

CO-LABORER

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Editorial

One of the pleasures of being a missionary is sharing the wonderful hospitality of God's people during furlough. I appreciated the comfortable homes and delicious food, but especially did I enjoy the bookcases. The height of hospitality, in my estimation, was to be put in a room with a bookcase filled with books.

I quickly learned that people's bookcases, like personality, varied greatly. In some homes, books only contributed to the interior decorating. In others, they were dog-eared from use. Some occupied a prominent place in the room while others were hidden away like a shamed relative.

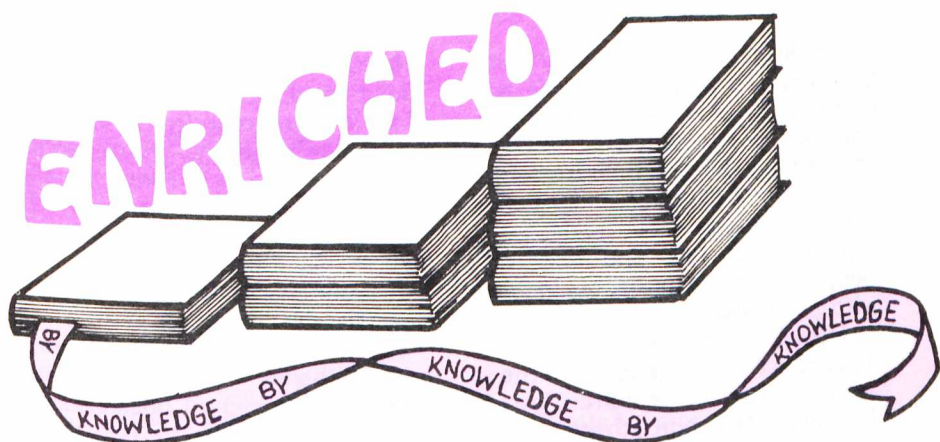
Many bookcases shelved the popular paperback Christian best-sellers which I grabbed at as a miner looks for gold. One case, to my delight, had a whole row of books on gardening. Another had a comparable row on quilting and needlework which kept me engrossed long past bedtime. Another's bookcase was filled with expensive hardback fiction, some the **Reader's Digest** condensed books. Some innocent victims boasted of their volumes of cultist literature. One lady depended upon the Public Library for her reading source. A Sunday school teacher had a set of commentaries and Bible helps. One home, I remember, had no books or magazines at all. Not one.

In Africa where I sometimes read a book two or three times simply because no new one was available, I basked in this leisure of selection. I devoured these books—a bit hurriedly, I confess, because many others cried to be read, and alas, our time was often very brief.

With so many books available, I had to exercise the principle of selection—one I must still apply today: Which of these books will strengthen my love for Jesus? Are there vital lessons the Lord has taught this writer that I can profit from? Is this a wise use of my time?

Thank God for books, a means whereby I may be enriched by the knowledge of my Lord.

Lorene Miley



Auxiliary Women Share How Books Have Influenced Their Lives

I learned early that reading shaped character, so I began to select carefully. Grace Livingston Hill was one of my favorite authors. I did not realize how much she and other Christian authors helped mold by character and philosophy of life until 25 years later when I picked up one of her novels. I realized, to my amazement, that the standards, convictions, morals, and philosophy of her characters paralleled my own.

Character shaping continues throughout all stages of life. For that reason, my reading habits have become even more disciplined and selective. I still enjoy love stories, but restrict myself to only an occasional and very selective one. It alarms me to see Christian women reading **Harlequin Romances**. What a waste, when there are so many good Christian books available.

Not being an avid reader necessitates that I set aside time each day to read, usually in the morning during my quiet time. I have the habit (some

may consider it a bad one) of reading several books at once. The topics range from prayer to Bible study, Christian living to missions, the home and others.

If on a particular day my reading time is limited, Bible reading gets first priority. It is easy for me to fall into the trap of reading books **about** the Bible to the neglect of seeing what the Bible has to say. The Bible is a living book, written by a divine author, with the Holy Spirit as interpreter.

In selecting reading materials, I ask myself how I will benefit spiritually or will it increase my knowledge? Reading feeds the mind just as food feeds the body. The thought of eating from the garbage can may be repulsive, but no more so than stuffing printed garbage into your mind.

