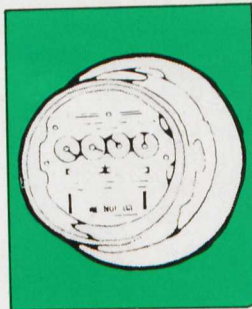
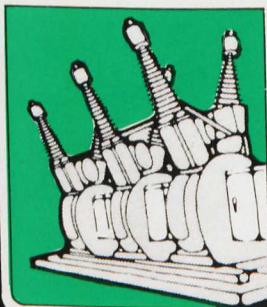
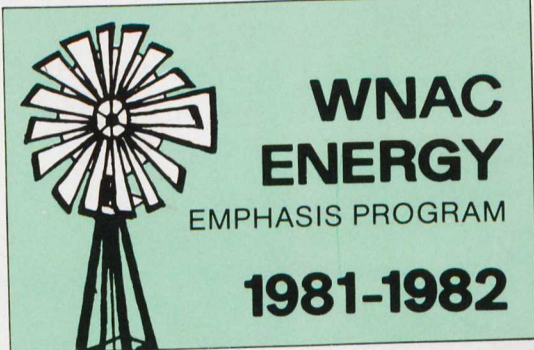
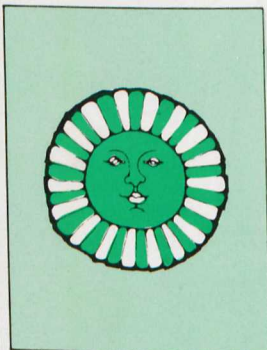
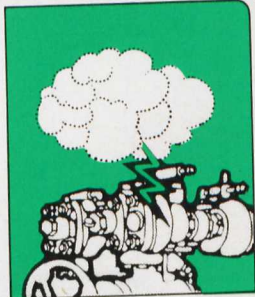
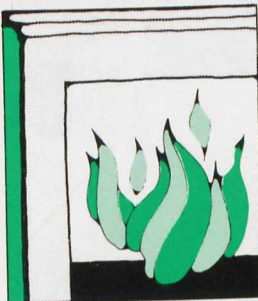
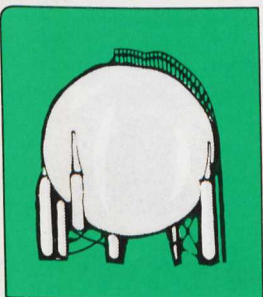


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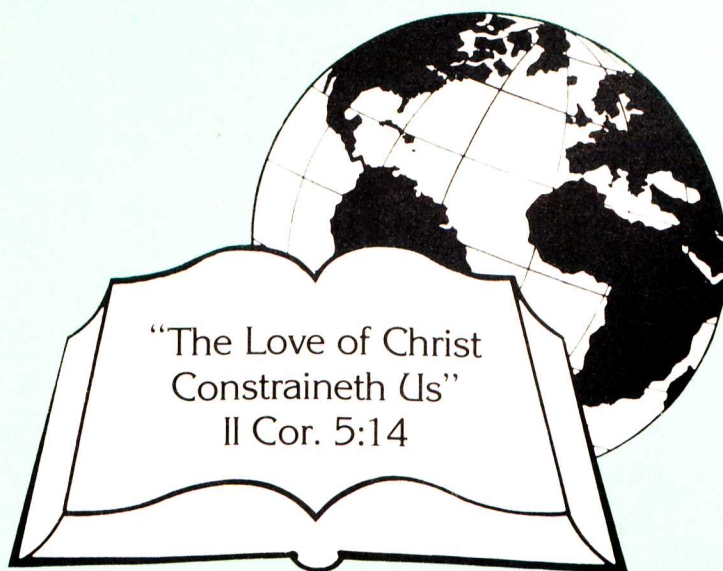
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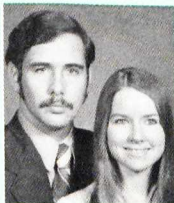
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Our Writers

Anne Worthington (Mrs. Melvin), WNAC's recording secretary and wife of our executive secretary, has manifested an interested in missions since age nine when she was saved at the Palatine Bible Church, Lake Zurich, IL. She graduated from Columbia Bible College and three months later became the wife of a Free Will Baptist pastor, ministering in South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and presently in Tennessee. Their two children, Daniel and Lydia, attend MTSU.

Formerly a very active pastor's wife and mother, almost overnight her status changed—they left the pastorate, her husband travelled and her children left for college. From a "Martha" she has become a "Mary" and her moments at His feet are evidenced in her missionary program.

Dolora Johnson (Mrs. J. W. L.) is married to a small scale farmer in Alma, GA. All six of their children were raised in the Pine Level FWB Church and are now married with families of their own, residing all the way from California to Germany.

Newly retired, Mrs. Johnson worked for 20 years in public, the last eleven as social worker with Family Services.

Mrs. Johnson has been active in women's work since "Ladies Aid" and has done a bit of everything. Past president of her district, she was honored as Woman of the Year in 1980.

Her hobbies include accompanying her husband on fishing trips, crocheting, sewing, reading, writing, gardening and growing flowers.

We'll be hearing more from this young writer in Tulsa, OK. **Debbie Cavitt** (Mrs. Johnny) is married to a newly ordained deacon at the Airport FWB Church. Their three children, Amy, 10, Greg, 7, and Tate, 3, prompted Debbie to write, "There's never a dull moment around our house."

Mission study chairman, junior high girls Sunday school teacher, and helping with the preschool children's church round out her church responsibilities.



Worthington



Johnson



Cavitt



Editorial

Lorene Miley

What Ever Happened to Stewardship?

We used to hear a lot about stewardship. Entire books, poems, articles and skits all covered the subject. Once the auxiliary even included among her slate of officers a fourth vice president whose primary duty was to promote stewardship. Later the office merged with prayer. In the more recent shuffle, stewardship, as such, lost out altogether.

The auxiliary is just as concerned about stewardship as ever, although the means have changed. Once the women occupied themselves with sales, parties and suppers to raise funds, while today they support the Biblical plan of tithes and offerings. However, stewardship involves more than just money.

If we apply the parable in Luke 16 to our own lives, we see that each of us is a steward and we have the Master's goods at our disposal. We can do with it as much as we please—bank it, invest it, hide it, spend it, or squander it for our own pleasure. But on that day of accounting—death—when we're stripped of all time, talents, money and possessions and we enter our eternal reward, what then?

There will stand before us men of every tribe and nation and tongue and people and we'll hear them say in a language known to all, "Welcome home!" There they are, our eternal friends, friendships we have established while the Master's goods was yet at our disposal and we invested it in that which could not be taken away—in missions. In going, giving, and prayer we enter triumphantly into our heavenly mansion and earn the commendation of our Lord.

Life is a stewardship, not an ownership; a trust, not a gift. You can do as you please with a gift, but with a trust you must give an account. It's easy to be a good steward when you have nothing, but "to whomsoever much is given, much will be required."



Memo From Cleo

Cleo Pursell

Kentucky Bound

The Commonwealth Convention Center, Louisville, is the place of WNAC's annual meeting. The date is July 21, 1981, and the beautiful Galt House is convention headquarters. Please note: The Fellowship Dinner, usually held on Monday night, will be Tuesday evening promptly at five o'clock in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. Of course Tuesday will be devoted to convention business and to our missionary worship services. Don't miss these many blessings. Meet me in Louisville!

