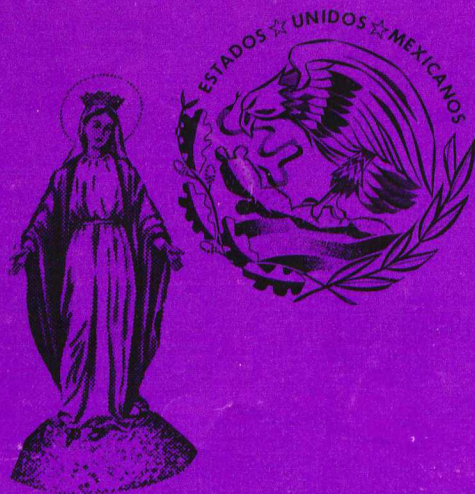


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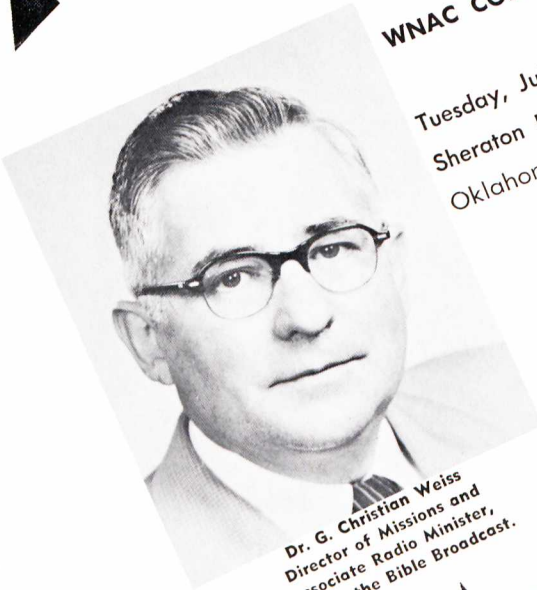
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"A World in Hunger... Give Ye Them to Eat"

THE 1968 convention theme is a ringing declaration of the spiritual plight of the world. It is also a reminder of the opportunities and responsibilities that are ours to respond to this plight. The world is hungry. We have the life-saving nourishment it needs. In the Word of God we have vitamins, minerals, bread, honey, water, meat, milk, and all kinds of rich fruits—all that is needed to satisfy a hungering world. But how do we go about sharing all of this with those who need it?

Convention speaker, Dr. G. Christian Weiss, Foreign Missions Director of *Back To The Bible Broadcast* and our own returned missionaries (Jenell Billows, Janie Aldridge, Trula Cronk and many others) will seek to inform and challenge us as they speak during the coming convention activities. Are you planning to be with us?

Let me urge every auxiliary member possible to attend this year's WNAC. By all means, see that your auxiliary sends its elected delegate, helping to pay expenses if possible. Your local auxiliary will be stimulated toward a more fervent witness if some of the members can get first-hand information and inspiration to bring back to the group.

Please pray for an abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the meetings and for His direction and guidance in the business sessions. Do be with us if at all possible as we seek more effective ways and means, through the Woman's Auxiliary, to feed a hungering world.

Here is a round-up of convention activities.

Monday

7:00 a.m.—WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast

11:00 a.m.—1 p.m. Joint meeting with State Presidents and Field Workers

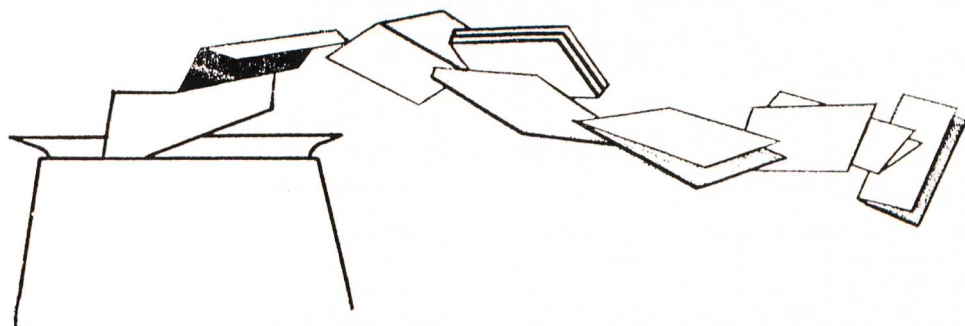
5:00 p.m.—Annual WNAC Banquet which is open to all at \$2.75 each. Mrs. Trula Cronk, missionary to India is the featured speaker. Tickets may be ordered from the WNAC office. (Local auxiliaries who wish may purchase tickets for missionary couples from the WNAC office.)

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.—1968 session of WNAC featuring returned missionaries in testimony and song; a missionary dramatization; and G. Christian Weiss of *Back To The Bible Broadcast*.

We look toward this 1968 convention prayerfully, and with great anticipation, trusting you will be able to share its blessings with us.

Mrs. Georgia Hill
President, WNAC



It's That Time of Year

By WANDA ROGERS, *Recording Secretary, WNAC*

IT IS NOW that time of the year when all State Recording Secretary Reports begin their trek to the desk of WNAC Recording Secretary. It is a joy when these reports are received and compared with the work of the previous year. And then to total the state reports and realize what the women all together as Co-laborers have accomplished!

It is quite staggering when we note that our annual cash receipts and disbursements for last year was almost \$80,000 and that last year our women gave \$51,325.65 to missionary causes. And this year I am sure we will see another increase in this area of auxiliary work.

Perhaps your auxiliary is small and you think your gifts and reports sent through WNAC are insignificant but when yours is put with the other 453 local auxiliaries (reporting last year) it amounts to quite a sum, as you can well see.

I am thankful for the work of our Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary that God has given us, and for each woman who has contributed in various ways to our auxiliary.

Each state auxiliary may represent at the WNAC with ten delegates and the President and Field Worker. Recording Secretary: **BE SURE TO INCLUDE IN**

YOUR REPORT THE NAMES OF YOUR TEN DELEGATES AS WELL AS THE NAME OF YOUR STATE PRESIDENT AND FIELD WORKER. This report should be mailed no later than June 30.

Each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state) has the privilege of sending a delegate to this convention by paying a representation fee of \$3.00. Make sure your auxiliary is represented at this convention with a delegate who will be able to give you first-hand information of the WNAC activities and reports when she returns.

In order that everyone reports the same information, please use the form that is on page 63 of your *Manual* for the Recording Secretary Report. The form for the Treasurer to use is on page 66 of the *Manual*.

Send your annual fees, seventy-five cents (75) per active member and the Treasurer's Report to:

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WOMEN *in* ACTION!

Joy in Co-Laboring

The Algood Free Will Baptist Church organized an Auxiliary in June, 1967. Only three of their 14 members had belonged to an auxiliary before. Mrs. Carol Prichard writes, "The remaining members have since learned of the warm spiritual unity that can come from meeting together. We have found real joy from combining our efforts to help our missionaries."

"The observance of our Thanksgiving Week of Prayer and the fellowship we enjoyed proved to be a blessing and strength to us and our church as a whole. Our first project, a tupperware party, to acquire tupperware for the missionary provision closet, was a success. Some of our ladies purchased additional pieces for the closet.

We are so thankful for all the help and guidance we have received from our pastor, Rev. Horace Teague. Because we are the only church in the Stone Association to have a Woman's Auxiliary, there is a great need for prayer that someone will get a vision and see the need to help organize Woman's Auxiliaries in other churches."

Missionary Shower

A missionary shower was given by the Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, Alabama, on February 13th. Displayed behind a world globe was a large heart with pictures of our missionaries. They carried out the valentine theme with love as an emphasis.

"We also held a contest to try to win an Auxiliary pin by learning names of all the missionaries and the country they are serving. Four members won the pins. They were Thelma Lindsey, Shirley Justice, Sue White and Joyce Armstrong," writes Mrs. Joyce Armstrong.

Special Guest

Women's Auxiliary members of Liberty Church, Manning, South Carolina, were privileged to have a special guest at the February meeting. Mrs. Carolyn Seley shares the following. "Mrs. Vada Lee, writer of the program and missionary appointee, came to visit with us. Concluding the program Mrs. Lee gave a short talk continuing the thoughts of *Prayer and Power in Missions*. She also sang the Woman's Auxiliary hymn, *So Send I You*."

"Following the program some "Sweet-heart" games were played. The first one was *Bible Sweethearts*, giving the man's name and leaving the woman's name to be given.

"Favors for the meeting were hearts cut from red construction paper, each with a missionary picture. These will serve as prayer reminders throughout the month.

"Refreshments, carrying out the valentine theme, were served by the hostess, Mrs. Cammie Ridgeway. During the social hour a game was played in which Mrs. Lee learned the name of each of the 18 ladies attending.

