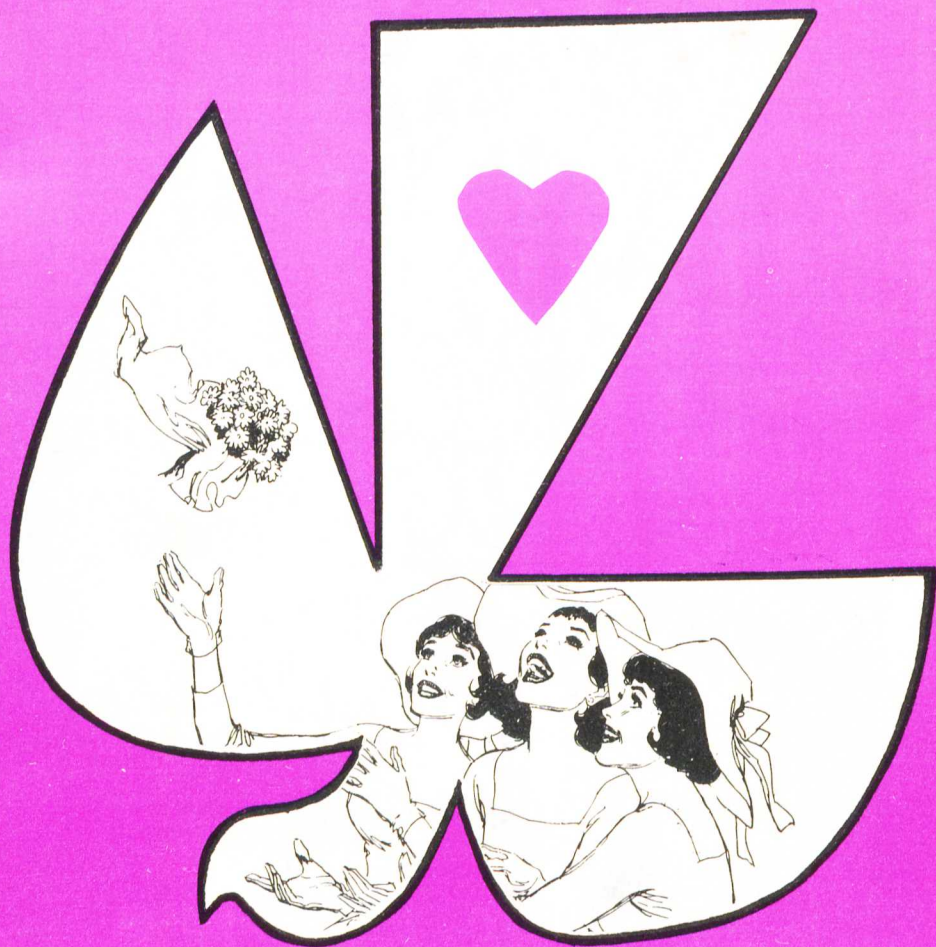


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THE THEME, "Fruitful Unto Every Good Work" and the watchword, "I have chosen you . . . that ye should go and bring forth fruit," admonishes us to conscientiously and prayerfully give an account of our auxiliary's activity during the past year.

As the reports are compiled, may the results show that our Lord has blessed each one of us individually and each auxiliary abundantly during our labors for Him the past year.

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STATESIDE

THE STORY OF WOMEN IN ACTION



WNAC Study Committee

The committee appointed by WNAC to make a long-range study of Woman's Auxiliary work met in Nashville, January 31-February 1.

Aware of the changes taking place in our world and of the changing circumstances of women's lives, the committee prayerfully seeks ways the organization may function more effectively in today's world.

The next meeting will be held during the National Convention in July.

Mission Activity

"It is such a thrill to be a member of the Woman's Auxiliary," writes Pauline Brooks, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Second Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky. "I believe the more active the auxiliary, the more interest we have."

To prove her assertions Mrs. Brooks lists projects her Auxiliary engaged in last year. "We had three work days at the church and made 500 witness handkerchiefs for Home Missions. We mailed a 28-pound box of material, thread, zippers, hose, and other items to the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee. We have been rolling bandages for the Miley's and each month we mail two 2-pound boxes to Africa.

"We are planning to have four standard study courses . . . Our per-

sonal service chairman takes a Sunshine Box each month to a shut-in or someone who is ill. She decorates a shoe box and puts seven individually wrapped gifts in one box. They are to unwrap a gift each day for seven days. We have had such a blessing in doing this and the sick seem to be thrilled. We also put scripture verses in pill bottles and they (the sick) are to take one each day.

"We made a calendar for the month of November and each day we were supposed to do something . . . like pay five cents for each window in the house. All the women really enjoyed it and we received over \$127 for missions."

Installation Service

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Church, Houston, Texas held an installation service for the new officers in January.

Using the Cross as the theme, Mrs. Mildred Rivette installed the officers in an impressive ceremony. Raymond Lee sang, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken."

Officers and chairmen installed included Charlene Denman, Evelyn Johnson, Virginia Burrell, Ruth Jennische, Bettie Ferguson, Mary Jennische, Barrie Sue Davis, Edna Carter, Diane Thompson, and Peggy Ferguson.

*Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary,
First Church, Houston, Texas. Left
to right are: Evelyn Johnson, Vice
president; Charlene Denman, presi-
dent; Virginia Burell, Secretary-
treasurer.*



WNAC Study Committee. Left to right are Maude Coffey, Lucille Boyle, Cleo Pursell, Jean Chism, and Mary R. Wischart.

*Officers of the 2nd Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky.
Left to right are: Pauline Brooks, president, Betty Evans, soloist,
Mrs. E.O. Griffith, Mary Harmon, Martha Wallace, Diana
Johnson. 2nd row: Liza Jane Rogers, Lou Walker, Loretta
Branham, Martha Highfield, Mrs. Barnet Bond*





Ella Rae Jones and Pat Tyson, missionaries to Ecuador, are shown with Reverend William Buster, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Richton, Mississippi. The Woman's Auxiliary presented the missionaries with a Christmas gift of \$25.



Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina, are shown with tupperware recently contributed to the missionary provision closet in Nashville.

Enlistment Luncheon

Mrs. Juanita Whitfield, enlistment chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary, Corcoran, California, reported a successful enlistment luncheon there in February.

"Since I am enlistment chairman," she wrote, "it was up to me to make the speech to convince them they should become members. When the president asked if anyone would like to join, my prayers were answered when seven stood. Most of our new members are also new Christians and new church members."

Reverend Edward Johns is pastor.

Thanksgiving Shower

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina, sponsored a linen shower for the missionary provision closet. The ladies were asked to bring the items to the Sunday morning service on Sunday before Thanksgiving. During the service the ladies placed the items on the altar, after which there was thanksgiving and prayer for our missionaries.

PLAN NOW

TO ATTEND

WNAC ANNUAL MEETING and FELLOWSHIP DINNER

July 14-15, 1969

St. Louis, Missouri

WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The annual fellowship dinner of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will be held in the Ivory Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, Monday, July 14, at 5 o'clock.

Jill Renich, wife of Fred Renich, director of Missionary Internship in Detroit, will be the speaker. Mrs. Renich is an author, lecturer, teacher and mother. She was born in China of missionary parents, and is the granddaughter of the noted evangelist and Bible teacher, R.A. Torrey.

Her work in Bible classes, retreats and conferences has grown into an organization known as *Winning Women*. In addition to speaking and conducting a radio broadcast, *Between Us Women*, Mrs. Renich has written a series of books to help women apply the teaching of Christ to the circumstances of their own lives.

The dinner will be open to all who wish to attend. Tickets may be purchased from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, at \$4 each, (includes tax and tip).

Your auxiliary may purchase tickets for missionaries by sending reservations along with your check or money order.

Jill Renich



Mrs. Mabel Willey



Mrs. Mabel Willey Sr., veteran Latin-American missionary, will bring the keynote message at the 34th annual session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The meeting will convene in the opera house section of Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on July 15 at 9 a.m.

