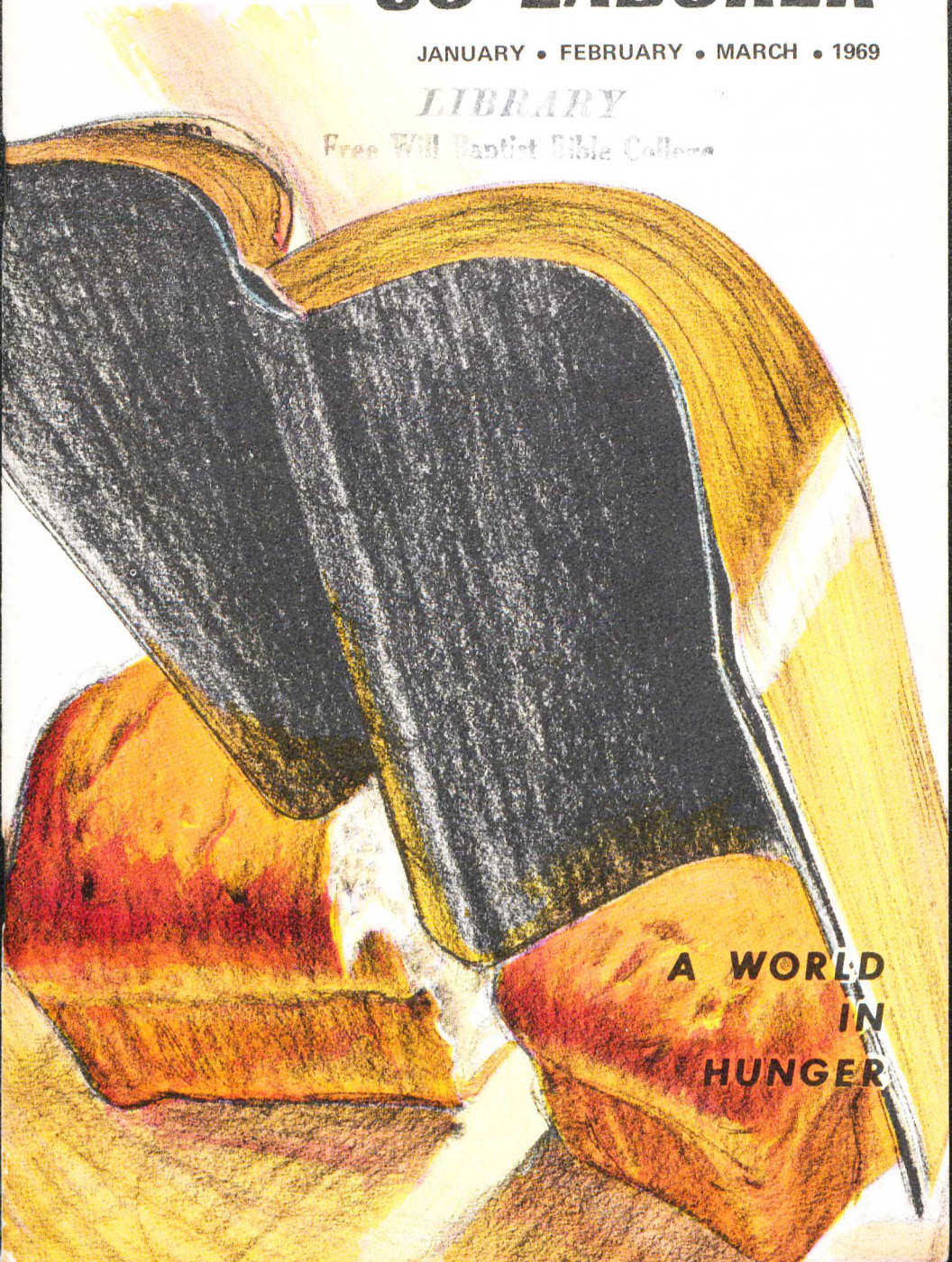


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STATESIDE

THE STORY OF WOMEN IN ACTION



Auxiliary visits home

Woman's Auxiliary members of the Oaklawn Church are blessed as they visit nursing home in Ashland City, Tennessee. Mrs. Kenneth Stevens, pastor's wife, describes these monthly visits.

"They love to sing, especially the old hymns, or just listen to the piano. We try to take some little something each time we go, although this isn't necessary because they enjoy just having company. But it costs us so little and means so much to them.

"Through the winter months we take homemade candy (fudge or divinity). In the summer it is fruit or punch and soft cookies. At Christmas we took each one a small gift and on Valentine's Day, a valentine and candy. They were as thrilled as children would be. I have had some of them to ask me to send them a card just so they could get some mail.

Inmates of the nursing home especially enjoy the colorful scenes placed on the bulletin board each month by Carolyn Dwyer.



"Sometimes we take our needles, thread, scissors, and thimbles, and do mending for them.

"This is a very rewarding service but it is a very neglected field. I am reminded of the Scripture, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me' (Matthew 25:40)."

Michigan auxiliary 20% up

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has experienced a growth of 20 percent this year, according to Mrs. Monya Shook.

A recent tupperware party for the missionary provision closet was such a success, they plan another one soon. Their next project is to collect gauze, bandages, and band-aids to send to the hospital in South America.

Members of the Auxiliary visit each person in the home, some of whom have no other visitors.



Alabama district elects officers

The Progressive District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened in March at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence Alabama. Mrs. Martha Crowson, president, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. A. J. Lambert brought the devotional. Special singing was by the Children's Home choir of Eldridge, Alabama. Mrs. Cleo Pursell, national executive secretary, spoke at the eleven o'clock hour and conducted a workshop in the afternoon.

New officers are Shirley Justice, president; Eleanor Hart, vice president; Millie Suggs, recording secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Hughs Ellis, study chairman; Mable Melton personal service chairman, Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead, stewardship-prayer chairman, and Mrs. A. J. Lambert, missions chairman.

Annual meeting at Oklahoma camp

The annual convention of the First Mission District Woman's Auxiliary convened in August at the Oklahoma campgrounds. Mrs. Mary Keiffer, president, presided.

Devotional speakers included Mrs. Glenara Staires and Mrs. J. P. Chism. The eleven o'clock message was brought by Mrs. Cleo Pursell, executive secretary WNAC. A panel discussion on "Our Auxiliaries Today" included Mrs. Pursell Mrs. Marguerite Hinseley, Oklahoma state president; Mrs. Mary Keiffer; Mrs. Linda Grounds, Tulsa area president, and Mrs. Bertha Rushing, Central area president. Mrs. Eula Mae Yocham reported on the National

OBC auxiliary crowns queen

GRADUATING SOPHOMORE Shirley Martin is crowned 1968 OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE Auxiliary Queen by President Sylvia Fulce Brown at the conclusion of the group's annual spring style show. The theme of the show, which concluded the year's activities, was "Sailing Into Spring."

The queen was chosen by the group as the member who had contributed most to the success of the auxiliary work for the year. Miss Martin was program chairman for the group.



Joelton Tennessee auxiliary honors member in all-day meet

The Harper Road Free Will Baptist Auxiliary in Joelton, Tennessee, observed Auxiliary Emphasis Day, Sunday August 4th. Dee Dee Knight, program-prayer chairman, writes: "Pastor Willard McCarroll very graciously arranged the services for the day in order that we might include all planned activities.

"During the morning worship service we presented to the congregation the purpose and work of the Auxiliary, then a reading entitled, "Can You Guess Who She Is?"

"Sunday evening during CTS hour, we presented a play entitled, "The Crippled Branch," which emphasized the need of complete dedication to the Lord's work.