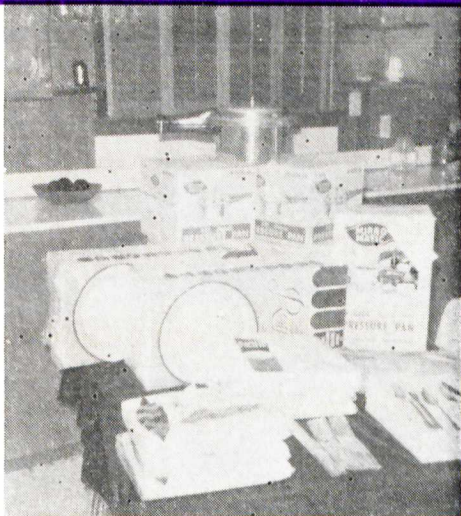
"Knowing our missionaries personally will help us to pray more effectively for them. We are very grateful that Mrs. Lee could attend our meeting."

First Study Course

Mrs. Geneva Roland, Colquitt, Georgia, is study course chairman of the New Salem Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary. She reports their first study course was conducted in October and that they all enjoyed it and learned a lot from it. They are now planning another one. Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel was the teacher.



The Algood, Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary (from left to right) Mrs. Gay Nell Hall, secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. Clauie Mahan, personal service-evangelism chairman; Mrs. Gladys Harris, member; Mrs. Jimmy Bales, program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Beulah Teague, vice president; Mrs. Carol Prichard, president.



Items given to the missionary provision closet by members of the Woman's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama, include pressure cookers, stainless steel flatware, and linens. Other gifts of money and stamps were contributed, also.



Members attending the study course of the New Salem Woman's Auxiliary, Georgia, are (seated): Geraldine Nix, Eloise Cooper, Ann Richardson. Standing (first row): Shirley Kimbrel, teacher, Lorraine Middleton, Geneva Roland, Nancy Houston, Arlene Worsley. Back row, Annie Lou Wells, Sara Newberry.



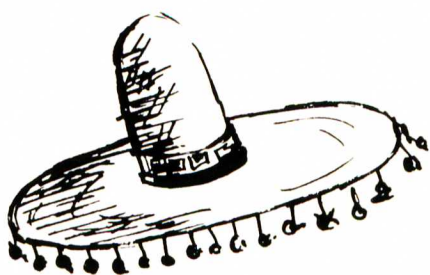
A personal shower was given the Dave Franks family recently by the ladies of the Cahaba River District Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Shown above are Dave and Pat as they opened part of their gifts.



Mrs. James Pickett, president of the Cahaba River District Auxiliary Convention, is seen presenting missionary Dave Franks with a gift of \$225. Mr. Franks has served in Brazil for several years having been appointed in 1957.



The Woman's Auxiliary of Booneville, Arkansas, as they observed the pre-Easter season of prayer. Mrs. Jenell Billows, Mexico, is shown leading one of the services. Mrs. Flora Millwood, pastor's wife, (third from right on first pew) also led in the services. Brother Billows was conducting a revival in the church.



SEASONAL FLAVOR

Social Chairman: For a Brazilian refreshment try *abacate batido* (avocado whip).

- 1 avocado
- juice of one lime
- 2 tbs. sugar
- 1 cup (½ pint) vanilla ice cream



Remove peel and pit from avocado, mash through a sieve. Add lime juice and sugar. Combine avocado mixture and ice cream and beat with rotary beater until smooth. Place in freezer tray and chill but do not freeze. Three or four servings.



MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

By VIRGINIA VAN KLUVYE, *Missions Chairman, WNAC*

INDIA

Carlisle and Marie Hanna are scheduled to return home in June, after their third term in India. Pray that the Lord will bless physically as well as spiritually while home.

Pray for the Church in South India and for the new converts along with the India pastor Peter Natesan.

Dan Crook plans to return to India soon. Special prayer is urged for the Cronks as they apply for visas.

JAPAN

The church in Japan under the ministry of missionary Herbert Waid should be placed on your prayer list. Ask God to firmly establish this work under National leadership. The Waids, at their request, will not be returning to the States this year.

You are urged to pray for the young men in Japan who are contemplating full time Christian work.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Home Mission Board member, Reverend J. E. Blanton, and his family are currently serving the Georgia State Mission Board as church extension workers in Decatur area of greater metropolitan

Atlanta, Georgia. There are approximately 1,200,000 people in the Atlanta area making this a very strategic area for Free Will Baptist ministry. The Blantons have been used of God in a successful ministry for the past eight years in Jesup, Georgia. They have been faithful workers and promoters of missions and woman's auxiliary work. Woman's auxiliary members are urged to pray for the young church in Atlanta as they face the challenge of obtaining property in the metropolitan area.

AFRICA

Pray for Lynn Miley as he prepares to visit his parents in the Ivory Coast this summer. Remember also, Lynette Miley when you pray. She plans to return to the States to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall.

The Sparkses request your prayers as they prepare to return to the Ivory Coast, after a year of furlough and deputational ministry.

Sherwood and Vada Lee left for language school in June in preparation for their first term as missionaries to Africa. Remember them daily and the adjustments they will have to make in a new country.

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Reverend and Mrs. Levy Corey's ministry in Meridian is a marvelous testimony of what can be accomplished when Free Will Baptists enthusiastically join hearts and hands together on a home mission project. The Mississippi State Association is one of the smaller state associations in our denomination. However, during the past few years they have caught new vision and risen to the challenge of worldwide evangelism. Part of the responsibility of worldwide evangelism lies within their own state. Meridian, Mississippi, a strategic city, did not have a Free Will Baptist church. Under the able leadership of Reverend Randy Cox, chairman of the Mississippi State Board, funds were raised for the first year's salary of a church extension worker. Much prayer was offered for God's choice and leading concerning this person who was to be the worker at Meridian. After several months, Reverend Corey felt that it was God's will that he consider the Meridian ministry. There was unified prayer support throughout the state and immediately upon Brother Corey's first contacts in Meridian, there was enthusiastic response on the part of a few families. Week by week during the first few months new families have been won to the fellowship of the Meridian mission. The mission has climbed far ahead of a normally considered progress schedule for this type of ministry. Much of the success of this ministry has been made possible because of the united prayers and response of Mississippi Free Will Baptists.

URUGUAY

The Ellisons also departed for their field of service in June. Their son John, has been examined by the doctors and pronounced completely well. Walter and Marcia express their appreciation for your prayers. This is their second term in Uruguay.

FRANCE

Beth Merkh plans to visit her parents in France this summer. Dan and Margaret are in need of your regular petitions as they labor for the Lord.

Joe and Barbara Haas departed this June for language study in France. Barbara had just completed a course on Child Evangelism at the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Muskegon, Michigan. We praise the Lord that their financial needs have been subscribed.

BRAZIL

Mary Ellen Rice's departure date for return to the field is uncertain at this time. Her monthly pledge support still lacks \$280.00. Pray that the Lord will supply this need through His people. She can leave as soon as the need is met. Special prayer is urged for her.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Pray as Larry and Wanda Powell continue to work and witness in the Virgin Islands. Pray that God will open doors for new families to be saved and pray that the solid foundation can be laid for a strong indigenous church. A modern miracle of God's power will have to be seen in order for the Virgin Island church to obtain property for a church building. Pray for this miracle!

CHALLENGE

Your rice bowl is empty, little brother;

Your hands are blue from the cold
Your face is a map of terror and pain,
Old as mankind is old.

Men try to reach the moon, little
brother;

To lasso outer space,
But would they not come closer to
God

If they wiped the pain from your
face?

Men launch their miracles, little
brother;

They send their rockets up;
But should it not be their first concern
To fill your empty cup?

—Lucia Trent

A Moment of Waking

By ELBERT W. TIPPETT, JR.

A WISP OF

A GIRL

CHALLENGES

AN ENTIRE

DENOMINATION . . .

A COURAGEOUS YOUNG WOMAN, just a wisp of a girl, stood silently before the assembled delegates of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. As she raised her head, she spoke in a voice that trembled with conviction.

"This morning we heard more about the need of a Free Will Baptist college to train our young people, but we are doing very little about actually establishing this school . . . Very soon I will be graduating from high school. I am a Free Will Baptist and would like very much to attend a college sponsored by my own church.

"Will I enjoy the privilege of attending a Free Will Baptist institution? I fear not, for we have waited too long. However, there is a host of young people coming after me. They, too, will be anxious to attend their own denominational school. Will they have that opportunity, or will they, like me, be disappointed and forced to go elsewhere for training?

"You hold the answer . . ."