The theme, "Fruitful Unto Every Good Work," will be emphasized throughout the day in devotions by missionaries, inspirational music and singing. "Fruits of the Harvest" featuring missionaries from several fields will highlight the day's program.

Business items include committee reports and election of officers.

CO-LABORERS WRITE...



from Alabama

The missionary conference at our church this year was a blessing to all. The speakers included Henry Van Kluyve, Ella Rae Jones, Patsy Tyson, Frank Cousineau and the Jimmy Aldridges.

Our auxiliary surprised Jim Aldridge with a birthday party and fellowship after the service. He was presented with a huge birthday cake with a map of Africa on it, also a white shirt and tie...

You should be commended again for your work with *Co-Laborer*.

*Joyce Armstrong
Florence, Alabama*

from California

The Golden Gate Woman's Auxiliary District Convention wishes to express appreciation for making the secretary's record book and the individual report slips conform for easier record keeping.

A project of \$5 per member was adopted for the coming year for the Brazil literature program. The women also pledged enough Blue Chip stamps to buy a projector and portable table for Rev. Don Robirds.

*Reba Kirk
Ceres, California*

Just a short note to let you know how much we enjoy the *Co-Laborer*. We pray God will continue to bless as we work together for Him.

*Sarah Whitelock
Lompoc, California*

from Georgia

I am very pleased with the *Co-Laborer* this quarter. This last year was my first active year in the auxiliary and it has truly enriched my life. It thrills me that united as laborers for Christ, Free Will Baptist women can accomplish much for His kingdom.

*Sammie Montgomery
Glennville, Georgia*

from Kansas

We were privileged to have Brother Arthur Billows with us just before Thanksgiving. He cooked a Mexican dinner in the fellowship hall. This was a very special treat. In the afternoon he spoke to the women of the blessing of the Lord on the work in Mexico. We enjoyed having him in Kansas for a week in different churches.

*Clara Hillis
Wichita, Kansas*

from Mississippi

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy "Woman to Woman" in *Contact*.

*Mrs. Laverne Horne
Smithville, Mississippi*

from Missouri

I enjoy our *Co-Laborer* books. I hesitated when asked to take the job as program-prayer chairman but God has wonderfully blessed me as I've tried in various ways to present the programs.

The *Co-Laborer* has been a real blessing to all of us and we look forward to each new quarter. God bless you all.

*Norma Kennedy
Arnold, Missouri*

from North Carolina

I would like to tell you how much the ladies of our auxiliary enjoy our *Co-Laborer*. We get such a great blessing from our meeting that we can hardly wait until a month elapses to attend another meeting. You and your staff are certainly doing a fine job. May our Saviour continue to bless you.

Our auxiliary has only been organized a year and we need much help and prayer. Our ladies are concerned about missions and soul-winning.

*Evelyn Hailey
Elm City, North Carolina*

I am enclosing \$5 as a gift to your work with *Co-Laborer*. May the Lord multiply it for you . . . I appreciate your efforts for WNAC and you are doing such a splendid job.

Co-Laborer is a blessing and such an inspiration. I am sure countless numbers are receiving challenge and blessing through its pages.

My love and prayers continue to surround you. Thank you for praying for me.

*Volena Wilson
Asheville, North Carolina*

from Oklahoma

. . . the Lawnwood Woman's Auxiliary would like to become a member of Project 5000 as soon as it can be arranged . . . Thank you for your help and the work you are doing for our

auxiliaries. We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* very much, especially the programs and missionary news that keeps us informed. The cover for this new quarter, "A World in Hunger," is beautiful and moving.

*Peggy Royal
Sand Springs, Oklahoma*

Thank you for the fine work you continue to do. We are very happy with the new supply catalog and the variety of WNAC supplies it carries.

*Margaret Dixon
Norman, Oklahoma*

from Texas

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church began the new year with the program "A World in Hunger." To accent the program the chairman displayed an open Bible, a world globe, and a loaf of bread on a bright red cloth. She placed a cross with Jesus's words "give ye them to eat" on it.

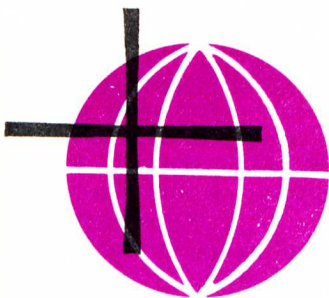
We would like to thank you for your suggested ideas to go along with your wonderful programs.

*Barbara Williams
Bryan, Texas*

from Washington

We have good interest in our auxiliary. For our November meeting, a converted Jew spoke to us concerning our ministry of witnessing to the Jews. She gave her personal testimony and some excellent pointers—do's and don'ts—about witnessing to a Jew. It was a real blessing to our women.

*Joan Warren
E. Wenatchee, Washington*



PRAYER for WORLD MISSIONS

by Virginia Van Kluyve
Missions Chairman WNAC

JULY

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

Our country was founded on its belief in God. There are forces today, as never before, which are trying to take away this freedom. These enemies are strong. Unless America acknowledges her dependence on God, we could lose this freedom so dear to us.

Prayer has changed the course of history in the past. It is still powerful today.

USA

This summer short term missionaries are again working in our north-east fields. Reverend and Mrs. R. McCarty of Michigan are working with the Mack Owenses in Nova Scotia, and Miss Anita J. King of California is working with the churches in New Hampshire.

Following the National Association meeting in July, Reverend and Mrs. Fred McCoy will leave for a new field in Puerto Rico. They will be the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to this island. The McCoy's are from Oklahoma.

By September Reverend and Mrs. Robert Francis of Missouri hope to be settled in their new work in St. Paul,

Minnesota. This will be the first effort of Free Will Baptists to establish churches in this state.

Two projects were recently successfully completed. The Seattle church where Reverend and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett were the missionaries and the Winter Haven, Florida, church where Reverend Harvey Hill and Reverend Harvey Henderson worked with the church are now self-supporting.

Missionaries having birthdays this month are: *Brazil*: Ken Eagleton, July 1; Debra Aycock, July 20. *Africa*: Eddie Payne, July 27; Lynette Miley, July 27. *Japan*: Nancy Waid, July 2; Fred Hersey, July 20. *India*: Mark Hanna, July 4. *Uruguay*: Stephen Ellison, July 20; Timothy Fulcher, July 24. *Panama*: Tom Willey, Jr., July 13. *USA*: Mark Vandivort, July 3.

AUGUST

There is an old church in Europe in which may be seen a picture of a plowman who has left his plow and turned aside to pray. But while he prays, an angel is plowing for him. The artist has grasped the truth that no time is ever lost when we pray. We work better and more effectively after

we have prayed. Do not lose precious time by neglecting to pray (Psalm 109:4).

Ivory Coast — About the third week of July, 1969, Free Will Baptists from Koun to Doropo will gather in Kpanan, Ivory Coast for their second annual associational meeting.

Any meeting is important in the development of a church, but these take an added importance as precedents are set in activities and programs. Pray that all will be to the glory of God.

This meeting can mean: barriers further lowered between Agni, Kulango and Lobi; a greater appreciation of the work and need of evangelism on the part of African Christians and their deeper understanding of church government, especially the process of election. It can mean a definite push in the growth of Christians.

The devil will tempt Christians to substitute form for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He will try to provoke quarrels and disagreements. Pray much and definitely that God's will will gain a victory recognizable by even the pagans in Kpanan.

Missionaries having birthdays this month are: *Africa*: James Noel Sparks, August 14; Janie Aldridge, August 17. *Brazil*: Kimberly Wilkinson, August 26; Mrs. Sue Aycock, August 3; Rebecca Aycock, August 3. *India*: Reverend Carlisle Hanna, August 3. *USA*: Levy Corey, August 12; Crystal Corey, August 21.

SEPTEMBER

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night" (Joshua 1:8). In the fall when things

begin to settle down into a regular routine again, it is good to pause and check our spiritual schedule. What place does God's Word have in our daily schedule? It has been said, "We only know as much of God's Word as we put into practice." Let us meditate on God's Word daily.

