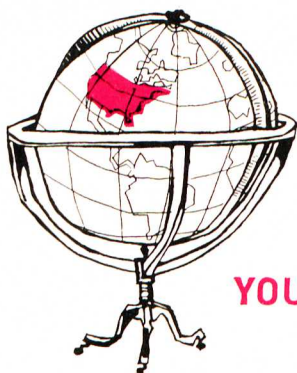


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YOU ARE HOME MISSIONS

"You can be a missionary!" At least that is what the mission magazines and our pastors tell us. But how? What can I do?

As overworked as those two questions may be, they are good questions. How can you be a missionary where you are now? Let's begin to answer that question with another question:

Have you ever been really lonely? Have you ever felt that nobody cared about you? Of course there have been times when you have been a little lonely. But not for long.

Now think about those people around you who live in rest homes, are in hospitals, shut-ins; people who speak another language; people who need love from a friend. You can visit them. You can work in the extension department of your church. You can become a friend to those who apparently have few friends. Ask your pastor to help you get started.

If you are in high school or college, does your school offer French, Spanish, or other languages? If so, study at least one language other than English. And use it. If you are working, there may be the possibility of night school. If there are deaf people around you—and you can find them in most places—learn to talk with them in their language. That won't be as difficult as you may think. They will be happy to teach you; then you can become an interpreter for them.

Don't expect missions where you are always to be thrilling and glamorous. It may be, but that isn't a good reason for doing it. You can expect hard work, and sometimes you can expect people to misunderstand you.

The real reason for any kind of Christian mission work is to share God and his love. You can do it!

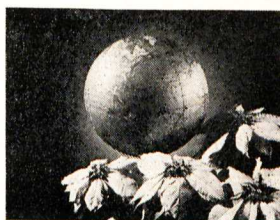
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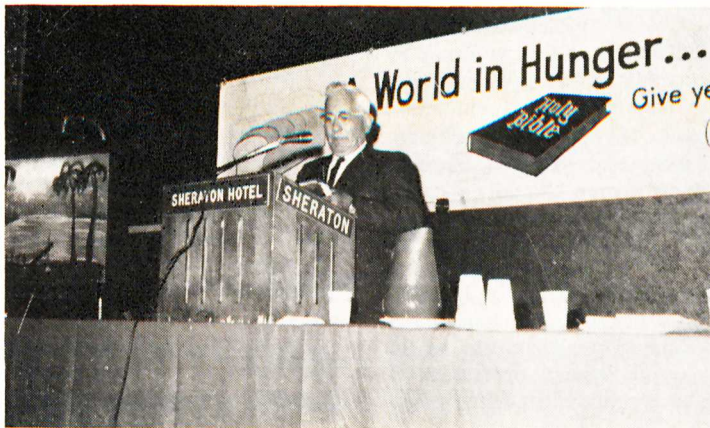


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Convention Highlights







Circle Programs

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

By Joan Warren

October / What God Expects of Me

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Song: "Make Me a Blessing"

Practice What I Preach

PAUL ASKED the church at Rome to undergo a stiff self-examination that we would do well to apply to ourselves today. He said, "Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?" (Romans 2:21-23.) Our outward walk must be in harmony with our inward profession if our life is to touch others for Christ. It is

not enough simply to know the Christian way, it must be lived.

Many Christians boast of their liberty in Christ, and would not dare to transgress the commandment "thou shalt not steal, or "thou shalt not commit adultery." Yet the same God commands "love thy neighbor as thyself." The very fact that we call ourselves Christians is supposed to mean that we live by a high standard. We reproach the name of God if we do not live up to our profession. How sad it is to hear one say, "don't do as I *do*, do as I *say*," for they do not practice what they preach.

Measure Up to His Standards

How nice it would be if we could measure ourselves by each other—and how often do we do this? God expects us to measure up to His standard, and if we do this, we will not have time to worry about what our Christian brother or sister is up to. In fact, Jesus warned the self-righteous Jews of his day, “why do you bother about the splinter in your brother’s eye when you have a log in your own? Get rid of the log you have—measure up to the standard yourself—then you can more easily see to help another who is at fault.”

We forget sometimes that all of us have the same standard to live by; we prefer to have one standard for our Christian brother and sister and another for ourselves. It is interesting to note that when the woman taken in adultery was brought to Jesus for sentencing, He did not say, “Those of you you have never committed adultery cast the first stone.” He said, “those without sin.” The Bible teaches that if we fail in one point, we are guilty of all, for we have transgressed God’s law.

My Best Effort

God expects our best effort. He gave His best for our salvation, so why do we feel we should get by with less than our best? But many times we are guilty of using different “measuring cups” for our service than for others. “Surely God expects the pastor and his wife to visit the sick, the shut-in, the absentee, etc. I haven’t the opportunity to get out like so and so . . .” Why should we expect more out of other people than we are willing to give ourselves? By these standards, one act of service, performed by us is considered a “dipper full” while the same thing by someone else might be a teaspoonful! Paul said to “present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1).

Abilities differ, but God knows what we can do. He asks no more than our best. Just because we cannot sing like our favorite recording artist does not excuse us from the choir. God expects us to do what we can to the best of our ability. We should determine that though our talents be few, we will use them for the glory of the One who gave them to us.

November / Characteristics of a Thankful Life

Scripture: Psalm 95

Song: “Count Your Blessings”

THIS MONTH we will pause to count our blessings and thank God for that which we enjoy. But Christians should give thanks always for the many benefits and liberties we have through the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us that we are not our own, we have been purchased by the blood of Him who died for us. Our life should be an expression of our gratitude.

Contentment

In this materialistic age we see very little contentment. People buy the best

car, the biggest house, the nicest furnishings, and usually want more. It is not wrong to have nice things, but they should not be our formula for contentment.

Godliness with contentment brings great gain, Paul told Timothy. So godliness breeds contentment. The writer of Hebrews said, “Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5). For what more could we ask?

The Apostle Paul said he had learned to be content wherever he happened to be, and he wrote those words from a prison! The by-product of living a thankful life is that soul-satisfied feeling we call contentment, expressed through our lack of complaint and criticism.

Charitableness

Another way of expressing our gratitude is through charitableness. This is love in action, demonstrated through giving liberally of ourselves and our means to those who have a need. The charitable person is liberal in judging others and quick to forgive. That is because the thankful Christian realizes that he did not earn or merit forgiveness. He will not withhold it from another.

One who is charitable will certainly not keep another's fault uppermost in conversation. "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends" (Pr. 17:9). It is not enough that we do not start gossip, we should not pass it on, in fact, we should not even listen.

Christians can be such snobs: seeking positions of importance, people of importance, aids and helps up the success

ladder. But the thankful Christian remembers that God in mercy gave His only Son, and without Him, we are nothing. Therefore, we should be charitable toward others.

Humility

The Bible also teaches that Christians should be humble. Proverbs 16:19 says it is better to be humble with the lowly than to prosper with the proud. The thankful Christian is humble because he realizes the great debt Christ paid at Calvary which he could not pay himself. Our righteousness are as filthy rags, but God has clothed us in the holy garments of salvation.

Humility means that one does not esteem himself better than another. Those who consider themselves least in the kingdom of God might well be on their way to greatness, for Jesus taught that the path to greatness has steppingstones of humility and service. The person who strives for greatness must be servant of all. Jesus illustrated this when he washed his disciples' feet.

The thankful Christian demonstrates his humility by serving others, without benefit of fanfare and applause.

December / How to Worship

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-29

Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE SHEPHERDS from the country around Bethlehem and the wise men who came from the East had one thing in common: they worshipped the Christ child. The shepherds had no gift to

bring, while the wise men brought costly offerings. Yet their worship was no less meaningful. What, then, is the criteria for worship?

The Proper Attitude

As we worship in God's house, there is a certain way that we are to worship. The Bible does not say that we must sing one hymn, have one prayer, one choir anthem, etc. These are forms of services which we use for our convenience and in many churches are varied from time to time. But the Bible does say that "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

To worship in spirit means that we are in tune with God. Only the saved can worship thus, for we become spiritual creatures when we receive the new birth. Our minds must be set on spiritual things to worship properly. We do not listen with critical ears ready to pounce on the least little thing to disagree with, but we listen with receptive hearts, ready to allow God's Word to speak to us in exhortation, doctrine, or encouragement.

