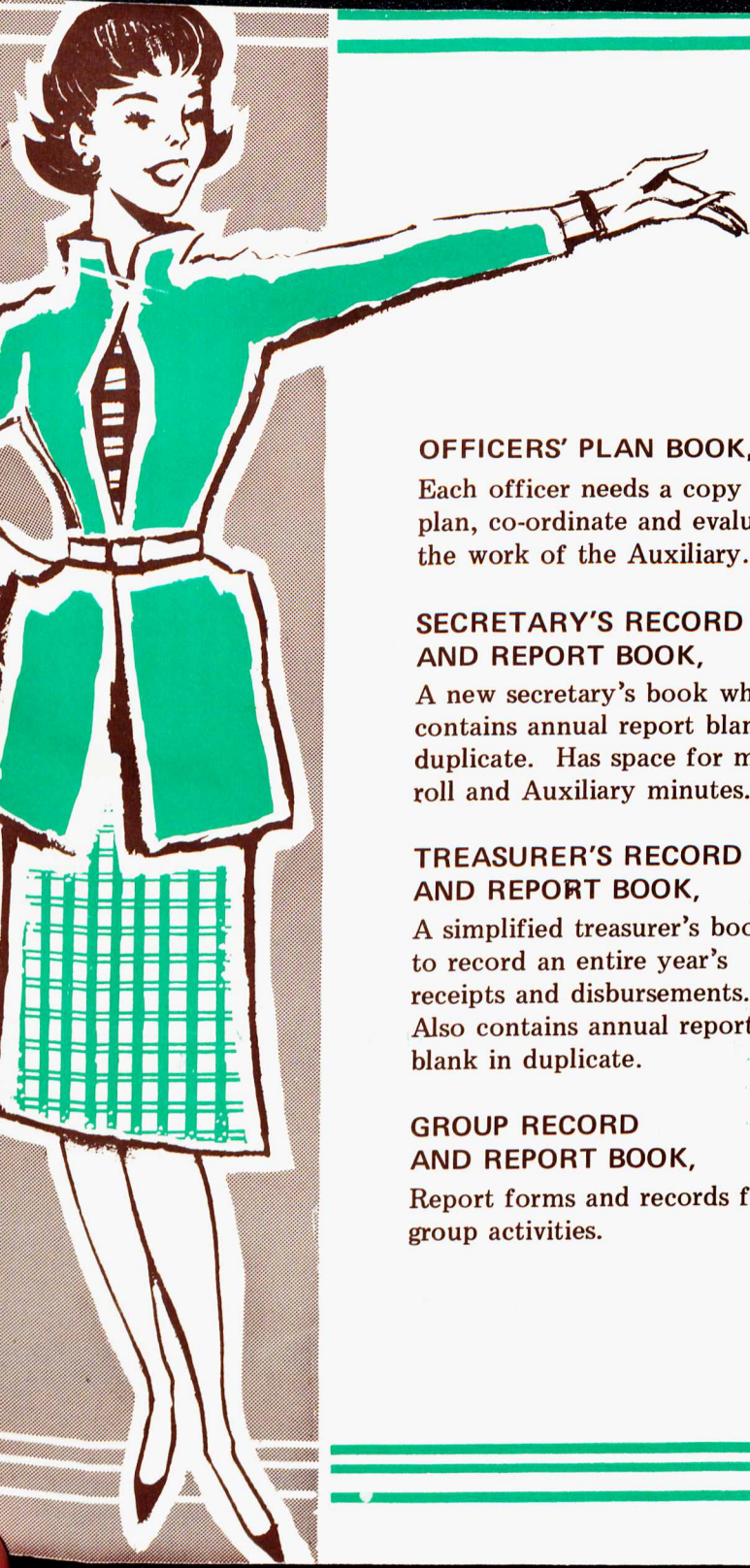


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# Women In Action

## Provision Closet Shower

The Macedonia Woman's Auxiliary, Colquit, Georgia, gave a shower for the WNAC missionary provision closet in October.

Invitations were mailed to the women of the church and missions decorations were used. Even the refreshments carried out the missions theme with cookies inscribed with "go ye," "pray," and "give." Free Will Baptist Missionary Tic-Tac-Toe and Missionary Eye-Guess were played.

Mrs. Martha Everson reports "it was a lovely, enjoyable party and profitable for the provision closet."

## Missionary Wife Honored

The Sherwood Forest Woman's Auxiliary, El Sobrante, California, gave their October offering to Julie Barron, wife of Jerry Barron, missionary to Mexico.

Mrs. Billie Moss, president, writes: "The October lesson being about *missionary wives*, we planned our lesson around Julie. Knowing of her love for horses, we found a model *Quarterhorse*. Making small saddle bags from black

felt, we placed our offerings (all in quarters) in the saddle bags and the overflow in the box platform. This *Quarterhorse* was then presented to Julie at our November missions conference."

## New Auxiliary Shares

Mrs. Freda Almond, Fort Smith, Arkansas, shares some creative ideas with our readers. "Since we are a rather new Auxiliary, I started something to help the ladies learn who their missionaries are and also where they are.

"I made a poster using leaves cut from construction paper in fall colors. I cut out pictures of our national and state missionaries and put a state missionary on one side of the leaf and a national missionary on the other side.

"I took a branch from a tree, sprayed it gold, then wired it to my posterboard. At the bottom of the branch I put the world map cut from the middle of our state home missions map. It looked like the tree was growing out of the world. I taped leaves on the branch. At the close of our program a duet sang, "Jesus, I Come." While it was being sung each member came, one at a time, picked a

leaf, then knelt at the altar for prayer. They took the leaves home with them as prayer reminders for the month.

Next month we will do the same thing using a Thanksgiving theme; a Christmas theme for December, etc., for a year. Then we will have a quiz to see if they remember who they have been praying for."

Mrs. Almond reports that they are now working on their project to give \$50.00 to the Palmers.

### Union District Meeting

"Lively Stones" (1 Peter 2:4, 5) was the theme of the Tennessee Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention held in August, 1971.

Missionary Don Sexton and Rev. Bill Van Winkle gave the morning and afternoon devotional thoughts. Mrs. Billie Sexton was the morning speaker.

Mrs. Dennis Christian installed the officers using an appropriate service which she wrote. Each officer was given a stone with white and lavender ribbons attached.

*MACEDONIA Woman's Auxiliary members at serving table.*



### Georgia State Convention

A total of 118 registered for the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Bledsoe Memorial Hall in Moultrie. Bobby Aycock, missionary to Brazil was the featured speaker of the day using the theme, "*In the Power of the Spirit.*" Devotions were brought by Ethel Henley and Joan Cauley.

President Eloise Wainwright presided over the session. A membership of 522 was reported for the year.

### Northern Ohio District

The Northern Ohio District Woman's Auxiliary met in November at the Mansfield Church. Other churches represented were Rittman, Vincent, and 14th Street, Cleveland, making a total of 35 in attendance. Barbara Clipse, secretary, expressed appreciation for the three pastors present.

Plans were begun for the missionary retreat to be held at the Youngstown church in the spring.

*SHERWOOD FOREST Woman's Auxiliary members.*



## Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention

"Me-In Mission Action," was the theme of the 26th annual session of the Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention when it met in Jackson, Tennessee.

Jane Greenway, president, presided. Dr. Robert E. Picirilli brought the 11:00 a.m. message. A memorial service was conducted by Mary Ruth Wisheart and afternoon devotions were brought by Elsie Staten. Reports were given by Lissie Turnage, Free Will Baptist Children's Home and Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker. A playlet, "Me-In Mission Action" was presented under the direction of Mrs. Frank Rudy.