1982 National Retreat

The second WNAC retreat is scheduled for September 23-25, 1982. The site is the Arlington Hotel which can accommodate 1100 women. (No need for a back-to-back retreat.) Located in the heart of the South and the majestic Oachita Mountains, this area provides the convenience of the city in a resort setting. There are mineral springs, thermal baths, and a mountainside promenade where one can stroll, hike, sit, talk, or feed the

tame squirrels, chipmonks and birds. Hot Springs has it all! Details will be released later. Begin now to save for this retreat!

WNAC Energy

That is the title of the 1981-82 WNAC Emphasis Program. Norma June Teague, WNAC member at large, has written this interesting material for your presentation in August (or anytime more convenient to your local church program).

Missionary Provision Closet Needs

You have been most generous in sending gifts to our missionaries. They are appreciative. Here are present needs: Sheet sets (all sizes) including pillowcases, blenders, toasters, steam irons, and Corelle Ware.

SOS (Save Old Stamps)

Thank you for the good response to the need for used postage stamps. Please continue to send them to us. Do remember to keep foreign stamps separate from common stamps.



Co-Laborers Write & Share

Awake! Don't Hibernate

I believe we had one of the best programs that has ever been published in Co-Laborer. It was soul stirring and soul searching. It has done for our auxiliary what a pastor does for his congregation sometimes—"trimmed us up." Mrs. Tucker did an excellent job of writing it.

**Odessa Ledlow
Cordova, AL**

Our group really enjoyed the January lesson in Co-Laborer.

**Reba Ritter
Pleasant Grove, AL**

Trina Owens from Spain

We received the package containing the linens. Everything is so pretty and the bedspread goes perfectly with my curtains and throw rugs. I appreciate your taking the time and trouble to get them for us. I understand there weren't any in the Provision Closet and you had to buy them out of the Provision Closet Fund. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Being able to use the Provision Closet has been both a joyful and humbling experience. The gifts are there because women love the Lord and are concerned for those the Lord has sent to tell others of such a love.

The Lord will just have to bless them and help them know how much their work is appreciated.

Creative Poetry

The ladies in our auxiliary urged me to send in my poems. All have just come to me. I could never just sit down and write one. They are about real people and real things. I am 44 years old and have raised six children.

**Imogene Steward
Rudy, AR**

Please enter this poem "Grandma" in the contest. It was written in honor of Mrs. Minnie Mae Hopkins. Grandma Hopkins is 86 years old and for several years attended our church regularly. During the past year her health has been failing and she is no longer able to attend.

**Debbie Cavitt
Tulsa, OK**

I have a special burden for the "little ones." Many people don't think they are teachable. It really thrills me when I hear them sing songs and recognize Bible characters when they hear them mentioned in sermons. Yes, God has given us a great mission work with our children.

**Anne Williams
Owasso, OK**

Teem Goks

Betty Crocker has introduced a all-new **International Cookbook**. Four hundred and fifty recipes from 54 nations have been tested, retested and refined to simplify preparation while yet retaining their authentic flavor. These oriental Wonton cookies sound good.

Mix together 1½ cups each of chopped prunes (or apples), coconut, and packed brown sugar; also 1 cup each of chopped dried apricots and chopped almonds.

Cut 12-14 egg roll skins in fourths and put 2 teaspoons filling on each skin. Moisten edges with water. Fold each skin in half to form a triangle. Twist. Fry 3 or 4 wontons in 1½" hot oil. Drain on paper towels. Makes 48.

The Minister's Wife

I want to thank you for the help I received from the publication "The Minister's Wife." There is such a vast need for advice and counsel for those of us who are wives of ministers, and I appreciate so much the effort and concern that has been shown. It helped me review and analyze my own attitudes.

Brenda Fowler

Jim Sturgills from Brazil

The children are doing very well. Lynne (13) has her braces off her teeth now and is on cloud nine. Valeria (5) got the screw out of her leg last week and at first wanted to send it to her "boy friend," Christopher, Jim Moser's son, but she decided it is too pretty to give away and kept it. Vera (2)

is learning to speak now in both languages and sometimes sounds like a miniature "Tower of Babel." As for Vicki and me, the only difference, I suppose, would be a few more gray hairs (although only her hairdresser knows for sure!).

Spiritual Journey

Thanks for the article called "A Spiritual Journey." I have the hardest time putting things aside for a Bible study. I usually have a Quiet Time, but not a deep study. I need to be back teaching a Sunday school class. I studied more then.

**Joyce Taylor
Brunswick, GA**

Blessings

We have been having people saved and rededicated at our church lately and we really praise the Lord for this. Sometimes we have to go through trials, but one blessing from the Lord is worth it all. He blesses us every day, but sometimes we don't open our eyes to see His blessings.

**Marie Terry
Blountsville, AL**

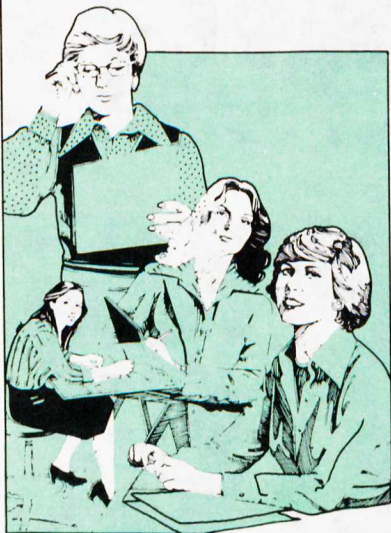
And More Blessings

Thank you so much for the interesting articles and programs in the Co-Laborer. We can hardly put them down until we have read them through. **Eudene Pitts, Thomaston, GA** I am proud to be associated with a group of women dedicated to serving the Lord. **Margaret Speer, Locust Grove, OK.**

Auxiliary Women In Action

Maizie Sevits writes that their auxiliary at Hazel Creek, Kirksville, MO, is growing. "We had work day and got a lot done toward a quilt for a newlywed. We plan to make egg carton waste baskets for shut-ins for Easter. We try to do something for them each holiday. Christmas we made spice ropes."

Sophia auxiliary, WV, has initiated a Sunshine Box. Each member draws the name of a shut-in from the box and for two months delivers sunshine to her shut-in by sending cards, visiting, telephone, running errands, or making desserts and crafts. A wise person once said, "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."



Alfreda Zornes brought an inspiring message at the Kentucky district fellowship meeting at the Kenova church. **Billy Sexton** spoke at the Eastern district at Southside, Paintsville, the day previously.

Rose Ann Pack spoke on "The Dedicated Heart" at the district convention at Bethel FWB Church, McArthur, WV. **Ann Ruble**, president, presided.

Eudene Pitts, Thomaston, GA, reports of the Tupperware party their auxiliary had for the Provision Closet.



Kay Thompson, pastor's wife, Glennville, GA, arrived at the new parsonage just in time for the church's annual missionary conference. Over 30 foreign dishes were featured in their fellowship meal.

College Lakes auxiliary, Fayetteville, NC, led the church in observing **Lynn**

Smith Appreciation Day. **Billie Avila**, auxiliary president, directed the festivities which included a corsage, meal, silver coffee set and two poems composed especially for their pastor's wife.

Beulah auxiliary, Pamplico, SC, presented a plaque to Mrs. **Maude Jones** in honor of her approximately forty years of service as secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary. "She is a blessing to every member of the auxiliary and all who know her," writes **Pansy Bazen** who was elected to fill her place.



Thirty-three women and girls participated in the Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer program of the Pleasant Grove FWB Church, AL. **Reba Ritter** is the pastor's wife.



Fourteen women attended the Breakfast Brunch to enlist new members for the First auxiliary of Montgomery, AL, reports **Lois Hibbs**. **Juanita Pitzer** president, and her officers presented the program.