Latin America — Reverend Eugene Waddell reported that after visiting several Latin American countries, revival—a word that has come to mean so many things to us—is an important word for the missionary. The church needs a mighty Pentecost—a moving of the Holy Spirit. This is the desire of the missionary in Latin America.

Pray for revival, for only revival can turn the timid, passive congregations into dynamic witnesses. Revival produces workers—and this is one of the most crying needs in Brazil, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Panama. Revival re-invigorates the tiring missionary who may be having second thoughts about his calling.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will move upon the leadership training programs in Brazil and Uruguay. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on young preachers like Dirceo, Laerceu, Sabastao, and Paul in Brazil and Hubertil in Uruguay.

Missionaries having birthdays this month are: *Africa*: Sheryl Mayhew, Sept. 9; Dr. LaVerne Miley, Sept. 9. *Brazil*: Terry Eagleton, Sept. 3; Mrs. Pat Franks, Sept. 9. *Japan*: Vivian Hersey, Sept. 9; Samuel Hersey, Sept. 24. *USA*: Billy Carney, Sept. 11; Susan Postlewaite, Sept. 14; Arthur Billows, Sept. 18; Elaine Skiles, Sept. 28; Leah Ruth Postlewaite, Sept. 29; Mrs. Billy McCoy, Sept. 6; Freddy McCoy, Sept. 6; Deborah Jones, Sept. 6; Gale Jones, Sept. 12.

A NAME TO REMEMBER



BESSIE YELEY

A tribute to a pioneer missionary.

It was five years after her conversion that Bessie Yeley heard her *first missionary speaker*. She had been saved at the age of 13 at Porter Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio. As a Sunday school pupil Bessie never heard her teachers mention missions nor the condition of the heathen. "Missions" was an entirely new subject to her when, as an 18 year-old girl, she visited a Baptist church one night. This aroused her interest in missions; however, she dared not even dream of being a missionary because the idea of achieving an education was completely foreign to her.

After hearing her first missionary, Bessie's interest in missions increased. When she learned that a missionary from Bolivia, South America, was scheduled to speak two nights at a church near her, she arranged to hear him. Even today she remembers his singing "Ye Must Be Born Again" in

Spanish. That night there sprang up within her a great desire to be able to sing that same song in Spanish, too, never imagining that this would become a reality a few years later.

In response to the urgent plea of the missionary for more workers in Bolivia, Bessie asked the Lord to raise up those who would be willing to go. She was jolted with His reply, "Why don't you go?" As she thought about the obstacles in the way of her going, she concluded the two main ones were *having to care for her mother and lack of education*. However, she told the Lord she was willing to go if He would make it possible.

That same winter her all-sufficient Lord began making the necessary provisions for her to become a bearer of the message of salvation to the regions beyond. He not only took her mother home to be with Him, but later sent a Bible School to Portsmouth. She worked during the day and attended classes at night. Her educational op-

portunities extended when she had the privilege of enrolling in a Bible School in Kansas City, Missouri. This school was operated solely on faith—which prepared her for the Faith Baptist Mission under which she was to later serve in Venezuela.

Miss Yeley was told that she was too old to be accepted by a board for appointment as a missionary. God solved this problem when the Faith Baptist Mission appointed her to serve in Venezuela, South America.

Her companion in travel posed a dark picture before Miss Yeley as she told her how difficult it would be for her in the South American country. After reaching the gateway of Venezuela the two missionary appointees were refused admission. Miss Yeley stayed on the Island of Barbados for three months and then returned home. Discouraged? Not in the least! God assured her Venezuela was to be her field of service, so she sailed again in 1936—alone. This time she entered without any difficulty.

Venezuela was indeed a training post for the new missionary. She learned to trust God for the healing of her body several times. There were many times of testing. Often she scraped “the bottom of the meal barrel” but *The Lord always provided just in time!*

In September, 1942, her assignments changed from Venezuela to Cuba. She joined the Tom Willeys in the new work which they had begun. Miss Yeley recalled that the twelve years spent in Cuba were happy ones. Teaching Cuban young people in the seminary and taking week-end trips to teach Sunday school classes in different villages were thrilling experiences for the single missionary.

After twelve years in Cuba she served three years in Nogales, Arizona. During these three years she and Missionary John Elliston started a Sunday school and Bible clubs which met on Saturdays. For quite a long time they witnessed the conversion of souls every Sunday.

A change in assignments came again for the missionary: from Nogales, Arizona, to Miami, Florida. After the Cuban Refugee Center was organized Miss Yeley was in charge of the correspondence—along with teaching a Sunday school class.

After 20 years of missionary work, Miss Yeley retired to her home state, Ohio. Here she continued to work in local churches until her death, January 23, 1969, in Portsmouth at the age of 73.



CIRCLE PROGRAMS

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

JULY / Faith Gives Directions

Song: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

A simple "traffic light" may be on display. Following her part, each woman may add the circle of color about which she speaks.

Stop

The red light says *stop*. Let us stop to sit at His feet and prepare our hearts for His Word. (Read Mark 6:31; Matthew 11:28.) The Lord wants us to stop and listen to what He has to say to us. If we do not stop and rest at His feet and learn of Him, no service we may render for Him can be successful. Our hearts must be prepared to seek the law of the Lord. This is the starting point of any Christian service.

(Ask different women to read these verses:)

John 5:39; Matthew 4:19; Hebrews 12:2; John 14:15; Colossians 3:9; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:7; Psalm 96:8; Romans 6:13; Proverbs 3:5,6.

Let us *stop* to get right with the Lord. Let us *stop* to receive His power. There are many helpless and lifeless Christians because they do not stop long enough to get God's power for service. Automobiles, trains and planes stop for fuel because it means power for them. They are never too busy to stop. Are we as wise? If we are too busy to spend time with the Lord in

prayer and meditation, we are saying we are too busy to receive His power.

My Prayer

I pray for strength to do the things
You have given me to do;
To make life bright for others,
To make my dreams come true.

I pray for wisdom in its truth,
If there be cause to speak,
To those who wander aimlessly
The better things to seek.

I pray for strength of character
And, for a keen insight;
Lord, help me to discriminate
The wrong things from the right.

I pray for strength when I am weak,
Open my eyes when I am blind
To duties that I do not see;
Make me tolerant, good, and kind.

I'm thankful for the blessings
You've chosen to send my way;
Lord, make me ever conscious
Of your presence night and day.
... Gladys Ireland McCool

Caution

The yellow light says *caution*. Warnings on every hand send out beacons of light to us. Yellow lines and yellow signs speak words of caution. "The one who thinks he is

standing up better be careful that he does not fall" (I Corinthians 10:12). There is one way, according to Psalm 119:9b, for cleansing—"by taking heed thereto according to thy word." If God's holy Word is not used continuously, the warning lights of caution are flashing amber. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Go

The green light says *go*. "... The trying of your faith worketh patience . . . let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." The trials, heartaches, irritations, confusion—all these will make you perfect and complete in faith so that you may lack nothing. Then God gives the green signal for moving ahead in faith. "Everything is possible for the person who has faith," says Jesus, and then adds, "what is impossible for men is possible for God." All things are possible? Yes, salvation, renewal, reconsecration, healing, faith, hope, joy, and love, all flashing in the hope and joy of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World.

Discussion

Separate into at least three groups. Choose one from each group to report to entire group. After 10 minutes, reassemble and report.

Group 1: Stop—Have you ever had to stop and really pray when you felt you did not know the right choice to make?

Have you thanked God for being stopped and having to rethink your plans?

Group 2: Caution—Have you ever had a warning from the Lord? Did you or did you not follow the warning? Results.

Group 3: Go—Have you recently, through your prayers, felt the urge to go to someone and found that person needed you? Were your prayers answered?

