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ASTRONAUT AND A MISSIONARY

Mrs. Orena Herd, like any other grandmother, is proud of all her grandchildren—and she has seven. This article however, concerns only two of them—one an astronaut—the other a missionary.

Major Gordon Cooper is one of the seven original astronauts. After his history making flight around the world in the *Faith 7* capsule, Gordon received a hero's welcome from the president and the people. President Kennedy pinned on him the Distinguished Service Medal before a throng of Washington dignitaries. Then as he rode beside Vice-President Lyndon Johnson up Pennsylvania Avenue to Capitol Hill, 250,000 spectators cheered, applauded and shouted, "Yea, Gordo." Teenagers sought desperately to break through police lines to grasp his hand. Hanging from one of the city's most historic hotels was a huge red, white and blue sign reading: "Good Guy, Gordo."

He received a standing ovation when he entered the House chamber, escorted by leaders of the House and Senate. Those who had gathered to pay him homage—congressmen, justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet and diplomatic corps—sat quietly as he recited the prayer he had composed as he whizzed around the earth on his 16th orbit. As he concluded his quiet speech and prayer—totalling in all only eight minutes—the chamber erupted in applause. These were big moments for the mother and grandmother of a hero.

But courage and a pioneering spirit are not limited to the masculine side of the Herd house. There is a granddaughter who has served as a missionary for ten years. Doris Jean and husband, the

Rev. Alvin Mace, are now at home in Los Angeles, California, on their second furlough from Malaysia. Working with the *Overseas Missionary Fellowship* (formerly *China Inland Mission*) Doris Jean was first sent to England for language study and then to Singapore.

When Mrs. Herd was asked if she were proud of her famous grandson, she replied, "Yes, I have *always* been proud of him." "But I have a granddaughter whose work I appreciate more than Gordons. She and her husband are missionaries. They are dealing with souls of people, their work will go on through eternity and Gordon's work will stop at the grave."



Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Mace and little son Steven, adopted when only five weeks old from the Evangelical Welfare Agency in Los Angeles. Mrs. Orena Herd, now 86 years old, is still an active Sunday school teacher in the Free Will Baptist Church, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. She is the mother of four children.

OUR MISSIONARIES ARE COMING....

from Panama, Japan, India, Brazil, Uruguay, Africa, and from across the North American Continent. They are coming to join us in our 1967 WNAC activities at Jacksonville, Florida, July 10-11.

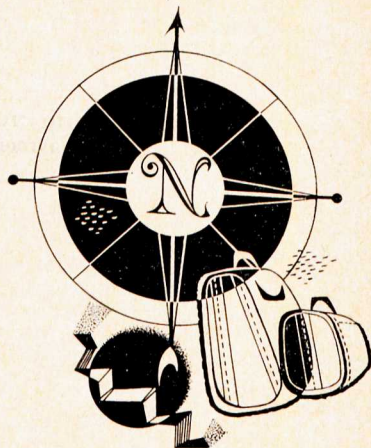
Missionaries expected to be with us are the Lonnie Sparkses, the Thomas Willeys, the Bill Phippses, the Lonnie Palmers, the Fred Herseys, the Dave Frankses, the Earnie Deedses, the Paul Robinsons, Miss Volena Wilson, Miss Mary Ellen Rice, the Larry Powells, the Sherwood Lees, the Norman Richards, as well as many more who are missionaries to our surrounding states and territories. Here is a round-up of activities:

MONDAY

8:00 A.M.—WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast.

10:30 A.M.—Executive Committee meets with State Presidents, and Field Workers in the Terrace Room, George Washington Hotel.

5:00 P.M.—WNAC Fellowship Banquet in the George Washington Auditorium, George Washington Hotel. Anita Sparks, missionary to the Ivory Coast, Africa, will speak on *The New Africa—Opportunity Unlimited*.



A complete dinner will be served. Tickets are \$2.50 and reservations must be made in advance. Everyone is invited to the banquet and program. (Perhaps local auxiliaries would like to make a reservation for a missionary couple.)

TUESDAY

9:30 A.M.—The 32nd session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The theme, "So Send I You," will be emphasized through devotions by missionaries, inspirational music and singing. *Missions on the Move* will feature several missionaries from over the fields. Rev. Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil, will bring the convention message. The afternoon will be devoted to convention business.

We are looking forward to meeting many of our woman's auxiliary members and friends at Jacksonville, and we sincerely trust that every local auxiliary is sending a local delegate to share in the fellowship and blessings of the convention. Please join us in prayer as final preparations are made. Please join us in person at Jacksonville if at all possible.

Georgia Hill
President, WNAC

BANQUET TICKETS

Clip and mail to: Tickets, P. O. Box 1088,
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

All banquets have been arranged for a certain number. To avoid disappointment, you are urged to order tickets early. No tickets will be mailed out or reserved without payment. Refunds are available through July 1, 1967. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

Enclosed is my check or money order for the tickets indicated below.

- ☐ WNAC Fellowship Dinner—\$2.50

Monday, July 10, 5:00 P.M.

If you wish to purchase tickets for missionaries please indicate names

- ☐ Pastor's Breakfast—Free

(Pastor's Only)

Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 A.M.

- ☐ Pastor's Dinner—\$2.50

(Pastor's and their wives)

Tuesday, July 11, 5:00 P.M.

- ☐ Herald's Banquet—\$2.50

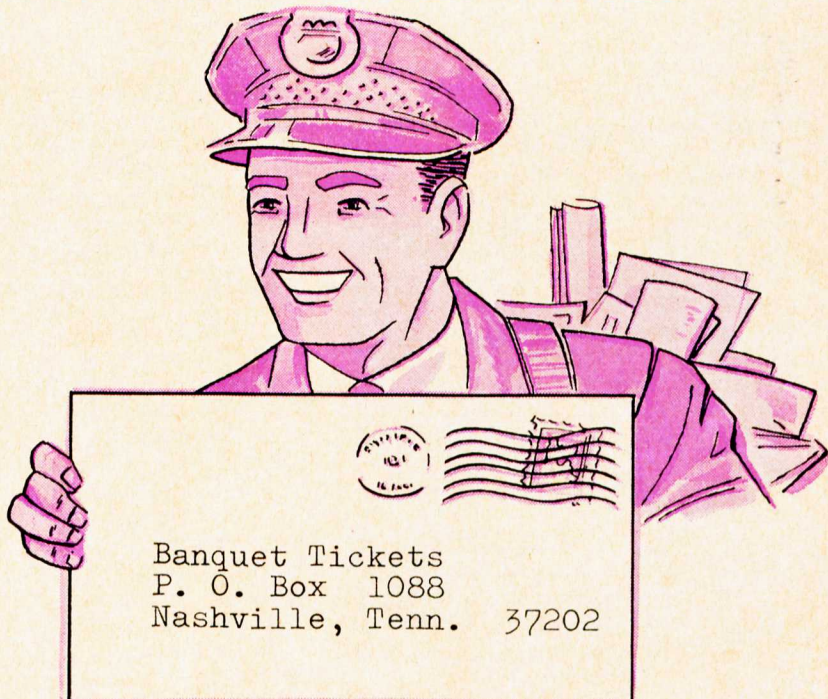
Tuesday, July 11, 5:00 P.M.

- ☐ Crusader's and Ambassador's Banquet—\$2.50

Tuesday, July 11, 5:00 P.M.

- ☐ Layman's Breakfast—\$1.75

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 A.M.



WOMEN *in* ACTION!



The Southwest District Auxiliary Convention was held in April in the Bull Run Free Will Baptist Church, near Saint Paul, Virginia. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Della Salyer, state president; Mrs. Goldie Kiser, district president, and Mrs. Mary Bates, district recording secretary.

CERF WORKSHOP DAY

Sewing machines buzzed, irons were going, scissors and needles were kept busy, as members of the Louisa Mae Alcott Literary Society of the Free Will Baptist Bible College joined forces to have a *CERF workshop day*.

The finished product yielded 17 complete outfits for Cuban children complimented by bedroom *washcloth* slippers. These outfits, according to Kay Hall, student, included playsuits, shifts for girls, and pajamas ranging in several sizes. Donations of soap, shampoo, and other supplies made the contributions complete.

This was the result of several girls binding themselves together for a "change of pace" and a time of real fun and fellowship while seeking to help others. As Christ said, "It is more blessed to give

than to receive," so they gained a blessing by sharing and helping those who are without home and family.