The time was 1939. The place was Bryan, Texas. And those words spoken by young Jean Welch, stirred the hearts of all those who listened. This was a moment of waking. The infant denomination, just four years old, was face to face with the challenge of Christian education. The minutes of that National Association tell us how Free Will Baptists reacted.

"Miss Jean Welch, of Nashville, Tennessee, delivered a heart-touching challenge in behalf of the youth of the church at this time, and a prayer was offered by Rev. George Dunbar. The challenge and prayer so gripped the hearts of all present that it resulted in a great education rally, such as many had never experienced before. A cash offering amounted to \$284.35 and pledges were made to the amount of \$1,725.00."

The vision of Jean Welch and other women like her was instrumental in the founding of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The impetus that thrust the school into being was, in great measure, provided by Free Will Baptist women.

But Jean Welch was not the first among the ladies of our denomination to champion the cause of Christian education. As early as February, 1932, definite action was being taken by our women to bring about the establishment of a Free Will Baptist school. At that time a Ladies Aid Society of a Nashville, Tennessee church adopted the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as there is some discussion at present of the need of a Free Will Baptist school for Christian workers located more centrally for Free Will Baptists than any heretofore; and

"Inasmuch as our Ayden College has been destroyed by fire and some of our leaders have suggested Nashville as a suitable location;

"We, the Ladies Aid Society of the East Nashville church, wish to go on record as unanimously endorsing the beginning of such an educational work in Nashville, and as pledging our assistance in any way possible if such a move should be made."

(Signed) Mrs. J. L. Welch
Mrs. Eva Ray
Mrs. Ed Parker

With such dedication as this, the establishment of a Free Will Baptist school with the blessings of God was inevitable. From the time the college opened in 1942 with just ten students, the women of the denomination poured their support into its ministry. The history of Free Will Baptist Bible College is dotted with references to the tremendous influence Free Will Baptist women have had on the institution.

The efforts of the WNAC did not slacken when the school became a reality. During those early years, fraught with problems, increased needs were met with increased support.

In 1914, Mrs. Opal Bingham, second vice-president, concluded her report to the eighth annual session of the WNAC with these words:

"Today Free Will Baptists have an opportunity laid at their door. This opportunity is a Bible School in which we can assist worthy, capable, healthy young men and women called to Christian service. A call to service is a call to prepare for that service."

"The Free Will Baptist Bible School, located in Nashville, Tennessee, is founded for the purpose of training and sending forth Christian preachers, teachers, and leaders whose lives will be living answers to Romans 10:40. This institution, we believe, will be a mighty spiritual agency for training workers who have given their lives to God's work upon earth. Because of this, it merits your understanding, your prayers, and your support."

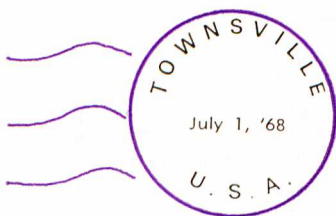
Those early pledges and commitments made by the WNAC have been faithfully met. In 1966-67 the Women's Auxiliary support to the College general fund surpassed that of more than half the states who gave. Since 1960, WNAC gifts have more than doubled.

In other areas of support, the Women's Auxiliary maintains a Memorial Student Loan Fund with a capital of over \$20,000. This fund, the largest student loan reserve within the denomination, has made it possible for scores of Free Will Baptist young people to complete their training at the Bible College and go on into Christian service. Library donations is another vital area of WNAC support. Bible College librarian, Mrs. Anna Barrow, reports that several hundred books on the library shelves, in almost constant use, have come from auxiliaries.

One of the most recent, and most enthusiastic, responses from the WNAC has been to the drive to furnish the two recently completed buildings on the College campus. Projects, ranging from \$16 to several thousand, have been publicized by the school Office of Development. The response from auxiliaries has been gratifying. North Carolina ladies have adopted a lounge furniture project exceeding \$1,000. Texas auxiliaries have pledged half of all project monies to the furniture drive. Over \$600 has been received from Missouri. And a single Ohio auxiliary has given \$235 to help furnish a dormitory room.

These projects are an expression of the mutual concern of the WNAC and the Bible College in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. With better facilities, the school will be better able to train preachers, teachers, and missionaries for a worldwide ministry. May God grant those who will follow in the ranks of our Women's Auxiliary the vision so clearly seen and so faithfully realized by those who came before. With such women, the work of the WNAC and the work of the Bible College will continue to advance the work of the Lord.

Mr. Tippet is Publications Editor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville.



OUR READERS WRITE US

FROM ALABAMA

Let us thank you once again for your writers and making *Co-Laborer* possible.

*Mrs. Joyce Armstrong
Florence, Alabama*

FROM ARKANSAS

We appreciate so much the work of your office and the services it renders for us. Our auxiliaries have responded well to the needs of our account in these last few months. We feel at a loss, however when we start to express our appreciation for support comes from districts, locals and state auxiliaries. So may we just say "thank you" to you, since you represent these others. Our hearts have certainly been made to rejoice in these months.

*The Earnie Deds family
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas*

FROM CALIFORNIA

After an absence of an Auxiliary in our church for some time, we reorganized in December with 15 ladies present. We enjoyed such a wonderful response to our January meeting, with 8 new members joining that we had to order more copies of the *Co-Laborer*.

At least six of our women are new to Auxiliary but were willing to learn and accept an office. Some were also new to Christ and they are a blessing and a

challenge to those of us who have been in the work for a number of years.

Our January lesson (*Women Involved*) came at just the right time reminding us just what we as an Auxiliary are expected to do. The entire *Co-Laborer* for this quarter seems to be just what we needed.

*Mrs. Carol Schell
Turlock, California*

Our ladies have enjoyed the *Co-Laborer* so much and seems every lesson gets better. We are slowly growing which we thank the Lord for. Have enjoyed letters from different auxiliaries in our magazine. We read the *Co-Laborer* from cover to cover. May the Lord bless every writer for making our magazine so interesting.

*Euna Ramsey
Selma, California*

... Our ladies receive such wonderful blessings from the programs that are in our *Co-Laborer*. Not only the programs, but the additional articles and information are so heart stirring. May the Lord continue to bless you, and we so appreciate your effort in getting into our hands such a fine magazine.

*Mrs. Carl Cravens
Ontario, California*

FROM GEORGIA

Thank you for all the good literature of the Auxiliary.

*Mrs. Minnie Smith
Eastman, Georgia*

FROM ILLINOIS

My President's Guide has been a great help to me. Keep up the good work. Also I love the *Co-Laborer*—the programs and other points are very good.

*Mrs. Dean Bennett
Marion, Illinois*

FROM MICHIGAN

I am from Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Lincoln Varney is the pastor. We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* so much

*Mrs. Vera Triplett
Detroit, Michigan*

FROM MISSOURI

Woman's Auxiliary is a wonderful blessing to me. It is one of the best helps in making a mature Christian.

The writers of the *Co-Laborer* material are to be commended for their inspirational and informative lessons.

*Mrs. Robert L. Miller
West Plains, Missouri*

FROM NEW MEXICO

Our Auxiliary has enjoyed the programs in our *Co-Laborer*. The February program: *Prayer and Power in Missions* was real helpful to me as I know it was to all the women. It taught us know to pray for our missionaries.

We are small but the Lord promised that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20), and we are standing on the promises of God. We desire the prayers of everyone that we can have an auxiliary that will be pleasing to the Lord.

Keep up the very good programs and I am sure that not only ours but every auxiliary everywhere will be a better one.

*Mrs. Ernie Hale
Hobbs, New Mexico*

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

The programs in *Co-Laborer* are just wonderful. We give the programs in our auxiliary and then in the nursing home where we have a meeting once a month.

*Lavena Basnight
Washington, North Carolina*

We certainly enjoy the wonderful programs each month. May the Lord continue to bless you in your work.

*Mrs. Bonnie Williams
West Ashville, N. C.*

FROM OHIO

Our auxiliary enjoys the *Co-Laborer* very much. The ladies receive many blessings from them.

*Mrs. Juanita Shafer
Cleveland, Ohio*

FROM OKLAHOMA

I am writing you to thank you for the December program in *Co-Laborer*. We surely appreciate our writers. What wonderful programs and lessons we do have . . . Sometimes the programs seem to be written about us—really makes us feel guilty, although that shows us where we have failed Christ, our duty to our church and fellow man.

*Mrs. Joann Jones
Duncan, Oklahoma*

I do appreciate the *Co-Laborer* magazine. Seems they are better all the time. Very informative for new members as well as others.

*Mrs. Lura Gebhart
Tulsa, Oklahoma*

I appreciate the programs as well as the other reading material found in our *Co-Laborer* book. Also the printing of the WNAC minutes this year was superb in every way especially the fact that they were printed separately in book form. I have heard many favorable comments about printing them this way.