Gladness should characterize our worship; for we of all people of the earth have the most reason to be happy. Can we truthfully say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

Our Giving

Certainly a part of our worship to God is the giving of our tithes and offerings. In the Book of Malachi we are told to "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10). So the storehouse, or the church, is the proper place for our tithes and offerings. And our giving should be systematic: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Tithing began before the Law was given, and from the beginning of the Law this was God's way of providing for the priesthood. The New Testament plan is no different. The Bible teaches that a minister is worthy of his labor, and the church should provide for his needs. It cannot unless the members tithe.

God says, "trust me, try me, prove me—give me what is rightfully mine—and see if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

The Proper Place

God has always had a special way of doing things, and one of the first things He did when He called Israel out of Egypt was to have them build a place to worship Him; a place that was dedicated to Him and used for His glory. God's people were expected to worship in the tabernacle, later in the temple, still later from house to house, and finally in churches. Yes, worship forms have changed since tabernacle days, but God has not changed. He still expects His people to meet together to worship Him.

The writer of Hebrews tells us that we should "hold fast to the profession of our faith." And one way of doing this is to worship in God's house, for he goes on to say, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). God still expects people to meet together in His house. We should meet "so much the more" as we watch for the Lord's soon return.



Red of holly, swirl of snow,
Scurry of passing feet,
Jumble of people high and low—
This is the Christmas street.
White man, black man, bishop, Jew—
Christ was born for all of you.

Cherished children, a hungry tot,
Sad little face and eye;
Chinaman, Negro, polyglot,
Tramp and tramping by.
Rich man, poor man, beggar man, too—
Christ has died for all of you!

—Josephine P. Montague



MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

By Virginia Van Kluyve, Missions Chairman, WNAC

PUERTO RICO

The Fred McCoys have been authorized by the Home Mission Board to begin a deputation ministry to raise their support as home missionaries. After serving in the pastorate four years, Fred and Billy McCoy gave themselves unreservedly to the Lord and yielded to the missionary call during the mission service at the National Association in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1966. The McCoys request prayer for good health, wisdom while in school and ability to learn the language of the Island.

PANAMA

The Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City is already in its third location this year. The first location was sold; the owner forced the group to move from its second location because of being opposed to its Gospel witness. These moves make it difficult to convince the people that Free Will Baptists are there to establish a permanent witness. Pray for a suitable location and funds with which the local church may build.

The Estenio Garcias returned to Panama in June. Pray for them and the Tom Willeys, Jr. as they represent you in this country.

BRAZIL

John Craft and family have arrived in Sao Paulo to enter language study. They need your prayers as they adjust to a new country.

Of much interest to her friends is the recent marriage of Eula Mae Martin who has served in Brazil as a missionary nurse since January, 1959.

She married Helio Fornel, Italian descent, Brazilian born, on March 28. The wedding was performed by missionary Bobby Poole and took place in the Free Will Baptist church at Ribeirao Preto.

Eula Mae has requested prayer as she begins a new life which she fully feels to be the will of the Lord. She is continuing her Christian witness through teaching English in the Cultura Brazilian-Estados Unidos. She submitted her official letter of resignation to the missions board recently.

INDIA

Missionaries Dan and Trula Cronk, who have already served twenty years in India have just returned after a year's furlough, to begin their fifth term.

Carlisle and Maria Hanna who were scheduled to return to the States in June may be returning in December. Please pray for Carlisle's parents, who are in ill health.

MAINE

The Reverend James Nason has been appointed as a church extension worker to Oronto, Maine. Reverend Nason and his wife, Patricia are members of the Linneus Free Will Baptist Church in Maine. This church has continued for nearly a century, surviving the merger of 1910-11.

Reverend Nason was saved while still in high school. After graduation from high school, he continued his training at Bob Jones University, where he graduated with a B.A. degree in 1965. Since July of 1965, Reverend Nason has pastored at Charlotte, Maine.

The churches of the young North-eastern Association will assume a portion of Reverend Nason's home mission salary. We are trusting that Free Will Baptists in all areas of our denomination will make up the remainder.

STATESIDE

The following missionaries are actively engaged in deputational ministries among our churches: Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, Ivory Coast; Louis and Florine Coscia, Brazil; Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Brazil; Eddie and Sandra Payne, Brazil; Robert and Judy Bryan, appointees to Ivory Coast; Frank and Marie Cousineau, appointees to Ivory Coast. These missionaries and appointees will be scheduled for missionary conferences and special services throughout the denomination. The Aldridges still need \$300.00 in monthly support before they return to the field. The amount still needed for the Coscias stands at \$500.00. Financial needs on other missionaries listed will be forthcoming. For details please call or write Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputation, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. The Foreign Missions Department stands ready to provide these missionaries as special speakers wherever the need arises, and whenever their schedule permits. Each of these missionaries covets your earnest

prayers as they travel and share with our churches the needs of their particular field, and strive to reach the hearts of our people for the cause of world evangelization through our denomination.

MISSOURI



Mark and Louise Vandivort have moved to Columbia, Missouri to begin a Free Will ministry in that city. The Vandivorts are native Missourians. They have a deep-rooted heritage in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Mark's maternal great, great grandfather, Reverend Fleming Scott, born 1819, was among the first generation of Missouri Free Will Baptist ministers. Mark's maternal grandfather, Reverend George W. Scott, was a well known Free Will Baptist minister in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Several members of the Scott family are serving in the ministry and others are serving as influential Free Will Baptist laymen.

Mark grew up in the home of a rural Free Will Baptist pastor, Reverend Herbert Vandivort of Cabool, Missouri. Mark's parental grandfather, William Vandivort, was instrumental in establishing the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Cabool, Missouri.

God has given the Vandivort family a burden for a three-phase ministry: (1) to establish a self-support Free Will Baptist Church; (2) contact all Free Will Baptist students on the University of Missouri campus; (3) seek to evangelize and train in discipleship some of the international students at the University of Missouri. Please remember to pray for the Vandivort family.

WOMEN *in* ACTION!



Mrs. Betty Jane Ross, Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee, has found that posting snapshots of any kind never fails to create interest, so her little camera goes with her to all her "doings." She makes posters using eight or ten pictures and says it is a joyful time when Woman's Auxiliary members gather 'round to see and discuss the events.



Officers of the West Florida District Woman's Auxiliary are, left to right, president, Louise Owen; vice president, Aileen Cochran; secretary-treasurer, Beverly Hartzog; missions chairman, Frankie Matthews; study course chairman, Thelma Wiggins; stewardship-prayer chairman, Barbara Parham. Personal service chairman, Martez Dortch is not pictured.



Members of the Illinois Auxiliary panel, left to right, Don Ezell, Judge Charles E. Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Laur. Second row, left to right, Rev. Leon McBride, and Rev. David Shores. Not shown were Kathy Grubbs and Mr. Charles Morgan.



Officers of the Progressive District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Alabama are Mrs. Martha Crawley, president; Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Willie Justice, and Mrs. James Melton.

Florida District

The West Florida District Woman's Auxiliary held their annual meeting April 6, 1968, at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. Program theme was *The Right to Hope*. Monthly support of the Co-LABORER fund was voted as the district project for another year. An offering of \$31.78 was sent to the Estenio Garcia account. The West Florida District has a membership of 53 and gave \$458.50 directly to missions during the past year.

Missions Study Course

The Fairmount Park Woman's Auxiliary, Norfolk, Virginia, hosted a missions study course in April. Other participating auxiliaries were Bethany, Hyde Park, and Collinswood. Miss Joy Rice was the teacher. Mrs. Gloria Soulsgiver, corresponding secretary, wrote that each heart was challenged. "A list was presented to each lady present telling us to pray for our missionaries and how to write to a lady missionary. Many of our ladies have used this outline to write to a home missionary during May and June which was part of our monthly missions project."



Fifty ladies were present for the missions study course sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fairmount Park, Church of Norfolk, Virginia. Miss Joy Rice was teacher. Other auxiliaries represented were from Bethany, Hyde Park, and Collinswood.

Illinois Convention

The Illinois State Auxiliary Convention convened May 9th at the campground in Benton. Mrs. Ellamae Hiltibidal, president, describes the unique panel which discussed the theme *Youth In This Modern Day*: Don Ezell, minister; Charles E. Jones, circuit judge; Mrs. Dorothy Laur, mother; Rev. Leon McBride, father; Rev. David Shores, pastor; Kathy Grubb, high school student; and Charles Morgan, state welfare worker.

Histories were read of the two oldest auxiliaries in the state and carnations were given members.

The Illinois Convention is grieved to report the loss of their first president Mrs. Emily Malone who died recently. She was lovingly called Granny Malone.

Missions Day

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Wooddale Free Will Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, sponsored the raising of \$1,000 for the Ellison account. The amount raised Easter Sunday (with the cooperation of the Sunday school and CTS classes, and worship hours of the church services) reached \$1,650. Mrs. Nell Burkhalter is Auxiliary president.



