches.

Friday—

HARVESTING THE FIELD

SONG: "The Morning Light is Breaking"

PRAYER:

SPECIAL SONG: "Nothing But Leaves"

Harvest—the culmination of our work! The farmer has anxiously awaited this day, apprehensive, yet daring to believe it will be a time of great joy. This is the season when everyone gets involved. Meals may be irregular, other work will be left undone, but the immediate need now is for harvesters! How true this is of the spiritual harvest! Read Matthew 9:37, 38, and Luke 10:2.

• *Pray*—That God will call laborers out of our Free Will Baptist denomination, out of our own churches, out of our own homes.

While there is only a certain time for the farmer's harvest of crops, God's spiritual harvest of souls is not limited to a specific time or place (John 4:35).

• *Pray*—That we might see the "fields already white unto harvest." God has promised wages and fruit to those of us who labor together in His harvest fields. Read John 4:36-38; 2 Corinthians 9:6; and Galatians 6:7-9.

• *Pray*—That each of us might be faithful in gathering this fruit (harvest of souls) for Him.

Receive Laura Belle Barnard Offering for Foreign Missions.

SONG: *Bringing in the Sheaves*

PRAYER: *For our retired missionaries.*

CIRCLE

Programs

OR FOR SECOND
AUXILIARY MEETING

APRIL

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Song: "I Want my Friends to Pray for Me"

Call to Prayer: John 17:24; Luke 23:34

To Program Chairman: Ask members to bring their Bibles. Plan prayerfully for a real worship experience and that the women may become more conscious of the necessity of intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is an important part of the missionary task of the church and of every member of the auxiliary. Everything vital to missions hinges on prayer.

Many women are so busy with their crowded schedules of daily domestic duties, family responsibilities, and church work, they neglect prayer—especially intercessory prayer (prayer for others).

Let us keep these thoughts in mind as we read the promises God has made concerning our prayer to Him, and as we see the example of prayer in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Have members with Bibles find the following verses and read without comment, except for the first reference. You may wish to choose from them if you think eight is too many.)

Matthew 7:7-8. Note the first letters of the three words emphasized in the verse: Ask, Seek, Knock, spelling "ask." Note that God instructs us to ask persistently for those things we deem necessary in the ongoing of His Kingdom. John 15:7; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 1:19-20; Romans 8:26-27; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:32; James 5:16.

Let us summarize briefly the truths from God's Word: We are to ask God for what we need; He hears and rewards those who pray; the Holy Spirit intercedes and helps us pray aright; private and united prayer bless us and those for whom we pray.

In growing spiritually, our chief aim is to become more like our Master. Certainly the perfect example of intercession, the highest level of prayer, is given us in the life of Jesus. He lived for others, he died for others, he lives today to intercede for us with the Father.

DEFINITE TIMES TO PRAY

The Christian who has no definite time for praying will find it difficult to pray consistently and intelligently for missions.

Mrs. Lorene Miley, missionary to the Ivory Coast, has emphasized the value of such seasons of prayer when relating how she and Dr. Miley had found "grace to help in time of need" during a very difficult experience in their medical ministry in Africa. Afterward she recalled this occurred during a time of special prayer set aside by the Auxiliaries.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

The most poignant appeal of missionaries is not for additional helpers or financial

resources, although both are badly needed, but for prayer support. This is something everyone of God's children can do.

"Pray One For Another"

(James 5:16)

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of some one miles and miles
away!

In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless a need there be that I should pray.

Too hurried off are we to spare the thought,
For days together, of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer
fight,

And more appalling weakness and decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of
right;

And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore, pray.

—MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

Two women are engaged in mission work. One goes to India and molds the characters of hundreds of children in a mission school; the other remains at home. She cannot use her hands for they are paralyzed, but never a day passes that she does not pray for her sister's work. They are both obeying the Great Commission.

We can circle the globe on wings of intercessory prayer! In a moment of time we can enter primitive villages in India or Africa or visit the thriving cities of the world, and ask God's help for those in spiritual and material need.

World missions is the obligation of every Christian. If we cannot go in person, we can go in purse and in prayer.

PRAYER POWER

Dr. Cauthen has said: "If a radio signal from a space control station on earth can cause delicate mechanisms to begin functioning in a satellite passing by the planet Venus 36 miles away, **surely earnest intercessory prayer arising from a loving heart can set in motion spiritual forces thousands of miles away on a mission field.**"

MAY

HELP WANTED

Song: "Here Am I, Send Me"

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

There is a manpower shortage in the work of the Kingdom. "Help wanted" signs could very well be posted on the doors of most churches and mission fields. The church has many critics and numerous members who are willing to work in an **advisory capacity**, but there is a serious shortage of **laborers**.

