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So Send I You

E. Margaret Clarkson

John W. Peterson



1. So send I you— to la- bor un- re- ward- ed, To serve un-
 2. So send I you— to bind the bruised and brok- en, O'er wand- ring
 3. So send I you— to lone- li - ness and long- ing With heart a -
 4. So send I you— to leave your life's am- bi - tion, To die to
 5. So send I you— to hearts made hard by hat - red, To eyes made




paid, un- loved, un- sought, un- known, To bear re- buke, to suf- fer
 souls to work, to weep, to wake, To bear the bur- dens of a
 hung- ring for the loved and known, For- sak- ing home and kin- dred,
 dear de- sire, self- will re- sign, To la- bor long and love where
 blind be- cause they will not see, To spend, tho' it be blood— to




scorn and scoff- ing So send I you— to toil for Me a- lone.
 world a - wea- ry So send I you— to suf- fer for My sake.
 friend and dear one So send I you— to know My love a- lone.
 men re - vile you So send I you— to lose your life in Mine.
 spend and spare not— So send I you— to taste of Cal- va- ry.



* Chorus



"As the Fa- ther hath sent me, So send I you."



* Effective if sung only after the last verse.

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*Chimbo Indian boy,
Ecuador*

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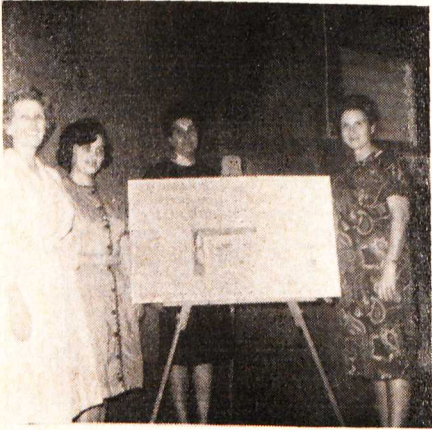
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WOMEN *in* ACTION!

Pictured (left to right) are Aileen Cochran, president of West Florida W.A.; Beverly Hartzog, president of Florida State W.A.; Martha Paul, president of the Bethel W.A.; and Mabel Willey, deputational missionary.



Missionary speakers at the West Florida Missionary Conference (left to right): Walter Ellison, Uruguay and Brazil; Estenio Garcia, Panama; Mabel and Tom Willey, Sr., formerly of Cuba and now living in Miami, Florida.



Miss Mary Ellen Rice, missionary to Brazil, inspects gifts given her by ladies of the Pearce Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, Smithville, Mississippi, at a recent shower in her honor.



Martha Willett, missions chairman of the W.A., Faith Free Will Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, is shown with Tupperware recently sent to the Missionary Provision closet.



MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Mrs. Beverly Hartzog describes the West Florida Association missionary conference and rally held in Pensacola in the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church last September.

"At our meeting in August, the Bethel Woman's Auxiliary decided to decorate the church with posters and displays emphasizing missions. We wondered if we *could* do something like this. We ordered literature from the missions departments and the WNAC. A week before the rally we met to set up the displays and posters. One poster in lavender and white emphasized the Woman's Auxiliary as being a missionary service of the church and urged each to support the missionaries. One featured issues of *Heartbeat* as far back as 1961 depicting different countries where our mission work is being carried on. Others showed study course material of the auxiliary, mission literature, prayer cards . . . The main theme of the day was LOOK NOT ONLY TO YOUR OWN—BUT TO THE REGIONS BEYOND.

This was certainly an enjoyable experience for our Woman's Auxiliary. We would encourage other auxiliaries to do something like this because it is very rewarding and helps the church to be more mission minded."

MISSIONARY HONORED

Several months ago the Pearce Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, Smithville, Mississippi, had Miss Mary Ellen Rice, Brazil, as guest missionary speaker. Her challenging message made the ladies more determined to serve the Lord through their auxiliary with more zeal and interest. After the service, the auxiliary sponsored a social hour in which they presented Miss Rice an attractive overnight bag filled with lingerie and other items of personal use. Mrs. Carrie Cowart composed a clever poem in her honor.

TUPPERWARE FOR MISSIONS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Faith Free Will Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, sent approximately \$100 worth of Tupperware to the missionary provision closet recently. Mrs. Naomi Olsan, president, writes. "We had three Tupperware parties . . . At each party ladies of our church and friends outside our church were invited. Our ladies purchased for the closet, while others purchased for themselves . . . Not only were we able to help our missionaries, but we were at the same time being missionaries at home. It gave us an opportunity to publicize our local auxiliary and also to publicize what WNAC is and does. We feel our local contacts made as a result of the parties were very worthwhile.

"The *spark* that caused this plan to come into being was made during the visit of Lonnie Palmer to our church. He made mention of the ants that they have to cope with, plus other insects, and mentioned that Tupperware was sure nice to have. Since our church is made up predominately of military families and many of us have been overseas and faced similar problems, in our discussions we talked of ways to get Tupperware to the missionary provision closet for other missionaries . . . hence, our Tupperware parties."

WELCOME HOME

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan, had a WELCOME HOME social for Dan and Trula Cronk when they arrived on furlough from missionary service in North India.

In addition to gifts of clothing and cash for clothing and a bike for Randy, they were presented with a check for \$2,051 for their account. This amount had been given since March when the project was begun. The project will continue until the Cronks return to the field. The church also pays their monthly salary.

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

by GEORGIA HILL, *President WNAC*

WHILE thinking over the '67 session of WNAC and the reports that were given, I am amazed at how little we actually absorb from them and how little we allow them to affect us.

For instance, the number of souls reportedly won was 610. Stack this number up against the reported membership of 7,000 members. Are we concerned? This fact, alone, should cause a great stir of anguish among our women. But does it? When we consider the supreme command of our Lord to *go ye* and make disciples, we might as well accept the fact that we are great failures or we are disobedient altogether.

We plan meetings of various kinds and, in essence, we pray, "Now Lord we've planned this meeting. We've invited the unsaved to come. Grant us some measure of success." In other words, we plan when and how the Lord is to save people, when all the time the Bible tells us to simply go and tell. It doesn't say, "Get together and plan a service with a good speaker and invite the unsaved." But the Bible does teach us to just go tell them ourselves, saving time and energy spent in planning and programming. This is the Biblical plan—to simply "go and tell"—in your normal walk of life with personal visitation—what Jesus has done for you.

We seem to have our values a little mixed up. Example: If a church mem-

ber fails to observe the Sabbath, we count it a sin. However, regardless of the commands God has given us to bear fruit, we may be considered a respected, fine Christian example, and never win one soul to the Lord Jesus. Is it possible that we can "promote missions" and never become a missionary ourselves?

According to the reports, Woman's Auxiliary members engaging in the 9 A.M. Daily Prayer Fellowship numbered 2,404. I believe that prayer and soul winning go hand in hand. Prayer must become a major part of the WNAC program. We need women who will cry out to God in behalf of our missionaries and their prayer requests. We should become familiar with the article "How To Pray For Missionaries" in the January '67 issue of HEARTBEAT Magazine.

We also need a vision for the future. Could it be true that most of us possess a care-less attitude? We meet, we plan (or someone plans for us), we go along, and we pay our share. The founders of the Woman's Auxiliary had a vision which is beginning to be fulfilled today. Missionaries continue to go out and our women are having a great share in their going. We praise the Lord for this! But what of the future? What is our vision? What is your personal vision for your local Woman's Auxiliary for next year or 10 years from now? A committee was appointed at the '67 WNAC Session to study and evaluate the work and contributions of the WNAC through the years. Pray for Mrs. Coffey and the members of the committee as they do this work. Pray for divine vision and wisdom, that the Lord would use this study to direct the future course of the Woman's Auxiliary. Thank you for your prayers and for your concern through the years. A parting reminder . . .

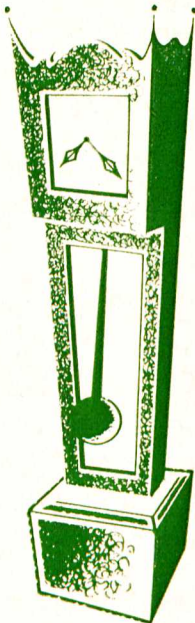
*if the Devil can't make us bad
he'll make us busy*

. . . too busy to be concerned about the things which matter most—winning souls, a burden for prayer, and a vision.

