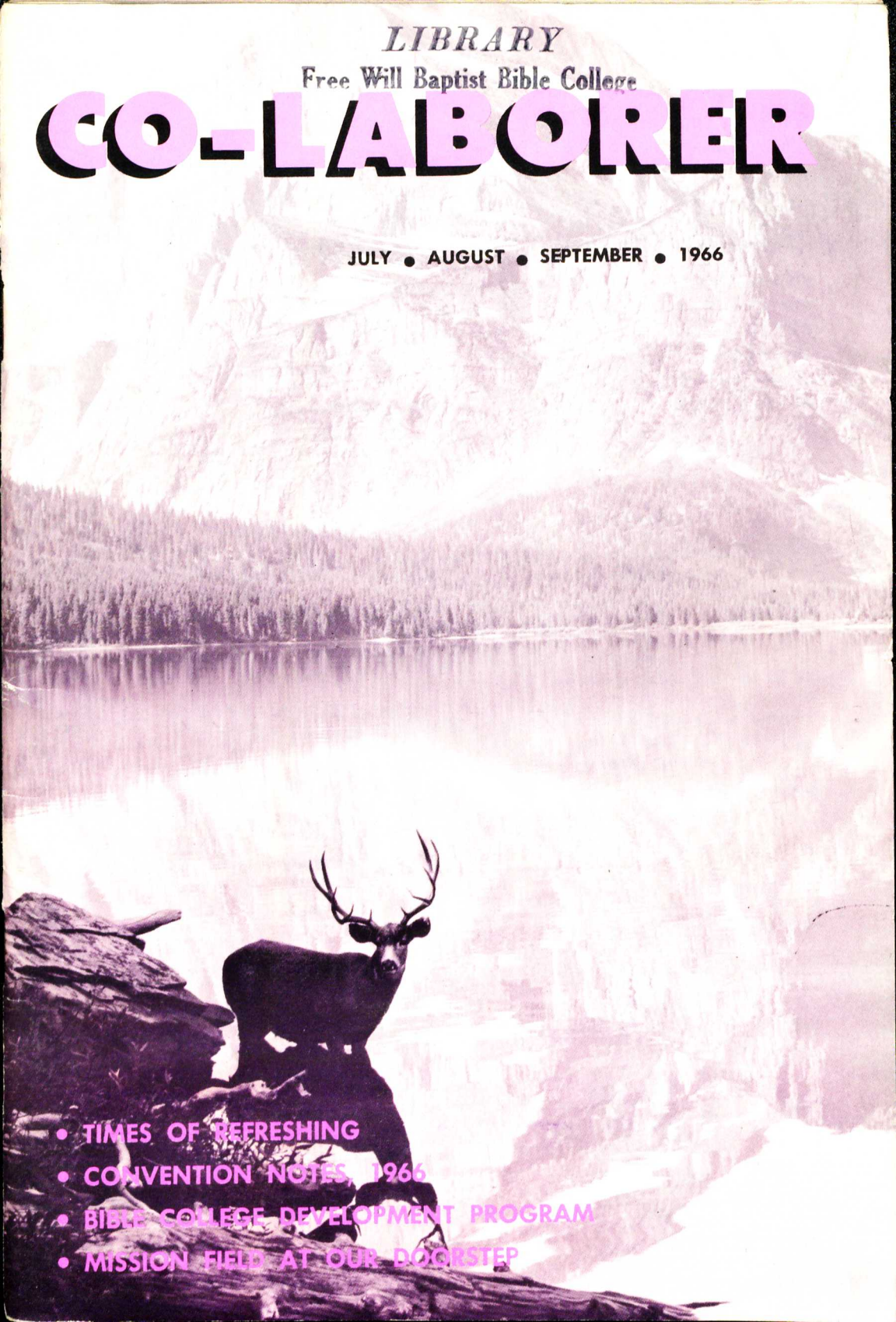


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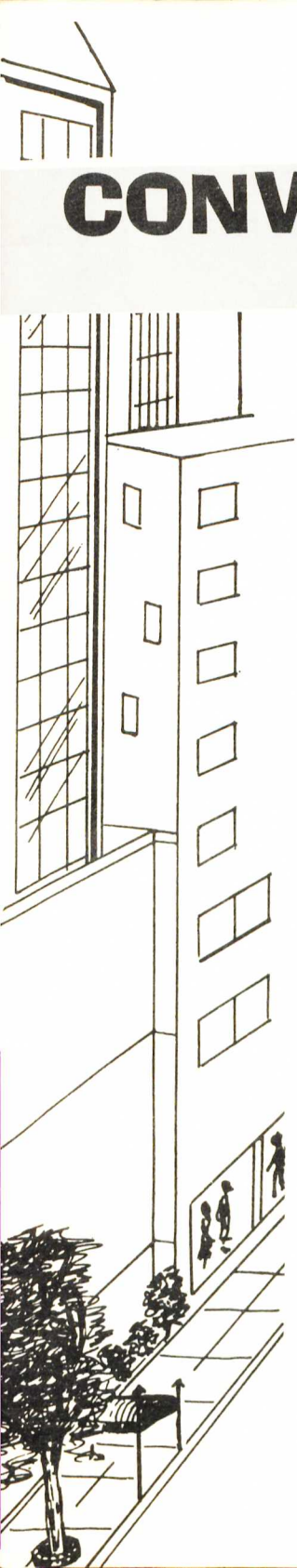
"The Field is the World"

WNAC Watchword:

"Who Will Go for Us?" (Isaiah 6:8)

WNAC Hymn:

"Christ for the Whole Wide World"



CONVENTION NOTES 1966

Free Will Baptist missionaries from four continents—North and South America, Africa, and Asia, are coming to join us in our 1966 WNAC activities, July 11-12. Many missionaries serving in the states will be present. Other missionaries expected to attend are the Aycocks, the Willeys, Sr., the Palmers, the Fulchers, the Pooles, the Herseys, the Mileys, and the Moehlemans. Here is a round-up of activities.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.—WNAC Executive Committee meeting.

10:30 a.m.—Executive Committee and state presidents and field workers.

5:00 p.m.—**Woman's Auxiliary Dinner** in the Hall of Fame, featuring Mrs. Mabel Willey, our beloved Latin American missionary.

Singing with Latin American flavor will add to the program. A complete dinner will be served. Tickets are \$2.50 each and must be ordered in advance from the WNAC office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee.

Your auxiliary may purchase a ticket for a missionary by sending reservation for same.

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.—The 31st session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The theme, "Toward New Frontiers," will be emphasized through devotions, inspirational music and singing. **Missionary Moments** will feature several missionaries in song, brief messages, and reviews of "what God hath wrought" on the field. Rev. Bobby Aycock, missionary to Brazil, will speak at 11:00 a.m. The afternoon will be devoted to conducting the Lord's business.

Plan now to participate in 1966 WNAC activities. Meet our missionaries on furlough as well as our many co-laborers over the states.

GEORGIA HILL
President, WNAC

Study Course Tips

By MERLEA DeFEE

For a profitable study course on Prayer or a study on Youth, follow these suggestions given by WNAC's Study Course Chairman.

THE KNEELING CHRISTIAN by an unknown Christian, is recommended for a study on prayer. This study will help everyone to realize that spiritual battles are not fought with the sword, but on the knees. Prayer is the key which unlocks the door of God's treasurehouse. All real growth in the spiritual life, all victory over temptation, all confidence and peace in the presence of difficulties and dangers, all repose of spirit in times of great disappointment or loss, all habitual communion with God—depend upon the practice of secret prayer.

YOUTHS EXCITING POSSIBILITIES by LeRoy Dugan is something new in a youth book. Rather than another book on the problems of youth this volume presents the **possibilities** of youth. In a practical, positive, and realistic way, the author presents the amazing and exciting possibilities that the Christian life offers to young people. It is down-to-earth with a very positive approach. It has 14 chapters.

This book can be taught best in a series of classes, but can be condensed to a one night class. It will teach all who participate how to give practical aid to flesh-and-blood young people, help them to see how Jesus Christ affords the means whereby they can not only remain unspotted by the world, but enjoy God in daily fruitful experience.

These two books are being recommended for the first time by WNAC. Both of them may be purchased from WNAC in paperback for \$1.00 each.