*Mrs. Barbara Chappell
First Oklahoma Association
(Continued on page 30)*



Burden for Missions

By LUCILLE STEWARD

I don't have the ability or the knowledge to tell you of the burden for our missionaries the good Lord has given me. The Lord has said "Where I am there shall also my servant be" (John 12:26). Every missionary offers his life with the maximum ability he may possess. Just as God sent Jesus, so He sends you and me. No one is to overlook his or her responsibility to be a missionary at home. Unless missions begin here they have no meaning on foreign fields.

The Woman's Auxiliary can fulfill its responsibility to our missionaries. There are two approaches to getting the work done. One may be referred to as our *projects* and the other as our *prayers*.

Think of our church. Think of our Woman's Auxiliary as part of the church. A person's lack of interest is often caused by not knowing what is going on. Keep your people up to date on as many of our missionaries as you possibly can. Reaching people for Christ everywhere is a responsibility that we all should share.

Although Jesus lived in the midst of crowds He never lost the value of individuals. Neither should we. We should tell the people of our churches what their responsibilities are in foreign missions.

We don't really know how valuable our missionaries are. They preach, hold Bible conferences, guide the Church, counsel believers, repair and build places to hold services, even fix fences, pioneer, and evangelize.

Our women in foreign fields are wonderful workers also. They visit homes, help in offices, hold Bible classes, teach Christian women to witness among unreached people, and do dozens of other things that go unnoticed. It isn't easy to teach God's Word to people who have never heard of Jesus Christ.

There is a shortage of missionaries everywhere. Thousands of people pass weekly into eternity having never heard of Jesus Christ. If we would only stop and think how much we could do with so little,—it would be unbelievable what we could accomplish in our Auxiliaries.

Ask yourself "What does it mean to me?" Does God have a place or a task for me in foreign missions? Our missionaries are fully committed to Jesus Christ. Are we as dedicated to our work for them as we should be? Their work requires so much patience, love, wisdom, grace and understanding, but that is a pattern that Jesus Himself followed throughout His life.

In some way I would like to stir your heart toward a deeper personal commitment to the great work our missionaries do and to help you realize that although we have found Christ there are millions who haven't.

We can help reach these people through our missionaries. If we don't act now the door could be closed on us a lot sooner than we realize.

What about the future? We need reinforcements to meet the challenge. The Good Lord wants servants and this we can all become by serving in so many ways. Pray that the Lord will send more missionaries to us. There is always work to be done. What have you done? Have you given, have you prayed? Young people have you given any thought of going into the service of the Lord where you are so badly needed?

The church without an active Woman's Auxiliary is losing a great blessing. We need many more *Marys* who will stir our hearts, who will sit at Jesus' feet to serve Him, who will instruct and encourage others in the mission work.

Our young people today who are going into missionary work have been reared in a mechanical age. The missionary coming from the great "we have everything" nation meets many barriers among people in other nations who do not have a lot. Adjustments have to be made to the climate, customs, and culture. Here again our help can be given through our encouragement and most of all our prayers. Many times they work under conditions that many of us could not hold up under. Sometimes they sow seeds and it is not harvested until many years later. Many times we see missionary work as glamorous but we awake to reality and the glamour slips into the background.

Every field where we have missionaries is crying for help. What a tragic loss to the Kingdom of God as well as to us, when God-given talents to serve

on a foreign field are wasted away because so few have a burden, and so few realize the wonderful blessing each of us can have when we help.

A large portion of our people who support missions are not up to date on what their missionaries are doing and as to what the situation is where they are stationed. This is up to us to keep our people well informed everywhere. The situation of the church in a foreign land has had many changes in the past 20 years. The sense of our responsibility to preach the Gospel impels our mission board to labor many untold months to get a missionary on a field. It is up to our people to back them by prayer, financial help, and the many tasks to be done. This is an unsettled world. The future of our missionaries depend on how much we really care.

We cannot reach people to whom we do not talk. There can be no conversion to Christianity to those who do not hear its message. Much prayer is needed for those who accept God's calling to be missionaries. They go through much stress during deputation, language study and assignment. Here at home we are rather new participants in poverty programs. Overseas missions have been doing it for years getting their programs started there.

It is easy to talk about mission work, but harder to take the time, effort, and prayer to really give your all. It doesn't take an educated person to work for the Lord. The way I feel about missionary work, when I get started I guess I could write a book. Every Christian has a task. I urge you to go to work for the good Lord in some way. The time is now. I hope after reading this you will accept a challenge and really give your all in some part of the Lord's work.

Mrs. Steward is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan, and is missions chairman of Wolverine District Auxiliary Convention.

STUDY COURSE TIPS



By VIOLET COX, *WNAC Study Course Chairman*

THE RECOMMENDED study course for this third quarter is on Christian Living. The book that I have chosen is *Happy Family Life* by Dr. Henry Brandt. Dr. Brandt is a well-known Christian psychologist who has had vast experience in dealing with family problems. "The lessons to be learned in this little book come from the everyday practicality of God's Word on human life and relationships." It contains five chapters. The first three concerns the husband-wife team that is needed to produce a happy home. The fourth chapter deals with the person on whom happy marriages and homes are built. The fifth chapter is most interesting because it tells the stories of trouble people who found the Christian life and complete surrender to Christ the answer to their problems.

According to Dr. Brandt, making a home a happy place takes the co-operation of every member as well as the blessings and guidance of God. It is too great a job for one person. To whet your appetite for the book, let me give you one of the problems presented.

"Myron Turner was in trouble: for the third time, his wife had threatened to leave him, and this time she meant it. And all over a dog. Or so Myron said.

Myron was away from home much of the time and had bought Thelma a dog for company before the birth of their first child. After the baby's arrival, Myron wanted to get rid of the dog.

"If the dog goes, I go too," Thelma warned.

"All right, go ahead," he told her. "I'm not playing second fiddle to any dog."

After they separated, Thelma told her side of the story. She complained that she had to share her husband with too many people. He worked late, spent three of four nights a week at the church, and visited his mother every day. Often he didn't come home for supper at all. He made her feel as if she were not needed.

"My dad never treated my mother that way," she told me. "They went everywhere together. He was always affectionate to her and generous with his compliments.

"But Myron," she said scathingly, "gives me a peck on the cheek when he comes home—if he doesn't forget. As for my housekeeping and cooking and caring for the baby, he just takes them for granted!"

Here is a real problem. I am sure that you will be interested to know how it was solved. This is a study course that you can really make live! Is there a Christian doctor in your town? If so I'm sure that he is very busy, but perhaps he could be persuaded to teach this course for you. If he could not teach the course, maybe he could just speak to your Woman's Auxiliary briefly some night and answer any questions you may have. It's worth a try. I shall be interested to know how some of you conduct this course. It is certain a very needed one.

Our Programs for Third Quarter

INTRODUCING OUR WRITERS



SUE AYCOCK, writer of the July program, *"Today's Woman in Brazil,"* is well qualified. She and her husband, Bobby, have served as missionaries in Brazil since 1960. She is the mother of three children.



ROSIE CRISHER, author of the August program, *"Missions In Mexico,"* is receptionist-secretary in the national home missions and church extension office, Nashville, Tennessee. She attended Free Will Baptist Bible College.



J. REFORD WILSON, general director of Free Will Baptist foreign missions, took time from a busy schedule to prepare our stewardship emphasis for September. The program, entitled "... *Except They Be Sent,*" deals with sending forth missionaries.



JOAN WARREN, East Wenatchee, Washington, is the author of all Circle Programs this year. This quarter's subjects include: "Aspirations of a True Christian," "Now is the Time," and "Underneath Are the Everlasting Arms."

Dear Co-Laborers:

As plans near completion for WNAC's 34th annual session we are anticipating, and praying for, our greatest convention.

You will not want to miss the message of our convention speaker, the Rev. G. Christian Weiss, director of missions, *Back to the Bible Broadcast*—nor of our beloved missionary to India, Mrs. Trula Cronk, who will address the Fellowship Dinner on Monday evening, July 15.

All WNAC activities—including the Fellowship Dinner, the executive committee meeting and the meeting with state presidents and field workers, the convention on Tuesday, and the display booth featuring numerous new materials, will be in the Sheraton Hotel. Only the night services will be moved to the Auditorium. Please note convention announcements on pages 2, 3, 5, and 33.

The month of August is WNAC Emphasis Month. Attractive packets of materials have been sent without charge to each auxiliary on the *Co-Laborer* mailing list to assist you in planning for this event. If you fail to receive your packet please write us.

In *September*, added emphasis is placed on stewardship and the needs of our Memorial Student Loan Fund. Students of Free Will Baptist Bible College are appreciative of your gifts and are depending upon your generosity.

