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Stewardship of Giving

A friend who is active in another denomination's missionary program recently shared a money-raising idea. It was something like a Salad Tasting Tea. Each one brings a salad and everyone goes around and samples the various dishes. At the end, one may purchase a cookbook with the recipes of all the featured dishes included.

"If you charge \$3.00 to attend the luncheon and \$3.00 for the cookbooks, you can raise a lot of money," she testified.

I am aware that many of our mission projects are supported in this manner and God forbid that I should criticize them. Why then do I not enthusiastically promote this salad thing as well as the other money-raising projects I hear about?

Perhaps it all goes back to more than 22 years ago. For ten years we had prepared for the mission field and now we were ready to go. Then the board decided we must have \$10,000 in our account before we could leave. Today it would be like \$100,000! Where on earth would we get that much money? I, too, searched for some quick money-making schemes.

That July we attended our National Association and my husband gave a brief testimony and announced we were ready to leave for the field. That's all God's people had been waiting to hear! The money poured in, not \$5000, not \$10,000, but \$17,000! God sure made a believer of me.

And I still believe. When God touches hearts, they respond with their money. It's only necessary to "raise" money when Christians fail to give.

I'm reminded of I Corinthians 12:31, and to paraphrase: "Go ahead and occupy yourselves with these minor activities if you like, but I show unto you a more excellent way." When we accept Christ as Lord and Savior, we turn over to Him the ownership rights to our time, talents, money, and possessions. As He burdens us with needs, we respond from a heart overflowing with love and gratitude.

It's all a matter of stewardship.



Lorene Miley

Memo From Cleo

Cleo Pursell



Bring Them In

Remember January is enlistment month when special efforts are made to win new members for our auxiliaries and to bring back the "wandering." WNAC will again send out materials to help you with this emphasis. These, with some ideas of your own, should get results. Last year some auxiliaries doubled their membership and had fun while doing it.

Missionary Provision Closet

We really need full size sheets (especially fitted). Also heavy towels and wash cloths. **Please**, no more tupperware for awhile! We are running out of space to store it.

SOS

Thank you for sending us your used postage stamps. Please keep foreign stamps separate from the others. These are sold to stamp collectors and have netted WNAC approximately \$200 this year for office equipment.

New Literature

This year WNAC is emphasizing mission action. A new supplementary mission action guide, "Give Yourself Away," is available from our office. Also our new book of poetry, "Falling Leaves," compiled from this years creative writing contest. There are new catalogs, plays, bulletin covers utilizing the new theme, a prayer calendar, and of course, new recommended study course books. (See 1982-83 catalog.)

Give Yourself Away (2 Cor. 8:5b)

The above is our challenging new theme. You may think you have nothing to give, that no one could be blessed by your small talents. Don't underestimate the abilities God has given you. To someone it may be better than you dare think. And it is virtually impossible to give yourself away without getting back more than you give. Like Paul, be ready to share with others not only the Gospel, but even your own lives. From all of us to all of you . . . Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The World At Our Doorstep

Roy Thomas

Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer Program

Objective: To present this challenge: If God doesn't allow us as Christian women to go to the uttermost parts of the earth, He may bring one from one of those parts and plant him right on our doorstep.

Scripture: Philemon (he was saved while in a foreign country)

Song: "In Christ There Is No East Nor West"



New Mexico, Colorado, California, Texas, and Florida. New York City has 1,500,000 and Los Angeles has almost 1,000,000 Hispanics. In El Paso and San Antonio they are in the majority.

Many have migrated from Mexico, Cuba, and Puerto Rico. These and other countries have placed a huge "foreign mission field" at our doors. If population trends continue, the Hispanic population is expected to outnumber the black populace by the year 2000.

These statistics are making a dramatic impact on our society. In Los Angeles, Miami, and San Antonio, Hispanics are so numerous that they have tipped the political scales to dominate the local governments and schools. In the Chicago school system, the Hispanic student population has grown to a point where it equals the number of non-Hispanic whites.

It is clear that these numbers will continue to grow. Hispanic "natural increase"—the excess of births over deaths—is more than a quarter of a million people per year. And their steady immigration, both legal and illegal, is estimated to exceed a million a year. At that rate, by the 1990 census, the Hispanic population will have nearly doubled again, to 27.3 million people.

America has been settled by people who come from other countries. Most of these people were driven from their native lands by oppression and persecution. They have come to the United States in search of freedom to make a living for their families and worship as they please. God has laid a "foreign mission field" at our doorstep.

People have come from various places—Japan, China, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Islands of the seas because they have heard that the United States extends a welcome to the oppressed and homeless. The Hispanics are the largest group of immigrants. The Hispanic population in the United States, composed of Spanish Americans, Mexicans, Cubans, and Puerto Ricans, has grown 61% over the last decade. This represents the largest gain of any group in the nation.

Over 15 million Spanish speaking people now live in this country. Where are they located? Most large cities have some. Nashville has about 4,000. Atlanta has 6,000 and New Orleans has 20,000. But most, two thirds in fact, are found in six states—**Arizona,**

What are these people like? These staggering numbers represent millions of different individuals with as many different stories of struggle, success, and failure. They include millionaires and aristocrats and countless hard working tax payers. Honest citizens.

Yet for every success story, there are a dozen Hispanic families who experience poverty, crime, educational deprivation, ethnic discrimination and economic exploitation. For a large number, affordable housing is often to be found only in terrorized slums or run-down housing projects. More than 14% of all Hispanic families in the United States have an annual income of less than \$7,000.00 Sixteen per cent of all Puerto Rican families earn less than \$4,000.00 per year.

Most Hispanics live in their "own section" of the city and it is usually a slum section or "ghetto". But they are closely knit and would be easy to reach with the gospel. The vast majority have never heard the gospel.

The children of Hispanics in the United States grow up without the benefit of a decent education. They have no place to play but in the streets and nothing to do but kill time. So they form street gangs which terrorize their neighborhoods. They impose by force their territorial claims and demands for tribute. The police in Los Angeles County classified as gang related more than 600 murders in the last two years. Pressure is exerted on each child to join one gang or another. They grow up, not only in poverty, but with their hearts gripped with fear from the underworld pressure to turn to crime that is put on them by these gangs.

'God has laid these children at our doorsteps. We must do something

about them. Every store they break into, every purse they snatch, every crime they commit is a cry from a lonely empty heart that in most cases has never heard a clear presentation of the gospel.

Another group among Hispanics are the Marielitos. These are Cubans deported by Fidel Castro from the Port of Mariel in Cuba within the last few years. Among the 125,000 refugees, 1,800 were identified as having come directly from Castro's jails and asylums. Dade County, Florida officials estimate that Marielitos were responsible for half the crimes committed there last year. In addition, about one fourth of those who come from Cuba are still unemployed.

These criminals, who are leaches on society, are all that many people see when they look at the Marielitos. But what about those who fell on American soil and kissed the ground because they had left homes, jobs, and families to find freedom? Yet, we know that no one will ever be truly free until the Son of God has set him free from his shackles of sin. These are a mission field that has been laid at our doorstep. They, like all other Hispanics, have come from countries dominated by Catholicism, and they have never heard the gospel. Could it be that God is working in this situation to bring these people to us so that we can tell them about Jesus? I know this—they are here and they are a problem. Unless they are converted, they will be a greater problem.

Then there are the "illegals"—immigration violators from Central America and Mexico. They are called "wetbacks" indicating the way they get into the country, by swimming the Rio Grande River. Puerto Ricans are

all United States citizens and are free to come and go among all United States and territories without visas.

The government has no way of counting accurately these "illegals" among us. One estimate puts the number at six million. Their numbers will continue to grow as long as they can find jobs here—and they will do anything. Most of them come here to work, and they will take any job, so they can send money back home to their starving families. Most of them hope to send for their families and make their homes in the United States.

I have done much research and given you a rather lengthy description of this multi-million mass of humanity that God has laid at our doorsteps. It is easy for us to look at the problems they are creating and wish they would just go back home and leave us alone. But could it be that God has brought these people here because it is the only country in the world that would give them the gospel?

Which would be easier? Cheaper? Better? To send our own children to their lands as missionaries or to evangelize these Hispanics and send them back to their own lands to their own peoples with the gospel?

If we would reach the Spanish speaking people in our own country, it could revolutionize our foreign missions outreach and greatly reduce the cost. All language school would be eliminated. They would be able to fit into the culture because it is their culture. Furlough would be eliminated. Response would be greater because they know the people and can identify with them.