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*You Are Invited
to attend the
W. N. A. C.
fellowship dinner
Monday July 11,
5:00 p.m.
Hall of Fame
Marion Hotel*

Last year the WNAC voted to arrange a fellowship dinner that would be open by reservation to all who desire to attend. **THIS IS YOUR INVITATION!**

Our speaker this year will be our beloved veteran missionary, Mabel Willey, who with her husband, Rev. T. H. Willey, has spent many years in outstanding missionary service in both South America and Cuba.

You should not miss this opportunity for fellowship amid a gay Latin American atmosphere nor the timely message of our speaker.

Since we have room for only 250 people, I hope you will fill out the simple form at the bottom of this page and send it immediately to WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, 37202. Tickets are \$2.50 each (This includes tax and cover charge).

— RESERVATION FORM —

Date _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets for the WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER to be held in the Hall of Fame of the Marion Hotel in Little Rock on Monday evening, July 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for payment in full. Please mail tickets to me _____. I will pick up tickets at the door _____.

If you wish to purchase tickets for missionaries please indicate names

Name _____

Address _____



BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

by Evangelist Jack Paramore, Director

Free Will Baptist Bible College is faced today with its greatest needs in the entire twenty-four-year history of the school. God has blessed the school with an ever-enlarging student body. Including the summer school session to be conducted the first of June, enrollment is expected to pass the four hundred mark. In years gone by it has been possible to purchase buildings in the vicinity of the Bible College, renovate them, and use them for classrooms and dormitories to accommodate a small student body increase from year to year. The greater increases of recent years demand larger facilities—facilities that can be provided only by the construction of large buildings.

We stand, therefore, at a crossroads in the development of the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus. The time has come when we must either get into the education business by larger contributions—and thus larger, more adequate facilities—or begin to limit ourselves in usefulness to Christ's kingdom by turning students away because of space. It will be a sad day when we have to say to our sons and daughters, we who desire a thoroughly Christian education, that they cannot come to Free Will Baptist Bible College because we do not have room for them. We must then confess that we do not have room because Free Will Baptists have been unwilling to give that it might be provided.

The immediate needs of our school are threefold. First, we need a classroom building. In years gone by, classes have been scattered across the campus—in the basement of Richland Hall, on the first floor of Davidson and Richland Halls, on the second floor of the Administration Building, down the street in the Grizzard property, in renovated garages. We could get by thusly when there were eight or ten in the class, but now there are thirty, fifty, and one hundred in some classes, and these antiquated facilities simply will no longer do the job. We must provide a large classroom building. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to construct and equip such a building.

A second pressing need is a men's dormitory. For years we have asked our young men to share their dormitory room with three, four, or five other fellows. Thusly we have been able to get by. However, let us think for a moment about our present situation. Years ago when the student body was much smaller, an increase of 25% would bring ten, fifteen, or twenty-five new students to our campus. A dwelling could be purchased and used to accommodate them adequately. Today, however, when our student body is approaching 400, such an increase would bring 75 to 100 new students. And this number cannot be housed satisfactorily except by large dormitories. To meet our immediate needs, we must build a dormitory that will accommodate 125 to 150 students. Such a building will cost roughly between \$350,000 and \$500,000, depending on its size and equipment.

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Introducing.....

VIOLET B. COX

Our Gal Friday

Violet has been employed by WNAC since March, 1965, working on a part-time basis until her graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College in May, 1965, when she assumed full-time work.

Her versatility has enabled her to assume book-keeping responsibilities in addition to her general duties as secretary and Co-Laborer circulation manager.

Violet Brinkley Cox was born in Kinston, North Carolina, March 6, 1943 to Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Brinkley. She was married to Charles Frank Cox (student in Free Will Baptist Bible College) in 1964. She is furthering her education at the University of Tennessee, Nashville Branch.

WILL YOUR AUXILIARY BE REPRESENTED?

By paying a representation fee of \$3.00 your auxiliary may send a delegate to this convention. "Each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body, (district or state)" has the privilege of sending a delegate."

Simply give the representation fee to the lady whom you select to represent your auxiliary at this convention, and she will pay the fee when she registers at the registration booth.

FOR SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS ONLY

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.

Send Secretary's reports to:

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Fresno, California 93726

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Mrs. Cleo Pursell
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

REMEMBER AUGUST

- DURING YOUR July meeting remind members to bring their EMPHASIS MONTH gifts to the August meeting. Gifts will be welcomed any time—August, September, or any month. Just designate it "Emphasis Month."

Student Summer Missions-Retrospect

By Rosie Crisher

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, the National Home Missions Board has sent out summer missionaries. This is a work performed by students of Free Will Baptist Bible College and other qualified workers. These students or workers spend a summer on the field helping our missionaries in various capacities—door-to-door visitation, personal soul winning, preaching, conducting Vacation Bible schools, Joy clubs, and teaching in Sunday school and youth meetings.

The term "summer missionary" sounds temporary, doesn't it? It is a temporary work but the rewards and effect it has had upon the lives of those who have served in this ministry are great. Some of these young people tell what it has meant to them to get a first-hand look at the missionary and his work on the mission field.

MY ROOMMATE, DIXIE MYERS, urged me to go to Alaska with her. I thought she was crazy—leave my parents for a whole summer and over five thousand miles at that!

At the Missionary Conference I began to have a real burden to do more for Christ. Mrs. Whaley's message climaxed my decision.

The experience in Alaska has given my Christian life a richer meaning and a desire to witness for Christ wherever I am. Practical experience and Bible knowledge has given me a close relationship with my Lord and a greater desire to serve my fellowman.

Karen Terry Murphy
Youngstown, Ohio

THE THING THAT IMPRESSED ME to go to Alaska was hearing the Whaleys speak of their work at the Missionary Conference. I felt that this would be a wonderful way to gain some experience and on-the-field training and, besides, it would be adventurous and fun.

Some of our most important work was the work we did outside, such as door-to-door visitation and personal soul winning. We preached a revival in which about eight decisions were made.

How did this help me as a state missionary? It can all be summed up under *experience*. I wouldn't trade those three months for a year in college.

Thurman Murphy
Youngstown, Ohio

I WAS NOT SATISFIED while working at Baptist Hospital and just preaching on week-ends. I wanted full-time and over-time Christian work.

I told Brother Homer Willis that I wanted to go to the mission field anywhere they needed me. The Southwest and Canada needed a worker. I accepted Canada.

I have learned things here that could never, never be learned as a pastor in the populated 'churchy' states. I have learned that (1) a burden for souls can only be recognized as you deal with the personal burdens of the people. (2) People need saving everywhere, the less fortunate, however **want** to be saved. (3) Hardships are not hinderances. They are God's little helpers. They cause the knees to bow and Heaven's doors to open.

Herman Brooks
New Brunswick, Canada

Student Summer Missionaries



Karen (Terry) Murphy finds children respond eagerly to singing in Vacation Bible School at Free Will Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska. Average attendance was 150.



A summer missionary needs patience and understanding. Dixie Myers teaches Juniors in a crowded room during Vacation Bible School.



Refreshments are a welcome interlude in the busy days activities. Sandy Burney assists Karen with the serving.

I LEARNED MORE ABOUT living with people in the time I spent in Mexico than I had ever learned in my entire life. The friendships that I have made in Mexico shall be lasting ones even though it is improbable that I shall ever see them again here. I learned to trust God completely for all my needs.

Carolyn Clark and I spent the first week of the summer in Monterrey with the Arthur Billows' and adjusting to the ways of another country, visiting homes and the students of the Bible Institute, and learning to cook Mexican food.

The next seven weeks were spent in the villages in Vacation Bible schools. We helped with the handwork, kept records, prepared refreshments, did visitation and secretarial work. We did not teach because we did not know enough of the language. The national students did the teaching.

*Ann Rinehart
Newport News, Virginia*

THE EXPERIENCE REMINDS ME of the verses in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." The Lord opened doors at times when it seemed impossible. It showed me the need of others for Christ in a greater way than ever before. While there, I had "the peace that passeth all understanding" because I was where God wanted me for one summer of my life."

*Carolyn Clark
Mountain Grove, Missouri*

AFTER MUCH PRAYER and thought, I decided to go to Alaska. I left the day after school was out and arrived on a cool, brisk first day of June.

The experience shall be of much help to me in understanding the work of the missionary. The things that I learned shall always be dear to me and I wish every student, pastor, and Christian could view the field as I did. I feel that everyone would be better prepared to serve his denomination in the future.