Reading shapes character, so select carefully.

Anne Worthington
Nashville, Tennessee

Reading is a vital part of my Christian walk. As a minister's wife and mother, I'm often drained from the constant giving, speaking, teaching and helping. At these times I replenish my own well of spiritual experience which challenge me to go deeper in the Word, to love and work with people and reach further out to those who need help.

Books are my personal ministers. They touch my life and teach me in areas I could never search out, except for the printed page. I thank God for the privilege of knowing how to read.

Barbara Fletcher
Northport, Alabama

When the Lord began to deal with me several years ago about my reading habits, I was defensive. The books I read weren't trash and I had to have something to read, or so went my line of reasoning.

The Lord continued to point out that there were **better** books available. Often I borrowed books from Christian friends and occasionally bought a book or two from a Christian bookstore, but the majority of books I read were from the Public Library—they do have many valuable books.

I tried to ascertain that the language was "clean" before signing these books out. However, many unfinished books were returned because of some unexpected language or turn of events.

Finally I began asking myself questions such as, "Will I be a better person for having read this story?" Or "Is this a wise use of my time?" Or "Will this draw me closer to the Lord or lead me away from Him?"

In Matthew 15:18, Jesus declares: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart; and they defile the man." The thoughts we think are so well hidden usually come out at the most inappropriate moments. Thus it is important we take in only those things which will enrich our lives and help us become more like the Lord Jesus.

As I submitted to the Lord, I found I had to change my reading habits. Then I discovered a Christian book club. It costs more to buy these books, but the spiritual blessings have outweighed the cost.

What about your reading habits, Friend? Seek prayerful guidance in this important area.

Faith Posten
Jacksonville, Florida

Note these statistics:

1. There were more bookstores in the United States in 1880, when the population was 50 million, than there are today.
2. The United States, with almost four times as many inhabitants as West Germany, publishes 10,000 fewer titles a year.
3. By age 16, most children have spent 10,000-15,000 hours watching television.
4. Seventy-four percent of adult Americans don't read a single book from one year to the next. We're the nonreadingest country in the industrialized world.

—Writer's Digest

Bible Correspondence Courses

by Mildred Daniel



To help develop your "spiritual dimension," correspondence courses are now being offered. These may also be used in group study.

Interested? Fill out the form below, checking which course you prefer. These may be taken in any order you choose; however, we suggest you take them in the order listed. Additional courses may be added later, depending on response.

You will receive a "fact sheet" giving a synopsis of the course you have chosen, as well as a set of review questions. There is no time limit, and you may work alone, with a friend, or in a group.

The cost per course is \$2.00 to cover postage and handling. If you wish to receive a Certificate of Completion for the course, your completed set of questions must be returned to our office. Mail the form below to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

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Name _____ Church _____

Address _____
street city state zip

Please send the following courses:

- _____ Bible Background
- _____ Bible Synopsis
- _____ Study in Romans
- _____ Study in Ephesians
- _____ Study in Philipians
- _____ Study in James
- _____ Study in Revelation

I am/am not employed outside my home (cross out one).
Amount enclosed with this request \$ _____

Comments: _____



MEMO

From Cleo

Homegoing

Bessie Stairs (Mrs. Ralph), WNAC recording secretary 1954-1961, died suddenly February 18, at her home in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bessie was loved by all who knew her. Her faithful work for WNAC will be long remembered. Her husband and daughter, Barbara, survive.

Convention 1983

Convention activities will center in the Hyatt Regency Columbus and the beautiful Ohio Center, July 18-19.

All women are urged to attend the WNAC seminar, "Creative Women," Monday afternoon at 1:30. Presidents and field workers will meet at 2:45. Special emphasis will be placed on our plan of work for the new year.

Our Convention will get underway at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday and will feature missionary speakers, special music, and a missionary panel. Business will include the election of officers.

A special treat is in store when Dr. Dorothy Sample, Michigan, speaks at the annual fellowship dinner which is open to both men and women. There will be no pastor's dinner held this year so we are expecting an unusually large number to be present.