For these reasons the National Home Missions Board has employed Bill and Glenda Fulcher as missionaries to the Spanish Americans. While

starting a Spanish speaking Free Will Baptist church in Texas, they are seeking to provide tools and materials for our Spanish speaking Free Will Baptist churches to assist them in reaching their own people for Christ.

Free Will Baptists have three Spanish speaking churches in Miami, about that many in California, and that many more in Texas. Though we could count all the Spanish speaking Free Will Baptist churches in the United States on our two hands, it is a start. Spanish Americans are not gospel hardened. They have never heard it. They are hungry for it. The few Spanish speaking churches we have are some of the fastest growing churches among us.

November is National Home Missions month. Woman's Auxiliaries have always had a soft heart for needy people without the gospel and have extended their hands to help. Perhaps you could give a generous, sacrificial offering and maybe put on a special program in your church and allow the whole church to participate in a generous offering to help us reach these needy people.

I look at these people as I would a child laid on someone's doorstep. They did not necessarily want the child, they did not ask for it, but it is there and something must be done with it (Matthew 25:34-40).

Send your Lizzie McAdams offering to Home Missions to:

Woman's National Auxiliary
Convention
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

When Saw We Thee An Hungred?

In the February, 1976 issue of *Commission*,
Leland Webb gives a fable which illustrates
one reaction to a hungry world. Is it our reaction?

One Sunday morning after the worship service of their suburban church, two well-dressed couples are seated at a choice table near a window in a restaurant. One of the couples seems to be in their mid-twenties; their companions perhaps in the prime of middle age.

As they enjoy their tasty and ample servings, paced with relaxed conversation, the younger woman looks toward the window. The faces of two youngsters are pressed against the pane. Wordlessly they are eyeing the tastefully set tables, the finely dressed diners, and the heaped-up portions on the plates.

The pair's color is uncertain for grim blurs the hue. Their clothes are dirty with a thoroughness achieved only after many days wear. Their gaunt faces hint at a lack of nourishing food.

As a surge of pity brings a lump to the throat of the younger woman, she lays her food laden fork on her plate. The sound interrupts the flow of conversation, and the others follow her gaze to the tableau at the window.

What was it the pastor had said this morning? Something about responsibility to neighbors.

"Seeing those hungry faces makes this steak taste a little flat," ventures the younger man. The other agrees.

"They look so helpless," his wife adds.

"How can we look at them and not do something?" demands the young woman.

"What can we do?" challenges her husband.

"It's so simple, so obvious," she answers with disdain, looking from the still steaming food to the hungry eyes.

She pushes back from the table. With an unaccustomed directness, she strides almost silently across the carpet. Straight to the window she moves, finds the tassled cord dangling at the wall, and firmly pulls it. With only a soft swish the heavy drapes shut out the view.

Resuming her seat, the young woman reaches for her fork. "There now," she says brightly. "Isn't that much better?"

—Woman's Missionary Union

Women In Action

State Associations

Illinois women honored their aged ministers at a banquet in connection with the state association at the state's youth camp grounds.

Mary Neal presided and Charolette Tallent, missionary to France, spoke at Indiana's third state convention at First Bible Church, New Castle. The theme: "Learning to Lean."

West Virginia chose "Motive for Missions" for their state convention at Bethel, McArthur. Glenna Murphy, president, presided and Mary Fluharty rendered special music. Lorene Miley, WNAC, and Delilah Scott, Wheeling, brought messages.

"Women Working Willing" characterized South Carolina's state which featured Cleo Pursell, WNAC, and Carolyn Coker, National Young Mother of the Year. \$6,500 was allocated for missionary projects.

Virginia's state met at Collinswood, Portsmouth, with Margaret Merkh presiding and Cleo Pursell bringing the message. Missionary project is to be divided equally between the Richards and Mileys.

Dr. Mary R. Wisheart was featured at California's state at Memorial, Fresno. The theme, "The Eyes Have It" was emphasized at the three-session meeting.

District Meetings

In order to develop a bond of cooperation within the Tulsa area, the district auxiliaries have undertaken to publish a monthly newsletter with Vicki Hidde as editor.

"Sharing the Love of Christ Through Personal Witness" was the theme of Cumberland District's (TN) spring workshop. A team from Free Will Baptist Bible College presented a skit showing the right and wrong way to witness.

Greater St. John's River district convention reported a new auxiliary united with them at Live Oak, Florida. Marcie Ellison, Uruguay, spoke at their prayer retreat at Camp Montgomery.

Retreats

"The Anointing of Bethany," an anointing ceremony, led by Katie Pinson, was featured at New Mexico's fourth annual prayer retreat held at Faith Memorial Chapel, Carlsbad.

Capacity crowds filled Camp Mt. Bethel for Georgia's annual retreat. Mrs. Nancy Johnson, 80, was queen of the retreat. A home mission panel gave personal insights into their unique ministries. Fleda Snow presided. Edith Shiver's complete historical scrapbooks were displayed.

Lovely FWB auxiliary, KY, sponsored a retreat with 25 different churches represented. Sharon Ferguson, Ivory Coast, was speaker.

Debbie Scott presided over an impressive candlelight service entitled "The Bread Basket" at Arkansas' retreat. Vicki Muchler decorated the following theme, "Hungry? Come and Dine."

Local Auxiliaries

"Women of Far Away Places" was the theme of the Mother-Daughter banquet at the Donelson auxiliary (TN). Mrs. Rudy's foreign doll collection decorated the tables and programs cut from foreign women silhouettes. Prayer reminders were made from flat clothespins with a head of a missionary pasted on the flat head. The dolls were wrapped with

colorful cloth and tied with yarn. Pasted across the front was a strip identifying the missionary and her field.

Missionary Lynette Morgan (Ivory Coast) spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the Limestone auxiliary (TN). Debbie Mitchell presided and presented the speaker. Fifty one women were present.



Part of the women who attended West Virginia's retreat at Camp Virgil Tate Lodge.



Horse Branch ladies, Turbeville, SC, roll bandages for the African medical station.



Peace auxiliary, Indianapolis, IN, honors their pastor's wife, Portia Ratliff.



Union Temple auxiliary, Greeneville, TN, Wanda Monk, president.



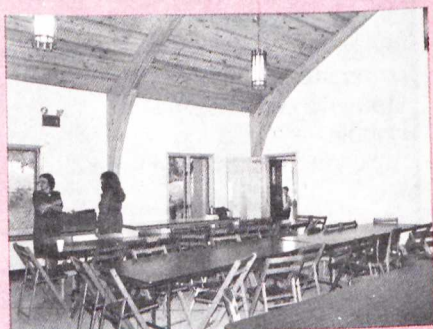
Ministerial quilt in honor of Pastor Eugene Ross, Little Bethel, Ideal, GA.



Lillie Phillips, Pearl Day, and Minnie Smith are honored by their Victory auxiliary, Fayetteville, AR.



Seventeen members of the New Lebanon auxiliary, Tishomingo, MS, exchange names for secret pals.



Dedication of the new home mission church at Lexington, KY.



Sweetheart banquet sponsored by the Little Missouri River Association, crowns Brian Hockersmith and Lisa Westfall king and queen. \$1687.76 was raised for home missions.



Patty McCullough's (missionary to France) mother blows out candles on Patty's birthday cake during her birthday-by-proxy party. Two weeks later Patty herself enjoyed the cards, napkins, photos, and a cassette of the party. Patty writes, "I believe other auxiliaries could encourage other missionaries with similar expressions of love."

Meet Your Writers

Gertrude Cantrell
Garden Grove FWB
Church
Santa Fe Springs, CA



Husband—Howard, a deacon
Children—Three married children who have given her six grandchildren
Offices—Auxiliary and choir member, chairman of the Communications committee
Profession—Housewife
Hobbies—"Teaching and writing are my greatest loves," she writes.

Anita Haney
First FWB Church
Jonesboro, AR



Husband—Kenneth, her pastor
Children—Liane 8, Eric 6, and Ben 2
Offices—Teen Sunday school teacher, church organist, and mission prayer chairman.
Profession—Pastor's wife and writer of the Teen Student Quarterly
Hobbies—Embroidery, reading and collects dolls

Sarah Fletcher
Maccriline FWB Church
Macclesfield, NC



Husband—Keith, her pastor
Children—she is expecting her first child in November
Offices—auxiliary program chairman and choir member
Profession—Pastor's wife and personal secretary to the pastor (no salary only great fringe benefits)
Hobbies—sew, cook, write, play the piano, gardening and "home-make" in general.