Myrtle FWB auxiliary, MO, was organized 29 years ago with eleven members. **Geneva Sorell** was awarded a plaque in honor of her faithful service as an auxiliary officer all those years. **Edna Hall** and president **Blanche Wischart** made the presentation.





Mix A Little Bit of Christmas With Missions

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40) reflects the attitude of many of our auxiliaries at Christmas time. They're discovering that it is more blessed to give than receive; that giving is like a boomerang. What you give "as unto the Lord" has a way of coming back at you in veritable showers of blessings.

Sherry McDaniel, president, and the First auxiliary, Hot Springs, AR, enjoyed their Christmas banquet but all gifts, almost \$200, was sent to **Sue Aycock**, missionary to Brazil.

Theresa Smith, president of First auxiliary, Washington, NC, led her auxiliary in a home missions emphasis at their annual party. **Roger Tripp's** ministry in Hickory received \$23.00.



Mt. Olive auxiliary, Guin, AL promoted a special project "Acres for Alabaster" which netted over \$1000 for the **James Walden** mission. Presi-

dent **Annette Nelson** presented the Waldens with this check at their December meeting.



Arnold Shrewsbury, home missionaries to Canton, Ohio were not forgotten by the auxiliaries at Christmas time. "Happy Birthday, Jesus" was the theme used during the holidays at the Sciotodale church. Red and green offering envelopes decorated the tree which valued it at over \$400.

Judy Nichols also promoted her state's missionary. She made baskets from construction paper, glued a lace heart to the front, and encouraged her women to fill it with love gifts by composing the poem:

Place a small gift inside this heart
Bring to auxiliary, that's a good start.
It can be pencils or candy or any such thing

It will all be counted as a love offering
It will be sent to our home missionary
Bro. Arnold and Sis. Janet Shrewsbury.

CONVENTION PREVIEW

Theme: Motive For Missions

Scripture: II Cor. 5:14

Song: "My Saviour's Love"

Song Director: Mary Neal

Organist: Jean Smith

Pianist: Linda Gilliland

Registration begins on *Sunday* afternoon, July 21, at 3:00 P.M. in the Convention Center Lobby. Orientation of the registration committee at 1:30 with Nancy Trimble, Michigan, chairman.

Monday's activities begin at 8:00 with the WNAC Executive Committee breakfast in the Turf Room of the Galt House and a meeting to follow in the Kent Room. All the activities of the day will be in the same hotel.

8:00-9:00 A.M. WNAC Nominating Committee Gothick Room

12:00 P.M. WNAC Executive Committee Turf Room Luncheon

1:30-3:00 P.M. All state presidents and field workers meet with the executive committee. Gothick and Oak Rooms

Program includes a devotional by Katie Pinson, New Mexico's president, and a book review by Rudene Kennedy, North Carolina, plus other special features. Plan to attend or appoint a proxy.

The convention proper gets underway on *Tuesday* morning.

9:00 A.M. Commonwealth Convention Center, Exhibition Hall A & B
Genelle Scott, presiding

The program includes devotions by Wanda McClary, Nebraska; music by Rodney and Vicki Whaley; and missionary message by Patrick and Susan Dickens, Ivory Coast.

1:30 P.M. Afternoon personalities include special music by Freda Lewis and a drama by The Master's Players, FWBBC

WNAC Representation

Secretaries! Each state convention is entitled to 15 delegates plus its president and field worker. Where there is no organized state, a district may represent with five delegates plus local presidents. Where there is no district, a local may represent with three delegates and a fee of \$3.00. Second annual reports (whether or not you send a delegate) to: Anne Worthington, 3308 Antioch Trail, Antioch, TN 37013.

Treasurers! Send treasurers' reports and membership dues of \$1.00 per member to: Cleo Pursell, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37103.

Deadline: July 1



WNAC Fellowship Dinner

Verla Pettit, director of the Memphis Union Mission, founder of the Memphis Christian Servicemen's Center, Bible teacher and speaker extraordinary, will be this year's special fellowship dinner speaker.

Mrs. Pettit married the late Leon Pettit, major league ball player, has traveled twice around the world, visited many hospitals overseas talking to wounded servicemen, and is a popular retreat, luncheon and convention speaker.

All banquet seats are reserved for a certain number of people. To avoid disappointment you are urged to order tickets early. Both men and women are invited and tickets are \$8.50 (including tax and tip). No tickets will be mailed or reserved without payment. Refunds are available through July 1, 1981. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

We encourage our auxiliaries to see that all our missionaries on furlough attend the dinner. While you are filling in the reservation form for yourself, purchase a ticket for a missionary, too. WNAC will see that the missionary receives the ticket. Clip and mail to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Date _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets for the WNAC Fellowship Dinner, Tuesday, July 21, 1981, at 5 P.M. at the Regency Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

Enclosed is _____ (\$8.50 each). I wish to purchase tickets for the missionary indicated below:

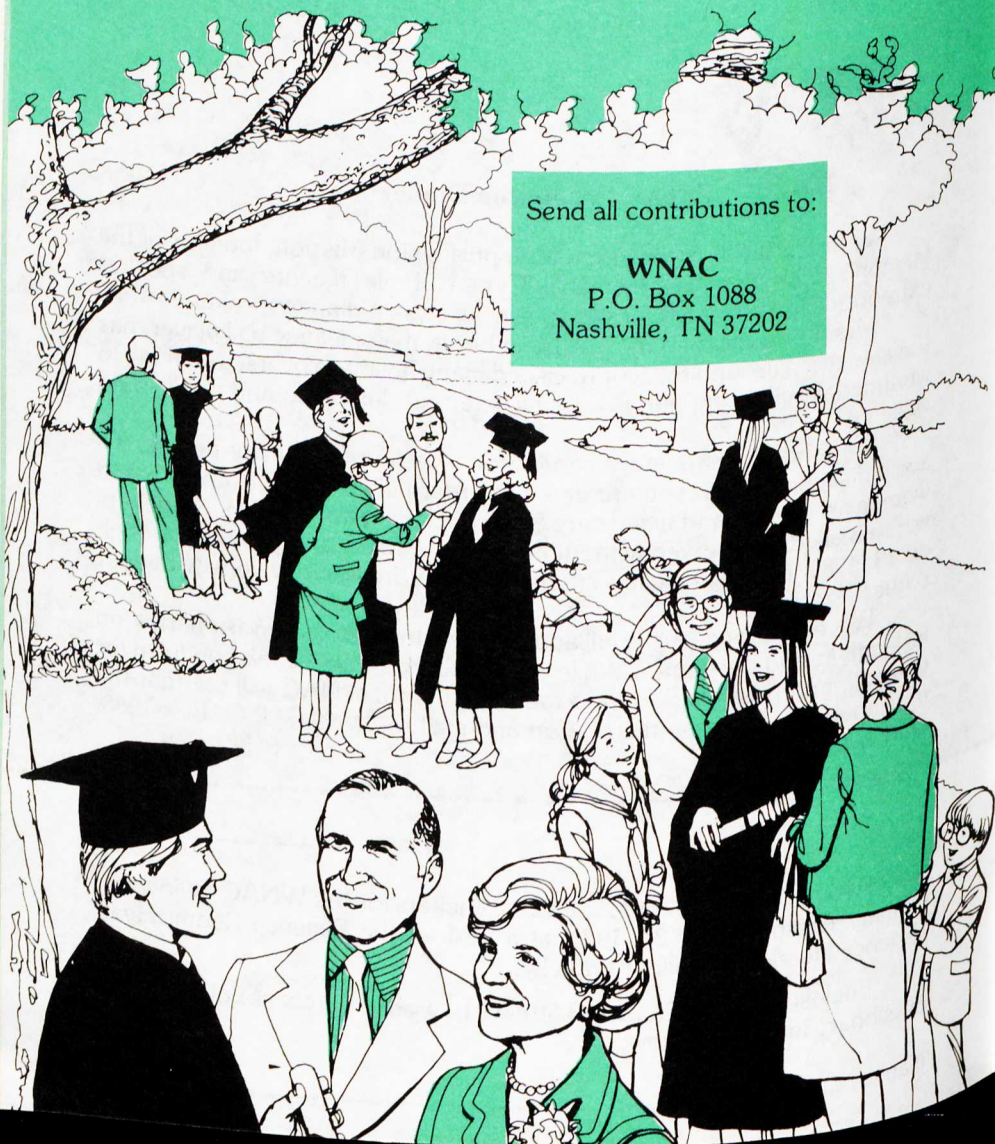
Name _____

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MOTIVE FOR MISSIONS

Lonely Cries In The Wilderness



Louise Wampler

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest (John 4:35)