Today the troubled hearts and empty lives of multitudes around us, and the millions in our world who have not yet heard that Jesus loves them, challenges us to pray the Lord of the harvest to "send forth laborers."

COMPASSION FOR THE FIELD

When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them because they fainted, (were bewildered, worried, helpless) and were scattered abroad, "as sheep having no shepherd."

Pity costs us nothing, but real **compassion** not only feels the needs of those we serve but stirs us to do something about it. Jesus first ministered to the spiritual needs

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APRIL PROGRAM

by
AILEEN
CALVERY

FOCUS ON JAPAN



HYMN: "The Call For Reapers"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:35-38

THE CHALLENGE OF THE FIELD

Perhaps Japan is the most open and waiting mission field we have today. At present the missionary has no difficulty in entering the country. He is usually welcomed and given permission to hold services in any place he chooses. The busy Japanese housewife greets the missionary

at the door and will politely listen for a few minutes to his message and may even buy a Bible portion or some literature. Courtesy, intelligence, and resourcefulness are words usually used to describe these people who have suddenly become our neighbors. Japan has been handicapped by poverty, over-population and disease. But in spite of this, she is fast becoming a modern nation.

The American in Japan soon recognizes two things which make the country different from America. One is the enor-

mous amount of people crowded into the small country. There are over 97 million people living in a land area smaller than the state of California. Furthermore, only about 20 percent of the country is suitable for use. The rest being steep mountains, lakes and volcanic areas. The other great contrast is the number of shrines, temples, and idols which cover the country. **In this great mass of people less than one out of two hundred claim to be Christian.** The rest profess to be adherents to one of the many sects of Buddhism, Shintoism, or the new and powerful Sokka Gakkai. They may belong to all of these religions at the same time without conflict. Japan is indeed a needy mission field today.

SOWING IN JAPAN

There are some things which greatly help in the spreading of the Gospel in Japan. Almost every Japanese can read and write. They enjoy reading and will readily read Christian books and literature when available. Missionaries who can give all their time to this ministry are greatly needed at this time.

The well developed means of transportation works to the advantage of the missionary. Trains and buses run often and reach all parts of the country. Because of the large population, there are always thousands within reach by walking a few blocks in the cities, and hundreds can be reached by bicycle in the country.

Every home has a radio and most have television and newspapers. These means should be used for getting out the Gospel message. **Communism, false cults, and even the different sects of the heathen religions are using these means of communication to a grater extent than the Christians are at present.**

There are a few difficulties which the American faces in sowing the Word of God in Japan, but they are few in comparison to the great opportunities. Japan

is a great, wide open field for giving out the Word (Psalms 126:6).

REAPING IN JAPAN

When we think of reaping in the Lord's service, we usually mean that souls are being saved. Before we can have reaping we must, of course, have faithful sowing and cultivating. There is very little reaping being done in Japan today. Some churches are losing ground and many churches are happy if they are able to hold their own in numbers. This is causing great concern among Christian workers there. Perhaps as yet the sowing and cultivating have been too limited. Perhaps there has not been enough effort on the part of the Japanese Christians themselves. But just as important is the lack of real personal concern and burden on the part of those at home who are sending; and on the part of those who are being sent with the Gospel message. Each of us may have to find a new depth of dedication before there is real reaping in Japan. It must be remembered that it is much harder to win lost men in a heathen country than it is at home. The missionary has no more power than the average Christian at home to win the lost. Only as those in the homeland have a real passion for lost people and are seeing souls saved at home, can they expect to send forth missionaries who will reap for us.

Japan is a heathen country but she is also an intelligent neighbor. She quickly senses the spiritual temperature of our churches in America. We as American women have more time and more know-how for God's work than any other women in the world. If we choose to use that time wisely in devoted prayer, Bible study, and witnessing, we may help to raise that spiritual thermometer in our churches.

May each of us yield our lives to the Holy Spirit and let Him use us in the all important task of sowing, cultivating, and reaping, at home and abroad.

FATHER'S DAY

A Day To Remember

by LORA SHUTES

CHARACTERS: Rev. and Mrs. Brown and three members of the Personal Service-Evangelism Committee of the Salem Free Will Baptist Church.