Please join us in earnest prayer for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our efforts as we labor together in His Kingdom work.



Oles Currell

Executive Secretary

Today's Woman in Brazil

By SUE AYCOCK

Song: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"

Scripture: Mark 5:24-34

Pray for the Brazilian Bible Institute, students, faculty

Sparks for your Programs, page 34

BRAZIL, GREAT AND VAST!
Brazil, beautiful and promising! Brazil, at the cross-roads with the opportunity of being one of the leading powers among the nations! This is the country that serves as a cradle for the Brazilian woman, as a mother with open arms to take her in, as the one who feeds her and as an inspiration for a better life. Brazil is also the land that gives her the liberty to hear of the one who says, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole."

Today's woman in Brazil as any woman plays an important role in the life of her country, in the home, the church and the business world. She faces many changes daily and looks into the future blindly. However wonderful progress may be, her life is full of uncertainty and doubt.

As today's program is presented we will better understand the restlessness of her soul and her need of a touch of Christ's garment.

THE BRAZILIAN WOMAN

Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, North American, European, Japanese or Indian—either could be her ancestry, however she is Brazilian. But what is she like?

She loves bright colors and designs. She usually chooses very practical clothes. Her dress length and styles are very much the same as the American woman in most parts of Brazil. However in the northeastern state of Bahia, the women often wear a wide, starched skirt, turban, shawl and many gay bracelets and necklaces.

The Brazilian woman is very hospitable and likes for her visitors to act very much at home. Very few visitors go away without first having a small cup of hot, sweet coffee. Her love for people and having them in her home is seen in that she spends sometimes days preparing sweets and other foods for her children's birthday parties, weddings, graduations or other festive occasions.

For Brazilian women enjoy a happy marriage. Marriage seems to be more or less by contract rather than love. When the couple starts dating they think almost immediately of marriage. So the young man begins to put limits on the things she can do or can't do. They usually marry only when she has her trousseau completed and he has furnished the house. Her husband may be among the few faithful ones. If not, she seems to accustom to his going out at night with another woman or staying out late at the bar to talk with the fellows and have a drink or two.

The rearing of their children is left primarily to her since the father isn't at home much. In these circumstances she places her affection in her children and many times fails to correct them before they become teenagers. Then she finds it only causes rebellion.

Almost without doubt she is Catholic. She may be a practicing Catholic or only one in name. Regardless of the case she makes sure her children are baptized into the church.

THE UPPER CLASS

The life of today's woman in the upper class is quite easy and enjoyable—full of pomp and prestige. Usually she has much help in her beautiful home leaving her free to travel or work at her hobbies, which are various many times.

Her husband may be the owner of some large factory, large plantation or other properties, or some thriving business. Many doctors and lawyers are part of this class. They own their home and many have an apartment in a large city or a seaside cottage.

They usually are a part of the clubs and society meetings in town. Some choose not to limit themselves to their hometown but spend three or four days each week in larger cities attending the society groups. Others choose a little simpler life at home with their families. The families of the upper class are generally smaller than the other two classes of society.

THE MIDDLE CLASS

This group is rapidly increasing because of more educational and industrial opportunities. The middle class woman is quickly taking her place in society. She in some cases has finished high school. Perhaps she has pursued higher studies to be a school teacher, or hold some other public job. Her husband may be a small business owner, doctor, lawyer, accountant, engineer, school teacher or office worker. They are dissatisfied with their financial status therefore are always striving to earn more and raise their standard of living in the eyes of the public.

Most of her clothes are made by seamstresses, she spends much time at the beauty salon, has help for cleaning the house or for baby-sitting while she works or just because she can afford it. Her children are educated in state schools or private schools (day or boarding). In recent years she has learned to drive the family car.

THE WORKING CLASS

This class includes most Brazilian women. Her home may be located on a

farm or in the suburbs of a city and made of woven branches and plastered with mud. Perhaps it is a small boat-house on the mouth of the Amazon River in northeastern Brazil. Or it may be a hut of thatched palm leaves built on stilts among her other Indian neighbors. Or yet she may live with her large family in a small two or three room house built of brick and mortar covered with stucco, inside a city. In some cases as many as five to six children with their parents sleep in one bedroom.

She perhaps has never attended school. She may have learned to read. If she lives in town her husband may work at any one of several low paying jobs. He even may work on a large coffee or sugar cane plantation, going out in a large truck early in the mornings. She usually boils the dry beans on the wood stove during the night, rising early to cook the rice for him to take in his small pot for lunch.

When her children finish the four-year elementary course of study in a public school, they must each find work to help support the family. The boys often work with their dads in the field or work as an apprentice to learn a trade. The girls find work as nursemaids or servants in some home. Some factories like to hire minors in order to pay half minimum salary. Each child in turn will give what he or she earns to the father. The mother may take in sewing or washings—work that she can do at home while she watches the small children.

She lives in frustration not knowing whether or not they will meet all the bills at the first of the month. Many are her sufferings but what an inward peace she would have if she could touch Jesus' garment.

The woman's life in each class of Brazilian society is different but the spiritual need is the same. Deep in her heart there is an emptiness that can be filled only by Christ.

Missions in Mexico

By ROSIE CRISHER

Song: "So Send I You"

Scripture: Matthew 9:36-38

Pray for the *Institute of Gold*, students and faculty

Sparks for your Programs, page 34

WHAT DOES THE WORD "Mexico" suggest to you? Do you think of gay fiestas, men in large sombreros and bright colored serapes, barefoot children, and women in pretty colored dresses? Or perhaps you are reminded of tortillas, tamales, and frijoles. All these things are a part of the land of Mexico. However, the gaiety of fiestas does not bring peace to the Mexican's heart nor do the tamales and frijoles satisfy the hunger of his soul.

ABOUT THE COUNTRY

The Latin-American republic of Mexico lies on the southwest border of the United States. It is a little more than one-fifth as large as the United States and has about one-fourth as many people.

The ruins of ancient pyramids, temples, and houses are reminders of the days when the Aztec, Mayan, and other great Indian civilizations flourished in Mexico. The country was named for Mexitli, the Aztec god of war. Spanish-style churches and public buildings recall the days when Spaniards conquered the country.

Mexico freed itself from Spanish rule in 1821. After that, wars and revolutions occurred frequently for almost a hundred years.

THE PEOPLE

Most Mexicans have both Indian and Spanish ancestors. About 75 of every 100 persons are mixed white and Indian

and about 15 of every 100 are pure Indians. About 10 of every 100 Mexicans are white people of Spanish descent. Spanish is the official language of Mexico and is spoken by the majority of the people.

Over one-half of the people live in small farm villages and country towns. The rest live in busy modern cities that are much like those of the United States and Canada. Most Mexicans are farmers, however, Mexico produces more silver than any other country.

Mexicans are a courteous and friendly people. They like foods highly seasoned with chili and other types of pepper. People in the farm areas eat a great deal of maize or Indian corn. The chief corn meal dish is the tortilla, a flat pancake shaped by hand and cooked on an ungreased griddle. Frijoles (boiled beans) are also a favorite food.

The Mexicans who live in the larger towns and cities wear clothing similar to that worn in the United States and Canada. People in rural areas dress more primitively. The rural men generally wear cotton shirts and trousers, sombreros (wide-brimmed hats), and leather sandals. Village men often wrap themselves in serapes (blankets) during cold or rainy weather.

The usual dress of many of the women is a blouse and a long, full skirt, and they usually go barefoot. Some of them cover their heads with shawls.

Mexican women, like women in most Latin-American countries, generally have few activities outside the home. Many city women, however, hold jobs outside the home. Women in farm areas often help cultivate the fields. Mexican girls, like their mothers, do not enjoy as much

freedom as girls in the United States, but take part in group activities.

RELIGION

The chief recreation of most Mexicans is the fiesta, or festival. Every city, town, and village, holds an annual fiesta to honor its patron saint. The fiesta combines religious worship, trade, fireworks, art, and funmaking.

During a village fiesta, colored tissue paper and flowers decorate the church where the people pray and burn candles to honor their saint. The people eat, drink, dance, gamble, hold parades, and watch cockfights and amateur bullfights. At night fireworks are exploded.

About 90 of every 100 Mexicans are Roman Catholics, and there are over 36,000,000 people in Mexico.

The Virgin of Guadalupe is Mexico's patron saint. Roman Catholics believe the Virgin appeared to a humble Indian, named Juan Diego, in December 1531. They believe that she spoke to him and told him to tell the bishop to build a shrine in her honor. He asked that she give him a sign to prove to the bishop that she had spoken to him. The Virgin (so they believe) caused a picture of herself to appear on Juan Diego's cloak. He showed this to the bishop who ordered a shrine built to the Virgin of Guadalupe and the cloak placed in it. Every year, on December 12, the Mexicans hold their most important religious fiesta in and around the shrine.