*What is the solution to endlessly
undone tasks? Jesus gave the answer*

JUST ENOUGH TIME

By CHARLES HUMMEL



TO us, Christ's three-year ministry seems all too short. A prostitute found forgiveness, but many others walked the street. And for every withered muscle that flexed into health, a hundred remained ill. How then could He say at the end of a short life, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4)?

We desperately need the answer as our own lives leave a trail of unfinished tasks. Unanswered letters, unvisited friends, unread books and unclaimed opportunities haunt the quiet moments when we stop to evaluate. A mother's work is never finished, and neither is that of a student, teacher, minister or any other Christian I know. Even a man's home is no longer his castle since radio, television and telephone have breached the walls with their endless distractions.

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Will we escape in five years? No, because children may require more time; greater experience in our job and church bring more exacting assignments; we find ourselves working more and enjoying it less.

But it isn't hard work that hurts us. We all know what it is to go full speed for long hours, totally involved in an important task. The resulting weariness is matched by a sense of achievement and joy. Not hard work, but doubt and indecision produce anxiety as we review a month and feel oppressed by the pile of unfinished tasks. Gradually, we sense uneasily that we may have failed to do the important. We have been driven by the winds of other people's demands onto a reef of frustration.

Several years ago a man with years of executive experience said to me, "Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important." The problem is that the important thing rarely has to be done today, or even this week. Those extra hours of prayer and Bible study, that non-Christian friend to be visited, the book that requires careful study: these projects do not have to be done today. The urgent tasks are the ones that call for instant action. They seem at the moment to be important and irresistible, so they devour our energy. But in light of time's perspective their importance fades, and we see the important things we have failed to do. We've been slaves to the tyranny of the urgent.

Is there escape from this pattern? The answer lies in the life of our Lord. On that last night with many useful tasks undone and urgent human needs unmet, He still had the peace of knowing He had finished God's work.

The Gospel records show that Jesus worked hard. After describing a busy day Mark writes, "That evening, at sundown, they brought to Him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the

whole city was gathered together about the door. And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons" (1:32-34).

On another occasion the demand of the ill and maimed caused Him to miss supper and work so late that His disciples thought He was beside Himself (Mark 3:21). One day after a strenuous teaching session Jesus and His disciples went out in a boat, and even a storm didn't waken Him (Matthew 4:37, 38). What a picture of exhaustion.

Yet his life was never feverish; He had time for people. He could spend hours talking to one person, such as the Samaritan woman at the well. His life showed a wonderful balance, a sense of timing. When His brothers wanted Him to go to Judea. He replied, "My time has not yet come" (John 7:6). Jesus did not ruin His gifts by haste.

Immediately following the above account of Jesus' busy day, we read that ". . . in the morning, a great while before day, He rose and went out to a lonely place, and there He prayed" (Mark 1:35). Here is the secret of Jesus' life and work for God: He *prayerfully waited* for His Father's instructions, and for the strength to follow them. He had no finely-drawn blueprint, but rather the Father's will day by day in a life of prayer. And so He warded off the urgent in the interest of the important.

We may wonder why our Lord's ministry was so short, why it could not have lasted another five or ten years, why so many wretched sufferers were left in their misery. Scripture gives no answer to these questions, but we do know that Jesus' prayerful waiting for God's instructions freed Him from the tyranny of the urgent. It gave Him a sense of direction, set a steady pace, enabled Him to do every task *God* assigned. And on the last night He could say, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do."

Freedom from the tyranny of the urgent appears in the example and promise of our Lord. At the end of a vigorous debate with the Pharisees in Jerusalem, Jesus said to those who believed in Him: "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free . . . Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin . . . So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:31, 32, 34, 36).

Many of us have experienced Christ's deliverance from the penalty of sin, but are we letting Him free us from the tyranny of the urgent? He points the way: "If you *continue* in My word." This is the way to freedom. Through prayerful meditation on God's word we gain His perspective.

P. T. Forsyth once said, "The worst sin is prayerlessness," because when we fail to pray we're saying that we don't need God's guidance and strength. The opposite of such independence is prayer in which we acknowledge our dependence upon God.

Prayerful waiting on God is indispensable to effective service. Like a huddle of a football game, it is a time to catch our breath and fix new strategy. In this daily fellowship, the Lord frees us from the tyranny of the urgent. He shows us the truth about Himself, life, ourselves, our tasks. He impresses on our minds those we should undertake. The need itself is not the call; the call must come from God, and He knows our limitations. "The Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:13, 14). It is not God who loads us until we bend or crack with a nervous breakdown, heart attack, ulcer or stroke. These come from our own inner compulsions coupled with the pressure or circumstances.

A quiet time of meditation and prayer

at the start of a day re-focuses our relationship with God. It brings recommitment to His will as we think of the hours that lie ahead. In these quiet moments I usually list in order of priority the tasks to be done, taking into account commitments already made. A competent general always draws up his battle plan before he engages the enemy; he does not postpone basic decisions until the firing starts. But he is also prepared to change this plans if an emergency demands it. So I am open to any emergency, interruption or unexpected person who may call. Otherwise I try to implement the plans I have already made, before the day's battle against the clock begins.

Over the years, the greatest continuing struggle in my Christian life has been to make adequate time for daily waiting on God, weekly inventory and monthly planning. I know from experience that this is the only way I can escape the tyranny of the urgent. This is how my Lord succeeded. He didn't finish all the urgent tasks in Palestine, but finished "the work which *Thou* hast given Me to do." The only alternative to frustration is to be sure that we are doing what God wants, this day, this hour, in this place. Only then can I think of all the other unfinished tasks with equanimity.

The Lord Jesus Christ has promised deliverance from sin, including the kind of service for God that is dependent on God's direction and power. The way is clear. If we continue in His word, we are truly His disciples, and He will free us from the tyranny of the urgent, free us to do the important which is the will of God.

*You and Today! A soul sublime
And the great heritage of time.
With God Himself to bind the twain,
Go forth, brave heart! Attain! Attain!*

... Anonymous



MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

By VIRGINIA VAN KLUYVE, *Missions Chairman, WNAC*

ALASKA

Pray for the Carl Johnson family as they continue their ministry in Anchorage, Alaska, and for Miss Dixie Myers as she ministers in Fairbanks, Alaska. Especially, be much in prayer for all the north country workers in Alaska, Canada, and other northern states during the severe winter months. Long winter nights and the drawn out winter season causes depressing conditions in some north country areas. This is particularly true in Alaska. Pray that open doors will be found for home evangelism during the winter months.

BRAZIL

The Don Robirds write that wisdom is needed to get all the Brazilian books in order for the publishing department. This is a very complicated process and involves a lot of *red tape*. Please pray for wisdom and direction as they work in this field of literature distribution. Support is needed for their children's schooling, which is very expensive. The Walter Ellisons are encouraged by reports from the doctor concerning their son, John. The doctor said John could be

treated in Brazil. They are anxious to return to their work in Brazil and will be ready when their support is met. Please pray for the complete recovery of John.

Mary Ellen Rice is scheduled to return to the field early this year. Pray that her financial needs will be met in time for her planned departure.

IVORY COAST

The Howard Gages express their thanks for your prayers concerning the building of the hospital at the Doropo Station. Brother Gage believes these people are the most needy he has ever seen, both spiritually and physically, and feels the hospital will give our doctors a greater opportunity to minister to them.

Doctor Ruby Griffin desires your prayers for Africans who are capable and feel called to serve or train as nurses. Pray too for a more effective medical ministry as a means of reaching souls.

SUMMER MISSIONARIES

The Board of Home Missions has received excellent reports from all nine of our 1967 summer missionaries. Some of

these students may one day be missionaries and certainly all of them will be better able to pray for and promote missionary ministries. Pray now that God's choice might be made in the selection of the 1968 summer missionaries.

HAWAII

We praise the Lord for a most effective ministry of the Luther Sanders in our fiftieth state of Hawaii. Pray as they continue to win new oriental families to the Lord and pray that the vacancies left by military families can be filled. The Sanders request us to pray for another missionary couple in the Hawaiian islands.