SETTING: The living room of the Brown's apartment in the Housing Project.

TIME: Early Sunday morning of Father's Day.

(Upon arriving at the door of the Brown's apartment, the Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman knocks at the door.)

Mrs. Brown: (Comes from the kitchen, where she is washing the breakfast dishes, to answer the door) Oh, good morning ladies! The ladies reply: Good morning, Mrs. Brown!

Mrs. Brown: Please come in! It is so nice having someone call on us this Lord's Day morning. Mr. Brown will be happy to see you. You know he hasn't been able to get about for some time on account of the arthritic condition. He just sits here and reads his Bible for hours at the time until his eyes begin to bother him and he has to lay it aside. He so often wishes for some of the church folk to come by and chat with him, but I suppose everyone is so busy these days with their work and keeping up with all the church activities until they just don't have time to visit the elderly shut-ins. I remember how he and I used to visit the shut-ins of the church at least once a week and how happy they were to see us and have us tell them all about the church and what was taking place. It seemed to me that they appreciated our visits more than any other group of people. We would always read to them from God's Word and pray with them, and sometimes we would even sing with them their favorite hymns. Oh, it was a joy of our life to try to cheer those precious ones, and we would always leave happy in our souls. I must hush though and let you come on in to see Mr. Brown before I take up all your time.

(The ladies go into the room where Rev. Brown is seated near a reading table with his Bible opened. Mrs. Brown goes over to him and puts her hand on his shoulder.)

Mrs. Brown: My dear, you have visitors.

All the ladies greet him in their own way.

Rev. Brown: (After exchanging greetings with the ladies) Well, what brought you ladies here so early this Lord's Day morning? We seldom have visitors from the church and never on Sunday mornings. I know everyone is busy getting ready to get off to church and it's a hurry-scurry for everyone. I remember how we used to have to rush on Sunday mornings when we were young and the children were small.

Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman: Brother Brown, we are here on a special mission this morning. First, we want to apologize to you and Mrs. Brown for being so

negligent toward you. We all love and appreciate the many services you have rendered to us when you were our pastor, but I must confess that we have been so taken up with so many projects in the church that we have failed to visit you and show our love and appreciation in a real and vital way.

The purpose of our visit with you this morning is to present to you a real love offering from our Woman's Auxiliary. As you know, today is Father's Day and it is also National Superannuation Day throughout our denomination. The church will receive an offering for the National Superannuation program to help our ministers who are eligible, to have an Endowment Insurance that will benefit them when they reach the retirement age, and to help their families if they shouldn't live to reach the age of retirement. The ladies of the Auxiliary wanted to do something for one who has been a real spiritual father to us and our families, but is past the age of getting in on the retirement program. Here is a check which is just a small token of our love and appreciation. (She hands Brother Brown the check in the amount of \$100.00)

Brother Brown: (Reaches out with trembling hand to accept the check. He takes a handkerchief from his pocket to wipe the tears that flow down his cheeks.) Thank you, my children, and God bless you! You know this is the first time this has happened to us since we had to retire. Our only income is a small check each month from the Welfare Board, and often times we do not have the necessary funds for our medical bills and our actual living expenses. Our children help when they can, but it takes so much for their families to have what they need that they are not able to help often.

Our church didn't have a Superannuation program for its young men when I was a young minister and by the time it did get a program started I was too old to participate. I am so thankful to know that we do have a program now that will help our young ministers when they reach my age. I have been reading in **Contact** about the \$5,000 Endowment Plan. This is a very good program and I hope our young ministers will take advantage of it. If I could just reach them, I would urge everyone of them to apply to the Superannuation Board for the Endowment Insurance. I could tell them how badly they will need it when they reach the age for retirement. I suppose the church is helping your pastor to have this protection, isn't it?

Another Member of Personal Service Committee: Yes, we are, Brother Brown. We are not only paying one-half of his premiums for him, but we are giving a monthly offering for this worthy cause. We believe it is our duty to support this phase of our denominational work as much as missions and education and the Children's Homes.

Chairman of Personal Service-Evangelism Committee: It has been nice visiting you and Mrs. Brown this morning, Brother Brown, but we must get on our way now and get our families off to church.

The Third Member of the Personal Service-Evangelism Committee: Yes, we must be going, but before we go let us have Brother Brown pray for us and ask God's blessings upon our lives and the work we're trying to do for our blessed Lord. (All bow heads while Brother Brown prays.)