OUR WORK

Because Roman Catholicism is the predominant religion of Mexico, most of the people are in spiritual darkness. These people pray and burn candles to their patron saints trying to find relief from their burden of sin and guilt and to have peace and joy in their hearts.

What are we as Free Will Baptists doing to bring the gospel to our Mexican neighbors? Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Billows saw the challenge of 36,000,000 souls who needed Jesus as

personal Saviour and went to Monterrey, Mexico, to begin a Free Will Baptist ministry. In 1958 the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monterrey, Mexico, was organized.

Since Reverend and Mrs. Billows did not have anyone to help them with their work, they saw the need to train their converts. Therefore, they began the Bible Institute (Institute of Gold) where they teach the native Christians the Bible and other subjects that they may become effective witnesses to their own people.

Today the Bible Institute is a vital part of the ministry in Mexico. Many of the young men who have attended the Institute are now preachers and pastors. Some are teaching in the Institute.

The young girls who attend the Institute become pastors' wives, teachers, and workers in Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

The Lord has greatly used Reverend and Mrs. Billows in Mexico. They have seen many souls won to Christ and new missions begun. They have seen their work grow from year to year and more students attend the Bible Institute.

Even though the Billowses have done a wonderful job in Mexico and many souls have come to know the Lord as personal Saviour because of their love and concern, they can not do the job alone. They have barely scratched the surface when you think in terms of 36,000,000 people.

Reverend and Mrs. Harvey Aguirre are in language study preparing to go back to Mexico as missionaries, but there is a need for more workers. The challenge is great. The need is tremendous. Pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into the field of Mexico. Maybe you can not go, but you can pray and help send someone else.

Is it nothing to you that in darkness of sin are the many who grope for the light? Is there so much to do that we can not bring in the wanderer from out of the night?

—Keith Whitford

"...Except They be Sent"

By J. REFORD WILSON

Song: "So Send I You"

Call to Prayer: Romans 10:13-15

Pray for deficit missionary accounts;
the success of Project 5000

Sparks for your programs, page 34

SENT BY THE SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT is the Divine Strategist of Missions. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to "send forth" workers in answer to prayer (Matthew 9:38). There must be a spiritual and educational process in our churches and institutions of learning which allows the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He chooses men and methods to continue the work Jesus began in His earthly ministry.

Jesus said, "I will build my church." This process is seen as Jesus selects the twelve apostles. It is seen as the early disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit boldly give witness in Jerusalem. It is seen as the early church from their number choose seven deacons. Stephen and Philip, both deacons, became famous for their missionary zeal (Acts 6:8-10, 54-60; 8:26-31,35).

It is seen as the church at Antioch, directed by the Holy Spirit, separated Barnabas and Saul for their ministries (Acts 13:1-3). The evangelization of the world was not the task of just these missionaries. The church got to Rome before Paul. There was a spontaneous expansion of the church!

The spiritual life of the church can be measured by its missionary achievements—are souls being saved? are members witnessing? are missionaries being sent forth?

SENT BY THE CHURCH

"God has commanded Free Will Baptist congregations in America to

herald forth the message of redemption to all men. And along with every command is the fully commensurate promise of fulfillment.

Was God really serious when He instructed His followers to take the gospel to all men? Will He really build His church among every tribe and nation? Is he able to meet every need along the way in completion of the task? In other words, is He really *with us*?

These are the foundational questions upon which the entire missionary ministry is based. And to be a vital part of God's redemptive process for the human family, every participant must be grounded in simple, childlike faith that God can and will build His church . . . through faithful men . . . anointed by His Spirit . . . operating on resurrection power. . . . His power

Financial matters, in most cases, provide the greatest tests of faith that the servant of God is called upon to experience. It is one thing to look to a denomination for support, but quite another thing to look to God for support through a denomination. Only God is able to provide even beyond that which we ask for or even think possible. The limiting factor? Our faith.

Together, the board, home staff, and missionary look to the Lord for His provision of funds necessary to meet annual budgets. It is a relationship of faith in which each member must have an abiding trust in the Lord, or corporate spiritual power is affected. With such abiding faith, each member of the missionary team obligates himself to continual, daily, fervent prayer that God will glorify Himself as material and spiritual needs are faithfully met.

The sending obligation of the local church in world evangelism is not always

accepted. Often it is passed to those who are willing to be sent. This is revealed in such expressions to the missionary as, "What *you* are doing is really a good thing." The transferal of responsibility has been subtle, but it is there. What a difference it is when the church at home is so concerned over its biblical obligation that young people are challenged from birth to go forth with the message, that it becomes "what *we* are doing," the local believer heart in heart with the missionary.

Also, the send responsibility often is transferred to the board of foreign missions. The missionary ministry is sometimes erroneously referred to as "the board's business." Pastors can be heard saying, "I'm going to see if I can't get my people to help *you fellows* in your program." Such commonly heard thoughts belie the fact that the local congregation and its pastor often seek to relegate vicariously to others the Lord's direct command.

"... EXCEPT THEY BE SENT"

What are the financial needs of a missionary family? The needs will vary according to the country, size of family and field ministries. This variation is from \$650 per month to \$1150. This support includes basic salary allowances, living benefits, supporting ministries and capital improvements.

We start with personal allowances which vary from \$175 to \$210 per couple. The difference is due to cost of living and the purchasing power of the dollar. Additional allowances are made for each missionary child. For those up to six years old, 20 per cent of adult allowance is provided; 6-11 years, 30 per cent; 12-18, 40 per cent. Children away from home in boarding school require an allowance of \$50 per month. This amount is also provided for missionary children attending an approved college.

Added to this is a long list of living benefits—housing and utilities which varies from \$35 to \$180 per month; travel cost on field, varying from \$40 to \$75 per month due to extent of vehicle use; medical allowance averaging \$25 per month; social security; tuition for children's education varying from \$125 to \$575 annually; small vacation allowance equalling one half of one month's basic allowance.

In addition to these costs the following are provided: travel to and from his field; freight and customs; language study; an automobile; furniture and appliances; equipment including typewriter, camera, recorder and projectors.

Funds must also be secured for supporting ministries such as educational, medical and communication ministries. Subsidies to national workers figure in here, too, along with other expenses of the missionary's ministry including administrative and promotional costs.

We are hoping that "Project 5000" can provide monies for capital improvements. This would include the building of missionary residences, Bible Institute, medical buildings and church building loan funds. When all of the allowances and costs are averaged and prorated, the amounts of \$650-\$1150 per month per missionary family can be understood.

A cost and support form is prepared annually. The director of deputation is responsible for keeping an up-to-date accounting of commitments of support for each missionary. Scheduling of departures to the field is made by the general director on the basis of these reports.

"*Except they be sent*" is not a matter of how many missionaries are sent and how much money is given. It is, however, a matter of spiritual fervor and compassion for two billion souls who have never adequately heard the message of salvation. For every Free Will Baptist, Holy Spirit has a place of service in world evangelization. What is your place?



Circle Programs

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

By Joan Warren

July / Aspiration of a True Christian

Song: "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Scripture: Phil. 3:7-15

That I May Know Him

JESUS urged His followers to "take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." We Christians think many times that we know Christ, for we have received Him as Personal Saviour. Paul had been a Christian many, many years. He was a prisoner nearing his death when he wrote these words. Yet he aspired to *know Christ*. We need to know Him, too—not simply as the Redeemer who purchased our salvation, but as the friend that sticks closer than a brother; as the strength which enables us to do all things; as the deliverer in times of trouble; as the victor who makes us more than conquerors over tribulation, distress, persecution, etc.

To know someone involves a learning of characteristics, an intimacy, a fellowship. To know Christ brings about a greater involvement in His mission. As we learn more of Christ, we can testify of the greater sweetness each day with Him brings.

And the Power of His Resurrection

Paul aspired to a deeper knowledge of Christ, and also a greater understanding of the power of His resurrection. The raising of Christ from the dead established his power and authority over death. Because of this power, he has the ability to raise us up to live and walk in heavenly places, and we have the hope of the attainment of our own resurrection from the dead.

We cannot fully comprehend the extensive meaning of the resurrection of Christ. Paul could not, yet he yearns for the fullest measure of his capacity of knowledge; perfect experimental acquaintance with the power of His resurrection, through perfect fellowship with Him.

We do know that because Christ rose from the dead, we have the power to live the Christian life and we have the blessed promise that because He lives, we shall one day live with Him.