NEW CHURCHES

Pray for young church extension ministries in Meridian, Mississippi, and St. Joseph, Missouri. Pray that families may be won to the Lord who will assume responsibility in these young ministries. Pray that God would open doors for them in their selection of property.

MEXICO

Pray for the ministry of the Institute of Gold, for the students and staff that they might make the best use of their opportunity to train for effective service in Mexico. Pray for Harvey and Mary Aguirre as they study language at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Texas. Pray that they might get an effective grasp of the language that they might grow and mature as missionaries who will serve our Lord faithfully in Mexico.

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS

Lack of monthly support has kept the Norman Richards and the Jim McLains from departing on schedule for the mission field. Make this a matter of special prayer.

PANAMA

Tom Willey, Jr. requests your prayers for a real revival in the churches in Panama and Agua Buena. The Panama City Mission is helping with construction costs for the permanent chapel in Agua Buena.

Tom states that in answer to your prayers, God has faithfully ministered to Ruth since her illness in restoring strength.

URUGUAY

Missionary Bill Fulcher reports the steady growth of their *Youth For Christ* endeavor. About 50 are attending the services. Recently several young people were saved under the ministry of the national pastor. Remember the Fulchers as you pray.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Pray for the Powells as they establish a foundation for their church in the Virgin Islands. Evangelism by others in the Virgin Islands has progressed slowly and at great expense. Pray that our Almighty God will help us to find open doors of opportunity in the islands.

ZULULAND, SOUTH AFRICA

The Harold Stevens have a new addition to their family. They adopted two-year-old Harold Robert while on furlough this year. The Stevens left in August for another five year term in South Africa. Please pray daily for Harold, Josephine, Rebecca and little Harold.

YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

The Free Will Baptist church of Forest Glen has obtained a church building. Pray for Mrs. Mack Owens as she recovers from major surgery.

IDEAL RESOLUTIONS

Do you feel the need of recalling high ideals that have slipped into insignificance because of carelessness or neglect?

1. Resolved: to dedicate myself to prayer.

Each morning ask for guidance and strength for the day ahead.

"Open the Window Eastward" daily to remember missionaries' needs.

List on a prayer card names of unsaved friends. Remember them in individual prayer and cottage prayer meetings.

Be faithful to Seasons of Prayer and weekly prayer meeting.

2. Resolved: to dedicate myself to the study of God's Word.

Each day follow a definite plan or outline for reading and studying.

Study the missionary theme of the Bible.

Memorize Scripture passages for us in soulwinning.

3. Resolved: to dedicate myself to study about God's work and the advance of His Kingdom.

Prepare well for any responsibility in presenting missionary programs. Enthusiastically study current mission books.

4. Resolved: to dedicate my thoughts and time to witnessing to those in need in my community.

Maintain high standards of personal appearance, speech, manner and conduct. Be a friend to those close by.

5. Resolved: to dedicate all my life and means to telling the good news at home and around the world.

Recognize that stewardship involves all of life.

Be a faithful steward of possessions—not only in bringing the tithes but in using wisely the nine tenths.

Know what the Co-Laborer Fund and the Emphasis Month are and what they do.

Share in the Seasons of Prayer offerings for missions.

POINTERS FOR PRESIDING

- Look your best but not too "dressed up"
- Speak clearly, distinctly, and pleasantly
- Act calm, poised, and natural, be yourself
- Know what you are going to say and do
- Plan an agenda and follow it
- Know parliamentary procedure; be courteous in all relationships
- Keep on schedule; begin on time; close on time
- Introduce a speaker briefly and sincerely; too many compliments embarrass speakers
- Do not leave the platform except in emergency and then ask someone to substitute for you
- Seek to curtail all unnecessary movement and noise in the room
- Make an effort to secure the attention and response of every individual attending the meeting

A B C's for Business Meetings

Too much like school?

But members should know parliamentary rules!

Agenda—items of business to be discussed.

Amendment—change in a motion presented in a meeting.

Call for previous question—made by a close discussion. If carried, motion under discussion must be voted upon at once.

Deliberation—a discussion.

Ex-officio—by virtue of office.

Expenditures—money paid out.

Majority—more than half the group in favor of an idea.

Minority—less than half the group in favor of an idea.

Motion—a proposition made by a member.

Question—information presented by the chairman and is open.

Recommendation—a suggestion.

Resolution—a proposition adopted by a group for discussion.

WOMEN IN RETREAT

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson and Miss Rudene Kennedy, directors of the Missouri and Southwest Virginia Woman's Auxiliary retreats, share camp activities with our readers.

THE MISSOURI STATE Woman's Auxiliary Retreat was the answer to our prayers. From the very first of our planning for this retreat, we desired three things: That it would be interesting, informative, and inspirational. From the very first devotional, "To Know, Grow, and Show," until the final benediction, we felt the blessings of God upon us. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Georgia Hill, our WNAC president, with us. The Manual and Missions were our chosen areas for special emphasis and Mrs. Hill very ably and interestingly presented these. The first morning's study and workshop time, which was on the Manual and the Achievement chart, was a great time of information. Monday afternoon our attention was focused on Missions. We began with Missionary Prayer Band and the sharing of the latest missionary news through our personal letters. Progressively throughout the afternoon, we were thinking Missions. A time of recreation was enjoyed with many participating in many games later in the afternoon. The night service began with a wonderful and inspiring vesper service conducted by Mrs. Joanne King, our state president. Mrs. Hill then showed some of the slides made on her recent missionary tour. Our hearts were blessed and challenged as we visited many places with her through the slides.

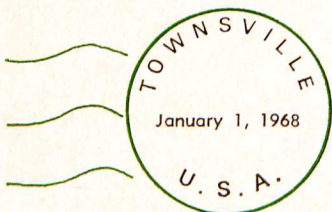
Tuesday morning, great blessings were experienced by all. To summarize our

study on the Manual, we played, "Manual Tic-Tac-Know." Following this, Mrs. Hill brought the closing message. We were seated in a semi-circle with Mrs. Hill in the center. The service was very informal but most inspirational. She showed us that wherever we are, we do have a mission field and what we do with Jesus and His command "Go Ye" is our personal decision. With every lady on her knees around the altar, our closing prayer, led by Mrs. Lucille Beatty, was a time of heart searching and a great inspiration. Definitely, we felt the *retreat* was a great blessing and an answer to prayer.

THE SECOND ANNUAL Woman's Auxiliary Retreat of Southwest Virginia was held at Camp Dungannon, Virginia, September 11-15. Thirty ladies attended one or more days, with some spending the entire week.

Teachers and subjects taught were: Georgia Hill, Auxiliary Manual; Lissie Turnage, Stewardship; Mabel Willey, Missions; and Rudene Kennedy, the book of Job. Rev. Thomas H. Willey conducted the morning worship hour.

The week proved to be a time of challenge and of spiritual refreshing. Miss Rudene Kennedy, camp director reports tentative plans for next year are to conduct the retreat June 11-12, just prior to the State Auxiliary Convention.



OUR READERS WRITE US

FROM ARKANSAS

We have been having some real good programs out of the *Co-Laborer* and are looking forward to many more. Keep up the good work.

*Mrs. Robert C. Almond
Fort Smith, Arkansas*

FROM MARYLAND

. . . We especially wish to thank you and all the woman of WNAC for the supplies we received from the provision closet.

*Dave Franks and family
Gaithersburg, Maryland*

FROM CANADA

We are going to begin Auxiliary meetings in October with six or seven women. I am real anxious to start. Pray for interest, and that through the efforts of the women we will see more concern for the lost, and missions will become a part of us here.

*Peggy Adkisson
New Brunswick, Canada*

FROM KANSAS

Women in our Auxiliary are doing what God lays upon our hearts. We enjoy *Co-Laborer* very much and the wonderful programs you have. Keep up the good work and God bless you. Our prayers go out to you. We are doing more this year for *Missions*.

*Angelie Dennis
Kansas City, Kansas*

FROM MISSISSIPPI

We have so much enjoyed our *Co-Laborer* this last quarter and look forward to this quarters' with great eagerness.

*Barbara Howland
Smithville, Mississippi*

FROM MISSOURI

. . . All our ladies really do enjoy the *Co-Laborer*. We get so much from each and every program and all the other articles and helps are wonderful. Keep up the good work.