Emphasis on Study

A special emphasis on study is being made this fiscal year. Bible study, study course books, correspondence courses, Bible tapes and cassette clubs, will enable each of us to enrich our lives and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WNAC's correlated calendar of study will assist you in selecting helpful books which have been carefully screened and recommended. Certificates are available for local auxiliaries to award those reading books in all categories listed. Certificates of Completion will be awarded by WNAC to those completing the Correspondence Bible Studies offered.

Columbus Expectations

Monday

Hyatt Regency
A.M.

8:00—WNAC Breakfast and
Committee Meeting

Pickaway and Board Room #1

9:00—Nominating
Committee
Clark Room

P.M.

12:00—WNAC Luncheon
Pickaway

1:30—Leadership Seminar
Regency North

2:45—Presidents and Field
Worker's Meeting
Marion Room

Registration
Ohio Center
Beginning Sunday, 1:30
Geraldine Beal, chairman

Leadership Seminar
Monday, 1:30 P.M.
"Creative Women"
All Women Invited

Theme
Enriched By Knowledge
(1 Cor. 1:5)

Tuesday

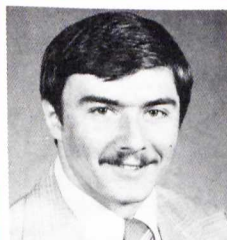
9:00—WNAC Convention
Hyatt Regency
Union Room

devotions: Delilah Scott
11:10—Missionary Service
Ohio Center
Battelle Room

speaker: Mike Cousineau
1:30—Union Room
Missionary Panel—June Rolan

Presiding: Genelle Scott
Song Director: Carolyn
Riddick
Organist: Ann Howard
Pianist: Barbara Chaffin

Fellowship Dinner
Tuesday, 5 P.M.
Regency Ballroom
Speaker—Dot Sample



WNAC Fellowship Dinner

Guest speaker is Dot Elliott Sample, honor alumnus from Free Will Baptist Bible College and three other colleges, who now serves as president of the Woman's Missionary Union. Professionally, Dr. Sample is a counselor and educator, yet her homespun messages reflect her simple and profound faith in God. A native of Alabama, Mrs. Sample now lives in Flint, Michigan where her husband pastors Ainsworth Baptist Church. They have three children.

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 \$9.00, including tax and tip. No tickets will be mailed or reserved without payment. If you desire a refund up to July 1, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

We encourage our auxiliaries to see that all 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.

Refunds available through July 1. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

Yes!

I want to attend the
WNAC Fellowship Dinner,
Tuesday, July 19, 1983
at 5 P.M. in the
Regency Ballroom of the
Hyatt Regency,
Columbus, Ohio. Each
ticket is \$9.00 and
both men and women
are invited.

_____ Number tickets requested

\$_____ Amount enclosed

☐ I wish to purchase a ticket for the following missionary

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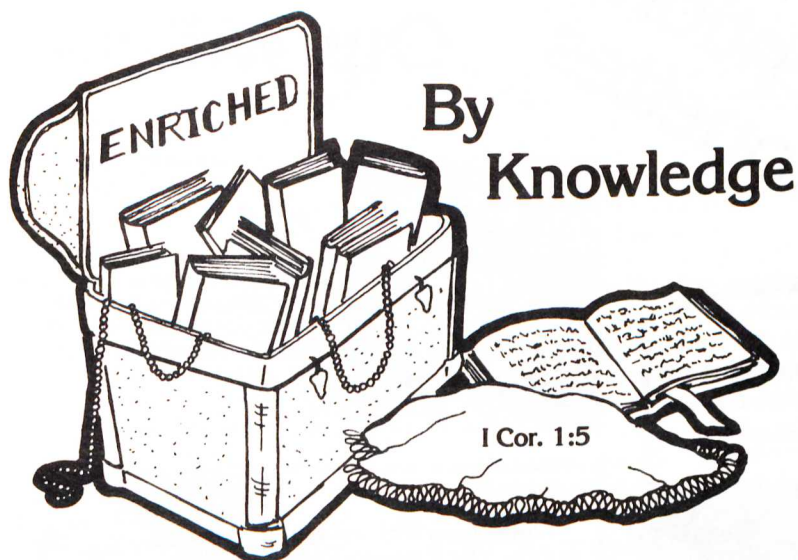
Address

City

State

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Mail to: WNAC
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202



Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Columbus, Ohio July 18-19, 1983

WNAC Representation

Secretaries! Each state convention is entitled to 15 delegates plus its president and field worker. Each local auxiliary may be represented by paying \$3.00 at the booth. Where there is no organized state, a district may be represented with five delegates plus local presidents. Where there is no district, a local may send three delegates. Send 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 \$1.50 per member to: Cleo Pursell, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202

Attention! Actionettes

Our Writers

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Young Writers
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**Look for
details in
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Annette Dake (Mrs. Ron) teaches kindergarten and a weekly Bible study at New Castle FWB Church, Blanchard, OK. She has two daughters, Emily, 3, and Laura, 1.