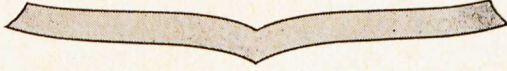
CALIFORNIA OFFICERS INSTALLED

Mrs. Wanda Rogers, WNAC recording secretary and California state field worker, installed the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulare, California, in an impressive service. Officers are Winnie Yandell, president; Stella Bentley, vice-president; Erma Grissom, treasurer; Amy Thomas, recording and corresponding secretary; Ethel Carey, program-prayer chairman; Verla Coulter, personal service chairman; Ruby Cash, social service chairman; Vida Fry, study course chairman; Esther Thompson, missions chairman.

TENNESSEE PROJECT

One of the projects of the Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention for 1967 is the reading of the four gospels by every member of the auxiliary. The ladies of the East Nashville auxiliary highlighted the pre-Easter Week of Prayer by having a special study in these books on Wednesday evening. Dr. D. J. Simpson, teacher of Bible and Christian Education at Free Will Baptist College, taught the study. He gave a very interesting study by way of comparison of these four books. There were 56 in attendance for the study.

STUDY COURSE TIPS



By Merlea DeFee, WNAC Study Course Chairman

RECOMMENDED FOR a third quarter course is—*Stewardship: Witnessing for Christ*, by Virginia Ely. It is the total dedication of self in selfless service upon which are based these searching studies in contemporary Christian stewardship.

For all who would magnify the everyday expression of faith, Virginia Ely here presents creative new patterns for penetrating, personal testimony—patterns illimitable in potential. Sensitive probing the opportunities for Christian witnessing, inherent in personality, possessions, influence, time and life itself, this book freshly enunciates Christ's Great Commission, with emphasis to man's exemplification of love of God and the manifold riches of His grace.

As we study the pages of this book "Our faith in God's purpose concerning us will lead us into a fulfillment of His plan." The book is practical, informative, and inspirational, it demonstrates the Christian's (every woman auxiliary member's) responsibility to God for every activity and ambition . . . her continuing need to more fully cultivate an awareness of divine blessing and to give joyful testimony through resplendent thanksgiving, praise, and service in the local church through your auxiliary.

GOOD NEWS CLUB

SOON AFTER Bill and Peggy Adkisson began work in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Millville, New Brunswick, a Good News Club was started with an attendance of six. The enrollment now numbers 36. Even during the severe winter months, Mrs. Adkisson reports 20 to 30 children waded deep snow to attend the Club.



The first and only Good News Club in the area of Millville, New Brunswick, Canada.

BY MAUDE COFFEY, MISSIONS CHAIRMAN, WNAC



MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

MEXICO

Pray for the ministry of the Bible Institute. The need is for men and women to answer God's call and attend the Institute for Bible training. Pray that their needs will be supplied.

HAWAII

Pray for the ministry of military men from the Hawaiian Free Will Baptist Church who are conducting Bible classes in Viet Nam and other military bases. Continue to pray for Mrs. Luther Sanders' Bible class ministry. Pray for a second missionary couple to minister in Hawaii.

UNITED STATES

Pray for church extension workers to answer the call to minister in America's 50 largest cities. Some of them have no Free Will Baptist churches. Land and buildings are needed in Trenton, New Jersey and other new church extension ministries.

IVORY COAST

Brother Gage has completed the generator house and storage building. He has compressed four or five thousand mud bricks, and plans to start on the hospital unit soon. He does some preaching as well through an interpreter. Lonnie Sparks writes that God is preparing hearts and purifying the church. They are expecting a breakthrough at Goumère. A Christian boy's mother (actually four of her children have made decisions) to whom Anita has witnessed many times, but who had seemingly closed up, has received witness readily. Lonnie has completed the translation of Romans and plans to mimeograph 1 and 2 Corinthians before furlough.

FRANCE

Dan Merkh has made a recent survey to determine the area in which to begin Free Will Baptist work. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making this decision.

INDIA

The Dan Cronks return home in August for furlough. A Mohammedan boy, the first of this religion, is now living in the boy's hostel in Kishanganj. Five Hindus were saved in March and ten were baptized in April. Visas have been requested for Joe and Barbara Haas for the field in South India, and a second request has been made for visas for Sherwood and Vada Lee for North India. The need is urgent for *Prayer!*

BRAZIL

Construction has begun on the church building in Arraras. Three young men have gone from this church to the Brazil Bible Institute. One of the students is a Japanese whose family has disowned him because of his becoming a Christian. Pray for the students and faculty at the Brazil Bible Institute. Four students from Uruguay are also attending the Bible Institute.

The Walter Ellisons have found suitable property in Liveramento. This is the beginning of our Free Will Baptist work in South Brazil. The work will be extended to other areas as workers are available.

JAPAN

The Free Will Baptist Church in Tokyo must relocate next year. Inflation has made it difficult for the church to accumulate money fast enough to purchase lots. The church is in desperate need for a new location.

New converts who have been won to Christ through English Bible classes taught by Wesley Calvery, show much zeal in witnessing. Pray for them as they grow in the Lord.

PANAMA

The church at Augua Buena must move due to highway construction. The building now occupied by the Tom Willey, Jrs. and the church in Panama City will eventually be torn down. Pray for these groups in selecting and purchasing property. The Garcias will return to their ministry in Panama as soon as funds permit.

APPOINTEES

John and Connie Craft are doing deputational work before leaving for the field of Brazil. They will enter language study late this fall at Campinas, Brazil.

Norman and Bessie Richards will enroll in language school at Albertville, France this fall.

Pray for the missionaries who are raising funds to return to the field, and those going for the first time. If funds permit, the Fred Herseys will return to Japan in August, and the Lonnie Palmers will return to the Ivory Coast.

FINANCES

Special appeals have gone out recently for the funds for deficit missionary accounts. Pray that our people will faithfully support with prayer and finances these who have gone to the field. Pray that the needed money will come in for these accounts.

Daily call our missionaries by name as you pray. Ken Eagleton writes, "We know your daily prayers in our behalf mean so much even though you may not know all our specific needs."



and LISTEN!

By Henry Van Kluyve

These three words are familiar to everyone. They can be seen at most railroad crossings. They are designed to get your attention. No doubt, they have been useful in saving thousands of lives.

For almost three months now I have been serving actively as part of our National Foreign Missions Department. My heart has been challenged more than ever. The responsibility we face as a denomination is tremendous. Ministering to lost souls the world over presents an unparalleled opportunity.

STOP for just a moment, ladies! Let's do a little checking. The Woman's Auxiliary has been long called a missionary arm of the church—and rightly so. The expanding ministries of our department demand that this arm be strengthened and be more missionary than ever before. Growth always calls for a response to its claims! What is your local Auxiliary doing? Is it still striving to meet the ever increasing pressures? A pause now and then, for reflection and reevaluation, would be beneficial as it relates to your organization and its effectiveness in the local church.

LOOK beyond your local situation! "Say ye not, There are yet four months

and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." These words of Jesus need to find new meaning in our lives. The fields are ready. They are white with souls, souls for whom Christ died; souls whose days are numbered; souls who have still to hear the message of saving grace. Auxiliaries with which I have been privileged to labor, have been outstanding as reapers. And in each case they were used of the Lord to strengthen the overall church ministry.

LISTEN to the cries of the world; Can you hear them? The only son of a loving mother is killed while at play and the entire country is informed of her sobbing heart. A faithful wife and mother will never return home. The flaming wreckage of an airliner claimed her life. And thousands share in the grief of the loved ones left behind. A funnel cloud out of the southwest dips down and roars through a section of the city, leaving devastation in its wake. The cries of the homeless reach our ears. Battlefields echo the cries of the wounded and dying. A bride of only a few weeks opens a telegram. Her husband, recently drafted

into the army, has been killed in action. Via radio, television and newspapers the world hears the cries of those whose lives have been smitten with heartbreak and sorrow. Hearts are moved! Emotions run high!

But there are yet other cries! These appear not on your television screen, nor come across the ether waves and in through your radio sets. Newspapers never tell of these voices. These are the cries of souls engulfed in the blackness of sin and despair, lost and without hope, headed for Hell—a Christless abode—forever! God's born again children need to hear these cries. They can only be heard through spiritual ears. Oh, can you hear them?

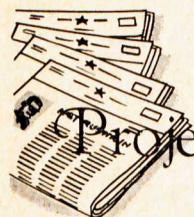
Through the Deputational Office of the Foreign Missions Department, I stand ready to provide your local, district and state ministries with missionary personnel who can tell you something about the crying hearts of those in the regions beyond our shores. In addition, vital statistics and information can be

sent your way as together we face the gigantic task of sending forth laborers to the distant lands and the islands of the sea.