The ladies take their leave bidding Brother and Mrs. Brown goodbye. Mrs. Brown follows them to the door and says, Please give our love to all the church folk and tell them to visit us when they have time.

For further information concerning the Minister's Retirement Program write the Board of Superannuation, 408 Fourth Street, Cordova, Alabama. Mrs. Shutes is treasurer of the board.

Ministering The Word In India

HYMN: "O, Zion Haste"

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:11-17



INTRODUCTION

Many lives have been changed by reading God's Word. His Word is powerful (Hebrews 4:12). And as it penetrates and permeates the heart, it becomes a mighty force for God. The Word does accomplish great things and will never return void (Isaiah 55:11). It can never fail because God is behind it. Use it, sow it and reap a great harvest of souls. The Word must be ministered at all times.

THE WORD SHINES FORTH IN GOPALAPURAM

Gopalapuram, located just nine miles from Ootacamund, the largest town in the Nilgiri Hills, has a population of over 4,000. Aruvandadu, situated on the hillside overlooking Gopalapuram and famous for its gun-powder manufacturing plant, has a population of approximately 20,000. Most of the members of our Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Gopalapuram work in this gun-powder plant. For these two areas there are only two other Protestant churches besides our own to minister the Word of God. Our pastor here, Mr. R. John Raju, believes in the power of the Word. Always anxious and eager to get people to Christ, this man has allowed God to use him.

The work began at Gopalapuram in July, 1957, with only John Raju, his wife and sister. The Lord has given fruit and today there is a membership of sixty. Most of the services will average anywhere from 100 to 125. Now we are stirring up our people to begin to erect

a church. All through these years they have had to worship in our school building which is not suitable for worship. We do not have sufficient funds in our hands; so it is a venture of faith. On October 19, 1965, the cornerstone for the church was laid. We do anticipate God's undertaking in this work.

THE WORD PENETRATES HEARTS IN KOTAGIRI

Kotagiri is the third largest town in the Nilgiri Hills and has over 20,000 population. Besides our church there are six other Protestant churches. God's Word through many years has been at work here and today there are over 120 members of our Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church. Perhaps the one with the deepest knowledge of the WORD is our school manager, Mr. M. Rajamanickam. In his quiet and humble way the Lord is using him in our midst.

Pastor Dorairaj witnesses among the many villages near our church and, of course, farther afield. Here and there this one and another are touched. He has a fine Bible teaching ministry in our

midst. Others of us, too, assist him in this teaching ministry and witness.

Chellamani is another very fine witness here. She has sowed beside many waters. For four years she worked on the plains as a Bible woman then six years in Goonoor among the Muslims. In April of this year the Lord brought her to us. She comes from our people here in Kotagiri but has never worked with us until now. She has received two years Bible training and the Lord is blessing her among us. There is an increase in our Sunday schools she is teaching, the mothers' meeting she is conducting and the Kindergarten she is in charge of.

I also put Chellamani in charge of our Bible Memory Club and thrill of thrills it is to see the increase in attendance and hear the children recite chapter after chapter. One girl in the fourth grade recited twelve chapters making only one error.

MAKING HIS WORD KNOWN IN METTUPALAYAM

Mettupalayam, nestled at the foot of the lovely Blue Mountains (Niligiri Hills), is a thriving, growing town. Here many industries have sprung up in just recent years. Mettupalayam proper has a population of over 50,000 and the 300 surrounding villages within one mile to ten miles radius will average over 250,000 people. **There is only one Protestant church to serve the entire area of more than 300,000 souls.** Figures seem so cold; but can you imagine a place with so many, many thousands and no one to really love them and pray for them—no pastor and church to whom they can turn for help and comfort? If so, then you can see these poor neglected people, whose hearts are heavy and sad with so few to tell them of One who can turn their night to day.

Striving to get the Word to thousands, neglected by others, Mr. Wilson-Raj is often faced with discouragement. The three baptized in February have told him, "When others come, we will return and assist in the church. You have no land,

no church and we are too few to do anything." And so the heartbreak has come from the first of those who took their stand for the Lord. But witness continues. Hundreds and hundreds of homes and individuals have been contacted and they indicate an interest in the Gospel.

To carry on at Mettupalayam takes courage and perseverance. Only God through your intercession can keep them walking without fainting. We go down whenever possible but the establishing of the work must be done by those in charge of the centers.

