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Let's Go Soul Winning



MERLEA DeFEE

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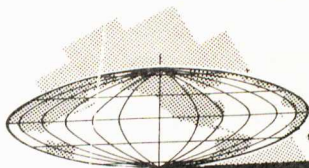
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Letters

to the editor

I wanted to share with you the wonderful program we had on Japan. A Japanese speaker came and told us of the living conditions, customs, and religious life there. She displayed a number of items: kimonos, paintings, china, etc. She dressed in two types of kimonos for us and sang "Jesus Loves Me" in Japanese. She brought some raw elbow macaroni for us to try our hand with chopsticks. She said there were far too few missionaries in Japan and requested us to pray for her mother who still worships Buddha. Our missions chairman told us of the work of our missionaries there.

We enjoy the various items in the *Co-Laborer*.

Mrs. Lora Walton
Jacksonville, Florida

We enjoy our *Co-Laborer* very much. All the programs and articles are very good. We always receive a blessing from them. We thank the Lord for all our writers and may they be richly blessed. We appreciated the very interesting playlet, "A Day to Remember."

Mrs. Eudene Pitts
Thomaston, Georgia

All the ladies in our auxiliary are enjoying very much our personal service projects each month. So far this year we have sponsored a youth night, had a birthday card shower for Brother Mayhew, sent a box to a Bible college student, and sent a box to the Missionary Provision Closet. We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* very much and appreciate you and all the others who make it possible for us to read and enjoy.

Carol Vardivort
Garden Grove, California

Each time we have a new *Co-Laborer* I will think "this is so good I must write and tell you how much we enjoy your doing and planning to make it possible for all our auxiliaries to have the many helps." I usually read mine through as soon as we receive them.

Opal O'Donnell
Pinole, California

The new manual is concise and very helpful in all phases of our auxiliary work. My appreciation goes to those revising the manual. Thank you.

Alice Eaddings
Tulsa, Oklahoma

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* and the new Woman's Auxiliary Manual. The manual has really helped and enlightened our auxiliary. We hope to accomplish much more for the Lord's work in the coming year. May the Lord continue to bless you and your work with WNAC.

Mrs. Synona Cottengim
Norman, Oklahoma

We do thank the Lord for each writer, worker, and all who carry on this work. We couldn't carry on our meetings without the *Co-Laborer*.

Mrs. Agnes Wallace
Pinetown, N. C.

Enclosed you will find our check for WNAC general fund . . . Our auxiliary is still quite small in number, but those who do attend are very faithful and dedicated. It is a pleasure to do our part and we trust God will bless it as He did the "widows mite" for the salvation of souls.

Mrs. Donovan Jackson
Chesterfield, Indiana

Enclosed is a picture of my Good News Club which is a direct result of the article "Good News Clubs" by Gordon R. Sebastian in second quarter, 1964, *Co-Laborer*. This article stirred my heart and after some inquiry I found that there was a Child Evangelism teachers training class in my area. I praise the Lord for these training classes because they have helped me become a better teacher in my church (The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church).

My prayer is that Free Will Baptist women everywhere will become as burdened as I am for the children and enroll in one of these classes if possible. It is truly a blessing to gather these children in my home and give them the gospel — *many of them hearing it for the first time.*

Mrs. Jean Maynard
Roxana, Illinois

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Mrs. Jean Maynard, Roxana, Illinois, and her Good News Club, the results of an article by Gordon R. Sebastian in *Co-Laborer*, 1964.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR

For the past five and one half years I have been attending Woman's Auxiliary each month. In April I attended a meeting that I will forever cherish in my heart and mind. It was the most outstanding program I have ever been privileged to attend.

Our program-prayer chairman, Mrs. D. R. Creech, along with the aid of Mrs. Carl Whittington and other auxiliary members presented a most unique but heartfelt program.

Since our program was on Japan she decorated our fellowship building with Japanese lanterns, butterflies, fans, and a large rising sun that hung over the blue sky. There was a table arranged with handcraft from Japan: shells, chop sticks, bowls, mats, shoes, statues, miniature pagoda, cuff links, and miniature vases . . . Several women brought Japanese items with them.

As we entered the fellowship building our program chairman greeted us at the door dressed in a Japanese kimono holding a beautiful Japanese fan and bowed to each of us. Authentic Japanese music (recorded in Tokyo) was playing in the background and as part of our program we played different types of Japanese music.

Mrs. Creech presented the program as a converted Buddhist, Kiki Imameau, and was dressed in an authentic Japanese kimono. Historical facts concerning culture, economy and religions were presented. The needs of the people were elaborated upon, but particularly the great spiritual needs of this heathen country. It was pointed out that less than one out of every one hundred is a Christian, and that communism and false cults are making rapid progress. She challenged our ladies to be more concerned for the lost throughout the world and to pray, give and live, for Christ.

The Lord definitely used this program to touch our hearts and move our pocket books. There were thirty ladies present, and we received \$27.00 for missions and nine dollars for our aux-

iliary offering. *The Lord rewarded this well planned program not only with our hearts and minds being moved with compassion for the people of Japan, but with visible results which is evidence of our hearts and wills being moved.*

Every month during this quarter I have eagerly looked forward to auxiliary. We never know what to expect because every program seems to get better and more exciting. Our program chairman works untiringly all during the month in preparation for the program. If we had a program-prayer chairman of the year, I would certainly cast my vote for Mrs. D. R. Creech, because her labors are truly not in vain but producing everlasting results that will live forever in the hearts and lives of our ladies. May God give us more program-prayer chairmen with a burning zeal for their task.

**Mrs. Alvin Davis
Smithfield, N. C.**

Enclosed please find nine and three-fourths books of Green Stamps for the Merks' Vehicle, we hope this will help in some small way. Our auxiliary is small but we have very good programs from our *Co-Laborer* magazine which we all enjoy very much. We look forward to receiving a new one when the time comes. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

**Mary Alice Bridgman
Campbell, California**

Thanks so very, very much for all those gifts from the Missionary Supply Closet. I appreciate everything sent to me. I think you were too generous. I had never had any tupperware before, and I was delighted with that. I had been considering if I needed a steam cooker enough to buy one . . .

**Bessie Yeley,
Portsmouth, Ohio**



Mrs. Jack Rollins is shown presenting a check to missionary Dan Merkh from the Cahaba River Woman's Auxiliary Convention, held in Birmingham, Alabama.

The six-hundred dollar gift represented the convention's project for the year. Mrs. Rollins is program-prayer chairman. Mrs. J. M. Sutton is secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. W. H. Ryland, president.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The World's People Cannot Wait

(Conduct this program as a panel discussion, assigning questions and answers to various women beforehand.)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

SONG: "O Zion Haste"

What is the answer to our world's mushrooming population and the church's lagging missionary effort? Is our goal to take the Gospel to every person unrealistic?

Program Chairman: Nearly two thousand years ago our Lord gave His followers the gigantic task of evangelizing the world. All too often we have acted as though the world would wait for us to bring the message, apparently forgetting that during our lifetime countless souls die without the knowledge of Jesus as Saviour.

More than 170 years have passed since the beginning of the modern missionary movement. Thousands of missionaries have gone out to world fields and many millions have professed Christ as Saviour. Our panel will try to answer your questions concerning the progress the Church is making toward fulfilling her mission to "go . . . into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Who has the first question?

Q. Mrs. _____, is it possible to tell with any certainty whether a larger percentage of the world is Christian today than at the time of William Carey?

A. Yes, if we use the word "Christian" in its broad sense. It should be understood, of course, that it is virtually impossible to differentiate between professing and real Christians.

Q. Are we making progress in taking the Gospel to all the world in terms of world population? In other words, is there a higher percentage of Christians in the world today than a generation or two ago?

A. After World War II, Christians numbered one-third of the world's population. It is predicted that by the year 2000 only one out of five will be a Christian. Christian missions are not keeping pace with the population growth.

Q. What is causing the decline?

A. The twin explosions of population and literacy, Communism, and the tremendous increase in the influence of non-Christian religions.

Q. About how fast is the world population increasing?

A. With the birth rate up and the death rate shrinking, the world's population is increasing at the rate of 240,000 a day, or more than 85 million a year. The total population is now estimated at three and one half billion and is expected to double in 35 years.

Q. How effective are other world religions in winning new converts?

A. With the coming of independence to many of the countries in Asia, and with the emergence of a new spirit of nationalism in most of these nations there has been a revival of the ancient religions. The non-Christian religions have become aggressive.

Islam (Mohammedanism) is increasing at a phenomenal rate. One sect has its

headquarters in Pakistan, from where they have sent out over two hundred foreign missionaries into various countries of the world. According to a recent article in **Time** magazine, there are now more than one hundred million Moslems on the African continent, and the teachings of Mohammed are gaining perhaps nine million converts a year from tribal cults — nine times the conversions to Christianity. Their chief message is brotherhood. They are proud to point out that while Christianity has not yet solved the problem of racial prejudice and segregation the Moslem mosques are open to all races.

Buddhism and Hinduism have begun missionary training programs and are now carrying on concerted campaigns to win people to their faiths. Buddhist leaders are translating their scriptures into several of the major languages of the world. They conduct preaching services and Sunday schools. They have a large seminary in Rangoon to train Buddhist monks for missionary work in various parts of the world. These monks study English and Hindi — English, so they might work in America and England; Hindi, so they might work in India.

Q. Are there any large areas today which are completely without missionary activity?

A. Communism has eliminated or hindered work in half of Europe, most of Asia except India and the south east countries.

Other fields now open to the Gospel may soon be closed. Little did we realize a few years ago, how soon the door to missions would be closed on the islands of Cuba, just ninety miles off our southern shores.

Q. In your opinion do these facts make our goal of taking the Gospel to every man unrealistic?

A. No. Even if man is inclined to give up the job as hopeless, God will accomplish His purposes. The challenge to the church is much greater than ever before. It is significant that when the

world is experiencing such a fantastic growth in population, God has placed in our hands the technical means of propagating the Gospel all over the earth.

We must increase our use of effective mass communications — radio, television, films, evangelistic meetings, and especially literature. Millions of adults are learning to read every year. Communism is pouring one and one half billion dollars every year into atheistic literature and the prime target is newly literate people all over the world who have not had the opportunity of reading the Word of God. The nephew of Mahatma Gandhi made this observation concerning India: "The missionaries have taught us to read, but the communists have given us the literature."

Q. Thinking in terms of literature, is it not true that much progress is being made in the areas of translation, writing, publication, and printing?

A. That is true. However, the fact remains that despite all our efforts more than 50 percent of the people of the world today have never once received so much as an evangelical tract, to say nothing of a portion of the Bible itself. There remain well over 1,000 languages and dialects which still have no part of the Bible.