Wanda Kellett
First FWB Church
Lawton, OK



Husband—Myrl, her pastor
Children—Three sons, Mark Alan, 12; Rodney, 27, who lives at home; and Roger, married, with two children.
Offices—Auxiliary president and district vice president, association clerk, and Bible teacher.
Profession—Pastor's wife and homemaker
Hobbies—Arts, crafts, poetry, writing, and "good healthy music, mostly Gospel."

Trudy Miles
Parker's Chapel FWB
Church
Greenville, NC



Husband—Donnie, assistant pastor
Children—D. J., 5; Darin, 3; and
Daniel, 1

Offices: District mission action chair-
man and choir member

Profession—Homemaker and keeps
children in home

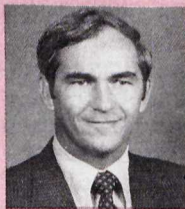
Hobbies—Reading, crafts and needle-
work

Roy Thomas
Director of the National
Home Missions
Department



He and wife, Pat, former home mis-
sionaries have two grown children.

Clint Morgan
Missionary to the
Ivory Coast



He and wife, Lynette, have three sons,
Trey, 8, Adam, 6, and Aaron, 2.

Lord, Use Me

"Lord, use me," cried the young boy
As he knelt beside the pew;
"Someday I'll be a missionary
And tell the world of You."

The years went by very quickly;
The boy became a youth
"Lord name the place and I will go."
He pledged to share God's truth.

One year, two years, three years, four;
The youth became a man.
"Lord, I've things to tell you—
I'm sure You'll understand.

I've many years before me;
I desire to take a wife.
Then after I have chosen a mate,
I'll give you all my life."

Hours fly by so swiftly
As days melt into years—
A husband, then a father
With children now to rear.

"Lord, I would go, but others
Depend on me for care;
To move a wife and children
Would seem a bit unfair."

So years became a lifetime
Of promises unkept;
And as the old man kneeled to pray,
He bowed his head and wept.

"Lord, use me," he cries daily,
As he begs on bended knees.
"I'm here now and I'm ready;
Please . . . Please . . ."

—Debbie Cavitt



THE TALE OF THE TOOTH

Anita Haney

I am forever learning lessons from my children. Their innocence and honesty have taught me many truths that have helped me in my own Christian life.

For example, the day my five-year old turned six was a very important day to celebrate. She had counted the weeks, the days, and finally, the hours until that special morning. She eagerly longed to experience the many accomplishments that only happen to six-year olds.

About two weeks after her birthday, her first thrilling experience at being six took place—her first loose tooth! Now she was more grown-up than ever!

While cooking supper one evening, she came into the kitchen with her question-and-discussion look. When I asked what she wanted, she replied, "Mama, how does my tooth know I'm six years old?"

I quickly turned my head to hide my obvious amusement at her question. She awaited my all-knowing answer. I thought for a moment and then confidently answered, "Well, your tooth doesn't know you're six, but God does." My answer must have been sufficient, for she turned again to her play, her curiosity settled for the moment.

While I busied myself, her question

wouldn't leave my mind. I smiled as I thought of how special is God's creation of humans, how fearfully and wonderfully made are we. And if God plans even the tiniest and most insignificant phases of our lives, such as pulling teeth, we can be sure that our entire lives are known and planned by Him.

I love Isaiah 45:2-8. Verse two says, "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight . . ." God knows everything about you and me. He knows our past and what has happened to us. He knows what is happening in our lives at the present. He knows all about the future; He even knows the day we will die.

But even more important, He has already been where we will be tomorrow, next week, next year and twenty years from now. He has straightened the crooked places and paved the way with His footsteps to make our going easier.

With a Guide such as this, how could anyone not trust Him? Why do we humans still worry about the future? Actually there's no cause for worry because He has already found the solution to every question or problem even before they arise.

My daughter's experience with her tooth refreshed my day and my life.

FORMULA FOR GREAT MISSIONARY SPACE ADVENTURES

Wanda Kellett

Objective: To see how the Chief Designer, "My God," is the formula for all successful mission space adventures and to realize our responsibility in the missionary program.

Scriptures: Psalm 144:1, 2; 18:2; II Samuel 22:2, 3

Song: "God Send a Moses"

Introduction

A roaring blast of orange flame lifts the rocket from the ground. The great spacecraft climbs into the blue sky and soars through the air carrying men on their way to explore the moon or perhaps carrying instruments to explore a distant planet. Only experts in the space and aeronautics field are aware of the tremendous strength and potential of these vessels. No wonder that men who are involved in these projects are greatly admired and honored.

Now when the eyes of the nation are focused upon guided missiles and manned spacecraft, there should be a greater emphasis on the great missiles of God, those mighty weapons put at the disposal of our missionaries as they leave their native homeland and launch out for God into the unknown. This program centers around the formula behind all successful mission space adventures: the Chief Designer, Engineer and Commander—the all powerful "My God."

Power "My Strength" (Ps. 27:1)

God's wondrous works declare His strength. Great men of old testify to this fact. Moses writes, "The Lord is my strength and song." David sang over and over, "God is my strength and power." Isaiah declares, "The Lord is strength to the poor and strength to the needy." Solomon: "The way of the Lord is strength." Job, in the midst of suffering, vows, "With God is wisdom and strength."

Astronauts are men of unusual strength and physical superiority. Their rigorous training equips them to stand the pressures of the trip and persevere to the end. In contrast, crew members on the missionary space ship do not rely on their own strength and abilities. Their strength comes in recognizing their dependence upon the One who promises that His strength is made perfect in our weakness (II Cor. 12:9, 10).

Billions of dollars are budgeted for our expanding space program. A greater price was paid by Jesus Christ, God's Son, so that by faith His strength may be appropriated to carry on the work of sending His missiles into all the world.

Provider "My Goodness" (Phil. 4:19)

All spacecraft are equipped with life support systems which supply the astronauts with oxygen, food and water. Their physical needs in space

are fully met through regulated oxygen, concentrated food, water from a tube, strapped-down sleeping bags, and special disposal systems. These needs have been adequately provided that they may more efficiently perform their assigned tasks.

"My Goodness" has promised to supply the needs of those whom He has called, and this He does, abundantly above all we could ask or even think. He supplies the financial needs of our missionaries even though their accounts may dip into the red and it seems churches and friends have forsaken them. He meets physical needs in times of weariness and sickness. Emotional needs are met as the pressure of the work builds up. In times of acute loneliness, He becomes their All-and-in-All.

Chorus: "Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me."

Shelter "My Fortress" (Deut. 33:27)

Space engineers carry a tremendous responsibility for the entire space program. Not only do they design and launch the vehicles, they develop and plan the equipment for space exploration. Often they commit certain data to memory and then destroy the evidence to prevent the enemy from stealing or destroying this valuable information.

Satan is often referred to as the prince of the power of the air or the ruler of this world. He is the arch enemy of God, the father of lies, and often appears as an angel of light. His chief end is to pervert the Scriptures, destroy God's work and hinder the Gospel. God's people have stifled his influence in America, but on our mission fields today, Satan is in open

control.

God is the fortress for His missionary engineers. But they must be fully clad with the armor of God if they are to experience His protection. Just as the astronauts wear space suits which supply oxygen and protects them against the deadly vacuum of space, the Christian armor of God in Ephesians 6 is the missionary's protection against the forces of darkness on our mission fields today.

Controller "My High Tower" (Ps. 61:3)

The spacecraft is housed in a high tower on top of a strong launching pad and pointing in the direction it will travel—upward. The child of God, too, looks upward to the source of his power and direction. His body is not only a temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells, it is a vessel to house the Power necessary for any successful missionary journey around the world.

All manned spacecraft are equipped with control systems which enable the astronauts to maintain contact with ground control. Technicians line up before screens which monitor every detail of the ship's activity.

To a greater degree, missionaries maintain close contact with the Control Tower of heaven as they blast off to the regions beyond. Not a single movement, not even the loss of a hair, is without the knowledge and control of "My High Tower."

Protection "My Shield" (Ps. 33:20)

The space shuttle is a shield to the men inside. Within the protective custody of the vessel, they are able to breathe, eat, talk and direct the

activities of the craft. They respect the vessel which carries them on their mission, a goal for which they have long worked.

Dangers abound outside the protection of the spacecraft—enemies to attack the body and those to attack the mind, as well as those which seek to destroy the craft. Foreign agents in fuel or in any missile part will cause disaster and result in an unsuccessful mission.

The child of God trusts in “My Shield” and possesses his vessel in sanctification and honor (I Thess. 4:1-4). He daily claims the cleansing agent of the blood of Jesus Christ which removes all impurities and keeps the vessel in prime working order.