*Wallace Hayes
Nashville, Tennessee*

This summer Avis Watson, native of Canada, will be returning to Canada as a "summer missionary." Shelia Williams, Michigan, will work in Maine and Sandra Kay Hall, North Carolina, in New Hampshire. Gregory Lewis and Carl Hinz will be going to Idaho to help Church Extension worker Wade Jernigan.

WHEN I HEARD of the opening for summer work in Idaho, my answer was "No." The Lord continued to convict my heart until I said "Yes." Then the doors started opening.

The work in Idaho impressed me very much because it is close to my home in Montana, and I realized that through this some day a similar work can be opened in Montana.

This summer Gregory Lewis and I will be preaching, teaching, visiting, holding Bible schools, and possibly working in youth camp, also in a part-time radio program.

*Carl Hinz
Nashville, Tennessee*

These are students of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Each of them needs at least \$300.00 in their account for travel and salary. Send your contributions to WNAC earmarked "Summer missionaries."



by VIOLET COX

Call TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

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

BRAZIL — Mary Ellen Rice is now teaching Bible classes in some of the public schools in Brazil. Already children have accepted Christ as Savior. Pray that others will follow Christ. Pray also for Mary Ellen that she will have the strength to perform all of her duties.

Jim and Shirley Combs are also teaching Bible in Brazilian public schools. Pray for Laercio Fernandes, a young man from the Combs' church, who has felt the call to preach and who is now attending the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Brazil. We can thank God for those who have recently been saved under the Combs' ministry.

Missionary Ken Eagleton is president of the Brazil Bible Institute and needs our prayers.

Don and Carol Robirds are experiencing Roman Catholic opposition to their work in Piracicaba, Brazil. The Robirds' are also engaged in literature distribution in Brazil. Pray that the printed page will be the means of winning many to Christ.

URUGUAY — Marcia and Walter Ellison have baptized several converts recently. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless their ministry. There is a great need for young preachers in Uruguay to help with the work of the church. Pray that God will call forth laborers. Pray also that the Uruguayan Christians will be dedicated completely to Christ.

Bill and Glenda Fulcher are on furlough in the states. Pray that needed

prayer and financial support may be raised.

INDIA — Miss Volena Wilson requests prayer for many lost souls in Karamadai, a city of over 20,000. There are also several Christians in India who have been persecuted because of their belief in Christ. Pray that God will give them the needed grace and strength to meet opposition. Pray for the Dan Cronks and the Carlisle Hannas as they minister in North India.

HAWAII — There is a great need to finish paying for the church and church property in Waipahu. Over \$10,000 is needed to completely pay for the property. Please pray for this need and for the Sanders.

NEW JERSEY — The Leslie Carneys plan to begin a work in Trenton, New Jersey. They hope to be on the field by early fall of this year. Pray that the Lord would supply all of their needs.

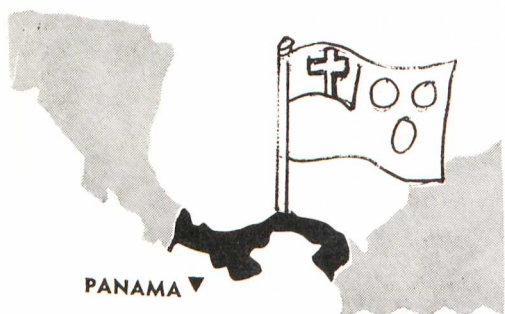
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO — The work in Youngstown very definitely needs our prayers. Rev. and Mrs. Thurmon Murphy are laboring there. Pray that many will become interested and take a part in the work there.

NASHVILLE — Pray for workers, especially qualified men with the ability to go into large cities and do church extension work. Pray for the state home missions boards.

PROGRAM HELPS

JULY: *Panama—The Land Between*

By OPAL LEE

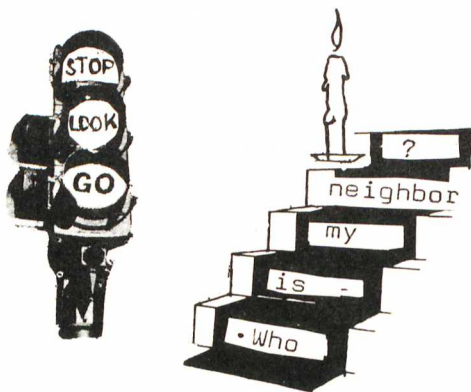


A large world map could be used in the background to show this vital link of land between two large continents. Or cover a display table to look like water and build your own land to illustrate Panama. Make a Christian flag to fly over it. Make it large enough to display pictures of our missionaries who are taking Jesus to the many souls who inhabit this land. Pray between topics for them.

TAKE HOME PRAYER REMINDERS

The program chairman and missions chairman may work together in making little Christian flags with missionaries' pictures on them, listing their needs on the back. Since these are vacation months we too can be witnesses in lands between home and our destination by leaving tracts in cafes, restrooms, and motels.

AUGUST: *Mission Field at Our Door Step*

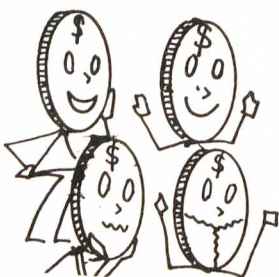


Make a large signal light using red, yellow, and green cardboard. Letter with words STOP, LOOK, and GO. Place on table beside it five steps with these words WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? Place candle on top step and light it at the beginning of the program to show how quickly time runs out. Prepare a questionnaire for each woman with such questions as "Who are my neighbors?", "What are their names?", "How long have they lived there?", "Do they attend church?", "Do they have any children or young people?", and "Have I ever witnessed to them?"

TAKE HOME PRAYER REMINDERS

Make little clocks with words on them. PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH. This month many youth camps will be in session and are worthy of our prayers.

SEPTEMBER: *Missionary Giving*

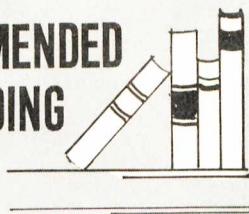


Money Talks! Let it speak for you during the program. Make cardboard cutouts of money with different facial expressions on them for the speakers to use as they give the topics. A table display or poster may be used.

TAKE HOME PRAYER REMINDERS

Make a church bank with two cutouts of white construction paper. Cut slot in top of one, glue together at edges. Encourage each woman to pray daily about missionary giving and give to the bank as the Lord speaks to her heart. Bring these banks back to the next monthly meeting as a missionary offering.

RECOMMENDED READING



The Quiet Corner edited by Sherwood Wirt (Revell; 116 pp; \$2.50). A book of devotions from the pages of Decision magazine. Quotations from many able writers, poetry, prayers and Scripture selections which quiet and nurture the soul.

With the Whole Heart by Bud Collyer (Revell; 96 pp; \$2.75). The author is the congenial host on televisions "To Tell the Truth" program and a lay preacher in his church. Evangelical truths are presented in poetic form and are intended to challenge and guide. Beautifully illustrated with blue line drawings.

Growing Up to Love by H. Clair Amstutz M.D. (Herald Press; 107 pp; \$1.00). A guide to sex education written by a physician with more than 20 years medical experience and the father of six children. This book is written to make easier the parents' task of instilling respect for the miracle of birth.

That Girl in Your Mirror by Vonda Kay Von Dyke (Revell; 128 pp; \$2.95 cloth, \$1.00 paper). Miss America 1965 talks seriously to every girl concerning her dreams, hopes, sense of right, and faith in God.

Awakening in the Wilderness by Bobby Jackson (Impact Publications; 72 pp; \$1.50). A study of revival in the Old Testament by an experienced full-time evangelist. The purpose of this book is to awaken Christians, lest they wander aimlessly into backsliding and sin.

CHAMPS WITH STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

- The young people of the Free Will Baptist Church of Checotah, Oklahoma, saved stamps for missions. They redeemed them for \$84.00 worth of merchandise for the Missionary Provision Closet.
- Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh, who are leaving shortly for missionary service in France need a motor vehicle. Only 750 books of S & H Green stamps or T.V. stamps are needed to obtain one. Send your stamps to the Board of Foreign Missions or WNAC, marked Merkh's Vehicle.

THIRD QUARTER CALENDAR

JULY

**Woman's National Auxiliary
Convention—July 11-12
Little Rock, Arkansas**

**National Association of Free Will
Baptists—July 11-14
Little Rock, Arkansas**

AUGUST

**Christian Camp Month
WNAC Emphasis Month**

SEPTEMBER

**Christian Education Month
Stewardship Emphasis
National Sunday School Week
Memorial Student Loan Fund Month
for WNAC**



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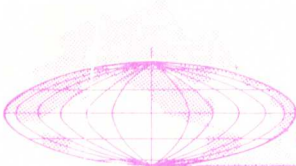
Maurine Lee, Albany, Georgia, is state president of the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention and writer of our July program.