Q. What do you feel is the answer to the problem of a mushrooming world population and our lagging missionary effort?

A. First we feel that the answer to the missionary problem is a genuine spiritual revival in the Church, a complete rededication on the part of every believer to a life of personal sacrifice, giving and doing. We need greatly increased forces and resources to effectively meet the unprecedented opportunities in almost every mission field. Unceasing prayer should be made for a fresh and mighty outpouring of God's Spirit upon His Church that will quicken its spiritual life, revive its missionary vision, and send forth many new recruits to the whitened harvest fields.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

OF THE CROSSROADS THE CROSSROADS PACIFIC

SONG: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 96:1-6*

The "Crossroads of the Pacific" — a small speck of land out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, more commonly known as Hawaii. One only needs to live in Hawaii a short time to realize how appropriate the title really is. With planes and ships coming and going constantly and with hundreds of people arriving (and departing) daily from all parts of the world Hawaii is similar to a busy intersection in downtown New York or Chicago. Actually Hawaii is a chain composed of eight small islands with a population of more than 750,000 people; however eighty per cent of the population lives on the island of Oahu and since the capitol city and the international airport and seaport are located on that island it becomes the hub of all activity. The island of Oahu is third in size (with the islands of Hawaii and Maui being larger in land area) and is about 40 miles long and on an average of 10 miles wide; a place that is booming, growing, ever changing, and always filled with activity. In our program I would like to introduce you to its people, activities, and spiritual condition.

THE PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES

The fact that Hawaii is the crossroads of the Pacific provides not only an op-



Mrs. Helen Sanders is a former Youth Chairman of WNAC. She, her husband Luther, and daughter Brenda, are now missionaries in Waipahu, Hawaii.

portunity but a hindrance as well. All nationalities of people can be reached here; however people are always on the move and this creates a transit atmosphere. The weather is about as ideal as you could possibly find anywhere in the world and this too soon proves to be a hindrance to the work of the Lord. You can imagine what it is like to always have spring and summer weather — the beaches and parks are always open and busy. Sports of all kinds are always going on to attract the people. The business and economical growth of Hawaii has been tremendous over the past few years. Many times both husband and wife work and sometimes the men hold two jobs. The military population of 57,066 plus 59,262 military dependants has had to face many crises from all over the world over the past few years. The men do not know where they might be tomorrow and soon the realm of uncertainty begins to prevail. The men want to spend time with their families, and, so on Sunday it is off to the beaches and parks — they will go to church and Sunday school when they get back home and things are more settled. Along with all of this you have almost all nationalities represented in Hawaii with their own religions, customs, and way of life, and all too often this proves too hard a barrier to penetrate.

The economy of Hawaii and their

standard of living is very high. Most all the people have all they need materially. Added to all this are good roads, many cars, and no where will you find so much to do and see in so small an area. We have lived here seven years and there still remain places of interest that we have not visited. This will help give you some idea of the atmosphere in which we labor.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Hawaii is a very religious place — in fact most all religions of the world (false religions, cults, etc.) are represented here. Hawaii has many beautiful and modern church buildings. The temples and shrines are comparable in beauty to those of any other place in the world. One of the large Mormon temples is located on the Island of Oahu along with many of their beautiful tabernacles; in spite of all this (according to statistics given us by the Library of Hawaii) the 1965 census revealed that about fifteen per cent of the people have no religious preference. Approximately ninety per cent of the protestant churches are liberal and modernistic. A minister who pastors a protestant church near us made this remark in Luther's presence not long ago (he had just returned from the annual planning meeting of his denomination): "They came up with a ridiculous theme for the coming year — something about redeeming the lost — now who in the h--- is lost and who in h--- would admit it if they knew they were lost." I am afraid this symbolizes the attitude of far more of the ministers in Hawaii than we dare admit, if not verbally by action and attitude. Someone has said that less than one-half of one percent of the people are thought to be classified as evangelical. To be sure it is no more than this.

We have observed many changes over the past seven years — a revival among the Buddhists with a real upsurge in the activities and growth of the YBA (Young Buddhists Association), a real growth and expansion of the work of the Mormons, the introduction of several new religions to the islands (with the opening of the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii). Several anti-

Christian bills have been passed by the state legislature, and a change from a casual indifference to Christianity to a growing antagonistic attitude and resentment.

Those who are familiar with the mission fields of the world have classified Hawaii as being one of the greatest but most difficult mission fields of all. We look at the situation with a certain amount of dismay and almost despair with so much to be done and actually so few evangelicals to do it.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS AT THE CROSSROADS

It was in August 1959 that we first arrived in Hawaii and the best way to sum it up is to say: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." It was a long hard struggle the first three and one half years we were here because we could not obtain property, but that is history and a familiar story I am sure to all of you; however as we met in the basement of our small rented house in Waipahu (on the Island of Oahu) God blessed and gave us a very fruitful ministry with some more than 600 different people attending the services. As we exhausted every source possible and still could not obtain property, we knew we could not continue under those conditions and build an effective work in the islands.

We decided that if we did not have property by the end of the year (1962) we would return home. It was the last week of September that we first discovered the availability of our present property and by December, we had arranged for the purchase, bought quonset buildings, and had moved into the buildings. Of course time and space would not permit my giving the details of all the miracles God wrought during this time. At present we have property valued at better than one hundred thousand dollars. Our mission compound consists of about one and one-half acres of land, with a church building, fellowship building, Sunday school class room building, a parsonage, and three other buildings where families of our congregation live.

We have our regular church services, Sunday school, and mid-week prayer ser-

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DECEMBER PROGRAM

The World God So Loved

PROGRAM AIM: *That the auxiliary may have a new understanding of the love of God and a deeper sense of Christian obligation to pray, give, and live that Christ may be known around the world.*

HYMN: "Love Divine" "For God So Loved the World" (chorus)

PRAYER: *That we may be more thankful for His love.*

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: John 3:16 (in unison) Ephesians 3:14-19; 5:2

Solo: "The Love of God"

For the Christian woman, Christmas is a joyous time of the year. As this season approaches she begins to make plans for her family, her friends, her relatives who will join her from distant places, and even for a neighbor who is less fortunate than she. Carefully she selects gifts, plans the Christmas dinner, and helps plan for church activities. She delights in watching her little ones as they wait in eager anticipation. All these things make Christmas a happy time.

The greatest joy for the Christian woman is the thrill of knowing the Christ of Christmas, God's greatest Gift, to the whole world. Yes — *THE WHOLE WORLD!*

We see people participating in sinful festivities, those who are commercializing Christmas, those who are reveling and drinking, and we tend to look upon them with disgust. How Christ's heart must grieve as He looks upon those, for whom He died, celebrating His birth. He loves them! Tonight, let's turn our thoughts from ourselves and our plans, and take a good look at this world that "God so loved."

A VISION OF THE WORLD

Before Christian women can pray intelligently they must see and feel the spiritual needs about them and then

around the world. In I John 1:19 we read that the "whole world lieth in wickedness." Through the years we have referred to those "other nations" that are in sin and darkness, but we have now come to realize that darkness is hovering over our own America! How great must be the darkness in the heart of one who believes and teaches that God is dead!

Newspaper headlines and television newscasts reveal the hatred and prejudice that is felt around the world. These are times when unrest, uncertainty, and confusion encircle the globe.

These are also times of suffering. Just think of how many people will go to bed hungry tonight. Many of these will not wake in the morning because their food supply has been too little for too long. India has had her share of death by starvation but even in this country little children do not have sufficient food to satisfy their hunger. Fathers of large families with salaries inadequate for the high cost of living cannot provide the necessities. Their families may not die from hunger but they will suffer from malnutrition.

While these are hungry, others suffer affliction and disease. Hospitals are filled and mental institutions are overcrowded but still cannot provide for all who need their care. Most of these institutions have waiting lists. The aged and shut-ins often succumb to loneliness because of the neglect of those who are responsible for them.

Because of all the chaos in this world, many people have become possessed with fear. They don't know what to do or where to turn since they do not know the Christmas message, "Fear not, for unto YOU is born a Saviour. . ." They do not know that "God so loved the world" and that He can give them peace in their hearts even in these critical times.

COMPASSION FOR THE WORLD

Our Savior saw the needs of the world and felt compassion for each person who had a need. The rich young ruler came to Him asking what he might do to inherit eternal life. He had kept the commandments from his youth but he was possessed by his possessions. Jesus saw his problem and "beholding him loved him."

Jesus showed compassion for the children when He took them in His arms and blessed them. It is significant that this incident followed His discussion on divorce and adultery. The Master knew how much little children suffer as the innocent victims of divorce.

The Savior was moved with compassion for the leper who knelt before Him begging to be made clean (Mark 1:41); for the widow of Nain as she followed the bier of her only son (Luke 7:13); for the multitude when they had nothing to eat (Matt. 15:32). His compassion reached every home where there was sorrow. It was felt along each path where the lame, the blind, and the suffering waited for Him. It touched the adulterous woman—He did not scorn nor condemn her (John 8:11).

In a large prison, a well-educated, intelligent convict, who was an avowed agnostic, remained hard, sour, and untouched by every effort to reach him. One day while the chaplain was talking to him, his attention was drawn to the convict's wounded foot. It was evidently painful and as the chaplain ceased speaking, he bent down to examine it. He proceeded to bind it up and as he did so he felt a great tear drop on his head. That little act had done what pleading could not do.

What is our attitude toward the world? Do we share Christ's compassion for it? How do we feel about the unwed mother? The narcotic addict? The mentally ill? Those in correctional institutions? What about that illegitimate daughter who has reached her teens and needs help and advice? Do we care enough to share with them the Christmas message, "unto you is born a Savior"?



Mrs. Theda Vinson is the wife of L. W. Vinson, Superintendent of public schools, Newport, Tennessee. She is secretary-treasurer of her local auxiliary and president of Central Quarterly Meeting Auxiliary.

GOD IS IN THE WORLD

God is in the world reconciling people to Himself through Jesus Christ and He chooses men and women, even you and me, to be instruments of His purpose in salvation.

The word, continuum, means a constant, continuing care for a person or thing. This word describes just how God feels about the world and how He cared for it since He created it. First, He spoke to mankind through His Prophets — they gave His message to the people. Then, when the world would not listen to the Prophets, God sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ. He, the lovely Lord whose birth we celebrate now, gave God's message to the people. Many still won't listen. Many still refuse to heed. Yet God's continuum goes on and on and on . . . around the world, to every nook and cranny, and to every heart, young and old. Wherever there is a need, God's love is there.

Yes, God is in the world . . . reconciling people to Himself through Jesus Christ . . . through you and me as we present ourselves "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable." He wants us to give of our means that the hungry may be fed; to give of our time that the sick, the afflicted, and the distressed may be comforted and encouraged; to give of our love that the outcast may know a bit of happiness; to give of our witness that all may know Jesus Christ, God's Christmas Gift, to THE WORLD THAT HE SO LOVED.