And the Fellowship of His Suffering

Paul went even farther than most of us wish to go in his aspirations, he wished to have full knowledge—an experiential knowledge—of the suffering of Christ. This is the area of the Christian life that Peter feared. He wanted to know Christ, but did not want the complete involvement of suffering with him in his ignominy. He even said, “I do not know him.”

Suffering with someone brings a closer fellowship, even, than laboring with them. It is said that as Handel was setting to music the great song of the Messiah a friend came in to find him weeping over the words “He was despised.” Do we realize the depth of suffering Christ reached to purchase our salvation?

Being Made Conformable Unto His Death

Paul had much to say about being crucified with Christ; dead to sin; dead with Christ. His highest ambition was to be like Christ, totally identified with Him, even unto His likeness in death in the hope of a likeness with Him in His resurrection (both moral and bodily).

Paul did not feel that he had attained this perfect identification, but he pressed on to lay hold of or grasp the heavenly prize. He has reached it now.

May we be “thus minded” to know Christ and His full power and authority; to live for Him in the expectant hope of winning the heavenly prize!

August / Now Is The Time

Song: “O Zion, Haste”

Scripture: 2 Cor. 6:1,2

Now is a word familiar to us. Usually we apply it to living and enjoying the present, taking each day as we find it. Occasionally we are reminded of the urgency of *now* as we are called upon in a specific crisis either militarily or politically. The aim of this lesson is to show us the urgency of the *now* in our spiritual life.

For Salvation

In Paul’s letter to the Corinthians he listed some of the marks of a faithful Christian ministry. The Christians at Corinth were reminded that they had

received the grace of God in this “acceptable” time provided by God. Yet he points out with a sense of urgency that “now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation.”

It has been many years now since this day of salvation was ushered in through the atoning death of Jesus Christ. But the day is fast coming to a close. The curtain of time is fast drawing shut, then what is now present will be past and gone forever. The time to be saved is *now*, tomorrow may be too late. Solomon warns us to “boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

For Surrender

Now as never before we need men and women, boys and girls who live the surrendered life. In Galatians 5:24, Paul states, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Paul beseeched the Roman Christians to "present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . unto God, which is your reasonable service." The church of today boasts of its accomplishments in providing entertainment and other things to hold the interest of the people. But where are the transformed lives? the Pauls of yesteryear who cry "I am crucified with Christ, and the life that I live by the faith of the Son of God"? Is it any wonder that denominations across our nation are seeking leaders to stand behind their pulpits? We need Sunday School teachers, mothers and dads, lay leaders in our churches to challenge the children in our midst to live a consecrated, dedicated life unto the Lord. Only as they have been prepared will they be able to render unquestioning service to God. The cry remains, "whom shall I send and who will go for me." Only those who understand the meaning

of the surrendered life will answer, "here am I, send me."

For Sharing

A graphic example of the "now time" for sharing the Gospel is given in chapter 4 of John's gospel. Jesus had just shared the good news of salvation with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, and He had a lesson to teach the disciples about sharing the gospel.

In verse 35 Jesus said, "Say not ye, 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." As the day of Christ's return draws nigh, door after door is being shut to the Gospel. Dare we procrastinate with the Good News of Salvation? The fields are waiting now, the harvest to be reaped or eternally lost; tomorrow may be too late.

Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time for Christians to move forward with the good tidings for those who do not know Christ. Education is not enough. Religion is not even enough. Only Christ can save. May we use the "now" which God has given us to proclaim Him to all the world.

September / Underneath The Everlasting Arms

Song: "God Will Take Care of You"

Scripture: Deut. 33:26-29

WE LIVE in a time of trial and testing, and a time of fast living. Ulcers are common to many people and heart disease is prevalent across the na-

tion. These are "worry signs" and indicate tension and insecurity. We as Christians are not immune to these dis-

eases of anxiety. But let us consider God's words of comfort to us.

None Like Him

Since the beginning of time some men have not been satisfied with the Almighty. He who stated, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" has seen His people turn again and again to idols of wood and stone, or materialism, or even self-worship. But there is no other God. His majesty is without parallel, His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, His love is infinite—without measure. Moses could testify of this because God had proved Himself time and time again as wayward, rebellious Israel wandered complainingly in the wilderness, kept out of Canaan through lack of faith in the God who had led her out of bondage. Moses had seen the rock give forth water; he had seen the manna provided; he had seen God stay His anger at these wayward people. So he could speak with authority in these, his last words to the people he had led for so many years that "there is none like unto the God of Jeshurun."

Have we proved Him?

The Everlasting Arms

How many times have we been at "wit's end corner" or feel that we have failed miserably in some aspect of our Christian life? We let go, thinking to fall hopelessly—and find that we are lifted up again. For the Word tells us, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." These

arms never relax their embrace, never grow weary but always bear up the weakest child who trusts them. These arms "thrust out the enemy" giving us strength to overcome the principalities and powers which hinder, and they give us confidence and security.

How thankful we should be for the refuge of God's everlasting arms!

God's Provision

God never forgets nor forsakes. Although He could see the ungrateful Israelites falter and turn aside from Him down through the ages, yet He promised "the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew."

God still provides well for His people. We are promised that all our needs will be supplied for His abundant storehouse. The streams of mercy never falter, the products of earth are at our disposal, the blessings of heaven are available. The same God who notes the sparrow's fall also knows our many needs. His wealth is abundant and unexcelled. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and he alone knows the full resources which our earth contains.

God promises to supply our needs, but not to gratify our wishes or whims. The supply we receive is not according to what we deserve, but according to the riches of His glory. He has provided for our salvation and sent the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort. Surely we can say with Isaiah, "O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." (Isaiah 25:1)

OUR READERS WRITE US
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FROM TEXAS

We hope the missionary family who receives the dinnerware and stainless steel set will enjoy it. Our prayers are that the Lord will truly bless them in their work.

We enjoyed our *Co-Laborer* book program *Challenge of Metropolitan Missions* and each of the lessons.

*Mrs. Marie Bassham
Fort Worth, Texas*

I had intended to write you and thank you for the excellent *Co-Laborer* for first quarter, but after getting our new ones last night at auxiliary I decided I must tell you what a blessing the recent issues of *Co-Laborer* have been to me. I especially appreciated the articles by Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Miley.

We are enjoying our new work here in East Texas. Of course we miss the work at the children's Home and our many friends in Tennessee, but the Lord is rewarding our efforts.

We have several older ladies in our congregation who are unable to attend auxiliary so each month we are meeting in their homes. There is a renewed interest in our group, and we are growing both in numbers and in our Christian experience.

*Mrs. Harold Teague
Henderson, Texas*

On behalf of our auxiliary (First Free Will Baptist Church) I want to thank the writers of the programs of the first quarter of *Co-Laborer*. We have enjoyed all the programs. We had our March program last night. It was so inspiring to all of us that it really made us examine our lives as soul winners. Thank you, Mrs. Hatcher for making us realize that we have to throw away our cushions and take up our cross before we can really win souls for Christ.

We as *Co-Laborers* pray that God will continue to bless the women who write the programs each quarter.

*Mrs. E. M. Lewis
Bryan, Texas*

We at Faith had our Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Program Wednesday night before Thanksgiving and it was an interesting program. We had "Thanks" service and basket lunch together today (22nd). Service people away from home wanted the fellowship, and it was good for us all.

*Mrs. Asa Berry
San Antonio, Texas*

Our auxiliary has enjoyed a marvelous growth this past year and our meetings have really been a blessing, thanks to the material in our *Co-Laborer* books . . . We do appreciate the suggestions you print concerning various projects. We sent sheets to Miami, we are sending our old Christmas cards to India, saving trading stamps to get sheets for the missionary provision closet and are once again sending plastic medicine bottles to Dr. Miley.

At Christmas we had a party at the home of one of our members, Jewel Gregory, who lives in Conroe. Our special guest was Mrs. Ava Hellard from North Zulch. As you may know, the Hellards pastored our church for 10 years.

*Mrs. Peggy Ferguson
Houston, Texas*

FROM VIRGINIA

We enjoy *Co-Laborer* very much and pray that God will continue to bless you and your staff.

*Mrs. Sylvia Prosser
Arlington, Virginia*



July Fourth

Let Freedom Ring!

in WA

Do You Want ...

FREEDOM FROM MONOTONY—the same old programs in the same old way? (Reading parts, no interest centers, etc.)

FREEDOM FROM IDLENESS—"just doing nothing" it seems like?

FREEDOM FROM SELF-CENTEREDNESS—"thinking about me all the time"?

FREEDOM FROM SELFISHNESS—"What's mine is mine—and that's it"?

FREEDOM FROM BOREDOM—the everyday grind—"same song, second verse"?

FREEDOM FROM THAT SAME OLE RUT—get in a new groove instead?

FREEDOM FROM ANXIETY—"With a worry, worry here . . . and a worry, worry there. . .?"