"Following the evening worship service, we concluded a most enjoyable day with a surprise "This Is Your Life", to

our president Mrs. Iva Mae Hunter. Mrs. Hunter was instrumental in organizing our Auxiliary and has served as our president since that time. We feel very proud to have such a dedicated and consecrated leader as she, and attribute our success as an auxiliary to her untiring efforts and love for the Lord and His work.

Mrs. Hunter has recently been employed as secretary for the WNAC Department of the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Nashville, Tennessee. This has fulfilled a long time dream of hers to be in full time Christian work, for which we give praise unto the Lord.

Mrs. Iva Mae Hunter, son Larry Dale; grandchildren Christopher and Jeanette, and husband, James, during This is Your Life presentation.

Pastor Willard McCarroll and members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Harper Road Free Will Baptist Church, Joelton, Tennessee during Emphasis Day.





Officers of the Ohio State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, left to right, front row: Helen Levier, Ollie Newman. Second row: Wanda Smith, JoAnn Sizemore, Donna Little, Mary Dooley, Nora Lee McCarty, president; Maryetta Sabastian, Lillian Henthorne, and Diana Young.

Missionary at Ohio state auxiliary meeting

The Ohio State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened in June at the Woodland Chapel Church, Ironton, with Mrs. Nora McCarty, president, presiding. Speakers included missionary Dan Cronk, India, and WNAC president Mrs. Georgia Hill, who also conducted an auxiliary workshop the following day.

Members and officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, from left to right, Vivian Bryant, Pat Drake, Hazel Back, Lorraine Music, Eve Anderson, president; Viola Charles, Mary Speck, Dorothy Bush, Helen Ratliff, Wanda Glisson, and Marian Myers.

New Hampshire auxiliary joins National

The Woman's Auxiliary of Littleton, New Hampshire, organized just over a year ago, became a member of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention in July.

The members recently sent a \$100 gift to Frank and Marie Cousineau, missionary appointees to Ivory Coast.



CO-LABORERS WRITE...

from Arkansas

Let me take this opportunity to commend all of you for the fine job you are doing on the *Co-Laborer* and *all* our literature. We are a rather new auxiliary and all of this has helped us so much. May the Lord continue to bless your every effort.

*Mrs. Brenda Walton
Gassville, Arkansas*

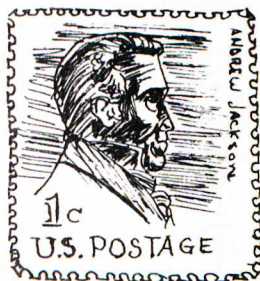
Our auxiliary certainly enjoys studying the programs in *Co-Laborer*. In fact we can't wait when we get our new *Co-Laborers* to read the entire book. So many of the writers we are personally acquainted with and its like having a visit with them.

*Mrs. Carl High
Peach Orchard, Arkansas*

from Japan

I wish it were possible to put on paper the marvelous ways that God has worked in our midst lately. Never have we had people to respond so readily nor have we seen the Chrisitans so zealous in their witnessing. God has surely answered prayer! One young man made a decision last Sunday night; we have young couples coming together and showing real interest; and the interest among the young people is the best it has ever been. Pray that we will have wisdom and enough hours to go around!

*Mrs. Geraldine Waid
Saitama-Ken, Japan*



from California

Just a short note to let you know how much we of the Gardena Woman's Auxiliary enjoy the *Co-Laborer* and how much we appreciate those who work so hard to give us such a fine magazine. Thank you so much.

*Mrs. Shirley Maxey
Gardena, California*

I am the president of the auxiliary of First Modesto Free Will Baptist Church. I certainly enjoy the *Co-Laborer* and its writers. May God continue to bless the work of Free Will Baptists as we grow and labor for Him.

*Mildred Choate
Modesto, California*

from Florida

We would like to tell you how much we have enjoyed the programs in the *Co-Laborer* for the second quarter. We really enjoyed the May programs on *Missions Begin in the Home*. We had the play acted out by sister Hicks and sister Clark who did a wonderful job and spent time and prayer about this. It was such a good play, also a heart stirring one, that had each one wondering could this be me. May the Lord bless you in a great way.

*Mrs. J. C. Beach
Quincy, Florida*

from Mississippi

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the current issues of the *Co-Laborer*. Each time we receive one, we usually sit right down and read it through then. We enjoy hearing about our missionaries, and also since we have not as yet been able to organize our auxiliary, we enjoy just getting to read the monthly topics.

The Lord has richly blessed here in Meridian. It is much more than was expected. We thank you and your staff for the comments of our work on the missions page. We also appreciate your prayers.

We hope that in the very near future, we will be able to organize an auxiliary. The ladies of the church are very much interested in beginning one, and since these people are so unfamiliar with Free Will Baptist missionaries, we feel that it is even more important to begin one. We would like for them to become acquainted with them and their fields, and the work they do there. Thanks again for the *Co-Laborer* and your prayers.

*Mrs. Levy Corey
Meridian, Mississippi*

from Oklahoma

We voted in our June meeting to set aside a Sunday in recognition of our ladies auxiliary. The Sunday we agreed upon is July 7, as this is more convenient.

If possible we would like to have the material mentioned in your letter in time for this date. Thank you for making this material available.

*Faye Armstrong
Muskogee, Oklahoma*

from Kansas

I broke my leg while at youth camp so I am certainly catching up on *Co-Laborer* reading as I just received the new edition.

We had a wonderful camp with many dedications and I am sure of two older teens accepting the Lord . . . also my son whom the Lord has called as a missionary minister, had the privilege of teaching missions for me two days after I broke my leg. He said the Lord worked in this way to get him to do what He wanted him to do. Pray for Wanye as he wants to enter Bible college as soon as possible to prepare himself for the ministry of missions. This has been my prayer for his life, that the Lord would use him. He is eighteen years old. It does pay to be missions minded, doesn't it?

*Mrs. Clara Hillis
Wichita, Kansas*

from Missouri

We truly enjoy the *Co-Laborer*. The lessons each month present a challenge. May the Lord bless the Auxiliary in this new year. The national Auxiliary meeting and banquet were a real blessing.

*Mrs. Alton Loveless
Joplin, Missouri*

from North Carolina

Our Auxiliary is sure enjoying the program in our *Co-Laborer* and also the helps for our programs that make them more interesting. May God bless you and supply the needs

*Mrs. William H. Calvert
Gastonia, N. C.*

The three M's



The average Woman's Auxiliary member knows that the Auxiliary offers one of the best opportunities in the world for women to learn about God's kingdom on earth and to render Christian service. For this reason, she finds herself almost at a loss to know what to do or say when her well-intended overtures are met with coldness or rebuff as she greets prospective new members at the back of the church on Sunday or when she knocks on doors on weekdays to invite the unchurched.

A helpful slogan for any Woman's Auxiliary as it begins an enlistment drive is "Remember the three M's."

mingle

If you wish to interest a prospective member in your group and its worthwhile activity, show a *real interest* in the person -- be friendly! Project some of the warmth of Christian fellowship toward a person who might be lonely: "I'm going to the library; come with me. Later I could stop in for the recipe you mentioned."

Don't be just "the woman who wants me to join the Woman's Auxiliary." If you do, you have a lost cause.

mention

Mention the interesting lesson you had at your last auxiliary meeting . . . or the special blessing you received during the season of prayer. Mention the stimulating study course you had or the missions project or personal service activity you are engaged in. Give her a copy of *Co-Laborer*.

motivate

You wouldn't ask a potential new member to take part in the first program she attends -- or would you? I would not advise a speaking part for a new person but perhaps she can do something. Does she print well? You may need a chart. Or an illustrative sketch. You might ask her if she'd mind lending that beautiful cloth or souvenir she has for the worship center. Of course, use just one of these suggestions -- don't overdo it. To overdo is to undo.