*July Underhill
Springfield, Missouri*

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Our Auxiliary is interested in the *Sheets for Missions* project . . . We enjoy

Co-Laborer so much and certainly do appreciate the wonderful work you are doing.

Bonnie Williams
West Asheville, North Carolina

Our Auxiliary thinks we have really had good lessons this year. We are receiving a blessing from them.

Mrs. Allen Walker
Smithville, N.C.

The *Co-Laborer* is such a blessing to our women. We wait anxiously each time for the magazine. Pray that our vision of missions might continue to grow.

Ruth Russell
Columbia, N.C.

FROM OKLAHOMA

Since the field I am in is sociology, I was especially interested in the August program (*FORCES CHALLENGING WORLD MISSIONS*) in *Co-Laborer*. I used one of our women who is studying to be an English teacher and one who is an executive secretary for O.E.O. and we had a panel discussion. It was one of the most interesting programs we have had (if I do say so).

Helen Inbody
Tulsa, Oklahoma

I am the missions chairman, writing for the Woman's Auxiliary thanking you for the August program in *Co-Laborer*. (*FORCES CHALLENGING WORLD MISSIONS*.)

We cannot pick our Christian brothers or sisters. The color of their skin does not matter. God has chosen them to become our brothers and sisters in Christ, although it is hard for us to admit it. . . . We are very proud of our missionaries. They really need our prayers. We are proud of our *Co-Laborer*

writers too, and our prayers also go out for them.

Jo Ann Jones
Duncan, Oklahoma

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Our women have been enjoying the *Co-Laborer*. Would like to thank you for the good work. May the Lord continue to bless us through your work. Would like for you to send us 15 copies this time.

Mrs. Reasie Lee
Florence, S.C.

FROM TEXAS

We have just received our fourth quarter *Co-Laborer* and were thrilled to see our own pastor's wife's picture, our Texas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention President. We feel honored to have two of the state officers from our little church in San Antonio. I haven't had time to read all of it yet, but it looks so interesting. May I also add that I am very happy that the WNAC minutes are being printed and distributed separately this time. This is very good, I believe. Scanning the Pre-Thanksgiving and Pre-Christmas programs makes me anxious to get into reading them.

Naomi R. Olsan
San Antonio, Texas

FROM WEST VIRGINIA

We want to express our sincere thanks to all who make up the programs for *Co-Laborer*. But it seems the fourth quarter is more inspiring to our hearts than before. We realize much work and prayers go into each copy. We commend you and your staff for such wonderful articles.

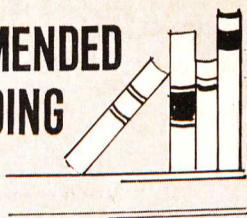
Mrs. Ethel Carroll
Switzer, West Virginia

if the world were 1,000 people, there would be . . .

- 60 Americans . . . and 940 representing the rest of the world.
- The Americans would possess half of the income, the 940 dividing the other half.
- 330 would be Christians—670 would not. Fewer than 100 would be Protestant . . . about 230 Catholic.
- At least 80 would be practicing Communists . . . 370 more under Communist domination.
- 303 would be white . . . 697 non-white.
- 500 would never have heard of Jesus Christ . . .
- The Americans would have a life expectancy of 70 years . . . the remainder less than 40 years on the average.
The Americans would have 15 times as many possessions per person as the rest of the world combined.
- The Americans would be rich and well-fed . . . the other 940 would be hungry most of the time.
- The 60 Americans and about 200 others, representing Western Europe, and a few favored classes in South America, South Africa, and a few wealthy Japanese would be relatively well off, but most of the others would be ignorant, poor, hungry, and sick.
- The American families would be spending at least \$850 annually for military defense, but LESS than \$4 a year to share the religious faiths with the other people of the community.

—condensed from a statement by Henry Smith Leiper.

RECOMMENDED READING



A TREASURY OF PRAYER by E. M. Bounds (Bethany Fellowship, 192 pp., \$3.00). Truly a treasury weight its weight in gold. The best of seven books on prayer by the same author (including *Power Through Prayer*) compiled into one volume.

A WALL OF FIRE by Marie Monsen (Bethany Fellowship, 103 pp., \$1.25). This Norwegian missionary helped evangelize inland China in days when robbers and bandits preyed upon those who traveled. She attributes her miraculous deliverances to God's "wall of fire" around her.

I'M NOT MAD AT GOD by David Wilkerson (Bethany Fellowship, 89 pp., \$1.95). The author shares with his readers personal experiences through which he discovered the secret of usefulness in God's service and developed a giant faith which overcomes all obstacles. Could be used as a devotional book.

THE BIBLE SMUGGLER by Louise A. Vernon (Herald Press, 144 pp., \$2.50). A fascinating story of William Tyndale's translation of the English Bible. Appeals to both young and old. Enhances appreciation for those who made God's Word available in a language they could read and understand.

FINDING THE REAL YOU by Robert M. Foote, M.D. (Revell, 160 pp., \$3.95). A doctor-psychiatrist, suffering with an incurable malady made medicine a minis-

CORRECTION!

If you plan to send discarded Christmas cards to the native pastors of India to be used in their work, please note the changes and corrections in addresses.

R. John Raju is no longer working for Free Will Baptists. Pastor Benjamin has replaced him as pastor in Gopalapuram and Pastor Peter Natesan is now pastor at Karamadai.

Corrected addresses are:

Pastor N. Peter Natesan
No. 2/377-1A Karamadai Road
Mettupalayam,
Coimbatore District
South India

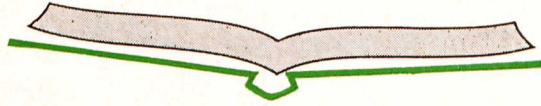
Pastor S. Benjamin
Gopalapuram
Aruvankadu P.O.
The Nilgiris
South India

Pastor D. Dorairaj
Westfield
Kotagiri, Niliris
South India

try. Without the certainty of life tomorrow, he learned to give, to the fullest extent of his strength, to each day. In his contacts with the sick and discouraged, he came to recognize the forces that destroy the creative functions of the real person and cause man to hide behind a mask of conformity.

A SALUTE TO SANDY by Dale Evans Rogers (Revell, 117 pp., \$2.95). The author pays tribute in a unique way to her soldier son who died in Germany. Her remarkable faith and courage shine through her unquestional acceptance of the deaths of three children, and provides strength to those in similar circumstances.

STUDY COURSE TIPS



By VIOLET COX, *Study Course Chairman, WNAC*

THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS OF WORLD EVANGELISM is recommended for a study course for first quarter. This book very easily lends itself to a one-night study or a several nights' study. There are twenty-five short chapters written by men who are experts in the field of Christian Missions. There are ideas expressed in this book on the Holy Spirit and missions, the heathen, personal evangelism, prayer, training native pastors and lay leaders, camping ministries, child evangelism, orphanages, linguistics, medicine, radio, and correspondence courses.

As is mentioned in the manual, a missions study course should cause Woman's Auxiliary members to see that missions is a *worldwide* task. A sensitivity to both spiritual and material needs should be created. *THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS OF WORLD EVANGELISM* is instructive and inspirational. It contains talks, devotionals, and articles that would be of interest to any woman's auxiliary group.

This could very easily be one of your most successful study courses. Be sure to make a lot of attractive posters. Have several of your members call all absentees and women of the church who are not auxiliary members. Make the invitations to attend very personal. Have someone teach the course who is well informed on

missions—perhaps your pastor or a returned missionary. Have a world map on display during the study course so that whenever strategic places are mentioned, those attending will be able to see the areas that are mentioned.

Encourage your women to read more missionaries biographies and books on the problems and principles of missions. Close out the study course by passing around an air mail form (or more than one) addressed to a particular missionary. If the study is conducted for several nights, take an offering for some missionary, or use the money to buy a missionary book for the church library.

STANDARD STUDY COURSES

A total of 40 study courses from 11 auxiliaries were reported this past year to study course chairman, Mrs. Martha Everson, of the Midway District, Georgia.

Of the 40 courses reported, 29 were standard study courses and 11 were regular study courses. Members from *New Enterprise* and *Travelers Rest* Auxiliaries are to be especially commended because *all* their study courses this past year were standard ones.

