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O For a Thousand Tongues

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1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, He sets the pris-oner free;

The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace.
To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.
'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vailed for me.

PROCLAIM HIS NAME



EACH YEAR the Woman's Auxiliary has a new theme and watchword.

The theme for 1973 is *Proclaim His Name*. The watchword is "... To every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6b).

Proclamation is usually thought of as *preaching* but many other forms of witness are also necessary. People other than the preacher must share in it. It may be a *personal witness* (Acts 8:35); John 4:26). It may be *teaching* (Matthew 13:13). *Missions* is also proclamation. Any and every way of getting the Good News of God's redemption through Christ to those who have never heard, may be called proclamation.

It is impossible for a Christian to choose not to witness. He may choose to be a poor witness but his life nevertheless witnesses of his relationship with his Lord.

The Church exists to proclaim the gospel of Christ ... *for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12). The Woman's Auxiliary, as a vital part of the Church, also must proclaim through mission action to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. United we have many thousands of tongues to *sing our great Redeemer's praise!*

PROCLAMATION FOR THE NEW YEAR

The time has come to proclaim a new year!
New chances for service and witness are here.
In 1973 we undertake
Proclamation and witness for our Master's sake.
So be it declared throughout all the land.
We are laborers together! We have His command!

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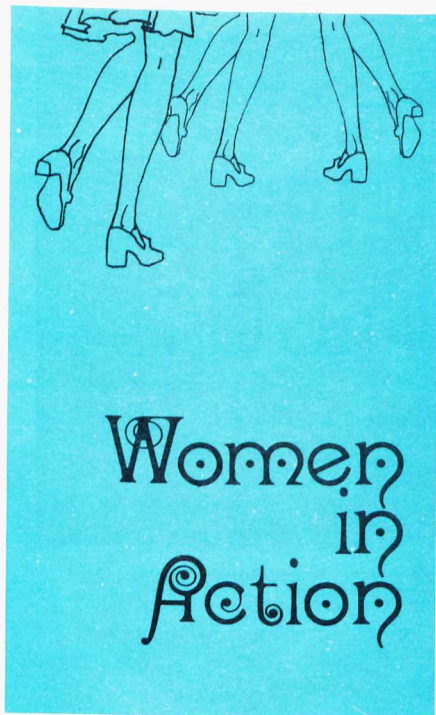
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MISSOURI AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Missouri Auxiliary convention was held in the Grant Avenue Church, Springfield, in August. Theme, "*Liberation for All*" (John 8:36).

Speakers included missionaries Carol Pinkerton, Barbara Haas, and Olena McLain. Gifts of clothes and \$121.00 was presented Carol Pinkerton.

"On the spot news" let the women know how they gave toward state projects. The setting was a television studio with the call letters MSWA. Projects for the new year include raising \$1500 toward the purchase of a bus for the McLains and \$1000 for the state home missions loan fund.

Mrs. Umbelina Landera, exile from Cuba, was the banquet speaker. Jo Ann Wood, state secretary adds that giving was up 55% over last year.

Special Missions Program

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama is finding its place in the Great Commission. They are endeavoring to promote missions in numerous ways. Recently they had a special missions program. They brought gifts for the provision closet which were displayed in the church vestibule. The congregation was invited to view rooms which depicted several mission fields: France, Brazil, Japan, Uruguay, Panama, Africa, and India. The rooms were appropriately decorated to represent each country and many interesting items, pictures, and letters from missionaries were on display. The ladies were dressed

to represent each country and served as hostesses in the various rooms.

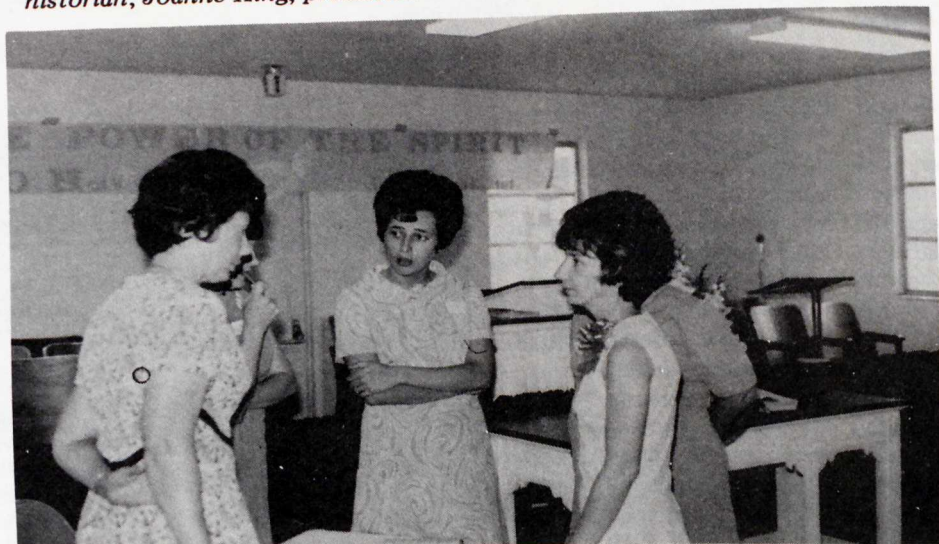
Woman's Auxiliary, Florence, Alabama.





Union District Woman's Auxiliary met in March at Morristown, Tennessee. Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker, conducted a workshop on the new program of work. Mrs. I. L. Stanley, study chairman, planned the program.

Florida Auxiliary Convention convened in June at Cocoa, Florida. Officers are (left to right), Frankie Matthews, field worker; Gloria Floyd, secretary-treasurer; Carolyn Riddick, vice president; Etha Mae Owen, historian; Joanne King, president.



North Carolina Convention was held in June at the Liberty Church, in Durham. Jim and Vicki Sturgill were the speakers. Projects adopted for the year include \$1500 each for the Sturgill's car and for the Free Will Baptist Bible College gym equipment.

Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker, installs North Carolina state officers. Jane Price is president.



Tulsa Metropolitan Area Woman's Auxiliary met in May at the Southeast Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lila Fae Morgan spoke on the theme "Freedom for Woman," (John 8:32). Joyce Johnson writes: "The Holy Spirit touched our hearts as the speaker gave us inspiring reminders of the freedoms we possess as Christian women. She shared with us her thankfulness of living in a free closeness to God. There was a new insight into our liberty . . ."

Officers of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Metropolitan Area Woman's Auxiliary, left to right (front row), Clara Staggs, Zetta Rose, Lura Gebhart, Joyce Phillips, Ethel Renegar, Karen Anderson. Back row, Darla Lane, Maxine Wagner, Joyce Johnson.



The Woman's Auxiliary of Ensley, Alabama, left to right, Frances Rasbury, Phyllis McCombs, June Townley, Ada Tidwell, Dee O'Donnell, Deliska Pickett. Back row, Reverend A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Lambert, Ruby Dickerson, Ila Winsett, Martha Hill, and Ruby Crowe.



Officers Of The Woman's Auxiliary, Agua Buena Church, Panama. Left to right, Esilda Gomez, secretary-treasurer; Cecilia Cortez, president, and Juana Guerrero, vice president.

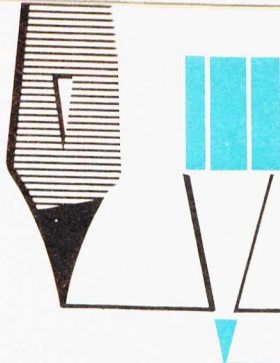
Members Of The Women's Group, Agua Buena Church, Panama.



Women In Panama

Glenda Fulcher began having services for the women of the Agua Buena Church in November, 1971. In March they elected their own officers. They usually meet at the church, but often have a service in the home of one of the ladies. One Thursday they have a Bible study, and the other Thursday they have the program from the *Co-Laborer*. Glenda either gives the monthly program or translates it into Spanish for one of them to study and give. They also had a missions study in which they became acquainted with the various mission fields and missionaries. Twice they have gone out to distribute tracts and invite women from the neighborhood to attend church.