OUR READERS WRITE US

FROM ARKANSAS

I enjoy the *Co-Laborer* very much. So much to read and so many good messages and reports on our missionaries.

Mrs. Irl Ruddell
Oil Trough, Arkansas

FROM CALIFORNIA

We enjoy reading and giving the lessons in the *Co-Laborer* very much. We are seeing growth here in our Auxiliary in Concord, for which we praise the Lord. We recently had the pleasure of hearing Sister Cronk speak in our state meeting and in our church too. We are thankful for what our missionaries are doing for the Lord. Thank you for your help.

Mrs. Marguerite Busby
Concord, California

FROM FLORIDA

The Woman's Auxiliary of New Home Church, Cantonment, and Christian Home Church, McDavid, Florida, would like to report the wonderful success of our missionary shower. The shower was given in the dining hall of Christian Home Church with around 35 present. We received sheets, pillow cases, bath towels, hand towels, face cloths, plastic bowls, plastic ice trays, and stamps to be used to purchase sheets for Missionary Provision Closet. We thank God for the privilege and opportunity to help our missionaries if only in a small way. We enjoy every word written in our *Co-Laborer* and all the wonderful information that is given to us.

The'lma Wiggins
McDavid, Florida

FROM GEORGIA

Let me say on behalf of our Auxiliary how much we enjoy reading our *Co-Laborer*. We thank you for making it possible for us to have such a good magazine. We are happy to be sending \$69.16 worth of tupperware to the Provision Closet. We trust the Missionaries will enjoy each piece.

Fay Faison
Colquitt, Georgia

FROM KENTUCKY

Enclosed you will find a check for \$18.00. This is the special Foreign Mission offering taken up at the close of the Pre-Easter week of prayer that the woman's auxiliary conducted. We held the services in homes of our newest Christians. Two of these homes cared for aged ladies. Eight elderly invalid ladies blessed our hearts as the services blessed them. We had never attempted such services as these but God really did bless and we have been invited back to these "special" homes soon.

Mrs. C. D. Hensley
Louisville, Kentucky

FROM MEXICO

Just a short note to let you know how much we appreciate the items that we received from the provision closet. They mean so much and are items we will really need in returning to Mexico. Thank you also for the new *Co-Laborer*. I always look forward to reading it. It is such a challenge. Pray for us as we return to Monterrey that the Lord will direct and His will be done.

Mary Aguirre
Monterrey, Mexico

FROM MISSOURI

I have just been reading 1967 WNAC minutes and was reminded that our auxiliary has not had a WNAC Emphasis program this auxiliary year. So as program chairman I am lagging. That is why I am writing! Are the helps recommended at the convention now ready for distribution? If so, send me everything available. I am proud of the work WNAC is doing. Mrs. Eunice Edwards spoke during our Pre-Easter Week of Prayer and she pointed out that we, as women, have a wonderful place in life—that of service. I believe WNAC is helping us individual women find a place of service in our church and community.

*Brenda H. Evans
St. Louis, Missouri*

FROM OHIO

In regard to your letters received May first concerning a Woman's Auxiliary Day. We, being just a small church with a small group of women belonging to our Auxiliary would enjoy participating in this endeavor. Our pastor whole-heartedly agrees and our group is very enthusiastic. Some of our small churches here do not have Auxiliaries for various reasons. One church like ours has a small group which we plan to invite and we hopefully pray with the Lord's help we can express our work and purpose that our Auxiliary will grow and we can in some small measure be a help in seeing others organized in some of the other churches. Any help you can give us on just how to gain our aim will truly be appreciated by our Auxiliary and our church. This is truly a wonderful work by which we can express our love for Christ and our fellow man. May God bless you in this work for Him.

*Mrs. Sylvia Fischer
Navarre, Ohio*

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

I am sending you a pressure cooker for the Missionary Provision closet; the gift is from the Woman's Auxiliary of

Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church, we hope some missionary will find it useful. We had a contest of blood sister. Each time one of the sisters was absent for a meeting she paid twenty-five cents to the missionary bank. This is how we were able to give the pressure cooker. Our goal for the mission's project is \$100.00 for this year. We hope to do much for our missionaries. Pray for us as we work together for our Lord.

*Mrs. Christine Bland
Greenville, North Carolina*

FROM TENNESSEE

Mrs. Marie Cousineau expresses her warm appreciation to the auxiliaries for their generous support and prayers while she and her husband were in school. The Cousineaus are appointees to the Ivory Coast and are now engaged in deputational work.

FROM TEXAS

I just want to thank you very much for our *Co-Laborer Magazine*. I can't tell you in words what it means to me and our auxiliary. May God bless you and every one connected with *Co-Laborer*. I just recently mailed a package of tupperware and a package of sheets for our provision closet.

*Jewel Gregory
Houston, Texas*

FROM VIRGINIA

I would like to tell you how much the women of our Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport News, Virginia enjoy reading and using the programs in our *Co-Laborer* each month. The magazine is so informative and interesting. Especially did I appreciate the programs on *Ecuador—Land of Beauty* by Ella Rae Jones and *I Am a Missionary Mother* by Lorene Miley. It helps us to pray better when we know a missionary's specific need.

*Mrs. Wendy Cooper
Hampton, Virginia*



Womans Auxiliary In France

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY of France held their first meeting April 26, 1968. "Of course we weren't very numerous," wrote missionary Margaret Merkh, "but we enjoyed it." Members pictured above are (left to right) Mme. Averland, Mme. Dixmier, Mrs. Merkh, Mme. Amy (pronounced Ah-me), and Mms. Marcecaux.

Missionary Dan Merkh translates the monthly programs from *Co-Laborer* into French as well as other articles and features which he feels will benefit the women of the auxiliary. Although the greater percentage of the members can't read English it is helpful for each of them to have their own copy of *Co-Laborer*. They can see the pictures and have something tangible.

Reverend Merkh wrote "we are trusting that the auxiliary will help us here in relating these folks to our work in America and the world. One of the big problems here is the problem of relating the church to the Free Will Baptists. I

am not an extremist of course. Our responsibility is to the Lord, not a denomination, and we want to see the folks come to know Christ. But neither am I ashamed of our work, and I think it well to attempt to instill in those that become members that they are a part of the whole. I have tried to figure out a way of doing this, and I think your department (Auxiliary) will be a big aid. They have already looked at your picture and the pictures of the other women; we have mentioned the missionaries, and we hope to teach of our other mission fields—thus making Free Will Baptist women out of them. Who knows, in the not too distant future, we may even send a delegate to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention."

Missionary Merkh expressed his appreciation to the women of our denomination for their support and added that possibly 80% or more of their mail is directly from Woman's Auxiliary work.

A Missionary Shares

By Olena McLain, Japan

I HAVE MEANT to write for some time and express my thanks for the things from the provision closet. It is certainly wonderful just to walk in and get so many things you need to bring with you to the field. Too, I have received so many nice birthday cards from auxiliaries this month, and it really gives you a sense of being remembered. Please express my thanks whenever you might have opportunity.

Now it is my turn to share. The following was given to us the other day by a missionary wife and as I read it I thought how perfectly that fits a housewife, mother, and busy church worker.

LOVE

(Free paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13)

Though in the glamour of the public eye I sway the emotions of man by my oratory, or by my silver singing, or by my skillful playing, and then go home and gripe because supper is late, or because my clothes weren't made to suit me, I am become sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I am able to impress others with my vast knowledge of the deep things of the Word of God, and though I am able to accomplish mighty things through faith so that I become famous among men as a remover of mountains, and have not the love that reads the deep longings of the hearts around the family circle, and removes the barriers that grow up in shy and tender hearts, I am nothing.

And though in the glamour of public praise I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I win the name and fame of a martyr by giving my body to be burned, and yet close up like a clam at home, or behave like a snapping turtle, knowing nothing of the glory of giving myself in unstinted, self-denying service to those nearest and dearest, it profiteth me nothing.

Love is never impatient, but kind; love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade; gives itself no airs.

Love is never rude, seeks not her own; nor fights for her own rights, is never resentful; never imagines that others are plotting evil against her.

Never broods over wrongs; never exults over the mistakes of others; but is truly gladdened by goodness.

Love suffers silently, is always trustful, always cheerful, always patient.

Home is the acid test of the truly yielded life, for in all other phases of Christian service there is a certain amount of glamour; but in the home one is confronted with the bare facts of life, stripped of all glamour. The home is given to help every Christian "not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think." And it is in the home that we have the privilege of demonstrating that the Christian life is "faith which worketh by love." *Author and source unknown.*

The Japanese have a word which expresses our feelings for the work of the auxiliaries, "Domo Arigatoo gozaimasu" (Thank you very much).