Chorus: “He’s My Rock, My Sword, My Shield”

Confidence “My Deliver” (II Tim. 1:12)

The acid test of any mission is whether or not it is successfully completed. The well-constructed craft, highly trained crew, elaborate equipment, and intelligent programming are all meaningless if the space mission doesn’t accomplish that which it set out to do.

Fuel is the crucial factor in this part of the mission. Fuel enables the craft to surge upward with tremendous power and to maintain that power until it arrives at the planned destination.

God is the Chief Engineer of this missionary space adventure and is well able to carry it through the completion. He has promised (Matt. 28:20). He, too, has provided a never-ending source of energy in the person of the Holy Spirit. Those who

carry the missiles of God to the uttermost parts of the earth have no need to fear for its completion. He is able to deliver as we commit our lives to Him.

Chorus: “He is Able to Deliver Thee.”

Conclusion

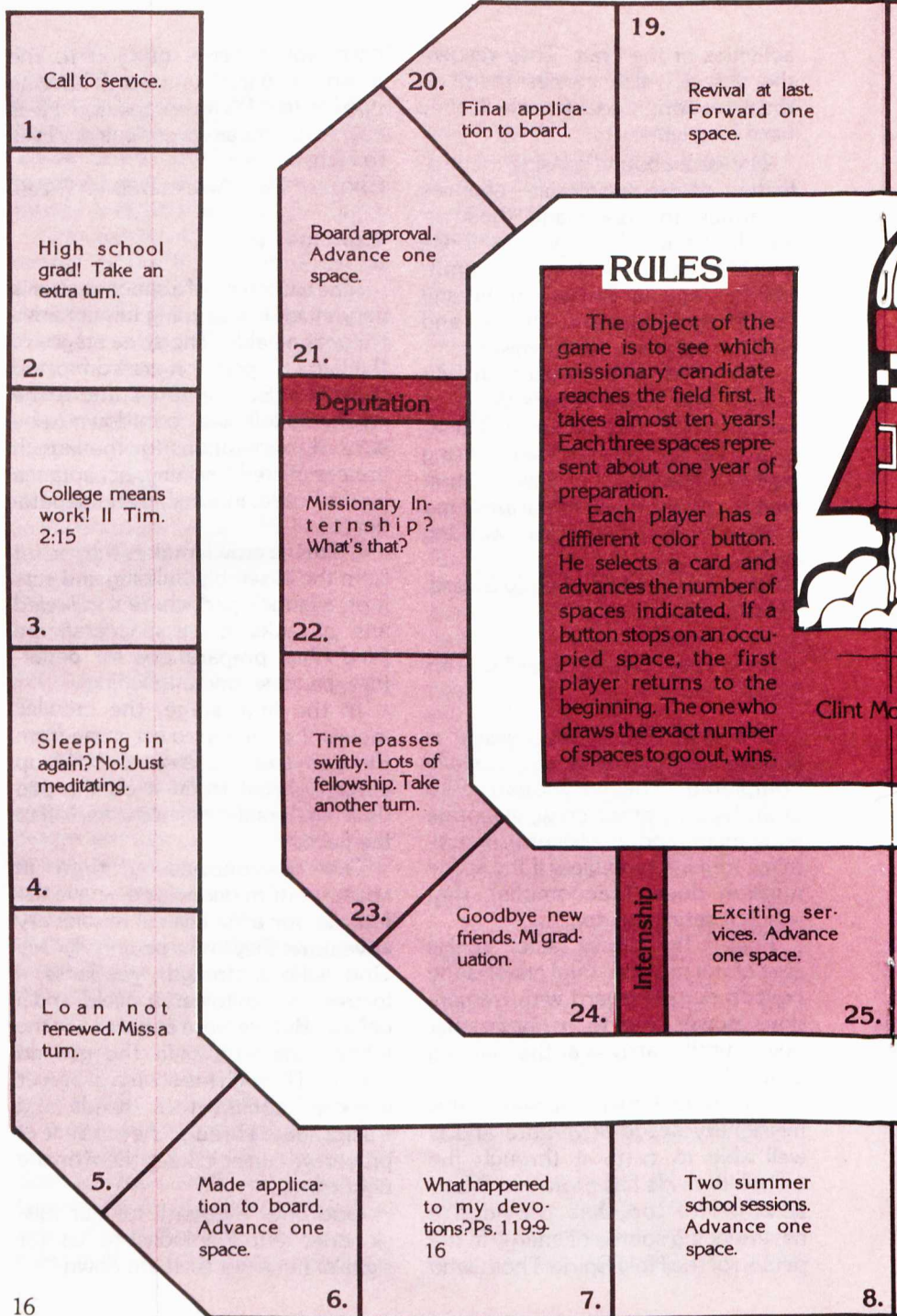
The launching of a space shuttle is very much like sending missionaries to foreign fields. The three stages of the launch operation are connected together. Before the launch, the engineers follow a countdown to be sure all preparations for the launch are completed (training, acceptance by the board, internship and deputization).

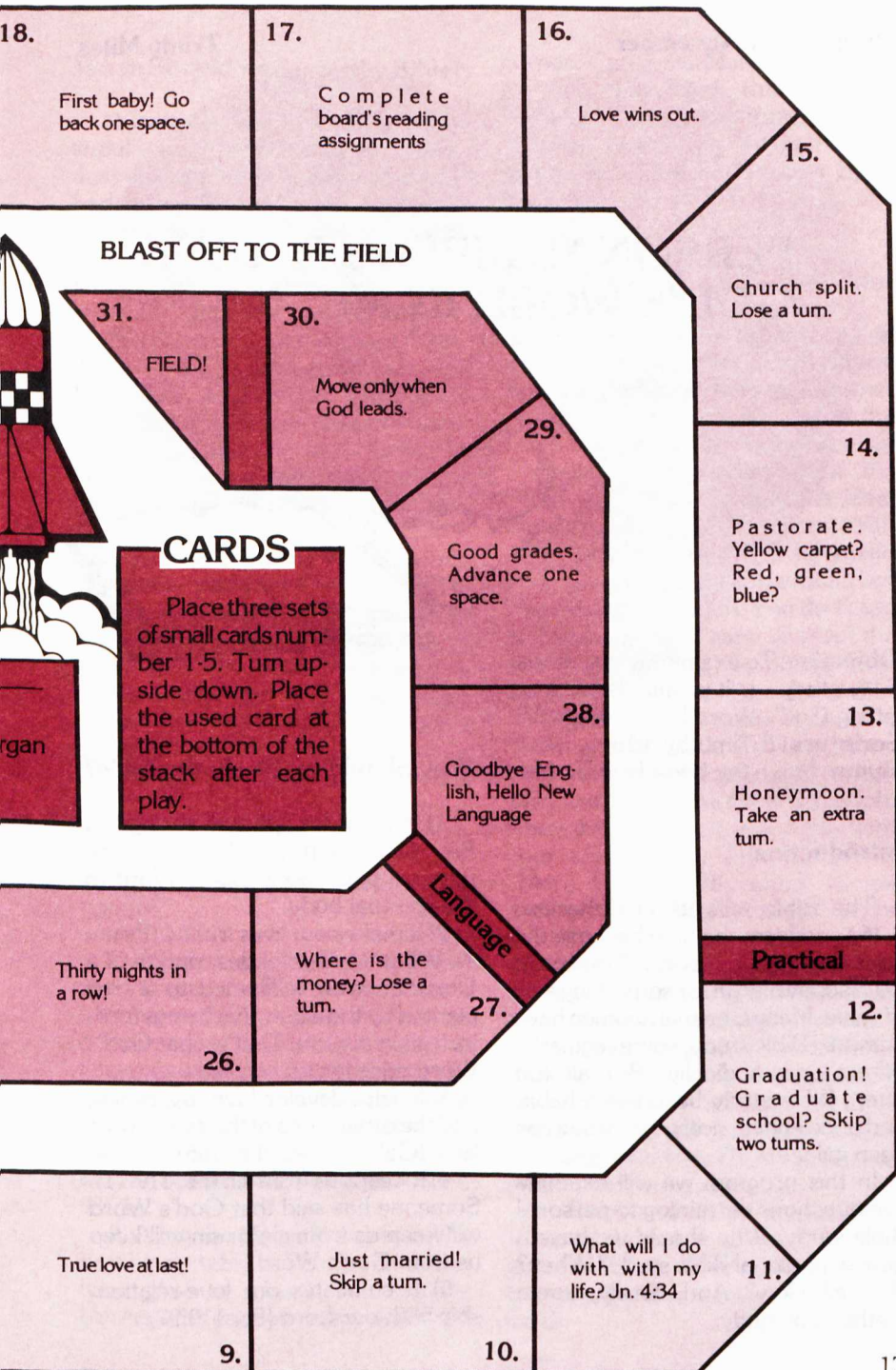
Then the crawler takes the rocket from the assembly building and sets it on a launch pad where it is fueled and all tanks in the spacecraft are filled (final preparations for departure, packing, commissioning).