Missions



Trenton, New Jersey

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Carney will begin a work in Trenton, New Jersey in October. Trenton is a growing city and strategically located on our eastern seaboard. Philadelphia is about thirty miles south, New York City is about sixty miles north, and Newark and Jersey City are about fifty miles north. In the midst of these great metropolitan centers there is a great spiritual dearth and need for the gospel.

Salina, Kansas

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Shade have ministered here under the sponsorship of the Kansas State Mission Board and the National Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. This has been a progressive ministry and a fruitful one. They have been able to build an attractive church building and to secure a parsonage. On one occasion a nearby Air Base closed down its operation and nine families in the church were rotated away during a two month period of time. Since moving, all nine of these families have relocated in some other part of the United States where they are working in other Free Will Baptist Churches. One man has asked for leave from the military to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Alaska

The Kirby Godwins of Juneau, Alaska have adopted a son, William Travis. He was born December 11, and was five months old when they adopted him May 23.

Canada

The Mack Owens began their work in Nova Scotia in August. Remember to pray for this new area of work.

Panama

The Bill Phipps were busy for 12 weeks this summer in Bible schools. In the various villages around them, they spent one week at each.

A missionary of another group has had to give up a congregation because of lack of time. Bill will take over this congregation at La Pintada. He will have regular services with them.

Cuba

Word has come from another mission group telling of our work in Cuba. It was reported that one of their pastors had just attended a youth convention there. There are twelve to fifteen pastors and missionaries very active with a large group of young people and adults.

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PRE-THANKSGIVING SEASON OF PRAYER

America for Christ

By REV. HOMER E. WILLIS

THE HOME MISSIONARY MINISTRY

SONG: "Jesus Saves"

PRAYER: *Pray for the missionaries in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii and Mexico*

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 24:46-48*

Many years ago the continent of North America and the possessions of the United States were designated the Home Mission Field for our church. Today men and women who are doing full-time ministry in the Dominion of Canada, the Republic of Mexico, and the states of Alaska and Hawaii are called home missionaries. Also, those who work with language groups on the mainland and those who will minister in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are home missionaries.

These fields, in most cases, are like other parts of the world to which we refer as Foreign Fields. In actual miles it is nearer to some "foreign" fields than to some of the "home" fields, so it is not distance that makes the need—it is the need for *all* to hear the gospel.

Home missionaries labor among the Japanese in Hawaii, the Eskimos in Alaska, the French in Canada, the Spanish and Indians on the mainland and, of course, the Spanish of Mexico.

The home missions program is the most recent ministry among us, with the oldest fields having been entered only six to eight years ago. The first home

missionaries to Alaska were the Lee Whaley family. Pioneers to Canada were the Mack Owens family, while the Luther Sanders' were the first to go to Hawaii. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows were the first to do permanent work in Old Mexico. On each of the home mission fields there are churches which are prospering because you ladies are supporting home missionaries in North American countries. Your year-around financial support, plus the Thanksgiving Week of Prayer offerings, is so much needed.

Prayer Thought: *Religiously, Mexico is Roman Catholic and although there is religious liberty by law, the Protestants are persecuted by the Roman church. Pray that the Protestant witness will continue dauntlessly ahead and many precious souls will be saved.*

THE STUDENT MISSIONARY MINISTRY

SONG: "Send the Light"

PRAYER: *Pray for the young people in our different colleges who are planning to be "summer missionaries" next year.*

SCRIPTURE: *Romans 10:13-15*

I have been happy with many developments within the home mission department, but one which I am especially happy about is the "summer" or "student" missionary program. This was

launched about five years ago and since then young men and women have served on home mission fields each summer. They have gone to Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Maine, New Hampshire, Idaho, and other places.

Th plan works like this: (1) Any home missionary may write the home office and request this help. (2) Applications are processed from young people who present them before January 1. (3) The person making application must be at least eighteen years old, have two years of college education, and feel that his life work will be in missions.

The Home Mission Board will furnish the applicant transportation to and from the field and pay \$60 per month living expenses. This is vital training for missionary candidates and their help is appreciated by over-worked regular missionaries. The Auxiliary can be a real help in this ministry. Will your group give some thought to sponsoring a "student" missionary this coming summer? The average cost for each worker is \$500 for the summer.

The United States, our home base for World Evangelism, has been a source of blessing to all humanity. Our very constitution was founded upon the Bible, the Word of God, which act God certainly acknowledged by the national prosperity which has been ours ever since. The gospel has been sent into almost every country of the world from this land. Now there are definite spiritual needs in the United States itself which have stirred the hearts of Christians and caused the Home Mission Boards of the land to rise to meet these needs. Great men of missionary passion are saying, "The United States has fast become one of the major mission fields of the world."

Our *student* missionary program is one more opportunity which we have of sending the gospel to those in North America where at least 50% of the population is totally unreached by the church and message of Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION MINISTRY

SONG: "*Loyalty to Christ*"

PRAYER: *Pray for the church extension missionaries who are ministering in the United States.*

SCRIPTURE: Acts 13:2-3; 26:16-18

When we speak of Church Extension in our denomination we mean the ministry of getting new churches started where there are none or strengthening the work that has already been begun. In 1950 the total income for home missions and church extension work from all sources was \$1,000, so you can readily see that this is a work only fifteen years old. Actually, the first church extension missionaries were sent out just a little over a decade ago. Since that small beginning full-time missionaries have been sent into twenty states, as well as Canada and Mexico.

What is the difference between a home missionary and a church extension missionary? Really, not much. However, we think of church extension missionaries now as those men who go out under "Project 30". This means that they are sent with the understanding that they will receive support for thirty months and then they will be expected to have a self-supporting church. This has proven to be a very good plan, especially in the large cities of America.

Some of the pioneer "area missionaries" were Roy Thomas—Denver, Kenneth Walker—Washington, D. C., Johnnie Postlewaite—Washington, and Mark Vandivort—New Hampshire. Some of the present missionaries are Lloyd Plunkett—Seattle, Washington, Thurmon Murphy—Youngstown, Ohio, E. B. Ledlow—Montgomery, Ala., and Leslie Carney—Trenton, New Jersey.

The Home Mission Board has helped to establish churches in nine of our capitol cities in the past few years and

in forty-four of the larger cities of America.

The board works with state and district mission boards where these are in operation. (See Home Missions Manual for more details. This manual may be purchased for \$2 from the Home Missions Department.)

Some of you have a missionary working in your state. Please think of him and his work at this time especially. It is the hope of the Church Extension Department to have at least one full-time church extension missionary in every state soon.

Prayer Thought: *Pray for the home missionary working in your state or for the Lord to send a worker to your state to do this ministry in your cities.*

OTHER MINISTRIES OF HOME MISSIONS

SONG: "Wonderful Words of Life"

PRAYER: *Pray for God's blessings to be with the thousands of pieces of literature which go out from the Home Mission office. Pray for those who write and edit this literature.*

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 9:2; Mark 4:30-32*

One of the ministries of the Home Mission Department is providing missionary literature to our people. Thousands of newsletters, tracts, booklets, and maps, are published, as well as the official publication MISSION-GRAMS. About 40,000 copies of MISSION-GRAMS are printed bi-monthly, with 35,000 of these being mailed to individuals throughout the world.

Another service of the Home Mission Department is the Loan Fund. The board can provide small loans to our mission groups with which to buy their land. This money is paid back in small payments as the church prospers. We are trying to build up this fund so

that more groups can benefit. Gifts for the loan fund are always needed.

A service which we render to our college young people is very rewarding. We call this the "Campus Ambassadors for Christ." We have obtained a list of Free Will Baptist young people who attend secular colleges throughout the nation. We write letters to these students and encourage them to stay true to Christ and His Word and to stay true to the Free Will Baptist church. You can help us by sending the names and addresses of young people from your church who are away in secular colleges (or in the Armed Services of our country).

We offer any service possible to local and state mission boards in their church extension ministry and work in cooperation with some such boards in establishing churches.

Our Department of Evangelism is just getting underway, but we do have many opportunities to assist in personal and mass evangelistic programs. The church will only move forward to the degree of our evangelistic fervor, and we do need to pray that God the Holy Spirit will bring great conviction to our hearts which will result in great revival.

Special prayer thought: *Pray for the young people from your community who are away in college and who are serving the armed forces of our country. Pray for the full-time evangelists who labor among us. Pray for those who go out from the Home Mission Department to do evangelistic work. Pray for the child evangelism workers in your area.*

PERSONNEL NEEDS OF HOME MISSIONS

SONG: "Here Am I Send Me"

PRAYER: *"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the harvest." Pray that the Lord of harvest will call more young men into the ministry, and that many will be called into home mission and church extension work.*

Where are the reapers? This question has come to me again and again in recent years. The fields are so white and the reapers are so few. We need workers, dedicated workers, Spirit filled workers to go into all areas of North America proclaiming the gospel.

An article in THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES by Douglas C. Percy puts the challenge before us in a dramatic way:

VOLUNTEERS FOR HARDSHIP WANTED

"The above title was the heading of a six column newspaper article. It caught my attention largely because it was so out of keeping with the attitudes and appeals of today.

The article began: 'Wanted - 400 young men and women tough enough to endure the hardships of adjusting to life in another country, where the temperature might never drop below 100 degrees, and where Western food is unavailable.'

An appeal for Christian missionaries? No, it was an appeal of the CUSO (Canadian University Services Overseas) that is seeking to have 1,000 young people on the field by 1967.

'We're after people who are willing to put up with hardships,' went on the article, 'people who can meet any challenge.'

I put the paper down and wept.

What the church should be doing, the world is doing, and doing it better. What Christian young people should be doing, others are doing, and doing it with a verve, a vitality, and an acceptance of hardship, privation, and danger that were once the prerogative of the Christian missionary.

If Jesus were here today, He would not weep over Jerusalem. He would weep over the lack of challenge, the lack of response on the part of Christian people, to whom the world was given for a parish. He would weep over lost courage, a lost cause, and a lost cross.

I do not stand alone in this summation of Christian youth today. From almost every church I visit, every missionary conference I attend, every school I visit, every youth worker I speak to, I hear with sorrow and sadness of the apathy and indifference of Christian people today.

We face the unparalleled numbers of young people in our lands today, half of the world's teeming population, and seek in vain from among them some 'volunteers for hardship.' Volunteers join the Peace Corps, the CUSO, while mission boards look in vain for enough volunteers and the crucified Christ is mocked by coldness and indifference.