WNAC executive secretary, Cleo Pursell, installed the following officers: Maurine Lee, president; Myrtle Reeds, vice president; Brenda Patrick, secretary; Clara Picirilli, treasurer, Elsie Staten, field worker. Members at large—Wanda Harralson, Jane Greenway, and Cora Christian.

### UNION DISTRICT INSTALLATION.

From left to right, Maude Huskins, missions action chairman, Myrtle Christian, mission prayer chairman, Mary Frances Stanley, missions study chairman, Joie Lewis, treasurer, Zula Wolfenbarger, secretary-historian, Elsie Staten, vice president, and Cora Christian, president.



**AUXILIARY MEMBERS** attending the study course at Northside Church, Phoenix, Arizona. From left to right, Joyce Hayes, Fran Seigfred, Lorene Devore, Zita Pierce, Eula Warren, Olivene Downs, Wanda Lequire, Cleo Doss, Gail Stone, Marlene Holdcraft, Lorene Carlson, Mary Lee, Johnny Jenkins. Photographer was Joan Green.

*Ethel Henley and Joan Taylor display gifts received for the missionary provision closet*



# Prayer & Praise

**Pray** for the Bobby Aycocks in their new work in Barbecena, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

**Praise** the Lord for the *Good News Team* and their witness in Japan on their short-term assignment. Pray for safety of travel on their return to the states in June.

**Pray** for missionaries who will be returning to their fields in May or June: the Bobby Pooles to Brazil; the Lonnie Palmers to the Ivory Coast; and the Paul Robinsons to Uruguay.

**Pray** for missionaries who will return to the states on furlough this quarter: the Jim McClains from Japan; the Joe Hasses from France; the Dan Cronks from India; the Lonnie Sparkses from the Ivory Coast; the Dave Frankses and the Earnie Deedses from Brazil; and the Walter Ellisons from Uruguay.

**Praise** the Lord for the way He has undertaken for the Tom Hughes in language study.

**Pray** for the Don Sextons as they study the French language that they may soon speak the language fluently.

**Pray** for our new field of Spain and for God to call more workers to this field.

**Pray** for Mercedita and Loiret Hernandez, a Free Will Baptist couple from Cuba, as they witness there.

**Pray** for better transportation for the Dave Cochranes. Also for the Institute of Gold in Mexico.

**Pray** that the Lord will greatly use the Larry Condit to win many to Him upon their return to the states after a

short-term assignment to Japan.

**Pray** for the Wendall Walleys as they seek to purchase a good piece of property for their church in Greenville, Mississippi.

**Pray** for the Board of Foreign Missions as they convene for their annual meeting in May.

**Pray** for a six-year-old girl in Fred McCoy's church who is to have open heart surgery. Pray for the family as they leave Puerto Rico to bring the girl to Washington, D.C. for the operation.

**Pray** for Jerry Griffith and three other men as they tour Texas, Mexico, and Oklahoma during the spring holidays. They want to be a blessing to the churches they visit.

**Pray** for the Home Mission conferences during this quarter. The month of May will be special emphasis month for Home Missions. Pray that each pastor and church will take part in this.

**Praise** God for the home mission work in Oklahoma City. The congregation there is building the first unit of the church plant.

**Praise** God for the new opportunities opening up for the Jesse Dunn family and the congregation in Boise, Idaho. They are conducting services in Senior Citizen's Plaza and averaging about 23 in attendance.

**Praise** God for all the souls saved in National Home Missions and Church Extension work. Our missionaries report real good progress along this line.



# Co-Laborers Write

## From Alabama

"I'm writing in regard to the starting of a young woman's auxiliary in our church. We have an older Auxiliary which consists of ladies from age 35 up, and they have felt the need of starting one for the younger women of our church. There is great enthusiasm among our young women and we would like for you to send us the materials needed in getting this Auxiliary started. At our organizational meeting we had eight women with several other prospects . . ."

*Phyllis Parker  
Ariton, Alabama*

## From Arizona

Our women all agree that this new program of work, which brings us all closer together, is wonderful. We pray for you often. I'm sure your job is not an easy one.

*Fran Seigfred  
Phoenix, Arizona*

## From Arkansas

I was asked by the ladies of our Auxiliary to write you a letter of thanks for the wonderful programs in *Co-Laborer*. We enjoy each and every one of them.

We're praying for you that the Lord may continue to inspire such writings that we may continue to enjoy them

and it will challenge each of us to draw closer to the Lord.

*Delores Garrett  
Jacksonville, Arkansas*

## From California

Our Auxiliary is making bandages and saving our plastic medicine bottles for Dr. Miley. We are still doing what we can trying to build and teach our young people about Auxiliary work . . .

*Juanita Cummings  
Huntington Park, California*

## From Georgia

The ladies of White Hall Free Will Baptist Church surely have gotten a blessing out of our *Co-Laborer* this year. And we feel that if anyone would read it they would know what the ladies' work is for.

May God's blessings be with each one that has a part in our *Co-Laborer* books this year.

*Tressa Moore  
Waycross, Georgia*

## From Illinois

We are enjoying the *Co-Laborer* programs in this quarters book as well as all those in the past. Our October program was so good.

*Marie Rutger  
Fairfield, Illinois*

### From Indiana

We appreciate so much the information and articles in the *Co-Laborer*. Many of our ladies who can not attend our Auxiliary order the book because they receive a blessing from it.

Joan Gardner  
New Castle, Indiana

### From Missouri

I would like to thank you for the inspiration and challenges that are presented in this quarters' *Co-Laborer*. Our Auxiliary has grown spiritually because of your efforts.

We are planning to remember all of the missionaries in Japan during December. We would appreciate it if you would send us their addresses.

Lila Thompson  
Kirksville, Missouri

### From Mississippi

The Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church will be sending one electric blanket to help aid the boys and girls who will be missionaries in Japan for six months.

Our prayers are for the ones who are going—that God will use them in a special way and that they may see boys and girls, men and women give their hearts and lives to God.

Our prayers and thanks go out to each of you for the work and effort that is put into our *Co-Laborer* book. We look forward to receiving each one.

Mary Bullard  
Rienzie, Mississippi

### From North Carolina

We want to thank you for the wonderful soul-stirring programs in the *Co-Laborer*. Also for the special articles from time to time. We are really blessed to have such talented writers. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Helen Cook for

"Count 'em, They've Already Hatched."

Mary Norris  
Mount Olive Church  
Plymouth, N.C.

### From Texas

Pray for our Auxiliary that we will grow. We just have 11 members but they are all faithful. God bless you in the Auxiliary work. We have enjoyed the *Co-Laborer*.

Mrs. J. E. Marecle  
Waco, Texas

### From Oklahoma

We have just organized the first Woman's Auxiliary for any of us. We have 11 charter members and hope to grow when we get in our new church.

Mrs. Gene Hester  
Dewey, Oklahoma

We have just organized an evening group of Auxiliary. We'll be meeting every third Thursday of each month.

We had nine charter members at our first meeting. Our prayers are that we can be a branch connected to the vine, and bearing much fruit. We hope to be a real asset for our Lord, especially by beginning in our own community.

Zion Hill Auxiliary  
Oologah, Oklahoma

### From Virginia

In July a group of the young people from our church attended the National Association in Nashville. While touring the headquarters building there, our guide told us of the need that missionaries have for blankets. When we returned home, our young people got together and washed cars to raise money for this purpose.

A check is inclosed for \$78.25, the

amount that was raised. We hope someone can purchase the blankets to put with the other supplies that you keep there.

Betty Merritt  
*Bethel Free Will Baptist Church  
Hampton, Virginia*

### From our Missionaries

As we get ready to go to France we want you to know what a grand thing you are doing for the missionaries by way of the provision closet. We can use the tupperware to put our jello and spices in for shipment. The linens are a real blessing also, especially to a couple that has been married for 25 years and all our linens need to be replaced.