STUDY COURSE TIPS



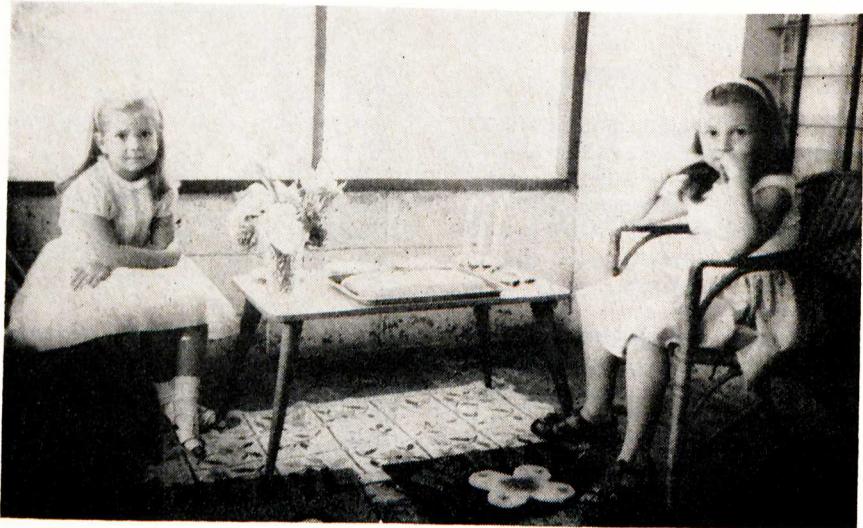
By VIOLET COX, *WNAC Study Course Chairman*

FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER. I recommend the book, *CHALLENGE TO PRAY*, by Jean Rees. Mrs. Billy Graham says this about the book: "Someone has said, 'If there are any tears in Heaven, they will be over the fact that on earth we prayed so little.' We cannot pray and remain the same. We cannot pray and have our homes remain the same. We cannot pray and have the world about us remain the same. God has chosen to act in response to prayer. 'Ask!' He commands us; and Satan trembles for fear we will. This book is a reminder of our

spiritual heritage in the midst of which we live like paupers; a challenge to pray; a call to arms. And as such, it is most timely."

This is a wonderful and very adaptable little book of ninety-six pages. The thirty-two chapters are of devotional nature and are excellent for small groups or larger gatherings. Each chapter is a complete unit in itself.

During this study course, be sure to stress the great importance of our seasons of prayer and the WNAC Prayer Fellowship Hour.



The Richland Woman's Auxiliary of Nashville, Tennessee sent birthday candles to Sheryl and Merry Mayhew last November. Shown above are gift rugs made from foam by members of the family, but birthday candles were unobtainable items.

Our Programs for Fourth Quarter

INTRODUCING OUR WRITERS



GERALDINE WAID, author of the October program, *Today's Woman in Japan*, is well qualified as a writer. She and her husband have served as missionaries in Japan since 1958.



HOMER E. WILLIS, wrote the November program, *Evangelizing the Jew*. He has been general director-treasurer for the National Home Mission Board for the past 12 years. He previously served on the board for four years. He resides in Nashville, Tenn.



BERTHA KEIFFER, writer of the December program, *God's Christmas Gift—A Missionary*, has served in auxiliary work for thirty years. She has been president of the Oklahoma state convention and is now vice president of the First Mission district.



LOUISE VANDIVORT prepared the pre-Thanksgiving season of prayer programs. She previously served as a home missionary in New Hampshire and is now living in Columbia, Missouri, where she and her husband Mark are working under the church extension ministry.

Dear Co-Laborer:

I am still rejoicing over the wonderful national convention we had. The Lord answered prayer and gave us a spiritual feast as well as numbers!

A sincere *thank you* to all who labored to make the convention the success it was—especially Oklahoma State Auxiliary Convention, our speakers, singers, and those who voluntarily gave of their services in the WNAC booth and elsewhere.

Plan now for your pre-Thanksgiving season of prayer and offering for national home missions, and your pre-Christmas season of prayer with offering for state home missions.

Write WNAC office for pamphlet concerning ways you can help in the united Thanksgiving effort of supplying clothing contributions or bundles for leprosy patients in Vietnam through NAE's World Relief Commission.



Oles Russell

Executive Secretary

CATHERN SMITH, author of the pre-Christmas prayer programs, *The Christian Woman—A Missionary*, is too busy to have a picture made. She wrote, "since making Promoter and News-letter plates is so time consuming, and keeping up with the many duties as N.R.'s wife, I do not hold an office in auxiliary. I do attend the local auxiliary at Capitol Hill." Her husband is state promotional secretary of Oklahoma.

Today's Woman in Japan

By Geraldine Waid

Song: "Send the Light"

Scripture: John 8:12; 12:36

Pray for Mrs. Hatanaka's unsaved husband; for Miss Ogawa's unsaved father.

Sparks for your program—page 34

THE POST-WAR democracy in Japan has been to the great advantage of the common people, especially the housewives. Before the war the main industrial emphasis was on heavy industries but since the war the emphasis has changed. Although Japan leads the world market in some types of heavy industry attention today has been turned to local consumer goods too. Therefore, the women of Japan today live much the same as the women in America. The economy and the standards continue to rise, so their way of living has changed tremendously in the last few years. The modern woman, if the family is of any means at all, has modern conveniences such as vacuum sweepers (54%), washing machines (85%), refrigerators (78%), many have cooking stoves with ovens, 96% have T.V. (over 5% color), 76% have electric fans and 4% have air conditioners. Compared to family size American appliances theirs look like toys made for a playhouse but they are sufficient for the usual small family with a small apartment or house. The "Supa" or Super Market is packed with mixes and instant of many varieties from instant noodles, soups, juices, and coffee, to cake mixes, hot cake mixes, sauce and gravy mixes, as well as mixes and instant for Japanese style dishes.

With all these conveniences the average housewife has much free time. She spends much of this time sewing or knitting clothes for her family. Although a variety of ready made clothes appear in all the department stores today many mothers still make their own. Japanese family ties seem to be very strong, in fact, stronger than the average non-Christian American family. The mother's foremost thoughts are for her family, and her children are her responsibility. "Baby-sitters" are not needed for one straps the baby on her back to do the shopping. In case of emergency Grandma can fill in.

The Christian Mother

The Christian mother, if the unsaved husband does not object, can and does budget her time so that she can participate in planned church activities. Usually, if there is no objection to her going to church there is no objection to her helping in any way she can, such as teaching Sunday School or assisting, playing the piano or organ, serving on committees or serving in positions such as treasurer. If the husband and wife both are Christians (A Christian Japanese man is so different from an unbeliever!) the wife can contribute without reservation. The home is opened up for Bible studies,

childrens' meetings, and to the young people. A good example of how untiring one can be is Mrs. Fukami. Mr. Fukami is a high school chemistry teacher. Both have been Christians for some time and came to us recently from another church, one that was not evangelical. They love the Lord and want to follow Him. Mr. Fukami has the responsibility of his parents so both his father and mother as well as three younger sisters (a fourth was married a short time ago) living with them. They have two pre-school age children of their own. Mrs. Fukami is the "okusan" or wife of the house and has a very busy schedule. However, one night each week they have a Bible study in the home, have a children's meeting one afternoon, and the wife is a Sunday School teacher and assists with the music at church—and wishes she could do more.

Now let us turn our attention to two others: Mrs. Hatanaka, a high school teacher-mother and Miss Ogawa, one of our teen-agers who did not have the opportunity to attend high school.

Concern for Her Family

Mrs. Hatanaka has been a Christian for several years. Through family pressure she married an unsaved man. Both of them are high school teachers. From the beginning, their marriage was not very harmonious, which to us is understandable. After marriage they moved to a different town where there was no church so for a time Mrs. Hatanaka did not attend any services. Just a few months before her baby was born our church was started in Irumagawa. She started attending whenever it was possible and became more concerned than ever about her husband for she wanted her baby to have a Christian home. However, Mr. Hatanaka's heart was cold toward Christianity, and the birth of their little girl did not change him. The wife continued to teach school for a while after the baby's birth but they realized this was not good so she stopped teaching. Without this outlet for expression

and without companionship from her husband she became very lonely. She enjoyed church and fellowship there and on special occasions her husband would go with her. Each time he would go to some meeting she would be encouraged but afterward discouraged for he seemed to show no more interest than before. She has been and is constantly concerned about his soul; she often requests prayer for him and we often pray for him and visit the home. He is nice enough to us and her when we are there but after we leave he beats and kicks her. We did not know this for a while but one day she confided this to us and asked us to pray that she might keep a sweet spirit and be a testimony in it all. She and Ta Chan, her baby, continued to attend services and we continued to visit and invite Mr. Hatanaka to come. One day Herbert asked Mrs. Hatanaka if we should stop asking him for a while and she readily replied, "No, Sensei (teacher), don't stop. If the beatings get unbearable I'll let you know!" She hasn't let us know.