Our Programs For First Quarter

INTRODUCING OUR WRITERS



BETTY HILL, vice president of WNAC, wrote the January program, "WOMEN INVOLVED." Mrs. Hill is the wife of Rev. Edwin Hill, Griston, N.C., pastor. She is former stewardship-prayer chairman of WNAC.



VADA LEE, Florence, S.C., is the author of the February program, "PRAYER AND POWER IN MISSIONS." She and her husband, Sherwood, are under appointment for missionary service in North India.



OPAL HATCHER, Sales City, Georgia, is personal service-evangelism chairman of WNAC, and wrote the March program, "COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST."



JOAN WARREN, prepared the Circle Programs this quarter. Formerly a state auxiliary officer in Texas, she now resides in East Wenatchee, Washington, where her husband, John, pastors a church.

DEAR CO-LABORER

*A mission involves a sender,
the one to whom he sends,
the one sent,
and a commission.*

God sent His only Son into the world to seek and to save the lost. After three and one half years of teaching, preaching, and healing the bruised and broken-hearted, Jesus declared: *Mission accomplished.* "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do."

It is not irreverent to say that Christians are commissioned to the same work He came to do—to seek and to save the lost. Christ Himself made the parallel between His work and ours when He said, "*As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you*" (John 21:21).

Every Christian is *called, commissioned, and sent.* Whether your errand is teaching, preaching, witnessing, giving, or going, Christ has sent *you.* No Christian is excluded.

Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be,
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."



Oles Russell
Executive Secretary

ENLISTMENT

on Parade

Here are some ideas for increasing membership in your woman's auxiliary, attaining goals, and challenging our women. It is our hope that each reader will find some ideas which are new and exciting. Talk them over in a meeting of the enlistment committee and adapt them to meet your needs.

ENLISTMENT DINNER

Mrs. Ronald Howland shares methods used by the Pearce Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, Smithville, Mississippi, in a recent enlistment effort.

"We had a beautifully decorated room, using the Auxiliary colors of lavender and white. The theme *SO SEND I YOU* was printed in large lavender letters pinned across the entire room behind the guest table. The center piece on the speakers table was a large world with purple streamers extending to cards which contained pictures of all the missionaries, home and foreign.

Also a little favor was made and given to each guest, which was the menu made in the shape of the world and contained all the names of the missionaries and the area they serve. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Van Dale Hudson, who spoke on the subject, "What the Woman's Auxiliary Means To Me." We had approximately 50 in attendance and *gained several new members.*

VISITATION

Have a visitation campaign. Never let it be said of your auxiliary, "Nobody ever asked me." Personal contact is the best way to enlist Woman's Auxiliary members and a thorough understanding of the purposes and plans of the W.A. is excellent preparation for those making the contacts.

There are several things to keep in mind when planning for enlistment visitation. The names and addresses of prospects must be current. As much information as is available concerning each prospect should be given to the visitors. Here are some reminders for the visitor:

- Pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Dress appropriately.
- Recognize potential of person to be visited.
- Explain purpose of Woman's Auxiliary, what it can mean to members and what members can mean to the auxiliary.
- Give plans for the next meeting and invite prospect to go with you.
- Follow up visit and make plans for taking prospect with you to meeting.

WELCOME WAGON

Enlistment committee members take turns being responsible for visiting women who join the church on Sunday. The visit is made by Wednesday of the week the woman joins. The gifts to the new church member include a copy of *Co-Laborer*, and other information about the Woman's Auxiliary. During the visit an invitation is extended to the next Woman's Auxiliary meeting with the offer, "We'll come by and get you."

ENLISTMENT TEA

Mrs. Irma Forrest, state corresponding secretary, shares an Enlistment Tea sponsored by the Illinois State Auxiliary Convention. The purpose of this effort was to interest the women of the churches which do not have auxiliary organizations.

The tea was held on Saturday evening, October 7, at the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church, near Sesser, Illinois. All churches in the state received an invitation.

A skit was presented by the Arnold View Church Auxiliary. Mrs. Ellamae Hiltibidal, state president, gave an interesting and informative talk on the purposes and aims of the Auxiliary.

She also discussed the proposed missionary retreat cabin to be built on the tabernacle camp grounds at Benton, Illinois. This is a state project of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The cabin is to be used by missionaries who may be in the area or by those who may help during youth camp.

After prayer, the group was invited to the church basement where another skit was provided by the host church.

The refreshments were provided by the ladies present and were in the form of a *Bake-off* patterned after the Pillsbury Milling Company bake-off. Recipes of these *goodies* were provided for those who wanted them.

On a side table both handicraft and hobbies were displayed by the women from the different auxiliaries.

We are happy to report that the then

proposed cabin can soon become a reality, as permission has been granted to build the cabin on the tabernacle grounds.

Pray for this undertaking of the Woman's Auxiliary.

ENLISTMENT GUIDE

The *Enlistment Chairman's Guide* has many interesting helps for the enlistment committee of a Woman's Auxiliary. Your copy may be ordered from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202, for fifty cents.

Enlistment playlets available are: "Introducing the Woman's Auxiliary" (revised), "Enlisting Mrs. Too Busy," and "Busy at Christmas." They sell two for twenty-five cents, or fifteen cents each.

GETTING NEW MEMBERS

A new woman joined your church last Sunday.

You'd like her to come to the meeting on Monday.

What do you say—what can you do—The following hints may be helpful to you:

Call in person—please don't phone

Bring along a friend—don't go alone.

Extend your warmest and friendliest greetings,

Explain the purpose of your auxiliary's meetings.

Have someone call for her on meeting night

Don't let her come alone, it wouldn't be right.

If business is short and program worthwhile,

And if she's greeted with a friendly smile,

In a very short time, this brand-new resident

Just might become a future president!

But if program drags and she's left standing alone,

Next meeting will find her sitting home.

Try this method—it costs not a cent

And surely you'll reach your 10 per cent!

THEME FOR THE YEAR:

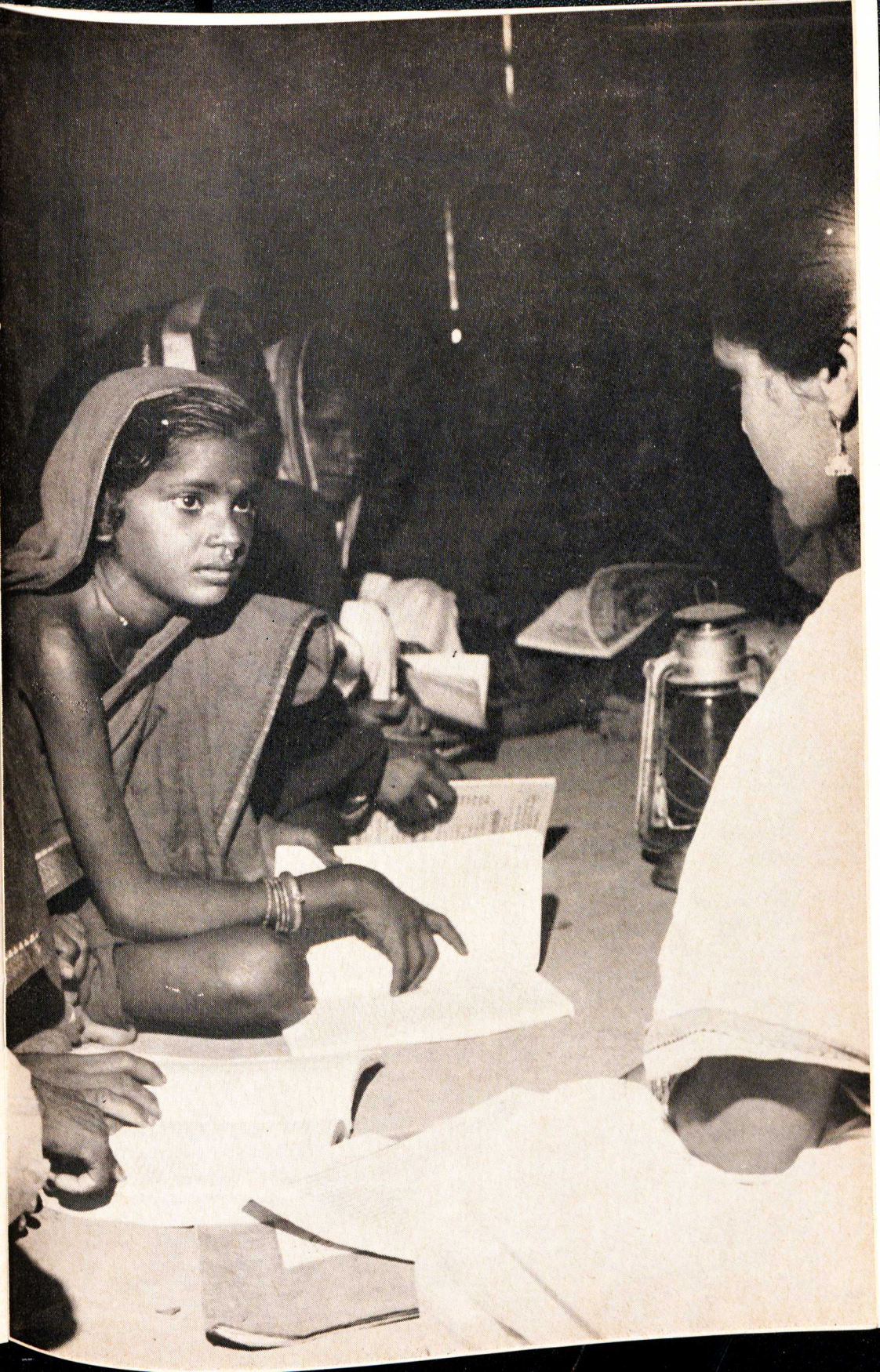
"As My Father Hath Sent Me . . .