What must be done? God knows, for there seems to be no answer this side of Heaven. Perhaps if He broke through once again in reviving and quickening power; perhaps if He rebuked the adults for their slothful ease and the youth for their indifference; perhaps if the Holy Spirit once more came upon God's people with a fire that burned - then maybe once again we would know the power of the Holy Ghost upon us and we would be witnesses unto Him unto the uttermost part of the earth.

God calls once again - to hardship - to sacrifice - to service. Any volunteers?"

*Lizzie McAdams Offering
For Home Missions*



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It's Christmas Time In The City of Bethlehem

PROGRAM 1

**AND JOSEPH ALSO WENT UP
FROM GALILEE UNTO BETHLEHEM**

SONG: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 2:1-5*

This year, when Christmas will not mean peace and good will to all the world, let us think of that first Christmas long ago in the little town of Bethlehem. There the Christmas miracle occurred — the birth of a babe, the Saviour of the world. If this Christmas there is not peace or happiness for you and the future seems dark and foreboding, if personal bereavement and a gnawing unhappiness exists in your life, be still and let the Prince of Peace speak to your heart. Try to realize that no matter what sorrow, tragedy, or disappointment has come to you, you can face it if you only hold on to your faith.

It seems almost a mockery that the merchants in the cities are starting earlier each year, even before Thanksgiving, to commercialize the event that brought joy and hope to the world. The windows of the stores are decorated, enticing us to come and buy. The Christmas lights and garlands extend across the streets from building to building. A big fat Santa chuckles away in some prominent place.

However, above the din and noise of the traffic, through amplifiers come the strains of the old Christmas carols. Down at the next corner a Salvation Army lassie persistently rings her bell and urges the passers-by to help keep the pot boiling for the poor and needy. Thus are we reminded that beneath all the revelry

and excitement, there is still a real purpose for the observance of this holy day.

Ever and anon, we meet friends, with whom we exchange Christmas greetings. As we say "Merry Christmas!", we feel again the Christmas spirit of love and happiness, and for a time the bleak and dismal things of the world seem far away.

Even the stars that adorn the Christmas trees remind us that once there was another town above which a star hung in the sky. It is significant that humble Bethlehem, not stately Jerusalem, gave to us that which forever makes life rich. It was to Bethlehem that Joseph came to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. It was here that the Virgin Mary fulfilled the prophecy spoken by the prophet Isaiah so long ago.

"Let Christmas be a bright and happy day; but let its brightness come from the radiance of the star of Bethlehem, and its happiness be found in Christ." —

H. G. Den

Meditation and Prayer.

PROGRAM 2

NO ROOM IN THE INN

SONG: "Silent Night" or "Let Him In"

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 2:6-11*

Three blocks — Sunshine Motel on the right," says the road sign. How grateful we are because it has been a long day! We have been looking for a place to stop for the last hour. The driver turns into the motel drive in front of

the office; and there it is again, "No Vacancy." We have been driving since early morning and we are so tired.

Long ago there were tired and weary travelers. Poor Joseph! He must have felt so keenly the responsibility of taking care of Mary. At how many inns before this one had he received the same answer—No Room? Perhaps he pled for her comfort at this critical time. Dear sweet-faced Mary most likely did not complain. Does it not seem that at least one person might have offered to give up his room for a woman in her condition? No one volunteered, and finally there was a stable and an empty manger.

We are inclined to judge rather harshly the inn-keeper and his more fortunate guests. Yet, let us consider our own reaction if Christ should come in **person**, not spirit, to spend Christmas as a guest in our homes. After all, we do not have an extra bedroom. Too, it will make an odd number at our lavishly appointed table. It will mean running out and hastily buying an extra present to put under the tree for Him. (I suppose He might bring with Him that sacrificial "love offering" we put in the collection plate last Sunday.) Just how enthusiastic would be the welcome He would receive if He really came this Christmas?

"Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have not room for Thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And His nativity".

—Ralph Spaulding Cushman

Christ will not visit our homes in person this Christmas. However, He may come in the guise of another person. "For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25: 35-40).

He who finds happiness in making another happy and who find fulfillment in giving, to him every day is Christmas Day.

PROGRAM 3

YE SHALL FIND THE BABE

SONG: "There's A Song In The Air" or
"Away In A Manger"

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 2:12*

It was the end of a burdensome trip for Mary and Joseph, but the beginning of life on earth for the Infant bedded down in the manger. Mary perhaps was like all other young mothers. It is likely that she had dreamed of giving birth to her first-born under far different conditions from these. Standing by the crib of one's own baby with that world-old compassion and tenderness toward this tiny creature, one can envisage the emotions that must have filled Mary's heart as she looked at her little Son and softly and reverently called His name "Jesus."

The birth of a child always attracts visitors. Soon the Baby Jesus began to receive visitors, outstanding among whom were the shepherds and the wise men from the East. They came to find the Babe.

The cities of the world in this day of the population explosion are the spawning grounds for the procreation of man. Every minute that goes by new souls are born into the world. These tiny beings will, in time, become of age and take their places in our complex society.

Ye shall find babes in the cities of America. It is they who will determine whether America will remain true to the Christian principles on which she was founded. They will decide the moral and economic issues of their day. We have a solemn obligation upon us to see that the babes of America, as they grow, are nurtured in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Many of them will attend the large universities in our cities where they will be taught that the Bible is merely a fine piece of literature which can be divided into poetry, myths, fables, and fairy tales. What excuse shall we give if we do not

exert enough power to protect them from the forces that would destroy them?

Ye shall find babes in the cities of China and Japan and Russia. These babes, too, will grow to manhood. They will either augment or stem the tide of Communism that threatens today to engulf the entire world.

Ye shall find babes in the cities of Europe. Many of these cities, famous as centers of culture, are also known to be saturated with moral laxity and corruption. Here we find the agostics and free-thinkers.

Ye shall find babes in the cities of India and Africa. Those who have returned from serving as missionaries in these areas tell us that the people are enslaved by superstition and ignorance.

Ye shall find babes in the cities of South America. Many of these will have little choice between becoming a communicant of the Roman Catholic church or being pagan.

So many of these little ones will never have a chance to know about the Babe, born in the city of Bethlehem, who was sent as a gift to all men that they might have the abundant life. As we make our Christmas prayer, let us pray that "none may say of the children of men, nobody ever has told me."

PROGRAM 4

WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST AND ARE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

SONG: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 2:1-2; 7-11*

The following incident was related by Phoebe Berk in the December issue of **Readers Digest** in 1945:

On Christmas morning my little daughter was downstairs opening her packages before any one else was out of bed. To

my surprise, I heard her singing the Happy Birthday song. "Happy Birthday on Christmas morning?" I thought, amused that, while she was aware of festivity in the air, she was confused as to the occasion. But as she sang on, I realized it was I who had been confused. "Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus," the little voice caroled. "Happy Birthday to you."

Who would question that this simple acknowledgement of Christ's birthday did not constitute an act of worship? There are many ways to worship the Lord Jesus, but the most acceptable one is the adoration of a sincere heart.

The wise men came bringing gifts. One of these was gold. In this day men need to worship with the treasured **gold of faith**. By faith Abel offered a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain. It is impossible to please God without faith. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Another gift was frankincense. We should worship with the sweet **frankincense of hope**. It is hope that drives away gloom, discouragement, and fear. "And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; — and thou shall take rest in safety" (Job 11:18). The poet, Alice Hawthorne, compares hope with an anchor that holds the heart and soul of man steadfast through all the storms of life.

"There's a stream of trouble across my path,

It is black and deep and wide.

Bitter the hour the future hath

When I cross the swelling tide.

But I smile and sing and say:

'I will hope and trust away;

I'll bear the sorrow that comes tomorrow

But I'll borrow none today."

Selected

Finally, let us not forget to worship with the **myrrh of love**. We are told that love is stronger than hate. Love cements the tenderest ties in all human relationships. We recall the truths set forth in Leo Tolstoy's story, **What Men Live By**. Michael, an angel of God, was being

punished because he was not obedient when God sent him to earth to take away the soul of a woman. Therefore, he was sent back to earth to live until he had learned three lessons. God had said to him, "Thou shalt learn **What is given to men, What is not given to men, and What men live by.** When thou hast learnt these things, thou shalt return to Heaven." The answer to the first lesson was that love has been given to men, to dwell in their hearts; to the second lesson, that it is not given to men to know their own needs; to the third lesson, that all men live by the love for them that is in other people.

Tolstoy speaks beautifully through Michael when he says, "I know now that people only **seem** to live when they care only for themselves, and that it is by love for others that they really live. He who has love has God in him, and is in God — because God is Love."

May we at this Christmas season truly worship in the spirit of faith, hope, and love so that we, and others, may find the King.

PROGRAM 5

ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN

SONG: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
(or if the program is in church)
"Angels We Have Heard on
High"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-15

The word that best describes the world today is the word, **restless.** People hurry and scurry hither and yon in pursuit of money, pleasure, entertainment, and even the necessities of life. This absorption with material things explains why the entertainment centers of the cities enjoy such a thriving business. Almost every one seems to fear solitude. The art of conversation and leisurely reading has been lost.

Never before has peace of mind been so important. This cannot exist where there is no peace in the heart. The

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Christian knows that one cannot have this peace unless Christ dwells in the heart. When He was preparing to leave His disciples, He said: "Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27) Because of this lovely and precious promise, we are secure in the knowledge that peace is ours for all eternity.

There should be peace among those who are of the household of faith. It is pathetic and almost tragic when we see church members bickering and squabbling over issues that arise within the church. Sometimes these arguments arise concerning matters that are petty and childish. We heard of a congregation in a rural church that became involved in a controversy over whether the water bucket should sit on the pulpit or on a table in the back corner of the church. The argument became so heated that part of those who wanted the bucket on the pulpit withdrew and built another church. If we are careful to maintain a spirit of good will, we shall be able to avoid unpleasant and un-Christlike attitudes.

Sometime after the conclusion of World War II, Winston Churchill said the war had ended but peace was rag-

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CIRCLE

BY DOROTHY COX

programs

OR FOR SECOND
AUXILIARY MEETING

OCTOBER

DO IT YOURSELF

SONG: "To The Work"

SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 2:12, 13*

THERE ARE SOME AREAS in which human beings must follow Paul's injunction to work out their own salvation. Let us see how this applies to the following:

THE BIBLE

First, see how this applies to the value and our use of the Bible. There may be a billion copies of Scriptures, but unless you take hold of one of them, and sit down to read its pages, as far as you are concerned it is a closed book. This is especially the emphasis in the Protestant church. There is no merit in what someone else may read for you. No priest may do it for you. You must do it yourself. Someone has said, "a Bible and a volume of blank pages are on the same level if neither of them is read."

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WORSHIP

It is true of worship — you must do it yourself. There is nothing about sitting in a church pew that lifts or blesses. It is when a person gives his attention to God, shares in the praying, listens carefully to Scripture, opens his heart to the beautiful music, absorbs the sermon, yields his spirit to God — only then does he worship. The minister, choir, organ, symbolism — are helpless without the cooperation of the person who sits in the pew.