Patricia Thomas, Denver, Colorado, is National Personal Service — Evangelism Chairman of WNAC and wrote the program for August.

Julia Hill, Hazel Park, Michigan, serves as president of the Wolverine District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and is author of the September program.

Joan Warren, Fort Worth, Texas, prepared the Circle programs this quarter. She is president of the West Fork District Auxiliary Convention, and Stewardship-Prayer Chairman of the Texas State Auxiliary Convention.

Rosie Crisher is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and is employed as secretary in the National Home Missions and Church Extension Office. Her home state is Arkansas.



Letters

to the editor

Our pastor, Rev. Joe Mooneyham, recently made a tour of Mexico and Central America. While in Mexico he visited with Rev. Arthur Billows and some of the churches in the outlying villages. Our hearts were challenged by the reports and from viewing the slides he brought back. Brother Mooneyham told us that although poverty is prevalent in Mexico the people seldom complain. The ones who have accepted Christ are very dedicated and humble. The churches that have been established there are overflowing with a love and friendliness that is often missing in the churches here in the states. We are so thankful for the wonderful work being done by Rev. Arthur Billows and the native pastors in Mexico.

Mrs. Helen Bradford
Village Chapel Church
Ceres, California

Just wanted to commend you and the others who wrote our new Woman's Auxiliary Manual on a very excellent job. It's written in terms of simplicity and readability that all who read should be able to understand and appreciate. It was well worth waiting for.

Mrs. Asa Berry, President
Texas State Woman's
Auxiliary Convention

I am local Missions Chairman. Last Friday night we had the lesson which I appreciate so much, and had a "Missionary Mail Box." All our people in Brazil will get mail next week from Central Church of Tulsa. Hope to encourage them and also hope they answer us in personal letters which will challenge our women and help meet our need. We had 29 women and several

girls at our last auxiliary meeting. Exchange prayers with us.

Lura Gebhart
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Our auxiliary is sending a box of gifts for the Provision Closet. Hope the missionaries will enjoy using them. It isn't much but our auxiliary is small. In fact, our church is small, but we wanted to do something. We are praying for our work as a whole and also for our missionaries. We have a special time every day at 10:00 a.m. when we pray for our missionaries and the work in general. Trust you will remember us in your prayers.

Mrs. J. W. Loyless
West Bainbridge, Georgia

The auxiliary in our Tokyo church is still encouraging. We have about eight or ten who attend. For two or three months we studied personal evangelism. I feel this is one of the greatest needs in our churches here for it seems so hard for them to witness. For our December meeting we went on hospitalization visitation to put some personal evangelism into practice. This was their first experience, and I think they were really blessed by doing it. They want to go again and we trust this will open a new avenue of service.

Geraldine Waid
Saitama-Kenn, Japan

We would like to express our appreciation for all the wonderful, spiritual lessons we find in the *CO-LABORER*. We pray that God will bless all of you responsible—each writer, and each official. It is so encouraging to know that

Free Will Baptists have faithful dedicated Christians such as you.

Mrs. Yvonne Tipton
Spartanburg, South Carolina

We are really enjoying the *CO-LABORER*, and we thank each one who contributes to make up such a wonderful quarterly.

Ruby Albert
Beckley, West Virginia

Thank you so much for the wonderful articles that appear in the *CO-LABORER*. I can hardly wait when it comes to read all of it.

Mrs. Alton Loveless
Monticello, Arkansas

We at Bethlehem thoroughly enjoy the *CO-LABORER* and ask God's blessings upon your endeavors.

Sue Breeden
Van Buren, Arkansas

How we do enjoy the many good things in the *CO-LABORER*.

Barbara Dunbar
Beaufort, North Carolina

You and all who have worked with you in preparing the manual are to be highly commended for this work. Not only is it beautiful on the outside, but the inside is done also in a way to attract one to read on and on. Then, the reading is easy and informative. Both of these should produce more and better qualified co-laborers through WNAC channels of service. I do hope that each WNAC member will get herself a copy soon, and become an ardent follower of its worthwhile suggestions.

Agnes B. Frazier
Ashland City, Tennessee

Our women are enjoying the *CO-LABORER* so much. One woman told me she went from cover to cover as soon as she got each new copy. As for me, I'm saving all of my old copies to refer to and study later. We would like to increase our order of *CO-LABORERS*.

Mrs. Frank Tomlinson
Leeds, Alabama

Our auxiliary at Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge isn't very old, but already we have received many blessings from the programs and in giving. We've learned about our missionaries, the countries they are in, and some of the native customs.

... we gave a special offering to the Mileys ... we are sending some items to the Provision Closet.

Thanks for interesting programs.

Mrs. Delbert Adams
Rivermines, Missouri

Our auxiliary is doing real well. We have gained about ten new members.

Ruth Pressnell
Columbus, Ohio

We all love our auxiliary work very much. We are a small group and most of us are past 68, some are in their eighties. We quilt at the church twice a week. This way we are able to help on the missionary work more. We send \$60 to \$70 a year to the Children's Home at Greeneville, Tennessee. We also send clothing there every year. We give to Home Missions and to Foreign Missions. We send get-well cards to the sick and shut-in people. We also try to visit the sick and shut-in at least once a month. Some of us make sick and shut-in calls during the week. They all seem overjoyed when I drop in with a jar of my homemade jelly, jam, or relish. I enjoy doing it so much. I also take homemade cookies.

Mrs. Gladys Brooks
Liberal, Missouri

Auxiliary work this past year has been a great blessing to me serving West Coast as president. I've learned a lot and see so much that needs to be done for missions. Pray for us here in Gardena.

Peggy Adkisson
Gardena, California

We observed our Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer by meeting four days at church with prayer requests, devotions, and lesson, and one day in the home with a sacrificial dinner of rice and gravy. Our offering was sent to Rev. Dick Shade, our home missionary. We also sent a fruitcake and offering to Brother Eustace Riggs in Alabama. Our average attendance was 14.

We observed our Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer by meeting each morning at the church. We took an offering for missions. Our average attendance was nine. We had a very successful and wonderful year in the Lord.

Clara Hillis
Wichita, Kansas

We have an active auxiliary and the Lord is certainly blessing our endeavors.

Mrs. Alma Richardson
Booneville, Arkansas

We received the nice box of towels and other things that you sent some weeks ago. The things were very good. Thank you so very much for them. If our pastors come we will need some more of those things if you still have some.

As to the work here, the Lord is blessing it and the attendance is growing now. Some souls were saved around the end of 1965 and we hope and pray that many more will be saved this year. Please don't forget to pray for the work here.

Benito Rodriguez
Miami, Florida

The Auxiliary members of the Bryan Park Free Will Baptist Church enjoy the *CO-LABORER* very much. We look forward each quarter to the wonderful studies and stories.

Mrs. Doris L. West
Richmond, Virginia



Mrs. Don Ellis, Mrs. Leroy Cutler, Rev. Cutler, and Rev. Ellis sang for the Central Texas District Auxiliary Convention when convened with the Pine Prairie Church.



The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina, held their annual Enlistment Banquet in the private dining room of a Florence restaurant. Guest speaker was Rev. Melvin Worthington, Darlington, South Carolina.

Is it any wonder that young men and women,
are losing their grip on life because of its rush

Times of Refreshing



by Wanda Rogers

WNAC Recording Secretary

REPENT YE THEREFORE, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the TIMES OF REFRESHING shall come from the presence of the Lord . . . (Acts 3:19).

The New Testament in Modern English: "Now you must repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that time after time your souls may know the refreshment that comes from the presence of God."

The definition of refreshing is "to make or become fresh or fresher. To revive by renewal of supplies."

REFRESHMENT THROUGH QUIETNESS

Little things wear us down. When our lives are filled with worry and turmoil, not only can we accomplish little, but other lives are disturbed by our influence. I am reminded of a little story Mrs. Pursell told at our last National Convention, that "Sister So-and-So would not curse for the world, but she makes everyone around her want to." And then there was the time I was putting Steven and Sharon, my children, down for a nap so that they would feel better (or refreshed) when Steven said, "Mother,

you are the one that needs a nap. You are the one that is cross."