So Send I You"

John 20:21



"He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. Luke 4:18



WOMEN INVOLVED

By Betty Hill

Song: "Jesus Calls Us"

Scripture: Romans 13:11, 12

Pray for unenlisted women in your church

See *Sparks for your Programs*, page 34

SOMETIMES IT IS GOOD for us as an auxiliary to re-examine our purpose, and then examine our auxiliary and see if we are fulfilling that purpose. Since this is the beginning of a new year, this would be a good time to do just that!

PURPOSE OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Well, what is the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary? *TO HELP THE CHURCH PROMOTE MISSIONS*. The work of the auxiliary is not to buy carpets and pianos for the church—this should be done by the entire church through tithes and offerings. Auxiliary work is centered around CHRIST and MISSIONS, and therefore is dedicated to missionary service in which *every* Free Will Baptist woman has a definite place to fill.

How we need to be brought into an awareness of our personal obligation to Christ, to get involved in rendering Christian service through the auxiliary and the church. Truly, "the night is far spent, the day is at hand," and it is high time to awake out of sleep and get busy doing the job Christ has for each of us to do!

FULFILLING THE PURPOSE

Certainly, the success of any organization is dependent upon the people involved—you and I! Now that the purpose has been reviewed, let's note some things that you and I as individuals can do to help our church promote missions.

First of all, we as Christians can *pray*. How often do we hear our missionaries say, "Keep praying for us . . . without your prayers, we cannot make it in these days," or as one has said, "The missionaries have gone, they have preached, they have sacrificed, but the Word *must* be energized, that the people will accept." How important that we hold our missionaries up in prayer, and that we pray for the work at home. How sad, yet true, are the Words of James, ". . . ye have not because ye ask not."

Secondly, we can *give*. Give of our tithes and offerings to our church in order for her to accomplish the work of evangelism here at home, and yes, we can give of our finances to help support our missionaries. "How can they go except they be sent?" God says in Proverbs 11:24-25, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." We can scatter our money in winning people to Christ, supporting our Bible College in order for our children to be educated in a Christ-like environment, caring for the orphans, helping the poor, and yet *increase* our own wealth, both materially and soul-wise. Covetousness may build a large bank account, but it will starve the soul, however "the liberal soul shall be made fat." "God loveth a cheerful giver." *We can give!*

Thirdly, we can GO. *Go* to God's house regularly for worship, and *Go* to our lost friends and neighbors with the gospel. "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." We are sent to do the same thing Jesus was sent to do—seek the lost! God is going to hold us accountable for the souls we could have won and didn't. Amos 6:1 says, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion"—the Saints. Is this not why many of our altars are barren? Zion is at ease. The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, but it is being hidden by Christians who have been lulled into a state of lethargy, or sleep, by the enemy of the Gospel—Satan.

We as Christian women have a job to do. The command of the great commission Matthew 28:19, 20 is to GO. Go to our family, our children, our neighbors, our friends. I'm afraid we haven't caught the vision of going. We believe in foreign missions, but for some reason, we can't go next door, or down the street—we can't go to visitation to invite sinners to Christ or to the church to be saved.

Nothing is as important as keeping souls out of hell—our housework, our jobs, or *whatever*, nothing is as important as winning men and women, boys and girls to Christ, and doing the work of God. How we need to awake from sleep and be faithful in winning the lost to Christ!

These are just a few of the ways that we as individuals can become involved in helping our church promote missions.

A PERSONAL LOOK

Are we satisfied with the work we have done for God as individuals, and as an auxiliary? Are we satisfied with "the status quo"?

In asking some young people how many had made New Year's resolutions,

the majority answered, "What's the use of making them, we'll just break them." Is this your attitude? Are we going to begin this New Year satisfied with our spiritual condition and with the work we are doing for the Lord? If so, we will more than likely not be any closer to the Lord next year at this time than we are now, if as close.

May we as Christians become so discontented with what we are and what we are doing in regards to the Lord's work that we will have to get on our knees and beg His forgiveness. Sometimes we find ourselves in a rut, but you know, Jesus didn't walk in a rut. I am convinced there was never a dull moment in those 33½ years here on earth. He went wherever He was needed and served there. Do we? Instead of fearing to take the message of Christ to a lost world, may we fear the rut of "dull sameness," never accomplishing much for Christ.

May we as individuals and as an auxiliary "launch out into the deep" this year. Let's find and win our women to Christ, and then channel their abilities and talents into the service of the Lord. We have won so few to Christ this past year, and enlisted so few in auxiliary work—we should drop our heads in shame.

Let's *grow* and *go* for Christ this year! Let's follow Him into new fields of service. As someone has said, "Let's not be afraid to try our wings." He will walk with us and go before us. Never forget that! He has all that we need to create new interest in our auxiliary work and in our church, but He needs *us* to be the channels through which He can bring these things into being.

May each of us determine with the help of Christ to be better workers for Him this year than in any previous years. May we awake out of sleep, refreshed, and zealous in the Lord's work!

Prayer And Power In Missions

By Vada Lee

Song: "Teach Me to Pray" or "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Scripture: John 15:5-8, 16

Pray for specific needs of the Sherwood Lees

See *Sparks for Your Programs*, Page 34

OUR GENERATION HAS a serious and unusual place in history. We have not only the responsibility, but also the ability to carry out the Great Commission.

The income of most families is at an all time high. Money spent on luxuries exceeds that given to the Lord's work. The inventions of radio, television, the printing press, and our rapid means of transportation make it possible for us to take the gospel to every creature. Yet we have failed to do this. Why? What is so greatly lacking in the missionary enterprise?

After he had made a survey of mission societies and mission boards around the world, John R. Mott was asked, "What is the greatest need of our mis-

sions today?" He replied something like this, "It is not more men, not more money; the greatest need is more prayer."

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESOURCE

Someone has well said, "The secret of power is the power of secret prayer." God's power is limitless for Christ said, "ALL power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). He has made this same power available to the Christian as time after time He invites us to ask anything with full assurance that we will receive.

Prayer is the spiritual bulldozer which can move the mountains of hinderances that Satan puts in our way. Prayer is a mightier instrument than all the forces of evil. Paul reminds us that the Christian is not at war with "flesh and blood" but with the devil himself. We are exhorted to "put on the whole armour of God" to protect us and to take "the sword of the Spirit" as our weapon. Ephesians 6:18 shows that the source of our strength and fighting power is in prayer.