In the final stage, the crawler moves the service tower away from the pad and the engines build up enough thrust to lift it off the pad (leaving the safety of home and off to the field).

Our missionaries out there in space—our mission fields—have the formula for a successful missionary adventure: they know personally “My God” who is strength, goodness, a fortress, a high tower, a shield, and a deliver. But we were at home are the technicians who man the ground control. Through the screen of prayer we can monitor their needs and frustrations. Through the privilege of prayer we can help keep them on the right track.

God does the work for our missionaries but He looks to us for signals. Let’s not let them down.





PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY— GOD'S WORD IN ME



Objective: To examine our personal Bible study—is it profitable? Are we letting God's Word live through us?

Scripture: II Timothy 3:16

Hymn: Make the book Live To Me

Why Should we Study the Bible?

Introduction

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 5:16 to redeem the time because the days are evil. To "redeem" means to cash something in for something else of value. Many Christian women have personal Bible study, some regularly, others spasmodically. But all too often, Bible study becomes a habit, and once ended, nothing of value has been gained.

In this program we will examine five questions pertaining to personal Bible study: Why should we have a time of personal Bible study? When? Where? How? And, finally, some methods of study.

1) It provides spiritual strength (I Pet. 2:2). As physical food to the physical body, so is God's Word to the spiritual body.

2) It makes our lives fruitful (Psalm 1). What a beautiful description of a Christian who is likened to a tree planted by the water that brings forth its fruit in season. That's what God's Word does for us.

3) It helps develop love, joy, peace, and the other fruits of the spirit in our lives (Gal. 5:20; Ps. 119:165).

4) It keeps us from sin (Ps. 119:11). Someone has said that God's Word will keep us from sin or sin will keep us from God's Word.

5) It cultivates our love-relationship with our Lord (Ps. 119:97).

When Should we Study the Bible?

1) Every single day. Bible study should be as regular as your meals. Just as the manna in the wilderness had to be gathered daily, so God's Word must be read each day. How can we be equipped to fight sin and lead fruitful lives without the nourishment and strength from the Bible?

2) When you are at your best. John Ruskin, a professor at Oxford University, stressing daily Bible reading, told his students: "Make it your first daily business to understand some part of it clearly and then the rest of the day to obey it in what you understand."

The Bible suggests that we study the Bible early in the day. Most people are at their best (mentally) in the morning. It's not necessarily how much time you read, but what you get from what you read. Not only do we get when we study, but we give our time and alertness. We must be careful and not cheat the Lord in this area.

Where Should We Study The Bible?

1) Where it is quiet (Ps. 46:10). No need to read the Bible to the accompaniment of TV, radio, children or conversation. If children happen to interrupt while you are in Bible study, just tell them this is your time to be alone with God. They will not forget the sight of a mother on her knees with an open Bible before her (1 Sam. 9:27b).

2) A regular place. It may be at the breakfast table after the children have gone to school. You may be blessed with your own desk or private

corner. Catherine Marshall, bedfast for two years with tuberculosis, learned to study the Bible in bed. "God speaks to me best in my old green chair," testifies another Bible student.

How Should We Study the Bible?

We have determined that we do indeed need to study God's Word. But how do we get the most from it?

1) Pray before you begin. Ask the Lord to open your understanding. The only way to really know the Word is through the spirit. A blind mind may be super intelligent with acute hearing ability, but he would never know what an apple looks like from your description. You don't see an apple with your ears. Without the enabling of the Holy Spirit, the Bible becomes merely another textbook.

2) Keep a Bible study notebook. Some people call it a priority notebook, others a life notebook; whatever, just buy a small spiral notebook. Keep this notebook and a pen with your study Bible. This tells God, "Here I am, Lord, speak to me through Your Word today." Write the date and Scripture at the top of the page. Prayerfully read until He gives you something to hold on to through the day and write it down.

You can keep these notebooks forever. They satisfy the collecting instinct most of us have. In later years you can turn back to a certain date and read how God met a need on that particular day.

3) Read and study consistently. Many are careless about this time with the Word. They may study two hours today and no more again for a week.

4) Use helps. The skilled workman has his basic tools. Besides a good study Bible you can mark, a good concordance helps. There are three on the market. Stuart Briscoe suggests that if you are young, use *Youngs*; if you are strong, use *Strong's*; if you are crude, use *Crudens*!

Methods of Bible Study

1) By Books. Study one book at a time. The *Navigators* and *Walk Through the Bible* have excellent guides to take you through the Bible in a year.

2) Topics. For example, Child Rearing. Read James 1:5 and then go to the book of Proverbs and write down each verse pertaining to the subject. A concordance is a help for this type of study. Other subjects might be:

- The Tongue
- Marriage
- Prayer
- The Holy Spirit
- Promises
- Names of Christ
- Women in the Bible
- Prophecy

3) Characters. It's always exciting to read the different men and women in the Bible who encourage us to live godly lives.

4) Memorization (Ps. 119:11). Develop a systematic approach to the memorization of God's Word. It's been estimated that those with good memory can memorize ten verses a day while people with a weak memory can at least remember one verse. Should we commit to memory one verse each day we can memorize all the main parts of the

New Testament in four years.

It's nothing unusual to find great men of God who have hidden God's Word in their hearts in this manner. The late William Evans, pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, memorized the entire Bible in the King James version and the New Testament in the American Standard version.

What a challenge!

Conclusion

One day we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. How will we measure up in terms of personal, effective Bible Study? Oh, that God's Word will live through us so a lost and dying world can be drawn to our Savior.

I want God's Word to live through me
That more like Jesus I might be;
Be it in sadness, weeping, sorrow,
My Bible says joy comes on the morrow.
Great peace have they who love Thy law
Was a promise in God's Word I saw.
I need not fear or be alone
If in God's Word I find my home.
Lord, help Your Word to live through me,
My prayer, my goal, is to be like Thee.

T. Miles

SWAMP GUINEA

Sarah
Fletcher

We called her the Swamp Guinea.

Quite an ugly name for a little girl. A dark, hollow-eyed little girl who wore grown-up cakes of make-up to cover the grown-up scars of her short life.

Her real name was Wanona, but pronouncing Wanona in the first grade was a chore. So from our primary years on, she was known as the Swamp Guinea, a name cruel little boys tagged on her, but a name that stuck and, unfortunately, fit her life.

The Swamp Guinea lived out east of town . . . somewhere. But she never rode a bus. Her mom drove her to school in a beat-up, rattling Chevrolet. Soiled, faded clothing two sizes too big, hung on her small bony frame. She almost always had a cold with a runny nose.

One Christmas we drove through town enroute to Grandma's. There she was, not more than ten years old, sitting alone in the old Chevrolet parked in front of the tavern. She spent all her holidays there. In fact, she spent most of her life in that dark, drink-infested hole.

Among other things, her mother was an alcoholic. Her two daughters tagged along from tavern to tavern. They had no father.

No one was ever friendly to the Swamp Guinea, no one except the wrong crowd—old drunken men, dope peddlers, and young hoodlums.

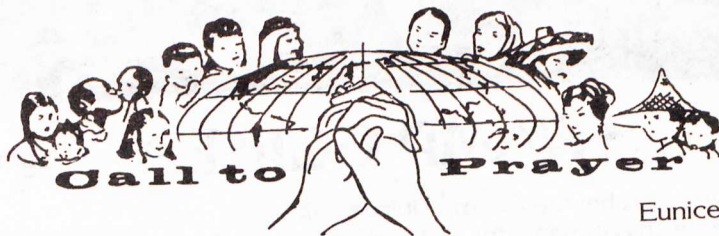
A couple of times I tried to be friendly and help her in school. She wasn't very bright. In fact, I thought she was pretty dumb. (But then, taverns aren't the best places to study, are they?) I was careful not to get too close to her. People would think I was like her and I didn't want that. Evidently no one else did either, for the Swamp Guinea went through school alone.

She never finished high school. She quit after her freshman year at age 16 to have her first child, a "Little Swamp Guinea." No one knew who the father was.