In June they planned a special Father's Day service. They sent out invitations to all the fathers of the children in their Sunday school. They had a very large turn out for the service. Many parents attended that had never been inside the church. The ladies had charge of the service, providing special songs, and the children had memorized poems. Each father was presented with a card, and afterward they served refreshments. The ladies are now making plans for a fellowship supper when each will bring her husband.



Co-Laborers Write

From Alabama

We are a newly organized group of young women and we had our first study course which was on our manual. It was taught by Mrs. Carolyn Riddick of Chipley, Florida . . . I know this will . . . make us more mission-minded and better Christians . . .

We are so thankful for such people as Mrs. Riddick who help us learn more about what we can do to spread the good news of salvation. We are also thankful for the people who are responsible for the many helps we are able to get to make our meetings more interesting. We really enjoyed the quarterly packet of materials . . . We have received our Emphasis Month packet already and can't wait to get into it.

*Mrs. Audrey Adkinson
Ariton, Alabama*

The Ensley Church had an average attendance of fourteen during the pre-Easter Week of Prayer and we gave \$35.00 to our offering for Foreign Missions. We enjoy the programs in *Co-Laborer* so much and look forward to hearing from the other Auxiliaries each quarter . . .

*Mrs. June Townley
Ensley, Alabama*

From California

I just finished reading my new *Co-*

Laborer from cover to cover and I just had to write to tell you how our Auxiliary appreciates and enjoys the *Co-Laborer*. We were all thrilled to have the May program written by Rev. Wade Jernigan. We have had the privilege of having him preach several times at our church and he is one of our favorite people.

*Norma White
Corcoran, California*

Please send me the Auxiliary program packet for this quarter . . . We enjoy our Auxiliary work and the *Co-Laborer* helps us to unite our thoughts into one, thereby letting the Holy Spirit do His work in us.

*Kathy Roam
Selma, California*

From Kentucky

We had a shower for the missionary provision closet that thrilled our souls. Mrs. Eddie Dollar, our pastor's wife, acted as *guest of honor* and opened all the wrapped gifts. We enjoyed playing Biblical games, and were served refreshments, but the greatest joy of all was when we totaled up our gifts and realized that God had truly blessed. We had 27 different linen items, twin and full sheets, pillow cases, and mattress pad. These were all displayed with an arrangement of home and foreign missions pictures.

We wish to thank you for the blessings we receive from reading your magazine. It contains many heartwarming and lifting programs, not to mention the different ideas suggested from the ladies throughout our great country . . . Keep up the enthusiasm that shows throughout your magazine.

*Sondra L. Gibbs
Ashland, Kentucky*

From Minnesota

Even though we have not had many meetings, our ladies enjoy reading the *Co-Laborer* and this is helping them to know our missionaries and other leaders in our denomination.

*Jo Ann Ruth
St. Paul, Minnesota*

From North Carolina

Since we have adopted the new program of work more of our ladies are becoming interested. We really enjoy the *Co-Laborer*. The programs are a real blessing.

*Mrs. Jerry D. Heath
Cove City, North Carolina*

From Ohio

Our Auxiliary is one year old. We have received many wonderful blessings the past year from reading and studying the *Co-Laborer*. Many thanks to each of the writers . . . Enclosed is a check for the provision closet.

*Euyvonne Keen
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*

I want to tell you how wonderful it is to work with the program packet. It is a big help to me as I am program chairman of the Auxiliary. Each of our ladies has expressed how meaningful our programs are.

The *Co-Laborer* is wonderful. The

Lord's presence is with us each time we sit down to study it. A big thanks to the Lord for giving men and women the knowledge to write the *Co-Laborer* and the material for each lesson.

*Mrs. C. R. Frisbee
Akron, Ohio*

From Oklahoma

The Brockland Woman's Auxiliary celebrated "Christmas in August" by having an ingathering of items for the missionary provision closet.

Our Auxiliary has 12 active members. We appreciate Woman's Auxiliary and the programs presented from the *Co-Laborer*.

From South Carolina

I think the program packet you provide each quarter is a wonderful idea to make the programs more interesting. Thank you.

*Mrs. Sybil Cooper
Pamplico, S. C.*

From Tennessee

I think the packet of ideas that you are providing for our auxiliaries is great! It certainly is a help to the ones that plan the programs.

*Brenda Patrick
Memphis, Tennessee*

From Texas

We really do enjoy our Auxiliary here in Houston. We have had several projects in the last few months. We made bandages for Brother Miley, mailed Christmas cards to pastor Dorairaj in India, made Valentine favors for the Winterhaven Nursing Home and visited the patients there.

We are a *small group* but do enjoy a *large blessing* from the Auxiliary.

*Peggy Ferguson
Houston, Texas*

From Virginia

We organized our Auxiliary (Fairwood Free Will Baptist Church), September, 1971 with 17 charter members. We now have 25 members. Our ladies are real eager to work. We are organized according to the National Woman's Auxiliary manual. We are involved in foreign and home missions as well as our work at the church and nursing homes.

*Lottie Horton
Fairfax, Virginia*

From Virgin Islands

During the year our Auxiliary gave a party in the home of the aged. We entertained the handicapped once. We gave clothing to the Children's Home. We took the children from the home on a picnic at the beach.

God has blessed us with a new church and we are working for Him through our Auxiliary and hoping to see our fruits grow.

*Lorrie Houtz
St. Croix*



Our Writers

GENELLE SCOTT, president of Arkansas Auxiliary Convention, presents a challenge in the first program of the year—WHAT TIME IS IT? Genell is the mother of three boys and the wife of Ben Scott, pastor of the North Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

DON ROBRIDS, director of communications, Foreign Missions Department, emphasizes WNAC's theme for the year in the February program—PROCLAIM HIS NAME AROUND THE WORLD. Don is the father of four children and served as missionary in Brazil for seven and one half years.

SHIRLEY COMBS shares successful new experiences in witnessing in her home in the March program—PROCLAIM HIS NAME TO OUR NEIGHBORS. She and her husband, Jim, have served as missionaries in Brazil for approximately eight years and are the parents of three children.



PRAYER GROUPS

GREAT THINGS He has done for us during the past year. We praise His name for all that has been accomplished which would glorify Him.

This is a new year. There are new challenges, new opportunities, and new obstacles looming up before us. Let us begin the new year with a consistent prayer life. *Prayer* is the key through which we will be able to meet these

challenges and opportunities. Prayer is the key to power which is available to us for overcoming the obstacles.

JANUARY

HOW OFTEN DO WE PRAY?

Daily Prayer—Morning

David set a good example for us concerning prayer. Psalm 143:8-11, "Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine



by
Gladys Sloan

enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God... lead me into the land of uprightness, Quicken me, O Lord, for, thy names sake "Isaiah 33:2, "O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm **EVERY MORNING**

Twice Daily

Psalm 88:1, David cried day and night before God. "O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee" David not only prayed twice a day but

Thrice Daily

Psalm 55:17, David said "Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice."

Daniel with his windows open toward Jerusalem kneeled three times a day (Daniel 6:10).

All Night

Christ continued all night in prayer to God. If it was necessary for Christ to pray, how much more important it is for us to spend much time in prayer. We are exhorted to "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Dear ones, shall we pay the price? We should not only take time to pray, but we should *make* time for prayer. Pray that the women of our denomination as laborers together may be able to speak with boldness when witnessing to the lost.

Acts 4:31-32, "When they had prayed . . . they spake the Word of God with boldness." And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul . . . they had all things common."

My prayer is that the year of 1973 will be the most fruitful year the WNAC has ever known.

1. Pray for Mrs. Pursell that the Lord will guide her in the selection of materials for the coming year.

2. Pray for Mrs. Hunter. Her responsibility as bookkeeper and keeper of the Missionary Provision closet are great.

3. Pray for Mrs. Spruill that she will be a blessing to our women out on the field as she visits workshops and conventions over the states.