Please feel that you are doing a great work for God and your co-laborers.

Thank you very much and may God bless your efforts in this behalf.  
*Billie and Don Sexton*

We do appreciate all that was provided for us through the provision closet. Thanks so much for the personal interest you have shown for us and our work.

*Sue Aycock*

Our thanks to all who made it possible for the things we took from the provision closet. Jesse has been in school for the past four and a half years and it seemed we could never get things such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc.

We do desire your prayers as we labor in Boise, Idaho to establish a church.

*Joyce Dunn*



## Our Writers

Missionary Fred McCoy gives an interesting resume' of Free Will Baptist missionary work in Puerto Rico in the April program. He, his wife Billy, and two sons, Freddy and Jackie arrived on the field in July, 1969.

Rev. Wade T. Jernigan, president of California Christian College, is the author of the May program, *How to Have a Missionary Home*. Rev. Jernigan's ministry, which includes both evangelism and the pastorate, now spans three decades. He also served as a home missionary in Oklahoma and Idaho and has been instrumental in organizing 16 Free Will Baptist Churches.

Clara Picirilli, wife of Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, and mother of five girls, wrote the June program, *Facing Family Tensions in the Home*. Mrs. Picirilli has served several years as a national officer and was elected president of the WNAC in July, 1971. She gives her daughter, Jean, credit for many of the thoughts expressed in the program.



# PRAYER GROUPS

**T**HE PRAYER GROUP leader should consult *The Missions Prayer Chairman's Guide* for interesting ways of presenting prayer needs to the group.

Methods of prayer could also be varied according to the kinds of prayer requests before the group.

April

Ministry in Panama

In 1956 Tom Willey, Jr. returned to Cuba taking his young bride, Emma Ruth, with him. They worked with his parents in the last years of the Batista regime and the first days of Castro. They ministered to the Cubans until they were forced to leave the country in 1962.

Tom felt the Lord directing him to Panama where his father and mother had labored 20 years before. Political developments had forced them out and they went to Cuba. Tom was only six

years old when they left Panama, but he remembered his father talking about the Darien Indians who still were unreached.

In Panama the Free Will Baptist missionaries ministered to both the university student and the illiterate Indian. They witnessed on the streets of modern Panama City and also in the bush country. Other missionary couples joined them from time to time but only one couple, the Willeys, remained to minister to these needy people. By the end of 1969, six congregations gathered regularly to worship God.

In June, 1970, the Willeys returned from Panama for their regular furlough. Their eldest daughter, Alecia, was seriously ill. Two months later Alecia was called to her eternal home.

In August, 1971, the Willeys returned to Panama and were happy to find that after 14 months' absence, the work in general had not only held its own but in some ways had become stronger. With neither missionary nor trained pastor to look to for that period of time, many of the believers had learned to feel and accept personal responsibility as never before.

Roman Catholicism is strong in Panama and Gospel propagation is difficult, but after years of anxious waiting the Willeys are beginning to see fruits from their labor.

The Bill Fulchers have recently arrived in Panama to assist the work there. Also Tom's mother, Mrs. Mabel Willey reached the field in October. Doors are opening and God is blessing.

Prayer Requests:

Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill the vacancy in the hearts and home of the Willeys due to the death of their daughter.

Pray for complete healing of the

Fulcher's son John David.

Pray that Mabel Willey will have physical strength for her tasks. Pray especially for an old ankle injury.

## May

### Ministry to the Military

A serious responsibility faces every Christian today—to minister to young people in military service. This task represents not only a responsibility, but a tremendous opportunity to discover and train new leaders to carry on the work of Christ's Kingdom. Tomorrow's missionaries and ministers are today wearing uniforms and serving Uncle Sam in the outposts of the world. The lay leaders of tomorrow's churches are presently engaged in military service.

Most of these are young people, ages 18 to 21, who are away from home for the first time. Upon entering the service they found a totally new life for which they had been poorly prepared.

Those from Christians homes find themselves with those whose ideals and standards are lower than theirs. They become acquainted with liquor, drugs, gambling, and loose sexual relations. They hear God's name taken in vain constantly.

Many of these young people feel frustrated because their college careers have been interrupted. The future they face is unknown—they feel insecure. They are now separated from their parents, their wives, their churches, and their friends—for the first time. There are also times of boredom, loneliness, and homesickness.

#### What is the Church Doing?

What is the church doing for these

young people? As a whole, shockingly little. There are some chaplains, but not enough. There are some fellowship centers sponsored by Christian churches but certainly not enough. There is altogether too little direct contact by local churches with their men and women away in the armed forces.

The National Home Missions Department mails monthly letters to Free Will Baptist people in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. A free subscription is given anyone in service, anywhere in the world. Send names and addresses to: Shield of Faith, c/o Board of Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

#### Prayer Requests

Pray for the following Free Will Baptist Chaplains who are ministering (or training to minister) to the armed forces:

Chaplain (Captain) Gerald M. Mangham

Larence Ray Cusick

Nedo Eaddy

Walker K. Childress

Pray that Free Will Baptist women will become more aware of opportunities for service in this area.

Pray for the families of servicemen. Pray that the door to the chaplaincy will be opened for Walt Golding who has completed his training and is awaiting an appointment with the Naval Forces.

## June

### Ministry in Ecuador

Miss Shelia Williams, a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and the Rio Grande Language School, arrived in Quito, Ecuador, in March, 1971. She is

serving with Child Evangelism Fellowship and is involved in developing a children's ministry throughout the country.

### What is Quito Like?

The country is very beautiful with mountains visible from every direction. The city is on part of a mountain, so taking a bus ride is very exciting—especially when you sail down the other side! They have many different fruits and vegetables and Shelia especially likes pineapple, papayas, and yuca (a starchy potato-like vegetable).

The people have a great love for beautiful colors. Flowers are of vivid hues and bloom all year long. These people also love color in their dress. Often a woman can be seen going down the street with a homespun wool skirt of green, a blouse of blue, a sweater of red, and an *chalina* of a rich wine color. As she leans over with the usual burden on her back, some of the many colorful petticoats underneath her skirts can be seen.

On her first trip to town, Sheila found the exchange of American dollars for *suces* very confusing, but she learned to make correct change. Her heart was heavy as she saw small boys and girls, selling newspapers, shining shoes, selling drinking glasses—with no opportunity to study and learn.

### Ministering to Children

Miss Williams conducts teacher-training classes as well as Good News Clubs. She and others who assist her, spend many hours preparing materials for her classes such as cutting flannel figures, making chorus sheets, and other visual aids. She has also translated and visualized the *handbook* in Spanish.

Sometimes the office is closed and the missionaries visit boys and girls who have signed for the Bible Correspondence Course. They are now working with over 200 children in this course. Shelia writes, "It is such a blessing to meet them, talk with them over their lessons, and to listen to their memory verses. We probably can't ever visit them all, but one by one we are making contacts. This is such a ministry. Our greatest need here in Ecuador is for more laborers, the harvest is surely ripe."

In September, "The Day of the Bible" was observed. After the Sunday school hour, she and her friends took their lunch and 40 Bibles, plus 500 tracts for children and adults, and traveled by bus into a very large but poor neighborhood to give the visualized story of the *Wordless Book*, and to sell Bibles. Sometimes they encounter persecution as they attempt to sell "Dio Llega Al Hombre."

### Prayer Requests

At the Easter season, Shelia had the opportunity to tell the story of the resurrection in the Plaza to 25 shoe-shine boys. Pray for seeds sown.