Help keep the business part of the meeting going. Sometimes you can do this better than your president and it's your responsibility. State your opinions. Make the motions you feel the majority is wishing to be made. To keep the business from dragging, say, "Madam Chairman, getting back to . . ."



of membership

Motive by prayer. Prayer is a force, a power, to be used. We pray not that she will join our group, but we pray for God's guidance for her, seeing her as a child of God who is waiting the call to Christian service. Pray that the program

leader for this so-important meeting may open her heart and mind to the inspiration which comes from God. Trust God. Relax. It's really God's work; you are important only as you are being used.

... adapted

BAD NEWS

Twas bad news that brought me so
straight from my bed.
I couldn't believe it, *The Auxiliary*
is Dead.

I knew she was poorly and seemed
kindly slow,
But gracious me I didn't think
she'd ever, just go.

Oh, it wasn't a sickness or disease
so you say?
The church board is wondering why,
she died this way.

It just have been poison that worked
from inside,
She suffered for months, then slowly
she died.

A church with no Auxiliary! Oh
what a shame!

I searched in my mind to see who is
to blame.

Her friends were so unfaithful, she
shed many tears,
Poor thing, her heart has been
broken for years.

She's been pushed around so much
as you say.
Just any little thing, and we miss
Auxiliary day.

We hurt her so badly when we did
her like this,
It seemed she fell away worse, the
more often we missed.

I guess to admit it and be honest
and true,
The person who killed her was me
and was you.

Let's try to revive her! What do you
say?

Let's all work and pray for our
Auxiliary, *starting today.*

... Anne Williams
Tulsa, Oklahoma



PRAYER for WORLD MISSIONS

by Virginia Van Kluyve
Missions Chairman WNAC

JANUARY

In the beginning God . . . Gen. 1:1. Everything begins with God. How foolish of us to start anything without Him! What ever this new year may hold for you make sure of one thing – Begin it with God!

Ivory Coast – field council report increasing progress among national christians. Mrs. Bernice Palmer and Mrs. Sara Mayhew's birthdays fall on the same day, Jan. 4. Jimmy Aldridge, home on furlough, will celebrate his birthday Jan. 18.

Brazil – Mrs. Florine Coscia, home on furlough will celebrate her birthday New Year's day – Jan. 1. Pray for her as she will be traveling and speaking a great deal while on itinerary. Shirley Combs celebrates her birthday Jan. 14. Please remember the students in the Brazilian FWB Institute. The Institute will begin its 5th year of operation in February. Also remember the youth camps which will be in session in January directed by Bobby Aycock.

Japan – Darlene Wade will be eight years old Jan. 3. Please pray for the missionary's children as they grow up on the mission field. Their witness is used to influence and challenge more than we realize.

France – Margaret Merkh whose birthday is Jan. 29 reports a continuing interest of French neighbors in the new FWB Mission, and especially among the women.

Uruguay – Jan. 11: Walter Ellison celebrates his birthday. Last reports were his work was progressing.

USA – The E. B. Ledlows of Decatur Alabama, held their first service on the first Sunday in August. The Lord has certainly blessed them during the short time they have been in Decatur. There has been as many as twenty-five people attending the services. Missionaries celebrating birthdays this month are: Mexico—Danny Billows, Jan. 19; Mrs. Mary Aquirre, Jan. 25; Mississippi—Rebecca Corey, Jan. 18; Missouri—Stephen Vandivort, Jan. 16; Tennessee—Mrs. Nolin Jones, Jan. 22; Washington—Samuel Postlewaite, Jan. 14, Mrs. Betty Plunkett, Jan 29.

FEBRUARY

For the love of Christ constraineth us, II Corinthians 5:14. Lesser motives than the love of Christ may turn out a lot of work, but only that fruit which is

produced by Him *in us* is accepted by Him *from us*.

Ivory Coast – Bill Jones' birthday is Feb. 2. Please remember the Joneses this month as they will be returning to the States. Mrs. Sandra Payne will celebrate her birthday on Feb. 10 this year at home in the States. The Paynes are home on their first furlough. Continue to pray for them while Eddie will be traveling on itinerary and Sandra will be home in Oklahoma taking care of the children.

India – February 28 is Dan Cronk's birthday. The Cronks returned to India in October. Please remember them as they adjust to the country and work again.

Uruguay – Little John Ellison will celebrate his birthday Feb. 24. We praise the Lord for John's recovery. Kenneth Robinson will be sixteen Feb. 13.

USA – Reverend Norlin D. Jones reports that during a recent revival seven people made first time decisions for Christ and five people made rededications. Please pray for these new converts and their families. Home missionaries whose birthdays are in February are: Mississippi—Ruth Corey; Missouri—Amy Vandivort; Tennessee—Mr. Norlines Jones; Canada—Mrs. Jackie Owens.

MARCH

“... To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth... John 18:27. Our Lord often declared His mission. To seek and save the lost; that we might have life and have it more abundantly; to do the will of God; to give His life and have it as a ransom for many. As Christians, we ought

to know why we are here and what our mission is.

Brazil – La Donna Deeds will be 8 years old March 31. Stephen Eagleton will celebrate his sixth birthday in the States on March 15. Pray for these children as they adjust to different languages and schools.

Ivory Coast – Marion Palmer will celebrate her birthday the same month as Daddy's. Lonnie's birthday is March 9 and Marion's March 17. Missionary Anita Spark's birthday is also in March, on the 19th. Continue to pray for the work in the Ivory Coast. Plans are to organize a national association of Ivory Coast FWB.

Japan – Evelyn Hersey and Aileen Calvary could celebrate birthdays together. Evelyn's is March 2 and Aileen's is March 3. Please pray for the new converts in Japan that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

USA – The Waipahu Church in Hawaii celebrates its ninth anniversary this year. We are thrilled to have five young people from this church attending our Bible College in Nashville this year. Home missionaries having birthdays in March are: Hawaii—Bobby Sanders, March 10; Alabama—Donna Ledlow; Missouri—Carla Skiles, March 29; Puerto Rico—Jackie McCoy, March 23; Washington—Mr. Plunkett, March 16; Virgin Islands—Jonathan Powell, March 13.



GIRGLE PROGRAMS

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

by Inez Thompson

JANUARY / Go Tell

Song: "Here Am I, Lord Send Me"
Scripture: Mark 16:15; I Corinthians 15:3, 4

Missions will bless Christians

THERE ARE very few in these United States today that have not heard that Jesus died for our sins, that He was buried and He rose again from the dead. Scripture tells us "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Every child that attends Sunday school can quote John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have (eternal) everlasting life." How many of us have heard, yet we never obey?

We are told that the godly man delights in the law of the Lord. It helps us to (a) Feed (meditate day and night), (b) Bear fruit (in his season, John 15:1), (c) Bring prosperity and help, (d) Follow Christ (Psalm 1:2, 3, 6).

If you will show me a Christian that is witnessing I will show you a man not wallowing in sin and backslidden with his testimony. There is joy in his life. We are told to grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. The wonderful thing about this message and this command is that it is for all people. It can be carried out at our convenience in the way that suits us best.

Missions will bless a church (I Thessalonians 1:6-8, Acts 1:8)

The Thessalonian church was a model church because it was a witnessing church. "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so we need not speak anything" (verse 8). Paul didn't even have to repeat the Gospel in Macedonia and Achaia, the local church sent out the message before he came again. The apostle Paul considered it vain to found churches that were not evangelistic in their reach. Show me a church that puts missions first and I will

show you one God is blessing financially and with members.

Missions will bless a community
(Acts 2:42-47)

Community corruption comes from church stagnation. If the church is weak and unevangelistic, the people are slack, cold, careless, sinful, and inconsistent. Sinners are unashamed before careless Christians. The exact opposite is true when the message is proclaimed. Sinners get saved, Christians love one another, backsliders are restored. The old hypocrite that wants to live in sin, or at least sneak around to commit sin, is now out in open rebellion. Lukewarm Christians and churches not only nauseate God but breed such conditions as a haphazard ministry, unprepared Sunday school teachers, worldly minded parents, church member with so many problems?"