4. Pray for state and district officers as they make plans and arrange activities for the women in the states.

5. Pray for the local officers in each church.

6. Pray that as a result of our labors together many souls may receive the precious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FEBRUARY

HOME MISSIONS

Praise Items

1. Larry Powell and family will be going to San Juan, Puerto Rico to begin a new work. They will start an English-speaking church for Free Will Baptists. They will be working in conjunction with the Fred McCoys. This work is to begin early this year.

2. The Robert Clyatts are in Emporia, Kansas in a new work. This is another joint state and national project.

3. The Jim Martins are working in Kokomo, Indiana, where the Lord is blessing. They hope to have a strong church in this area.

4. James Rice, Jr., and family are in Greer, South Carolina, working for a strong Free Will Baptist Church.

5. The David McDaniels are beginning a work in Billings, Montana.

6. Another state and national project has been completed—the new church in Oklahoma City, organized and built by the Bob Duncans.

7. The Lord helped the Home Missions Department to meet their budget for last year which means that the needs of missionaries were met also.

8. For all the souls won to Christ through the efforts of our missionaries everywhere.

Prayer Items

1. For the new home missions projects and missionaries as they work to establish strong churches in the areas where the Lord has sent them.

2. Homer Willis, Director of National Home Missions will be in a Spiritual Life Conference at California Christian College, January 1-5. Pray that this conference will be a real spiritual up-lift to those involved.

3. For all the new appointees who have begun work with the Home Mission Board. Some will be going into internship soon and others will be on itinerate.

MARCH JAPAN

The Communities of *Irumagawa* and *Iriso* are suburbs of Tokyo, with a population of approximately 70,000 unchurched people. These are the fastest growing areas around Tokyo.

Herbert Waid and family have been working in the community of *Irumagawa*. A large number of single, skilled laborers are working in factories

and business places. Many of these young men are away from home, and have no church affiliation.

The Foreign Mission Board is planning to build an Evangelism Center at *Irumagawa*, with a church related ministry.

The owner of a new developing area has promised to sell a choice piece of property for the center.

A two-story building with perhaps a coffee shop is planned, giving an atmosphere of home for those away from home. Recreation activities, Bible study classes, and English classes are also planned for various age groups.

The aim of the center will be to reach souls for Christ. The cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$35,000 which will be needed within the next two or three years.

Fred Hersey and family are working in the *Iriso* area. They are renting a piece of property at the present time. On this property they are conducting church services, and teaching Sunday school classes. English classes are being held one day each week. As this work develops plans are being made to purchase a permanent piece of property through a church loan fund. The estimated cost will be about \$15,000.

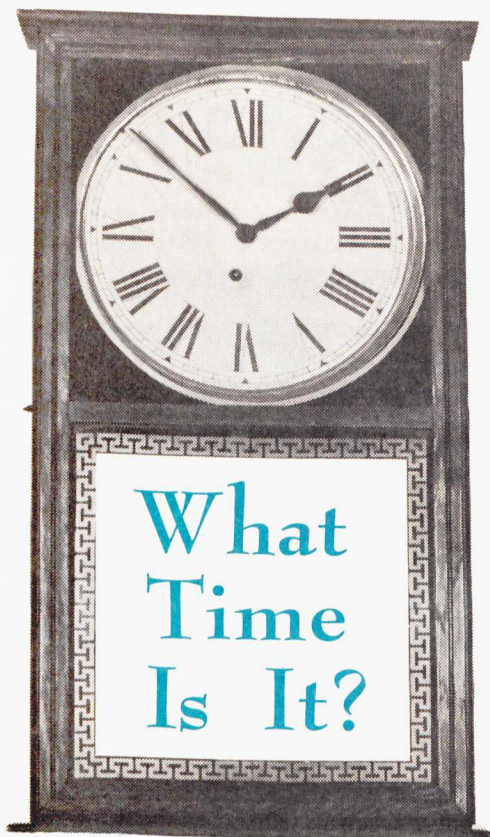
1. Pray that the owner of the *Irumagawa* property will soon be in a position to sell.

2. Pray for the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Waid, and Mr. Hersey as plans are formulated for these projects.

3. Pray that through this media, many may find Christ as personal Saviour.

4. Pray that Free Will Baptists will respond with their prayers and offerings for these projects.

5. April 15th, is the day set aside for Foreign Mission *Call-A-Thon* Sunday. Pray that there will be a good response.



is both sadness and happiness as we have watched the old year of 1972 die out. We are sad because we know that none of us measured up to the opportunities which we have had. We wonder how much more we could have done to make this a better world in which to live. However, we cannot recall one second of time. Nothing can undo those acts of thoughtlessness and carelessness and the words of unkindness that might have hurt others. It is a happy time because we can took ahead and up. We have a new year ahead. What are we doing to do with it?

What O'Clock Are You?

"It is later than we think" has become a much quoted phrase. How late actually is it for *you*? Someone has suggested reducing a seventy-year life span to a 24 hour day of the clock beginning at six a.m. On that basis, if you are 20 years old it is already past noon. If you are 40 years of age your clock stands at almost eight in the evening. If you are 52 years of age it is about 11:45 p.m. for you; and if you are sixty-five, it is near 4:20 a.m. on your life's time-piece. As we compare our own lives with this and estimate where we are on the clock of time, I wonder what we have done with the sweep of time that is behind and what are we going to do with that which is ahead?

Oh, that we could actually realize that every time the clock strikes it is one more hour to account for. You have one life and only one life. You can live it only once. When this present minute is gone, you can never recall it. Time is our gold mine. How important it becomes when we see clearly what can be done even with scraps of time. It has been said that the heartbeat is just the

January Program

Genelle Scott

Purpose: *That we will realize our Christian responsibility in the use of our time. The Lord wants our precious time, not our spare time.*

See Ideas for Your Programs

Song: "Take Time to be Holy"

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

Overheard in the supermarket: "Why don't you and your husband come over some evening?" "We'd love to if we could just find the time." "I know what you mean. Isn't it terrible? Where does the time go?"

This is a common question. A better, more searching one might be: "What goes with the time that goes? *Time goes.* What goes with it should be the Christian woman's chief concern. There

drumbeat of the funeral march that leads to the grave. How significant then is the fact that our lives must be ordered aright. Someone has well said, *"Only one life, 'Twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."* We pass through this world but once, lost time is never found again. Today is ours to make of it what we will. Tomorrow is God's. Live your best, act your best, think your best each day, for there may be no tomorrows.

Are You Busy Enough For God to Call?

It is never too late to make our lives start counting for God. We can't change yesterday, nor can we start tomorrow until it comes, but we do have TODAY. When God wants a worker, He always calls a worker. God never goes to the lazy or the idle when He needs laborers for His service. He goes to those who are already at work.

Moses was busy tending sheep at Horeb when God called him to be the leader of the Israelites. Gideon was threshing wheat when God called him to deliver his people from the Midianites. Elisha was plowing when his call came. Peter and Andrew were catching fish. Dorcas had a needle and with it she won the love of many as she used it to help those in need. Esther was at her post, and God used her to deliver her people. Deborah, a great woman in her day, was used to be a guide for the people. Jael, in her tent, offered rest to a weary man and then performed her brave act. Jesus, the great example, lived a full life. He wasted no time. He had no idle moments. He had no problem of spare time. Time is a trust from God and how we use time helps determine our destiny. Many of us who are thrifty and careful with other possessions are most

careless in the use of time. If we keep eternity's values in view it will make a great difference in each day's work. *Take time for God and He will take time for you.*

Are We Proclaiming His Name?

The Bible is very explicit in showing us that as Christians we do have definite responsibilities to make the best possible use of our time. David prayed: *"Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am"* (Psalm 39:4). *"It (our life) is soon cut off, and we fly away"* (Psalm 90:10). *"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"* (Psalm 90:12). *"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope"* (Job 7:6).

We have to choose every day what we are going to do with our 24 hours (God is no respecter of persons—He gives each of us the same number of hours). As Christians we must learn to sift the chaff from the wheat in order that our lives may be most effective. We may have the privilege of sharing our inner joy with those around us. Have you ever noticed that when a fly settles on a piece of sugar he eats his fill and flits away? But an ant goes at it altogether differently. When the ant discovers the sweetness contained in that lump of sugar, he tells his friends, relatives, and neighbors, and soon a long column of ants is on the march to share it!