If our religion is genuine it will give us peace and joy. It must, however, do more than this. It is possible for us to be soothed without being strengthened. We take too much for granted. In these days of conflict and unrest we are in great danger of crowding God out of our lives. Just as our bodies must have food, our souls need refreshment. The unseen part of us must be sustained, recharged, renewed. We must feed the soul that is concealed from human view—the part God sees, the hidden spirit. **We need to be still and think about God.**

Quietness is a recognized expression of strength. This is evidenced in so many phases of life. When illness strikes us down, no matter what its nature, does not the doctor always advise quiet and rest for the regaining of strength? Quietness is always conducive to sleep and what is more refreshing than a good night's rest? In the administration of business affairs seldom do you see a successful executive who is hot-tempered and easily annoyed and disturbed by petty matters. It is the calm, quiet, and reserved individual who is always the master of the situation. And these quiet, unruffled, undisturbed minds and souls are not attained in a flash.

Why is it that so many of us do not enjoy the blessings and satisfactions of a quiet, serene mind? Is it because there are so many demands upon our time that we are continually restless lest we miss something that seems at the moment so important? We women have varied responsibilities: house to manage, children to be looked after, difficult job to be done, PTA, committee meetings, to the dentist, to the doctor, and many other related things. Ask yourself this question many times a day, "Is this the wisest way I can use my time for the moment?" If you will do this I can well imagine that you will find yourself putting trivial things aside for more important matters that will have a longer lasting affect.

The Christian whose life does not have these enriching periods of aloneness, meditation, and thoughtful quietness

soon becomes mentally and spiritually impoverished. The life lived too much in the crowd can soon be swallowed up by the crowd. If we live and think only of the things of the world we can so easily become like the world.

As a busy denominational worker hurried to his office one morning a Negro shoeshine boy waved a friendly greeting and then unconsciously rebuked him with, "Boss, you walks too fast!" One of the big problems today is that people are walking too fast, driving too fast, eating too fast—always in a hurry. We try to do too many things. Then we get impatient when we have to wait for anything or anybody. Delays upset us. We are living so fast that we have little time to be at home with our families. We should remember that the faster we run or walk, the easier it is to lose our balance, to stumble and fall. In this fast age it is significant to note that the earth continues to rotate at the same rate of speed. The days are the same length; there are still 24 hours and each is allotted the same number in each day. The seasons come and go as they did thousands of years ago. God still maintains His time schedule and man, with all his inventions and gadgets cannot hurry Him one minute. It would do us all good to slow down, to major on the more important things and let the minor things go.

Is it any wonder that young men and women, housewives and business people are losing their grip on life because of its rush? Those who live on the surface cannot withstand the blows that life will always bring. Only those who have the inner stability that comes from God through prayer and study and quiet times alone with Him will survive. We are never strong enough to meet the problems of life unless we are strong on the inside. *We must take time for our soul's refreshment and enrichment through a quiet time with Him our Savior.*

REFRESHMENT THROUGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Paul wrote "I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Acha-

icus, for that which was lacking on your part they supplied, for they have refreshed my spirit and yours" (1 Corinthians 16:17, 18).

Have you ever moved to a new community and been maybe a little homesick and have some good Christian friend from your home town stop by to visit with you? At these times it is especially refreshing to talk of the good things of the Lord in the past and look into the promises of His Word for the future.

The Christian fellowship among membership of believers can be a glorious part of our Christian life. I have said many times that even if there were no hope of eternal life and the reward of living a Christian life, I had still rather be associated with Christian people and would not trade my relationship with any of them for anything seasonal that sin would bring.

"The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain" (II Timothy 1:16). "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19).

"For we are labourers together with God" (I Corinthians 3:9) is an example of the Christian fellowship we can have as a group of women. I think most anyone is happiest when they are busy accomplishing something worthwhile and when we are laboring together teaching and supporting missions God will bless us and our churches will be blessed through our working diligently.

REFRESHMENT THROUGH YOUR AUXILIARY

Refreshment always comes after toil—some labor: gardening, cleaning house, etc. Then after the labor comes the refreshing and re-refreshment.

If your auxiliary is not refreshing to you perhaps it is cluttered with unimportant matters, insignificant and boring topics of business that take up time and wear the ladies out. Perhaps it is not refreshing because of dry programs as a result of empty lives from not having a quiet time. Or perhaps it is not refreshing because you do not give

to outside causes as a lack of vision. And **individually**, perhaps it is not refreshing because you are so tired by the time you get to auxiliary you just drop in the pew! You have proceeded to do everything on auxiliary day from the weekly wash to cleaning the entire house and ironing thus putting yourself on too tight a schedule. Those things could have waited one more day! I don't believe the Lord is concerned with whether or not your house is spotless on the first Monday night of each month (or whatever time is set aside for your auxiliary) but I do believe He is concerned about your spiritual life and its refreshment.

God is asking in these desperate days that each of us stand in our own place and do the work He has given us. One local auxiliary in our work cannot accomplish a great deal, but look what all the local auxiliaries together have done and what all of the states together have done!

"He granted to some apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be teachers." Each of you are important to the auxiliary of which you are a member. Women are needed for teaching study courses, presenting the programs, directing the music program, opening up their homes for visiting missionaries, consecrated leaders, social chairmen, those to handle finance, secretaries to keep accurate records, and on and on. God can use each one of us with our different talents. And just because you cannot get up and sing like someone else don't quit—for your job is just as important as hers. We are here to do our particular task in the fellowship of God and having done that, to leave the results with Him. When we try to do the bookkeeping we always get into trouble.

Convert means to change—so maybe we need to change some of the ways of our auxiliary so that the times of refreshing might come from the presence of the **Lord**. I know He will bless us (refresh us) with His presence if we will wholeheartedly submit ourselves to His will in all matters and have a burning desire in our hearts to fill *our* place in *our* auxiliary so that *our* **LORD** might be glorified through it all.

by Joan Warren

CIRCLE

programs

OR FOR SECOND
AUXILIARY MEETING

JULY

WORKING THE FIELD

Song: "To The Work"

Prayer: Pray that each member may fulfill her part in world evangelization.

Scripture: Proverbs 24:30-34

Much has been said about foreign missions and/or home missions. But this division is made by man. The Bible says that the field is the world. We start where we are with the Gospel, and take it to the ends of the earth. This is the task of the Church.

THE FALLOW GROUND

In Proverbs 24:30-31, wise King Solomon depicts a situation which we might well meditate upon. He passed by the field of a man who was slothful. The field itself was mute testimony of the man's laziness, for it was filled with thorns and nettles. Doubtless the man, were he questioned, could give many excuses for neglecting this important field. Yet he goes down in Bible history without excuse—he is simply too lazy to work.

The Bible tells us that God wills for all men to come to repentance. The whole world is our "field," and all too much of it is fallow ground—unused, wasted, not profitable for God's use at all. We women have a blessed opportunity. Our field begins right in our own home. In many Christian homes children are not taught and trained. Their lives are not "bent" toward spiritual things. Therefore, at a time when they should be ready to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior, they haven't the faintest idea what it is all about. On the other hand, when a child is taught about Christ and His work of Salvation from the cradle, he usually accepts Christ at a very early age. We do not mean to neglect our children, but we sometimes must be very careful to include them in our evangelistic efforts.

Consider your field—an area where you should be working to win the lost and enlist new laborers for the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you neglected your field and left it to the thorns and brambles? Or are you busily engaged in seeing that the Gospel is proclaimed? Break up your fallow ground!

TILLING THE SOIL

Changing fallow ground to profitable soil that will produce a good yield requires a great deal of effort on the part of a farmer. He must break the ground, do away with

tree stumps, discard rocks, harrow the ground, perhaps it will need to be fertilized. All of this is required before a seed is ever dropped.

There are some prerequisites for Christians in soul winning, too. Jeremiah 4:3b says "sow not among thorns." This does not mean that we are to pass by the thorny ground (people hard to win) to go to the good ground (those receptive to the Word). Any ground can become good ground. We need to apply tools of prayer, Bible study, consecrated living, personal witnessing. These tools, seasoned well by the Holy Spirit, will remove the obstacles and render our field usable and productive.

PLANTING THE SEED

The Bible tells us that our seed is the Word of God. And only the Word will produce a Godly harvest. Too often a Christian worker will bog herself down in matters of little importance, such as where Cain's wife came from; or how old the earth really is; or when the millenium will be. These things are not essential for Salvation, but Christ is.