We keep the pastors mind off missions by stirring up trouble and letting the pastor try to solve it.

We are too busy in our own little family. We haven't looked to the fields white with harvest. We are too busy to pray for workers as Luke 10:2 tells us.

Have your grown tired supporting missions? Are you still praying at nine each day for missions around the world? Have you stopped sacrificing in order to give to His work? If so we have stopped in midstream. We are halfway up the mountain. The goal is a long ways off. Let us accept His command and place ourselves at His disposal. May we volunteer our finances, put wings and feet on our prayers and become a blessing to Christians, the church, and the lost community around us.

FEBRUARY / Ask and I Shall Give

Song: "Take Time to Be Holy"

Scripture: James 1:5, 6

THE PRAYER life of the average Christian is weak and shallow. When I examine my own heart, I find it is so easy to put off praying a few minutes longer. The time in which we live is hurried. We find ourselves too busy.

We have many meetings in the local church and talk, talk, talk, and not enough prayer. Soul stirring, heart rending, sin forsaking prayer is not easily come by today. I want to ask you, do you pray daily to the Lord? Is your mind fully seeking Him or does it wander? Do you truly believe prayer changes things?

Ask and I shall give them wisdom

"The wise man has the use of his eyes and reason, he sees his way and orders all his affairs with discretion. He foresees and therefore avoids many dangers and mistakes. Knowledge directs a man what is to be done and what is not to be done." (*Crudens Concordance*.) God desires that we have this wisdom, that we walk in His steps and follow his teaching. We need the Holy Spirit in prayer for we know not how to pray as we ought, but He makes intercession for us according to the will of God, which we do not know. God has promised us wisdom if we ask; wisdom to know His will for our lives.

Oh, the times I have knelt feeling so weak, sinful and unworthy, only to rise again forgiven, accepted, and the request

answered. We need wisdom for the daily task of witnessing. We must ask guidance of God's Spirit to lead us to the ones we should speak to about salvation, to prepare their hearts for our words, and wisdom to say the very words of God. Wisdom to be quiet if the timing is wrong or our hearts are not clean of every sinful thought.

Ask and I shall give thee thy needs

(Matthew 7:7-11)

Eleven years ago, my sister was living with my husband and me. She was a Mongoloid and could not learn in school, so was very dependent upon us. She had an incurable kidney ailment for years. The doctor had told us she could not live. He told us we need not take her to him anymore except for hospitalization. She was crying in pain one night and I was doing all I could to help her find relief by heating blankets and hot water bottle and applying these to her back but nothing helped. I sat and listened for an hour or two searching God's Word for an answer. Tears were streaming down my face so freely I could scarcely see the print. My eyes rested on Matthew 7:7, 8 "For everyone that asketh receiveth." I was a Christian but did I dare believe God's Word meant exactly what it said? I had prayed before but always in bed, sitting up or in church. I decided to try this verse, to see if it were true. I had nothing else to depend upon, I was utterly helpless and hopelessness had completely filled my heart. To make my request official, I went to a dark bedroom and fell on my knees. I prayed, "God if you can, will you help Lib?" That was all, but notice the word *if*. So weak a faith so frail a request, so humble a heart, so

short a prayer, and yet I felt God heard. The thought came to me, "What will you do now if this fails to work?" I finally gained courage and went in to ask, "How are you?" My sister said, "I'm all right now." I cried myself to sleep that night for joy. She lived nearly a year after this but never were we up because of pain. Sleepless, yes; restless, so very often; but never one dose of medicine for pain.

I have seen souls saved for which I have prayed. Bread, shoes, and money has supplied our family. Children have been brought into the fold by prayer. Teenagers were kept in the way by just asking. Sunday school lessons learned by prayer. Patience to care for in-laws by request. Family strife ended in prayer. I know these verses can be taken literally because they have blessed me all these years. May God use this to reach your heart. Ask and God will give you your needs.

Ask and I shall give thee the heathen

(Psalm 2)

God has promised Christians the heathen for an inheritance. I want to ask you if you are praying for missions and missionaries every day through the Prayer Fellowship at 9:00 a.m., or the Prayer Band at 1:00 p.m.? God will supply these needs if we ask in faith.

Pray for the lost in your homes, churches, communities, and the world. Be definite in requests -- call missionaries by name. Pray for our churches, denomination and fellow believers, and for more personal workers.

Let us get busy and prove our love to the Lord Jesus by winning the world for Him. We need prayer warriors over the world. Will you join in today?

MARCH / True Cleanliness

Song: "His Way with Thee"

Scripture: Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 23:26

George Bernard Shaw said: "Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world." Jesus said, "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man."

Clean thoughts bring peace

The Bible promises the God of peace shall be with you if we think on whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and of good report. The command is to think on these.

There can be no unity, peace, or love, in a church where members have unclean thoughts. The Holy Spirit does not fill the unclean. Brother Wayne Smith once said in a message: "You can't stop the birds from lighting in your hair, but you can hinder them from building a nest there."

Cleanliness helps prayer life

David cried out to God for a clean heart and God heard. Isaiah saw himself unclean before a Holy righteous God. Believers whose hearts are clouded by unconfessed sin and unholy thoughts never pray. Have you ever wondered why the prayers you hear in the average church are so general, and sometimes seem shallow and lack depth?

When we think daily on the unclean

we cannot come before a Holy God with vision and precision in prayer. No great passion floods our souls because our hearts are already filled with our thoughts. Thus, no clear cut goals emerge. A fog of spiritual indecision beclouds spiritual sight — objects of prayer are hazy. We fail to see ourselves as needy creatures. We fail to see specific needs on our mission fields, in our churches and communities. With sufficient plainness and earnestness to step out and claim them in faith.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me." (Psalm 66:18). Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Have you, dear Christians, seen God work in your daily life recently?

Clean thoughts bring reward

(I Corinthians 13:3; Psalms 18:20; 24:3-5)

A clean mind goes with a clean body. It is reflected in the face. When our thoughts are good, pure and clean, each day opens or dawns with a happy pleasurable feeling. We are glad to be alive. We are full of hope and incentive. Work becomes a joy and the meeting of friends is always an event to be welcomed.

"Who can say I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?" (Proverbs 20:9). If we are guilty let us turn our minds to I John 1:9, "If we confess our sin he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