As far as the eye could see stretched masses of lonely humanity. I had entered a vast wilderness where people cried for answers to ease the gnawing emptiness within.

I looked, and as I looked my heart ached with a hurt that became tears falling down my cheeks to the ground. Faces, faces, faces, a whole sea of faces. I looked into the vacant eyes of a once-beautiful young girl who clasped her two malnourished babies in her arms, their haunted eyes upturned, questioning. It was the stark face of hunger, both spiritual and physical.

An old wino staggered into me with downcast eyes, all hope long since gone. All he had left to live for was that bit of money he could beg to drown his hopelessness for a short while.

I watched a sad, lonely grandmother clutching the hand of an afflicted child, her burdens so heavy she literally stooped beneath her load. They plodded on to God knows where, searching, searching, forever searching, for some kind of relief.

Through the tears that dimmed

my vision, I saw a grotesquely deformed man. Was he born this way or had he committed some terrible sin that had condemned him to this place? Or was he put in my path to test my compassion?

They lay before me—the lonely, diseased, starving, drunken masses of humanity. They could echo the cry of David long ago, “No man cared for my soul.”

What would Jesus do—this lonely Man of Galilee, my Saviour, my Lord, and my Example? Once He cried out with deep compassion as He viewed His wicked city, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I gathered thy children together ever as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not.”

Suddenly I was brought up short with the woman's auxiliary watchword: “Laborers Together With God.” And right behind flooded all the excuses: “But, Lord, You know I'm too old. I don't speak the language. Most of these are of another culture, even another color. And, too, Lord, You know I'm not well educated, and how tongue-tied I get when I talk to strangers. Oh Lord, send someone else.”

These excuses might have held up

had this mission field been in faraway Japan or India. Or if the language had been Chinese instead of the language of the street, the cry of a lonely heart. But as I came face to face with reality, my excuses rose in my throat to choke me.

Because, you see, this wasn't a long dark continent of Africa. Neither

was it a bright, intellectual city of Brazil. This mission field was a long, dark corridor of the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and these people were those of my country.

Oh God, do we care?

Do we really care?

A Living Sacrifice



Pal Moomey

I beseech you therefore, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God (Romans 12:1)

Four years ago I brought my husband's middle-aged nephew and niece to a nearby nursing home in Fort Smith, Arkansas so I could see them daily. Their last close relative had passed away and no one wanted to be burdened with these disabled-since-birth relatives.

I did not know them personally, so our association was a trifle rough at first. They did not trust me and I had no ready love in my heart for them. As is the nature of a spastic, their skin is constantly clammy with the rolling eyes facial expression. They craved the kind of love which demanded touching and even kissing. I could not freely bring myself to give this much love.

My pastor frequently used Romans 12:1-2 in his sermons about this time. It really burdened my heart that I couldn't conquer this feeling of repulsion, that I was unable to give myself

to those frightened, helpless people. Was He asking me to literally lay my body on the altar?

The niece became very ill and I sat with her at the hospital 24 hours a day for nearly three weeks. During those days I purely did renew my mind and came to know that it was His will that I prove, not only to myself, but to Him and to the world that it was the good and acceptable will of God that I love, not just in my innermost heart, but outwardly so they could know and understand that I loved them.

Thank God, today I can really kiss them, hug them, brush their hair and enjoy doing so many little personal services for them.

Not only have I been blessed, but so have they. They have given their hearts to God and been baptized. This has started a chain reaction and other patients in the home are following their example. What wonderful spiritual services we have in that dining room each Sunday afternoon!

Suffer The Little Children



Barbara Joyce Watson

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few (Matthew 9:37)

On April 8, 1973, at the age of 30, I came to know Christ as my Saviour. I had gone through grammar school, high school, ten years as a wife and five years as a mother before this dedicated preacher came to our Murfreesboro, Tennessee community. We met through his door to door survey and God used him to reach me and my husband.

After becoming a Christian, I was so eager to work. But what could I do? I was "only" a housewife with two small children. My husband worked at night so I was seldom out during the week. But the Lord knew my heart. He knew how badly I wanted to be involved in His work. So He opened doors.

Our church started a bus ministry and I became bus captain. To work a bus route, you can't just tolerate the children. You must have a genuine love for them. They can tell the difference.

I heard a woman once say of one of the bus kids, "If I could give her a

bath and wash her hair, I could love her." She was wrong. If you can't love the dirty ones, the love is not there. Some of my sweetest hugs and kisses were from that not-so-clean little girl with the runny nose. To me she was beautiful.

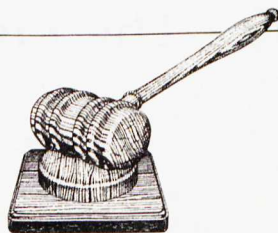
I worked the bus route for four years. Today I'm a primary teacher. Half of my class ride the bus to church. I have twin girls who started the bus before they were three years old. Their prayers can put a lot of grown-up Christians to shame.

When I hear my kids pray for the lost, the missionaries, and the sick and know it's coming from the heart, I'm assured that God is using me to reach them. The more time I put into preparation, the more blessings I receive.

I'm so thankful that God saved me, even at age 30. But if someone had been concerned and reached me as a child, there wouldn't have been so many wasted years.

The children are everywhere and they are waiting. All we have to do is reach out and bring them in.

Presenting Our State Leaders



Pinson



Ball



McClary

New Mexico

Pioneering in Auxiliary work since May, 1950, **Katie Pinson**, Carlsbad, has organized several local auxiliaries, two district conventions and participated in her state organization where she has served as president for five consecutive terms.

This busy lady is employed by an insurance agency, enjoys reading, sewing, gardening, piano, organ and photography. She serves her church on the board of directors, board of Christian education for their church school, adult Sunday school teacher, clerk and song leader.

Mrs. Pinson is a charter member of Faith Memorial FWB Church (22 years), a church founded by her late husband, L. C. Pinson. She has two children.

Linda Ball (Mrs. Joe), Hobbs, is married to a licensed minister and they have two daughters, Susy, 12, and Christy, 6. A babe-in-Christ of four years, Mrs. Ball teaches a beginners Sunday school class and assists in the children's church at First United FWB Church. Field worker for her state auxiliary, she also serves her state as assistant clerk.

Nebraska

Home missionary to Nebraska, **Wanda McClary** (Mrs. Jerry), Omaha, has just organized her women into an auxiliary. A native of Florida, Wanda and her husband pastored in Washington, NC and served as summer missionaries in Montana before branching out in one of our orphan states.