No Other Gods

The ancient Shinto religion is mainly ancestor worship. The people pray to and burn incense to worship their dead loved ones. They also offer gifts of food and flowers to them daily at their god-shelf. At certain times of the year the spirits come back and they have festivals celebrating their return. The daily worship, where one must offer rice and green tea to their dead loved ones by placing it on the god-shelf before they themselves eat, is very important to them. If they do not do this act of worship they show disrespect to the deceased and are looked down upon by the rest of the family.

Miss Ogawa was facing such a problem. For having been a Christian just a little over six months and being only sixteen years old she had a big decision to make. After finishing three years of Junior High School she went to work in a cosmetic factory; high school in Japan is

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Evangelizing the Jew

By Homer E. Willis

Song: "So Send I You"

Pray for willingness and wisdom to witness to our Jewish friends.

Scripture: Romans 10:1-3,12

Sparks for your program—page 34

ANTI-SEMITISM HAS been called the world's "class prejudice." Satan, the adversary, has never ceased to vent his hatred against the people through whom Jesus Christ came. This feeling of anti-Semitism will be dissipated only when mankind's heart has been cleansed of sin by "the blood of the everlasting covenant" through Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus the Messiah).

It becomes increasingly clear that the world's so-called Christians do not really know their contemporary, the Jew. It also becomes increasingly clear that many, if not most, born-again believers are not really interested in the salvation of their Hebrew neighbors. Jews survive today as part of the will of Jesus Christ Himself, and the state of Israel is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Contact Jews for Christ

"Get out or I'll throw you out!" These words have been heard by many who have tried to do house-to-house visitation among Jews. The reason for this hostile spirit is that they feel they are being *forced* to become *Christians*, they will say. This is the time to answer that no one can *make* another person a Christian. Now is the time to offer a New Testament and say, "Wouldn't you like to read this?"

"No! What's it about anyway?"

"The Messiah."

"How do you know?"

"The New Testament tells of His coming."

"What *is* the New Testament?"

When this question is asked, as it almost certainly will be, then say, "What is the Torah? Who wrote it?"

Your friend will answer, "God." Then you can say, "Yes, God gave the Torah through Moses, and the New Testament was written by Jesus, too, and is full of quotations from Moses and the prophets." Now your Hebrew friend will probably allow you to read from the New Testament and point out the clear and plain plan of salvation. It may take many visits to the home or place of business, but Jews can be won to Christ. They must be brought to see that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and the only hope of Israel.

Know the Kinds of Judaism

Not all Jews believe and worship the same way. There are three major groups of Jews in America that attend synagogues, and there are many of the younger and more educated Jews who do not believe in God at all.

The *Orthodox Jew* believes in the one and only God as the Creator of all that is, and in his revelation of the holy Law, the Torah, at Mount Sinai. This group continues to observe all of the ceremonies of Judaism—reading from the Holy Scroll on the Sabbath, festivals, fasts, and on Monday and Thursday mornings the recitation of the Kaddish, and eating only Kosher food.

The Orthodox Jew is probably easier to talk to about salvation than any other of the groups.

The *Reform Jew* has a liberal view of his religion, his politics, and his economics. He holds to some of the old Jewish customs, *but not all*. He may eat what he desires and most often will use Sunday as the day of worship. The Reform Jew is to Judaism what a liberal Protestant is to Christianity.

This group is probably the most difficult of all to lead to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, for this group of Jews do not even accept the Old Testament

as the Word of God in the original writings.

The *Conservative Jew* belongs to, by a small margin, the largest of the three religious groups in the American Jewish community today. Occupying a position in the center between Orthodoxy and Reform, it counts 1,500,000 adherents, but its influence upon American Jewry has been greater than its numerical strength. Conservative Judaism is largely a product of the American scene.

Ways to Witness to Jews

Support the work of any Christian Jews that you know. These who have been converted can reach their own people better than Gentiles can witness to them.

Invite your Jewish neighbors to your home and visit in their homes (you will have in them gracious hosts *after* you win their friendship).

Form a special prayer group in your auxiliary and/or church to pray regularly for the salvation of the Jews. Remember, there are about 9,000,000 of them living in the United States and less than one percent are Christians. What a home mission field!

Get a supply of gospel tracts which have been prepared especially for the Jews and hand them out freely to your Jewish friends. (Missionary Leslie Carney, c/o National Home Mission office, may be contacted for a supply of good tracts.)

Pray that God will call some of our Free Will Baptist people into a full-time mission ministry among the Jews—this has been a burden of my heart for years. It would be more dramatic to send a missionary to the Jews in Palestine, but in all that country he would have only 1,500,000 to whom to minister. If we were to send a missionary to New York City, he would have twice that many to reach!

God's Christmas Gift... A Missionary

By Bertha Mae Keiffer

Song: "Silent Night"

Scripture: Luke 2:1-11

Pray that Christmas will be especially
meaningful to our missionaries while
away from home and family.

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EVERY CHRISTIAN is faced with the responsibility to be a missionary. We are each given the command "Go ye." At no time is this more evident than at Christmas, when we remember in a special way, that God's own Son came as a missionary to bring life to mankind. Amid all the *hustle* and *bustle* of this busy season let us be ever mindful of the greatest gift that has ever been given—the Son of God. He who was born in a manger in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, lived His life to become God's missionary in Galilee.

Holy-Hearted

Born into a sinful world, with a sinful nature (Romans 3:23), how can mankind be holy-hearted? To give an answer we must turn our eyes back to that holy night in Bethlehem when the Saviour was born. The night when God gave a part of Himself to us that we might have forgiveness of sin and a holy and pure heart. So that we may live in a world of sin and not be touched by it. This is the gold which tarnishes not and brings peace within.

We sing *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* never fully realizing that God does sit upon His throne in the beauty of holiness ready to bestow upon

us a part of that beauty. For when we say "Yes, Lord I accept the *Gift* of Thy Son as my Saviour," then we become holy-hearted children of His with His Holy Spirit to protect, comfort and guide us.

O Holy Night when Christ was born, yes, it is belief in the beauty and the magnitude of this night that makes us holy-hearted.

Happy-Hearted

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come rings out at this time of the year. For this is the season of joy and good cheer, not only in spoken word but in doing for and giving to others. It is the season when hearts are busy and happy sending forth an abundance of love to all mankind. Every day of the year we should have within our hearts the *Christmas spirit* of "peace on earth, good-will toward man." It should not be a sensational surge only at Christmas. When we can find happiness in making another happy, and fulfillment in giving, then we have found the joy of Christmas. For this Christ Child the angels sang about left us with these words "For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and

ye took me in . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:35-40).

What greater attribute could a woman possess than that of kindness or compassion for those who are in need both spiritually and materially. Kindness is one of the purest traits that find a place in the human heart, it is a language understood by all. It consists not only in gifts but in gentleness and generosity of spirit.

Doing good is the only certain happy action of a woman's life. The very knowledge of knowing that we have helped someone is in itself ample reward for the trouble we have been put to. If there is a pleasure on earth which angels cannot enjoy, and which they might most envy man the possession of, it is the power we have of telling someone about Christ and that of doing a kind deed.

To be happy-hearted we must be kind-hearted for kindness is the good Samaritan of the heart. It is 'that which hopeth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things. It is that which forgives seventy times seven, and still is rich in the treasures of pardon. It visits the sick, comforts the mourner, cares for the orphan, helps to relieve the suffering of the oppressed and proclaims the Gospel to a lost and dying world.'

Missionary-Hearted

Do we find our hearts like the busy inn of Bethlehem? Have we no room at this season of the year for the one whose birthday we commemorate? Are we like the inn-keeper, do we have only a small corner of our hearts left for Jesus? Then let us stop right now and re-evaluate our activities during this Christmas season. Let us not be caught up in all the *glitter* of a *commercial Christmas*. But let us pray that we may capture the love and compassion that the Saviour of Christmas had for a world lost in sin.

May we become missionary-hearted to the extent that we witness to our relatives and friends as we visit them, to the lady at the counter from whom we pur-

chase a gift, to each person we meet, let us proclaim the good news, "unto you a Saviour is born."