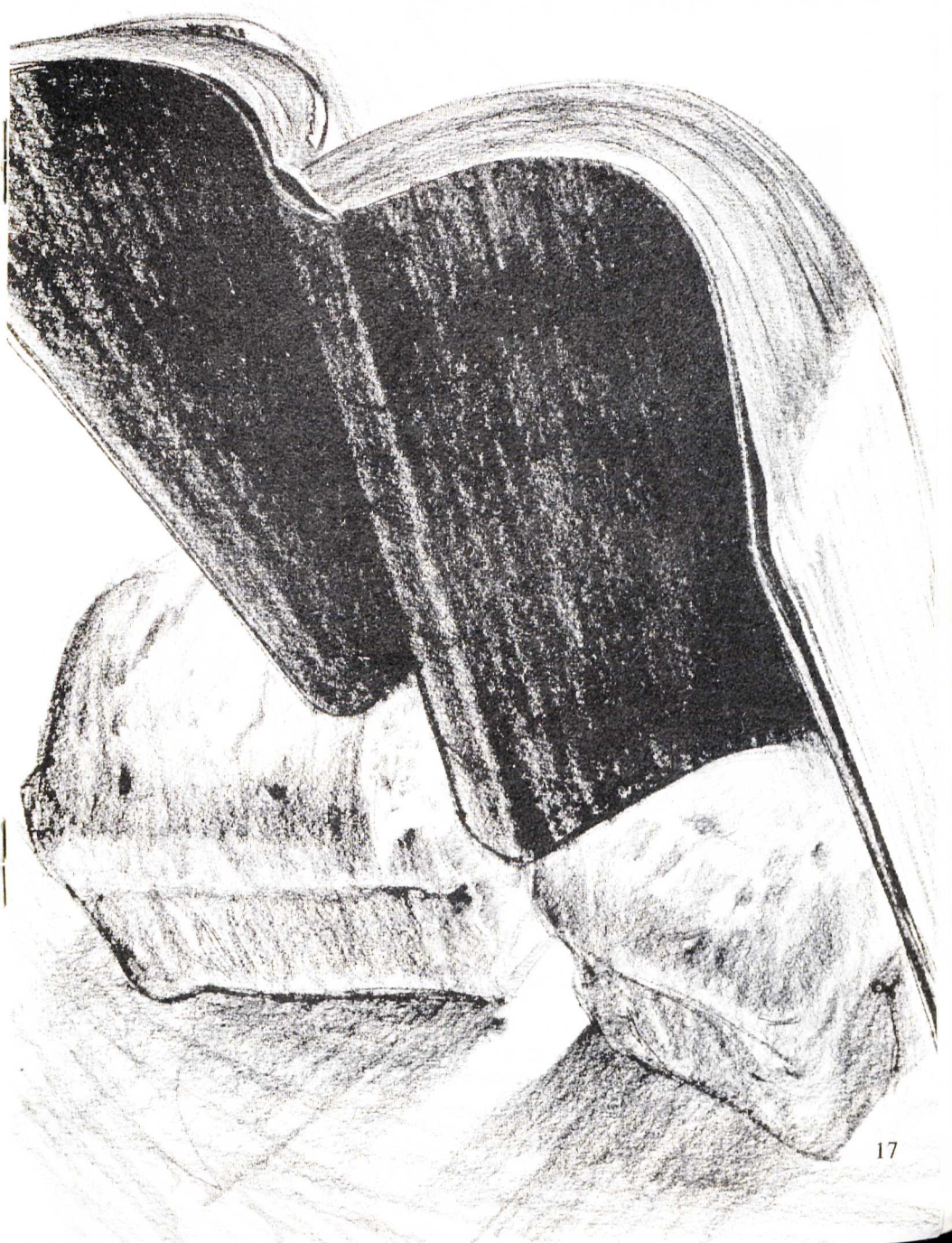
Let us clean our minds, our hearts and our hands that the Lord may use us in His work around the world, that we may be filled with His Spirit and souls brought unto Him by our daily walk.

WNAC Theme and Watchword:

A WORLD IN HUNGER

“Give ye them to eat”

Mark 6:37



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FOR YOUR USE

Ideas for your programs

JANUARY / A World In Hunger

For an effective worship center cover a table with a richly colored cloth. Place an open Bible, world globe, and broken loaf of bread with placard bearing the theme and watchword for the year.

At the conclusion of the program have the theme song, *The Breaking of the Bread*, sung softly. While heads are bowed the leader may read the accompanying statements, followed by prayer.

"Were the 300 millions of India to pass before us one every second, day and night, they would take 9 years to pass."

"Two hundred millions of people lie down every night hungry in body, 1000 millions lie down without God, without Jesus Christ." -- John R. Mott.

FEBRUARY / How Hungry Are You?

Poster suggestion. Paste on pictures of young people and children and use this caption: MAN AM I STARVING. (*Display while making an appeal for family worship.*)

These are familiar words to a mother whose offspring has just rushed in from school. We women are careful to provide nourishing meals for our families but are we concerned about their spiritual nourishment?

Starving children with drawn faces, washboard ribs, and bloated stomachs are commonplace in many parts of our world, but not so often in well-fed countries like the United States and Canada. Yet another form of starvation that may be common where you live is starvation of the soul from neglect of feeding on God's Word. For good spiritual health you need to provide your family with *daily* Bible study and family prayer. If you do not have a family altar in your home will you begin one?

Attractive, family worship pledge cards, with a commitment for husband and wife to sign, are available from WNAC for 5¢ each. Order from P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

MARCH / Home Missions Encounters Catholicism

Make assignments (in advance) to members to bring information concerning the following: The mass, transubstantiation, the sacraments, papal infallibility, penance, indulgences, purgatory, the virgin Mary.

Have a group discussion of the changes being made in Catholicism today. Clippings from newspapers and magazines will provide ample material.

JANUARY

A WORLD IN HUNGER

by Agnes Smith

Song: "Lift Him Up"

Scripture: Mark 6:34-44

Pray: for vision, compassion, willingness to serve.



SEE THE NEED

OVER THREE billion people need food! Maybe these words will stir our emotions a bit more than the four words in the title. It is, in fact, true that the people of our world need food. Quite often we hear the statement that over one half the people of the world go to bed hungry every night. That is pathetic, especially since there is such an abundance of wealth, waste and extravagance in our world. Certainly something should be done to improve such conditions.

The people of the world which we are considering are the three billion souls now living on the face of the earth. The hunger is not the physical hunger, appalling as it is, but the hunger that gnaws constantly in the heart and soul of so very many in our world today.

According to a reliable source, almost one half of the people who have ever lived on the earth are living now. This number has passed the staggering three billion mark and is increasing at the rate of six thousand people per hour. Every hour, day and night, there are six thousand more people born than there are

who die! It is true that some of them are born into Christian homes where they receive at least a scant ration of spiritual food but the majority of them are born, live and die without ever having sufficient enlightenment to personally accept Jesus as their Saviour. This means that more than one half of the people now living do not know Christ nor has to find Him.

FEEL THE NEED

It is easy to become overwhelmed by such almost unthinkable numbers as those mentioned above, and then to pass the matter off by telling ourselves that there really isn't much we can do about it.

Let us not just think numbers; let us think people. These large numbers are not just statistics, they are people -- people whom God loved and for whom Christ died. Think of them as hungry souls.

Instead of thinking of all these hungry souls living in India, China, Japan, and the many other vastly over-populated countries of the world, think of the ones who live in your town or community and even on your street.

As you see people going here and there - - rushing, pushing, fretting - - as so many are doing, think of the spiritual needs of these people. Many surely do have cares, burdens and troubles that are almost greater than they can bear. Some, no doubt, face decisions or problems to which there seems to be no answer. Perhaps a great many have no real purpose for living. A few are happy and to them life has a meaning. The thing that we as Christians need to do is to become stirred within our hearts with a real concern for the spiritual welfare of our families, neighbors, friends and yes, the stranger who very cleverly covers up the gnawing hunger in his heart for something that will really satisfy.

The truly Christian Mother will constantly hold her children before the throne of grace in prayer - - but how often do we include in our prayers the many kids who do not have anyone to call their names in prayer?

We pray for our husbands, brothers, sons and the men from our church who are wearing the uniform of their country. But do we remember to pray for the thousands who in God's sight are just as precious as our own but do not have a praying wife, mother, sister or friend?

We pray for, visit and sometimes send flowers to those of our own family and close acquaintance who are in hospitals, but do we ever stop to speak a cheery word to those in the other beds whose hearts may be crying out for just such a kindness?

We will do little toward helping to evangelize the people of the world until we become concerned about someone other than our own families and friends.

SUPPLY THE NEED

When we get a vision of the needs of souls of our world and become stirred within our hearts concerning their need, we will surely hear Jesus say as He said to the disciples concerning the multitude - - "*give ye them to eat.*"

Even as the command seemed impossible for us to give the Bread of Life to the many hungry souls of the world. But if we will do the biddings of the Master and follow His plan it can be done.