Missionary pastors are in the minority. Real missionary churches, comparatively speaking, are few. I call on you, the faithful women of church, to unite your efforts for an even greater missionary outreach. Stop! And reevaluate your present program. Look! And see beyond to lands across the sea. Listen! And hear the cries of needy, benighted hearts. Then ladies, do something about it and see if God won't use you to kindle the needed fires of missionary evangelism in the heart of your pastor, and in the ministry of your local church. And may our dear Lord bless you, is my earnest prayer.



Reverend Henry Van Kluyve is Director of Deputation for the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board



Announcing...

Project Newspaper

How much do you value souls overseas? Are you as interested in reaching them as you are in your local newspaper? We need 600 Free Will Baptists who will give as much for literature evangelism overseas as they pay for their newspaper. At 10¢ per weekday and 20¢ on Sunday, it averages \$3.47 per month. Only 600 people contributing this amount will provide the entire 1967 literature budget of nearly \$24,000.

DO YOU CARE AS MUCH ABOUT SOULS OVERSEAS AS FOR YOUR DAILY NEWSPAPER?

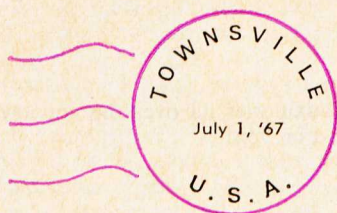
Send your gifts earmarked **PROJECT NEWSPAPER**, to **WNAC P.O. Box 1088 Nashville, Tennessee 37202.**

SHEETS FOR MISSIONS

Approximately two or three hundred sheets are needed for the African hospital. Mrs. Lorene Miley suggests that each auxiliary wishing to help send two sheets in a two pound package and label it *Small Packet*. Packages restricted to two pounds require no customs.

Mrs. Miley points out that a full size sheet (or even twin size) is too large. These wishing to do so may split half the full size sheets and sew elastic on the four corners to make them fitted.

Mail packages directly to: Mrs. Laverne Miley, Mission Protestante Evangelique, B.P. 20, Bouna, Republique de Cote D'Ivoire, West Africa.



OUR READERS WRITE US

FROM ALABAMA

We praise God today for the wonderful way He has blessed us in the work here. I wish you could see the new church building He has given us!

The ladies in our church are eager to have a part in this great task. We feel we can help strengthen our church, as well as our spiritual life, through the combined efforts and concern of the group.

We are going to organize a Woman's Auxiliary . . . May God richly bless you with happiness and health, to keep up the good work you are doing. Thank you for the *Co-Laborer* magazine.

Mrs. E. B. Ledlow
Montgomery, Alabama

FROM ARKANSAS

We have certainly been enjoying the *Co-Laborer*. Thank you for a fine publication as well as all the other helps.

Mrs. Hope Van Winkle
Grubbs, Arkansas

We received the second quarter *Co-Laborers*. We look forward each quarter to receiving them. We are thankful for you and the work you are doing. May the Lord continue to bless in your endeavors for Him.

Mrs. Lawnie Coffman
Searcy, Arkansas

We here at the Mission in Mountain Home want to thank you for the program "Is Your Auxiliary Out of This World?"

We just started our Auxiliary as we have just begun a new work here. The program helped us to realize just where we stand and what to do about it.

We are thankful for the *Co-Laborer* and for what it means to all of us. Pray for our Mission and Auxiliary.

Mountain Home, Arkansas
Mrs. Virginia Hale

FROM CALIFORNIA

Greetings from California, and our auxiliary here in Garden Grove. I am happy to report that our auxiliary is growing. As we learn, and participate in more phases of the auxiliary work—the more enjoyable it is. We made A1 on the standard of achievement last year.

Cindy Vandivort
Garden Grove, California

You have been a real heartfelt inspiration to us at the Gardena Free Will Baptist Church. The monthly lessons, especially, have inspired new zeal to our members in the auxiliary in the presentation of new ideas for spreading God's Word; by helping those in need. Many of our members who have never before taken an active part in church work (God's work) have received encouragement to speak before a group, thereby, making more workers for His Kingdom. Pray for us and may the Lord truly bless you.

Mrs. Delores Hayes
Gardena, California

FROM GEORGIA

I would like to tell you how very much our auxiliary enjoys each issue of *Co-Laborer*. The programs are very inspiring and enlightening and urge us on in our auxiliary work.

*Mrs. Charles Clark
Eastman, Georgia*

FROM MISSOURI

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you how much we enjoy the *Co-Laborer*. The programs and articles are always a real challenge to us. We think your woman's page in *Contact* is just wonderful, too.

Since organizing our auxiliary last October with six members, we have gained two new members. We're thankful for each of these.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your wonderful work for Him.

*Mrs. Don Jones
Cape Girardeau, Missouri*

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Our auxiliary is doing fine. We enjoy *Co-Laborer* very much. We are stressing the prayer fellowship hour and find that the information we learn from *Missions Worldwide* by Mrs. Coffey is a great challenge, as well as the information in *Heartbeat*.

*Mrs. Lola Edwards
Ahoskie, N. C.*

I would like to say, thanks to you and all the staff who prepare *Co-Laborer* magazine. I certainly enjoy reading it from cover to cover. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you in this service for Him.

*Mrs. Joe Hailey
Enfield, N. C.*

We have been enjoying the *Co-Laborer* a lot and we are having real good response from our ladies this year. Please increase our *Co-Laborer* order by four.

*Mrs. Geneva Walker
Raleigh, N. C.*

We enjoy using our *Co-Laborer* books all during the year.

*Mrs. Hubert Hamilton
Grifton, N. C.*

FROM OKLAHOMA

Thank you very much for all your help during the past months. I hope the Lord will allow you to see a vision of what your faithfulness in your work can mean to auxiliaries all over the country. We depend on you!

*LaBeth Myers
District Study Course Ch.
Oklahoma City, Okla.*

I want to tell you how much we have enjoyed the *Co-Laborer* and also the special programs. I think our quarterlies are better each time, if possible.

I want to also thank you and the WNAC office for the quick service and response we've always gotten!

*Mrs. Lunda Wood
Tulsa, Oklahoma*

FROM OREGON

I want to tell you how very much I appreciate the nice things you sent me (from the Provision Closet). It was all very nice and things I really needed.

As far as we know none of the boxes were bothered in the theft, for which we are thankful.

*Leah M. Postlewaite
Portland, Oregon*

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Our auxiliary is having a shower for the Provision Closet in August. We would appreciate a list of the most current needs of the closet at this time.

Our auxiliary has been deeply blessed by *Co-Laborer* Magazine. We are grateful for your efforts and that of your staff and the writers of the programs. May God continue to bless each of you.

*Charleston, S.C.
Judy Hanna*

FROM WASHINGTON

Thanks to ladies of the auxiliary—for all the nice things from the Provision Closet. I shouldn't need another thing for several years! All the things are very much appreciated!

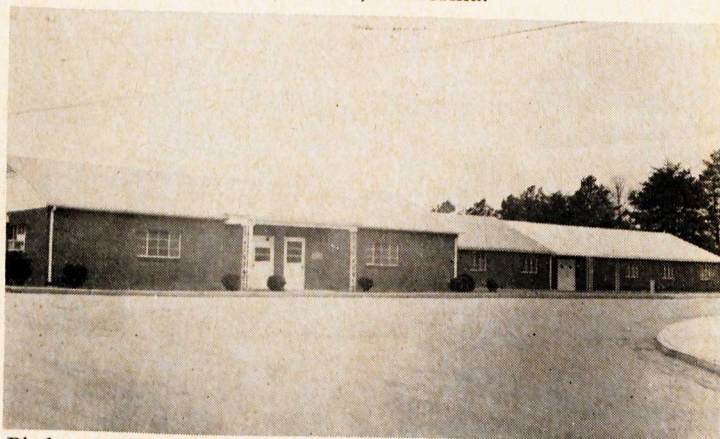
*Seattle, Washington
Betty Plunkett*



Administration Building, Oklahoma Bible College.



California Bible Institute, Fresno, California.



Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, North Carolina.

CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

by Mrs. Eugene Rogers

California Bible Institute is located at the corner of University and Winery Avenues in Fresno, California. The school began operation in 1955 with a night school program. During the summer of 1965 the school was moved from the El Sobrante Church to the Fresno Church, using their educational facilities until property could be secured.

In 1966 the present property was purchased which consists of almost 4 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds with a large two story building serving at the present time as the main building. Most of the olive trees surrounding the main building will be removed to make room for the two story buildings planned for erection in the near future, the first of which will be a Girls Dorm and Cafeteria.