AUGUST / Faith Means Commitment

Song: "Jesus Calls Us"; "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Devotions: I Corinthians 13

Baked in Love (Monologue)

Maybe I look all calm and collected, kneeling, eyes front, focused on the communion table, all that—but I'm not. It's probably silly to be distracted, but . . . that's *my* bread on those communion plates. Not flat, white impersonal wafers (they ran out the last time and the new order didn't come) but my oatmeal bread, broken into pieces and piled up on those two plates.

The pastor is explaining it now: "Bread instead of wafers today—homemade bread, baked in love by a member of our congregation."

Baked in love? Good grief! When did I bake that bread? Friday it was—one of those days when nothing works out right. Just as I pinned the last piece of wash on a line, a black cloud overhead let loose and I had to rehang everything in the basement. The phone kept ringing, and every single time it was someone who wanted to talk at least half an hour. A man from the gas company came to adjust the burners just when I had

begun to read a story to Johnny, who was home from school with a cold. And with all this, I had been optimistic enough—or rather dopey enough—to start some bread. The dough overflowed its pan on the first rising—that was one of the times I was shackled to the phone—and it took me 15 minutes to clean the stove top. Then during the last rising, a woman came to get information for the school census and stayed nearly an hour; so the loaves rose too high and I had to punch them down and wait another hour before I could bake them.

Baked in love! I was about as cross as I have ever been by the time that bread came out of the oven. And if the truth were known, I didn't much want to give them this loaf when they asked for it last night—it was my last one and now I have to bake again tomorrow.

If that's the criterion, if bread for the altar has to be baked and given in love, this stuff will poison us all. And that's not all. What about that grape juice in the cup? Did the Welch Company think beautiful thoughts every moment of its making? Maybe they should have, but did they? And the money—the collection plates—was every penny of that earned in noble, high-mindedness? And our prayers—I can't even imagine what kind of dirty, unkept hearts they float up from.

What are we doing here anyway? What makes us think we have anything to give God or one another, when all of it is like that bread of mine up there on the altar.

But wait a minute. *Is* it my bread? I gave it to the church—I gave it to God and it is His now. He is able to take my flawed gift and give it back as His gift of love. He blesses it and makes it

good, and it becomes His bread. And so we can eat it and it will nourish us, not with frustration and anger and stinginess that I baked into it, but with His life and love.

And who knows? Maybe He blesses that cross day's baking too, going down under all the surface irritation and finding whatever spark it is that keeps me baking bread and washing clothes instead of going back to bed and pulling the covers over my head. He put that spark there, and He knows it is always there, even when I can't feel it burning—even when all it sends up is a cloud of black smoke.

Maybe the love that I bring to God in that loaf of bread is like the drawings Johnny makes me in kindergarten. I know they are not da Vinci's "Last Supper" but he makes them and brings them to me, and to me they are beautiful. Love given, however crossly, however grudgingly, however clumsily, is still love. God knows it is, even if we don't, and He can see the beauty in it that is not there yet—but perhaps some day will be.

Meanwhile I do what I can, and bring it to God, knowing that He can make it whole, and good and nourishing—like His bread (and mine) up there on the communion table.

... Mary Morrison

Prayer Hymn: "Love Divine" (sung softly)

Benediction

SEPTEMBER / Love Builds Faith

Song: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Devotions: Luke 10:33-35

If one word was to be chosen that would best describe love, that word

would be *giving*. Anything that has ever been said about love could be some form of giving.

For example, in I Corinthians 13:4, we find that love is patient . . . it gives the other a chance to grow and learn. Love is kind . . . it gives kindness. Love is not jealous . . . it gives the other person the honor due her. Love is not boastful . . . it gives another the benefit of being seen.

We all know that to give is more blessed than to receive, and that "it is in giving that we receive." But what do we receive and why is it more blessed? Is it somehow painful sweetness to sacrifice . . . sort of smiling through furrowed brow?

Giving is not necessarily giving up. It does not have to be painful or sacrificial to be right. It is not good because sacrifice is good. It is good because in giving I realize that I have something to give. I am alive! I am joyful because I feel myself alive, wealthy in that which I am able to give!

And so my hours spent cooking for guests, preparing a funeral dinner, visiting in a home for the aged, working on an auxiliary program, are not blessed in the sense of sweet martyrdom, but blessed in the sense that my giving says I am *able* to give. And we all need the confidence of knowing we are able. How demoralizing to receive all the time!

What Do We Give?

We give what is needed, not necessarily what is wanted. This is God's pattern of giving. He always has our needs in view, not our wants. A disturbed person may want sympathy. To give it to her could drive her deeper

into herself and contribute to her illness instead of constructively helping her find herself.

We give tangibles like money and pies and smiles. We give intangibles like freedom, acceptance, and understanding.

I give, in short, myself—everything that I feel, my humor, my joy, my sadness; everything that I think—my knowledge, my understanding; everything I do—my talent, my energy, or my lack of it; everything that I am or am becoming—my spiritual awareness or my spiritual dullness (to a person who is alive spiritually the only thing I may have to give is my dull spiritual edge . . . after all, a sharpener needs dull knives doesn't it?).

Anything that is a part of what life means to me is what I give to another. And loving is giving. And giving is loving. And loving and giving build faith.

Meditation

Dare to be silent as a group. Ask the questions aloud and give plenty of time in between for probing, even for writing down thoughts. There is something mutually strengthening in being introspective together about the same issues. Pray whenever you feel it is appropriate.

What do I have to give?

What do I feel?

What can I do?

What do I think?

What am I?

Prayer Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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MADAM, STIR WHAT YOU GOT!

By Wanda Rogers

Scripture: Mark 6:34-44

SEVERAL YEARS AGO during the days of sugar rationing, a well-known U.S. Senator was having a second cup of coffee in the cafeteria. As he beckoned the young, shy waitress to his table and asked for a second spoonful of sugar, she quite timidly explained to him that he could not have the sugar, that he had already had his ration for the time being. This upset him and he harshly asked for the sugar again. This likewise upset her and she looked over his shoulder into the bottom of his cup and seeing the sugar that had settled there, replied tartly, "Sir, stir what you got."

Unstirred talent, e.g., "that which has settled in the bottom of the cup" and lying dormant in many lives, is enough to turn the world upside down! How Christ wants us to utilize all we have for Him.

As Christ was confronted with the feeding of the five thousand there were three significant statements to be considered: 1. How many loaves have you? 2. Bring it hither to me. 3. Gather the fragments that remain.

First, "How many loaves have you?" What is your potential? Take inventory. It is not what you have to offer, but that you offer what you have. The story is told of a young girl who had no hands who was to be married. The townspeople took it upon themselves to fit her with artificial limbs. She tried using them for two

weeks, then gave them back saying, "They are in my way. I can do better without them." She was making good use of what she had. So, use your talents in His service, whatever it is. "Madam, stir what you got."

Secondly, "Bring it hither to me." The Master wants all of us, and He will take our small efforts and multiply them just as He did the five loaves and two fish. He wants us to trust Him with our talent, our skills, and even our personal work in the auxiliary. Do this and watch Him multiply it! In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the organized religious leader (priest) passed by and saw the man lying in a ditch and said, "Oh, if only I were a doctor. Then I could help," and passed on. The teacher passed by and said, "Oh, if only I were rich, then I could come to the aid of this man." and passed on.

But the Samaritan, though he had little, used what he did have and aided the man. Why do we always want to be someone else? Why are we always making excuses for what we have?

"Gather the fragments that remain." The last thing that Christ admonished the distraught Picnic Committee to do was to gather the fragments that remained. There had been plenty and some left over, but there was nothing to waste!

In being a good steward one must *ration* his activities so that there are not wasted motions. Make every move count for the Master, and the Master will multiply the efforts.

Some have more talents than others. In fact, to the point of being "over-computerized." But it is not *what we have to offer*, but that we *offer what we have*.

So, Madam, "Stir what you got."

STUDY COURSE TIPS



By Violet Cox, WNAC Study Course Chairman

Your Teenager and You by Dr. Anna B. Mow is a highly recommended book to use in your study course this quarter.