The McClarys have two daughters, Michelle and Christina. Mrs. McClary will be the devotional speaker at the annual WNAC meeting in Louisville.

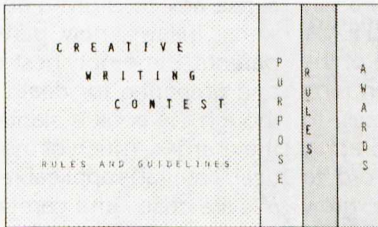


Art

The newest category in WNAC's annual creative writing contest. Gives an opportunity to help provide publicity materials.

Creative Writing Contest

If you're a member of a woman's auxiliary and are interested in sharing your talent with other women, write for this free booklet which gives all necessary information.



Write:

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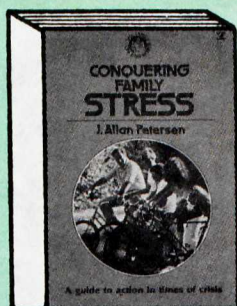
Articles, Programs, Poetry, Plays/Skits

are the other categories in which women have been developing their talents since 1972.

New Contest Deadline: March 1, 1982

SHARE-A-BOOK

Genny Waddell



CONQUERING FAMILY STRESS

by J. Allan Petersen
Wheaton, Illinois
1978 \$3.95; 144 pp
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II Cor. 9:2

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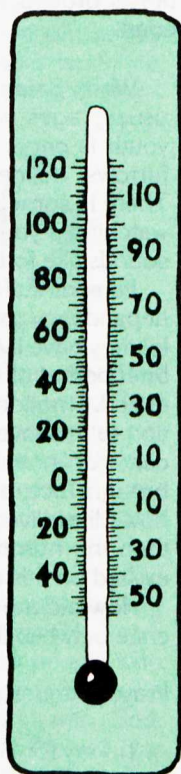
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Surrenders all to Christ.

Counts no possession as his own.

Becomes missionary enthusiast.

Increases missionary giving.

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Defends missions against critics.

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Gives some and prays some.

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Neither opposes nor proposes.

Gives a little.

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July

Questions, questions, questions—some easy, some hard; some to be answered immediately and some to be handled later. But others must be faced without hesitation, like the one to Jacob.

"How old are you?" Pharaoh questioned Jacob as he came to dwell in Egypt (Gen. 47:8). It's an amazing question, really. Highly exalted ruler Pharaoh is receiving halting, weak, old Jacob, and he addresses him with the question, "How old are you?"

We, too, ask this same question, but what do we mean by it? What kind of standard are we using for the estimation of a person's life?

Working in a state institution as I have for the past 17 years has provided me an education. (I'm certain I have not learned as much as God was trying to teach me, but I have learned a few things about this matter.) Is the number of years we've lived so important, or is how we have lived of greater significance?

When Satan rules a life, a person usually ages very fast. The glow of youth is gone. In its place are lines, furrows, dullness of eyes and step. There is something heartbreaking in watching a youngster who looks and sounds like forty. How old are you?

Persons suffering from a chemical dependency come to the hospital and lo! they have lived out their years in a brief period of time. Their minds are dulled, emotions flat, and the motivation to improve is non-existent. They care for nothing. The therapist is brought face to face with the reality of how a life is lived is far more important than the number of days they have existed on this earth.

How old are you? There's a difference between living and existing.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Bobby Aycok who will have back surgery to correct a disc problem before they return to Brazil for missionary service.

2. The Haases and Charolette Tallent will be coming home in July from France. Pray for the national workers, Gerard and Daniel, who will carry on our Free Will Baptist work in Rennes.

3. Rev. and Mrs. Bob Thomas, home missionaries to Colorado, needs prayer support as they leave the self supporting church they established in Greeley and move on to the city of Ft. Collins to establish a church in that growing city of 75,000 people.

4. Summer missionaries are presently serving in Brazil, France, Ivory Coast, Japan, Panama, Spain and Uruguay. Pray they will be a help to the missionaries with whom they are serving and pray also that God will use this summer experience to help determine God's Will for the summer missionary.

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August

"How old are you?" Pharoah asked Jacob (Gen. 47:8). This question has jarred me into thinking more seriously about the quality of time rather than just quantity. How old am I? How many years have I lived for Jesus? How much time have I spent with Him during this living process? What do I have to show for eternity after having been on this earth this long?

You and I both know people who are approaching middle age who have not settled this question with God. How else can we explain the need for workers in every church? Why after 2000 years the Great Commission is still unfilled and 74% of the earth's people are still non-Christian? The answer is obvious—we both know it is because the person's time has been parcelled out without consideration for Christ's claim upon them.

Hours are claimed for pleasure,

self-indulgence, slothfulness, and on and on (you name it), but there's no time for Jesus.

A man's life is short at best, so how old are you? How long have you been a Christian? Are you doing more for Jesus today than when you were converted? Are you preparing yourself for that Final Accounting Day? How many eternal friendships have you made?

How old are you? A young person? Are you including Jesus in your plans for the future?

How old are you? A young adult? Jesus was about 30 years of age when He began His public ministry. What plans do you have for the future years in the light of His example.

How old are you? Aged? How many of those years have you really lived? Remember, there's a difference between living and existing.

Prayer Requests

1. Returning to the States for furlough from Brazil are the Bobby Poole, Tom Hughes and the Dave Franks families. Pray for them as they get settled in the States and begin their deputation.

2. The fields are white and hear them calling. Pray that our women will be so sensitive to His voice they would be willing to spend and be spent for the Master's sake. Pray for the soul winning efforts of DVBS and youth camps.

3. Pray for Neil and Sheila Gilliland who will leave mid-August for language study in Albertville, France. They will become dorm parents in Bouake, Ivory Coast, West Africa, upon completion of language study.

4. Larry and Priscilla Inscoe covet

your prayers as they work in Panama in the Las Tablas area. The Lytles will be returning to Panama this fall to continue the work in Panama City.

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September

Jacob's answer to Pharaoh's question, "How old are you?" is worth noting (Gen. 47:9). What he actually was saying was there had been hard years, but fewer, he said than the years of his predecessors. However, he had come to know God in a wonderful and precious way; and so this man, Jacob, blesses Pharaoh.

Remember years before, beside the brook Peniel, God asked Jacob, "What is thy name?" and he answered, "Jacob." And he said, thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with man, and hast prevailed" (Gen. 37:27, 28).

From that day forth, Jacob began to live. And here we find him blessing Pharaoh. A prince blesses a ruler! This is not weak, old faltering Jacob, but a prince! It makes a difference how a life is lived!

Oh, to be sure, Jacob had done miserably mean things. He had acted selfishly, carnally, deceitfully, greedily,

but sorrow changed Jacob. He maintained his prayer time. He watched the angels ascend and descend his prayer ladder. Prayer was a mark of Jacob's greatness. It can be ours.

How did Jacob become Israel? He came into personal contact with Christ who became Lord of his life. Have you ever wrestled with the Lord? Then you will know how you were changed.

Prayer Requests

1. The Dickens, Fergusons and Morgans have recently returned to the States on furlough from Ivory Coast. Pray for these families as they begin their deputational ministry.

2. Language study is hard, demanding and many times discouraging. Pray for June Arnold who has completed half of her language study in Costa Rica before going to Panama.

3. Pray for the missionaries who are using their new language. For Elaine Allen and Tom and Patty McCullough who have finished their study and are involved in full time work. For Sherwood and Vada Lee as they get back into French and Lobi after a two year absence.