The school now is operating on a full-time day schedule, as well as offering night classes also. The curriculum is a full three year Bible major program of study.

Upon the suggestion of president C. Eugene Rogers, the women of the auxiliaries of the Center Association have organized a Volunteer Corp for CBI. They help two days a week with office work as needed, such as typing stencils for news letters and keeping the mailing list up to date, cooking, and sewing.

Draperies for the Boys and Girls Dorms have been made by women of the Fresno Church. The melmac dishes used in the cafeteria were donated by an auxiliary member of the Visalia Church. A member of the Kerman Church is re-upholstering some of the chairs. A member of the Ceres Church keeps CBI supplied with delicious jelly. A member in the Selma Church and the Tulare Church have each donated an automatic washer and dryer unit.

The State Woman's Auxiliary supports a Student Loan Fund (as well as FWBBC through WNAC) with \$1.00 per capita.

PIEDMONT BIBLE INSTITUTE

by Mrs. Roy Rikard

A training school for ministers, pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers sponsored by the Cramerton, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church and friends.

The Piedmont Bible Institute was born out of a vision for a training program on a local level to meet the needs of our pastors and church leaders whose duties would not permit them to attend the Free Will Baptist College or other Christian colleges of formal training. With an abiding conviction of this need and a challenging burden to pioneer in this effort, Rev. Roy Rikard took the first steps toward bringing this project into reality in 1953. Rev. LeRoy Forlines was secured for a period of two weeks and the Cramerton Free Will Baptist church opened its doors to entertain the first classes as **Bible Doctrine** and **A Bird's Eye View of The Bible** was taught with approximately 20 students attending.

In 1957 the first classroom building was built and a curriculum of five subjects were taught one night weekly for eighteen weeks. Since that time the Institute has continued to grow until in the summer of 1966 the third unit of the building was added providing seven classrooms, a kitchen, lobby, and a chapel with a seating capacity of approximately 200.

Classes convene two nights a week from 5:45 to 9:00. Presently there are 172 students with six subjects being taught, two semesters annually. Hundreds have attended throughout the years and many churches in surrounding areas have benefited by the training programs.

Rev. Roy Rikard, the founder has been the president of the Piedmont Bible Institute since its organization in 1953. It is owned and sponsored by the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church. Free Will offerings and donations are accepted for its promotion, maintenance, and operation.

OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE

by Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell

Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma have long realized the need for an educational institution. Educational facilities had been lacking since 1910 when the ill-fated merger took place. The first definite step to build an educational program was taken in 1917 with the establishment of Tecumseh College in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. This college plant was destroyed by fire in 1927 and was never rebuilt.

During the decade following 1950 interest began to grow and the state Board of Christian Education began making steps toward reviving a college program. In 1958 at the state meeting in Ada the Board was authorized to do preparatory work toward organizing a college.

It was in Tulsa in the fall of 1959 that the Oklahoma Bible College opened. Moving the next year to Wagoner, eventually it settled in Oklahoma City for its third year of operation. The school had its home first at Northwest Church and later settled at Capitol Hill Church

through the spring semester of 1966.

In the fall of 1966 the College opened its doors on its new permanent campus at Moore, Oklahoma. Dr. J. D. O'Donnell is the president of the College which now has a faculty of eight.

Woman's Auxiliary members have for many years been ardent supporters of the College—because they believe in the ministry of Oklahoma Bible College.

Among the outstanding projects the members have conducted are: OBC budget (in the State Auxiliary project), personal showers for students, trade stamps for kitchen items, landscaping of new campus, OBC Auxiliary (This is composed of volunteers who wish to contribute three hours free service each week to the college), and OBC Laundry project—seeking to provide campus laundry facilities.

In October, 1966, a campus Young Woman's Auxiliary was organized. It was strongly felt that all the girls should have access to a basic knowledge of Auxiliary procedures.

An active interest has been maintained throughout the year during the monthly programs. In addition to the regular programs the girls have studied areas of wardrobe and charm.



OBC VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY MEMBERS IN ACTION

Mrs. Jewell Richey, Norman, Oklahoma, is one of several ladies who aid in the reception office of OBC during the week. Mrs. Phyllis Ainsworth, left, and Mrs. Edna DaVoult, Oklahoma City, engage in the clean-up task following a noon meal at OBC. Other Volunteer Auxiliary members assist with the preparation of the meals on designated days.

Mrs. Marie Vaughn, Moore, Oklahoma, reaches for a book from the reference shelves of the College Library while working there one night per week.

Our Programs For Second Quarter

INTRODUCING OUR WRITERS



WANDA POWELL, author of the July program, "Caribbean Conquest" and husband, Larry, will soon begin a ministry in the Virgin Islands.

ANNE CRITTENDON MARTIN author of the August program, "Forces Challenging World Missions," is a writer for the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama.



MISS HAZEL HUTSELL, wrote the September program, "Women and Money," she is treasurer of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.



DOROTHY COX, wrote the Circle programs this quarter. She is an officer in her local church and Eastern Kentucky District Auxiliary Convention.



BETTY J. ROSS prepared the July and September program helps. She is president of the Ashland City, Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary. Anne Crittendon Martin prepared the August helps.

Dear Co-laborers:

"He who hath helped thee *hitherto*
Will help thee all thy journey through."

The word *hitherto* like an arrow points in the direction of the *past*. Thirty-two years ago there were women of faith and vision in our ranks who felt the need of uniting their efforts in a world task.

Found among the personal effects of Mrs. Fannie Polston were these inspiring notes. "The Woman's Auxiliary was born in prayer." "The call to do the difficult has led to greater dependence on Him for whom there is nothing too hard. The summons to accomplish the impossible has challenged greater faith in God with whom all things are possible."

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" these 32 years. Service and gifts have been multiplied many times o'er. Year after year our women have *undertaken the difficult and accomplished the impossible* through greater dependence on and faith in Him.

But the word *hitherto* also points *forward*. There remain other battles to be fought and victories to be won; more toils, more strength; more challenges to do the impossible, more accomplishments. We who have accepted the torch from the hands of those gone before should remember . . .

"If He's helped thee *hitherto*,
He will not fail thee now . . ."



Cleo Purcell

Executive Secretary

CARIBBEAN CONQUEST

By Wanda Powell

Scripture: 2 Kings 7:1-9

Prayer

Special Feature: See Program Sparks, page 34

Song: "Jesus Saves"

THE CARIBBEAN has long been, and will continue to be, the road of mighty hurricanes, which trouble its coral seas and desolate its island shores with churning tides. Even now as you read, perhaps there is a storm with gale force winds plowing through the sea. Yet, above it all, one may hear something more—and this sound would be the drone of raging millions crying in bondage and despair. This is the Caribbean! This island world of the sea holds 20 million souls. (Some residents say there are 30 to 40 million.) Island after island stretching from Cuba to Guadeloupe and downward to Trinidad holds thirty and forty and some even one hundred thousand souls. Many of these islands have little or no gospel witness. There are several islands in the West Indies which have no Protestant witness. Domination by foreign powers, through the years, has resulted in a curious blending of races, languages, and beliefs. Many times Christianity (Catholicism) and heathenism have been strangely entwined. Today there is no evidence that voodooism is being practiced, as it once was, yet, dancing, chanting and spiritism continue to a considerable degree.

VISION FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Virgin Islands lying some 1,200 miles southeast of Miami, Florida, is a field rich with opportunity to win men to Christ. The three most important islands are: St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix (Cory). Within these islands there are approximately 40 thousand people. From 1960 to 1964 the population has increased about 25 per cent and is still growing rapidly. Approximately 80 per cent of the people are Negro. The islands are bi-lingual English and Spanish.

This ministry marks the beginning of a new frontier for Free Will Baptists. We will begin our work on the largest of the islands, St. Croix, in the city of Christianstead. The name means little, for in this city of many thousands there is little gospel witness. We desire to build a strong church and win many souls. As soon as possible, under God's direction, we hope to establish a school in which to train young men who will in turn "go and tell" of Christ's redemption to the hearts of the West Indian islanders.

In order to accomplish this tremendous task, we must have your prayerful

concern and financial support. The challenge is to conquer. Let us not "sit and hold our peace" (2 Kings 7:9). Think of what we will accomplish in the Caribbean before Christ comes again. Communism is working. Soon many of the islands may be just like Cuba. Therefore, we must hurry and take them the news that Jesus Saves!

VISION FOR ST. KITTS

Nearby the Virgin Islands lie the French, Danish, and British Islands. These are teaming with thousands of black men. Some of these have never heard the plan of salvation as you and I know it.