It is true of your praying. God leaves a wide margin for us to answer our own prayers. One may believe that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," but in large measure prayer is the giving of light and leading and courage to "do it yourself."

Of course there are times when the thing for which we pray is utterly beyond anything we can do, and we must leave it with God in faith believing; but we must not mistake the instances in which the pray-er himself is a tool in God's hands.

Lastly, it is true of our religious experience as we try to make it real and effective. We want it the easy way: Turn a crank, pull a lever, push a button, take a pill — then sit back and wait. We go to the doctor and we co-operate if he gives us a treatment or even if he advises an operation — that is if he will do it for us. But to get a prescription filled, then remember to use the medicine as indicated; to respect his suggestions about a diet and follow it faithfully; to take time and effort for the exercises or recreation or rest which he suggests; in other words, to do it ourselves — that is too much! Someone has said we are afflicted with “spectatoritis.” On grandstands or slouched before TVs, we get our recreation and diversion by proxy.

Religious experience is something more than what a preacher or teacher or friend can do for us. You must do it yourself. We must go to the trouble to read and meditate, we must take time to be alone with God; we must stir out of our comfort and join in Christian fellowship and worship, we must labor for money and invest it in God’s work. Our Christian faith is not magic. It is not a formula you can utter or a wand which somebody can wave over you.

Out of his rich faith and experiences in Christ, the apostle Paul declared that God “is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). But he also said “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Do it yourself! But cheer up! Paul continues, “for God is at work in you.”

NOVEMBER

ARE YOU RICH?

SONG: *“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”; “Thank You Lord”*

SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 68:19; 50:14, Lamentations 3:22-23*

SOLO: *“I’m a Child of the King”*

THEY HUDDLED INSIDE the storm door — two children in ragged outgrown coats. “Any old papers, Lady?” I was busy. I wanted to say no — until I looked down at their feet. Thin little sandals sopped with sleet.

“Come in and I’ll make you a cup of hot cocoa,” I said. There was no conversation. Their soggy sandals left marks upon the heartstone. I gave them cocoa and toast with jam to fortify against the chill outside. I went back to the kitchen and started again on my household budget.

The silence in the front room struck through to me. I looked in. The girl held her empty cup in her hands, looking at it. The boy asked in a flat voice: “Lady . . . are you rich?”

“Am I rich?” “Oh no!” I looked at my shabby slipcovers. The girl put her cup back in its saucer — carefully. “Your cups match your saucers,” she said. Her voice was old, with a hunger that was not of the stomach.

They left then, holding their bundles of papers against the wind. They hadn’t said thank you. They didn’t need to. They had said more than that. Plain blue pottery cups and saucers. But they matched. I tested the potatoes and stirred the gravy. Potatoes and brown gravy . . . a roof over our heads, my man with a steady job . . . these things matched, too.

I moved the chairs back from the fire and tidied the living room. The muddy prints of small sandals were still wet on my hearth. I let them be. I want them in case I ever again forget how rich I am.

One of the first things children are taught by their parents is to say “thank you.” It is a mark of good breeding — plain good manners. Yet, grownups need to be reminded to say “thank you” to God for blessings we often take for granted. The Lord “daily loadeth us with benefits.”

It is one thing to say “thank you” and quite another to have a grateful heart. Too few of us have a genuine spirit of thankfulness. We are prone to magnify our troubles and minimize our blessings!

The psalmist asked "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?" He answered his own question by saying he would go into the house of the Lord with offerings to pay his vows which were made in time of trouble (Psalm 116:12; 66:13-14).

Samuel expressed his thankfulness to the Lord for delivering Israel out of the hands of the Philistines by setting up a monument which he called **Ebenezer** (the stone of help), saying, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

One woman wrote, "I complained when things went wrong, but did nothing when all was well. Now I've found a way to say "thank you, God," in a practical way. Our church group distributed small banks, which we were to fill with "thank-you money." These will be collected in December, the proceeds going to help our missions.

Shortly after receiving the bank, our family became very worried about my brother's health. We were all relieved when chest x-rays proved negative. Then it was that I remember the "thank-you" bank hidden away in my desk. I set it out where I could see it and made my first contribution — a "thank-you" for my brother's health.

Since then whenever I receive blessings, I say "thank you" by dropping a coin in my bank. I have given thanks for such varied things as the beauty of a full moon, the recovery of a lost article, and gentle rains which brought needed moisture to the fields. Showing my gratitude in this fashion has brought me a new awareness of God's goodness."

DECEMBER

THE REACH OF CHRISTMAS

IN-REACH

Christmas brings joy to the hearts of Christians. It is more than the **surface** joy experienced by those who keep Christmas without Christ. The "great joy" of which the angels sang, is joy that it deepened by mystery and wonder. It is the joy of salvation that cleanses the heart. Gratitude and peace flow into the inner recesses of the heart.

George Eliot said, "The joyousness of a spirit is the index of its power. Is my spirit radiant because of my joyous response in service to Christ? Does His joy give me victory over irritations, perplexities, disappointments and sorrows of life so that my life is a living witness to Him?"

UP-REACH

The up-reach of Christmas is the sincere prayer that ascends to God. It is our pledge of loyalty and allegiance to Christ. Christ is a gift from God — God's down-reach: my life may be a gift to God — that is my up-reach. God is in the world reconciling people to himself through Jesus Christ and He chooses men and women, even you and me, to be instruments of His purpose in salvation.

God needs women to witness to His saving grace and power. He needs Christian women living godly lives in their communities. He needs women proclaiming His redemption in every town, in the blocks where they live, and even to the whole wide world. God needs women of prayer — women who will give time, energy, and even tears, who will be willing to travail in prayer. He needs women to work for Him, for the hungry must be fed, the naked clothed, the distressed comforted. Children must be loved and cared for, the sick and afflicted ministered to. Sin-sick and weary souls must be brought to Christ. Ask God to help you to be willing to pay the price to be a woman of fervent, effectual prayer.

THE OUT-REACH

Much of the out-reach of Christmas may not be understood by those who come under its influence. Christmas was intended for the whole wide world. It is against

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY - FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "TOWARD NEW FRONTIERS"

WATCHWORD: "TO ALL MEN . . . BY ALL MEANS"

CONVENTION HYMN: "TO THE REGIONS BEYOND"

MUSICIANS: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, Song Director; Mrs. M. D. Tyler, Organist;
Mrs. J. Vincent Narron, Pianist.

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 12, 1966

The thirty-first session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention opened at 9:00 a.m. in Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock, Arkansas, with singing "O For A Thousand Tongues" and "I Love to Tell the Story," led by the convention musicians. Rev. Henry Van Kluyve prayed the opening prayer.

President Mrs. Robert Hill called the convention into session followed by congregational singing, "Showers of Blessings." Rev. Bill Fulcher, missionary on furlough from Uruguay gave the morning devotional using Luke 10:38-42, urging the delegation, as Mary, to sit at the feet of Jesus and obey His word. Mrs. Jerry Dudley and Mrs. Merle Erickson of California accompanied by Miss Brenda Dudley brought the special music, "Yielded." Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Arkansas Woman's Auxiliary President, gave a most gracious welcome.

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, WNAC Missions Chairman, presented the following missionaries, each bringing brief greetings, some in the form of readings and music:

Rev. Dan Merkh, missionary appointee to France; Mrs. Sherwood Lee, missionary appointed to India; Rev. Fred Hersey, missionary on furlough from Japan; Mrs. Bobby Poole, missionary on furlough from Brazil; Mrs. Bobby Aycock, missionary on furlough from Brazil; Mrs. Bill Fulcher, missionary on furlough from Uruguay; Mrs. Laverne Miley, missionary on furlough from Africa; Rev. Lonnie Palmer, missionary on furlough

from Africa; Mrs. Jim McLain, missionary appointee to Japan; Rev. Tom Willey, Sr., pioneer missionary to Cuba.

Mrs. Henry Van Kluyve, WNAC Assistant Recording Secretary, gave the Credentials Committee report. (See Reports.)

The morning worship service of the WNAC began at 11:00 o'clock with congregational singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." An offering in the amount of \$181.54 was received to defray convention expenses. Special music was given by the Ledbetter Family of Kansas as they sang, "My Desire."

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was sung by the congregation just before the morning message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Aycock, missionary on furlough from the mission field of Brazil. His text was Isaiah 54:1-5, "Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . and strengthen thy stakes." The message was a challenge to each woman to examine her motivation for missions and Rev. Aycock emphasized that the Christian must be motivated by the spiritual need of the world by having a vision of men bound in shackles of sin, lost without the Savior.

The closing prayer was prayed by Rev. Alton Loveless, Arkansas host.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 12

The afternoon session of WNAC opened with singing, "I am Thine O Lord."

Mrs. Mack Owens, home missionary to New Brunswick, Canada, gave the after-

noon devotional using I Cor. 4:6-7.

Report of the Registration Committee was given by Mrs. Robert Picirilli, WNAC Vice President. The Report was accepted. (See Reports.)

Miss Bobbie Brewton of Savannah, Georgia sang "Follow Me" accompanied by Miss Sue Gage, Oklahoma.

The report of the Appreciation Committee was given by Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart and accepted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Finance Committee was given by WNAC Executive Secretary, Mrs. Pursell, and received and adopted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Pursell gave the WNAC Treasurer's Report and it was accepted. (See Reports.)

The Memorial Student Loan Fund Report was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

The Resolutions Committee Report was read by Mrs. George C. Lee, Jr. and adopted item by item. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to adjourn.

Mrs. Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer prayed the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Hill,
WNAC President

Mrs. Gene Rogers,
WNAC Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE WNAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the WNAC met at 9:30 a.m. April 5, 1966, in the new WNAC Office, Nashville, Tennessee. The following officers were present: Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. Robert Picirilli, Mrs. Rufus Coffey, and Mrs. L. C. DeFee. Mrs. Henry Van Kluyve served as proxy for Mrs. John Grant, who recently resigned as Assistant Recording Secretary. Mrs. Tommy Roberts served as proxy for Mrs. Roy Thomas. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Picirilli was asked to keep the minutes of this meeting. Mrs. Robert Hill, President, called the meeting to order by reading from the first chapter of Haggai and I Corinthians 15:58, after which prayers were offered by several of the group. Each member was asked to give a brief testimony telling especially what her office had meant to her.

Each officer gave a personal report of work completed up to the present time, as well as any recommendations she might have.

Mrs. Pursell, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, gave her personal report and the Treasurer's Report. By motion both were accepted.

Mrs. Pursell presented the following recommendations which were accepted: (See Resolutions Committee Report, Items I, II, III, V, and VI.)