Dr. Mow and her husband served as educational and evangelistic missionaries under the Church of the Brethren in India from 1923-40, where they specialized in Moslem work. Dr. Mow is now constantly in demand as a leader of Spiritual Life Retreats and Christian Education Institutes.

Your Teenager and You is a probing analysis of the cause of breakdown in communication between parents and their teens, giving insight into problems that face both. Teen years are years of natural frustrations. It is unfortunate when these natural growth frustrations are complicated further by frustrated parents. Many times a teenager's problems are merely a reflection of his parent's problems.

It is difficult for parents to enjoy a good relationship with their children if they do not have a good relationship among themselves. And even this is

difficult if they do not have a good relationship with God. The root, therefore, of the whole matter is *love*. We as parents must love God in order that we may more deeply love our mates and our children.

Mother and father as husband and wife are under constant observation by their teenagers who are so curious about adult life. Not only does this book discuss the ideal relationship between parents and teenagers, it also deals with discipline. Dr. Mow explains how love and discipline can outwit incompatibility and conquer loneliness.

Many parents do very well with their children when they are small but run into real confusion with them as teenagers. Teens need love, security, independence, self-identity, and privacy.

This is a tremendous book, and there is a great need for more study courses and training in this area. It sells for \$1.50, not for .98¢ as is stated in the Woman's Auxiliary book list.

Ideas for your programs

FOR YOUR USE

JULY / Today's Woman in India

Ask someone in advance to prepare a biographical sketch of India's lady prime minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

If you wish to demonstrate the colorful clothing worn by women in India, a simple way of draping a sari is illustrated here.

Material, five to six yards long, should be wide enough to reach from the waist to the ankle, with a bit more left for tucking in at the waist. Cotton or silk, plain or printed, may be used.

Start with the plain end (if one end is decorated), and begin in front by tucking it into a half-slip band or tape tied snugly about the waist. Work from the left, toward the back, tucking the cloth in all the way around until one complete circle is made. If the wearer is slim, tuck the material in once around again, like a wrap-around skirt, before making the four to seven spaced pleats that, fastened securely in front, give the needed fullness for walking. Bring the rest of the yardage around under the right arm, across the front, up over the left shoulder, and let the *pallu* fall down the back, first pleating it at the shoulder and fastening it with a long, clasped pin.

A Hindu woman usually parts her hair in the middle and draws it into a bun at the back of her neck. Bracelets, pendant earrings, and a necklace are customary jewelry for the well-dressed woman or girl. She wears open sandals.

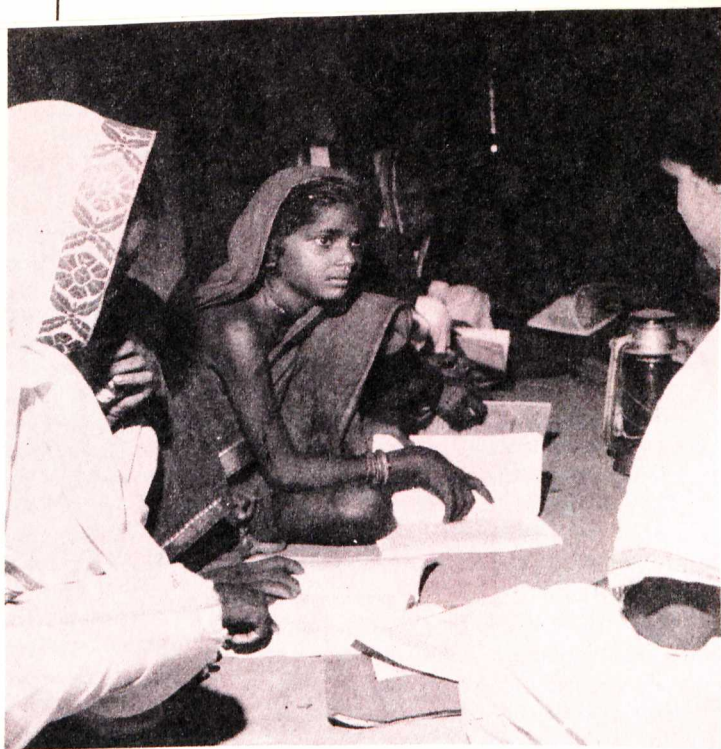
AUGUST / More Women than Men—Why?

1. How many *single* missionaries do Free Will Baptists have? (4)
2. Name them and their fields of service. (Molly Barker, Uruguay-South Brazil; Ella Rae Jones, Ecuador; Patsy Tyson, Ecuador; Mary Ellen Rice, Brazil.)
3. Who was the young lady God used in 1935 to help awaken Free Will Baptists to their missions responsibility? (Laura Belle Barnard.)
4. To what field did she go and where is she now? (India. Now a faculty member at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.)
5. Name the pioneer woman missionary who died in January and where did she serve? (Bessie Yeley. Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico and Miami, Florida.)
6. What young woman served three terms of missionary service in South India, before returning home because of illness? (Volena Wilson.)
7. Name the first woman doctor to serve under our foreign missions board. (Dr. Ruby Griffin.)

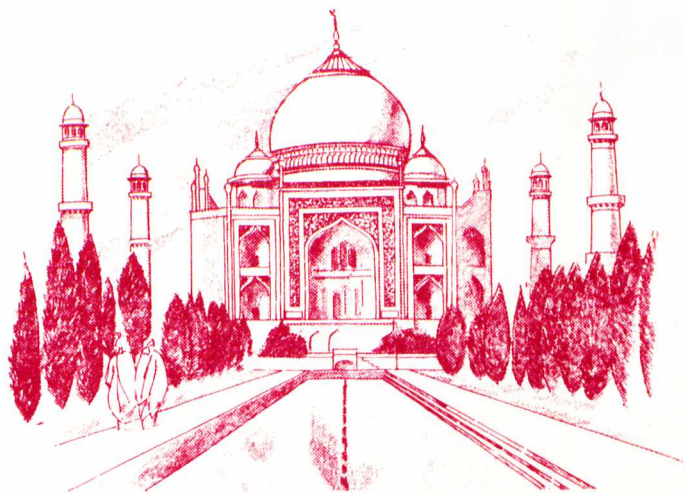
Display prayer cards of single women missionaries presently serving under the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board and pray for their specific needs.

SEPTEMBER / Giving is Living

For a special feature, or for devotions, use article "Madam, Stir What You Got!" found in this issue of *Co-Laborer*. Check the WNAC catalog for available stewardship materials—skits, song sheets, pledge cards.



Today's Woman in India



July Program

By Trula Cronk

Song: "Send the Light"

Meditation and Prayer: Isaiah 61:1-3

Special Feature: (see Ideas for your programs)

People in the western world have often read terms like polygamy, child bride, dowry, arranged marriage, satee, purdah, and illiteracy, which describe women in India. Consequently, an attempt to create an image of India's women may take more skill than I possess. While all the above terms can still be used, some more frequently than others, new terms are needed to show the rapid change in the position and outlook of Indian women today.

SHE IS ATTRACTIVE

Someone has said that bearing burdens has made the Indian woman a queen. Certainly she often walks with a queenly grace. (Try holding a heavy basket on your head and walking with it and see what a lift it gives to your own posture.) To her well-developed carriage, drape the grace of the soft-flowing sari, add the golden wheat skin tones so often found in north India, and you get an image of great attractiveness.

Traditionally, Indian women have striven for a lofty ideal, personified in the legendary story of Sita, wife of Rama, who gave away all her wealth and privilege to follow her husband into exile in the jungle. There, queen though she was, she served her husband with absolute selflessness. Her behavior as the prisoner of the Demon King Ravana portrays her fidelity to her husband amid much temptation. Later her sacrificial motherhood is shown as she rears her twin sons

without the help of their father, whose mind has been so poisoned by malicious gossip that he had sent them away from him. Later King Rama asks her to go through an ordeal by fire to prove her faithfulness. The idea was that if she could walk through fire without being burned everyone would be convinced of her fidelity. At this last insult the faithful Sita prays to Mother Earth who opens up and takes her to herself to spare her further suffering.