Today I look back. Here I am, daughter of fine Christian parents, wife of a wonderful pastor, graduate of Bible college. Yet, in God's sight, I am no better than the Swamp Guinea. God loved her just as much as He loved me. But she was never told of this love for her—no, not even by me. In a town held together by churches and taverns, the tavern engulfed her; the church, me. She was destined for the swamp, the mud, the muck, the mire of sin. For no one cared about Wanona to rescue her.

Many of my school classmates have gone astray. Many are divorced or enslaved to drink. These Carols, Vickis, Johns, Garys all haunt me. But it's the Swamp Guineas who really break my heart. They never had a chance.

Today I look ahead. In my town are other Swamp Guineas. Thank You, God, for this second chance.



Eunice Edwards

Designed for use in mission prayer groups, auxiliary meetings or wherever a prayer burden is needed.

October

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for those missionaries returning to their fields for a new term of service: Morgans in Ivory Coast, Franks and Pooles in Brazil, and the Haases and Murrays in France. Pray for excellent physical and spiritual health in order to accomplish more than ever before.

2. Pray for the Bill Adkisson family as they establish a church in Albuquerque, New Mexico; that they will reach not only a strong nucleus for the church but also reach out to the Navajo and other Indian tribes in that area.

3. Pray for Jerry and Julie Barron as they relocate in southern Mexico for their second term of service.

It's apple-picking time again. As I drove past the orchard with trees bending under the weight of their fruit, I resolved to indulge myself in a favorite recreation—picking Jonathans, Red and Yellow Delicious, and plenty of Rome Beauties for freezer pies.

However all kinds of apples are not picked at the same time. They all don't ripen at the same time; first the tart Jonathans, then the juicy Delicious, and finally the waxy Rome Beauties.

As I pondered these things a verse of Scripture came to mind; "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Gal. 4:4). There is no premature action in God's timing. He doesn't pick unripe fruit. The time for Christ's birth was as important to God as the birth.

You see, if I picked Rome Beauties when I pick Jonathans I'll have unripe fruit. I'll miss the waxiness of ripe Rome Beauties. Not only will the fruit be harder to peel, the pies will lack the full flavor. In short, it would be foolish to pick both kinds of fruit at the same time.

Jesus was coming into the world to end one dispensation and begin another. His birth was planned and timed exactly.

It is foolish to think Christ was a product of the age. His birth was planned, timed, and accomplished in the heart and mind of God, even before the foundation of the world (John 3:16; Heb. 1:2b; Phil. 2:7, 8).

The exquisite, indescribable favor of God's grace in the person of His Son! Beautiful, perfect fruit sent from God to me? Yes! The long-promised Seed was ripe and He came—"sent forth" by the Father to me!

As I behold the form, the color, the texture of this apple, I think upon these eternal verities and am awed into silence.

Birthdays this month:

Carol Pinkerton, Ivory Coast,
October 6; Sheila Gilliland, IC, 25;
and June Arnold, Panama, 29.

When J. O. Fraser, a young man from England, went to China as a missionary, he was sent to the backlands of China as a worker amongst the tribes. The young man was courageous. He gave himself to the task and labored ardently for a time but was not successful. Those he won were drawn back into heathenism by their friends. Young Fraser became so discouraged that he wrote home, "Mother, I feel I just might as well give up and go home."

When Mother Fraser heard this, she called her friends together and explained, "J. O. is about to give up. We must go to prayer for him."

And while they prayed, young Fraser in China received from the Lord a new light: "Direct your efforts toward winning entire families."

Fraser informed his mother and her friends about the persons with whom he now began to deal. They prayed in the light of this information. When J. O. Fraser reached his first furlough thirteen years later, he and his prayer partners had won more than 100 entire families from the backlands of China.

Here is the lesson. Prayer releases the Holy Spirit to make powerful the witness of missionaries among lost souls. Our prayers constitute an avenue through which the Holy Spirit pours out His awakening and quickening power. **(Taken from the tract "God Wondered That There Was No Intercessor" by Elmer V. Thompson.)**

November

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the James O'Dell family who is having much difficulty in establishing a nucleus for the church in Great Falls, Montana. The mission meets in a rented Catholic activities center and needs to locate on its own property.

2. Pray for those in charge of missions at our colleges—Shirley Combs at Hillsdale and Bobby Aycock at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

3. Jeff and Susan Tumbough are in language study in Madrid, Spain; pray for comprehension. Pray for our missionary candidates who have been approved by the board and are now enrolled in internship: Stan and

Brenda Bunch, Darrel and Lila Nichols, Lynn Midgett, Steve and Becky Riggs.

"Shut up to faith" is the greatest blessing God can give His children. Only when we come to the end of our resources can God work miracles for us.

The first miracle He works for us is salvation. I was a "morally good" person, but until I accepted the fact I could not save myself and simply trusted Christ as Savior was the burden of sin lifted from my heart. I am eternally grateful for my deliverance.

Once the miracle of salvation is accomplished, comes the constant, daily miracles of grace. I can identify with the Psalmist as he pens, "Thou

hast put gladness in my heart more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased" (Psalm 4:7).

When then must I continually be brought back to this truth? To my dismay, I find myself trying to find solutions to problems that are beyond my ability to solve, making decisions that are not mine to make, attempting tasks that are greater than my small talents, etc., etc., etc.

When the yarn of my life has become hopelessly knotted, He again takes it from my hands and says, "Here Child, trust Me." And, without exception, things fall into place, problems are solved, and tasks are accomplished. Oh! Thank God for the times He has closed every door except the one marked "Faith."

"Shut up to faith"—what a blessing!

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month:



Joan Filkins, Ivory Coast, November 7; Patsy VanHook, France and Marcie Ellison, Uruguay, 14; Norma Jean Caton, Spain, 12; and Bessie Richards, Ivory Coast, 27.

She was my friend. I liked her and she seemed to like me. We understood each other though she was married and having an affair with another man. I shared I Cor. 10:13 with her: "God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able . . .," but she replied, "I don't believe it."

After many months of counseling, it seemed she had finally ended the relationship. But when she returned from a three week vacation, she seemed to avoid me. My fear that the affair had resumed was confirmed by a third person. I felt deceived. "Lord, I've prayed and tried to help her and asked You to help, but now I don't believe even You can."

One day my doorbell rang and there she was. I listened as she spilled out her story of defeat. We prayed together and asked the Lord to give us both confidence in His ability to give victory. Later at a midweek service she asked Jerry Gibbs to explain a booklet on salvation that I had given her. When ended, she simply said, "I believe it."

Now what she was unable to do in her own strength, God is enabling her to do. We still have Bible study together and I'm amazed at how the Lord is teaching her. Not long ago she shared her acceptance of how living a Christian life and an extra-marital affair do not go together. We discussed I Cor. 10:13 again and she replied, "Yes, that's true."

I thank the Lord for helping me share with her even when it seemed hopeless. God knows no impossibilities. Even my lack of faith does not keep Him from accomplishing His purposes.

—Patsy Van Hook

December

Prayer Requests

1. Since the door was closed for new missionaries to enter Brazil, there is a shortage of missionaries in that land. Too, many missionaries are now on furlough. Pray that the Mosers, Hughes, Deeds and Sturgills will be able to return promptly following furlough.

2. Pray for the Jesse Dunn family in Salem, Oregon.

3. Pray for the MK's in college. Pray for an easy adjustment for both parents and children, especially during this holiday season.

Christmas is special! It really is and I love it! There's a special kind of excitement in the air, a special ring to even the most casual "Good Morning." There are the special decorations, the special foods to be prepared, the special guests, and the special programs at church and school.

Sure, Christmas has been over-commercialized, but look at what it cost heaven to give us this special gift at this special season.

Christmas is special I love every single moment of it. Everything that happens this season gives me an opportunity to point to this Special Gift God sent to me—My Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month:



Pansy Murray, France, December 3; Arilla Wode, Ivory Coast, 30; and Molly Barker, Uruguay, the 19.

Remember that kinda sick feeling you have when you lose something valuable? Well, that's the way I felt when I stopped by our Rivera church and a friend asked me if my accordion was in the car. I assured her it was there at the church. But, after looking, I had to admit it was gone.

But that was impossible! That accordion had been used in the Lord's work for over twenty years. It couldn't be gone! We reported it to the police, but they frankly told us it would be very difficult to recover there on the border of Brazil and Uruguay. They suggested we alert the Brazilian police to its loss.

Sunday morning we shared with our Sunday school class the theft. The children agreed with me God knew where the accordion was even if we didn't and He could lead the police to it.