4. The Jesse Dunn family has been serving the Lord in Salem, Oregon for three years now. They have had over 100 in attendance, but are still meeting in rented facilities as they have been unable to buy property. Please pray that God will supply land for a building for this growing congregation in this needy capital city.

Even So Send I You

THE MISSIONARY CALL

The Condition
of a
Lost World

The Considerations
for
Jesus Christ

The Command
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The Call
From Within

Objective: To take a fresh look at the missionary call and our part in the world-wide responsibility to tell the untold.

Scripture: Isaiah 6:8, 9; John 20:21

Song: "So Send I You"

the Good News of salvation. And His words still echo over the centuries: "As my Father hath send Me, even so send I you (John 20:21).

The Implications of Missions

Half of the world's present population has never heard the name of Jesus even though the supreme task of the church is to evangelize the world. This task was commanded by Jesus, assigned to His church and is an integral part of God's great plan of redemption (Rom. 10:13-15).

Robert Hall Glover in his book, *The Progress of World-Wide Missions*, declares the two fold objective of Christian missions:

1) The proclamation of the Gospel to the unconverted everywhere, and

2) the establishment of a strong, spiritual, indigenous church in every country where converts can be adequately instructed in the doctrines of the Word of God, and thus be nurtured and strengthened until the church becomes a self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating church.

Jesus, our example, left the security of heaven to come to earth with

"Missions" comes from a latin word which means, "I Send." So a missionary is a "sent one." Missions is very simple in its implication—it implies a sender, one sent, and one to whom sent.

The sender, of course, is Christ. The missionary does not go or speak at his own initiative, but as the commissioned agent of the One who sent him. Or as Paul phrases it, an ambassador of Christ.

The sent one is to proclaim Christ. Proclamation is defined as the act of announcing publicly. It implies authority, import, and urgency as he proclaims the Good Tidings to the unconverted everywhere.

Not only those who willfully reject the Gospel is to receive it, but also those through indifference reject it or through ignorance do not know it—all men everywhere. The Great Commission is not a wish or a suggestion, or an option; it is a command.

The Missionary Call

There is much confusion concerning the missionary call. Some mistakenly think the missionary call is the product of sentimentality, emotionalism, or a strange vision. Some may even think of it as being a robot or automation that God lifts out of one country and transplants to another.

Some insist that no specific call is needed to the mission field. G. Christian Weiss in his book, *The Bible and World Missions*, points out that the Great Commission is all inclusive: "Unless one can say he has been called to stay at home, he is called to go, in the light of the Great Commission." If this statement is correct, then all are called to go.

Others stress the need of a definite, personal call from God before anyone goes to the mission field. Many missionaries testify how they could never have endured the tests and trials on the mission field but for the fact they had been specifically called to the task.

James Weber, in his book, *Let's Quit Kidding Ourselves About Missions*, gives still another definition of the missionary call. He contends the call is found in Romans 12:1, 2. Every believer who presents his body as a living sacrifice is given specific direction for service. The Great Commission is not a call, rather a direction. He was not directing every believer to go into all the world; rather He was telling them what to do when they did, in fact, go.

Which is the right position? Is the one position all right and the other all wrong, or is there a balance? The true missionary call rests upon four foundation stones.

The Condition of a Lost World

When we consider that 74% of the earth's population is non-Christian, it challenges us to take another look at this "field white already to harvest" (John 4:35). When we view the millions, of people who, not having the Gospel message, are lost without God and without hope, we cannot fail to hear their call.

Physically, many experience unrelied and incessant toil as they struggle with intense poverty, wretched homes, and gross intellectual ignorance. Others may enjoy the thousand features which bless and brighten homes and communities of Christian lands, yet they are still oppressed under the guilt and condemnation of sin.

Morally the lost contacts only the filthy, degrading habits of white slavery, adultery, child marriage and abuse, polygamy, promiscuity, Satanism, witchcraft, drug addiction, and sex perversion. Unmentionable cruelties and crimes prevail and every form of moral corruption freely tolerated and indulged.

As bad as the physical and moral voids, the spiritual condition of the unsaved man far outweighs all else. They are spiritually lost, dead in sins, and alienated in darkness from God. Capable only of evil, they are subject to eternal condemnation. They are without excuse for they have not lived up to the measure of light which God has given them through nature and conscience, even apart from the Gospel.

When we view the physical, moral, and spiritual condition of the lost (those to whom sent), who can say he has not been called?

The Considerations for Jesus Christ

When we focus on Jesus and our relation to Him, all the mission pieces fall into place.

Loyalty—a jealous passion to have Christ exalted. During His life on earth, Jesus, who claimed to be the Son of God, was despised, rejected and crucified as a condemned criminal. Had we been living during that time, would we have been loyal? Would we have defended His honor and beauty and holiness, and vindicated His claims? He is still despised and hated by millions today.

Gratitude—Why were we not born in a heathen land? Because of the sheer grace of God, we were born in a Gospel-enlightened land with Christian parents and churches and an open Bible. But with all these blessings becoming responsibility. If we could trade places with the heathen for a day, a sense of urgency would drive us to take the Gospel to them with no longer delay.

Love—the inner drive or impulse that impels us to action. “The love of Christ constraineth us” (1 Cor. 5:14). When His love is shed abroad in our hearts, there’s no holding back in sharing this love with others.

The Command of Christ

Does the call to “Go” still stand today? In his book, *The Why and How of Foreign Missions*, Arthur J. Brown says: “The command of Christ is not a request, nor a suggestion. It leaves nothing to choice. It is an order, comprehensive, and unequivocal . . . a clear peremptory, categorical, imperative ‘Go’.”

Christ still calls laborers to the unreached fields. His last command to His disciples has not been withdrawn, rescinded or altered. The task is still unfinished. In the plan of God this “Go” is the only means of reaching all people.

From the right hand of the throne of God, Christ calls, still commands, still says, “Go,” . . . “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”

The Call From Within

It is quite possible that unless the condition of the lost, the considerations for Christ, and the command of Christ are prayerfully heeded, there will not be that final call of the Holy Spirit to the heart. The inward call will be ignored unless the outward calls have been heeded. When the outward calls are prayerfully heard, heeded, and considered, then the Holy Spirit makes that personal and specific call, unveiling God’s will and plan clearly and plainly to the inner consciousness. The Holy Spirit will not fail to make God’s personal plan known to the individual life, for His chief function is to instruct and guide the Christian.

It is not a question of home or foreign missions. All are called to win the lost regardless of where they may be found. A trip across the ocean does not make a missionary; neither does staying home keep a man from being a missionary. When Isaiah answered God’s plea recorded in Isaiah 6:6-8, God’s next words were, “Go and tell.”

Conclusion: Read the hymn “Here Am I, Send Me” (*Free Will Baptist Hymnal*, page 259) as a poem.

Love Is For Living



Objective: To show that the love we have for Christ will be reflected in the love we have for others.

Scripture: John 13:34-35; Luke 17:21
Hymn:

In our day-to-day living we rehearse so many of our attitudes that often living becomes the acting out of our rehearsing. The problem is too many of our attitudes are negative. Instead of joy, we are prone to rehearse our fears, needs and anxieties until they become the dominant part of our thinking and living.

How we need to rehearse the positive attitudes that express a better way of life. As we began each day, let us rehearse (practice) the faith we have in God, thus filling our minds with the promises He has made us

through Jesus Christ. As these love-filled thoughts become a reality in our lives, others will be attracted to a better way.