What is that in your hand?" God asks each of us. Is it love? Is it a cheery smile? An encouraging word? A genuine concern which results in our letting someone know we care for his spiritual welfare? The Bible gives accounts of those whose whole lifetime was given to

God: Samuel (1 Samuel 1:18-28); Daniel (Daniel 1:3-8); Timothy (2 Timothy 3:14-15); John the Baptist (Luke 1:13-15); Josiah (2 Kings 22:1-2, 23:25). These lives were given to the Lord at birth or even before birth. This reminds us of our responsibilities as parents, and what we are doing for our children, in the way of training them for full time service unto God. We also have recorded those who partially gave their lives to God: Matthew (Matthew 9:9); Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:1-20); Amos (Amos 7:14-15); Peter, James, John (Luke 5:1-11); Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37).

Sad but true some lives are squandered: Ahab (1 Kings 2:16-30-31); Judas (Matthew 27:3-5); Saul (1 Samuel 10:1-36); Jezebel (2 Kings 9:37); Demas (2 Timothy 4:10). *How would a fifteen-word sketch about you read?* If God were to write your obituary, what would He say? Would your obituary require more verbs to record action, more adjectives to describe character, or more conjunctions such as if, but, except, to explain failures? You are providing today what might be written on your tombstone tomorrow.

Our 24 hours demand an investigation. Time is elastic. It stretches to cover every phase of living, so time is important. Jesus taught that we are to make the best use of today, and having done so, we may trust in God.

We Americans have more time-saving devices and less time than any other people in the world. We waste our minutes and neglect the most important things of life. Put Christ first in your life if you want a firm foundation.

Are You On Call for God 'Round the Clock?

We can't stop our clock of time and be on call for God just when we want to

be. Some persons who are in strategic positions or who are capable of meeting emergency requirements often have no particular work shift. They are subject to call for duty any hour within the day. This is often true of doctors, nurses, law enforcement officers, ambulance drivers, ministers, and others who are in work involving human welfare. We expect our soldiers to be at their posts at all times. We want our telephone service to be maintained 24 hours a day, we expect our public utilities to be in operation at all times. Christ, too, needs followers who are on call at all times for His use in meeting human needs. The essential requirement is availability, willingness to be used at any hour. God places a greater premium on that than on genius or brilliance. You make yourself available and be willing to be used at any hour, and God will use you.

Oh, in our auxiliary work if all members would come to the president and say "*you can count on me!*" what a difference we would see. The trouble all too often is that so many do not carry their part of the load. God's work is handicapped by unwilling workers.

What would your availability score be: rarely, occasionally, frequently, or *'round the clock*? Hezekiah asked for his time to be extended, and it was (2 Kings 20:1-6). Simeon announced he was ready for his time to be terminated (Luke 2:29). Would it be worthwhile for God to postpone your funeral or to raise you from the dead? *Better than counting your years is to make your years count.* We move in such a whirl! Life isn't long enough; we aren't strong enough to have a part in all we would like to accomplish. May each of us realize anew the shortness of this life. It is a privilege as well as a duty to work for Christ, so let us work while we have the opportunity before our time clock runs out.

Proclaim His Name Around The World



February Program

Don Robirds

Purpose: *To remind ourselves of our responsibility in proclaiming and witnessing.*

See Ideas for your Programs

Song: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Scripture: *Philippians 2:1-11*

Solo: "The Name of Jesus"

I WOULD LIKE to speak to you of something which has pressed heavily upon my mind and heart in these last few years. That is the importance of proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ.

In these days marked by division, diversity, and disaccord, we are called upon in chapter two of Philippians to be united—to come together as born-again believers.

A Unified Effort

In verses 1-4 we are encouraged toward a unified effort. Paul says in verse one and two (in effect): "If your experience of Christ's encouragement

and love means anything to you, and if you have really known something of the fellowship of His Spirit, etc., then make me happy, too, by living together in harmony."

A likemindedness is necessary (v. 2). Note the expressions, "one accord," and "one mind." We must have some common ground. We have, in Jesus Christ, a common goal, a common faith, and our motive should be the same: to glorify God through acknowledging and proclaiming His Son. His love should fill our lives and thus we will have "fellowship" with one another as we have fellowship with God and His Son (1 John 1:3).

There must be some common standard by which we can measure the veracity of what we and others believe.

God's Word is our standard: "Let God be true and every man a liar."

If our effort is to be successful, a higher estimation of others than ourselves is important (v. 3b). In other words, we are to consider them more important than ourselves. We might put it more bluntly and say, "Don't be egotistical or selfish." After all, other people have been called of God, too! You may be an "eye" but don't get the idea you don't need Mr. Kidney. The Kidney may be hidden from the scene. No one sees him working. And much of his work is just "clean-up" work, but nevertheless his function is just as vital to the overall function of the body . . . and perhaps even more.

The unified effort also involves a yielding of your own personal rights and possessions to protect the rights and possessions of others (v. 4). The conflict

comes when we think our rights and possessions are more important. If we could ever come to the place of committing all our personal rights and possessions completely to God, then anger, greed, and worry would quit "bugging" us and we would learn to trust God.

Now there is a great deal more that could be said about this unified effort, but Paul mentions in particular these three areas which will make our cooperative thrust have meaning. But our effort will still be thwarted if we are not willing to follow the unique example of Christ.

The Unique Example

In verses 4 through 8 Paul sets forth this unique example of Jesus Christ. We must be anxious to allow Christ's "mind," "attitude," or inner disposition to become ours. In other words, we need to allow God's thoughts to become our thoughts. We must learn to (as someone has said) "speak the King's English," then communicate His message to darkened hearts and minds in every part of the world.

The world stands outside and pleads: "Sirs we would see Jesus!" We must not only admire the Christ! We must aspire to be like Him, accept that possibility, assume the promise and adopt the purpose. Then we must appropriate the power to be conformed to His image.

Christ's attitude was one of humility. He submitted himself to be less than He was in reality. He limited himself! He took on himself the "form of a servant." He left His rightful place in Glory to become a man. He did not contend over the fact that men did not recognize Him as God. He did not murmur nor complain when men mocked Him and scourged Him unjustly. He did not seek revenge when evil men led Him to a cruel cross of

Calvary. And as we learn to identify with Him, we too, can stand in the midst of opposition and even persecution without accusing and condemning. Rather, we can be loving and forgiving. Stephen so identified himself with the Savior that in the hour of his death, he too, cried out, "*lay not this sin to their charge.*"

Christ's disposition was also one of obedience. His constant aim, while on the earth was to do the "will of the Father." While He had sufficient power and authority for anything, He submitted himself to the position of a servant . . . an obedient servant. Obedience has almost become a thing of the past these days.

Sin is taken too lightly today! Someone has likened sin to anarchy. Crime is breaking the laws of the State, but anarchy challenges the right of the State to make laws. (We see this today, don't we?) Sin is more than breaking the commandments of God. It challenges the very right of God to rule as God.

Jesus also gave us the example of sacrifice—self-sacrifice! There is little evidence of such today in the most of the Christian church. But my heart has been touched and stirred by a few examples of self-sacrifice among our people. One old lady, both she and her husband ailing (he dying with cancer), took from their small pension a \$20.00 bill and handed it to me and said: "Brother Don, we have been praying for you and we want to help you out as you get the Gospel to the lost." My heart almost sank as I realized the real meaning of that precious gift. It made my efforts seem so small. But Jesus gave Himself as a sacrifice, dying a despised death for you and me and the world. And he challenged: "*If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross daily and follow me.*"

Clay Cooper in his book, *Nothing to*

Win but the World, includes a copy of a letter from a student written to his fiancée after he turned communist in Mexico. Here is a portion of that letter:

"We communists have a high casualty rate. We are the ones who get shot, hung, lynched, tarred and feathered, jailed, slandered, fired from our jobs, and in every other way made as uncomfortable as possible. A certain percentage of us are killed or imprisoned. We live in virtual poverty. We turn back to the party every penny we make above what is absolutely necessary to keep alive.