In his very challenging message to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention last summer in Oklahoma City, Dr. Weiss, director of missions of the *Back to the Bible Broadcast*, mentioned four things which Jesus used in feeding the multitude. They were men, material substance, system and God's miracle working power.

Surely the same plan will work today. The disciples were the instruments by which the people were fed. Jesus gave the bread and fish to them and they gave it to the people. We have the Bread of Life, God's Word. We must give it to the multitudes or they perish.

There is no such thing as exhausting God's storehouse of food. It will be more than sufficient to feed the millions of our world.

We must have God's power or our efforts are futile and in the eyes of the world ridiculous. Our churches need a revival of spiritual power. We must experience within our own hearts the wonder working power of God. Our faith in Him must be such as to motivate us to undertake the impossible.

Yes, the three billion hungry souls in our world can be fed. The task is possible, but not easy.



FEBRUARY

HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?

by Lily M. Gyldenvand

Song: "Break Thou the Bread of Life
Scripture: Matthew 5:6; John 6:51

THE VERY thought of being really hungry and thirsty with no food or water available strikes terror in our hearts. Of the many kinds of hunger to which we are subject, none is so insistent or so demanding as the need for food and water. Today there are billions of people around the world who live with gnawing pangs of hunger every day and who seldom have enough to eat. It is estimated that if all starving people stood shoulder to shoulder they would make a line that would go around the world at least twelve times.

MANY KINDS OF HUNGER

It is right and natural that we should have many kinds of hunger. Desires that crave satisfaction are built into us. If there is a person who has no desire, who does not have an appetite, who has no goals and no hopes, he is seriously lacking in essential ingredients of humanness. The ancient proverb, 'Where there's life, there's hope,' might well be paraphrased, "Where there is no hunger for anything, there is only a shell of a person."

The mob that followed Jesus out onto the hillside was so absorbed by their hunger to hear Jesus speak and to see him do his miracles that they didn't realize

it was mealtime. No doubt their desire to eat would soon have asserted itself, but Jesus, who knows all our needs, anticipated this. He recognized the reality and the urgency of the human appetite. So He miraculously provided for their need by blessing, and thereby increasing, the available food supplies so that all 5,000 of them were satisfied.

HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

As usual, Jesus used this incident for teaching. He called their attention to another hunger of which they may not have been aware. "Happy are they," he said, "who hunger and thirst after righteousness."

A good appetite is evidence of good health. To crave righteousness, Jesus implied, is a sign of spiritual well-being. The righteousness of which Jesus spoke is not merely doing right or being right in the estimation of our fellow beings. However hard we try to achieve a high level of performance, or a noble character, or the recognition of our personal goodness, our efforts are not worth much. Isaiah said, "all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment." The righteousness for which Jesus said we ought to hunger is the kind that Paul described so well in his letter to the Philippians: "I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own . . . but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God that depends on faith."

This kind of righteousness is "rightness with God" and this, of course, we can achieve only through Christ. If we were to try to satisfy that hunger from our own pantry of good works and our own storehouse of nice behavior, we would soon starve to death.

FOOD SUBSTITUTES

The trouble with most of us, however, is that when we recognize a desire for righteousness, we try to dull it with substitutes. It is possible to spoil the appetite by eating sweets, pickles, and other things that have poor nutritional value. We might be able to quell the pangs of hunger by these things, but such foods could also upset our systems so that we are unable to digest a proper diet. In similar manner we quiet whatever hunger we feel for righteousness by keeping ourselves busy -- even with good things -- so that we neglect to feed upon the Word and have no appetite for it. Some victims of malnutrition can actually be found in homes where there is plenty of good food. These people are actually starving themselves because they are substituting improper foods and drinks for a sensibly balanced diet of good nourishing food.

Perhaps you have been frightened by contemplating the dire consequences of spiritual malnutrition. If you have realized that it can lead to eternal death and damnation, you would be even more afraid of this fate than of finding yourself deprived of food for the body.

The proper kind of spiritual nourishment is easy to secure and it is free. Jesus, himself, is the food we need. He said in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."

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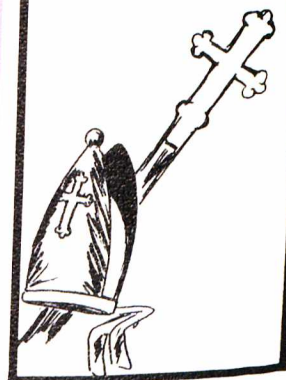
MARCH

HOME MISSIONS ENCOUNTERS CATHOLICISM

by Leslie Carney

Song: "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"

Scripture: I John 5:13; I Timothy 2:5



JESUS SAID, "... Go ye into ALL the world, and preach the gospel to EVERY creature" (Mark 16:15). With this let us consider the subject before us.

Roman Catholics are probably one of the most difficult to work with because they believe they are already saved and safe. This idea arises from the fact that from their earliest instruction they are taught that theirs is the only true church, and in this church salvation is sure, and outside this church there is no salvation. Such a teaching as this is obviously one which causes the Christian worker much heartache. The Roman Catholic has his mind enslaved to this thought. He wants to belong to the "true" church. Any idea that even remotely suggests he separate from what he has always been taught as being the "true" church is immediately revolting to him.

Let us briefly review some basics that every Christian worker must keep in mind in regard to winning the lost to Christ. First, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Second, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). All men, Roman Catholics included, must be directed to the Person in Whom alone salvation may be obtained. Also, in regard to this is man's responsibility to

respond favorably and be assured of salvation: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Third, Jesus Himself gave the invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). So, then, in summing it up, we must make it clear and plain that Christ is the answer. These basics actually answer the question, "How can Roman Catholics be reached with the gospel?"

Since we are dealing with the Roman Catholic, it should be pointed out that the Christian worker should be familiar with what he (the Roman Catholic) believes. A study of the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church would be very helpful in this regard. There are seven, as follows: (1) Baptism, (2) Confirmation, (3) Holy Eucharist, (4) Penance, (5) Extreme Unction, (6) Holy Orders, and (7) Matrimony. If the Christian worker is familiar with what the Roman Catholic Church teaches regarding the above mentioned sacraments, he will be well prepared to deal with the Roman Catholic. There are other teachings to be sure, but most can be connected in some way to the sacraments.

Much can be written and taught, but actual experience cannot be substituted

for. In encountering Roman Catholics a complete dependence upon the enabling and convicting power of the Holy Spirit through the presentation of the Word of God will see souls saved. Arguments fail, but God's Word will stand forever. One must patiently and prayerfully impart with understanding God's way of salvation into the hearts and lives of those you are seeking to reach for Christ.

There are various methods of approach in dealing with Roman Catholics. Most are good. But the Christian worker ministering to or working among Roman Catholics must sense a deep spiritual need of Roman Catholic people, and their deepest need is the spiritual need. Once convinced of this you as a Christian worker may proceed.

One very good method of approach is the tract ministry. Oftentimes upon passing a tract out the person receiving it will reply, "Oh, I'm a Catholic." Quickly assure them you are pleased to meet their acquaintance. Don't enter into controversy. I usually ask questions I know they and I both agree on in order to break down the barriers that may be there. As we go along, the questions eventually give rise to discussion. Below are ten questions I usually ask, though the exact order isn't really necessary except for the first and last questions:

(1) What is the Bible to you? Is it God's inerrant, infallible Word, just a book of ethics, or a historical document? To deal effectively with anyone, a knowledge of what they believe about the Bible is helpful.

(2) Do you believe in a bodily resurrection from the dead?

(3) Do you believe in the Virgin

birth of Jesus Christ? The Roman Catholic does. You can agree with him. A barrier is removed. He is more willing to listen and talk. You have something in common.

(4) Do you believe in a literal hell? Most Roman Catholics do.