Pray for the children who take the Bible correspondence course. When 15 lessons are completed, each child receives a complete Spanish Bible.

Pray for the missionaries needs: spiritual, physical and material. Remember also to pray for Ella Rae Jones and Patsy Tyson who are working in Ecuador.

Pray for traveling mercies as bus travel from Quito to Shell is very unsafe.

Pray for Shelia's health. In November she was confined to bed rest for a chronic bladder condition.

April Program  
by Fred McCoy



# IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS

**Purpose:** To inform concerning Free Will Baptist Mission work in Puerto Rico.

**Interest Center:** On a table arrange a small Christian flag with a cross and Bible.

*See Ideas for Your Program*

**Song:** "The Banner of the Cross"

**Scripture:** Psalm 20:5

**F**REE WILL BAPTISTS began setting up their banners for God in Puerto Rico with the arrival of our family, July 28, 1969.

Earlier that year while on a survey trip of the island, the Holy Spirit directed me to an urbanization called Round Hill in the fast growing south side of San Juan.

The second day after our arrival God provided us with a house right in the

center and on the main street of this urbanization. The following Sunday we held our first service in our home. Our pews were cardboard shipping crates for we had no furniture and the congregation was just our family. So, with a new language to learn and a ripe harvest field before us we dedicated ourselves to *setting up banners* for our God. The following are some of those *banners*.

## Bible Club

Our first real contact with the people was through Friday afternoon Bible clubs, I shall never forget our first meeting and how proud we were. I often think back, with a smile, of those present—18 children, two chickens and a collie dog.

God blessed this work with the children for several were saved and many precious seeds were sown. For almost five months the clubs averaged

16 children and the doors to many homes were opened.

### The Mission Begins

In late December, 1969, our small group that was meeting regularly for Sunday services felt the need for a meeting place other than our home. This group then took a giant step in faith and rented a house at \$150 monthly. The very first Sunday in our new location the attendance doubled. Soon after, the Holy Spirit began to lead entire families to the little church and men and women were saved.

Those finding christian fellowship and eternal life in Jesus Christ through this little mission church consisted of bankers, corporation officers, school teachers, salesmen, housewives and students. Almost immediately the people assumed the financial responsibility of the work and God raised up capable teachers and leaders to help set up His banner.

### Bible Schools

Vacation Bible school was unheard of in our area until the summer of 1970. God again blessed as another *banner* was set up in His name and for His glory.

The children were very responsive and sometimes we had as many as 20 children and two workers in a 10' x 10' room.

The commencement service also brought a great response from the community. The parents were so impressed with how much the children had learned in just two weeks that several of them asked us to consider starting an elementary school in the area also.

After vacation Bible school in our own community we moved to Villa Caro-

lina and had Bible school in the home of an unsaved family. We were able to see the hand of the Lord in this also as young people accepted Jesus as Savior.

In these two Bible schools 20 young people were saved. Although we are unable to have regular services in Villa Carolina, the door remains open and a small group of people are waiting for a leader.

### A Mission Reproduces

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish"* (Proverbs 29:18). I have always considered this as being two fold. Not only will the unreached perish, but the church that refuses to send out the message of God and His messengers will soon find itself in a decaying, perishing state also.

In January, 1971, the mission church in Round Hill assumed its part in the great commission and began another mission in Jardines de Paraiso, a public housing project.

We were granted, free of charge, the use of the community center in which to hold Sunday night services.

These people are altogether different than those of Round Hill. They are of a lower class, more cautious with outsiders and are not bilingual. But, when we meet with this group of about 25 people each Sunday night and see one of our own fellows, Lennin Rodriguez, preaching the gospel with love and the power of the Holy Spirit, then we are able to see the *raising up of another banner* for our Lord.

### Bible Correspondance School

In March, 1971, the Nueva Vida (New Life) Bible correspondance school

was begun. These Bible lessons which cover the life of Jesus, the establishing of the church and christian growth are paid for through gifts from the Free Will Baptist Church, Collinsville, Oklahoma, and are completely free to the student.

Some 12 or 13 people have sent decision slips indicating they have accepted Christ as Savior as a result of these lessons. Often the testimonies of help, strength and spiritual growth have been such as to bring tears of joy to our eyes and shouts of glory to our hearts.

Most of the 200 students are between the ages of 15 and 30 and are from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Netherland Antillies, and parts of the United States. Our prayer is that God will use these courses to set up His banners in other parts of the world.

### Drug Addicts

"... I was in prison, and ye came unto me ..." (Matthew 25:36). While grading the correspondance courses one day I found a note in one of them from a young man. He told me he was 23 years old and was in the prison at Humacao for drug possession. He also told me he had lived with a woman for four years and had fathered three sons, but they had never been married. His life had been a general mess, but in prison he had accepted Christ as Savior.

The following Sunday afternoon my family and I made the hour long journey to Humacao to visit Vidal. From that visit has grown a precious and dear relationship. Vidal has become one of our best Bible students and has put into practice what he has learned by helping fellow prisoners turn to Christ and walk in His love and grace.

He once told me, "Brother Fred,

though I am in prison I am free because I have been born again and I know that God has a purpose for me even in this place."

After much prayer and many miles we were able to see Vidal released to Silo Mision Christiana, a christian mission for the rehabilitation of drug addicts.

Through the work of this mission and the testimonies of the converts, our hearts have been burdened and challenged to *set up banners* in this area also. We have become co-laborers with them by supporting them financially as well as sharing our services with them.

### Christian Day School

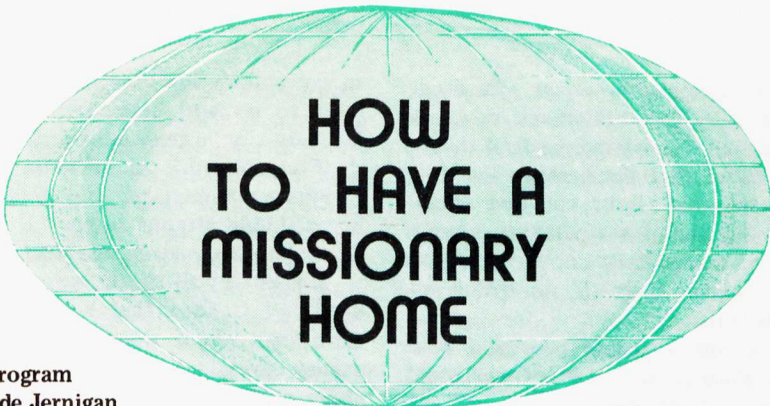
August 16, 1971, saw the opening of Academia Bautist Libre. The academy opened with classes for pre-kinder and kindergarten with plans for adding another grade each year if at all possible.

Classes are taught both in Spanish and English as these are the two major languages although there are nine different nationalities represented in our school and church.

This has been our greatest tool outside of the Bible, but it is only a tool and its only purpose for existence is to reach people with the gospel. Academia Bautista Libra, another *banner* for our Lord.

The church in Round Hill, though still operating as a mission, averages between 35 and 40 in Sunday school. Tithes and offerings are near \$600 monthly with approximately \$150 of this going to outside causes.

We are truly rejoicing in our salvation and it is such a joy to be *setting up banners* for our God. Our hearts are thrilled as we see the Lord fulfill all our petitions.



# HOW TO HAVE A MISSIONARY HOME

May Program  
by Wade Jernigan

**Purpose:** To make women more aware that missions should be a family affair.

**Interest Center:** Arrange on a table a small house, a world globe, and an open Bible.

**See:** *Ideas for Your Program*

**Song:** "Trust and Obey"

**Scripture:** Joshua 24:14-15

**A** HOUSE is but a house until people move in. At that point, a house becomes a home. Some homes, of course, are better than others because of the individuals who dwell there. This fact is even true in a Christian home. Not every Christian home (the word "Christian" is used here in a loose sense.) is a missionary home. If, however, the word Christian means to you what it meant in the first century, then "Christian home" and missionary home are somewhat synonymous.