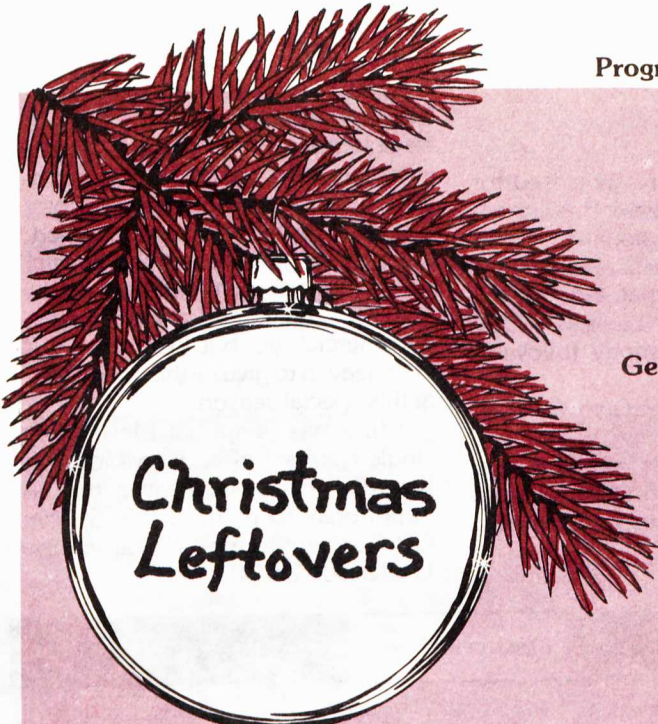
Sunday afternoon in Santa Teresa the police noticed the absence of the accordion. So, again prayer was asked for its recovery and unharmed.

That was a long week. The two police groups had said they would notify me if they found it. Finally on Friday night I was called to the Uruguay police station. Yes, God had led the police to the accordion in a nearby town.

What a good prayer object lesson for all of us when the accordion was in church the following Sunday morning. The boys and girls were not surprised in the least. They had asked God to find it and He did.

—Molly Barker

Gertrude Cantrell



Christmas Leftovers

Objective: To consider what we could have left over from our Christmas which would make us better Christians.

Scripture: Philippians 4:8, 9

Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Introduction

With each approaching Christmas, we seemingly attempt to out-do ourselves and others with our trees, decorations and dinners. We want each to be more beautiful or better than the last.

Many who are so concerned over the glitter, tinsel and the trimmings of Christmas seemingly know very little

about the real reason for the holiday in the first place. Children know more about Santa and his sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, or Rudolph with his shiny red nose, or Frosty the snowman than they do of a Babe in a manger, why the wise men brought gifts, or the meaning of the star on the top of our Christmas trees.

So instead of thinking of ways to decorate our homes, trim our trees, or overstuff our stomachs (which we'll have to diet or lose later), let's think for a moment and consider what we could have leftover from our Christmas which would make us a more beautifully adorned Christian, one with a brighter light and a stronger witness to those around us.

From our gaily adorned and gift-laden Christmas, may we have the following leftovers.

May we have leftover from Christmas the "C." For Caring and Concern, Compassion and Consideration for others. As God cared so much for us and gave His only begotten Son as the perfect gift of love to a lost and dying world, may we too care for one another, seeking the happiness and well-being of others above ourselves.

 May we keep the "H" as a reminder of the blessed Hope of a Heavenly Home which is extended to all who believe and confess Him as Lord and obey His commandments.

 May we keep the "R." To Remember to Retain the Rosy-glow of friendship, fellowship and good will. These are brightly aglow during the holidays yet quickly fade to burning embers for the rest of the year.

 May we keep the "I" to remind us that even as the Inn was too crowded for Christ then, we also can become so involved in the traditions and observances of the season until we have little room for Christ in our hearts and daily lives.

 May we keep the "S" for the Spirit of the Season, the Spirit of Christian joy, love, peace on earth and goodwill among men—both on a one-to-one relationship and universally.

 May we keep the "T" as a Time for thinking of the True meaning, the Timeless Truth that a Babe was born in a manger. Yet He was then, and is now, Lord of all, King of Kings, and Savior to all who will accept Him.

 May we keep the "M" to remind us of what really Matters about

Christmas. It's not the Mirth and gaiety. Or the Mistletoe to express a shallow form of affection. Or the gifts we give or receive now that matters. It's the true Gift which has already been given once and for all that makes Christmas.

 May we keep the "A" for the Adornment of a meek and humble and obedient spirit before God and in the sight of our fellow man.

 May we keep the "S" for the Soul-stirring, Spirit-reviving, Surge of joy we experience when we consider what Christmas means to those who are Christians. May what is leftover from Christmas last evermore from now to next year.

 May we keep the "L" for Loving, not only family, friends, and those Lovable, but those Least Lovable. To remember to Leave behind the weaknesses, mistakes and failures of last year, evermore going forward with Christ.

 May we keep the "E" for the Evermores, always faithful, steadfast and grounded. May we build on things which will last Eternally, Everlasting, and Evermore.

 May we keep the "F" for Finding a time, a place, and a desire to be alone at times with Christ. Not in a church, not in a crowd, nor in a group, but just you and God, on a one-to-one, Fact-Finding discussion. To meditate, to find our inner thoughts and Feelings, our Foundation to determine if just perhaps we've let our Foundation, our Fundamental reason for it all to slip or become buried or hidden under tradition, routine, habit or custom.

T May we keep the “T” to see if we are Tightly anchored in Truth and “Thus saith the Lord’s.” Not dependent merely in man’s truth, private interpretations and doctrines. Do we allow Things and Tasks which benefit none other than ourselves to consume the greater portion of our Time?

O May we keep the “O” for Our-selves and Others. Again may we learn to balance and distribute Our time fairly, for if one is a Christian then it is no longer Our time. We have been bought with a price and belong to Christ, a servant, if you will, to obey. We’re under Orders to be Obedient, not only for Our wants, Our wishes, and Our prosperity, but for the advancement and Overall good for the One for whom we are laboring.

V May we keep the “V.” Have we Veered, lessened, or diminished in the zeal and fervor we had when we began our relationship with the Lord? Has the joy and determination weakened? Has our worship become worrisome and our prayers mere vain repetitions? Do we serve begrudgingly or Verily and in truth?

E May we keep the “E” for a return then to Earnestness in our serving. From the heart not from the lips, remembering that just as lukewarm beverages are displeasing and distasteful and unacceptable to us, even so all those who serve half-heartedly in a so-so, humdrum manner are we rejected by God.

R May we keep the “R” to remind us of needful, constructive, Reviving Rest and Relaxation to Renew and Rejuvenate our physical, mental,

emotional and spiritual being. No one can function truly effectively when the body is physically drained. Jesus the master Physician realized our human frailties and needs so issued a prescription that applies to us today: “Come ye apart and rest awhile.”

S May we keep the “S” for a Summary, to Sum-up, Size-up, Sort-out and Store away those things worthy of Safe keeping—the true meaning of Christmas, the leftovers of Christmas.

So Remember

C for caring

H for hope

R for rosy glow of fellowship

I for leaving room for the indwelling presence of Christ.

S for the true spirit of love, peace and goodwill

T for true meaning of Christmas

M for a reminder of things that really matter

A for spiritual adornment

S for spirit reviving joy

L for loving and leaving behind the failures of the past year

E for eternal evermores

F for building on the true foundation

T for truth not tradition

O for diving our priorities justly between ourselves and others

V for not veering from the true course of victory in Christ

E for renewed earnestness and zeal in serving

R for needful and ordered rest and relaxation with Christ

S for sorting out the things worthy of retaining for safe keeping.

Share-A-Book

Genny Waddell

Christmas is a-coming! And you can solve several gift problems with the always-acceptable gift—books.

For the perfect stocking stuffer, I recommend:

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson (Avon Books). This humorous look at the miracle of Christmas through the eyes of unchurched urchins will put a genuine twinkle in your heart.

Two of the best fiction books ever written have to be:

Not My Will by Francena Arnold (Moody Press)

Loves Comes Softly by Janette Oke (Bethany Fellowship, Inc.)