"We don't have the time or money for many movies, or concerts, or T-bone steaks or decent homes or new cars . . . Our lives are dominated by one great overshadowing factor—the struggle for world communism."

What dedication! What self-sacrifice! And all for a man-made, devil-inspired system designed to dominate mankind, destroy freedom and enslave people. We dare not be less willing to sacrifice!

God calls on us to sacrifice. I read the story of a little girl who was seriously ill. They asked her brother, Jimmie, to give his blood that his sister's life might be saved. After a long moment of silence, he replied in a voice so low as to be almost inaudible, that he would do so. As the transfusion was taking place the nurse noticed that Jimmie became whiter and whiter—more and more frightened. She asked him if he was in pain. "No, I'm not in pain," he answered, "but how soon do I die?" The little fellow thought that in giving his blood for his sister, he was giving his life! May God help us to have such a spirit of self-sacrifice, that others might life.

As we get involved in *a unified effort*, and gain the *unique experience* of letting Christ's attitude permeate our being, *we must recognize that one day*

there will be a universal exclamation.

A Universal Exclamation

One day God's motive or goal will be universally fulfilled. Notice verses 9-11. *Christ has already been exalted.* He has been given "*a name above every name.*" The name of Jesus is a significant name. Christ's earthly name was in some respects an ordinary name, but it was a significant name. Jesus indicates "Savior." He is so called, says the Scripture because He was to "*save His people from their sins.*"

This name is a precious name. It is a pleasant name. It is a power-packed name. It is a particularly important name.

The importance of a name did not really hit me until we began preparing for overseas service. Applications to the mission board, references, then the passport and pictures, etc., then I knew that the name was important. But why? Because it is a means of identification!

Still the real importance of the name did not hit me like it did when we had our first encounter with demon possession. It all started on Sunday night after church. A good message was preached—one that really stirred hearts. Ester, an unmarried woman in the church, arrived home acting very strangely. The family called us and the pastor to their house. When we arrived, she was lying on the bed. One of the first things noticed about her was the strange look in her eyes. Quite frankly this was a new experience for me. We had prayer and began singing about the blood of Jesus. She reacted to this. We continued to pray throughout the night. I went home and called Sr. Armando Mateus, a Brazilian preacher, to come and help us. He arrived that afternoon and we began dealing with the situation from a different standpoint.

When we began to question who was speaking and we demanded "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" that he identify himself, the response came back as in the days of Jesus: "*Legion, for we are many*" (Mark 5:9). Since I was inexperienced, I mostly observed as Sr. Armando dealt with the situation. But one by one, as we persisted in prayer and in wrestling with the evil powers, the individual demons responded by name: "slander," "fornication," "lying," "suicide," etc. I noted the response of these evil spirits and in the days following began to notice such statements as "deaf and dumb" spirit, "unclean spirit," etc. and I also discovered that Jesus made a distinction between "kinds" in Mark chapter 9. So names became very important to us. They became a means of "identification" and "authentication" in cases of demon possession.

In Mark 16 Jesus said that *in His name* believers "*shall cast out devils*" etc. In the *name* of Jesus! And when Paul was faced with the constant chatter of a fortune teller in Acts 16, he spoke directly to that demon: "*I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.*"

Now Paul says: "That at the *name of Jesus*, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth . . ."

This signifies a *universal humility*. Voluntarily or involuntarily everyone, everywhere will bow! That stubborn soul who claimed he did not believe in God, he'll bow! That drug pusher whose only god has been his racket and his money, he'll bow! The high-minded, sophisticated politician will bow! Voluntarily or involuntarily they will bow! Those rebellious young people who have let it be known that they are "Anarchists" will face reality in that day . . . for they shall bow! And ALL

. . . yes, ALL WILL CONFESS THAT . . . JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Yes, *JESUS CHRIST IS LORD*, "Master," "Ruler," "Controller," "Director," He is Lord! And most scholars believe that this is the name, the new name that God gave Him—LORD—that name above every name! And this will be done to the *GLORY OF GOD*! God's ultimate goal will be fulfilled: Jesus Christ will be crowned LORD OF ALL! King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

The pill-pushing, pot smoking acid head who has defied ALL MIGHTY GOD will confess: "HE IS LORD!" That African witchdoctor who has despised the missionary's teaching and has sought through various means to destroy him and his work . . . will lay down his witchcraft. He will no longer vie for the minds and souls of men . . . for he, too, will cry out in anguish and despair: After all, "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!"

But best of all folks, those dear ones who have heard the gospel message, and have already confessed with their mouth the *Lord Jesus* and have believed in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead—they too, will say, but with joy in their hearts and glory on their faces: "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!" That simple African girl, that Indian, that converted Hindu, that ex-catholic, that saved spiritist medium, that poor farmer in Uruguay, that banker in Brazil, that ex-buddhist—All will proclaim with joyful hearts: "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!" And all heaven will ring to the glory of God. And Free Will Baptists who have been willing to WORK TOGETHER, DEMONSTRATE CHRIST, and CONFESS HIM TO THE WORLD, will be glad that they were involved in God's great program of PROCLAIMING HIS NAME around the world.

March Program

Shirley Combs



Proclaim His Name To Our Neighbors

Purpose: *To help women discover ways they can witness to those in their communities.*

See Ideas for Your Programs

Song: "Jesus Calls Us"

Scripture: *Luke 10:30-36*

AT A WNAC fellowship dinner, missionary Shirley Combs listened intently while the speaker gave sug-

gestions for personal witnessing in one's home. "Something like that would work in Brazil," she confided to her husband Jim.

She filled her napkin full of notes and suggestions and brought it with her to Tubarao, Santa Catarina, Brazil, the new field assigned the Combs. "Since then, said Shirley, "I have spread these notes before the Lord in prayer and with some Brazilian applications have used this means to bring unsaved women into our home for a personal witness. May I share the details with you?"

The First Meeting

During our first months here in Tubarao we made contacts and friends through the natural every-day activities of children's playmates, the local grocers, bakers, children's teachers, doctor and dentists visits and numerous people interested in studying English. Most of these people were curious enough to ask why we were here. Our response was that we were Bible teachers and wanted to interest as many families as possible in studying their Bibles with us and in their homes. With this information we always added an invitation to do just that. Their responses were courteous and only a few were interested at the time.

In April we were especially impressed that the time was ripe to make a special effort to bring those friends into our home who had not attended any of our Bible studies. Since the 3:00 o'clock *cafe* snack is a daily ritual here in Brazil, it was a natural hour and motive for inviting our Brazilian friends into our home.

A week before the day marked for the meeting I typed up some 35 invitations to a *coke-in* in our home during which we would discuss the topic, "*Is the Bible for or against the total liberation of the modern woman?*" (Yes, it is a much discussed topic here, too.) Along with the invitation went a personal visit and explanation of the meeting.

So that the refreshments would be very Brazilian (and since I wasn't too good at fancy Brazilian cooking) we ordered plenty of typical little salty and sweet treats to go along with the cokes.

At the time set for our meeting women started arriving by foot, car and taxi, and more than 25 were seated by the time the refreshments were served.

(An English student sent long-stemmed red roses with regrets that she couldn't attend!) Most seemed to be a little stiff and uncomfortable at first but after a few ice-breakers and questions they became more relaxed. (Questions like "What was the first dish you burned after marriage?")

Although the topic about the liberation of women was interesting to them, I believe the most impressive thing about the discussion was that many of them read about themselves for the first time in the Bible. We read from the Old Testament and the New Testament comparing the positions of women and Christ's dealings with women. Current articles in magazines comparing women in our Latin American culture to more primitive countries were discussed. The main point of the discussion was that Christ wants to give total *spiritual* liberation to today's women.