Through prayer every Christian becomes a world-wide witness. "An intercessory foreign missionary is a laborer who cannot go in person to the foreign field, but who has set himself apart to pray for definite details of the foreign missionary work."—*Rev. Alfred E. Street*

THE SIGN OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Recently I passed a church billboard which read, "Prayer changes us, not God." Considering our lack of prayer, is it no wonder that we do not daily become more and more like the Master. Prayer shows our absolute dependence upon the heavenly Father.

The doctor leaned over a patient who was dangerously ill and near death. He strained to hear the patient's feeble breath and to feel the weak pulse—signs of physical life. Prayer is a sign of spiritual life. It should be as natural as breathing, as normal as a heart beat.

Prayer begins with self. This does not mean that we first ask for all our selfish desires and interests, but that we set in order our personal relationship with Christ. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" Psalms 66:18. Prayer is a time of confession, praise, and fellowship with the One whom we love above all others. Because God's prayer promises are so clear, unanswered prayer points out failure in us, not God.

BE DEFINITE IN PRAYER

How often have you prayed, "Lord, bless the missionaries," without naming any particular area or person. The Lord is so gracious that He is certain to bless some missionary with good health or encouragement. How, then, do you know when your prayer has been answered?

Ask the Lord to burden your heart with at least one missionary family and pray for ALL their needs EVERY day. Do you get tired or nervous? Then ask God to give your missionary family strong, healthy minds and bodies and to

protect them from disease and accidents. Do you have financial problems? Then pray for the missionary's material needs to be met.

Satan would have the missionary believe that more can be done through work than through prayer. It is essential for prayer to precede every effort for the Savior because Jesus said, "... without me ye can do nothing." Pray for your missionary to take time daily to be alone with the Father in prayer and Bible study. Ask God to grant your missionary spiritual refreshment and guidance.

PRAY FOR A HARVEST

As Christians we should be concerned for lost souls all over the world. It is necessary to realize that it is the work of the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer that draws men to Christ. Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but GOD GAVE THE INCREASE" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Pray that the missionary will be guided to sow the precious seed in those hearts which are already being plowed and cultivated by the Holy Spirit. Pray for the seed to fall on good ground and produce strong, radiant Christians. Pray that each new believer will see his responsibility in spreading the gospel.

Perhaps you need a picture or verse at each place where you spend the most time as a reminder to "pray without ceasing."

CONCLUSION

Prayer is not a chore, but a challenge; not a job, but a joy; not a duty, but a delight; not a burden, but a blessing.

If everyone prayed in the same way and as much as I do, how many people would our missionaries win to the Lord?

*"O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The life, the truth, the way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray!"*

—James Montgomery

COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

By **Opal Hatcher**

Song: "Bringing In the Sheaves"
Pray that we may become burdened for the lost
Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20
See Sparks For Your Programs, page 34

WE ARE ABOUT to discuss the most important business in the world. To make people good and make them happy and blessed through eternity, to keep people out of the fires and torment of Hell forever—that is the most important business in the world. And, of course, he who would succeed in such a tremendously important work for God needs to clearly understand what he is trying to do, and needs to develop the character and prerequisites necessary for this blessed work.

Every Christian ought to be a soul winner. No born-again Christian is excused from the solemn duty to win people to Jesus Christ. No excuse is acceptable. One simply is not a good Christian if he is not a soul winner. He is not obey-

ing orders, not obeying the plain commands of Jesus Christ.

OUR DIVINE EXAMPLE

The Scripture tells how Jesus constantly and compassionately suffered and sorrowed for the lost. Perennially he searched for the lost. He came to seek and to save those who were lost (Luke 19:10). His anxiety to save the lost made Him say, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). When a man meets Christ, he learns to love souls.

The New Testament record of Jesus' work is brief, but it tells how He made every manner of personal contact in soul-winning. He sought to win Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians. He interviewed rulers of the Sanhedrin, Samaritans, Galileans, Greeks, Romans, and other Gentiles. His incessant soul-winning led Him to deal with common people, wise men, publicans, harlots, little children, soldiers, thieves, beggars, fishermen and taxgatherers.

In His divine example the Saviour sought to win souls under all manner of

circumstances. He won several disciples while they were fishing. Matthew, the Gospel writer, was won while collecting taxes. A woman was won at the well of Jacob; a lawyer was won in the highway; another was won in a Pharisee's house; Zaccheus was won while on the street; the dying thief was won while on a cross.

The Master used every method of evangelism, becoming all things to all men that by all means they might be saved. He capitalized on His social engagements, and He utilized the quietness of private conferences. He preached with mighty power, and He taught God's truth to all who would learn of Him. He rebuked hypocrisy, he wept over the sin-burdened, he exhorted the unrepentant, and he patiently called the wavering. From first to last He was ever about His Father's business of soul-winning.

COMPASSION FOR THE LOST

The secret of success is here. Christ had a burning love for souls. Listen to Him as He stands on the Mount overlooking the Holy City, and saying: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! (Matt. 23:37). "And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it" (Luke 19:41).

Have you ever wept over souls? "No," you say: "I have never felt the burden of souls heavy enough for that; how may I feel the weight of souls?" Consider the value of a soul: what it cost; what a sacrifice was made to redeem it; its capabilities; its eternal destiny to glory or despair; that you are in a very real sense your brother's keeper, and then ask God to make you feel the mighty importance of trying to rescue some perishing soul.

OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus, after laboring in Judea, "... left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

And He must needs go through Samaria" (John 4:3, 4). Why must Jesus go through Samaria? I believe that there was a clear leading of the blessed Holy Spirit that a sinful, frustrated, lost woman should be at the well of Sychar, and to this poor, troubled, sinful woman He must speak and give salvation! We know that the dear Lord Jesus emptied Himself of the outward form of His glory, and that all His ministry was as a Spirit-filled man. Peter told Cornelius "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). Jesus had the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As we look in Acts 8:26, we see that Philip was obedient to the Holy Spirit. Because of his obedience a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians was saved.

Can we say we are obedient to the leading of the Spirit, or do we render excuses rather than obedience. There must be obedience if fruit is to be brought forth for the Lord.

In America we have an affluent society and such a society always creates ease in Zion. We have taken a cushion for a cross. Can we as Christians sit so idly by and let souls go into Eternity unprepared to meet God.

May we be drawn nearer the Cross and get a greater look of the love that Christ has for us. May we not fail to obey the Commission of the One who has done so much for us.

SOUL WINNING

*Are you seeking out the lost ones
Whom the Saviour died to win?
Are you showing them the Fountain
That can wash away their sin?
Are you looking by the wayside
For the weary ones who fall?
Do you win them to the Master
Who has promised rest to all!*



Circle Programs

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

By Joan Warren

January / TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK

Song: "To The Work"

Scripture: John 20:21; Mark 13:32-37

WE LIVE in an age of specialization. No longer will a jack-of-all trades do for us, we find one who specializes in the field for which we have a need. Jesus was a specialist, too. He came to do the will of the One who sent Him, and this included that terrible day of unspeakable suffering for our sins at Calvary. But His death proved to be a victory as He arose from the grave and lives today.

After His resurrection, Jesus, who had established His authority as God in the flesh, spoke the memorable words to His followers, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). He gave every person a job to do. Have you finished yours?

WHAT IS YOUR TASK?

In Mark 13:34 we are told that Jesus gave every man his own work to do. Ephesians 4:11 lists some of these jobs as being: prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers. All of these have their place in the spreading of the gospel. Each has the work he is specifically fitted or called to do. The different avenues of service are so many, and the need for workers so great, that no one need lack suitable employment in the Lord's service if only he will look for it. We need volunteers who see the need, who have a vision of souls headed for a Godless eternity; workers who will hear the never-ending question: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." Workers who will yield

their talents and abilities, which are God-given, into the hands of the Holy Spirit and will, with Isaiah reply whole-heartedly, "Here am I, send me."

TO WORK, ADD WATCHFULNESS

In Mark 13:34, Jesus said that the Son of Man, taking a far journey, gave authority to his servants and to every man his work, commanding the porter to watch. All His servants are to watch. The Lord's return is near. We are to watch for it, and desire it; but we are not to be idle as we watch. Our labor should be sweeter, bright with hope of a great happiness to come.

There are many things which will lull us to sleep if we are not careful. People are intent upon the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. If we become too involved with these things of "time," we tend to forget about eternity. We are to be found ready; at whatever time our Lord shall call for us or whenever Christ returns. He may come at even, or midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. It behooves us to watch.