Showing Love Through Facial Expressions

An old latin proverb states, "The face is the index of the mind." Walt Whitman said, "In the faces of men and women, I see God." And the psalmist said in 17:15, "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

What does my face reveal most about me? Can those around me see a likeness of Christ? Can they see love and concern? We do witness for Him in one way or another in whatever we do—even by the expression on our faces. We should be careful lest our expressions register negative attitudes of impatience and irritability.

Jesus must so dwell in our hearts that His love is radiated to those we work with, especially those in our own households. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" and these thoughts register on our faces. It takes more than pious words and wishful thinking to influence our children and spouses. They know whether or not we are genuine.

Our relationship with Christ can be reflected in our facial expression. When Moses returned from talking with God, the "skin of his face shone" (Ex. 34) and the people knew immediately he reflected God's glory. Peter and John were arrested and the rulers "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). Yes, there is an outward expression of our inner situation. The

world will take one look and they will know.

Showing Love Through a Personal Touch

The great commission to love was given before the great commission to go. "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciple if ye have love one another." "These things I command you, that ye love one another."

It takes the language of the heart to reach out to the unsaved and show them Christ. The story is told of a girl so steeped in sin and immorality that no one could witness to her let alone win her to Christ. One day a pure, clean Christian girl loved her enough, not only to embrace her, but to plant a kiss on her dirty cheek. Her hardened heart was melted and she **accepted Christ as her Savior.**

Most people don't want our counsel or advice; they crave love. They don't always need a dedicated man of God; they want a sister who will weep with them, rejoice with them, and hurt when they hurt. Sometimes we can help most by just being there and reaching out a warm, sympathetic hand.

When a little girl died in a neighborhood, another little girl went down to comfort the grieving mother. When she returned, her mother asked her, "What did you say?" "I didn't say anything," replied the little girl. "I just crawled up on her lap and cried with her."

Jesus could have healed without the personal touch, but it's interesting to note the number of times a touch accompanied His word. Peter's

mother-in-law received a touch from the Master's hand and was made well. He moved with compassion toward the leper and touched him. He took the dead hand of Jairus' daughter and raised her to life, touched blinded eyes and restored them to sight, put fingers in deaf ears and touched the tongue of the one with a speech impediment. He lovingly washed the disciples' feet. His was a loving, caring, touching ministry.

Just as Jesus was able to give the personal touch to those He encountered, we His followers should seek ways to show His love by a personal touch. Many are lonely, sick, bereaved and starved for what we can give them through Christ—a visit, a home cooked meal, an expression of love.

Showing Love Through Sensitive Ears

Our culture has shaped our values, habits and personalities so far as love and affection are concerned. It's "Keep A Stiff Upper Lip," "Paddle Your Own Canoe," "Don't Cry; Be a Man," or, translated, "I can take care of myself and if I can't, you will be the last to know."

This attitude has erected barriers between people, barriers not determined by distance nor built of brick and mortar. Most often they are established by masks that people wear to hide their true feelings, hopes and fears. May God give us sensitive ears to hear the cry for help hidden under the self-sufficient mask.

This cry can be heard when our ears are attuned to human needs. The loud, boisterous child may be

signaling his need for love and attention. The braggart is covering a deep inferiority complex. And often the code of the suicide note is, "Please find this before it's too late."

People who complain of imaginary ills may be crying out for help to fight the dreadful depths of depression. A prominent druggist once said, "I firmly believe that only one tenth of the people who buy medicine really need it."

The great need of many people today is to find something that gives stability and personal power which in turn brings peace of mind. The answer is found in Christ. He not only is saying, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," but He also says, "I will make you . . ."

Jesus longs to fill hearts with love and when a heart is filled with love, the things that are repulsive, such as hate, selfishness, jealousy, bitterness, pride, self, etc. are expelled. A loving person is the natural result.

Showing Love Through Prepared Feet

In the tenth chapter of Romans, Paul gives an outline of how people are saved. But did you notice his question in the 14th verse: "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" He goes on to say that the feet of them who preach are beautiful. Prepared feet.

The early Christians went everywhere bearing a witness. Persecution scattered the young church and the disciples were scattered abroad after the resurrection, and thus the Gospel spread. Paul took the last commission of our Lord seriously and preached and taught the Word all over the

known world.

Many of the New Testament converts never left their pagan communities. They showed love through prepared feet right where they were. We Christians are Christians today because of faithful witness in each generation. May God help us to be faithful in ours. That faithful Sunday school teacher trying to teach a group of wiggly children, that faithful auxiliary president or pastor who wonders if his work is in vain, that faithful missionary laboring even though she sees little results, that faithful neighbor witnessing to her indifferent neighbors.

The opportunities are unlimited. The payoffs beyond comprehension. Thousands upon thousands have lived and died, perhaps unnoticed by men, but they do not stand empty handed before their Lord. They were faithful witnesses and with prepared feet they showed love.

Although many of the early converts stayed in their pagan communities, some did experience both the call of God and men to proclaim Christ in the uttermost parts of the earth. But the process was clear—as they went forth, it was with the full backing of the church back home. They sent, they prayed, they equipped. This is a difficult time to preach the Gospel. Are we not aware however that in the most difficult times the Gospel is most needed?

May God help us to be laborers together with God in getting the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let's pitch in with all our strength for the preaching, teaching and spreading of the Gospel, showing His love with a personal touch, hearing ears, and prepared feet.

Program for September
Debbie Cavitt

ON YOUR MARK... GET SET... GO!



Objective: To show how God can use all Christian women if they will seek His direction and are willing to be used.

Scripture: Philippians 2:13-16

Song: Onward Christian Soldiers

There are thousands of Christian women like you and me, who send their kids off to school in the morning, grab a bologna sandwich for lunch, and watch "Little House" on Monday night. They might even forget to read their Bible sometimes. Just like us. We are not alone.

Jesus did not come just for the heathen in far away Africa or for the "super-Christian" who seems to glide over problems with a smile on her face and a song in her heart. Rejoice! He loves us too! He can show us who

we are, give us purpose and direction, and then use us in unbelievable ways if we will only let Him.

On Your Mark

Jesus loves the housewife who is frustrated by all the chores of a typical Monday. Yes, you with the month of wax build-up on your kitchen floor and dust on the coffee table. He really cares that dinner is late and the washer broke down and the car is leaking oil again. He really cares.

And you, the woman working outside the home, so often the world frowns at you and expects you to be tougher than you really are. Where is that "thick skin" people say you need when you work with the public? Jesus knows when your heart is broken by an unkind word. He understands your frustration when that

"meant-for-you" promotion went to someone else. You are not alone. Jesus cares.

Do not be deceived into thinking your existence is trivial and unimportant. As Christian women, we can delight in Galatians 4:7: "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son (daughter); and if a son (daughter), then an heir of God through Christ." How about that? We are an heir of God!

Psalms 10:16 says, "The Lord is King forever and ever . . ." We are heirs to our Father's throne. God the Father is King and, you and I, dear sister, are royalty! It is royal blood that flows through our veins. So lift your head tall and rejoice in your royal heritage. Your roots go all the way back to Calvary. The precious blood that Jesus shed that day began your genealogy. It is your birthright; settle for nothing less. You are not just a housewife or *only* a working woman. You are God's child. This is your mark.

Get Set

Ask any six-year-old child what he wants to be when he grows up and your answer will be as interesting and varied as the child himself. Ask any woman over the age of twenty-five what she plans to accomplish in the next five years and she will probably think you're crazy for asking.

Somewhere between the duties of caring for our home and family, we too often lose sight of the importance of accomplishing spiritual things. Somehow our priorities get all tangled and we fritter away our time with trivialities that have no eternal value.