Vernie Hersey (Mrs. Herman) is active in the Fellowship FWB Church, Nashville, TN. and mother of a grown daughter. She serves as bookkeeper for the Board of Retirement and Insurance.



Maurine Lee (Mrs. G. C.) is pastor's wife at Victory FWB Church, Goldsboro, NC. Their four children are grown.

Frances Perkins (Mrs. Cecil), Talala, OK, teaches adult women at the Lawnwood FWB Church and counsels junior high students at Owassa. She has five married daughters and a son.



AUXILIARY DISCIPLES



Objective: To challenge Christian women to be more effective witnesses by allowing Christ to mold our lives and use our weaknesses as He did those early disciples.

Scripture: Philippians 4:13

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way"

Introduction

We read in the Bible of the twelve men Christ chose to be His disciples. Sometimes we think they must have been extraordinary men or given some sort of immunity from everyday life. But they were human just as we, with all the faults and weaknesses common to man.

As Christians we are called to be disciples of Christ our Lord. Since the Woman's Auxiliary is a missionary service of the church, let us use the example of those first early disciples to see ourselves a bit more clearly. Our local auxiliaries can benefit from seeing how God molded and strengthened the shortcomings of these men and used them individually for honor and glory.

Andrew, the Excitable (John 1:34-42)

Andrew is the first mentioned in John's Gospel as being chosen to be a disciple of Christ. He was already a follower of John the Baptist when he first met Jesus. Andrew needed no introduction when he saw Jesus; he knew immediately He had found the Messiah and rushed to find his brother Peter. He not only told Peter how he had found the Messiah, but he brought Peter to Jesus so he could see Him for himself. Later on, at the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, it was Andrew who brought the lad to Jesus who had the five loaves and two small fishes.

In every growing, vibrant auxiliary, you will find an Andrew, but in our study, we will call her Andrea. Andrea is sensitive and always willing to listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit. She is ready to work wherever she is needed. She is the spark of enthusiasm at auxiliary meetings because she is excited about what is happening. Because of her excitement, she tells people about her Jesus, her church and her auxiliary. Not only that, but she goes that extra step, like Andrew, and brings people with her.

Not only is Andrea excited, she gets others involved and excited too. Every auxiliary needs Andrea to keep excitement and life growing in everyone's heart. Without her, auxiliary could become stagnant and ineffective, not to mention being dull.

Nathanael, the Convinced (John 1:44-50)

The call of Nathanael is only mentioned in this one Gospel, so it's not surprising that we are told so much about one whom we would otherwise know almost nothing. He is the only one of the five first disciples who manifested a hesitancy about receiving Christ. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" he told Philip when he shared with him of finding Jesus.

When Nathanael finally met Jesus face to face, he was convinced—not out of faith, but because of the wonder that Jesus told him.

Nathanael's attitude is echoed in many lives then and now. Let's call them the Nancy's in our churches. Nancy is a Christian and attends church regularly. She is faithful in Sunday school and CTS, but when it comes to auxiliary, she backs off. "Can anything good come from a hen session once a month?" Or, "What can women accomplish for missions?"

Nancy needs to be motivated and encouraged. She needs to see that auxiliary is worthwhile and can be effective beyond her wildest dreams. Once Nancy is convinced, she can be a great asset to her auxiliary and is able to convince others like herself that auxiliary is worth the time and effort.

Peter the Go-Getter (Matthew 4:18-20)

We have all heard many things about Peter's character—his impetuousness, his zeal, his temper, but we all agree he was a go-getter. Matthew 4:20 says, "They straightway left their

nets and followed him." Peter didn't wait until he sold his fishing business, he left immediately.