After enjoying lunch together, the group again assembled in the WNAC office the first matter of discussion being the proposed program of the WNAC to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Pursell presented the proposed budget which was adopted. (See Reports)

Mrs. Van Kluyve was elected to serve as Assistant Recording Secretary to complete the term of Mrs. John Grant.

Motion carried to adjourn. Mrs. Van Kluyve led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Robert Hill, WNAC President
Mrs. Robert Picirilli, Sec. Pro-Tem

ANNUAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the WNAC met in the Rendezvous Room of the Marion Hotel at 9:00 a.m. July 11, 1966. Those present were Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Robert Hill, President; Mrs. Robert Picirilli, vice-president; Mrs. Gene Rogers, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Henry Van Kluyve, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. C. DeFee, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Missions Chairman; Mrs. Edwin Hill, Stewardship-Prayer Chairman; Mrs. Roy Thomas, Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman.

President Mrs. Hill called the meeting to order. Mrs. Picirilli gave the devotional from I Cor. 3:9 followed with prayer by Mrs. Coffey.

The minutes of the called meeting of WNAC Executive Committee were read and approved. (See Reports.) Each WNAC officer gave her report of work done during the year. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Pursell gave her personal report of work and also the Treasurer's Report. (See Reports.)

At 10:30 a.m. state field workers and presidents were invited into the Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. Coffey led the group in singing the Woman's Hymn "Jesus Calls Us." Each WNAC officer gave a word of greeting to the group on her area of work. Each state president gave a report of her state's project and work. There were representatives from Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Texas, South Carolina and California.

Mrs. Hill gave a brief devotional using Matthew 13:52 followed by prayer. Mrs. Pursell gave a report of the financial receipts and disbursements, and commended the WNAC for the financial response given the past year to the various causes. (See Reports.) Recommendations of the Executive Committee were made and discussed. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to clarify in the Manual that each state is entitled to ten delegates. If there is no state organization the representatives may represent the districts, if no districts they may represent the local.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Mrs. Lonne DaVault, Oklahoma, led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Robert Hill, WNAC President
Mrs. Gene Rogers,
WNAC Recording Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 1965-1966 Convention Year

Number of Auxiliaries reporting: 490; reports from 18 state conventions, 5 district conventions and 3 local auxiliaries. Amount per capita representation fee sent to treasurer was \$747.30. No. A-1 Auxiliaries 49; B Auxiliaries 58 and C Auxiliaries 56.

I. ENLISTMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Enrollment at beginning of convention year 7,254; Present enrollment 7,473;
2. Number new members 1,086; Number lost 867; Average Attendance 4,084.

II. STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT

1. Courses Conducted:

Missions	231	Prayer	190
Stewardship	171	Evangelism	157
Manual	215	Youth	16
Christian Living	75		
- Reading Circles conducted 67; Number

daily Bible readers 3,239; Number promoting Church Libraries 174.

III. PROGRAM-PRAYER DEPARTMENT

Number special programs held 586; Number Seasons of Prayer observed 871; Number observing Prayer Fellowship 1,240.

IV. PERSONAL SERVICE-EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Number engaged in personal service 3,691; Number making soul-winning efforts 3,368; Number souls won 598.

V. PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

Articles written for publication 963; Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers 6,567.

VI. MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Number participating in special missions emphasis 1,022; Number reading *Heartbeat* 1,174; Number reading *Mission-Grams* 922; Number contributing to Missionary Provision Closet 469.

VII. PERSONAL GIFTS

(contributed through channels other than Woman's Auxiliary)

Missions	\$14,560.52
Bible Colleges	2,510.54
Childrens Homes	3,914.47
Superannuation	634.36
Other	6,757.12
	\$28,377.01

OFFICERS' PERSONAL REPORTS

July 1965 — July 1966

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Mrs. Cleo Pursell

Executive Committee meetings attended	3
Letters mailed	6,534
Cards mailed	943
Packages mailed	5,622
Number district conventions attended	6
Number states visited	3
District study courses attended	2
Number study classes conducted	2
Number workshops conducted	2
Bible conferences attended	1
Talks made in behalf of auxiliary work	18
Programs conducted	2
Installation services conducted	1
Missions conferences attended	3

Prepared budget; Wrote manual; Compiled and edited *Co-Laborer Magazine*; Revised Standard of Achievement Chart; Individual Report Blanks; compiled and published catalog; edited and published four officers' guides, new study course lists, prepared articles for denominational papers and participated in the following national office activities:

Group conferences with state promotional secretaries

Joint meeting with Foreign Missions Board
Helped entertain and conduct group conferences with Free Will Baptist Bible College seniors.

APPRECIATION: To the members of the Executive Committee who have worked together so harmoniously this year, and especially to those who have assisted with the field work, and to my secretary, Mrs. Violet Cox, who has served efficiently in various capacities.

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Robert Hill

Letters received	75
Letters written	133
(Personal 61, Mimeographed 72)	
Prepared articles for <i>Co-Laborer</i>	3
Prepared new materials for President's Guide	
Prepared form letter mailed to all local auxiliaries in behalf of General Fund	
Attended all WNAC Executive Meetings	
Organized one local auxiliary	
Study Courses conducted	3
Attended 2 District conventions and 1 State convention	
Planned 1 district workshop	
Presented WNAC needs at above conventions	
Prepared form invitations for missionaries	

and local auxiliaries for WNAC banquet
Served as local Program-Prayer Chairman
Served as State Study Course Chairman

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mrs. Robert Picirilli

Letters received	15
Letters written	38
Study Courses attended	12
Study Courses taught	3
District conventions attended	5
State Conventions attended	2
Executive Committee meetings attended	2
Assisted in planning program for District Convention	
Assisted in planning program for two District workshops	
Helped organize one local auxiliary	
Wrote three articles for publication	
Traveled approximately 1,800 miles in interest of WNAC	
Prepared Guide for Vice President (Enlistment Chairman)	
Served on Manual Revision Committee	
Served during current year as District Auxiliary President and Local Auxiliary President	

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Gene Rogers

Letters received	27
Letters written	19
Recording Secretary Reports received	25
Executive Committee Meetings attended	1
Transcribed minutes of WNAC 1965 for publication in <i>Co-Laborer</i>	
Wrote one article for publication in <i>Co-Laborer</i>	

Organized one local auxiliary
Conducted one installation service
Attended two District Meetings; Speaker at one District Meeting
Spoke at one State Meeting in behalf of WNAC
Speaker at one Enlistment Tea
Reviewed New *Manual Manuscript*
Miles traveled in interest of WNAC approximately 3,400
Served as California State Field Worker

ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY:

Mrs. Henry Van Kluyve (3 months)

Letters received	2
Letters written	2
WNAC Executive Committee Meetings attended	2
District Convention attended	1
Study Courses taught	1
Articles written for publication	1

MISSIONS CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Rufus Coffey

On program at 1 State Convention, 1 District Convention, 1 District Workshop	
Articles prepared for publication	5
Letters received	43
Letters written	27
Information sheets mailed	10
Material mailed from Missions Offices	14
Executive Committee meetings attended	3
Served on Budget Committee	
Assisted on the <i>Manual Revision</i>	
Prepared Missions Officer's Guide	
Local Missions Chairman	

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. L. C. DeFee

Letters received	88
Letters written	97
Seals mailed for Standard Study Courses in Local Auxiliaries	54
Study Course Chairman in Local Auxiliary	
Attended 3 District Conventions; Speaker at 1 District Convention	
Attended 1 State Convention	
Conducted 1 District Workshop	
Taught 8 Study Courses in Local Auxiliaries	
Taught 1 Standard Study Course in 4 classes at a meeting of several churches	
Articles written: 5 for <i>Co-Laborer</i> , prepared one calendar of study for WNAC, prepared WNAC Approved Book List	
Executive Committee Meetings Attended	2
Traveled approximately 3,000 miles in interest of WNAC	

STEWARDSHIP-PRAYER CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. Edwin L. Hill

Prepared and mailed mimeographed letters	36
Letters written	51
Cards written	6
Letters received	48
Articles written for publication	19
Miles traveled in interest of WNAC	1,544
District Conventions Attended	5
Edited and compiled Woman's Auxiliary page in N. C. State Paper	8
Spoke in behalf of Stewardship-Prayer Study Courses taught	2
State Executive Committee Meetings attended	3
Speaker for local Pre-Week of Prayer Services	2
Reviewed New Manual Manuscript	
Served as local Program-Prayer Chairman	
Prepared WNAC Guide for Local Program-Prayer Chairman and District Chairman	
Planned and participated in District Workshop on the New Manual	
Distributed Prayer Fellowship Cards	36
Speaker for District Auxiliary Meeting	1
Attended State Auxiliary Meeting	1
Served as State Auxiliary President	

PERSONAL SERVICE - EVANGELISM CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Roy Thomas

Letters written	15
Letters received	10
Spoke in behalf of WNAC	12
Conducted 1 installation service	
Prepared Personal Service Calendar for Co-Laborer Magazine	
Study Courses taught	5
Served as Local Program Prayer Chairman	
Articles written for publication	8
Miles traveled	3,000
Executive Meetings attended	1

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

Number of persons registered:	
WNAC Officers	8
Missionaries	15
Delegates (State)	132
Delegates (Local)	78
Ministers	84
Visitors	407
Total	724

States and Countries registered:

Alabama	24	Missouri	51
Arizona	1	New Mexico	4
Arkansas	135	North Carolina	50
California	31	Ohio	28
Colorado	3	Oklahoma	69
Florida	10	South Carolina	46
Georgia	30	Tennessee	75
Idaho	7	Texas	27
Illinois	28	Virginia	20
Indiana	2	West Virginia	9
Iowa	5	Africa	7
Kansas	21	Brazil	4
Kentucky	13	Japan	2
Michigan	9	Uruguay	2
Mississippi	15		

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Robert Picfrilli
Mrs. Lonnie Coffman
Mrs. Sigbee Dilda

REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to express on behalf of the WNAC our gratitude to:

1. The city of Little Rock and those officials who have welcomed us and made our stay here convenient and enjoyable.
2. The Arkansas Free Will Baptists who have worked tirelessly to help the convention activities move smoothly.
3. Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Arkansas State President for her gracious welcome, Mrs. Lonnie Coffman, Vice President and Mrs. Ben Scott, State Field Worker, and all the women of the Arkansas auxiliaries for their work and thoughtfulness in making our convention a success.