The British Island of St. Kitts offers a special challenge to those servants of Christ who would hear God's call. In this primitive sort of civilization there are 40 thousand souls. Here some of the villagers eat monkeys. Children run naked in the streets. Whole families go in bathing together in the sea. In this island at certain times of the year, a visitor might observe the *Ju-Ju* dance. Yet, there seems to be an eagerness for the Gospel. It was in St. Kitts that Larry preached and had good response even after the Anglican priest came to break up the service. The people there asked for Bibles. Of the eighty-five children attending the mission Sunday school, only three had Bibles. Somehow, these islands of the Caribbean have been overlooked by evangelicals in America. Yes,

the call comes ringing over the restless waves, send the Light. May we all do our part to get the Gospel to these waiting souls.

CONQUEST FOR SOULS

Alexander led conquests throughout the world to make every kingdom his footstool. Julius Caesar crossed the plains bringing his armies from the battlefields to make Rome the capitol of his empire. Many men since the beginning of time have made preparation and led conquests to conquer, control, and even change the course of civilization of man and country. Yet, our conquest is more important. Our happy privilege is to publish glad tidings. Our battle cry is *souls for Jesus*. Therefore, our enemy will not be able to stand before His sword. We shall win in this invisible war, "for if God be for us, who can be against us. . ." (Romans 8:31). Thus, we and they who take up the banner of our Redeemer will become "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). *This is our conquest and not only ours but yours!*

*"Sing, ye islands
of the sea;
Echo back, ye ocean
caves;
Earth shall keep her
jubilee:
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!"*

FORCES CHALLENGING WORLD MISSIONS

by Anne Crittendon Martin

Sing a missionary song of challenge

Pray for missionaries with birthdays this month

Use suggested art, page 34

Read Ephesians 6:10-13

RACISM

RACISM REARS ITS ugly head in many parts of the world today, aggravating existing tensions and creating new ones.

Wherever racial unrest is found the cause of Christian missions suffers, for the gospel of the racial extremist denies that Christ died for *all* men, but implies that this greatest gift is available to some.

Missionaries as a group have passed resolutions calling for racial harmony. As individuals they have pleaded in letters telling of the adverse effect of racial prejudice on their work.

Mrs. W. Boyd Pearce of Nairobi, Kenya writes: "Africans have read in their newspapers accounts of what has been happening in the United States, and indignantly they are asking that these conditions be set right. Therein lies our own hurt and blame, for this cry should have come from God's people in America and been heard by Africa, rather than the other way around."

We must remember, that 70 percent of the world is colored and the world is totally different than it was 15 years ago. We live in a new world, and the whole world has become a neighborhood.

Dr. Frank Staggs points out in his *The*

Book of Acts: "It is possible that future historians may declare the irony of ironies—that in the middle of the twentieth century, fight promoters and baseball managers did more for emancipating the Negro than did the churchmen."

NATIONALISM

Nationalism takes a noble impulse, love of country, and twists it into an unnatural fanaticism. Pride in one's country becomes an obsession, and feeds a hatred of enemy nations. The love of country which makes one man a patriot makes another a maniac when warped into nationalism.

The Asia Baptist Youth Conference was held in Tokyo in the summer of 1961. A large delegation was expected from the Philippines; there was some uneasiness about their reception, after years of bitterness between the two countries following the war and its atrocities.

Several Japanese college students were representing the host nation as they waited at the airport for plane loads of delegates. Late at night a plane from the Philippines arrived and the Japanese university students nervously waited for their guests to clear customs.

As the first of the Filipinos approached, there was a heavy silence and no sign of movement among the hosts. Then, one boy moved forward, extended his hand in greeting, and said, "Welcome, my Christian brother!"

Later he admitted that it had taken God's help to do this, for his own father had been killed in the Philippines.

MATERIALISM

Materialism is the force which kills or stifles the spirit with overemphasis on *things*. It is a growing force in all nations of our modern world.

As nations of the earth climb up the ladder of progress they offer their people more and wider choices of things to buy, things to add to the comfort of their daily lives, products to entertain them in their leisure time.

Finding out too late that none of these things really satisfy, people end up with closets full of gadgets, mountains of monthly installments, and empty hearts.

A person in the clutch of materialism finds little "left over" to give to missions or the work of his church. His own struggle for status and to be "the first with the latest" occupies his time and takes all his money.

One of the best examples of a materialist in the Bible is found in the story Jesus told of the Rich Fool. (Read Luke 12:16-21.)

(Call for member participation as you lead out in a discussion of ways the materialist philosophy of life in your own community, clubs, school, and even church, affects our devotion to God and the mission with which he has entrusted us.)

COMMUNISM

It seems more people are afraid of communism these days than they are of the devil. It is a force to be reckoned with.

Beginning in 1917 with the overthrow of the Czar in the Bolshevik Revolution, the rise of the Communist Party in Russia and other countries has been without precedent in history. This world force should cause us alarm, but it should not make us spend all our time being anti-Communist. It should make us want to be more openly and enthusiastically *Christian*.

The Communist interpretation of life is based upon a materialism which makes the basic desires for food, clothing, and shelter ideals to work for. Communism

teaches that everyone in the world is a product of what he sees, touches, tastes, smells, and hears. It denies that there are any spiritual forces which direct fortunes of men and determine the course of history. To a Communist, man is simply a "brainy" ape who has learned to read and write, build skyscrapers and television sets, and use automobiles and airplanes. As a result of this idea, the Communists claim that material desires, that is, the desires for *things*, are the only desires which men have.

Some of the success of communism must be attributed to the fact that communism champions the underprivileged people of the world. It points the finger of scorn at the Western nations who have used these people to serve their own needs.

According to Communists, the world is divided into two groups of people: those who own factories and machines (the "haves"), and those who don't own factories and machines (the "have-nots"). Communists say that this condition can be changed only by a revolution.

THE WORLD'S ONLY HOPE

(Turn over the cross with attached placards to reveal the wording of this part.)

The world's only hope is in the love of Christ on the cross. We must join Him in loving even though there is a great risk involved. We are called to love people as they are, not as we wish they were. We can never be certain that people will respond to our love, but we are only responsible for loving. It really does not matter whether that love is appreciated or returned.

This is the only hope for the lost world—to show the love of God through the love of His children. This demonstration will answer the forces which are now challenging Christian missions around the world.

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WOMEN AND MONEY

by Miss Hazel Hutsell

Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:17,18,

Prayer: See requests.

Song or Poem on giving or stewardship.

See *Program Sparks*, page 34

WHEN WE MENTION *Women and Money* perhaps several things or situations are brought to your mind. Perhaps you have often thought of the many things that you could do if you only had more money. Perhaps you have wondered why women seemed to have more money than they could spend while you hardly had enough to buy food for your family. Reliable sources say that women control over 70% of the money. Therefore, let us discuss you and your part of this money and me and my part of this money.

WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARD MY MONEY?

How many times have you said, or heard someone say, "This is my money, I have worked for it, I shall spend it as I wish"? Or do you believe money is to be received and kept, as if your very life depended upon it, and not to be spent, and certainly not to be given away?

Then perhaps you and I should take a new look at our money and see just what it is, and what we should do with it.

Money itself is of no value. It is only a medium of exchange for something that is of value. Whether that exchange is a wise exchange or a foolish exchange depends upon me and the extent that I let the Lord control my desires. There are many things that money cannot buy. I find that the worthwhile things that cannot be bought with my money, such as peace of mind, salvation, freedom from worry, are freely given to me by the Lord as I let Him control my life and my money.

Whether we want to admit it or not we are stewards of our money. It is for us to decide whether we are faithful, cheerful, and good stewards or unfaithful, sad and careless stewards.

I cannot be content just using the excuse that if I do not have much then I will not be required to give much. If I am going to be a good steward then I must do the very best that I can to have more so that I can give more.

Someone has asked the question, "Had we rather give a tenth of what we are now making or make ten times what we are now giving?"

WHY DO I GIVE MY MONEY?

There are several reasons why a person gives away part of their money. Some of these reasons are good while some of them are not good. Some people give just because everyone else is giving to a particular fund or cause and they don't want to be criticized for not giving. Some people give, trying to give just a little more than anyone else. Others give and then brag about their gifts. Still others give and then complain of the hardship of their giving. All these gifts and the givers do not receive the blessing that could be theirs if the gift was given in the right attitude.

God is more concerned with the motive of the giver than the amount of the gift. Our little with God's blessing can be used to accomplish great things.