But the question that persists is, "How can one have a missionary home?" The following is offered for your consideration.

## The People of that Home.

What kind of people make up the

family unit of a missionary home?

1. A converted people, 2 Timothy 2:6. "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits." How futile the attempts of any people to create a proper missionary home where true conversion has not been experienced. Only that home whose members have encountered Jesus Christ and received Him as Lord and Saviour, can establish a true, spiritual atmosphere conducive to a worthwhile missionary effort. A successful fruit peddler can describe, in a mouth-watering language, the flavor of his fruit.

2. A concerned people, Lamentations 1:12. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? . . . ." Jeremiah was calling the attention of the passersby to his personal sorrow—his sorrow because of the spiritual condition of his people. The prophet becomes more explicit about the condition of things when he states, "For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water . . . ." His deep, personal concern shows through as he cries out from the place of the altar that had been made desolate. Nothing short of that deep concern will speak convincingly to this present world.

3. A convicted people, Acts 16:10b. "... assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us . . . ." Here, the emphasis

should be placed upon "assuredly gathering." This statement could be interpreted "convicted beyond doubt"—convicted that the heathen are lost—convicted that Christ can save them—convicted that it is a personal responsibility to make Christ known—convicted that "where there is no vision the people perish."

4. A compassionate people, 1 Peter 3:8. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another . . ." This means not just compassion for one another in a local church situation, but love for those laboring in the regions beyond and for those among whom the labor is expended. Quite often the question is asked, "With what compassion?" With the compassion of Moses. "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." With the compassion of Paul who said, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Like our Lord, the occupants of the missionary home should be "moved with compassion."

### The Plan of that Home.

Haphazardness cannot be the norm of the "missionary home." That home which is worthy of such an honorable appellation has a definite, divine plan.

1. Plan to go if you must, Matthew 28:19. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ." You must go, unless the Lord, upon your endeavor, forbids you, as in the case of Paul in Acts 16:6, "... and where forbidden of the Holy Ghost . . ." and Acts 16:7, "... but the Spirit suffered them not." Years ago, someone said, "You have no right

to say you are not called until you have tried to go and have been told no." Most usually "a great door and effectual door is opened." At all cost, the individual member of the missionary home should attempt to go. Only a shut door should signal an alternate course.

2. Plan to wait if you have to, Isaiah 40:31. "... they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . ." James gives some important advice about waiting in James 5:7, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." Waiting is not always easy, but if God commands it, it will always be profitable. Waiting calls for patience. Do not feel for one moment that to wait at His command is unimportant, for it is somewhat like David said in 1 Samuel 30:24, "... but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike."

3. Plan to stay if that is God's will, Mark 5:19. "... Go home to thy friends, and tell them . . ." This was the simple command of Jesus to the man of the Gadarenes who originally was from Decapolis. Christ sent the man home to his friends where he was to remain, telling "them how great things the Lord hath done." There is no romance in staying, but there can be a deep satisfaction which stems from knowing one is in the will of God.

### The Power of that Home.

With what power can a missionary home be established?

1. Personal power—"Go ye," Mark 16:15. Though this has already been

stressed, emphasis needs to be laid upon it again. Each individual must settle for himself the "personal command" in the "Go ye" of the commission. Promised personal power is seen in the following: Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power"; Acts 1:5, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost"; Luke 24:49, "But tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power . . . ."

2. Prayer power—"Pray ye," Luke 10:2. There is no substitute for prayer. The Lord of the harvest knows the whiteness thereof and He also knows the scarcity of the laborers, but He waits for your prayers. The Scripture cited suggests this simple outline:

(1.) Personal prayer, "pray ye."

(2.) Pointed prayer, "The Lord of the harvest."

(3.) Purposeful prayer, "That He will send forth laborers."

3. Purse power—"Give ye," Matthew 14:16. When we read "it is more blessed to give than to receive," our hands should always be extended toward that missions offering. No dollar pays greater dividends than that dollar given to missions. Keep in mind always Paul's statement, "How shall they preach except they be sent." If we cannot go personally, our responsibility is not lessened—we still must accept our share of the burden by praying and giving.

### The Policy of that Home— an Open Door Policy.

1. Of the House—for welcome and hospitality, 1 Peter 4:8a-9. "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: . . . use hospitality one to another without grudging." It is not as necessary to stress this now as it used to be. There was a time, however, when few homes were open. Many times,

those that were open received the missionary reluctantly. Our new breed of missionaries come into the homes with such radiance that nearly every home is open.

2. Of the Heart—for love and fellowship, 1 Peter 2:17. "Love the Brotherhood." Our missionaries are a noble part of that brotherhood. They respond to love and fellowship just like our "regulars." At times, they have been made to feel a bit odd because, in areas, they have been shunned. There is no better way to get the best out of the missionary on his respective field of service, than to extend to him real, heartfelt Christian fellowship and love.

3. Of the closet—for prayer, Matthew 6:6. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray . . . ." What better reason for having that door stand ajar than for entrance that a prayer on the behalf of a missionary and his field might ascend. Time and space would not permit the telling and writing of the many things that prayer has wrought on the field. Incidents have been documented to prove that at the very moment the closet door of prayer was opened for prayer, an answer was in evidence on the field.

4. Of the pocketbook—for support, 2 Corinthians 9:6. ". . . He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Some years ago, it was the privilege of this writer to pledge support to yet another missionary. In time, we could not help but notice that every time this particular commitment was paid, God supplied us with extra. 2 Corinthians 9:8 became very real to us: "And God is able to make *all* grace abound toward you; that ye, always having *all* sufficiency in *all* things, may abound to every good work."

June Program  
by Clara Picirilli

# FACING FAMILY TENSION



**Purpose:** To challenge women to evaluate their family life and make specific plans for future improvement.

**Interest Center:** See *Ideas for Your Program*

**Song:** "His Way with Thee"

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:19-26

**A** LOT is said in our world today about tension. What is tension? Webster's Dictionary tells us that tension is the act of stretching or

straining; tightness; mental strain; state of being tense, etc.

## Parents Cause Tension

Do we find ourselves saying "No" to our child, without giving a reason? Is that fair? "Sure it is," we say. "I don't have to give a reason for everything I say." What if we applied for a loan and the bank refused our application without giving us a reason, or just telling us, "We have our reasons, and you wouldn't understand anyway." Wouldn't we feel rather strange and

unsatisfied with the answer? Of course we would, and with good cause. Why? The reason wasn't good enough.

Naturally there are times reasons aren't necessary, like when a letter is mistakenly delivered to your house. Do you interrogate the postman about the letter? Of course not. He made a mistake—the reason is obvious why the letter was wrongfully delivered. Or, maybe you received a present for your birthday. Do you question the giver about his reasons for giving you the gift? Of course not! The reason is obvious. Failing to give a reason is quite often a device used by parents who feel they don't have time to explain, or the matter isn't important enough to waste time one, or maybe we think the reason is obvious. Reasons aren't always as obvious to our children as they are to us, so we must lovingly and patiently explain to our children *why* or *why not*, when the situation calls for an explanation. This will mean more to him than you will be aware of, for small things in our eyes, are giant-size, life-and-death situations in his at times.