FREEDOM FROM HALF-HEARTEDNESS—"I don't care what we do—just so we have the meeting and get through with it"?

Then Why Not ...

HAVE a special emphasis on community missions—an activity with everyone in on it?

TAKE A LOOK at personal stewardship—not just time, talents, and money—but "First they gave their own selves"?

WORK UP programs in advance—and follow up on the plans!

CHECK your personal devotional life—your prayer life? "Come unto me," the Master said. Have you?

PUBLICIZE your activities? Draw new folks with new ideas. New faces and a new day!

PLAN a crackajack social? Make it an outdoor event. Be sure to invite your prospects and long-absent members.

SEE ABOUT your mission study pulse? Get the outward look—and the upward look—as you study about others and their needs.

SHOW some enthusiasm in your own attitudes. It's contagious, you know.

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FROM WEST VIRGINIA

I want to ask permission from you to reprint some of the articles in the *Co-Laborer* in the West Virginia Free Will Baptist paper. I especially think it would be very informative to women in our state, and may be of help to our Auxiliary. A lot of women have asked me the question, "What is the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary?" I can tell

these who ask but the paper could reach so many more . . . The first quarter, 1968 programs are very good and there are so few of our women who use the *Co-Laborer* in West Virginia that I thought these three lessons would be so good to reprint in the state paper.

Mrs. E. M. Albert
Beckley, West Virginia

Dissecting a Sheet

(or How to Roll a Bandage)

By LORENE MILEY

LAST week as I changed bed linen, I discovered a mattress with a thread-worn sheet, two tiny holes penetrating the fiber broken fabric. "Oh goody," I exclaimed, "I didn't know we had a sheet so nearly worn out."

Now, by nature, I'm not such an extravagant soul. I select good quality percale sheets, rotate them weekly and hang them by the seams to insure a longer life for this household necessity. But at this particular time we had a greater need for a worn out sheet than a new one.

You see, we were out of bandages again at the clinic. I say "again" because our supply has been low or completely depleted since our return from furlough. we've received packages from time to time, but when one dresses 30 to 60 sores daily, yards and yards of bandages are needed. Although we are grateful for each bandage received, the majority of them have to be completely redone to be useable. I can understand; you have never seen the like of which we dress each day, so how can you know what kind of bandage we need?

Ninety-nine percent of our sores are below the knee and over half of them are children. These oozing ulcers range from dime size to areas three to four inches in diameter. After cleaning and medicating them, we pad them and wrap them with the sheet bandage.

This week when you change your linens, notice carefully if you have a threadworn sheet. Maybe you'd like to follow these simple directions in the fine art of dissecting that sheet:

1. **RIP** loose the two hems on a clean, worn-out sheet.

2. **MEASURE** longways using a ruler and pencil. Mark off four sections about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart, twelve about 2 inches

and all the rest of the sheet about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

3. **TEAR.** Snip with scissors on each pencil mark and rip, keeping the three sizes together. You'll have a lot of ravelings, but don't worry with these until you reach the rolling process.

4. **SEW** the strips together, preferably on a sewing machine with a zigzag setting. Four strips together makes a nice size roll. These continuous rolls are important. It's somewhat frustrating to be in the midst of a figure 8 bandage and pfft! the bandage just quit.

5. **ROLL.** Remove the loose threads as you go. With a strip end between your two forefingers and thumbs, begin to roll the strip toward you. After a dozen or so turns, place the roll in your left hand and continue turning. Guide the cloth with your right hand, giving a gentle tug with each turn. This insures a nice tight bandage. If rolled too loosely, the first time you use it the roll suddenly becomes a cone shaped spiral.

6. **FASTEN** down that end. If not, we may have to reroll every one. A small piece of cellophane tape works better than anything we've seen yet.

7. **ARRANGE** in packages not exceeding two pounds and send Small Package. *Make certain the postman puts on a green label instead of the yellow one for Parcel Post.*

That clean white bandage is a trademark of our clinic. I wish you who have sent bandages could go with us into the various villages and see the sprinkling here and there of those who had come for treatment, that white (or gray by now) telltale band shockingly contrasted against the black skin. They all know these bandages come from Christians in America who care enough to send them that others might have.



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SPARKS

for your programs

JULY / Today's Woman In Brazil

A display of souvenirs, maps, travel posters, flags, and other items depicting life in this South American country will add interest to your program.

Order free leaflet (please send postage), "Meet Your Missionaries to Brazil," from the Foreign Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

You may wish to book the filmstrip, "The Awakening Giant," from the Audio-Visual Division, Foreign Missions Department. This 22 minute color film, with recorded sound, shows what Free Will Baptist missionaries are doing in South America's largest country. Available on a free will offering basis.

AUGUST / Missions In Mexico

Order free material, "A Special Report from Mexico," and prayer cards of missionaries in Mexico, from the Home Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Please in-close postage.

Materials are plentiful for a colorful interest center—baskets, gourds, piñantas, sombreros, figurines, maps, and pictures.

Quiz on Latin America

1. Brazil is the world's greatest producer of this product. (Coffee.)
2. Tropical fruit that grows upside down from Mexico to Paraguay. (Bananas.)
3. Havana sends this product with her name all over the world. (Cigars.)
4. A fruit that's hard to crack. (cocoanuts.)
5. Called "Panama" but usually made in Ecuador. (Hats.)

SEPTEMBER / Except They Be Sent

Write the Foreign Missions Department for free leaflet, *Project 5000* and assign to someone for discussion.

Order skit, "Let Your Future Count for Jesus," (10¢) from WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, and present it.

A cheerful note with which to close the program is group singing of "The More We Give to Missions"

(tune—"The More We Get Together")
The more we give to missions,
To missions, to missions,
The more we give to missions
The happier we'll be.
For your work is my work
And our work is God's work,
The more we give to missions
The happier we'll be.



TEACHER'S GUIDE, MANUAL

Written by WNAC's president, Mrs. Georgia Hill, to assist you in teaching the Woman's Auxiliary Manual.

\$1.00

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This attractive flip chart will serve as an aid to the study of the Manual.

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Clever bulletin board posters (8½ x 11 inches) will publicize your monthly Auxiliary meetings. Designed by Zetta Rose national assistant recording secretary.

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Written by our national vice president, Mrs. Betty Hill, this folder was designed to aid in securing new members for your Auxiliary.

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To invite Woman's Auxiliary members and prospects to various meetings. Has space for time and place. Size 3½ x 5½ inches.

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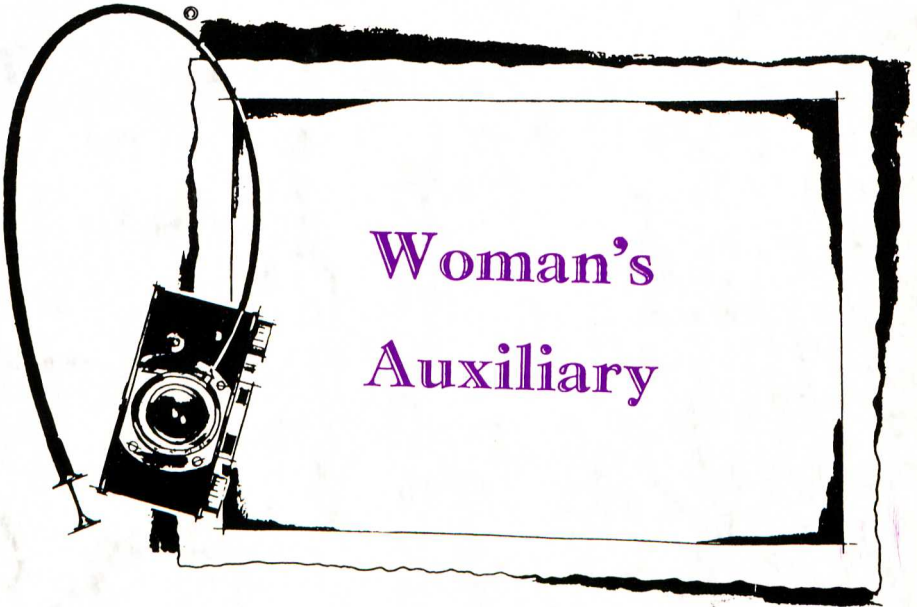
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Visiting the Sick and Sorrowful, and Guide for presentation. This filmstrip tells how to visit and minister to the sick and the bereaved. May be used in a visitation study.

Free will offering basis.

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AUGUST IS EMPHASIS MONTH

- * FREE PROGRAM KITS
- * PLAN NOW WITH YOUR PASTOR FOR
A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DAY
- * CREATE NEW INTEREST IN MISSIONS
- * WNAC IS DEPENDING ON YOU