Any tree would be proud to have these books by Lois T. Henderson: (Christian Herald)

Abigail

Hagar

Lydia

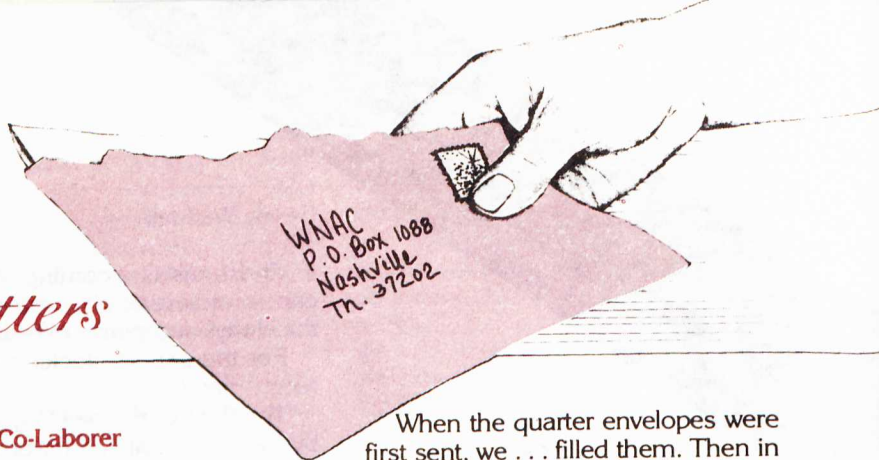
Ruth

A book is a lasting gift. These books with their Christian themes will provide year-round enjoyment and lessons for godly living. Happy book hunting!

P. S. Wouldn't your auxiliary be delighted to give your church a library book for Christmas?



Letters



Enjoys Co-Laborer

I enjoy reading Co-Laborer . . . It helps me be a better Christian and mother to my four daughters.

Connie Harrington
Manassas, VA

I want to thank you for the Co-Laborer. The articles are a blessing and informative . . . Thank you for putting Judy Bryan's picture on the cover. She is our special missionary.

Wendy Cooper
Hampton, VA

The campus Womans' Auxiliary would like for you to have this \$10.00 for the Co-Laborer fund. You have all been so kind to us and we appreciate it.

Ruth Ann Cartee
Free Will Baptist Bible College

Emphasis Program

I just received the program, "Loving Arms." It's wonderful. Can't wait to put it on in our church. May God bless Martha Everson for this program. I know it has really helped me to know more about my auxiliary.

(ed. note: This emphasis program is free upon request. Write: WNAC P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.)

Dianne Poole
Spartanburg, SC

When the quarter envelopes were first sent, we . . . filled them. Then in turn did the same the second time . . . We collect every three months. We need about fifteen more as the before mentioned ones are ragged from use.

Nancy Hardin
Albany, GA

Christmas Punch

Our **Daily Bread**, published by the Sophia FWB auxiliary, West Virginia, includes a fruity cherry punch for the holidays. Combine in blender and beat until smooth:

1 10 oz. package frozen strawberries

1 can each of 6 oz. frozen concentrate, thawed: lemon and orange

3 bananas

Combine with:

3 pkgs. cherry unsweetened soft drink mix

3 cups sugar

4 qt. cold water

1 28 oz. bottle chilled ginger ale

Enlistment Program

. . . our auxiliary enjoyed "Likened to a Elephant" by Janice Blades. The program was so well outlined and it was such fun preparing it. We used the program ideas plus a few of our own. We had 49 present that night.

Betty Reeves
Flat River, MO

We used the program "Likened Unto an Elephant" as a district program. We really enjoyed the day. Who said Christians can't have fun? Not the Northeast Missouri auxiliaries.

**Maizie Sevits
Kirksville, MO**

Praise the Lord

My husband just recently gave his life to the Lord . . . It's such a joy to have my husband be a Christian and help me.

**Leta Stallings
South Haven, MI**

Missionaries Write

Pray we will be effective workers for the Lord in Nantes. We need wisdom in cutting costs because it looks as though monthly expenses will be more than we expected . . . How grateful I am to the women for the provision closet. We are glad to represent such a giving and loving group of women.

**The Crowsons,
France**

Furlough time . . . arrive in Little Rock, July 3 . . . Sadness fills our hearts because this return will show a broken family circle. Bessie's father died on January 7 and Norman's mother on Feb. 20. The final reality of their deaths will strike us when we reach home and find them absent . . . would you breathe a prayer for us?

**The Richards,
Ivory Coast**

The boys are getting daily "head lice" treatments (not unusual in tropical areas, but a first for them). Christopher just started Kindergarten (Portuguese) and just loves it. It gives him a good chance to be with other children before he enters the first

grade this fall (in the States).

**The Mosers,
Brazil**

I cannot believe all the opportunities of ministry here. We have a women's Bible class three times weekly. Recently six Lobi women prayed. We also teach Sunday school, have the foyer and visitation ministries, and I look forward to getting in some of the elementary schools when the new term begins . . . thank the ladies for all the things they provide for us, especially through the provision closet.

**Alice Smith,
Ivory Coast**

Howard is trying to get clinic repairs done amidst daily interruptions . . . You don't plan your days, they just happen. And it's comforting to know God is in control because otherwise it could be very frustrating.

**The Filkins,
Ivory Coast**

We want to thank each auxiliary who prayed for our family during the illness and surgery of our baby daughter, Faith. God answered our prayers.

**Curtis Linton,
Lauton, OK.**

Missionary Giving

We read that if each member would donate 50¢ this would clear the deficiency of our missionary's accounts. Our auxiliary voted to send \$1.00 per member in our church and would like to challenge each church to do the same.

**Carol Walsh
Chilliicthe, OH**

Women God Has Used



There are many similarities in the lives of Lura Gebhart, 80, and Ethel Renegar, 77. They both are:

- natives of the Tulsa, Oklahoma area.
 - saved early in life, Mrs. Gebhart at age 12 and Mrs. Renegar at 18.
 - former members of the First FWB Church with the late John West as pastor.
 - married to Christian men who encourage them in their work for God.
- Both couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in 1975. J. E. Renegar, a deacon of 43 years, and Charlie Gebhart who shares his wife's missionary zeal. In the last ten years they have contributed over \$10,000 to missions and helped support every field opened by Free Will Baptists.
- pioneers in auxiliary work, beginning first in the Mission, a forerunner of the Oklahoma State Auxiliary Convention.
 - active local auxiliary members and officers in the Tulsa Area district.
- Mrs. Renegar is vice president and Mrs. Gebhart is mission action chairman.
- Sunday school teachers of long standing with a special interest in juniors and young people.
 - prayer warriors with an intense burden for missions. Mrs. Gebhart corresponds regularly with 18 missionaries. If anyone in the area wants information on missions, they usually call Lura.
 - still active in their home churches, Mrs. Renegar at Lewis Avenue and Mrs. Gebhart at Central.
 - attend all auxiliary functions on the local, district and state level.
 - mothers. Mrs. Renegar's two children are deceased. Mrs. Gebhart has produced four children, eight grandchildren and one great grand child.
- The love and wisdom of these women overflow to all. Their dedication and zeal are contagious and permeate every area of the church life. Only time and eternity will reveal the many lives they have touched and helped win to the Lord Jesus as they have given themselves away—first to the Lord "and unto us by the will of God."



Wanted!
Women who like to write and draw

During WNAC's 1981-82 annual creative writing contest, 92 women from 21 states and three foreign countries submitted entries in the five different categories—art, articles, plays/skits, poetry and programs. Were you one of them?

The purpose of the contest is to offer auxiliary members an opportunity to:

- 1) Develop their talents in the fields of art and journalism,
- 2) Contribute to the literature ministry of WNAC,
- 3) Express a message they might not be able to do in any other way,
- 4) Promote missions through the printed word.

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WINNERS

Creative Writing Contest

Art

First



Carolyn Franks
Mantachie, Mississippi

Second



Dee Kingsmill
Donelson, Tennessee

Honorable Mention



Janis Williams
Antioch, Tennessee

Articles

First



Diane Mitchell Thomas
Grifton, North Carolina

Second



Velda Tucker
Batesville, Arkansas

Third



Shirley Turner
Carlisle, Ohio

Honorable Mention



Lois Maynard
Lenora, West Virginia

Plays/Skits

First



Debbie Cavitt
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Second



Anita Wolfe
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

Third



Judy Nichols
Westerville, Ohio

Honorable Mention



Mildred Collingsworth
Dayton, Ohio

Poetry

First



Gertrude Cantrell
Santa Fe Springs,
California

Second



Darlene Wilmoth
Pontiac, Michigan

Third



Connie Norwood Stilson
Topeka, Kansas

Honorable Mention



Connie Burks
Huntsville, Arkansas

Programs

First



Zylphia Bondeson
Sterling, Virginia

Second



Debbie Cavitt
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Third



Glenda Wilson
Belk, Alabama

Honorable Mention



Sarah Fletcher
Macclesfield,
North Carolina