Therefore, when a reason isn't given, or an irrelevant statement is substituted for a reason, friction is born. Sooner or later, friction grows up and becomes tension. How? Everyone's nerves become shorter and shorter—tempers slowly but steadily approach the boiling point—words are spoken a little more sharply each time—then, someone blows up and stomps out of the room, indicating that the first skirmish is over, with a promise of retaliation, in some form or other. In short, a full-scale war is launched. And why? *We didn't give a reason!* Oh, sure, our intentions were good, but so were a lot of other peoples whose lives have gone completely

Another cause of family tension is

*moodiness*. When someone gets in a bad mood, things go downhill—fast. Ask them a question, and get your head bitten off! Try to cheer them up, and suffer the consequences—they *throw daggers at you with their eyes*. It's especially bad when *we*—the parents—get in a bad mood. It becomes impossible for the children to communicate with us. The answers they receive are either a sharp “yes” or a sharp “no.” Attempts by the child to change our mood are to no avail, and we immediately leave an unhappy, confused child by the wayside.

### Children Create Tension

However, parents aren't the *only* ones responsible for family tension. In fact, children, if conditions are so-so, are more tension-creators than their parents. And why is this? Mainly because of the age-old sin of stubbornness. Surprised that stubbornness is a sin? Look at 1 Samuel 15:23 “...and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”

Closely following stubbornness is rebellion. You may think that rebellion is simply an attitude, but God's Word tells us rebellion is a sin. “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft” (1 Samuel 15:23); and how about Job 34:37 “For he addeth rebellion unto his sin”?

You may not think stubbornness and rebellion are very serious, but the Bible shows just how seriously we should consider stubbornness and rebellion. “If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son... all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die...” (Deuteronomy 21:18-21). No wonder stubbornness and rebellion cause tension. Such serious sins are expected to be major troublemakers in the home.

## Satan—the Tension-Creator

We see many reasons for tension, but we haven't uncovered the actual cause of this tension created by various situations. Despite modern-day opinion, tension is neither the fault of the adult nor the adolescent. It is brought on by the only one who could benefit in unkind words, bad attitudes, moodiness, stubbornness, and rebellion in the home—it's caused by Satan himself.

Can you picture Satan sitting over in your old easy chair, convulsing with hysterical laughter as you and your child exchange angry words? Can you see him coaxing and encouraging both sides to "be firm, don't compromise, get your own way." And how about watching him instill moodiness into someone, and then proudly show him off, as his victim snaps at everyone and everything within sight. Or, maybe you can picture him planting ideas of stubbornness and rebellion into someone's mind. Oh how powerful and proud he must feel as we do exactly as he directs. What fools we sometimes can be! How he must joy in chopping away at the once-sturdy foundation and backbone of America—the home.

And he had to start with something—why not tension? He has to start little so as to squirm and slither, and gradually work his way into the home; and that is exactly what he is doing today. How sad that we have allowed and even encouraged him to get as far as he has!

## Combat Tension

So, how should we combat him? 1 Corinthians 16:14 says, "Let all things be done with charity." If we contained

as much love and understanding as we should, innumerable problems would disappear, being miraculously solved. Oh that Christ would grant us the humility, patience, understanding, and love to "reason together" and eliminate family tension once and for all.

Is there tension in our home? Is there sin in the camp? Why not evaluate ourselves through the message of this *Parent's Prayer*.

Oh, heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.

Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say or do that honestly produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, Oh Lord, to hold my tongue.

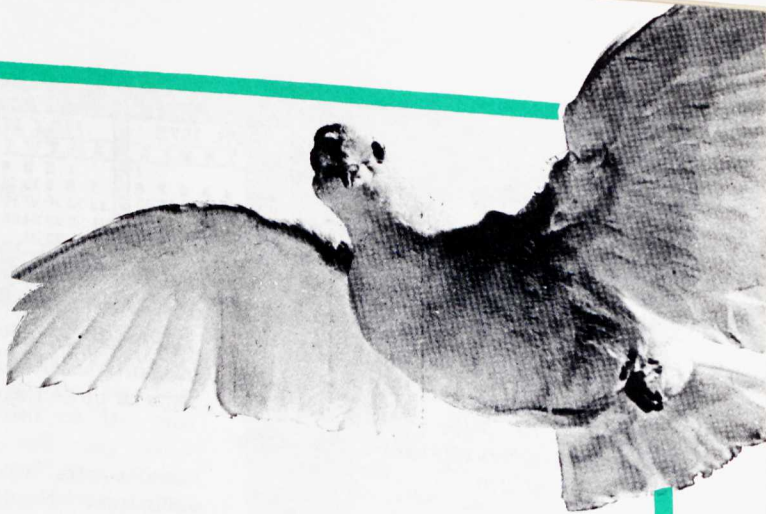
May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults.

Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests, and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.

Make me fair and just and kind. And fit me, Oh Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children. Amen.

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## Abandoned

*Utterly abandoned to the Holy Ghost!  
Seeking all His fullness at whatever cost;  
Cutting all the shore lines, launching into the deep  
Of His mighty power---strong to save and keep.*

*Utterly abandoned to the will of God;  
Seeking no other path than my Master trod;  
Leaving ease and pleasure, making Him my choice,  
Waiting for His guidance, listening for His voice.*

*Utterly abandoned! No will of my own;  
For time and for eternity, His, and His alone:  
All my plans and purposes lost in His sweet will,  
Having nothing, yet in Him all things possessing still.*

*--- Author Unknown*

# IDEAS

FOR YOUR PROGRAM

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The Second Quarter 1972 Program Packet includes all the material you will need to carry out the suggested ideas for each months program.

## April/In the Name of Our God We will Set Up Our Banners

Mount the outline map of Puerto Rico on cardboard and tape to wall. To emphasize the theme, "setting up banners," ask the program speakers to place a Christian flag seal on the map as each of the following are mentioned: *Bible Club, Bible Schools, Missions, Correspondance School, Drug Addicts, and Christian Day School.*

Use the Facts Sheet of Puerto Rico and the mimeographed flag of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to add interest to your program.

Make an interest center by sticking the 6" x 4" Christian flag in a gum drop or small square of styrofoam and arranging on a table with a cross or open Bible. If desired, you may make a stand-up placard bearing the program title.

For prayer reminders, make a small paper Christian flag for each member of the Auxiliary. Write the names of our missionaries or specific prayer requests on the backs of the flag. The pattern for making the flags and 50 gummed red cross seals are included in the packet.

Also the names of Free Will Baptist missionaries now serving in Puerto Rico. Tape or paste flags to toothpicks.

## May/How to Have a Missionary Home

**Invitations:** Cut magazine pictures of small houses or family groups and paste them on postal cards with time, date, and place of the Auxiliary meeting plainly indicated.

The invitation could be worded in such a way as to arouse interest and curiosity such as, "Come and learn how to have a missionary home!" Or, "Missions is a Family Affair."

**For discussion:** The family offers a most natural and appropriate setting for sharing the Gospel. In the New Testament, we note how families opened their homes for others to hear the Gospel and to share testimonies. These families were involved in mission action. They sought to share Christ with friends, neighbors, business associates, and family members.

In today's society what is the role of the Christian home? Can Christians use their homes to share the Gospel as did New Testament Christians? Discussion will help families to evaluate their witness and perhaps suggest ways to use their homes to share the Gospel.

An article, "How to Teach Missions to Children," by Jane Johnson, is included in the packet. Additional copies

may be ordered for distribution to each member for five cents each.

### June/Facing Family Tension

For an interest center, make a stand-up poster of a household barometer (as illustrated). The drawing could be pasted to the back of an aluminum skillet and hung from the wall.

A panel discussion, written by Jean Picirilli, teenage daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Picirilli, will vary your program presentation and give a teenagers views on the subject. It is included in the packet.