Though Indian women want to be like Sita—submissive, loyal, forbearing, long suffering, gentle and kind—like the rest of us, they find these arts of living harder to practice than to idealize. Bound by practices imposed upon them by a rigid caste society, they have appeared to be victims of fate, but events of the last 50 years have given them the will and strength to break through many of the old customs.

HER STATUS

A section of India's women have been involved in revolution for a long time. I see two major events among many lesser ones which have been responsible for bringing about this revolution.

The first was the establishment of Christian schools and colleges for women. The result was an emergence of Christian Indian women who, modeling their lives after the foreign missionary women, left their hearths to become teachers, nurses, doctors, and to take up many other positions of service among their fellow countrymen.

Their courage in taking on new roles emboldened Hindu women to demand more freedom as individuals. Seeing what modern education could



do for Christian women, they, too, began to demand the privilege of attending schools and colleges. The Christian schools were usually the only ones available. A Hindu lawyer here in our town told me that he was persecuted for becoming a Christian when he decided to send his girls to school. Today, only a generation later, the member of the legislative assembly from this area is a woman.

The second great event which helped Indian women break the bonds of tradition was the freedom struggle. Indian women joined in this fight in large numbers. They marched, shouted slogans, gave their gold ornaments, denied themselves, wore homespun instead of the British-milled cloth, went to jail, and suffered all the insults. Having become equal to their menfolk in the fight for freedom, they could never again be forced into submission and servitude.

Probably because of their heroic share in the freedom fight, Indian women never had to wage a separate battle for their right to vote as most women in the West had to do. But national freedom and the right to vote have not given women equal privileges. Many other fundamental rights, though promised by law, are still denied them in practice. In most communities women still do not inherit as their brothers do. They are not often permitted to exercise their legal right

to divorce, and in many middle and upper class families their right to remarriage after becoming widows is denied.

LITERACY

While education for women is encouraged in many circles, the rate of female literacy is still much lower than it is for men. In many areas it is only one or two per cent while that for men in the same area may reach 25 or 30 per cent. The outlook for female education is bright, and I believe that most girls get to attend school for a short while at least, though it may not be long enough to make them literate.

The fact that now in many circles education serves in lieu of all or a part of the traditional dowry makes parents more willing and even eager to send their girls to school. Economics, however, is still a very limiting factor. Many rural people just cannot afford to send their girls to school. It is only with great sacrifice that most of them can get even a limited education for their sons.

While education is free up to the third grade in most states, and there are little government schools of a sort within reach of most villages, most rural mothers have to work.

The little girls are needed to help work or to mind the babies and therefore cannot be spared to go to school. Once when we opened a small school in the village, we tried letting the girls bring the babies. Some of these girls became so interested that they demanded to be allowed to go to school without the babies, and a few of them have reached fifth or sixth grade.

In most cases the Indian woman is still not free to choose her own life mate, though now she often does have the right to reject the choice which the parents have made for her.

Rare is a woman in India who has freedom to make a religious choice on her own. Should she hear the story of God's love for her and believe in His Son, she is not free to make a public profession of her faith in Christ. In most circles, threatening and abuse follow the slightest hint that she might want to declare herself a Christian. Should she persevere and seek baptism, her isolation from home and family is almost certain. Very few Indian women are financially independent enough to persist in family disfavor. From the lowly village home where she is still illiterate to the city home of the wealthy where she may have even a foreign education, the Indian woman is still bound to the faith of her birth.



SHARING BLESSINGS

The revolution is still going on. Inspired by their beautiful and accomplished lady prime minister, Indian women will continue to struggle for the right to break with old and worn out traditions and to embrace the new and the untried.

As Christian women of the West, we can be proud that our mothers' generation contributed life and money for schools, and colleges, hospitals and orphanages in India, and that they preached the story of love and freedom in Christ Jesus. Are we continuing to share our blessings in Christ with the women of India? Will we work and make sacrifices to make sure that the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour will be available to the newly awakened minds of our Indian sisters? Will we pray and seek new doors, new methods and means, as old doors close and old ways pass away? Will we keep the knowledge in our hearts that all the world needs Jesus and that it is our commission to share Him with the world? Will we keep reminding ourselves that instead of being finished, the task of reaching the world with the gospel becomes greater with each passing day and is likely to continue at this pace until our Lord returns? When He comes, will we be found faithful?

This is no time to rest on past accomplishments, nor to despair in present difficulties. The task is for our generation and there have always been difficulties. We show our mettle and our faith by the way we overcome the difficulties, by the sacrifices we make, and by the battles we fight, not just by the ones we win. ■



**MORE WOMEN THAN MEN...
WHY?**



AUGUST PROGRAM

Rae Gourlay

Song: "Anywhere with Jesus"

Meditations: Romans 16:1-4;
Philippians 4:3

Missionary Quiz (see Ideas for your program)

Pray: for single missionaries who suffer from loneliness

WHY DO MORE single women than single men become missionaries? Is missions work being seriously affected by the shortage? Do men have valid reasons for not responding to the Macedonian call?

Missions executives want to know. As applications stream to their desks, they stroke their chins. Women, yes—but so few men!

Field directors want to know. They are meeting the situation every day. A pioneer station is to be opened, a new project is to be launched—but where is the man to send?

The whole Church of God wants to know. Is there a "leakage" somewhere along the line? Just where are we going wrong?

That is why *Africa Now* puts a series of hard-hitting questions to twenty-seven heads of missionary societies and Bible colleges in the homelands, with eyes not only on Africa, but on the whole world situation. The questions were designed to reveal the heart of the problem: Where are the single men?

Many of the replies staggered us with frankness. Facts emerged, and suggestions were given, which are complimentary neither to home churches,

mission societies, nor to young men themselves.

It has often been said that women outnumber men on the mission field, but what is the actual ratio? *Africa Now* asked missions to supply figures.

Six women to every man was a common ratio, but was by no means representative of all. One mission reported over 20 to 1, and another 46 to 1. Two missions accepted only married men.

What does this mean in terms of work and efficiency on the mission field?

One thing must be said from common observation. The work is being done—and done well—by the women. Often there would be no station at all but for the dedication and lion-heartedness of the small band of women who run it.

MODERN AMAZONS

It is not cheap or sensational to call them mid-20th Century Amazons. They have earned the title by the sweat of their brow.

But that is not the whole story. Women missionaries are the first to agree that in many cases they are simply "standing in." They are waiting—and it may be a lifetime—for more men to give a hand. They are tired of people who think of missions as "a woman's world."

Sensitive nationals resent taking orders from women missionaries, but often there is no alternative when a woman is in charge. It is not difficult to see why the work does not develop.

Pioneer areas, too, are still crying out for young men with their stamina and strength of body which God has given them. Women attempting to



enter some of these areas are tested to breaking point and beyond.

WHO'S TO BLAME?

It would be easy to belabor the point, but hardly fair. After all, are the young men really to blame? Are there valid reasons why they are not coming forward? *Africa Now* wanted to know.

"I have asked about 500 young men why they think more men do not apply," wrote one experienced interviewer, "and the preponderant reply is that foreign missionary work does not offer security for them as heads of families."

This reason was placed first by a number of societies. Men, it seemed, were prepared to finance missionary work from the security of the homelands—and let the women go to the fields.

Another mission leader put it more strongly: "Single men have more love of ease and lust for dollars that prevent them from going to the mission field. It is to be feared that an absence of essential discipline has resulted in a softness that clings to the comforts of Western life."

Missionary societies themselves came in for sharp criticism—from without and within. "I fear some missions are operated in such a slipshod manner, indefinite, without a positive program, that few men care to align themselves with them," stated the secretary of an association of missions.

Some felt that the usual "missionary presentation" was out-dated. People in the homelands today were better informed about world conditions through radio and television, and by comparison the missionary lecture or literature often seemed out of

keeping with the realities of the situation.