We never know when a seed that has been planted will take root. The farmer seldom receives a crop from each seed planted. But if the seed grows, an abundance of corn will come from the one small kernel planted. So it is with the Word. An abundant harvest will come from one soul won to Christ.

AUGUST

A DAY OF GOOD TIDINGS

Song: "Rescue the Perishing"

Prayer: Pray that we might be more burdened for those who have never heard the Good News of the Gospel.

Scripture: II Kings 7:3-11

WE DO NOT WELL—HOLDING OUR PEACE

Four lepers from Israel, hoping to save themselves from starvation, decided to beg food from the Syrian invaders. They found the camp deserted, for God had routed the army and caused them to flee in fear by sending a loud noise like the sound of an advancing army. The lepers quickly fell upon the food, filling themselves—while a short distance away the city of Samaria was gripped in a famine so severe that mothers were even eating their own children!

Is this a picture of the average Christian? The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death. All men deserve death, for all have sinned. But Christ intervened in our behalf, suffering a vicarious death on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Roman's 6:23 concludes by saying "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We who have received Christ by believing and trusting Him for our personal salvation now have this gift of life. But those who do not believe stand condemned because of their unbelief. Are we so selfish that we withhold from those condemned the very Bread of Life? It is not well to hold our peace!

THIS IS A DAY OF GOOD TIDINGS

The lepers came to themselves. They said to one another, "This is a day of good tidings, yet we are withholding the news." They realized that though their hunger had been filled, many more people still had a need for food. They hastened back to Samaria with the good tidings.

LIBRARY²¹

Free Will Baptist Bible College

This is the mark of a true Christian. The Bible tells us that today is the day of Salvation. But how can the world know if we Christians do not publish the good tidings? When some great event occurs, such as the assassination of President Kennedy, the whole world receives the headlines in a matter of hours. Yet Christ died for the whole world. People are still waiting for that news. Our personal salvation is not enough, we need to share Christ with the world.

IF WE TARRY . . .

The lepers realized that they had an obligation to perform. They were responsible for their fellow men even though they themselves were considered outcasts. Their thought was that if they tarried, some punishment might come upon them.

How we need Christians who feel so strongly about their God-given responsibility. We need more men and women like Paul who will say, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Christ said repeatedly "ye are my witnesses." The lepers recognized the urgency of the task. They would not tarry even until morning. This feeling of responsibility should be ours. If we tarry even a moment, more souls will go out into eternity without Christ.

We cannot plan to do our work for Christ in the future, for we are warned, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). Christ may return, or we ourselves may be called out into eternity. Are we ready to face God as "faithful stewards of the mysteries of God," or would we have to confess that we had tarried too long in other things, and withheld the good tidings from those condemned to die.

In the book of Ezekiel we are told that if we do not warn the wicked man, and he dies in his sins, his blood will be upon our hands. Let us not tarry!

SEPTEMBER

TIME TO ADVANCE

Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Prayer: Pray for more volunteers who will say, "Here am I, send me."

Scripture: II Timothy 2:1-6

We hear a lot about time. A few years ago one of the favorite Vacation Bible school songs went something like this, "Do you know what time it is? Time to serve the Lord." We need to realize what time it is. When we do, we will know it is time to serve the Lord; time to advance for Him.

THERE IS MUCH LAND TO BE POSSESSED

When Israel came out of bondage, it was many years before the land of Canaan was finally subdued. Joshua spent most of his life leading Israel into battle after battle, yet when he was old and about ready to die, God still said, "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed."

So it is today. Christ died nearly 2000 years ago for the sins of the world, then after His resurrection and before He ascended into Heaven, He told His followers to go and make disciples of all nations. Yet much of the world today has never heard. There are many countries and people yet to be won for the Lord Jesus Christ. There is much land to be possessed for Him.

TIME IS SHORT

Procrastination, or putting things off, is dangerous, particularly such important things as extending the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. Paul said, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our Salvation nearer than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). Christ's return is nigh. Each day brings us nearer to eternity. It is high time we awoke to the fact that many do not know the way, the truth and the life. We must work while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

It is said that a preacher once put a big pendulum clock in his church with a large sign which said, "Each time this pendulum swings, five souls go out into eternity without Christ." At each service he mentioned the clock, asking the church what they were doing about the situation. It seems that the people couldn't keep their eyes off the big clock, and they cringed each time the pendulum swung. So one day some representatives of the church called on the pastor. They had made their decision. Something must surely be done, they couldn't sleep nights because they kept seeing the pendulum swing back and forth. The decision? They **removed the clock**. No wonder the prophets of God could lament "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"

LET US ADVANCE

In view of the fact that much land remains to be possessed, and there is little time remaining, let us purpose to redeem the time and advance for the Lord Jesus Christ. We should say with Paul "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We have not attained, we have not reached our capacity for Christ, and we should not be satisfied unless we are ever advancing.

We have all the equipment needed for our spiritual warfare, if we will wear it: the girdle of truth; the breastplate of righteousness; the shoes of the Gospel of peace; the shield of faith; the helmet of salvation; and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. These things, accompanied by prayer, will make us victorious—as long as we advance. But there is no covering for our back! Women, it is time to advance!

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM . . .

(Continued from page 4)

Our third need, the library, is equally as pressing since our 15,000 volumes are currently situated on the second and third floors of the Alumni Building. Though plans are not yet finalized, it is estimated that the cost of this facility will be approximately \$150,000.

These three units will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 which represents one-third of the total Development Program—ultimately costing in excess of \$3,000,000. To raise this first \$1,000,000 we're issuing the challenge to our people to give in \$1,000 units. It will take one thousand \$1,000 gifts to reach this figure. A figure of such magnitude that we feel it cannot be reached by hat offerings, though small gifts will help. We're searching for one thousand laymen in the One Thousand Laymen Campaign who are dedicated to Christ and interested in the educational program of Free Will Baptists to give \$1,000 in the first phase of the Development Program. We believe there are this many Free Will Baptist Laymen who will respond to the challenge to build a greater Bible College. We urge you who read these lines to stand with us in prayer that God will move up the hearts of our people and the needs of Free Will Baptist Bible College will be provided.

JULY PROGRAM

Panama: The Land Between

by MAURINE LEE

HYMN: "Jesus Saves"; *Latin American Choruses*

PRAYER: *For encouragement and patience for those who labor here.*

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; Revelation 5:9-10

INTRODUCTION

JESUS SAID to Andrew and Simon Peter, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). This challenge was first given to two of the chosen twelve. It was recorded to challenge Christians down through the ages. Its significance seems to stand out with boldness as we take a printed look at Panama. Panama is an Indian word for "abundance of fish." Though the Indians were thinking of the great abundance of fish in the coastal waters, we as Free Will Baptists remember the thousands of souls who are still in the darkness of sin in this country.

THE COUNTRY ITSELF

From a geographical standpoint, Panama is truly the land **between**. This great isthmus stretches 300 miles to join the continents of North America and South America. It also forms a great dam, some places not more than 28 miles wide, to hold the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans from coming together at this point. Though a mountain range stretches along the length of the country, there are fertile valleys and plateaus which provide rich farmlands. The climate varies little throughout the year. The days are warm and humid and the nights cool.

The people of Panama also reminds us of a land **between**. Most of the people are of a mixed race of white, Negro, and Indian ancestry. The Indians were the original inhabitants and some tribes still live in remote sections of the coun-

try. The Spanish brought some Negro slaves in from Africa, but the largest group were from the West Indies, who came to build the Panama railroad and Panama Canal.

A blanket of religious darkness rests over the country. Roman Catholicism is the principle religion, but it is more a way of life rather than the source of satisfaction for hungry souls.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

Free Will Baptist missionaries first entered the land of Panama thirty years ago when Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., and their two children entered the country. Political unrest forced the missionaries to leave after just a few months, and the Willeys went to Cuba where they established one of the strongest Free Will Baptist works.

It was these same Willey children,

with their families, who returned to Panama in 1961 to reopen the work. Tom and Emma Ruth Willey are now working in the Panama City area with frequent trips into the interior when transportation is possible and available. John and Barbara served in Penonome until late in 1964 when they were reassigned by the board to pioneer work in Ecuador.

In June of 1964, the Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia were transferred from Cuba to Panama. Rev. Garcia was trained in the Free Will Baptist Institute in Cuba and had years of pastoral and evangelistic work. Driven from his homeland by Communism, he has been used by God to win the first converts in the Free Will Baptist ministry in Panama.