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### FAMILY READING HABITS

*Have you noticed the family reading habits around a house? Favorite magazines and newspapers are usually kept conveniently near a well lighted comfortable chair while the Bible usually occupies a high shelf or a closed bookcase, not easily accessible. Possible the custom originated from a real reverence for the Word of God.*

*But we live in a hurried age—we read on the run—so advertisers place billboards and lighted signs where we see them in passing. Take the Bible off the shelf and leave it on top of the main living room table. It's amazing how often you will find your family reading it.*

### READ IT THROUGH IN '72



# A Summer For Children

*Sandra and her Good News Club,  
LaVergne, Tennessee.*



**P**LEASE COME BACK next summer!" nine year old Mike shouted as we backed out of his driveway. Pam Orr, my summer missionary partner, and I had just finished our last Bible club meeting at his home. Although, it is not possible for us to return in person, in our imagination let's go back.

My partner and I arrived in LaVergne, Tennessee at the first of June. We were sent to help the LaVergne Free Will Baptist Church by our National Home Missions Department. One of the main areas of our work was conducting children's Bible clubs. We held four Bible clubs. Would you like to know how these were established?

Let me say, we had a desire to share the Word of God with children. Both Pam and I love children and are concerned about their spiritual needs, as well as their other needs. We asked the Lord to provide us with places to conduct our clubs. I remember the way the Lord provided a home for our first club. The pastor's wife called a particular lady in the community about having a club in her home. Pam and I paid her a visit one Friday afternoon to talk with her about the club. The following week we conducted a Five Day Bible Club in her home. We met for an hour each morning for five days. One day we had twenty enthusiastic children in her living room. Almost everyone said they made a decision for the Lord. Our second club was somewhat different. We met with a small group of children in the church on Thursday afternoons. A third Bible club was held in another lady's home for an hour each Tuesday morning. Our fourth club was held in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenice, with whom Pam and I lived this summer. This club was held for five days for the Negro children who lived

around us. In each club the place was different, but we were very thankful for each place which the Lord gave to us.

It is necessary to have a set time, as well as a place, for a Bible club. We preferred the mornings because both the children and the teachers are more rested and alert. With regards as to how often the club met, we had two approaches. Depending upon the schedules of those involved and other circumstances, we either met for five consecutive days or once a week for several weeks.

A planned program is a *must* for a Bible club. Our procedure was to begin the Bible club with a time of singing. Our song time was followed by prayer time. Before we prayed, the children were given the opportunity to share prayer requests and praise items which were upon their hearts. I then taught them a memory verse. Pam presented an exciting portion of our missionary story. After the missionary story, I told the children the Bible story. The children were given an opportunity to make a decision for Christ after the Bible story. The materials we used were produced by Child Evangelism Fellowship. In each club we had a time for refreshments and games.

It is obvious that one cannot have a children's Bible club without children. Pam and I came in contact with prospective Bible club members through a religious survey that we were conducting for the church. Some of the children already attending the church where we were working were members of our clubs. Others came as a result of an invitation from our Bible club members.

Much prayer and preparation must precede each and every session of Bible club before it can be successful. Pam and I firmly believe this truth. We

would often arise early in the morning and begin preparing for the clubs. The Lord blessed our preparation always.

The results of our Bible clubs were well worth all the time and effort required for carrying out the Bible clubs. Almost every child in our clubs made some type of decision. Some children were introduced to Biblical truths about which they had never before heard. The Bible clubs gave the children opportunities to watch the lives of older Christians. The group activities engaged in during Bible club provided them with the chance to learn sharing and cooperating with others.

Bible clubs are very beneficial to children. They are also very meaningful to those who have the privilege of conducting the clubs. Bible clubs provide Christian women a unique opportunity to become vitally involved in carrying out the command of Jesus to be a witness to others. Christian women are somewhat limited in their participation of some types of evangelism. Through Bible clubs, a woman's own home can be a soul winning station. If an individual lady had rather not conduct a Bible club alone, she could ask other Christian ladies to help her.

The need for women to become involved in child evangelism has become a greater burden upon my heart. The importance of individuals coming to know the Lord when they are young and tender is tremendous. It is also of the greatest importance that Christian women become more involved in spreading the Gospel. Through children's Bible clubs, both of these goals may be realized. Christian sister will you make these two goals a reality in your life?

*Sandra Bazen, Pamplico, S.C. will graduate in May from Free Will Baptist Bible College.*

*A "Gold Star" Mother, Mrs. A. J. Hinderman,  
gives this poignant portrait  
of her son, Andrew. . .*

# "More Than Conqueror"

as told to WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG

**M**Y HUSBAND AND I had just returned from grocery shopping when a knock was heard at the door.

There stood our minister and a Marine officer. The expression on their faces was unmistakable. Albert and I looked at each other in stunned silence.

"Oh no . . . say it isn't true . . .", I gasped.

"Yes, I'm very sorry, Mrs. Hinderman, it is true," he said softly, "Andrew was killed by a sniper's bullet this morning just south of Da Nang."

Albert and I fell into each other's arms, trying to hold each other up under the sudden blow. You always think that kind of news is about someone else's son, not yours . . . and when it strikes home, your whole being recoils trying to shake off the inconceivable, and yet undeniable fact.

In the midst of the deepening shock and bitter tears, my mind sought relief in recalling better days.

Andrew was our only child, born when I was 40. What a wonderful boy! Good looking, atheletic, robust, with a keen sense of humor.

He had been brought up in church, sang in the choir, and was always sharing his faith with others. Even in the few short months he had spent in Viet Nam, he had won others to Christ, including a fellow Marine who had written to us telling of his conversion and also, his decision to enter the ministry.

Our Andrew never made any pretense at witnessing to others. He was a true "Andrew" . . . like the Apostle Andrew who brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus.

I remember how we had prayed many weeks after he had mentioned his intentions of joining the Marines. One day, we went into his room. He was kneeling in prayer by his bed. We joined him.

When he got up, he announced to me, "Mom, I am more sure than ever that this is the right thing to do. Those people over there are my brothers and they have as much right to live as we do here in a Christian nation."

Andrew always had a burden for

suffering people. He liked to read the BLI CRUSADER magazine. His heart seemed to go out to those people in other lands as he read of their need.

He had joined the Marines the year before, in September, 1964. After boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, and further training at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, he was sent to Camp Pendleton, California, for special combat training.

On May 6, 1965, his 21st birthday, he left for Okinawa for a short period of language study . . . to learn the Vietnamese language and then on to Viet Nam, arriving there in the middle of June.

Before he departed I presented him with a little New Testament I had carefully marked in over a hundred places . . . underlining favorite passages and writing in the margin my own little notes of love and encouragement to him.

"How did it happen?" Albert asked the young Marine officer who had now joined us in the living room.

"His company was on patrol 'sweeping' the villages . . . warning the civilians to evacuate the area before they moved in. Andrew, being in communications and knowing the language, was sent ahead of his company with a radio strapped to his back. He would radio back to the company his position, give a report of what was happening.

"Suddenly, he walked into an ambush. A sniper shot him down before he knew what hit him. The enemy was so heavily concentrated in that area that it was impossible to get a helicopter in until two hours later."

"When did it happen?" I managed to ask. Then, as soon as the question went forth, I remembered the experience I had that morning.

I had been sitting at the kitchen table with my husband when a strange feeling

swept over me. I felt light and so good inside. I remembered saying, "Albert, wouldn't it be wonderful if Andrew could do something outstanding . . . that would bless many people!"

It seemed like pictures were coming into my mind and I said, "News of his good deed would spread across the country and it could be a real testimony."

When the officer told us the time, it confirmed what I had suspected. My experience of feeling light and uplifted came at the very moment when the last breath was going out of Andrew, and he was being lifted into the arms of Jesus!