Second Adventure

During the following weeks only a few accepted our invitation to Sunday Bible studies in our home. But all were more open and responsive when we talked with them. Then in June I again type up invitations to another *coke-in* to discuss the booklet "*Four Spiritual Laws*" which we have in Portuguese. We were very prayerful about this meeting since the booklet takes us deeper into the Sin and Salvation problem, but felt it was in God's timing to face them again with the essential truths of God's way of reaching heaven.

This time I invited Ivan Lopes, a young Brazilian man who was helping us, to present the study using posters illustrating the booklet. Again the Lord blessed and the women participated freely in the discussion. The 25 women present this time included more of our

neighbors which was a special blessing.

After the discussion I invited the women to come back to our Sunday services in our home and bring their families. Some commented that they wanted to bring their husbands. That weekend Jim went to some of these homes to personally invite the husbands and three couples were there for the first time!

Third Blessing

Yesterday we had the third and once again well-attended *coke-in*. On the invitations we invited them to see a Moody science film, *Hidden Treasures*, and during the meeting used the Scripture from Matthew 10:29-31. I brought out that God is interested in you. From Psalms 136 we discussed that the God of creation (verses 5-9), and of all history (verses 10-25), is also interested in our daily basic needs (verse 25).

Just as I was finishing this and introducing the film the electricity went off! God knew. So I just told the women that it was a very good example of God's caring for us in any situation, and started trying to fill the time with what God wanted done. My first thought was *sing*. There were over 30 women there who didn't know any evangelical music but I proceeded to teach them "*Glory, Glory Hallelujah, His Truth is marching on!*" We talked about the divisions in the Bible and I asked them for their favorite Bible stories. Only two women could think of any, or rather, gave names. One named Cain and Abel. Another said that she thought Abraham was interesting. I talked with them about these two stories and added the story of Ruth. While telling the stories their attention

reminded me of my Bible Club groups with their wide eyes and spontaneous laughter or sighs.

And then our wonderful Lord did it. The lights came back on. But when they did, most didn't think about that hand at the power plant or light pole that made it possible. We thought of how God provides. It was a wonderful setting for the lovely and moving film.

I wanted to share this with you and ask your prayers for future Bible studies and our follow-up with those interested. *Since people have the same needs the world over, perhaps this type ministry would give good results for some of you there.*

DISCUSS

■ It is easier to be concerned over the whole world or over a whole town than over our block or apartment building. Why?

■ Who are our neighbors?

Our *friends* are people whom we choose. Usually friends are the same sort of people as ourselves. My *neighbor* is the woman whom I do not choose; she is the woman whom God gives to me.

■ Women are using many forms of mission action to reach their neighbors today with the Gospel—home Bible studies, coffees, *coke-ins*, child evangelism or Bible clubs. You may name others.

■ Because you know the Lord, and because your membership in the Woman's Auxiliary indicates that you are interested in sharing your faith with others, you may be just the one to begin a soul winning project in your home or neighborhood. Make it a matter of prayer. Plenty of helps are available for beginning these projects.



by Betty Hill, Vice president, WNAC

THESE TWO WORDS may be found on some of the garbage containers in the parks and roadside picnic areas across our states, and they have a way of catching one's attention. In thinking upon this little statement, it can be applied to some areas of our Auxiliary work.

What great things could be accomplished for our Lord if we would "pitch in" (dispose of) our *satisfaction with mediocrity* and aspire to have the best auxiliary in WNAC for the glory of God. When we have good (by that I mean orderly, interesting, helpful, and challenging to those present) Auxiliary programs, then women will come. On the other hand, if the meetings are dull, boring, without motivation, and the same old thing every month, we need not expect the work to grow. It takes some work, prayer, and efforts to have a good auxiliary—they don't just happen.

Then, we need to "pitch in" our *fear of change*, when a few changes in set-up and methods could mean the achievement of a thriving work for God. It seems that human nature has a strong tendency to fear change—we resent or rebel against it. Have you ever heard someone say, "If it was good enough for

Grandma, its good enough for us?" Well, cooking on a wood stove was good enough for Grandma, but we wouldn't swap our electric ranges for one, would we? Washing on a scrub board and boiling clothes in a wash pot was good enough for Grandma, too, but how we enjoy our automatic washers! Isaiah 43:18, 19 gives some good advice on this—"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a *new thing*; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." On a basis such as this, can't we "pitch in" our *fear of change*?

What a difference would be made in our personal lives, as well as in our Auxiliaries if we would "pitch in" our *negative attitudes*! Battles are won or lost on attitude. This is why a General desires to keep up the morale of his soldiers. "I can't do that." "We will never reach the goal of 25 in our Auxiliary; it's all we can do to get 15 here now." "Don't ask me to go on visitation. I just can't talk to anybody like that." **NEGATIVE ATTITUDES!** Away with them! Let's stop looking at our frailties and inabilities and do what God has for us to do in this perilous day.

One other thing we need to "pitch in" is our *half-heartedness*! Any organization will die with a group of half-hearted members. Let's become *sold* on our Auxiliary, and if our Auxiliary isn't the kind we can be *sold* on, then we need to get busy and improve upon it until it is that kind. Jesus was enthusiastic and zealous in the work of God, and we need to be the same. There is nothing as contagious as enthusiasm!

SHALL WE "PITCH IN" AND MAKE OUR AUXILIARIES WHAT THEY OUGHT TO BE FOR GOD?



HELPING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

by Ray Turnage

USUALLY ONE THINKS primarily of the physical needs of dependent and neglected boys and girls when you discuss the work of a Children's Home. Actually, the needs are two-fold—spiritual and physical. Both must be met sufficiently in order for children to have proper balance. When attempting to

explain just how serious and involving the business of rearing other peoples' children is—I find it difficult to convince some of just how important it is to have wisdom from God for proper direction. Perhaps you have already decided in your mind that the greatest need is, and always will be, prayer support from dedicated Christians. Many, many, decisions must be made each day that could have long lasting effect in the lives of many. There are thousands of dedicated, praying members of the Auxiliaries throughout the states and a real service could be rendered for the children and staff of the Children's Home. Birthday lists are available on request. Each member could take a child's name or staff member's name and place it over the kitchen sink as a constant reminder to pray daily.

Since it costs some \$3,000 per year to keep a child, it means there must be those who will regularly contribute money to pay for salaries, food, utilities, medical, dental, educational, clothing and many other unlisted items. Caring for children who have either been removed from normal family situations or had the misfortune of losing parents is a most humanitarian work. The Bible supports children's work. Hundreds of fine boys and girls have been successful as the result of good Christian care in Children's Homes throughout the world. Only time and eternity will reveal how much help they received or how they responded to good care.

Only the two major needs have been mentioned but any thinking person can inventory their own home and needs—multiply this by a large group and add requirements designed for the best interest of children and come up with a rather expensive fact sheet. It is impossible to put value on child care. You just never know what the end results will be when you have given good, quality Christian care to boys and girls in a substitute situation. I would suggest that interested individuals or organizations contact the Children's Home for a list of current needs that change often. Remember, the need for prayer never becomes less but increases with each new day. Free Will Baptists are beginning to make arrangements for their money to be used beyond their own lifetime for caring for children. A sample of a simple clause that can mean so much is given below.

"I give and bequeath to Free Will Baptist Home for Children, a corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the sum of ----- dollars, to be applied for the use of the said charitable corporation."

A practice of good stewardship has resulted in hundreds of Free Will Baptists sending memorial gifts to the Home. A permanent record is kept of these gifts. Write us for additional information regarding wills and gifts. May the One who made us and bought us, lead us to be unselfish during our lifetime.

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When The Appalachian Gunman Found Christ

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IN RECENT YEARS many magazine articles have been written on the Appalachian mountain people. Strange to say, not one has had its setting back in the remote hollows and ridges where the real "old-timey" Appalachians live, and where customs still pertain that were associated with Americans of pioneer days. In these isolated places where only a rocky river-bed provides access, police are unheard of. Consequently, if a mountain man feels threatened by some unfriendly neighbor he simply carries a gun to protect himself.

For several years we worked among these people in the Cumberland Mountain section of the Appalachians. We rarely entered a cabin where there were not rifles on the wall, and pistols on tables.