Late December of 1964 brought Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps of North Carolina to begin their missionary work in this country. Bill is a licensed pilot and the plane was proving its real value for reaching inaccessible places, when it was destroyed during a mercy mission in Costa Rica. A recent gift made possible the purchase of a second plane.

THE MISSIONARY WITNESS

I'm sure that one job of these missionaries is to assemble as many methods or reaching souls as is possible so that there will be something for all. In Panama, a land of great contrasts, every available means is being employed to reach these people for Christ.

Through personal witnessing and tract distribution, Tom Willey, Jr., has had a great ministry among the college students of Panama City. Though they are slow to accept the Gospel, many have come to have the greatest respect for the Willeys and proved their friendship to them during the Panamanian riot in 1964.

In contrast to his work among the intellectuals, Rev. Willey also makes frequent trips into the interior to witness to the poor and destitute of the

mountainous jungles. Following trails which are often a muddy, sticky mass because the sun cannot reach them through the network of trees and vines, he makes his way to those who have never heard. With him he takes not only the Gospel, but also medicine for the physical bodies. These medicines and concern have opened doors to whole families.

Back to Panama City we find an unusual way of witnessing that has proven to be effective. On a stand in the window of a store building which has been rented for services, lays a large **open** Bible. People passing by, hungry for knowledge, stop and read. For the first time many have read that they are sinners and of the great love of God for them. Because of this Bible many have come to the services and some have accepted Christ!

And the women are not idle. Besides being faithful helpmeets for their husbands and keepers of their homes, Emma Ruth Willey and Anita Garcia have two weekly radio programs, which were begun in November of 1964. It is a woman to woman type program coupled with a Christian message. The results have made it worth all their efforts. Rev. Garcia also has a 15 minute program on the same station.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps are witnessing in the City of Las Tablas which is just off the Bay of Panama on the western side of the country. The airplane makes possible a Gospel witness to a totally unreached area in the Azuero Peninsula encircled by impossible mountains and jungles.

"Gospel propagation is difficult where religious form is so intermingled with a nation's culture. But response is beginning to be seen. It is possible for a real awakening to the Gospel in Panama. But it will take manpower, financial backing and prayer power. With increased vision, Free Will Baptists can supply all three." (HEARTBEAT, March, 1965).

AUGUST PROGRAM

Mission Field At Our Doorstep

by PAT THOMAS

HYMN: "Bringing in the Sheaves"

PRAY: *That we may be willing to become involved in community missions.*

SCRIPTURE: John 4:35

SOLO: *Open My Eyes*

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what a home missionary does? Basically, he does at home what our missionaries do on the foreign fields—he witnesses, teaches and ministers. Have you ever wished for a wonderful opportunity to witness to someone, and lead them to Christ, as our missionaries do in far away lands? Then, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields"; *Consider the mission field at your doorstep.*

Sometimes we look so hard for big opportunities and challenges, such as our missionaries in foreign lands have, we fail to see the great challenge of things at our very feet. All of us as Christian women should be *home missionaries in our own community, and win our neighbors to Christ.* Let us consider three things in being a home missionary in the mission field at our doorstep.

WITNESSING

To be an effective witness, one must first make sure that his own relationship to Christ is what it should be. You cannot effectively win men and women to Christ if you are not yielded to Him as you should be. Secondly, one should know the Word of God well enough to show a person the plan of Salvation from the Scriptures. Then one must rely on the work of the Holy Spirit. We, in our own strength can do nothing, but through our prayers, we have the aid of the Holy Spirit working to soften hearts and make them receptive to the Gospel.

After we know and realize these three things, it will not do us any good, or

make us soul winners, until we actually get out and witness. We must put into action the things that we have learned. To be a soul winner one must reach the lost through witnessing.

Following are ways that we as women in the Auxiliary can be witnesses: Conduct door-to-door visitation and witnessing. Sponsor prayer meetings in the homes of the lost. Conduct an "Operation Andrew" where each woman is assigned one lost woman to work with over a period of time. Organize a "One-a-Day" circle of women who will make it a point to witness to at least one person each day, and report the results at the monthly Auxiliary meeting. Our neighbors are lost, but they will never be saved until we tell them of Christ.

TEACHING

After we have won those individuals to Christ, we must teach them to "obey all things." Encourage them to read their Bibles daily, pray every day, witness for Christ, and attend church regularly.

Organize and sponsor Bible study classes in the homes of the new Christians. Order several copies of the booklet, **Beginning With Christ**, from the Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80901 (10¢ per copy). These booklets are wonderful for study with new converts in these Bible study classes. The booklets contain individual cards in the back for Scripture memorization. These classes can be taught by the study course chairman or some other qualified person.

Assign Auxiliary members as "prayer-partners" to the new converts, not to send birthday cards, or give presents, but to be as the name implies, a **prayer partner**. Her job would be to go by the new convert's house occasionally, and pray with her. Teach her to pray in the privacy of her home, so that she will be able later to pray publicly.

Organize an Auxiliary - Auto - Brigade with Auxiliary members who drive, to provide transportation to church for the

new converts. Make it a point to invite new converts into your home for fellowship and lunch. This not only helps the converts to get acquainted, but also works to avoid cliques among the older members of the Auxiliary.

MINISTERING

This involves feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the stranger, visiting the sick, elderly, and lonely, visiting the imprisoned, visiting and aiding the fatherless and widowed, and helping in time of sorrow such as death and tragedy. There can be an endless list of ways the Auxiliary member can aid in these things. Here are just a few. Conduct services in nursing homes, jails, servicemen's centers, send Sunshine Baskets to those in hospitals, the sick and shut-ins. Give boxes of needed supplies to the hungry, fatherless, and widows. Prepare food for families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Support missionaries around the world.

If we will do these things, we will be soul winners in our own community, and will be home missionaries, doing here what our foreign missionaries are doing in other lands. "Lift up your eyes," and do something in the Mission Field at our Doorstep.



Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia, were installed by their pastor, Rev. Henry J. Van Kluyve following a program and banquet in their honor. Left to right they are: Henryetta Terrell, Joy Swann, Suzanne Willis, Jowanna Strickland, Charlotte Long, Marjorie Thornton; second row, Virginia Van Kluyve, Eloise Wainwright, Henryetta Banks, Patricia Briley, Valarie Price, Nell Driggers, and Gladys Davis.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

by JULIA HILL

MISSIONARY GIVING

(Stewardship Emphasis Month)

SCRIPTURE: *Responsive Reading—Psalm 96*

SONG: "Christ for the World We Sing"

The Duke of Wellington was once present when a party of Christian men were discussing the possibility of success in a missionary effort in a certain foreign land. They appealed to the duke to say whether, in his judgment, such an effort would likely prove to be a success or a waste of money.

The old soldier replied: "Gentlemen, what are your marching orders? Success is not the question for you to discuss. If I read your orders aright, they run like this 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Gentlemen, obey your marching orders!"

Each one of us as Christians has our marching orders. The GO in the great commission is equally aimed at each of us. We either go or give to those prepared and challenged to go in our place. Let us search our hearts tonight and see if we are giving consistently toward getting the gospel out to those who have not heard. And if we are giving—are we doing it in the right attitude or spirit?

CHEERFUL MISSIONARY GIVING

Now, we shall look in on two ladies taking a break for lunch during a shopping spree down town. This is the day following closing night of a missionary conference.

Betty: Joan, is that really all you're going to eat? I sure can't get by on such a small lunch.

Joan: I usually eat more but I don't have as much money as I usually do since the missionary offering was taken last night.

Betty: Now, I'll loan you some money.

Joan: Oh, no, this is all I want really. Since hearing so many experiences of the missionaries and of the little the people have which they minister to, this is really a lot, now that I think of it.

Betty: Speaking of the missionary service, I don't know how much of a donation

you made—but how do you feel about it today?

Joan: I'm afraid I don't understand just what you mean.

Betty: Let me explain! Floyd made out a check for \$25.00 and looked to me for the nod of approval. Well, I gave the nod and Floyd deposited the check in the offering plate as it went by. Floyd always gets carried away—you know what I mean—especially when a returned missionary speaks. He is really moved and it reaches all the way down to his bill fold. I thought I was willing for him to give it at the time. After the children left for school and Floyd went to work, I walked into the living room and there was that old chair that was so worn. I had been saving and counting on replacing it this month with a new one. For a minute my heart fell. I know that isn't a very good example of a cheerful giver. Where is that verse in the Bible that speaks of a cheerful giver?