Although this experience was comforting in the midst of this testing, my heart couldn't seem to right itself. I couldn't find any rest, and so was put under medication.

A week later, Andrew's body arrived home in Columbus. His memorial service was held in West Park Methodist Church where we have been active members for the past 32 years.

It was there that I met my husband and we were married. At the altar where Andrew's casket now stood, Andrew had accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized. There, he had prayed on many occasions with other young people to know the Lord as he did.

Now, his testimony seemed stronger than ever.

Being the first from Columbus to be killed in action in Viet Nam, Andrew's story was picked up by the press. Featured in the articles was a phrase which he had written to us in his letters, "In my most dangerous moments is when I am the closest to God."

The vision the Lord had given me on the day of his death was being fulfilled. His testimony was being carried across the land.

At the funeral, scores of people began to share with us what Andrew

had meant to them. The high school coach told how the team, the coaches and teachers were holding a meeting one night and they wanted to open in prayer. They called on Andrew. When he had finished his prayer, the men were still standing with heads bowed. They had been stirred by the prayer. But Andrew never realized he had any influence like that.

A former boss, a teacher, many young people told of the impact Andrew had made upon their lives.

Knowing Andrew's keen interest, as well as our own, in the ministry of Bible Literature International (known then as Bible Meditation League) I wrote a letter to the BLI office in Columbus. In it I said:

"I believe if we, as Christians, had done what we should have been doing for the past 50 years, our dear son and many other young men would be alive today.

"Billions of dollars are spent for physical aid . . . but how great the need for billions to provide spiritual aid, such as the work Bible Literature International is seeking so prayerfully to accomplish.

Bible Literature International included this part of my letter in a mailing to their constituents . . . to challenge their faith.

I received mail from people who had received that letter. One woman, who had not contributed to BLI in many years, said she was starting again . . . because of the example and concern of Andrew.

She wanted to become an "Andrew" . . . one who would be concerned about others and lead them to Jesus.

I think of Bible Literature International as an "Andrew" ministry. A servant of the missionaries and Christian nationals all over the world, BLI is

quietly going about, winning the lost to Jesus . . . through the printed Word.

I am always thrilled to know that when I send a contribution to BLI that, even though it is a small amount, it goes thousands of miles across the world and reaches so many lost souls for Jesus.

When I'd see pictures in the BLI CRUSADER of soldiers reading a BLI New Testament, I couldn't help wonder what happened to the one I had sent to Andrew.

One day, almost two years after Andrew's death, I received a phone call from a young lady, who said she was the wife of Andy's sergeant. They had just moved to Columbus, and had something for me.

I invited them over. We sat and talked. The sergeant didn't say too much, but I kept asking a lot of questions. "Was Andrew a good Marine?" I asked. "The very best, ma'am." Was he good at obeying orders?" "O yes, he was."

The young man didn't seem to say too much. I even began to have doubts if he were really Andrew's sergeant.

"There was one thing about Andy," the sergeant said, "When I'd give him a real tough assignment, he'd always come up with that same expression . . ."

"What was that?" I asked impatiently.

"He'd always say in a good natured way, 'You really know how to hurt a guy!'"

My heart leaped for joy! Then I knew this was his sergeant, for that was Andrew's favorite expression.

"Mrs. Hinderman," he continued. "I was the last one to be with Andy before he died. As I leaned over him on the ground, he reached inside his shirt pocket and pulled out this Testament and said, 'Sarg, see that my mother gets

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**MOUNT OLIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY** members who participated in *WNAC Emphasis Month* program.

### WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH PROGRAM A DOUBLE BLESSING

Annually WNAC sends to each Woman's Auxiliary on the *Co-Laborer* mailing list a complimentary program kit. This kit contains an informative program booklet, a poster, and other visual aids, prepared around a theme.

These materials are used to inform the entire church concerning the purposes, work, and value of the Woman's Auxiliary and to enlist other women into the work.

The national office depends largely upon the support given through the offerings received at the conclusion of the programs.

Reports from various Auxiliaries confirm that WNAC Emphasis Month observance is a *double blessing*.

#### Ashland City, Tennessee

Mrs. Essie Miles, secretary of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary writes: "We observed WNAC Emphasis Month in August on our regular meeting night. The material provided for the program was furnished by WNAC. There were 21 ladies present and two new members added. Each member was made aware of what WNAC means to us. During the program a duet was presented by Butch and

Vicky Brown. We received an offering for WNAC general fund at the close of the service.

Following the program we were served with cake, punch, mints, and peanuts. The table was covered with a white cloth, centered with a lavender and white flower arrangement, and candles. The cake was decorated with Bethel Woman's Auxiliary written on it. Pictures were also taken.

God really blessed in the service and we wish to express our thanks to WNAC for material and supplies for our use."

#### Plymouth, North Carolina

Mrs. Mary Norris, of the Mount Olive Church, expresses appreciation for an excellent program. "Our Auxiliary observed WNAC Emphasis Month in a special way this year. Our pastor, Mr. Dixon, let us have charge of the Wednesday night services, August 25.

With full cooperation we presented, "Count 'em They've Already Hatched." We added one speaker to tell about our local mission work."

#### Fort Smith, Arkansas

Mrs. Donna Wagner, is enthusiastic concerning their program. "This year we did something different! Rather than pick a night for our special emphasis program, we used our Wednesday night meeting and introduced many of our people for the first time to what Woman's Auxiliary has and is really doing.

The response was outstanding and many expressed the desire for more services like this. So on Wednesday night, November 17, our pastor gave a portion of our Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer Program."



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Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
With all Thy quick'ning powers,  
And light a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.



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this, will you!"

"Here it is. I'm sorry to be so long in getting it to you."

My eyes welled with tears as I reached out my hand to accept a gift which had gained so much in value in its round trip.

What a moment that was! Just to hold the precious Word that had kept Andrew in life and in death.

As I fingered through the pages, the very passages I had marked for Andrew were coming back to comfort me. My eyes fell on a well known portion of Scripture:

Romans 8:5 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come.

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In the margin my hand written note was as clear as the day I penned it: "How wonderful, Andrew!"

Joy and peace began to flood my inner being. The despondency which had stayed with me for almost two years was now being lifted. I became in that moment ... like Andrew ...

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## Co-Laborers In France

*The Woman's Auxiliary, Rennes, France. Pictures of women missionaries were pasted on "leaves" and distributed as prayer reminders.*



*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow . . ."*

*Mrs. Askew spent many hours translating the Co-Laborer program into the french language.*



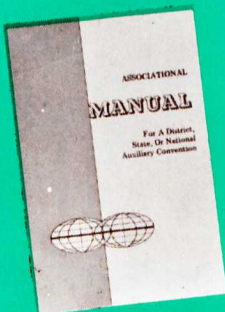
**W**E REALLY had a wonderful time in the Lord," wrote Barbara Haas describing the first Woman's Auxiliary meeting in Rennes, France.

Eleven women were present for the organizational meeting which was held in the Haas home in October. Twelve Co-Laborers were air-mailed to Rennes for the meeting. A member of the church, Mrs. Askew, spent many hours translating the program in the Co-Laborer into the french language.

Only the officers needed for the present organization were elected. Members were encouraged to invite their lost neighbors to the meetings. They are also saving "five centimes" a meal and are to bring their offerings to the next meeting which was scheduled for November 23 in the home of one of the members. "The offering will possibly be designated for use by Free Will Baptist missionaries in India and their work with the refugees," said Mrs. Haas who was elected mission chairman.

Mrs. Haas requests prayer for their newly organized Auxiliary and promises news concerning their second meeting.

We welcome our co-laborers in France into the fellowship of the Woman's Auxiliary.



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