4. The Arkansas State Convention and its officers for the attractive and appropriate corsages for the WNAC officers.
5. The speakers and musicians during the convention who have contributed to make this meeting a challenge and a blessing, especially the missionaries and missionary appointees who have shared with us information and their heart burdens for missions.
6. Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the WNAC officers for their faithful service during this convention and throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary R. Wisehart
Mrs. Marie Roberts
Mrs. Tom Johnson

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee wish to submit the following report. According to Article IV of WNAC Constitution and Article VI of the By-Laws reports from the following 18 states have been received: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Five districts have reported as follows: Wabash Valley District, Indiana; NE District, Miss.; 1st Kansas District; Wolverine Association District, Mich.; Eastern Kentucky District.

Two local churches are reporting: East Watachee, Washington and First Church, Denver. Delegates from the above auxiliaries are eligible for seats at this convention.

A total of 78 local auxiliaries have registered during this convention.

We have two local churches without higher bodies in their state, petitioning for membership. These churches are Lakewood, Colorado and Tucson, Arizona. We, your Credentials Committee recommend that they be received.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Henry Van Kluyve
Mrs. O. T. Dixon
Mrs. Francis Boyle

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, make the following recommendations and resolutions:

1. That a history of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention be compiled and published by WNAC, and that Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart be contacted concerning the writing of said history.
2. Whereas all other departments of the National Association have elected to be covered by Social Security, be it resolved that the WNAC provide such benefits for its personnel.
3. Whereas costs of materials, including mailing supplies, printing, and literature have greatly increased, and, Whereas WNAC's growth and expansion demand a more adequate plan of support, and, Whereas our present methods of support are ineffective and obsolete, Be it resolved,

- (1.) That WNAC membership fees be increased from ten cents (10¢) to seventy-five (75¢) per active member per year, and that Article VI of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Page 60—Fees and Reports

Section 1. Fees—Seventy-five cents per active member shall be paid yearly to the WNAC by the state convention (and/or other eligible organizations) for membership.

Page 53 Article VI—The State Convention Fees and Reports

Seventy-five cents (75¢) per active member shall be paid yearly to the WNAC for membership fee.

4. Whereas, for similar reasons, active district and state auxiliary organizations also need additional funds to maintain their operations, we recommend that local fees per active member be increased from 30¢ to \$1.25 per year. We further recommend the following changes in the manual:

p. 12 The Outline of the Standard

(5). Membership fees and Reports to Officers — Once a year all active members should pay \$1.25 membership fee to be used for promotional work. This money is sent to the District treasurer. Twenty-five cents (25¢) is kept there, while the remainder is sent to the State convention. The State Treasurer keeps twenty-five cents (25¢) and sends the remaining 75¢ to the WNAC treasurer.

p. 16 Article II — Representation

Each local auxiliary shall represent in the district convention according to the convention plans and its proportionate part of money required for district, state, and national work, which is \$1.25 per active member per year.

p. 43 — District Convention Fees and Reports

One dollar (\$1.00) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention for membership fee.

5. That beginning first quarter, 1967, **Co-Laborer** Magazine subscription rates be increased as follows:

In groups of five or more

from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per year

Single subscriptions

from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per year

Single copy

from \$.35 to \$.40 per year

6. Whereas the increase in **Co-Laborer** subscription rates will not become effective until January 1967 and in membership fees until July 1967, we recommend a greater thrust be given WNAC Emphasis Month by the allocation of suggested state quotas according to membership as follows: Alabama 477, Alaska 5, Arizona 60, Arkansas 534, California 380, Colorado 24, Florida 254, Georgia 551, Illinois 200, Indiana 36, Iowa 15, Kansas 82, Kentucky 119, Louisiana 20, Michigan 80, Mississippi 186, Missouri 456, New Mexico 32, North Carolina 712, Ohio 222, Oklahoma 803, South Carolina 519, Tennessee 801, Texas 350, Virginia 244, Washington 33, Washington, D. C. 25, West Virginia 106, totals 7,230.

7. That the theme, watchword and hymn for 1967-68 be as follows:
Theme: "As my Father hath sent me . . . So send I you" John 20: 19-22

Watchword: So Send I You

Hymn: So Send I You

8. That the auxiliaries sending articles to the Missionary Provision Closet send an evaluation of the same to WNAC.

9. Whereas the National Association plans to project the project of "Everyone Who Has a Bible Buy a Bible" or "Bibles for the Bibleless" on Sunday, December 11th, and as we feel it can best be promoted through the Missions Boards, the Master's Men and the Woman's Auxiliaries, we hereby recommend that we cooperate in this project in the following ways:

- (1.) Assist the pastor in planning for Bible Sunday.

- (2.) If the church is cooperating in this project, send the offering through the church to the National Association earmarked American Bible Society. Otherwise send earmarked offerings through WNAC.
10. That local, district, and state auxiliaries elect a historian whose responsibility is to record the history of the auxiliary of her church.

Duties

- (1.) Prepares history of the women of the auxiliary. Assembles the facts and writes the history of the auxiliary in the local church from the beginning, if this has not already been done. Include sketches of honorary and memorial members.
- (2.) Writes the supplementary history of the auxiliary.
- (3.) Submits a history for calendar year, January 1-December 31. Sends a copy (preferably type-written) with pictures, to the district historian who compiles a history of the district convention and sends a copy to the state historian. The state historian compiles a history of the state auxiliary convention and sends (with pictures) to the National office where a permanent record will be kept. If there is a general historian appointed by the church, the historian of the auxiliary will submit a copy of the auxiliary history to that person.
11. That the **Manual**, page 57, Section 1, paragraph 2, be amended to read as follows: "In areas where there is no state auxiliary convention affiliated with the National Auxiliary Convention, a district convention may represent directly to the National Convention with ten (10) delegates by payment of its membership fee. Similarly, a local auxiliary in an area where there is no state or district auxiliary convention may represent with ten (10) delegates.

12. We recommend that this Convention give Mrs. Pursell an honorarium of \$100.00 for preparing the New WNAC **Manual**.
13. We recommend that each auxiliary put new and greater emphasis on soul-winning efforts in each church community through Good News Clubs, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Mrs. George Lee, Jr.

Mrs. Billye Gwartney

Mrs. Roy Rikard

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

Mrs. Ellamae Hiltibidal

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We have examined the WNAC financial records and auditor's report and find them in order.

We recommend that the proposed budget be adopted.

Committee

/s/Cleo Pursell

Imogene Patterson

Mrs. Paul Sheehan

Mrs. Billie O. McCarty

Mary Young

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 7, 1966

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

I have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the General Fund and of the Memorial Student Loan Fund of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention for the year ended June 30, 1966.

My examination was limited to the recorded cash receipts and disbursements. With this limitation my examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, subject to the qualification indicated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements summarize fairly the cash transactions of the General Fund and of the Memorial Student Loan Fund of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention for the year ended June 30, 1966.

Morris B. Adkins
Certified Public Accountant
1108 Seventeenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

**WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
GENERAL FUND**

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966

Cash balance, July 1, 1965			2,709.43
Receipts			
Literature and supplies sales		15,782.10	
Convention dues		803.24	
Delegate fees		182.00	
Fellowship dinner		402.50	
W.N.A.C. offering		306.70	
Gifts for general purposes		3,799.70	
Designated contributions:			
Co-Laborer fund	4,921.15		
Foreign missions	3,360.44		
Home missions	3,293.80		
Bible College	807.43		
Other gifts for various missionaries and missionary objectives	30,630.15	43,012.97	
Total Receipts			64,289.21
Total to be accounted for			66,998.64
Disbursements			
Operating Expenses:			
Literature and supplies for sale	8,294.69		
Executive Committee expense	57.06		
Salaries	8,145.05		
Postage	772.01		
Honorariums	120.00		
Office supplies and equipment	1,149.97		
Office rent	1,765.09		
Telephone and telegraph	705.58		
Mailing supplies	132.31		
Rent, hospitalization, utilities (Executive Secretary)	1,531.78		
Hospitalization insurance (other employees)	99.61		
Auditing	130.00		
Convention expense	425.03		
Miscellaneous expense	336.18		
Travel expense	89.79	23,754.15	
Mission Work:			
Foreign missions	5,000.93		
Home missions	3,950.03		
Bible College	1,791.74		
Other disbursements for various missionaries and missionary objectives	30,553.33	41,296.03	
Total Disbursements			65,050.18
Cash balance, June 30, 1966			1,948.46

**WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND**

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966

Cash balance, July 1, 1965		785.03
Receipts		
Contributions	1,431.06	
Student loans repaid	1,323.60	
Interest collected	101.90	
Total Receipts		2,856.56
Total to be accounted for		3,641.59
Disbursements		
Student loans		1,760.00
Cash balance, June 30, 1966		1,881.59
LOAN SUMMARY		
Loan balances, July 1, 1965		10,865.10
Loans granted during the year		1,760.00
		12,625.10
Loans repaid during the year		1,323.60
Loan balances, June 30, 1966		11,301.50

PROPOSED BUDGET AND OPERATING EXPENSES — WNAC
June 30, 1966 to July 1, 1967

Printing: Literature and supplies -----	\$ 8,000.00
Executive Committee Travel Expense -----	750.00
Salaries -----	8,320.00
Part Time Help -----	685.00
Postage -----	1,000.00
Promotional Work —Traveling Expense -----	250.00
Social Security -----	655.20
Office Supplies -----	300.00
Office Equipment -----	500.00
Mailing Supplies -----	200.00
Rent and Telephone -----	2,714.00
Maintenance for Office Machines -----	110.00
Convention Expense -----	400.00
Auditing -----	150.00
Housing Allowance — Executive Secretary -----	1,140.00
Utilities -----	300.00
Group Insurance and Workman's Compensation -----	300.00
Bonding -----	280.00
Honorariums -----	28.00
Miscellaneous -----	325.00
	100.00
	<u>\$26,200.00</u>
Estimated Income:	
Literature and supplies sales -----	16,000.00
Dues and Delegates Fees -----	900.00
Postage -----	600.00
Co-Laborer Fund -----	1,600.00
Emphasis Month -----	7,100.00
	<u>\$26,200.00</u>
Committee: Mrs. Cleo Pursell	
Mrs. Rufus Coffey	
Mrs. H. B. Sloan	

DECEMBER CIRCLE PROGRAM ■ ■ ■

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the stained and soiled life of the world that the light and love of Christmas can be seen in its glory and power. There is a danger that the very loveliness of Christmas as a home festival may keep it confined within the home, and thus men may forget that the out-reach of Christmas is the out-reach of God's love — that of John 3:16. "Whosoever" is the out-reach word — That Christ was a gift unto the whole world.

Christmas ought to be a time for letting love stream out into the wider world, of proclaiming Him, witnessing. Are we willing at this Christmas season to share the true gift of God's love with one who does not know Him. A part of the great waiting world is within my home, my office, my school, my church. Will I help to bring the good tidings to them? There are many who wait beyond where I can go, but my gifts and prayer and love can go to them in Christ's name through missionaries. Will you pray for these specific requests? First, for ourselves. We sometimes fail to find joy and peace in Christian service in the rush and bustle of living among comforts and conveniences. Let us pray that the devotion of our missionaries may challenge us at this Christmas season to put Christ in the center of our Christmas celebration and in the center of our lives. Let us turn our thoughts now to the many, many, people in the world who know nothing of the angel's announcement: "I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . to all people."