One afternoon while jeeping up Cracker Neck Mountain I encountered a man standing in a clearing, staring at me. Jumping out of the jeep I strode

over to him with my knapsack of Gospels of John, and tracts, slung over my shoulder. I soon saw that he also had something slung over HIS shoulder. It was a wide, brown belt which extended to a handy holster. Protruding from this was a large, old-fashioned black pistol.

Hiding my nervousness I introduced myself, handed him a Gospel of John, and asked him if I might have a word of prayer with him. I was relieved to see him bow his head and close his eyes. After a few words relating to spiritual matters, I jumped back in the jeep and continued on my way. Frankly, I didn't feel very comfortable until I had rounded the next curve in the road.

But I really want to tell you about Mike Pannel, a notorious gunman up Jasper Hollow; and my missionary wife's encounter with him. I had gone to Canada to do some deputational work on behalf of our independent, faith mission. Mrs. Clement had the jeep

and was visiting in this Jasper district. She knew it was notorious for moon-shining. She also knew who the moon-shiners were. But we never let on that we knew their illegal business. Our purpose was to lead them to Christ. To arouse their suspicions would have ended our ministry among them.

My wife, Pearl, visited one house where they warned her about going up the trail any farther. They said, "Old man Pannel and his woman live up there; and he's too dangerous to fool with. He can't get along with any of us, so you know how he'll feel toward a furriner."

Well, that was just like telling a doctor that a very sick man lived up there, so don't go to him. Pearl was simply determined to reach this couple with the Gospel. She said nothing to these kindly-intentioned folk, and kept right on the trail, heading to this forbidden cabin. Our thirteen year old son, Lawrence, was with her.

After a thirty minute ride up this narrow, rocky trail she pulled up in front of the gate of a rickety picket fence. Not without trepidation she walked up to the door of this run-down log shack. Answering her rap, the door flew open and there stood the roughest, toughest looking man Pearl had ever seen! He looked to be all that neighbors had said about him. With an ugly-looking pistol pointed at her chest, he snarled, "Who are you, what are you doing on my property? What do you want, anyway?"

Before Pearl could answer, Lawrence, our son had leaped out of the jeep and pushed himself in front of his mother, and faced Pannel. Sarah Pannel, his pale, sickly wife, now stood at her husband's side. Pearl gently shoved Lawrence aside and said, "I'm the missionary from Big Stone Gap. I have brought my piano

accordion along and I would like to have a brief service in your home. I won't be long. I think you will enjoy it. May we come in?"

Sarah Pannel's facial expression said better than words, "Well, you are a bold one! Standing there with a pistol pointing at you!"

Sarah gave Mike a nudge in the side, and he looked at her. She must have conveyed some message to him, because he finally said, "I got a cow to milk right smart, but come in for a minute or two."

Truth is stranger than fiction, they say. Well, when God works, that is doubly so. That hot, sticky August afternoon, in that smelly log shack, with its intermingling odors of whiskey and tobacco, a bit of heaven soon entered. Both Mike and Sarah broke down as Pearl told of the love of Jesus Christ; and His redeeming work on Calvary. Before that little cabin service was ended, they both became children of God. A few weeks later Mike got himself a job in a nearby Tennessee stripmine.

A year later a mountain woman met Pearl on a Wallen Ridge trail.

"Remember the Pannels?" she said. "My cousin in Tennessee says Mike got hurt in a mining accident. He's not likely to get better. He keeps asking for the "Jesus woman in Big Stone Gap." I reckon he must mean you, Mrs. Clement. If you can get down there soon he'd be mighty pleased to see you."

The next day we both headed to the locality where the mine was located. But that morning Mike had left the Cumberland Hills, and had gone to that mountain called Zion. We comforted Sarah with the reminder that we would all see Mike again. What a glorious day that will be!

A Stitch In Time

by Lorene Miley

THE SEWING CLASS was over. The sun vied with the sixteen women in exiting. With the last "Go home well," I breathed a long sigh of relief and plopped down into the rocking chair. I eyed closely the pile of unfinished items tossed in the basket and decided I'd better get supper out of the way before I sorted through these feeble dressmaking attempts. It couldn't be

put off too long, however, because in two days the girls would come for their class and it would be the same thing all over again, only in double, because for every woman in the Tuesday class, two girls came on Thursday. This doesn't count the assorted children who always get underfoot, puddling the floor and scattering debris.

My husband walked in for his non-existent supper and found me still "out" in the chair. He sat opposite me, and, after a few minutes of silence, asked, "Is it really worth it?"

I rose up in defense, "Worth it? Of course it is!"

He continued, "How many of them can make a garment without your help? Can they take a pattern, adjust it for size, lay it on the cloth, cut it out, sew it up and wear it proudly?"

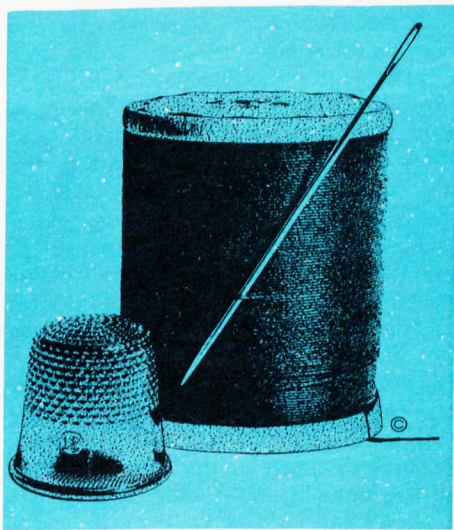
I had to admit I didn't know of one, except maybe one whom Vada Lee was teaching. "They can sew up rips and patch their cloths," I offered weakly. "They can take squares of cloth, sew them together and make a quilt top."

I could see he wasn't impressed.

So while supper waited, I evaluated these classes that claimed a good deal of my time—not only the 6 to 8 actual class hours, but those spent in preparation. What were the real aims of the classes and were they really "worth it all?"

The classes encourage church attendance. A required number of points must be earned before garments are issued to sew. For example, underwear, 10 points, simple blouse, 15, skirt, 20, another type blouse, 25, and dress 40. Points are given for attending all three church services, class, as well as double for Scripture memorization.

The classes were begun with Christian fellowship in mind. The women and girls meet for regular church services,



but almost no socializing is done. I felt these gab sessions in a Christian atmosphere were definitely worthwhile.

I saw signs of real Christian growth. They sang songs, memorized Bible verses and learned to give correct answers concerning sin, salvation and the church. They discussed among themselves the sin of making fermented drink, following pagan funeral customs and fornication, and ended up with Biblical conclusions. These sessions accomplished more in one way than a dozen worship services.

Pagans were being introduced to Christianity. Those who feared the strangeness of church came freely to class. Mixing and mingling with Christians, their fear is replaced by desire. Many of the girls and women who come to church had their initial association with Christians at the Sewing Classes. Each time I see one of my girls in church for the first time, I *know* it's worthwhile. And I see her walk down the aisle, kneel at the altar to pray, I thank God He made it possible.

Learning to sew is incidental, but I've noted real progress. About time, you may say, for some of these girls have been coming for years. Take Lillapaara. She was about 10 years old when she came to that first Youth Camp for girls 6 years ago. She was adept at shelling peanuts, but couldn't sew worth a dime. She never missed a class when the regular classes began as a follow-up. She got worse instead of better. Mrs. Gage began helping and took her as a project, but they failed miserably.

When the classes resumed following our last furlough, Lillapaara was right there, sewing just as pitifully as ever those introductory stitches on that scrap of material. Finally, after two or three tries, the stitches passed in-

spection and she was given a blouse to sew. That night I examined the work and could hardly believe my eyes when I picked up Lillapaara's work. "Someone did this for her," was my first skeptical reaction, because the stitches were beautiful—straight, even and firm. The next Thursday, I watched her and it *was* her work. Maybe it's because she's older, I decided, or maybe the sewing is simple. Or maybe, just maybe, she has finally caught on. I could hardly wait to see Mrs. Gage to assure her she hadn't failed, after all; it was just a delayed reaction.