Then, why do I give my money? I give my money because the Lord has made it possible for me to have my money. I give as unto the Lord that His name may be glorified by being taken to someone who has never heard it. I give

my money joyfully knowing that the Lord will provide my own needs as long as I let Him control my giving.

HOW DO I GIVE MY MONEY?

If I give my money joyfully, just how do I go about giving my money in order to please the Lord? Should I give some to every person or cause that seeks money with an open hand? Who should I refuse? If I give to everyone, how will I have enough for everyone?

Perhaps these and other questions have come to your mind. I believe the best way to find an answer to these questions is through prayer. First of all we should set aside our tithe to be given through the church. Then after careful consideration and prayer the Lord directs me concerning the other things that I may help with my money.

I never cease to be impressed with the account of the widow's mite as given in Mark 12:41-44, and noting the approval given by Jesus. No amount is so small that it cannot be used by the Lord, when it is given with love. I find that the more I give unto the Lord the more I am able to give. Therefore, the tithe should only be the starting point for our giving rather than the stopping point.

I find in working with the various groups of our Woman's Auxiliary that often one of the least discussed items on the Individual Reports slips is the question concerning tithing. And yet if the entire group were asked they would agree that tithing is necessary.

I sometimes wonder if other people are not as I was at one time concerning tithing. From the time I was a very young girl I knew that Jesus had died on the cross that all might have life, but that did not make me a Christian until a few years later at the age of eleven when I realized the need of personally accepting Christ as my savior. All these years I had been told that Christians should tithe and I believed it was good, but still as a young Christian I didn't really think it included me and my money. A few years later the Lord con-

tinued to speak to me about my tithe until I accepted it as part of my Christian privilege. Until then I had tried to ease my conscience by giving a dollar every Sunday or by putting a few coins in the offering plate.

After considerable prayer I yielded my money to the Lord and began giving my tithe. The blessings and joys that have been mine since then have caused me to wonder why I was so hesitant in doing what I knew was right. The tithe that seemed so much then, now seems so little.

HOW DO I SPEND MY MONEY?

If I have given my tithes to the church and then given an offering to the Woman's Auxiliary and to the Foreign Mission Board and given food to a needy family, can't I spend the rest of my money as I please?

Yes, only as my wishes and desires are in agreement with the Lord. In I Cor. 4:2, we are admonished to be faithful stewards. Therefore, we should carefully consider all the things we spend our money for, whether they be wise or foolish.

In Matthew 6:33, we are told "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." It is true that we need to buy food, clothing and shelter for our families and ourselves. And there is no need to fear that these needs will not some how be met if we have really put our giving to the Lord first, and used the balance of our funds wisely.

Spending wisely does not mean buying new clothes, just to stay in style, when new clothes are not needed, or trying to have the most modern house furnished better than any of your friends, or a bigger and newer car than they have. Perhaps we could answer our questions of "to buy, or not to buy" by asking ourselves whether or not the purchase will make us a better person, or help us witness for Christ, or help us bring happiness to someone else.



A typical 12-story housing unit in Hong Kong. Each unit occupies a full block square and houses 8,000 refugees.

ROOFTOP EVANGELISM

by Georgia Hill

*Missionaries use rooftops without
charge, for schools and chapels.*

*Teachers salaries are paid by
the government.*

HONG KONG, British owned, yet situated precariously on the border of Communist China, is a beautiful sight. It is a city built on the mountainsides surrounding Hong Kong Harbor. It remains free today simply because the Red Chinese choose it this way, at least for the present. Truly known as the shoppers paradise, the city is populated mainly by Chinese, both on the two main islands, Hong Kong and Kowloon, and in the floating villages out in the harbor.

This British possession has become a literal haven for the fleeing refugees from Red China. Although it is now illegal for refugees to enter Hong Kong (because of the tremendously overcrowded conditions) they still come, seeking freedom and opportunities for their children. The British government had no facilities to offer the refugees when they began entering Hong Kong for refuge. They were simply offered free use of the surrounding countryside on which they built shacks, literally villages of shacks, from tin, cardboard, and any

material which could be found. Eventually, the British began building 12-story housing units to which the refugees, who met certain requirements, were transferred. Each of the units is a full block square, and each houses 8,000 people. As the refugees were transferred into these units, more moved into the shacks and both the units and shacks are filled to capacity continually. *A total of 800,000 refugees are now living in these new housing units.*

One can hardly imagine housing conditions in these 12-story units, although they are a tremendous improvement over the shacks. Each family has one room, 10 by 12 feet. In this room they do their cooking, eating, sleeping, and here they live. Two facilities for washing, rest-rooms, and laundry are located on each floor. Each family must have a minimum number of five (and children under five do not count) to qualify for one of these rooms in a housing unit. It is difficult to describe the happiness and gratitude of these people, living in such conditions.

Climbing to the 12th story, we followed missionary Bob Phillips of the Conservative Baptist Mission, on a tour of his most recent missionary project. Mr. Phillips stopped to talk with a Chinese woman who spoke to us and she also spoke of her faith in Christ and seemed so very happy. A framed picture of Christ was visible on the inside wall of her room. One the very top of this block-square building, with its 8,000 occupants, Bob Phillips has in operation what he calls *roof-top evangelism*.

The British government has allowed missionaries of all faiths to use these rooftops, free of charge, for schools and chapels. The mission must build simple partitions for rooms and supply its own Christian teachers whose salaries are paid by the government. Both the Bible and the English language are required subjects from the first grade. It was a real privilege as well as an emotional experi-

ence to hear these children sing both in Chinese and English, "Jesus Loves Me," "Isn't He Wonderful" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Everyone was happy, even the Chinese principal and his wife (who served us Coca-colas) beamed continually. Surely this is a God-given opportunity to be able to teach these needy children in secular education and at the same time, the story of Jesus Christ. Even though each room is partitioned, the doorways are open and there is little privacy. Even so, at the spoken word of the teacher, every book of the approximately 72 children in the room, flew open to the proper page in a flash. Strict discipline was apparent and the children seemed eager to listen and learn. The play grounds are located outside the rooms on the rooftop also. Indeed, one forgets he is 12 stories up.

Bob Phillips stated he has 1,300 children enrolled and not enough room or teachers for all the children in this one unit who would like to attend. Regular Sunday Schools, youth meetings and church services are conducted during off-school hours and on Sundays. *Missionary Phillips emphasized the tremendous need for other Evangelical Missions to take advantage of roof-top evangelism centers available atop other housing units.* Roman Catholics have made their claims and several other missions have claimed some of these huge evangelism potentials.

What does this have to do with us as Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Members? We can pray for missionary activities around the world. We can pray that the vision of Free Will Baptist will be enlarged to encompass a larger field than we now support. We can pray for young people to be thrust forth into this vineyard of service. We can give so our Mission Boards will have funds to embark upon new fields of service when the opportunity arises. Pray for the Christians in Hong Kong.

A PRAYER REQUEST FROM JESUS

by Miss Rudene Kennedy, *State Missionary, Virginia*

One of the most neglected and ignored prayer requests ever given was made by Jesus. This request, given in Matthew 9:37, 38, was for more laborers to help with the plenteous harvest.

There has always been a plenteous harvest and there likewise has always been a shortage of laborers. But considering the increased population, the increased crime rate and the increasing lack of faithfulness on the part of most Christians, is this fact not more true today than it was when Jesus said it?

Let's ask ourselves why. Why are young people not being thrust forth with the Gospel at a sufficient number to reach our generation?

Is it that God's Word no longer appeals to young people and challenges them to give of their best? Is it that our young people are so infatuated with this world system that they no longer can tear themselves from it? No, thank God, this is not true. Instead I have found the opposite true. Young people today still respond to the claims of Christ on their lives—they still have *touchable* hearts and *reachable* wills. They still love a challenge, and when presented the cause of Christ the response in many hearts is, "Here am I, send me." Neither is it that they are so infiltrated with this

world system that it is impossible to interest them in the work of God. Young people are generally smart enough to know that there must be more to life than the general unrest they experience in their hearts.

No, the plenteous harvest and lack of laborers is not because the Word of God has lost its appeal nor that the appeal of the world is so strong that young people are beyond reach.

Is it that there is a shortage of young people? This may seem like a silly question to ask, but if you will listen to yourself sometime and also the other adult workers in your church, you may find that this is the general opinion. We think that because they don't, on their own, fill our churches and Sunday school classes and our teenage attendance continues to drop that somehow the teenage population is decreasing. This is far from true. We live in a world crowded with young people. For most of us, there are dozens, even hundreds, of young people that we know and could influence. They are not in our classes, but they *are* in our families, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, and our nearby colleges.