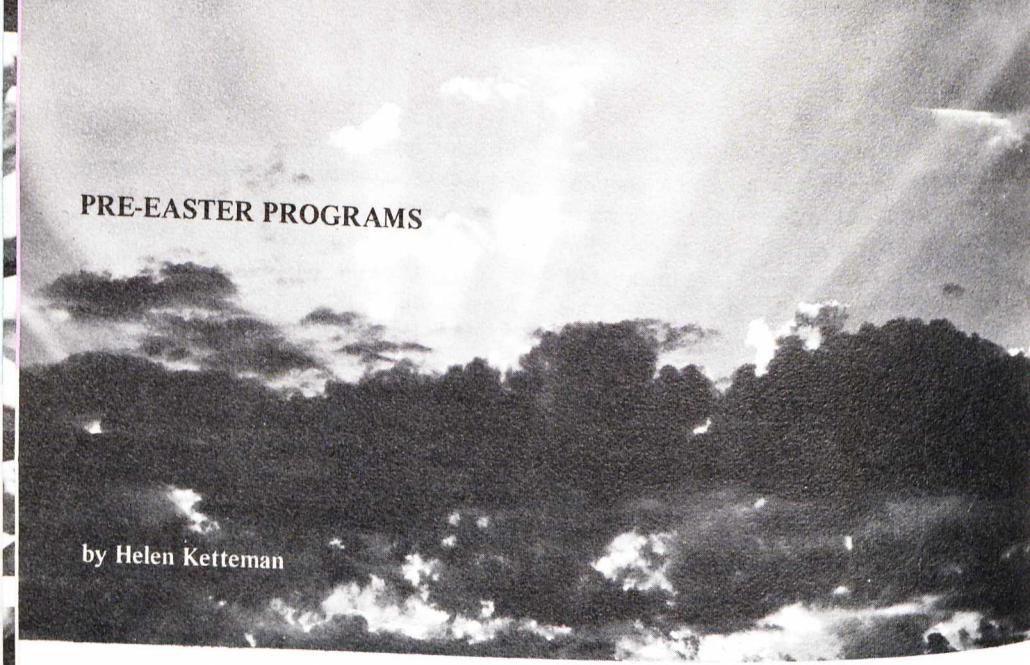
(5) Do you believe Jesus Christ will personally and bodily return to this earth? Many are uncertain.

(6) Do you believe that the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross was all that was necessary to pay the penalty for our sins? The answers are quite varying.

(7) What does Jesus Christ mean to you? Try to make them understand that you are concerned with their personal relationship to Jesus Christ in answering this question.

(8) Do you expect to go to heaven when you die? Most feel they will go to "purgatory" first, then on to heaven. (9) On what grounds do you base your previous answer? If you expect to go there? If you don't expect to go to heaven, why not?

(10) How does one become a Christian in your opinion? After this question is answered you may say, "Would you like me to show you what God's Word, the Bible, says concerning how one becomes a Christian?" At this point a good gospel witness is easily afforded. Don't comment on the answers to the other questions and end up in an argument. Their purpose is to supply you with a wealth of information for a more effective witness when you get to the last question. Once you win the person, you know what they believe on these other subjects, so you are provided with material where they can be grounded. Your follow-up ministry is already outlined for you.



PRE-EASTER PROGRAMS

by Helen Kettelman

MONDAY The Living Bread

Song: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Scripture: John 6:33-35

NEVER BEFORE has the world hungered so desperately for truth. Masses everywhere demonstrate, riot and even die trying to find a way of life which will satisfy their deepest longings. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It is through Him alone that this restless, hungry world must be reached today. He is the Living Bread, the bread sent from heaven that men may eat and *not* die! "He that believeth on me hath eternal life" (John 6:51). Other food and drink cannot preserve our living bodies from death, much less give life or restore life to the dead; but this Living Bread does just that.

They tell us that bread is the most nourishing kind of food. Nothing else does

so much to keep us going! It is a food that suits the old and the young, the weak and the strong. It is to be found the world over. People never get tired of it. We do not think of bread as something to be served just on special occasions or when there is "special company." We think of it for hungry, hearty eaters. It must be eaten if it is to do us good. So it is with the Bread of God. We cannot stay strong and healthy if we only eat of the spiritual bread once in awhile. Our souls need to be fed daily, not just one meal now and then on Sunday and a prayer meeting once in awhile. We need that verse of Scripture in the morning to begin each day. Then as we pray and ask God's guidance for that day, He makes the Word sweet to us. All through the day, we draw upon those precious promises for nourishment. We need this just when Satan would defeat us, those verses nourish us and give that spiritual lift which is so necessary to the child of God.

Prayer Thoughts

Martin Luther said, "I have so much to do today, I shall never get it done unless I pray at least three hours this morning." Much more can be accomplished if we get in step with God at the beginning of the day. Prayer-time is the most valuable time you will spend today. We must cultivate the desire to do the things we know we ought to do.

Prayer requests: Ask for personal needs of members and missionaries.

TUESDAY Our Daily Bread

Song: "He Lives"

Scripture: Matthew 6:11

HOT BISCUITS and honey are hard to beat for flavor and for all-around taste appeal. When you dip your spoon into a jar of honey (or maybe you prefer other sweets such as syrup or jellies), do you remember the Giver of all good and perfect gifts? Do you often remember the starving people of the world?

In a land of plenty, it is hard for us to realize that famine is a major threat to much of the world today. "The world is one the threshold of the biggest famine in history," according to Raymond Ewell, former advisor to the Government of India. "If present trends continue, it seems likely that famine will reach serious proportions in India, Pakistan and China in the early 1970s. Latin America will fall in this category by 1980. Such a famine will be of massive proportions, affecting hundreds of millions, possibly billions of persons."

When people have neither bread to eat, nor the Saviour, how miserable their lives must be!

Have you ever said when buying groceries, "If we didn't have to *eat*, we could have some of the things we want"? Of course, it is obvious that the only way to live is to eat. Physically, we can't get by that cheap. Spiritually, we can't get by either.

When Moses led the children of Israel through the wilderness, God supplied a temporary gift of food called manna. Even though this bread was given of God, it could not give everlasting life. John says that although the Israelites ate of it, they died (John 6:49). It only sustained them for a short time.

"This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die" (John 6:50). How wonderful that Christ has promised to satisfy every one who comes to Him in faith, believing. He gives life *now*, not just for the future, but for this day, this moment. We do not live for bread and water, but *by* bread and water. So it is with our living the Christian life -- we live by faith in Him.

Prayer Thoughts

Let us in this pre-Easter season pray that the living Christ will be pre-eminent in our hearts and lives. Pray for other requests listed by your Missions Chairman.

"If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

WEDNESDAY Breaking the Bread

Song: "Blest Be the Tie"

Scripture: Acts 2:42

IN ACTS 2:42 and 46 we read concerning the early believers that "They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread from house to house, did eat . . . with gladness and singleness of heart."

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Because of the finished work of Christ on Calvary and the glorious resurrection, all believers could rejoice and fellowship together in Christ. Their hearts were filled with His love. They had such a sweet spirit among them that others remarked how different those Christians were. Their lives were happy and they praised God for His blessings. They were thankful for their very food. They realized it was a token of the Father's love.

When they met together in the Temple or in private homes, they worshipped the Lord, prayed talked about Him and what He had done for them. The Holy

Spirit made their faith real to them. Learning about Jesus brought them together.

They would close their fellowship with the Lord's Supper. Their new life in Christ made all things new! Many were being saved each day because of their faith and example.

The early Christians counted prayer an essential part of their lives. Their prayer meetings were necessary for their spiritual strength and growth. Individual private prayer is a "must" for every Christian, but the Bible also stresses group prayer meetings. We should not take lightly the

Prayer Meetings of our church. The Holy Spirit brings us close together in fellowship and in unity of heart when we pray and break bread together.