WHY SHOULD WE WORK & WATCH?

In John 20:19 & 20, Jesus appeared to His disciples on the evening of His resurrection. They were assembled behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. All at once Jesus was in their midst with a greeting of peace. Then He showed them His hands, where the prints of the nails could be clearly seen. He showed them His side where the spear had been so ruthlessly thrust. These were marks of His suffering, but more than that, they were marks of love: love for His disciples; love for a world that rejected such love. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. By His stripes, we are healed. This should constrain us, draw us to Christ and a personal involvement in service for Him. We are not our own, we were purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. He has all authority to assign our task, to command us to work, to watch, and to pray. Have you been faithful to your task?

FEBRUARY / THE SIN OF NEGLECT

Song: "Give of Your Best"

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-4

NEGLECTED SALVATION

THE WRITER of Hebrews warned us of the importance of paying heed to all the things we have heard that deal with our spiritual life. The sayings of the angels were steadfast when they brought God's message. But now we have the message of Christ transmitted by those witnesses who were with Him and saw

the miracles and wonders which He performed. The question is asked, "how shall we escape if we neglect this great salvation". The obvious answer, of course, is that there is no escape. Salvation is through a Person, and that Person is the Lord Jesus Christ. May we each search our hearts to be sure that we have not

neglected Him. It is easy in today's world to assume that the church can get you to heaven, or a good moral life, or a life of good works. But Acts 4:12 tells us, "Neither is there salvation in any other (but Christ): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." If we neglect this Way, there is no other.

NEGLECTED GIFTS

Paul warned Timothy to "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." Timothy was a preacher of the gospel. Evidently he was a very capable young man. Yet Paul realized that he must make some effort to maintain the spiritual plane upon which he should live. He encouraged Timothy to meditate upon these spiritual things, to surrender himself to them and to take heed to himself and his doctrine, to continue in them.

Our spirituality will not continue to exist and grow if we do not nurture it, and take heed to ourselves. The ability to preach, to teach, to witness, will not better itself, we need to exercise it, and attempt to make ourselves more effective. We need to make a more concentrated effort to read God's Word consistently, to pray, and to meditate upon the things of the Spirit.

MARCH / LET US GO ON

Song: "Foot Prints of Jesus"

Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-2, 9-12

MOST of us, if we had our life to live over again, would do some things differently. We would probably do some things we left undone, and would omit some of the things we have done.

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES

The greatest neglect today is neglected opportunity. Women have so many opportunities to represent Christ. One of the main ones is in the home. Someone has said that our children are molded into what they are by the age of six years. The rest of their life is just added veneer. Have we neglected to reach them with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? It is up to us as mothers to mold them and train them in the way they should go.

Then there are our neighbors. We overlook them dreadfully during the year, then make a mad dash to their house to invite them to our spring revival. How much more willingly would they heed our invitation if we showed some concern about their welfare throughout the year! A helping hand or sympathetic ear is more apt to touch them than a hasty invitation to church whenever we haven't so much as learned their name!

Neglected opportunities: the days are flying hurriedly by. We procrastinate: tomorrow, or next week, or next year we will do what we can for Christ. Meanwhile, opportunities slip by, never to pass our way again. Eternity will not wait. May we not be guilty of neglecting souls whom we may win to Christ.

But it is impossible to live our life over again. Every moment, every hour, every day, every year, when it is gone, is gone forever and cannot be recalled. Life is ever onward, and we should make the most of it for Christ.

WHAT WE ARE

Most of us will admit that we fall far short of what we ought to be as Christians. The writer of Hebrews told his readers that they were far behind in their spiritual growth. In Hebrews 5:12, he pointed out that those who should have been teaching others the Christian fundamentals still needed the teachings themselves.

When one has been a Christian for a long time, he ought to be giving instead of receiving. He ought to have a greater spiritual capacity, more skill in the ways of righteousness. How tragic it is when Christians remain babes in Christ. Perhaps this is the reason so few enlist in full-time service for Christ, they are babes still in need of instruction.

WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE

The writer of Hebrews says that we should act our age in the Gospel; and be ready for the strong meat, or the deeper truths of the Spirit. Strong meat belongs to the full age, while milk is the diet of babes. And it is the deeper things of the Word that enables us to discern good and evil. It is the deeper truths that help us to instruct others in righteousness.

The basic doctrines of the Gospel are good; they are, in fact, necessary for our salvation. But we must show a maturity, a spiritual growth. Not that we ever leave behind these first doctrines or principles of faith, they serve as a foundation and they are fully preserved as we add to them.

Peter tells us, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is within you with meekness and fear" (1 Pet. 3:15).

LET US GO ON

The writer of Hebrews warned that if a Christian does not grow, he is a very

likely candidate for apostasy. "But," he said, "I am persuaded better things of you." Then he encouraged the readers to diligence, adding "be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12).

To be slothful is to be sluggish; slow-blooded, showing no energy. In other words, we are to be up and doing. In the religious life there is no place for resting contentedly, we must always be pressing forward. Paul described his own resolve in this manner, "Not that I have obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, if so be that I may apprehend that for which also I was apprehended by Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:12).

"Let us go on" should be our slogan for life. Let us go on toward the mark of perfection, learning to apply the Christian principles as outlined in God's word. Let us to on to take the message of salvation to every living creature. Let us learn the lessons of life in such a way that we may encourage and help others along the way.

As we fervently serve the Lord, reaching deeply into His Word and applying it to our lives, we can receive the vision that is so needed in our world today. We will never say "Here am I send me" until we see ourselves and others in the light of the Word of God. Let us go *on* unto perfection.

Teach me that harder lesson
—how to live
To serve Thee in the darkest
paths of life.
Arm me for conflict, now fresh
vigor give,
And make me more than conqu'ror
in the strife.

... Anonymous

SPARKS

for your programs

January / Party Line

Improvise a telephone line (clothesline) near the entrance to or in the Woman's Auxiliary meeting room. Fasten miniature telephones (cutout or plastic) on the line with the name and telephone number of a prospect or absentee attached to each one. Ask each Woman's Auxiliary member to take a telephone from the line and call the person to invite her to the next Woman's Auxiliary meeting.

February / Missionaries In Our Hearts

Check your missionary directories and see which missionaries have birthdays in the month of February. Mount on red paper hearts pictures of these missionaries and distribute to auxiliary members as visual prayer reminders. These may also be placed on your missionary bulletin board.

March / So Send I You

Give each member a small card on which is written the verse, John 20:21b. Omit the word, "you." During the closing meditation ask each to write her own name in the blank space and read the verse. Pray that each will dedicate herself "to give, to pray, and to witness every day." Give opportunity to sign *MY COMMITMENT TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST*.

WITH GOD'S HELP I WILL SEEK TO:

- ☐ Pray for the lost by name
- ☐ Distribute evangelistic tracts
- ☐ Express personal concern to lost friends
- ☐ Tell what Christ means to me
- ☐ Visit with a more experienced witness
- ☐ Participate in a witness-training program
- ☐ Share and explain Scripture passages on salvation
- ☐ Lead my family to witness as a family
- ☐ Help train others to witness

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pressure cookers (four or six quart) layettes

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Inventory, January, 1968

An inventory is a good method for checking up and evaluating the progress of your auxiliary. Is your problem absenteeism or drop-outs? If so, you need to evaluate honestly the effort of your Woman's Auxiliary during the year to fulfill its responsibility to each member.

- Was each member orientated regarding the real purpose, organization, and methods of the Woman's Auxiliary?
- Did members have opportunity to suggest improvements or changes in programs and activities?
- Did each member have an opportunity to participate in planning, special activities, in the programs?
- Was a special effort made to detect each member's special abilities and talents and utilize these in the work of the auxiliary?

If you've done all these things (or if you haven't) and you have the problem of inactive members, map your strategy. Your best plan is a personal visit to determine the following:

- Reasons for absenteeism. Was it a lack of friendliness or prolonged business meetings, or was it poor programs?
- Suggestions for improvement in regular meetings and special activities.
- Things in the plans and program of Woman's Auxiliary which the absentee feels are weak.

Then be sure you follow up this visit with transportation to the meeting and personal interest.