Joan: In II Corinthians 9:7 "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Betty: I've explained, now tell me how you feel. I know when we were making plans to come back down here this week you were going to buy that navy blue hat we saw last week. I observed—you passed right by that shop as though it didn't bother you at all.

Joan: No, to give cheerfully is to put Christ first. When I accepted Christ I accepted His great commission. There have been many times when I was faced with similar feelings as you mentioned. I have prayed about it very much and read the Bible to try to overcome it. I know I shall never go abroad to carry the good news, but I can be a missionary here and GIVE to support those who are there and going.

(Program Chairman: Read Mat. 28:19, 20 and II Cor. 9:7. Have discussion from the group about the above conversation and also about listed scriptures.)

SYSTEMATIC MISSIONARY GIVING

The scriptural method of giving is not spasmodic. Systematic giving is never governed by the passions or emotions. It has been said, "Get the blessing of God down upon the people and they will give," but it is also true, "Get the people to give and the blessing of God will fall. "Bring ye all the tithes . . . pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Much of the failure of churches to respond to their responsibilities of missionary giving is due to the pastor's neglect of teaching the people and keeping them informed of missionaries' needs.

A group of ladies from various churches was overheard discussing the contributions their churches make to missions. Mary related that their pastor hardly ever mentioned missionary giving and only received an offering when a visiting missionary came to speak. Lillian

told of their regular church budget and that there was a note at the bottom: Free will offering received every fifth Sunday of quarter for missions. She commented that many people forgot it and came unprepared to give since there were no reminders through the year. Sarah told of the custom of their church for years had been that all that remained in the treasury at the end of the year went to missions. She was sure that none would be left for missions this year since new carpeting and a church steeple had been bought.

Surely, it is of equal importance to have missions on the church budget as an allowance for the electric bill.

Women, if we find ourselves in churches without a vision for missionary giving, don't give up. Remember the purpose of our women's organization is to help the churches promote missions. Much can be done behind the scenes. Let's begin by prayer and dedicating ourselves to missionary giving (Romans 12:1, 2). Bring your tithe into the church and then the real blessing comes when you can present your love offering above that. Some of you may not have a Christian husband and find it difficult to tithe—tithe on the money that he gives you for groceries, etc.

You may help your church to be an informed people on missions by sending their addresses to Nashville office to receive HEARTBEAT and MISSION-GRAMS.

PROPORTIONATE MISSIONARY GIVING

Scriptural giving is in proportion to income. Paul called upon the Corinthians to abound in this grace of giving. The Jews of the Old Testament gave as much as one third of their income and more. How could the believer, in the light of Calvary give less. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Corinthians 16:2).

Missions



by MAUDE COFFEY
Missions Chairman, WNAC

Monterrey, N. L. Mexico

This has been one of the best years for the Bible Institute. Several students will be doing full-time missionary work during the summer.

A new truck has been purchased for the mission in Mexico. Friends in Oklahoma helped make this possible by giving \$2,000 toward the purchase price of \$3,332.

Nova Scotia, Canada

After a period of itinerate work in the states, Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens are settling in Yarmouth County, N.S., Canada. They will minister to the English speaking people and at the same time be preparing to work with those of the community who speak French.

Tucson, Arizona

Rev. Malcolm Fry has led the church here to great victory. The church became fully self-supporting with this calendar year. With dedicated men who will go with a zeal, this can be repeated in many cities in America.

Nashville, Tennessee

The Home Missions Board has sponsored missionaries in 20 states, plus

Canada and Mexico, within the past 10 years. Churches have been organized in hundreds of cities, including nine state capitols. There are 94 persons supported by the Board: 36 adult missionaries, 37 missionary children, 8 adult workers who are on part-time support, 10 national workers and 4 in the home office.

A new manual on Home Missions and Church Extension is ready for use. It is excellent study course material and may be obtained for \$2.00 from the Home Missions Office. Every auxiliary should have a copy!

At a recent meeting of the Home Missions Board, applicants were considered for work in the Virgin Islands, new areas in Canada, and in Mexico. More news of these men and their work will be forthcoming.

The Foreign Missions Board in their regular session in March, appointed six new missionaries. This brings the total missionary force to 73. Those appointed are: *Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain to Japan.* Rev. McLain is from east Tennessee and has done pastoral work in Arkansas. Olena is from Missouri and is presently serving as assistant Dean of Women at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. *Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee to India.* Rev. Lee is from South Carolina and is

presently pastoring in South Carolina. Mrs. Veda Lee is from Arkansas. They will begin itinerate in the early fall. Prayer is requested concerning the solution of legal problems connected with their entering India. This is a major problem but God is able if we pray. *Rev. and Mrs. Norman Richards to Ivory Coast, Africa.* Both Rev. and Mrs. Richards are from Arkansas. They are presently pastoring in Tennessee and will begin itinerate in the late summer or early fall.

Furlough Changes

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer arrived in June from the Ivory Coast. During part of his furlough, Rev. Palmer will probably attend school to study Linguistics and Hebrew to aid in translation ministries.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey arrived in June from Japan for their second furlough.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid will assume ministries in the mission begun by the Herseys in Tokyo.

Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley plan to return to the Ivory Coast in the late summer. Lynn Miley will remain in the states to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Language School

Molly Barker, R.N., completed language study in Costa Rica this spring and has begun ministries in the Rivera, Uruguay area. At first her work will be in supporting the present ministries rather than beginning a separate clinic work.

Ruby Griffin, M.D., completed her language study in June and after further medical training will leave for her work in the medical clinic in Doropo, Ivory Coast, late this summer.

India

Tremendous evangelistic opportunities have developed among the Santal tribe in North India. The possibility is there for literally thousands of conversions. The great need is for national evangelists to reap what has been sown.

Film Produced

The *Carnival of Pretense* which was filmed in Brazil, is a feature length youth evangelistic film. The English version is to be released for premier showings in July, August and September. It will also be used for missions promotional work as well as for youth evangelism. The Portuguese version is to follow for evangelistic work in Brazil.



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State the occupation or vocation of the following and give a reason why each one is mentioned in this issue of Co-Laborer.

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5. Wanda Rogers
6. Violet Cox
7. Patricia Thomas
8. Opal Lee
9. Jack Paramore
10. Merlea DeFee
11. Georgia Hill
12. Mabel Willey
13. Dan Merkh
14. Rev. Melvin Worthington
15. Rev. Joe Mooneyham
16. Bobby Aycock
17. The Duke of Wellington
18. Carl Johnson

YOU ARE THERE

Follow the pattern of the popular TV program "You Are There" to report the 31st Annual Session of the WNAC. Call attention especially to Resolutions, Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports, Fellowship Dinner, and inspirational features of the convention—devotional and messages.

AN INTERESTING STUDY COURSE

Mrs. Cecil Deas, Columbus, Mississippi, shares the following ideas with those "who might need to add a spark of

interest to their study courses."

Study chairman, Miss Eva House, appointed six chapter chairmen two weeks in advance of the study. (The book studied consisted of six chapters.) To each chairman she assigned three ladies from the auxiliary to assist her in teaching her particular chapter. Each team studied the assigned chapter. On the night of the study course the teacher asked the questions at the end of the chapters. As she called each chapter number and title the four ladies assigned that chapter assembled on stage and answered the questions.

"The study was a thorough and most inspiring one and utilized many people who have never before taken part in the actual teaching of a study session."

STUDENT LOAN EMPHASIS

September is "Student Loan Month." Why not order copies of the "Bible and Mixing Bowl in a Woman's World" for each member of your auxiliary. The proceeds go into the Memorial Student Loan Fund.

This combination cook and devotional book was designed to meet the needs of both body and spirit. Free Will Baptist women throughout our denomination have submitted their favorite recipes. The price is \$2.00 each and may be ordered from WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee.

AUGUST: EMPHASIS MONTH

- IF EVERY auxiliary member will share in this effort, our office will meet its needs during these days of increased operational costs.



AUGUST

EMPHASIS

Every Auxiliary member is urged to give \$1.00

During August to meet increased operational costs.

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MONTH

At its 30th annual session (1965) WNAC designated August as “WNAC Emphasis Month.”

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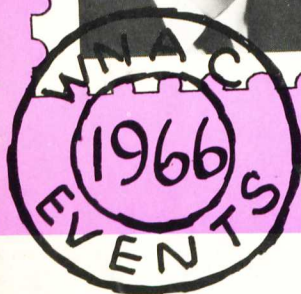
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