As Christians we know that someday we will go to heaven to be with

our Lord, but what about now? Are we going to be content to put our spiritual life on "hold" until the Lord comes for us? Or . . . or do we dare to prayerfully seek God's directions in setting our priorities?

Whether we are twenty-five or sixty-five, we should desire to move forward. In Colossians 1:9, 10, Paul prays for the Christians at Colosse: "... that ye might walk worthy of the Lord . . . increasing in the knowledge of God." If we are to grow and be used of God, we too, must be eager and willing to serve where and whenever He directs.

Setting a goal will give us the joy of seeing things accomplished. What are you going to do for the Lord today, this week, next month, next year, five years from now? Will you read your Bible through from cover to cover? Will you teach a Sunday school class for the first time. Will you love and encourage a new Christian family in your church and watch them grow to maturity? Will you begin a Good News Club in your home, or a neighborhood Bible class? Will you organize a ladies hospital or nursing home visitation program?

And how about our missionary vision? The Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, 20: "Go ye . . ." applies to each of us, whether our calling be housewife, secretary, student, missionary, etc. What will be do to see that His Word is preached in every tongue and tribe and nation before our Lord's return? Let us not be content to "keep the Faith," but instead work earnestly to "Pass it On."

The opportunities are unlimited. Do you dare pray and ask God what He would have you do? Get set! God is waiting and wanting to use you.

Go!

There are many women with good intentions, but feel they already have too much to do and too little time in which to do it. Perhaps the hardest part of working for the Lord is simply just getting started.

We should be like runners poised for a race, in position and triggered for action. At the signal "Go!" these athletes spring into action and are off and away, never hesitating to leap forward and never pausing to look back. With their eyes glued to the finish line, they pace themselves methodically as they streak toward the goal.

There are many missionaries who have heard the command to go and have eagerly responded. Do you realize we have missionaries now serving for a fourth and fifth term? Fred and Evelyn Hersey (Japan), Carlisle and Marie Hanna (India) and Lonnie and Anita Sparks (Spain) have all served a quarter of a century on foreign fields. Five other couples have served twenty years or more—Aycocks, Eagletons, Franks and Pooles (Brazil); and the Paul Robinsons who opened the field of Uruguay.

God's Word and His love have no boundaries. He can use each of us to "Go and teach all . . ."—all the children in my Sunday school class, all the neighbors on my street, all the people who visit in my home. They are each one part of the mission field we are to "Go and Teach."

We can go in prayer. In our hands we hold the lifeline that spell the difference between victory and defeat for our pastors and missionaries. Let's be sensitive to their needs. Uphold them in prayer. Change their dirge to the victor's song.

Go in giving. Going and giving run hand in hand, for open hearts mean open billfolds. Oswald J. Smith, that great missionary statesman, warns every Christian to send a substitute to the mission field if he is unable to go himself.

After we have, with the Lord's help, set our goal and planned realistically how we should advance forward, there is nothing left to do but begin. The Lord will provide the motivation and amply reward the woman who is willing to—on your mark, get set, go!

'Tis the day before tomorrow
And my schedule is set;
There are clothes to be folded
And breakfast to get.

The dishes need washing,
There's mending to do;
The floor needs a waxing,
I'll never get through.

The oatmeal boiled over,
The stove is a mess,
Baby needs a diaper,
And I need a rest.

There's a meeting at church,
And I promised to go,
But today I'm so busy,
"I'm sure, Lord, You know."

Today I'll stay home
I'll read if there's time,
To miss just one meeting,
Is surely no crime.

I heard a sweet voice,
Which spoke very low,
"These things here can wait."
My Jesus said go.

—D. Cavitt

A Woman God Has Used



In an era when women preachers were looked upon with favor, rose Hattie Newman, Oklahoma, with an outstanding ministry in the Silver City, Drumright, Jennings and Oilton communities.

Mrs. Newman was converted at an early age and while yet in her teens felt the call of God to preach. She fought this call for many years, not even sharing it with her husband. After two serious illnesses which threatened her life, she vowed that if God would heal her, she would submit to His will.

Thus in 1928, at the age of 33, she held her first revival with 75 conversions. A church was established with 47 members and Mrs. Newman was called as pastor. Six years later she led a brush arbor revival in Silver City with 100 converts. Sixty-eight charter members formed the new church, and again, Mrs. Newman was called to pastor.

She was a popular evangelist and conducted revivals throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Illinois.

Always a staunch supporter of women's work, Mrs. Newman presided over the state's mission work and was instrumental in organizing the Oklahoma State Auxiliary Convention.

At age 19, Hattie married an unbeliever, but immediately instituted table grace and the family altar. Little wonder that he, too, early came to know the God she loved. To them were born two sons and one daughter, Audrey, who proceeded them in death.

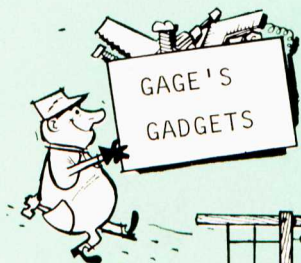
In 1966, Hattie Newman, 71, went to be with her Lord. She will long be remembered not only for her dynamic speaking and vivacious disposition, but her dedication and loyalty. God used her to reach younger women and many are in the work of the Lord today because of her influence and encouragement.



A Missionary Builder

Brother Howard Gage is a
builder of homes.
He travels for God,
For Him he will roam.
He's built many churches and a
hospital, too, in the
Ivory Coast.
He's a preacher, too.

He's a faithful missionary for our
Lord Jesus Christ;
doing all that he can and
doing it right.



You know he loves people as
he tells of God's love.
And he points them to Jesus who
lives up above.

Our Father has sent him—and
all others, too,—to
carry His message this whole
world through.
To the lands of Africa, India, and
Japan.

There you find God's people at
our Lord's command.



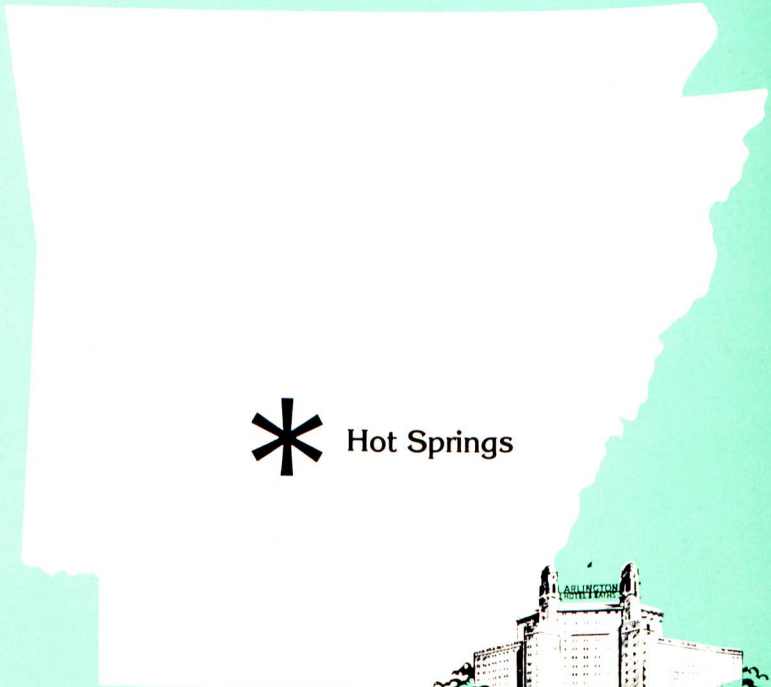
So let us be faithful to every day
pray that
all the world's people may
soon know God's way.

—Linda Simons



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