No, the plenteous harvest and shortage of laborers is not because there is lack of young people.

Is it that God uses only those few people with great and unusual ability? It is that God has plans only for that unusually intelligent and personable teenager in your class or church and not for the other, rather ordinary and less promising ones? According to I Corinthians 1:26-28 this is not true. And yet this is usually the way we look at prospects for Christian service. According to Paul, those ordinary and less promising ones might be the ones God could use most. Let's never forget that God is able to make giants of ordinary people. Just because we cannot see greatness in a person doesn't mean that it is not there. Remember how God has used men and women in the past and even today to do great things. Most of these individuals whose names and work are well known would have never been heard of had they not yielded themselves to God. What I'm saying is that there are young people in your life that have the potential of being spiritual giants and doing a great work for God. They need only to be presented the challenge of God's Word and the need of the world by a friend that believes in them—a friend that will look beyond the many immaturities and see a soul that needs the development that only the love and trust of a true-blue friend can give. And what a thrilling experience it is to be a young person's friend and watch that young person develop in every area of life as he yields his life to God and becomes useful in His work.

I'm reminded of reading what Mrs. Browning, the poet said to Charles Kingsley, the novelist, "What is the secret of your life?" she said. "Tell me that I may make mine beautiful also." Thinking a moment, the beloved old author replied, "I had a friend."

No, the plenteous harvest and lack of laborers is not because there is not enough potential and ability in our young people.

Is it that this responsibility lies with the adults of our churches and not with the young people at all? It is true that for *today* the adults carry the load of the work of the church and its mission in the world. But what about tomorrow? Most of you reading this article have no plans to go to the mission field. Your life pattern has been set—your life's work has been determined and in all likelihood it will not be changed. But that teenager in your life has not yet decided how to face life and with what cause to cast his lot. There he stands on the threshold of life holding in his heart the potential of winning men and women to Christ. All around him is a world dying without the message. With this in mind, let's go back to the prayer request Jesus made in Matthew 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." How much of your prayer life does this request occupy? Could the lack of laborers be because we have ignored or neglected this command? Are we not only failing to pray this prayer, but also failing to see the potential its answer has? If it were not necessary for us to pray for laborers in order to have them, Jesus would not have asked us to pray. I wonder how many laborers we would have today in our demonination alone if adults were personally concerned enough and would pray that God would call the young people in their lives into His service.

In closing, I would like to challenge each person reading this article. Select a young person you know—maybe just the average, run-of-the-mill teenager—and spend five minutes trying to imagine what that person *could* be. Don't look at what he *is*, but with your wildest imagination try to think of what he *could* be if yielded to God. After you have done this, read Ephesians 3:20 and then pray earnestly that God would call him or her as a laborer in the plenteous harvest field.



Circle Programs

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

By Dorothy Cox

JULY / WHAT IS YOUR LIFE'S CENTER?

Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Scripture: Use printed text

IF YOU ARE THEN RISEN with Christ, reach out for the highest gifts of Heavenly things, not to the passing things of earth. For, as far as this world is concerned, you are already dead, and your true life is a hidden one in God, through Christ. One day, Christ, the secret center of our lives, will show himself openly, and you will share in that magnificent denouement" (Colossians 3:1-4, Phillips N.T.).

Just as every true circle must have a center, every human life has a point around which everything revolves. How does one determine what is the center of his life? The thing that brings the greatest joy and deepest sorrow is a clue to his life's center; another is the thing that comes first in his life. Put aside for a moment your duties, responsibilities and outside influences and ask yourself, "What is more important to me as an individual than anything else in life?" When you honestly answer this you will come very close to determining just what is the center of your life.

SELF?

When a baby is born he is completely selfish, all that concerns him is that all his needs be met immediately or everybody within hearing distances knows about it. But as a child grows up, if he has wise parents, they will teach him to consider the needs of others as well as his own. Sad indeed is someone who has grown to adulthood and has never been taught this respect for others; whose only concern is what will please him. This is a truly miserable person, for this person is not capable of forming true and lasting friendships, of being a satisfactory marriage partner or of being any use whatever to the Lord. This individual could well say—"to me to live is self."

YOUR WORK?

Our work is a gift of God to enable us to live happy, useful lives here on earth. But we should keep our work in its place and not allow it to become our whole life. No matter how much our work means to us, we need rest from it at times so we can return to it with our

minds refreshed and with renewed energy for the task. Just as an automatic clothes washer gets unbalanced sometimes because the clothes are heavier on one side than the other, so our lives will be unbalanced if we allow our work to become the center of our lives and leave an emptiness in our spiritual and emotional life. If there are indications of this, we need to stop, evaluate our lives and distribute our interests more evenly. The person who allows his work to become the center of his life could say—"to me to live is my work."

YOUR FAMILY?

How many times as we seek laborers in the Lord's vineyard we find this reason given for not being able to serve, "My family comes first." I believe God would have us to be faithful in serving Him in the home, *and how much our future as a church and a nation depends on the home!* But I do not believe that God would have us put even our families before Him. Also, we must not withhold our family from the Lord for His service. I would rather see my children only every five years in God's service as missionaries than have them live next door and waste their lives in worldly things and fail to glorify God. The person who puts her family first could say—"to me to live is my family."

IS GOD THE CENTER?

We now come to the truly happy per-

son, Christ is at center of her life; her happiness depends only on her right relationship with Him, first of all for salvation and then in her daily walk with Him. Though the conditions under which she lives may not be joyful, she finds joy in knowing and serving her God. The way may be dark before her, but life is worth living because she knows that God is working in her to will and to do His good pleasure and that "*all things work together for good*" because she has yielded her life to God's purpose.

As a result of all these earthly things being placed in God's hands, her mind is at rest to seek others who need her help; she seeks to introduce others to the Lord because she has found Him sufficient for all her needs. Because she is filled with God's love, she is not content to keep all these blessings for herself but is vitally concerned with missions in her community and around the world. She seeks each day to allow Christ to live His life again in her—"For we realize that our life in this world is actually His life lived in us" (I John 4:17b Phillips N. T.). This person can say with Paul—"to me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:2).

As you have listened to the program and evaluated your own life, *what is the center of your life? Only you can fill in the blank—to me to live is*

AUGUST / PRESSURE OR REFRESHER

Song: "Day By Day"

Scriptures: Use printed text

IN RETURNING TO ME and resting in me you shall be saved; in quietness and in trusting confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15 Amp. O.T.). century. We are living in a fast world—an age of tremendous advance but we are paying a price—in tranquilizers, frayed nerves and tempers. It is not by withdrawing from the world that we accomplish God's purpose, but by living

under the same pressures as the rest of the world and showing God's power to sustain, strengthen and give peace in the midst of all these things.

The story is told of two artists who were finalists in a painting competition in which the subject was peace. One artist painted the quiet English countryside which had remained unchanged for centuries. Everything was peaceful and

still. The other artist strangely enough painted a picture of a violent storm, and one could see the effects of the wind blowing a tree, almost uprooting it. In the foreground of the picture, on one side of the boughs, was a bird's nest and in that nest was a bird sitting on her eggs. The bird had on her face an expression of absolute tranquility. The judges gave the prize to the second picture, commenting that the first wasn't really peace it was stagnation; the second was peace because it was peace in the midst of storm.

WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT?

The foundation for our quietness and confidence which is our strength is our time with God each day. It is also the source of our faith as we read the promises of God and claim them for our own. This should receive top priority until it becomes the rule and practice of our lives.

We should evaluate our lives in terms of the Spiritual, considering the items mentioned above. We should decide what things should receive more of our time and attention, and on the other hand what could be eliminated or greatly lessened in time and importance.

LEAVE ROOM FOR THE FRACTIONS

Recently as I was posting some figures, I thought I had allowed enough room, but I hadn't taken into account the fractions. As I began to put down the fractions the whole numbers (which were the

important ones after all) became crowded and hard to read. I began to compare this with our lives. Is it really the big things in our daily lives that cause the most pressure? We usually allow time for these; but what about the little things such as delays, interruptions and unexpected duties that come crowding in upon us and leave us depressed and frustrated because we have not accomplished what we planned to do that day? As we make our plans we should leave space at certain intervals to allow for the unexpected things or to catch up where more time was needed than we allowed.

FEAR

Fear in some form or another is present in the lives of most people in the world today. It takes many forms, some fear outward things such as war, poverty or loss of prestige, others fear things that affect their physical body such as disease pain or death, while for others fear consists of terrors that exist only in their twisted, tortured imagination.