"Too much missionary appeal is on the children's level," was an opinion which many shared. A man was not likely to be challenged by something which sounded like a woman's job—social service, teaching, nursing, children's work. Men responded less quickly to emotional appeals: they needed a definite challenge.

It was wrong to try to "shame" men into going to the mission field. These tactics were quite unworthy of the Lord's work, and hardly ever produced results.

THE "HOME CALL"

Are the Bible colleges to blame? Do they fail to place a strong emphasis on missionary work? This was hinted in several replies. Certainly it was significant that the number of single male students almost equalled that of female students in four well-known colleges, while there were nearly three men to every woman in a fifth!

"Men are too easily persuaded to take a church at home," lamented the director of missions at one Bible college. "They are discouraged from becoming missionaries by those who have responsibility for the development and growth of the Lord's work in the homeland," supported another.

"Men are dodgers!" was the conclusion forced upon an experienced deputation speaker. "I have made a point of looking for young men in meetings," he wrote, "and it must be true that they deliberately dodge, for so very few turn up. They are afraid of hearing the call."

Is God still calling young men today? It is the question that follows

logically, and yet we must ask it humbly and with much heart-searching.

It is true, as several societies pointed out in defense, that many missionary *couples* are on the field today because the husband first heard and heeded the call.

It is also true that the situation on the mission field is only a reflection of the state of the home churches, where women greatly outnumber the men.

But at best these are only excuses, and not reasons. They do not satisfy the primary question: Where are the single men?

CHALLENGE NEEDED

Lack of challenge is part of the answer, many who took part in our survey believed. They cited the tremendous impact of the death of the five missionaries on the Auca beach, when young men in their hundreds offered to take their place.

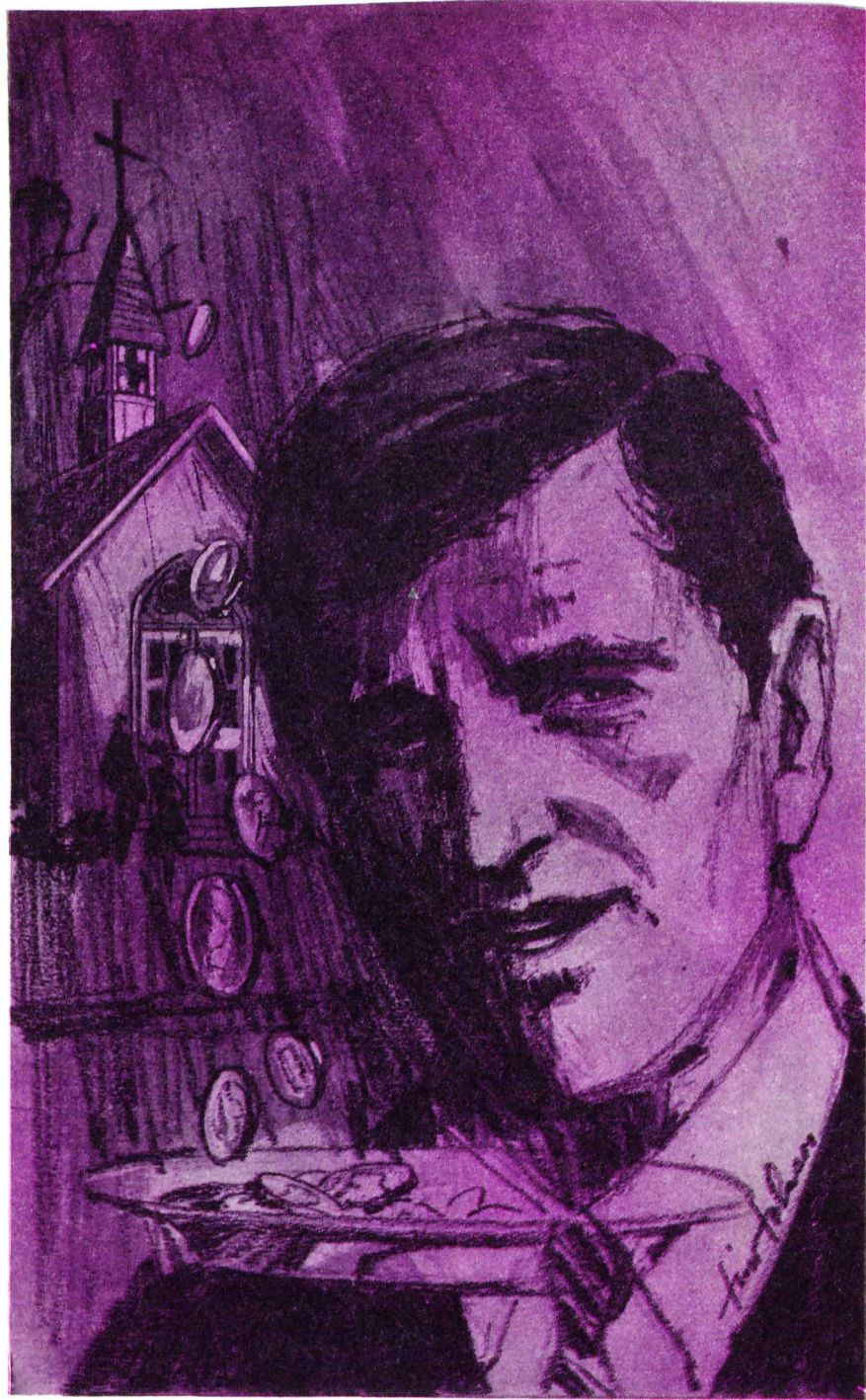
Challenge them for the Word of God, they urged. "Preach a masculine gospel. Effeminacy of message does not beget men."

Challenge them with the greatness of the task and show how hard and difficult it is—something with a risk in it; something to rise to.

But do not only challenge them. "There is too much use of 'challenge'; too little of 'command.' We need implicit obedience to explicit command. Challenge is to manhood; obedience is to servants."

Challenge and obedience, strength and bravery. It sounds like a man-sized job. Any takers?

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Stewardship Emphasis

GIVING IS LIVING

By Ruth Jones

Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

Meditation and Prayer: Deuteronomy 16:17

Special Feature: "Madam, Stir What You Got"

ALL OVER THE WORLD people are traveling in trains, cars and planes, and though they have a million different reasons for their journeys, the ultimate goal is the same. Like the pot at the end of the rainbow each in his heart hopes to find happiness at his or her journey's end. What is confusing to most people is the *source* of true happiness. They have not realized that truly happy people are those who give of themselves and their possessions for the sake of others and in doing so, find the real pot at the end of the rainbow, the eternal peace of God. Christ said, "Give and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38).

HIGH COST OF SERVICE

Almost all Christians will tell you they do give. In fact if you have time a few will go to great length to tell you what they have done and how little it is appreciated. Have they not read Matthew 6:3,4? Or, having read, did they fail to understand? Others would like to give but the cost is too high. They not only can't afford to give a tenth of thy possessions that God gives

to them, but they can't give the time to really study his Word and pray for wisdom and understand it that they might teach others. The standard they would set for themselves would mean giving up worldly pleasures and maybe losing a few so-called worldly friends. They don't realize they are the very ones the prophet Haggai is speaking about in chapter 1:6, "ye eat but have not enough, ye drink, but ye are not filled with the drink, ye clothe you but there is none warm."

If only these people would listen to words of the wise men in Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding." The cost of service to God would not be so high.

RELUCTANT GIVER

Then we have the partial giver. They give a very small part of their income and time, not because they have not counted the cost but because their hearts have not changed enough to see the need or care to see it. They spend hours looking for just the right clothes to wear but have not even a few minutes to spend visiting the sick, or the old and lonely. Giving of ourselves is like depositing money in a bank. The more money, the more interest. The more we give of ourselves and our possessions the more blessings return to us. As in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you."