Our two workers here with us are sowing the WORD by personal witness, tracts, Gospel and Bible distribution. There are over two hundred children enrolled in the Sunday schools. We expect the Word to do its work in hearts in days to come.

Sister Annammal, an earnest and enthusiastic Bible woman, has a deep burden for the lost. She is a courageous witness for Christ. I was with her one evening when we visited a wealthy Hindu home at Karamadai and the wife had a red mark in her forehead (a sign of Hinduism) and Sister Annammal said, "The red mark in your forehead reminds me of Jesus' blood and His blood can wash away all sin. Confess your sins and let Him give you joy and peace. Then someday you can go to live with the Lord in Heaven." Incidentally, the husband of this Hindu woman is the owner of the hall we rent in Karamadai for our weekly services and Sunday schools as well as women's meetings. People like them need to be won to Christ and could be such a help in establishing a strong work for the Lord where there is no church at all. Karadamai has a population of 20,000 or more and these people are neglected. They have indeed been omitted in the breaking of the Bread. The one C.S.I. church in Metty. proper is six miles from Karadamai and does not reach out in evangelism. And so the people grope on in darkness, seeking peace but do not know where to turn for that peace. They are lonely and bur-

dened because they do not know the God of Hope and Comfort. The task is great. It calls for inspired men of God and in-filled by His Holy Spirit.

RESULTS OF THE WORD MINISTERED

Today we have four students who are studying God's Word. Three are already in Bible College and the other one will enroll the first of next month. Franklin Achish, who was called into the ministry in 1962 is a student at the South India Bible Institute, Bangarapet. He will be of much value in the work here for the Lord when he completes his training.

Mr. Aaron, who came out of the Muslim faith and was baptized in our Kottagiri Church in January, 1938 has remained true although he has been persecuted for his faith in Christ. He goes from village to village to tell others of his wonderful Lord. He desires to study the Word at a Bible College in Kottayam, Kerala state. It is joy of joys to see the Lord calling this one and that one out and sending them apart to study His Word for a few years. Mr. Aaron came to Christ as Mr. Paul Ponna Mais-try, who was stoned because of his witness and died in 1961, took God's Word and read it over and over to him. Isn't this remarkable and so very precious? Pray that he might be used mightily among his own people, the Muslims, who are so difficult to reach with the Gospel, when he completes his training.

The eldest daughter of Pastor Dorairaj, Beulah, is also in Bible College at Madras. Then Mr. R. Theophilus has enrolled in a Bible College in Tirunelveli District. He is a very earnest and zealous Christian. We can take hope for the future because I do feel God's method to get the Gospel to every creature in this land is to call them out from this nation and get them trained in the Word to work for Him whenever He chooses. For our Free Will Baptist work, we feel this is the answer, too. We thank Him for raising up some from our own midst to study His Word and then go forth and make it known to others.

CONCLUSION

What does God want us to do about His Word as Auxiliary women? He wants us to love and meditate upon it (Psalm 119:97); to teach it diligently to our children (Deuteronomy 6:7); to hide it in our hearts that we may not sin against God (Psalm 119:11). What great enlightenment comes to us through His Word (Psalm 119:130)! Therefore God wants us to minister His Word whenever opportunity arises. Do we value God's Word, is it precious to us? David gave great value to the Holy Word (Psalm 19:10 and 119:72). If the Word means much to us we will endeavor to follow its laws and will desire others to know and love it. In the keeping of God's Word there is great reward (Psalm 19:11). We will pray for the effective use of the Word by ourselves and others everywhere. Moreover, we can pray and give that the Bible might be translated into all the languages in every part of the world. We will also pray that the Lord might guide the minds and hands of translators as they translate the Word that no error creep in, that money might be forthcoming for printing and distribution of it.

The Free Will Baptist Mission has begun a work in a land where a cross is on many steeples, but where comparatively few persons know its power in their lives. It is a land of many cultures and where some races mingle their blood. A land of many churches, especially in the South, and cults, the oldest religion being Hinduism. A land that has a potential of great wealth but where heartbreaking poverty exists. It is a land of friendly people. Yet a country where the best Friend is known by only a few. A land that needs prayer even more than economic aid. It is a land of lost souls and there are few labourers to make God's Word known.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

JUNE PROGRAM

by GLENDA FULCHER

A Look At

URUGUAY



HYMN: *Jesus Saves*

PRAYER:

SCRIPTURE: *Romans 10:9-15*

INTRODUCTION

All of us are aware of the fact that there are many mistaken ideas existing in the world today regarding what a person must do to be saved. However, the Bible says that there is only **one** way. In the scripture text for today, we find it simply stated. This was the only way during the days of Paul's preaching and remains to be the only way in this modern age. We as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ must be quick to teach the way of Salvation to every creature. **On the foreign fields, as well as at home, we find many false ideas.** The cults are always busy, spreading from door to door their erroneous views regarding the salvation of the soul. Many people believe that in order to reach Heaven they must do many good works, receive baptism, or be members of certain churches. We who have the truth must be witnesses both at home and abroad, and help them know that in order to be saved, one must repent of his sins, confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and by faith accept him as personal Savior. This is what we have been preaching in Uruguay, South America.

A LOOK AT THE COUNTRY

In April, 1962, the first Free Will Baptist missionaries arrived in Uruguay. This is the smallest republic of South America. It is bordered on the north by Brazil, the east by the Atlantic Ocean, the south by the river, Rio de la Plata, and on the west by Argentina. At its greatest dimensions it is 350 miles from north to south, and 320 miles from east to west. The climate is much like that of Georgia. There are four seasons, but they are opposite from those in the States. For example, January is one of the hottest months, July is the coldest. There are very hot summers, and cold winters. However, the temperature does not go below freezing very often, and it

hardly ever snows. Montevideo, the capital city is the largest city, and very modern. All activities of the country are centered there. One-third of the population of the country live there. As you leave Montevideo and go into the interior of the country, there is a drastic change. Life in the rural areas is still somewhat primitive. The country is largely a grazing land, with cattle and sheep being the chief industry. Until recent years, the majority of evangelical missionaries settled in Montevideo, with very few reaching out into the rural areas. Response to the Gospel has been slow, due to the fact that the people are very indifferent, many being athiests. We have found the Uruguayan people

somewhat distant, making it difficult to really get close to them.

A LOOK AT THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS

When the Bill Fulchers and Paul Robinsons arrived in Uruguay, it was felt that we should try to locate in some interior village where there was no evangelical witness. Therefore, in July, 1962, we moved to Rivera. This is a small frontier town located on the northern border of Uruguay and the southern border of Brazil. In the town itself, there were a few evangelical churches, however they were not reaching very many people. Surrounding the town there are many rural settlements without a single Gospel witness. Many are not willing to sacrifice the conveniences of the city in order to go to these rural areas. We started having services in the yard of a home in the village of Santa Teresa where there was no church of any religion. From that small beginning of 14 persons who attended the first service, the church is now organized with 46 charter members and many others awaiting baptism. The church averages an attendance of 70 at present. The people have bought property through a land loan fund made possible by the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri. There are two national Sunday school teachers, and others studying, preparing themselves for future teachers, preachers, and pastors. In addition to the church in Santa Teresa, another has been started in the town of Rivera. The Lord has blessed in this work, and we have an average attendance of 20. It has been much harder to reach the people in town than it was to reach the country people. But we praise the Lord that the majority of those who have been saved are strong and growing in the Lord and very faithful in church attendance, witnessing and tithing. Although the church is not yet organized, the people are in the process of buying property there in town. There are also two preaching points; every

first and third Sunday morning we have a service in Curticerres, a small settlement out from Rivera. The Christians from the church in Santa Teresa are used in directing the singing, and preaching. Also we have another preaching point in Little Rivera every Sunday afternoon with around 30 attending.

A LOOK AT THE CHALLENGE

There are many other areas surrounding this town that need an evangelical witness. The people in these rural areas are poor, living in mud, thatch-roofed huts, with dirt floors. They have very little. They are not a lovely people. But more important than this, they are living in darkness of sin. **They have never heard a simple message of salvation.** Where the Gospel has not been preached, people live in open sin. There is only one way to be saved; by calling upon the name of the Lord, and believing in Him as personal Savior, but how can these people "call on Him in whom they have not believed" when they have never heard? They must hear. How shall they hear? One must preach. How shall one preach? He must be sent to them. You have sent someone to Uruguay to preach to these people. Why are we there? To help these people live in better homes? To teach them cleanliness, cooking, sewing? To teach them* to do good works? No. We go to preach the Gospel of peace and glad tidings of good things. That by **hearing** the message preached, they might **believe** on the Lord Jesus, **call** upon Him, and be **saved**. This is the plan of God. We who know the truth must share it with those who do not know. *Praise God that in Rivera, Uruguay, many who a few years ago were lost in sin and had never heard how to be saved, today are singing praises unto Him, testifying to the change that has come into their lives because they know Him as Lord and Savior.* Will you pray that we might reach out into many other villages and areas in this country and make known the news that *Jesus saves*.