But the Lord would have Christians fear nothing but Himself (Isaiah 8:13). Neither other people (Hebrews 13:6, Proverbs 29:25), nor our sufferings (Revelation 2:10), nor the existing world conditions (Luke 21:25-28). As we study the promises of God and grasp them by faith the pressure of fear will be lifted from our hearts and minds and we will be refreshed in His strength to serve the Lord more effectively each day.

SEPTEMBER / BEHOLD HIS GLORY

Song: "Jesus Revealed In Me"

Scripture: Use printed text

BUT ALL OF US who are Christians have no veils on our faces, but reflect like mirrors the glory of the Lord. We are transfigured in ever-increasing splendor into his own image, and the transformation comes from the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18, Phillips N. T.).

In the story, "The Great Stone Face," by Nathaniel Hawthorne, a boy named Ernest grew up in a valley where he could see a formation of rocks that re-

sembled a giant human countenance which expressed kindness and love. There was a prophecy that some day someone would be born in that vicinity that would bear an exact resemblance to the Great Stone Face and Ernest eagerly awaited its fulfillment. Each evening when his work was finished he would sit and gaze for hours at the glorious features. Three famous people returned to the valley who were said to resemble the great face, but

each time Ernest was disappointed because he did not see the long awaited likeness. As Ernest grew older he became a minister and one evening as he was speaking to a group of people one of them said: "Behold, Ernest is himself the likeness of the Great Stone Face."

Each of us consciously or unconsciously sets an ideal before us and we seek to imitate that which is so precious to us. O, that we might gaze upon the beauty of the Lord our God, that we might spend time in His presence in prayer, that we might learn more and more of Him as we meditate on His word and apply it to our daily lives so that others would look at our lives and behold His likeness.

HINDRANCES

The devil seeks to blind our minds to every truth possible that we may not know all the glory that is ours in Christ; therefore, we must not expect it to be an easy matter to turn our minds and hearts to God. But the Bible tells us that "He that is in us is greater than he that is in the world," so it is possible to turn to God and behold all the glories that He has for us. Only the Lord can free our minds from all the distractions that are ours and fix our minds on him.

One of the great hindrances to beholding the Lord's glory is sin in our lives, just as Adam and Eve hid themselves from God when they had disobeyed Him, we do not want to be in God's presence when we have sinned against Him. Samuel gives us a very comforting thought in 1 Samuel 12:20 when he tells the people that they have sinned against the Lord but not to turn aside from following the Lord but to return to Him and serve Him with all their hearts. Even when we fail God and sin against Him it is better to repent and return to Him than to continue in our sin (1 John 1:9).

SHOW ME THY GLORY

So little of the glory of God is seen in Christian lives today, we are often so depressed and discouraged and lacking in faith that our lives show little dif-

ference from non-Christians. We must meditate upon the glory of God before we can praise and adore Him as we should. We must realize something of His holiness and power before we can give Him the glory due unto His name.

We must ask ourselves the question—Do I really desire to behold the glory of God? Moses asked the Lord to show him His glory (Exodus 33:18). I believe the Lord would have us seek His face today (Psalm 105:4). Moses needed strength to perform the task God had given him. He became discouraged because of the sins of the people. If we do not get a vision of God we shall be discouraged by the conditions that exist in the world today. If we would glorify God we must be willing to spend time alone with Him in seeking His face until His glory fills us and overflows into the lives of all with whom we come in contact.

(The program chairman might like to have the women turn in their Bibles to 2 Corinthians 4 and see how many references to the glory of God is found there).

RESULTS

If we spend time with God and allow His glory to fill our lives, we will reflect His glory just as Moses' face shone when he had been in the presence of God. The people feared because of the glory reflected in the face of Moses. People will again fear God as they did in the days of the early Christians if we allow His glory to be seen in us.

When we behold God's glory our daily tasks will take on new meaning and we will be lifted out of our own selfish purposes in life and lose ourselves in God's eternal purposes as the Holy Spirit reveals to us the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10).

When God's Glory is reflected in the lives of His people they will no longer need to fear that people will say "God is Dead" for we will be a living witness to the fact that *He lives within our hearts.*

PROGRAM SPARKS

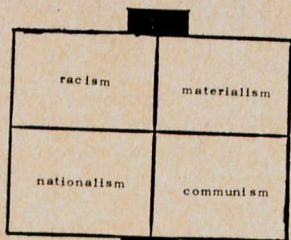
JULY / CARIBBEAN CONQUEST

On one end of a table place a pair of binoculars, a pair of glasses, eye drops, tissues, etc. Label this AIDS FOR NATURAL VISION. On the other end of the table place an open Bible, a replica of Praying Hands, the *Co-Laborer* magazine, and/or other related materials. Label this AIDS FOR SPIRITUAL VISION.

Ask someone to look through the big end of the binoculars. (This is wrong, of course, but isn't this often our manner of looking?) How do things look? Look through them correctly. Now, how do things look? At first things seem far

AUGUST / POWERFUL FORCES CHALLENGING MISSIONS

Four banners or placards are needed (8 by 12) each, or larger). A heaven crosspiece is needed in the shape of a cross. On the face of each placard letter the "force" being presented: racism, nationalism, materialism, communism. On the back of each put these words in this



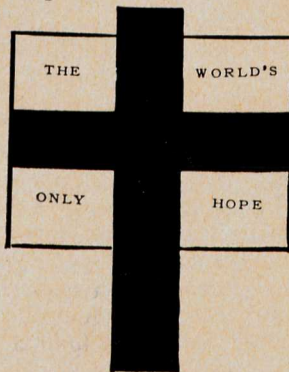
FRONT VIEW

away, then they seem close enough to touch. This is natural vision!

After *looking* (studying, meditating) through the Scriptures, through prayer, and through the information contained in the *Co-Laborer*, do the souls of the world come within your range of vision? Even close enough to touch? This is spiritual vision.

Admonish your women to look through spiritual eyes that winning souls would be a reality, rather than through natural eyes that winning souls would seem so far away!

order, one word to each, "The World's Only Hope." The placards will be attached to the crosspiece as illustrated. For the last part on the program, the whole cross will be turned over to show the outlined cross with the title of the last part.



BACK VIEW

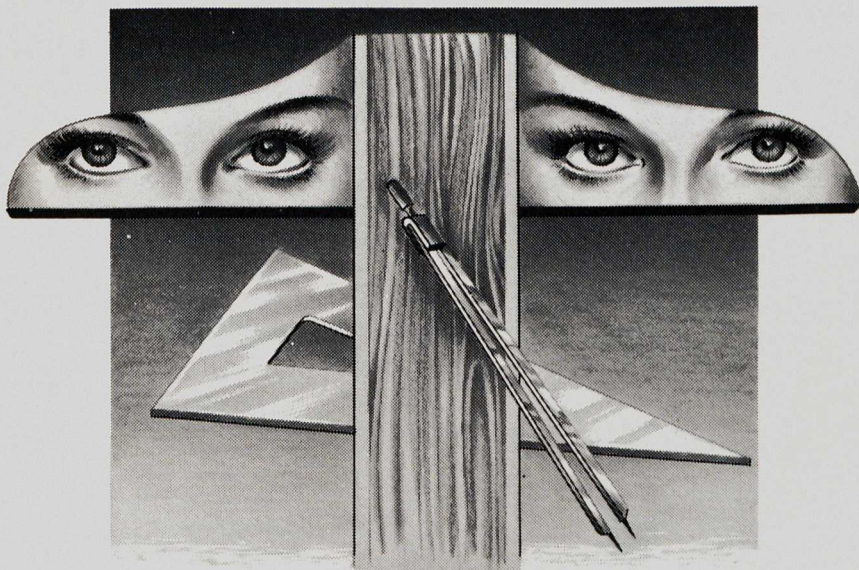
SEPTEMBER / WOMEN AND MONEY

Make two large \$ sign posters on stiff cardboard. Label one TEMPORAL \$ and the other SPIRITUAL \$, and make them to stand up on each end of a table.

Paste small pictures of food, pretty clothing, car, house, television, and a bank deposit book. Make them stand up near the base of the TEMPORAL \$. Paste pictures of people of several nationalities, and a bank deposit book, on similar cardboard stand-ups and place

near the base of the SPIRITUAL \$.

Compare the permanency of the investments—*Things* bought with money to sustain life and make life more enjoyable here on earth will be consumed, deteriorate, or vanish. But investing in *souls* through *missions* is eternal; thus making a deposit in the spiritual bank book which heaven will hold for the investor.



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