I value the classes because of this personal contact with the women and girls. The clinic keeps me busy mornings, so I don't have time to go into their homes and visit. Neither do I have time to sit and visit with the various ones the other afternoons. But these two afternoons the door is thrown open and all are welcome. Even if I didn't have the classes, I think I'd declare a weekly "Open House" just to visit with my neighbors.

Is it worth it? Does a farmer ask this as he plants his seed, or the teacher as he instructs his student, or the diver as he probes the depths. They know, even as I know.

Evidently many of you thought it worthwhile because you offered your scraps of material and sewing notions. Without these, I could never have the classes. Many times as garments are completed from your scraps, I've wished your African sister could stand alongside of you sharing the same fabric. Or that you could pick out your contribution from the quilts that make or cover their beds. The classes could not be possible without your help, and I am grateful, for it proves once again the fact that we are "Laborers together with God."

This 'n That

PROVISION CLOSET

IT'S HARD to believe but all those beautiful twin size, colored sheets you sent to the missionary provision closet have disappeared . . . along with several other items.

Numerous missionary families home on furlough; several new candidates going to the field (thank the Lord!); and several MK's (missionary kids) attending Bible Colleges this year, have obtained needed items from the closet.

While the closet is still well stocked with some items, it resembles the proverbial "mother Hubbard's cupboard" as far as others are concerned. Please note most needed items especially.

- * bedspreads (twin and double)
- * mattress covers (cotton quilted, twin and full size)
- * steam irons
- pressure cookers
- flatware (service for 8 or 12)
- Melmac (service for 8 or 12)
- dish towels (terry cloth preferred)
- * sheets (twin size—flat or fitted, colored)
- sheets (double—flat or fitted, colored)
- * Most needed items

BANDAGES AND MEDICINE BOTTLES

YOU HAVE BEEN generous in sending medicine bottles and bandages to the clinic in the Ivory Coast.

Word has reached us however, that there is now an ample supply. Please do not send any more until further notice.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Are your members participating in the WNAC prayer fellowship at 9:00 a.m. each day? Throughout the denomination at this hour thousands of Free Will Baptist women are united in simultaneous prayer for missions. As each member unites her *prayer power* with that of others, she truly becomes a "*Laborer together with God*," and releases additional power for missionary work around the world.

WNAC prayer fellowship cards are available without charge to those who will pledge to join with believers around the world in prayer at 9:00 a.m. (or some other regular prayer hour) daily for world-wide missions and the Free Will Baptist cause. Write WNAC for these cards.

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

In response to numerous requests, you may now obtain the Quarterly Program Packets on a standing order basis. Thank you for your splendid response to these creative ideas and suggestions which add interest to your monthly Auxiliary programs. Please send \$3.00 plus 60¢ postage and the packets will be sent to you for one year. Unless notified, your order will be automatically renewed at the end of the year. Those preferring to order quarterly may continue to do so by inclosing 75¢ plus 20¢ postage with your order. Order from:

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Heaven Came Down...

and shouts of joy, and communion with the Holy Spirit and one another was the result of a well-planned, well-prayed-over, Woman's Auxiliary retreat.

THE RETREAT was held at Tiger Mountain, near Henryetta, Oklahoma, and included the states of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

There were 115 women in attendance and 20 hours of "never a dull moment," using the theme, "*Happiness is Loving Jesus First.*" The co-ordinator, WNAC recording secretary, Zetta Rose, kept things moving along smoothly. The speaker, Lucille Beatty, St Louis, Missouri, came to the retreat recuperating from a recent heart attack on a "wing and a prayer" and was given more strength than was needed, plus showers of blessings! Joyce Johnson, Tulsa wrote: "The love of God radiated from her and warmed all of our hearts as we were gloriously inspired."

Arkansas was well represented. Alene Coffman, WNAC member at large and Arkansas vice president, brought greetings. The Arkansas women gave a rendition of a Swedish orchestra at fun time on Friday night. Helen Cook, Tulsa, brought some clever skits.

Oklahoma state president, Marguerite Kern, brought her daughter, Marian to help with the music.

A wonderful closeness was felt by all! There was no dishwashing or cooking, no children to attend to, nor husbands... just a time of unashamedly praising God and "... in love preferring one another."

* Note: This was the first of several regional retreats being sponsored by WNAC. Watch the next issue of *Co-Laborer* for other stimulating reports.



Zetta Rose, Lucille Beatty, Joyce Johnson, leaving Tiger Mountain.

Ladies attending the Oklahoma-Arkansas Auxiliary Retreat



IDEAS

FOR YOUR PROGRAM

The first quarter, 1973 program packet includes all the materials you will need to carry out the suggested ideas for each month's program. *It is now possible to obtain these packets on a standing order basis* by sending \$3.00 plus .60¢ postage, to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37217. Quarterly packets are .75¢ plus .20¢ postage.

January/What Time Is It?

Poster—Announce your meeting with attractive bulletin poster.

Publicity Skit—A clever way to announce your meeting at the Sunday morning service.

Interest Center—Have a display of different kinds of clocks.

Tape Recording—Prepare a tape recording of clocks chiming simultaneously.

Use an alarm clock, a cuckoo clock, and one with chimes. Have them all going at once with the cuckoo lasting longer than the others and fading away. This should last about a half minute or less.

Chorus—Sing "Every Day with Jesus," but change "day" to "year."

Scripture—Ecclesiastes 3:1-9. Read the first part of each verse and let the members finish the statement. ("a time to be born and a time to die.")

Acrostic—May be used as part of the devotions. (Flannelgraph.)

Visual Aids—Make a large cardboard clock with moveable hands. To begin with place the hands at 6:00 o'clock, then each time the hour of the day is mentioned in the first topic, move the hands to that hour.

Prayer Reminders—Make small clock faces with hands pointing to 9:00 o'clock. Write specific prayer requests on the back of each clock and distribute to members.

Proclamation for the New Year—Ring an alarm clock, play chimes on the piano, or use the tape recording mentioned above, and read from a rolled up paper the proclamation on page one of *Co-Laborer*. Introduce the hymn for the year (inside front cover of *Co-Laborer*).

February/Proclaim His Name

Choral Arrangement, PROCLAIM HIS NAME—Emphasizes the years theme, watchword, and hymn (see page one in *Co-Laborer*). It may be simply or more elaborately used.

Poster—Publicize your meeting with poster depicting Christ and monthly theme.

Interest Center—On a piece of velvet or tapestry or any suitable material, arrange a large open Bible, a framed picture of the head of Christ, and a large world globe.

Special Features—Enliven your meeting by using one or more of the suggested quizzes included in the program packet: *Names and Titles of Jesus; Musical Quiz; Finish the Quotation.*

March/Proclaim In Our Neighborhood

Poster—Use attractive poster to announce your meeting.

Worship Center—Around an open Bible (elevated at the top), arrange two coffee cups and cokes.

Prayer Reminder—Make one for each member by tracing patterns of coffee cup, coke bottle, or open Bible, on construction paper. Write prayer requests on the backs.

Playlet—"A Neighborhood Missionary," is a dramatic presentation on Christian witnessing in the neighborhood. Requires only three women. Included in packet.

Assignment—Ask two or three women to briefly discuss Neighborhood Bible Studies, Coffee Pot Evangelism, and Children's Bible Clubs.



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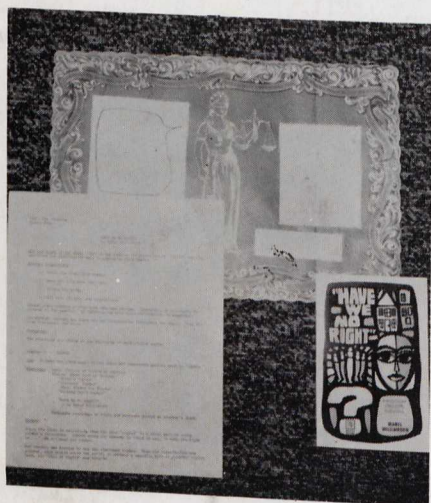
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