Those early Christians felt that because Jesus Christ had given His life for their redemption, they could do no less for Him than put their lives into service for Him! They felt their responsibility in joining with Him in offering eternal life to others.

Serving Jesus demands our all and is worth our all. It isn't so much the number of years we put into this thing of soul winning, but how much of our lives

we put into it. How much do we care? How much do we give? How much do we invest of our very selves in this work? This is what really counts.

Prayer Thoughts

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18). "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth" (Psalm 145:18).

Pray that the Lord will give you opportunity today to share God's message of love with at least one person and that you will have His power to accomplish for Him.

THURSDAY **Hungering for Bread**

Song: "Teach Me to Pray"

Scripture: Matthew 5:6

HAPPY IS the woman whose appetite is big for the things of Christ! God has promised that she shall be filled at His table.

God is always ready and waiting to give every Christian the nourishing food that they need. His children need never go hungry for the spiritual bread. They must be willing to "come and get it." The table is set. The food is there, and the Heavenly Father delights in giving good things to his children.

When our children come to breakfast in the mornings we are so glad to give them bread and milk, oatmeal and eggs. We say, "I am glad you have a good appetite. Sit down, ask God's blessing on your food and eat away!" But when they refuse to eat, we become concerned. What

has caused them to lose their appetite? Are they sick? Do they need vitamins? Even so, God is concerned about His children when they refuse to eat and enjoy His provisions.

During the Second World War a small group of Christians gathered on Easter day for service in a little evangelical church. Their bodies were thin from hunger - - physical hunger. Their eyes were ringed with darkness. They were dressed poorly. Their land was in bondage. Yet they sang! "Christ the Lord is risen today, hallelujah!" As they sang the power of the risen Christ gave them strength. No matter how dark the present may be or how bleak the future might become, there will always be victory and strength in the risen Christ. Because He lives, we shall live also.

As we sing the Easter hymns and read again the Easter story let us ask God to fill us with the reality of His presence today. Christ has come back from the tomb to be with us forever. Oh, that we may hunger and thirst after righteousness today. "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9).

Prayer Thoughts

Tested faith leads to the mature and complete life which the Lord wants us to have. It is good for the Christian's faith to be put on trial because by this process the door is opened to further and full Christian growth. Unless our faith is tested, we can never know its strength and we settle for a Christian life far too small.

Prayer Request: To be given by Missions Chairman.

FRIDAY Casting the Bread

Song: "Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

"Oh lead me Lord, that I may lead The wandering and the wavering feet; O feed me, Lord, that I may feed The hungering ones with manna sweet."

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:1

NO CHRISTIAN, no matter what the circumstances, is exempt from his or her missionary responsibility. Everyone is a messenger of the gospel of Christ, either faithful or unfaithful. The gospel is not merely something to go to church to lost people.

Do we love those for whom Christ died? Answering this question will help us determine in our own hearts just how much we are sharing the Bread of Life with the hungry. The message which we give them is the same as it was when the first Christians gave it forth. The hunger of hearts is just as great as the hunger was then. We may have a wonderful Woman's Auxiliary organization with much activity, marvelous programs with good attendance, but if we fail to give Jesus Christ to the hungry about us, we cannot truly call ourselves a missionary arm of the church.

"Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19). Surely the Lord hath done great things for each of us! Surely He has had compassion on us! Surely we can tell!

As Christian women we have a God-given purpose in life. That is to give the Bread of Life to others, leaving a bit of it everywhere we go. Feeding our families their daily meals takes so much of our time, but feeding them the Word is just as important.

Do we have letters to write? We can add a Bible verse or a Bible truth that means something to us and will be a testimony to that person. Making a personal phone call? Give a word of testimony that lets the other person know your faith in God.

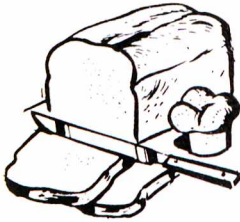
Will you be visiting someone sick or shut-in? Let that one know that you are claiming the promise, "For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:4).

Will you be having guests in your home? Let them see and hear you read the Bible and thank God for daily bread.

Sometimes a Christian woman can best exhibit her God-given purpose by faithfulness to duty and by her daily life example. In every experience she looks for the hand of God. Perhaps she often feels that the little she does won't amount to much. But added to the energy and faithfulness of other Christians, what she does can add up to something for the Kingdom of God. Remember the little lad with the little bit of lunch? Jesus used it to feed a multitude.

Prayer Thoughts

Today God expects each one of us to give the good bread of the gospel to fainting, starving lost souls, that they may "have life, and have it more abundantly."



PRAYER FOR DAILY BREAD

by Lois Hoadley Dick

Give us this day our daily bread,
We, of all nations, overfed . . .

Biscuits baked in nourishing glops,
Served with gravy to wipe up the
drops.

French toast and crouton for thick-
creamed soup,

Raisin bread and pastry twisted in
a loop.

Rye bread and pumpernickle, diet
and wheat.

Bread sticks to go with the savory
meat.

Corn bread and date bread, muffins
and rolls,

Shortbread and gingerbread in por-
celian bowls.

How to feed the world seems to pose
a question . . .

Give us this day some indigestion.



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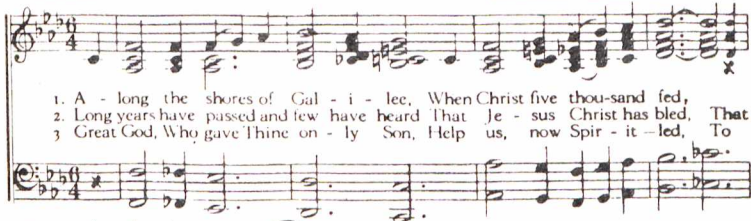
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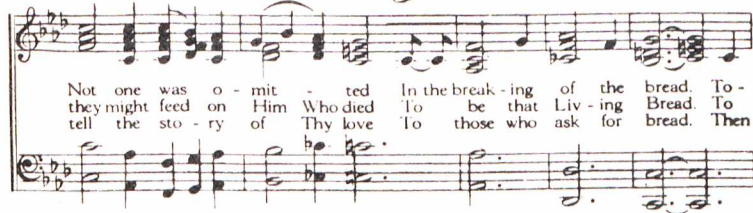
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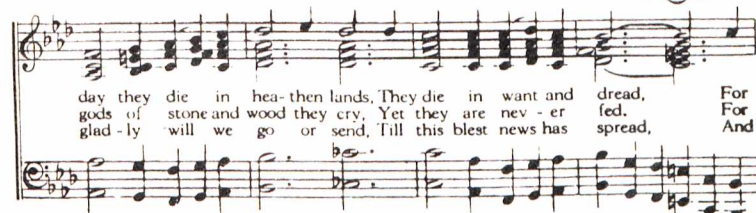
Beatrice Bush Bixler



1. A - long the shores of Gal - i - lee, When Christ five thou-sand fed,
 2. Long years have passed and few have heard That Je - sus Christ has bled, That
 3. Great God, Who gave I'hine on - ly Son, Help us, now Spir - it - led, To



Not one was o - mit - ted In the break - ing of the bread. To -
 they might feed on Him Who died To be that Liv - ing Bread. To
 tell the sto - ry of Thy love To those who ask for bread. Then



day they die in hea - then lands, They die in want and dread, For
 gods of stone and wood they cry, Yet they are nev - er fed, For
 glad - ly will we go or send, Till this blest news has spread, And



they have been o - mit - ted in the break - ing of the Bread.
 they have been o - mit - ted in the break - ing of the Bread.
 they have been in - clud - ed in the break - ing of the Bread.

CHORUS



Lord, I would give them the Bread of Life, The Liv - ing Wa - ter too;



Rit.
 My heart cries out, "Oh, here am I, Read - y, Thy will to do."

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