Christ Himself became a missionary as He walked among the people. He was never too busy to heal the lame, comfort the sorrowful, touch the suffering and bring joy to a sinner's heart through forgiveness of sin. Yes, Christ was born in a manger in Bethlehem but He left His place of birth to become a missionary of Galilee. Can we do less? We as the women of our denomination have the responsibility of being missionaries in our homes, to our children, our families, our churches, our towns, our America, and "unto the uttermost part of the earth" through our going, our giving and our prayers.

Upon entering a hospital one of the questions which is asked is "Do you have any valuables in your possession?" If you were asked this question right now, where you are, what would your answer be? Every Christian's answer should be, yes. Perhaps we don't possess the material things which the world counts as valuable, but we have within our hearts the priceless Gift which God gave, His Christmas Gift to us—His *missionary of Galilee*.

There was a man of Galilee,
Who made the way for you and me,
The cross he bore, Our sins to claim,
Arose again, God's will to claim.

I'll love this man of Galilee,
He bore my sins to set me free,
Hes is my Christ, will always be,
I love this man of Galilee.

This friend of ours will come again,
Are you prepared to meet Him then?
Prepare my friend before too late,
And love this man of Galilee.

I'll live for Him who died for me,
My cross I'll bear that all may see,
He is my Christ, will always be,
I love this man of Galilee.

... Bertha Keiffer



YOU ARE HOME MISSIONS

By Louise Vandivort

OUTLINE FOR THE WEEK

Scripture Theme: John 20:19-22

Hymn: "Here Am I Send Me"

Prayer Emphasis: Home Missions Staff, board members, Missionaries.

Offering: For national home missions in honor of Lizzie McAdams, pioneer home missionary.

Program Chairman: Use available materials to supplement your programs. Order new biography brochure, home missions map, and prayer cards from the Board of Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202

MONDAY

Song: "The Call For Reapers"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:24-25

General Directors Office

IN ORDER for an organized and coordinated program, such as the ministry of National Home Missions to run smoothly, there must be the ministry of the general director and his staff assistants. The National Home Missions general director, Reverend Homer E. Willis, has the responsibility of being overseer of the total home missionary program. The general director works with the

board in preparing the budget, praying and planning strategy of the future advancement of the National Home Mission ministry. The general director processes applications of candidates and recruits new candidates and summer workers. He visits and encourages home missionaries on their fields and, in many instances, serves as a co-ordinator between the missionary and the board. From the general director's office, programs for fund raising and promotional activities are developed with the assistance of the field secretary and the assistant to director. Also, evangelism and chaplaincy related literature is produced and sent forth from the general director's office.

Another important responsibility of the general director is serving as treasurer for the National Home Mission Board. With the assistance of a competent bookkeeper all monies are received and properly receipted to the missionaries' accounts and general fund (depending on how the money was earmarked). Missionaries' salary checks are issued and small church loans are processed.

Through careful records a constant check is made on the giving pattern of Free Will Baptists to National Home Missions.

In order for these important operations to be executed, there must be competent and efficient secretarial assistance. Many of the routine details of the office procedure are taken care of efficiently by the secretarial staff.

Prayer Request: Pray for Brother Willis and his office staff as they assume the load of responsibility of the Home Mission Office.

TUESDAY

Song: "I Love To Tell The Story"

Scripture: Acts 1:8

Conference and Itinerary Ministries

REVEREND BOB SHOCKEY is currently serving as field secretary for the Home Mission Board. He has a strategic and exhaustive responsibility of personal participation and assistance in co-ordinating as the home mission personnel bring the needs of their ministry face to face with Free Will Baptist people through individual church and area conferences. Many of these conferences are joint ministries with the Board of Foreign Missions and the representative from a Free Will Baptist educational institution. Reverend Shockey spends the majority of his time travelling away from home presenting the cause of National Home Missions. His successful ministry is a result of a burdened and compassionate heart for the spiritual needs of our homeland. This has resulted in many souls being saved and many Christians rededicated through missionary conference and itinerary services.

A very important aspect of conference and itinerary ministries is the itinerate of the home missionary as he goes from church to church presenting himself to the Free Will Baptist people, soliciting prayer and financial support for his ministry. At best, it is not an easy undertaking for a man travelling alone or for a family travelling to spend several months going from church to church and conference to conference. This ministry can

quickly become drudgery or it can be a delight as the missionary sees God using his message and his person bearing witness for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. As you have opportunity to meet the missionary face to face, you have the responsibility of intercessory prayer support as the missionary goes on to his field of service.

As a whole, Free Will Baptist pastors and lay families have been very gracious and understanding as they have received Free Will Baptist missionaries into their homes—many times when it caused sacrifice on the food budget and inconvenience in the routine of the family life. Many Free Will Baptist homes have received secret blessings as a result of their open heart attitude toward the itinerate missionary.

The apostle John writes about this type of servant of the Lord in III John 1:5-8, "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth."

WEDNESDAY

Song: "I'll Go Where You Want Me"

Scripture: Luke 24:47-48

Evangelism and Chaplaincy

OTHER THAN personal revival and missionary conference ministries, the National Home Mission Department personnel helps promote personal evangelism through tracts and various evangelistic literature. Materials for Bible discussion groups in homes, offices, etc., are promoted and distributed.

The Board sponsors an evangelism project for secular college students. With the co-operation of parents and pastors, each fall secular students' names and campus address are obtained and they are

mailed a monthly letter, "Campus Ambassador Dispatch", with tracts, helpful articles, Bible study materials, etc. The student is encouraged to trust Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and live a yielded and dedicated life for Him and remain loyal to the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The National Home Mission Board has the responsibility of providing information and encouraging training for the chaplaincy. It also serves as an agency of endorsement for Free Will Baptist chaplains.

A mailing list of several hundred Free Will Baptist servicemen throughout the world is maintained in the National Home Mission Office. These names are received from interested relatives, pastors, etc. Each month the servicemen are mailed a copy of the "Shield of Faith". Many booklets of various subjects to help encourage them to live for Jesus Christ are included with monthly mailings.

At the time of this writing, the "Shield of Faith" is being edited by Reverend Mark Vandivort. The following is an excerpt from a Free Will Baptist serviceman.

"As a serviceman, I must let you know that the "Shield of Faith" is a welcome part of my mail. . . . As a Christian, I often wonder what the Lord has planned for me in the future. I believe he wants me to obtain a good Christian education and then continue in His work.

I had once planned a career that would have enabled me to have a large income and I thought of a large home, fancy car, and all material extras of this age. Then I attended a Free Will Baptist church in Morehead City, North Carolina. The supply pastor, Lewis Campbell, and the Lord soon changed my life and, of course, my future plans.

I would like your help in suggesting several good Christian colleges around the country. I can't think of a better person to ask at this time and I would really appreciate advice. I have no idea as to what particular courses I would like to take, but I still have two years of service to think about it. To decide upon a col-

lege or university early would give me a chance to find out what their requirements for entrance are and the possibility of starting correspondence courses. I feel that now with the Lord's help and guidance I can continue my education wholeheartedly. . . . Schooling or knowledge is useless with out wisdom in using it. That is why I wish to attend a strict Christian school.

I will be on a patrol taking me around the world to southeast Asia, and I wish to use this time and my experiences for Christ. . . ."

About every two months a list is made of the servicemen who are serving on bases in the United States. The names and addresses of the men are divided according to state and this list of names is mailed to state promotional men who in turn forward the names to the pastors located near military bases. This helps the servicemen to stay in contact with a local Free Will Baptist church. If the mailing list indicates that more than one Free Will Baptist serviceman is stationed on the same base, the men are notified from the Home Mission Office of the presence of other Free Will Baptists on their base. Prayer Request: Pray for Free Will Baptist lay members scattered around the world that they might be faithful evangelists for Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY

Song: "Rescue The Perishing"

Scripture: Acts 17:26a

Church Extension Workers— "Project 30"

THE "PROJECT 30" church extension worker plan has been in operation with the National Home Mission Board for about four years. Several churches have been established to a self-supporting basis as a result of this ministry. The "Project 30" salary plan is as follows:

Salary to be paid by Home Mission Board
Months 1-12 full salary
Months 13-18 75% of salary
Months 19-24 50% of salary

Months 25-30 25% of salary
Salary we trust new church will assume
25% of salary
50% of salary
75% of salary

The National Home Mission Board and church extension ministry emphasizes the support going to the worker with an indigenous church developing as a result of this worker's ministry.