The Very Idea!

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Each auxiliary member is a witness. She must be **aware** of needs, **prayerful** in meeting these needs, **radiant** in spirit, **interested** in souls, and **loyal** to Christ and her church as she ministers to others through personal service and evangelism in her community.

SHARING EXPERIENCES IN COMMUNITY MISSIONS

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

A convincing testimony from an auxiliary member concerning her recent experiences in community missions will lead others to think, "I can do that too!" A personal account of a soul-winning experience . . . the results of tract distribution . . . or of teaching a child evangelism class, will help other members to participate in personal service or evangelism efforts.

UNDERGIRDING PRAYER PLANS OF YOUR CHURCH

In almost every Free Will Baptist church Wednesday evening is set apart for a midweek prayer meeting. The prayer chairman and her committee can emphasize this service by the following skit.

Midweek prayer service is for everyone, young and old alike. Illustrate this point dramatically by "becoming" three different persons as you give your announcement.

(1) Don a shawl, old-fashioned rimless glasses, and carry a walking cane as you tell of the comfort and assurance that comes from regular attendance at prayer meeting. As you remove these props, (2) put on horn-rimmed glasses and hold in your hand a note pad and pencil as you become the busy working woman or the "executive" mother of several older children. Stress the importance of midweek prayer service as a time of recharging with spiritual power. Then, remove these props and (3) pick up a doll wrapped in a blanket and "feed" it from a bottle as you mention the hurried, harried life of a young mother. Suggest that prayer meeting is the link between the two Sundays when we are faced afresh, through prayer, with God's plan for our lives. Yes, midweek prayer service is for everyone.

of the multitude, "He began to teach them many things"; then with the help of the disciples He met their physical needs.

CHOOSING THE FIELD

As laborers in God's harvest, the apostles did not choose just any field. The Lord of the harvest called them unto Him, personally interviewed, equipped, and sent them forth with specific instructions.

There would be fewer dropouts in God's work if more time were spent waiting before the Lord to discern His will concerning our field of labor.

We must be obedient to His leading, doing His work in His way. Only then are we "Co-laborers with God."

THE COST OF LABORING

Many workers at home and abroad have been sadly disillusioned because of either indifference or the open hostility of those they were sent to serve.

Although the world badly needs a Saviour, that by no means suggests that it will welcome Him or His servants. (Read 2 Corinthians 4:4.)

Laboring in any field means steady toil through the changing seasons. The workers must be prepared for "going forth with weeping," as well as "coming home with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

There are countless mission fields open to every Christian. Are we each taking our share of the harvest home?

JUNE

DEBTORS TO THE WORLD

Song: "The Light of the World is Jesus"
Scripture: Romans 1:14-16

A debt is something owed. Paul felt he owed something to the world. Not because of what the world had done for him but because he had found something the world needed badly—the Good News of the Gospel! When we become aware of our indebtedness to the world and what we can do for it, we shall confront one of life's greatest duties.

AMERICA—A DEBTOR

While one-half of the world suffers hunger and is without scientific medical knowledge, America is blessed with an over-abundance of food, conveniences, luxuries, and the best medical and surgical science of the world.

These blessings are ours, not because God is partial, but because our nation was founded upon Christian faith and principles. We inherited them. Therefore, we are obligated to share the burdens and sufferings of the world.

A greater obligation than this we owe. As a Christian nation we are commanded by our Master to take the Light of the Gospel to a sin darkened world.

A UNIVERSAL OBLIGATION

Paul declared he was debtor to the Greek and the Jew, to the wise and the unwise, to the rich and poor, to the learned and ignorant, to all people in all nations. He felt and confessed his obligation to pay a debt by providing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church today must face anew its obligation to the unreached, the unchurched, and the unsaved millions which are our responsibility. When the Church today calls on her members for monetary gifts, and for the dedication of lives, it is not calling for charity, but for the payment of a solemn obligation and debt.

I AM READY

Paul declares his readiness to preach the Gospel. It is a wonderful thing to be read and equipped to do a work.

All Christians are debtors to serve according to our abilities and capacities. Are we ready?

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