Pray for newly appointed missionaries and some who have worked many years in hard places, that they may be encouraged and that utterance may be given them, that they may open their mouths boldly, to make known the mysteries of the Gospel.

CROSSROADS ■ ■ ■

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vices. We have a religious education class at the church during the school year for the elementary school children, a weekly Bible club, and a ladies Bible class. We now have a Sunday school enrollment of 100 with an average attendance in the nineties. At present we have an indebtedness on the property of about \$14,000. Our monthly payments are a little more than \$300 per month. We appreciate so much the help that is provided through the Pearl Harbor Fund and may I dare say that without the help and assistance of WNAC this story would not be possible.

In conclusion may I request for another couple to soon come to begin a work on the windward side of our island. This is most urgent. Also ask God to give us the daily strength needed to continue to be Christ's ambassadors and your representatives at the Crossroads of the Pacific.

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME ■ ■ ■

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ing. Twice since that time American soldiers have been sent to fight on foreign soil. Often it seems difficult to isolate the issues for which they fought. History seems to indicate that wars are inevitable. However, let us recall the promise of Micah: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid" (Micah 4: 3-4). In order for a world order to be thus attained, the world must revise its philosophy.

I beg the indulgence of the readers of these programs as I offer the following as a recommendation for combatting the evils of this age. This quotation was taken from a letter written to me by my father, the late Rev. J. E. Hudgens, on February 14, 1929 when I was attending college.

"... between the periods of your youth and old age fill in with lessons well learned, tasks faithfully performed, sunshine diffused, the despondent encouraged, the fallen lifted up, the overburdened relieved, sin rebuked, temptations overcome, a life replete with good works, bringing blessing to others, and happiness and joy to yourself. I shall rejoice at your success in every field of endeavor. May I live to thus rejoice for many years, and when I go, commit to you and others my loved, yet unfinished, work."

I truly believe that if we would put those ideals into practice, we should have made great progress in helping to usher in the era of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Alice Lupton Offering for
State Home Missions

Brazil

Dave Franks reports having just closed a very successful week of Youth Camp. Over thirty-five attended and there were several decisions for salvation, and the last night about twenty consecrated their lives to do whatever God wanted them to do. Surely God will call some of these to preach.

Africa

The Lonnie Sparks rejoice because of the working of the Holy Spirit among believers and unbelievers.

The Mayhews report that one timid Christian has grown by leaps and bounds. Another girl who had testified before a governor later sacrificed a chicken before an idol. She later confessed her lack of the Holy Spirit in her life, rededicated her life, and was received back into the fellowship of the church.

There is a great need for men and women here in the states to pray for the *nationals* who have accepted Christ. For growth in the Lord and then for strength to live for the Lord. This is a need for all our fields and areas of work.

IT COULD BE YOU . . .

By Wanda Rogers
Recording Secretary, WNAC

The Beatle Boycott is on! Dozens of rock 'n' roll disc jockeys have banned the Beatles from their turntables because of intellectual Beatle John Lennon's comment in a teenage magazine that the mop-haired foursome now is "more popular than Jesus."

And to think the entire boycott started with *one* person! Tommy Charles, a disc jockey at Birmingham's WAQY station refused to play Beatle records and has been aided in this by Doug Layton of the same station as well as many other disc jockeys, particularly in the south.

"The master is come and calleth for thee" (John 11:28). The world of Christianity has witnessed many great revivals that have begun with one person. One major thing is blocking a great religious awakening in America today and that is the unwillingness of individuals to accept their responsibilities of winning others to Christ. No mass meeting can substitute for personal endeavor. God's approach is personal; God's call is personal; God's forgiveness is personal.

Many bricks are used in a building, but each one is handled as if it were the only one. Many kegs of nails are driven into a wall, but the nails are each driven one by one. The surgeon does not deal with an entire ward in the hospital, but operates one by one and prescribes the medicine one by one. Our Savior takes care of us personally, one by one, and he wants our service, one by one.

God gave us a wonderful national convention this year in Little Rock. Rev. Bobby Aycok brought a heart stirring message, as well as the other missionaries who brought greetings. How good the LORD has been to give the women of our denomination the work of our Woman's Auxiliary and to permit us to have a National Headquarters that keeps us furnished with the many helps, aids for officers, study course books, as well as keeping the needs of the missionaries before us through prayer requests in our *Co-Laborer* magazine.

However, our Recording Secretary and Treasurer's Reports forwarded to the National Convention were disturbing. To be perfectly frank, many were inaccurate. If we are to have these reports they must be accurate! We are searching for *one woman* (it could be you . . .) in each local woman's auxiliary to take this matter in hand and for this entire year see that each month when the time comes to fill out the Monthly Individual Report Slip that the entire group fully understands how to fill it out and that it is accurately recorded in the Secretary's Book. The Recording Secretary of each local auxiliary is the logical person to do this but perhaps she does not understand and *it could be you* that could help her. Instructions on filling out this Report Slip can be obtained by writing the WNAC office.

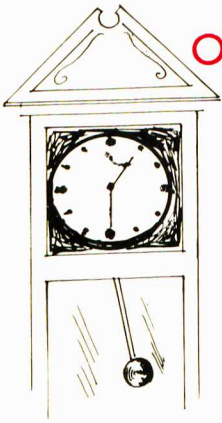
If this Report Slip is filled out incorrectly it causes the District report, the State report and the National report to be inaccurate. When the time comes during your meeting to fill out this report, have one person read off the items and as she reads each lady fills in the blanks so that it is all done at the same time. Surely conversation on the weather, that wonderful new recipe and the trouble you are having with the dress pattern can wait until your auxiliary meeting is over.

Our WNAC is only as strong as our local auxiliaries will let it be. And the local auxiliary is only as strong as *you*. "The master is come, and calleth for thee." Will *you* help us with these reports? *It could be you*.

PROGRAM HELPS

By Opal Lee

OCTOBER:



THE WORLD'S PEOPLE CANNOT WAIT

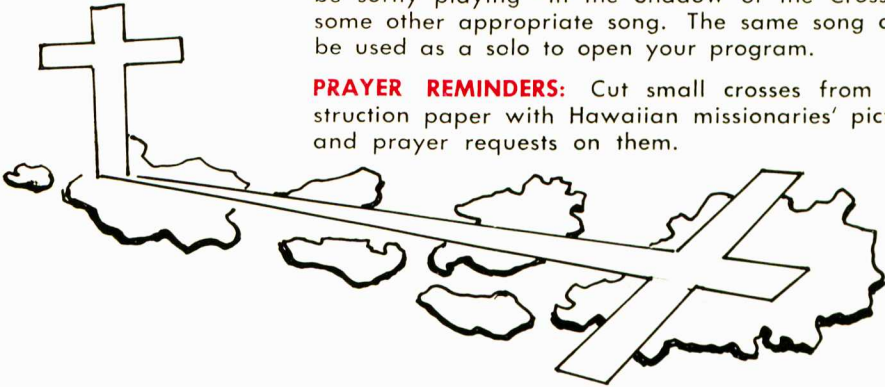
Place a large clock behind a panel of women. If possible find a clock that ticks loud and strikes to call attention to the fact that time does not stand still and neither does man's life. Place a sign near the clock with these words: "Each time this clock ticks, five souls go out into eternity without Christ."

PRAYER REMINDER: Cut leaves of fall colors from construction paper and print these words: Pray for New Missionary Appointees; Pray for Missionaries to be called from our midst.

NOVEMBER: THE CROSSROADS OF THE PACIFIC

Behind a large map of the Hawaiian Islands arrange a large cross with spotlight behind it to cast a shadow across the map. For a greater effect, dim the lights. This scene should be arranged before the women arrive. Perhaps the piano or organ could be softly playing "In the Shadow of the Cross" or some other appropriate song. The same song could be used as a solo to open your program.

PRAYER REMINDERS: Cut small crosses from construction paper with Hawaiian missionaries' pictures and prayer requests on them.

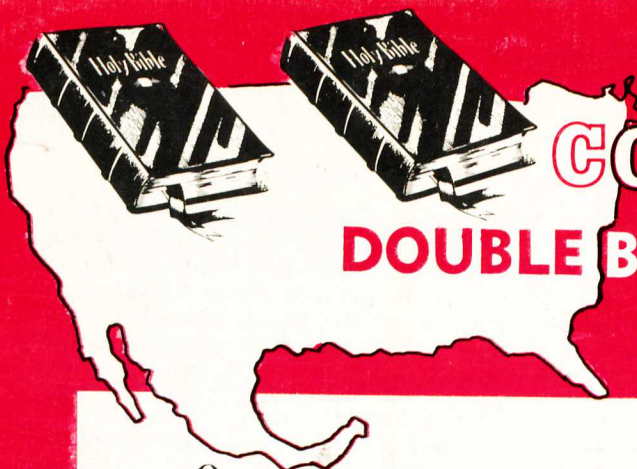


DECEMBER: THE WORLD GOD SO LOVED

Make two large stars with glittered edges, placing one behind the other, and use a spotlight for a better effect. Entitle the second star **YOU**. Remove first star as the program begins, to allow the second star to shine during the program; emphasizing that *you* and *I* must get a vision of the world. We must have compassion for the world and must shine forth as *Christ* in the world, in order to proclaim His redemption plan to every soul throughout the world.

If your auxiliary has been keeping up with the *prayer reminder tree* all year, have someone display their tree. Add for this month a "star of praise" to Christ, atop the tree. Close this year's program with united prayer for all requests.





Coming!

DOUBLE BIBLE SUNDAY

One of the most exciting opportunities ever presented Free Will Baptists will take place on Sunday, December 11. Traditionally Universal Bible Sunday, this day has been designated as **Double Bible Sunday**. A concentrated effort will be made across the denomination to provide Bibles equal to the number of Bibles now owned by our members. This is to be accomplished by cash gifts. These gifts will provide Bibles for distribution overseas by our missionaries. The average price of a Bible provided through the American Bible Society is \$1.50. Thus each person who has God's Word can share a copy with someone else for a gift of \$1.50 — less than the monthly cost of a newspaper.

Double Bible Sunday is based on the assumption that every Christian with a Bible would readily respond to an opportunity of providing God's Word for someone else. Members of the Woman's Auxiliary should respond to such a challenge and find in this an opportunity to share in the missionary program of the church and show Christian faith in a tangible way. You are encouraged to "double your Bible" through this program which we hope will be sponsored in every Free Will Baptist Church.

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