Some state mission boards have also adopted this plan. There are several cases where state or district boards have worked in co-operation with the National Home Mission Board. This was true with Reverend Edward Ledlow's ministry in Montgomery, Alabama; Reverend Norlin Jones, Jackson, Tennessee; Reverend Lloyd Plunkett, Seattle, Washington; and others.

Occasionally, the church extension worker feels led of the Lord to remain with his church after the thirty month project is completed. As a result of this, there is a constant rotation of families serving under the National Home Mission Board and fields where the board is ministering. The board is currently giving a great deal of emphasis to planting Free Will Baptist churches in America's large cities where we have either none or very little Free Will Baptist ministry. *Prayer Request:* Pray that our "Project 30" families can win and train in discipleship families who will establish self-supporting churches.

FRIDAY

Song: "Here Am I, Send Me"

Scripture: Revelation 14:6b

Home Missionaries and Special Ministries

THE NATIONAL Home Mission Board considers each worker and individual with unique talents, personal needs,

and recognizes that each field of labor represents a unique challenge. Our Free Will Baptist ministry in Mexico, under the leadership of Reverend Arthur Billows, has been greatly blessed of the Lord during the past ten years in the ministry of church planting and training of nationals. This ministry has the aspects of planting indigenous churches plus continuing supported ministry through the Institute of Gold where each year scores of Mexican young men and women train for more effective service to their homeland.

Reverend and Mrs. Luther Sanders' ministry in Hawaii is a magnificent example of a special ministry in an area of unique challenge. Under extremely difficult circumstances and with great financial aid from Free Will Baptist people and prayer support a self-supporting church has been firmly established in Hawaii.

Larry and Wanda Powell are currently engaged in a similar type of ministry in the Virgin Islands. Possibly several years will be required plus the continued faithful support of Free Will Baptist people in order for this ministry to be able to be independent of the parent body.

There are many areas of tremendous challenge in the National Home Mission field. Witnessing to foreign language groups, the American Indians, the deaf, the inter-city dweller, and the ghetto, is a spiritual responsibility which we dare not ignore. The challenge is also great to add to the staff in areas where a beachhead has already been established such as Hawaii, Mexico, the Islands, Dominion of Canada, etc.

Pray that in these days—whom many believe to be America's darkest hour—that our homeland might be penetrated with the gospel. Only as we have a strong, spiritual home front will we be able to send missionaries into all the world.

The Christian Woman...

A Missionary

By Cathern Smith

Program 1

A Missionary By Commission

Hymn: "The Call For Reapers"

Scripture: John 20:21

THE LORD has given to every Christian woman something to distinguish her from other women. She has a personality that can be used in some way, in some place for Him.

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The Son was sent to give His life a ransom. He gave of himself to others in teaching, healing, preaching, and praying.

The commission of our Lord from the Father was given in love. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16). This, indeed, is love. Love for the dying world constrained the Father to send His Son.

That commission Jesus received of the Father has been given to you. For the same purpose that the Father sent forth the Son, so the Son now sends you.

John was a man sent from God. His personal appearance was common, but he had an uncommon message. His soul was aflame with zeal for the message he brought.

Some people were disappointed in John, he did no miracles. As they later followed that One whom John preceded their very actions testified to the power of John's message.

John spoke humbly of himself, He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness . . ." (John 1:23).

We are sent from God also. Are we humble, willing to use our voice in His service? God sent His Son to declare the Word of God. Faithfully He delivered the words which the Father gave Him to speak. Jesus prayed, "I have given them thy word" (John 17:14). That same commission is yours. How well are you declaring the word of God? Are you willing to become a servant to the lost multitudes?

Here Am I

If Thou dost need a hand today,
To clasp another hand on life's rough way

Take mine, dear Lord, take mine.
If Thou art needing feet to tread
In paths where sin to woe is wed,
Use mine, dear Lord, use mine.

If Thou art needing lips today,
For words that help and heal, to say.
Fill mine, dear Lord, fill mine.

If Thou art needing eyes to see
When souls begin to stray from Thee,
Fit mine, dear Lord, fit mine.
But cleanse, dear Lord, and purify,
And then each talent sanctify.
Of mine, dear Lord, of mine.

Mary E. Kendrew

Program 2

A Missionary By Compulsion

Hymn: "The Grand Old Story"

Scripture: John 17:18

JESUS IN PRAYER to the Father dedicated His followers to the great commission, "As Thou hath sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world" (John 17:18).

There is near us a vast crowd of hungry, destitute, pain-stricken people. There is a greater crowd who are spiritual desolate and hungry.

The very heart of God cries out for their rescue. They need Christ, and God calls you to carry the message of salvation to them. It is His will that they should know the Christ, so He commands that we carry the gospel to the near and the far, to the rich and to the poor, to the wanted and the unwanted, to the lovely and to the unlovely, to the yellow man, black man, red man, to the white man, to all nations, to every creature.

Jesus can be given to the millions only as those who know Him take Him to them. Must the lost perish for want of workers to tell them the story of Jesus and His love? Many are perishing daily without Christ.

The story is told of an old Chinese whose home was far inland. Learning that a missionary was in his province, he set out on a two day's journey to find him. He walked from daylight until dusk, and then into the night. Finding a tree by the roadside, he fell asleep. The next morning he resumed his journey. The old man told the missionary the following story: "We of our village have long lived with darkness in our hearts, but we hear that you have come to tell us about a God who can bring light to us. Come home with

me. We are poor. My neighbors are poor, but all have promised to share with you their rice. Beyond us are villages, not just one, or two, but hundreds. They, too, bid you come."

The missionary, with anguish in his heart and tears in his eyes, had to reply, "I cannot go now, my body is broken and sick, and I am returning home." The old Chinese turned away with deep sadness to go back again into the darkness, to wait and wait.

Women we must tell the story of Jesus. The love of Christ constrains and compels that we go and tell.

Program 3

A Missionary Meeting The Challenge Of The Hour

Hymn: "A Passion For Souls"

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

A PERSON who has trusted Christ for salvation and has experienced the peace and happiness that comes in knowing Him will certainly want to tell others of Him.

James and John left earning their living to lead others to the Saviour—"And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him" (Matthew 4:22).

Matthew considered witnessing for Christ more important than the position at the customs. ". . . and he said unto him, follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him" (Luke 5:27b, 28).

Christ gave two great commands to the church: "go" and preach the gospel as a witness, and "love one another." As we witness to the saving work and power of Christ, we are fulfilling his first command. As we evidence love for the brethren we are living in obedience to His second.

Christ did not give us a commission and leave us to our selves; rather He gave us the Holy Spirit to guide, prepare and accomplish results.

The secret of success in missions is power with God. Christians everywhere should tarry before God until they are anointed with power from on high.

Every Christian should be a soul winner. We should be soul winners in our homes. One of the greatest joys that I have known since becoming a Christian was helping my husband lead our oldest son to Christ. It was a joy to share in that experience.

We, as Christian women, co-laborers, of the church, are stewards of the gospel, representatives of Christ. What are we doing to carry out our Lord's command?

Program 4

A Missionary In Prayer

Hymn: "Tell The World That Jesus Saves"

Scripture: Proverbs 4:18

PROVERBS 4:18 deals with a shining life. The life God designed for each of us was to glorify Him. Christ must dwell in our hearts before there will be any shining on our part.

A light is supposed to shine out. The Christian must live a godly life and win others to Christ. Are we burning and shining lights?

There is much to be done in every church today. Are we concerned about the redemption of the souls about us?

With how much earnestness do we pray for the sending forth of laborers? With how much earnestness do we pray that our missionaries may have victory for Christ? Go for the Lord in prayer. It is necessary for us to pray for our missionaries.

Those whom God has called to go can only go as we send them. We have the privilege of going through our moneys and prayers. All of us have a part in missions.

We are told that in New York City, down by the docks, there is a very swift current. Anyone falling into that is almost certain to be drowned. One day a group of people were standing there and a child fell into this swift current. The people were paralyzed with horror. But standing there was a young man noted as a great swimmer. A large coil of rope lay there.

The young man told the group that he would tie the rope around his waist and swim out and get the child if they would hold the other end of the rope and draw them in when he signaled. It was agreed and soon the young man was swimming rapidly, skillfully toward the child, and the rope was unwinding. When he reached the child, he gave the signal to draw them in. Those standing on deck, in their excitement, had forgotten to hold the rope, and the end of the rope was seen drifting away in the swift current-death for the child and the brilliant swimmer.

Our missionaries are expecting us to hold the ropes with our moneys and prayers.