Then there is the person who gives grudgingly. Of course no one knows it but themselves, but what a blessing they miss. In II Corinthians 9:7 we are told that God loveth a cheerful giver.

Few people actually care to talk about tithing but regardless whether we like it or not, the subject will be



with us as long as the Church stands. This is God's way of supplying the material needs of the Church.

The tithe is mentioned in numerous places in the Bible, but the promise we can claim is in Malachi 3:10 where God says; "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord . . . If I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you our a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it." This is a promise we should all claim.

The blessings of God do not have to be material possessions alone. One experiences them all around when he lives each hour as if it were a special time set aside to enjoy living—the sweet song of a mocking bird, the smell of newly cut hay, or of pine knots burning, a beautiful, never-to-be-forgotten sunset, or the sight of the grandeur of the Smokey Mountains, or the plains stretching to a distant horizon.

For many, the blessings of God have been answered prayers. Once we have actually had a prayer answered and know without a doubt that God has answered, bringing rest to a sick one, or peace of mind to a loved one or a friend in trouble, we can really never be the same person again. We find ourselves giving with a greater zeal

and pleasure, putting a little more effort into visiting or in some way hoping to give back some of the pleasure and happiness we have received. In Proverbs 23:7 the wise man again speaks to us, "As one thinketh in his heart, so he is." We find ourselves a little different each day because of the way we lived the day before.

SPASMODIC GIVER

Some people let trials and tribulations interfere with their giving. Actually, this is the time when we should give with greater zeal. We who read God's Word know without a doubt that as in Job 5:7, "Man is born to trouble." Again in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation." At the same time while enduring this we claim the promise of John 14:27, "My peace I give unto you."

Then there is the person who plans to give later. Their reasons for waiting are many and very real to them. But the blessings they are missing are very real also. We are told in I Thessalonians 2:4, "God . . . trieth our hearts" and again in I Peter 1:7, "The trial of faith . . . more precious than gold." And sad indeed is the plight of the person who plans to study the Word of God later. We are told in Luke 11:28, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Never do you see a true student of Gods Word refuse to let their child go to Bible college. They are more apt to be like Job in chapter 23:12, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food." If they could only realize the blessings that are in store for them when they quit putting off this task, their lives would be so much richer.

GIVING IS LIVING

The person who gets the most out of this life is the one who first gives himself completely to God—as we are commanded to do in II Corinthians 8:5.

One of the first things that really strikes us about a truly dedicated person is his gentleness. Titus 3:2 says, “Be gentle, showing meekness toward all men.” A truly gentle person has a sweet Christian spirit that compels him to give and give of himself. In fact, one of the sweetest examples this writer knows is of a young woman with four children who does all her own work. She has several offices in church and Sunday school. She is always ready to keep the nursery or serve at the home of a bereaved church member, and goes every evening to help put an invalid neighbor to bed. She is so busy doing things for others that she seldom expects help herself. Her actions are indicative of Isaiah 26:3, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.” Again in I Peter 3:4 we are told that a meek and quiet spirit in the sight of God is of great price.

The truly dedicated person is kind with an understanding heart; this reminds us of I Peter 3:8,9 “. . . love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing.” Because giving without love will be empty and meaningless as we are told in I Corinthians 13:3, “If I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.”

Then we must accept the fact there is a blessing for us if we only will accept it. Or by reason of his promise,



first we must give ourselves, then our possessions. This includes the children God has blessed us with. If we do this then we can claim our reward—the eternal peace of God, and a grace and strength that will sustain us all of our life. ■

Leaders Speak Out

WNAC inspires and challenges



*Georgia Hill
WNAC president
Wheaton, Illinois*

Pray for more auxiliaries to observe Emphasis Month annually . . . When we realize how our missionary support continues to increase, we must praise the Lord, giving thanks also for the work of the national office—every program, every piece of literature which has enlarged our vision, strengthened our prayers, and burdened us to give . . .

Pray that WNAC will continue to be an inspirational and challenging tool which God can use to enlist Free Will Baptist women in the task of missions.

We were thrilled with the program . . .

*Mrs. E.M. Lewis
First Free Will Baptist Church
Bryan, Texas*



We had our August Emphasis Month program on Sunday night and we were thrilled with the program. We want to share it with you, so we are sending a copy. The cover is hand-drawn by one of our members. This made it have a more personal meaning to us.

We were so pleased with the offering too. It was \$48 . . . Thanks for suggesting such a program.

What WNAC does for our churches—

*Joann Warren
E. Wenatchee, Washington*



Most of us have a general idea of the great cost involved in getting a missionary on the field—and keeping him there. And many of the auxiliaries in our district have given generously and sacrificially to the cause of missions. This is as it should be, for the purpose of our auxiliary is to teach and support missions through the local church. But sometimes we forget that we have other obligations.

We receive our *Co-Laborer* magazines, our manuals, study books and other literature; we ask questions concerning projects, missionaries, etc. and fail to consider the cost involved in supplying all these things for us. In addition to salaries for the workers who devote their full time to the auxiliary work, there is rent, maintenance, utilities, and postage. It is only fair that each department in the new headquarters building pay its own expenses, so, you can see there is a great need. We can help alleviate it by . . . receiving a special offering (one dollar per member) for the office fund.

WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH AUGUST 1969



What is WNAC Emphasis Month?

WNAC Emphasis month is a time designated for recognition of women's work in Free Will Baptist churches. It gives the entire congregation a review of the purposes, work, and value of the Woman's Auxiliary and encourages every woman to become involved in the work. It also supports the work of the national office.

What Type Program?

A special kit of program materials will be sent each auxiliary on the *Co-Laborer* mailing list, without charge. These materials may be adapted for use by congregations of all sizes or another type program may be planned if desired.

What is the offering used for?

Unlike other departments of the National Association, the Woman's Auxiliary receives no allocation from the Cooperative Fund, but is dependent upon WNAC Emphasis Month offerings for a large portion of its support.

These offerings not only provide funds for operating the national office, but are used for printing literature and supplies furnished all auxiliaries; for the promotion and operation of the

annual WNAC convention, and for travel expense of the national executive committee to vital planning sessions.

How shall the offering be sent?

Local auxiliaries should send their offerings through regular channels—the district auxiliary treasurers. If there is no district or state auxiliary organization where you are, then send your offerings directly to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Plan Ahead

1. Be sure to make your plans early for WNAC Emphasis Month. Your program kit will reach you in ample time to make prayerful plans, in cooperation with your pastor, for this important event.

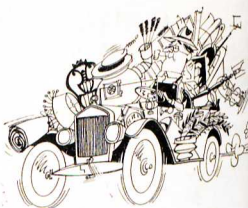
2. If there should be conflicting dates in your church program, ask your pastor to help you arrange another time for the program.

Any month more convenient than August may be used.

3. Additional offering envelopes are available. Order early.

4. Expect a spiritual revival in your heart and among the women of your church as a result of this special observance.

MOVING? SEND
US YOUR NEW ADDRESS



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
JULY 14-17

Churches should consider
sending their pastors

CTS groups will want to
send teen-agers to NYC

Pray for a mighty moving
of God's Spirit during the
convention

SHERATON-JEFFERSON HOTEL

(convention headquarters)
12th Blvd. at Locust Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

\$9.50 (single) \$12.50 (double)

GATEWAY HOTEL

(youth headquarters)
Washington Avenue at 9th
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

\$9.50 (single) \$12.50 (double)

DOWNTOWNER MOTEL

12th and Washington St.
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Single \$13.00 (2 people \$16.95)

Double \$19.00 (2 Double Beds)

\$3.00 for each additional person

FELLOWSHIP

WNAC Fellowship Dinner
Mrs. Jill Renich, speaker
Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel

WNAC ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, 9 a.m., Kiel Auditorium,
Opera House Section.
Mrs. Mabel Willey, speaker

COMMITTEE MEETING

WNAC executive committee breakfast
Monday, 7 a.m., Centennial Room
Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel

State presidents, field-workers-
executive committee
Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Centennial
Room