Program 5

A Missionary Telling The Sweetest Story Of All

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-17

Read in unison Luke 2:8-17

THE SHEPHERDS saw the glory of the Lord. They heard the angel's message. They heard the wonderful words "unto you is born this day in the city of

David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

It was a personal message—*unto you*. It is a personal message for us today. What have we done with Jesus during this season? Have we crowded Him out of that special day which is meant to remember him the most?

It has been said that "Holiness is hidden beneath the pile of holly. The wreath is hung higher than the Cross."

Without Christ there is really no Christmas. Without Him there is nothing to rejoice over.

After receiving the angel's message the shepherds immediately said one to another: "Let us now go even to Bethlehem to see this thing that has come to pass." They went to Bethlehem, to the city of David. There they found the Saviour. They made known abroad the saying which was given to them concerning the Child.

There is no story that has stirred the heart of people as the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king.

The story is new every Christmas. It brings gladness and cheer. Its message is full of hope and peace.

The message was sent from heaven and announced the birth of the new-born Savior. It was sent out as "good tidings of great joy."

Women, we have the message; the glorious Gospel. Such a message as this should be told to all people.

Amid all the hurry and excitement, the joy and the cheer of this Christmas season, let us stop and take time to think that it is the birthday of our King.

May this Christmas season find us eager to consecrate ourselves to the supreme task of telling the story of Jesus. Go as God commands. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

TODAY'S WOMAN IN JAPAN

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private and her parents could not afford to send her. She lives with her parents, her father and step-mother which is her real mother's sister. Like every other home theirs has a "Butsudan" (family god-shelf) and all members of the family are expected to worship their deceased mother's spirit enshrined there. After becoming a Christian Miss Ogawa refused to worship and it was causing a big *stir* in not only the immediate family but all the relatives were in on it. The father is not openly against Christianity and has not objected to his daughter being a Christian; however, she must also worship with the family at the god-shelf. Things finally came to a head when she simply refused telling her father that she could only worship the God in heaven. He said she would have to stop going to church and if she could not obey him she would have to leave home. This tore her world apart. We prayer with her and talked to her father. We remained firm in our stand and he remained firm in his. We left feeling defeated but trusting that God would give her courage to stand true to Him. The next day she started making preparations to leave but God was working. She had chosen God's way and He blessed her for it. The father changed his mind and said that she would not be requested to burn incense at the "butsudan" (which even as in our Old Testament is a prayer) but with the full knowledge of the family and relatives that she was not worshipping she could show her respect to her deceased mother by giving flowers much as we put flowers on the graves of our deceased loved ones. Miss Ogawa has three sisters and a brother besides her step-mother and father and if she would have compromised her stand or had to leave home it, no doubt, would have severed the church's witness to this precious family.

These are our *women of today* in Japan!

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OCTOBER/Today's Woman in Japan

The possibilities of decoration with Japanese motifs are almost unlimited. Not only is there a wide variety of flowers that are characteristic of the country, but many of the articles of daily use, such as the fan, are very picturesque. You can simulate a dwarfed pine tree by cutting a branch with an interesting twisted shape and sticking it into an ornamental pot filled with earth. Cover with green moss. Chrysanthemums, maple leaves, camellias, pine, and red berries are suitable for your fall and winter meetings.

Order free leaflet (please inclose postage), "Meet Your Missionaries in Japan," from the Foreign Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. You may wish to book one of the films available on Japan. Write the Audio-Visual Division of the Foreign Missions Department. A freewill offering must be received for the department with each showing.

NOVEMBER/Evangelizing the Jew

Ask someone in advance to be prepared to show pictures and/or explain the meaning of the following Jewish articles: Synagogue, the Torah, prayer shawl and cap, the shofar, the mezzuzah, Bar Mitzvah, the Passover meal, the matzoth, and "Elijah's Cup."

At the close of the program a discussion on how to reach Jewish neighbors and friends might be profitable. Here are some ideas to start your discussion.

1. Designate a certain Sunday as Good Neighbor Sunday and invite Jews and all neighbors to the services of the church.

2. Invite Jewish people to New Year Watch Night services.

3. Visit in Jewish homes and invite them to your homes for fellowship.

4. Invite Jewish boys and girls to special meetings of your CTS groups.

DECEMBER/God's Christmas Gift

As an alternate to the usual way of presenting the program, have three or four women give the basic information in the program. As each woman speaks she may add a decoration to the small Christmas tree which may be used as an interest center. Real decorations may be used if desired with topic headings—Holy Heart, Happy Heart, and Missionary Heart—written on small bits of paper and pasted on.

A decoration may be placed at the top of the tree or nativity scene arranged below with placard bearing the words, "God's Christmas Gift—a Missionary."

In closing have members give words which describe God's gifts and ours. Some of these may be: *God's gifts*—faith, salvation, eternal life, peace, strength, daily blessings. *Our gifts*—self, tithes, offerings, prayer, praise, or worship.

For a special missionary emphasis order the playlet "Busy at Christmas," (15¢) from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



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WOMEN!**

We NEED YOU in the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY!

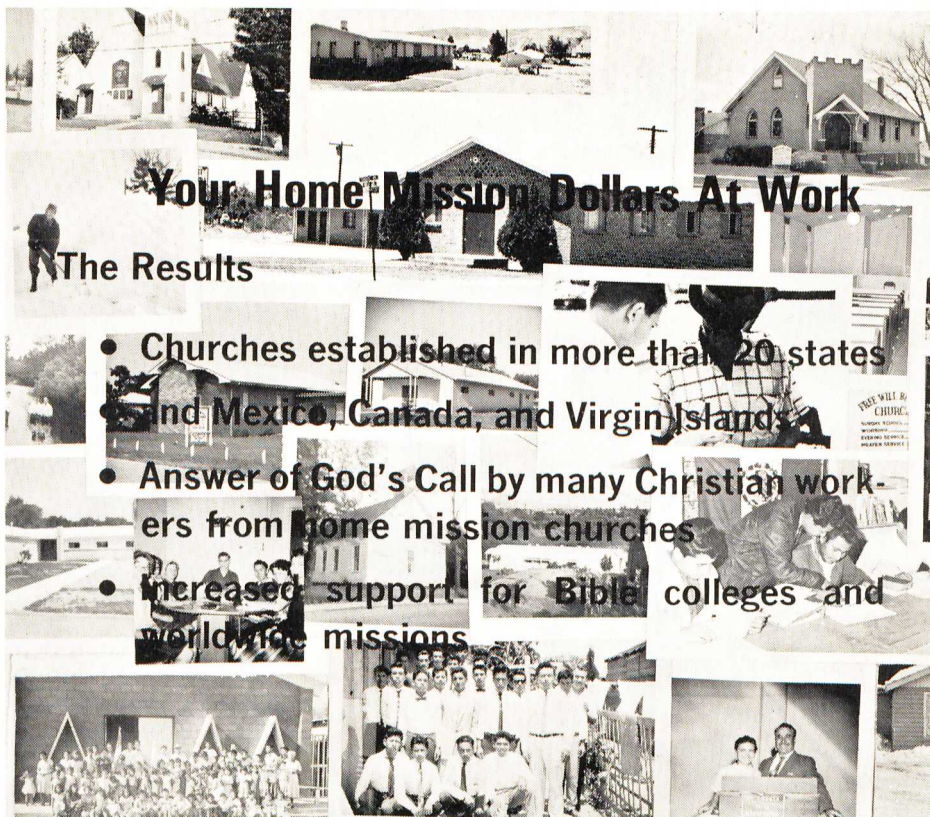
It has often been said, "We must give of ourselves in Woman's Auxiliary." How true. The satisfaction makes it more than worth while. One who is willing can grow.

Being a prayer chairman will help you pray more faithfully. Working on a program committee will cause you to keep your eyes open for interesting photos and up-to-date information. You either learn the art of poster making yourself or the art of getting someone else to make them for you!

You may be surprised to find that behind your shyness lurks the ability to speak fluently or teach a study course.

Serving in community missions will add to your love and understanding of people. For one who loves books, the ideal job is study chairman. A president, vice president, a circle chairman learns to depend more fully on the Lord and receive many blessings. Secretary or treasurer—each task carries a special blessing. There are, of course, some women who prefer not to hold office but attend faithfully, pray, and invite others. These also are vital to this mission organization for Free Will Baptist women.

As the Lord reviews Woman's Auxiliary work in our churches there is much He can commend. Haven't you been glad when a child learned to share willingly and lovingly some gift or toy? The Lord is glad when He sees us willingly sharing His salvation with others. To the large number of women who are still idle He must remark sadly, "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few." *What about you?* Are you filling your place in the Woman's Auxiliary? We need *you*.



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