When Jesus met Peter that first day as recorded in John 1, His penetrating glance discerned in Peter latent capacities of faith and devotion, of strength and power. He saw the good side of his character as a man of rock.

Peter possessed zeal, or in today's language, gusto. But his gusto was only superficial until he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Until Pentecost, he was all blow and no go; after Pentecost, he was used of God.

Our local auxiliaries have their share of Peters, or Peggys. Peggy is the one with loads of enthusiasm—when it's convenient. In business meeting, she votes for every suggested missions project or fund-raiser. Nothing is too good for our missionaries, you know. She sincerely wants to raise money for missionaries, have Bible studies, grow as a Christian and be a soul winner. The only trouble is her dedication lasts only as long as the business meeting.

When times comes for Peggy to demonstrate her enthusiasm, she has an amazing variety of excuses and evasions. "Oh, I just can't bake cakes, but if you ever have a cream puff sale, I'll be glad to help." "I really don't think I should lead the Bible study. My mother and I go shopping on that day so we can beat the weekend rush." "I don't like to witness to people because religion is a personal matter and I don't like to pry."

Sound familiar? But don't give up on Peggy. If she will allow God to fill her with His sweet Spirit, she can become as effective and determined as Peter. She can become the rock of your auxiliary just as Peter became the rock of the church.

Judas, the Wet Blanket (John 12:3-6)

Whenever the name Judas is mentioned, immediately our thoughts turn to betrayal, but for a few moments, let's focus our attention on another aspect of Judas' character.

In reality, Judas was a complicated sort. He turned His life over to Christ, followed Him for almost three years, held the office of treasurer among the disciples, but was still dissatisfied. Judas never had a kind word recorded in the Bible; he worried about the money situation and didn't want to make waves with the Jewish community. He wanted to play it safe. Unfortunately, his attitude led to the betrayal of our Lord and even cost him his own life.

Yes, we even have some Judases in our auxiliaries. We will call her Judith. Judith is always more concerned about business than her spiritual growth. She wants to know where every penny has gone, because she'd rather have kept it in savings to begin with. "If we save money, we'll have a little cushion in case something important comes up—like my daughter's baby shower next spring." "What if we have an unexpected bill come through this month, what will we do?"

Judith never thinks to let God have control. She tries to handle life on her own merits and usually making a big mess of it. She must realize the purpose of the auxiliary is to support prayerfully and financially our missionaries. Auxiliary is not a social club.

But even with a wet blanket like Judith, don't give up hope. Filled with the Holy Spirit she would make an outstanding treasurer. Even Judas could have been forgiven had he only asked. Both Judas and Judith could have been used for God's glory.

John the Faithful (John 19:25-27)

Lastly, is the disciple John, the disciple Christ loved, part of the inner circle. He remained faithful to Jesus from the beginning to end. Because of his faithfulness, he was rewarded with a long life and a vision of heaven which he describes in the Revelation. John listened to Christ's words and believed out of faith, even though he might not have always understood. He was loyal when loyalty wasn't popular, or was even dangerous.

Thank God there is usually a John or Joan in every auxiliary. Joan is dependable, faithful, loyal, sensitive to the Holy Spirit. But more importantly, she loves Jesus, her church and her auxiliary. She is mission-minded and will take a stand when perhaps it's not the "in" thing to do.

We should all try to be more like Joan. Our church and our auxiliary will greatly benefit.

Conclusion

Even though the disciples were probably pious men, they all had their weaknesses and shortcomings. But God took those weaknesses, used them, made them strong, and the world is changed today because of their witness.

Judas demonstrates attitudes and how setting our sights on insignificant trivial matters can destroy us. Pray that God will take your shortcomings and use them for His glory and honor. Our lives will be richer, our churches more dynamic and our auxiliaries more effective for the purpose for which we are called.

A Co-Laborer in Japan

"Pray for our unsaved neighbors and friends," is a frequent prayer request of Hatsue Sakamoto, a missionary to her own Japanese people in Kita Hiroshima.

When the Kita Hiroshima Chapel mission officially began in 1976, the Sakamotos were already involved in an outreach program. They had opened their home for a weekly children's church school, also a women's meeting. They were thrilled when missionaries moved into their community and, from the beginning, faithfully attended services and invited their friends.

Many of the Kita Hiroshima women who have become interested in knowing more about Christ have been directly influenced by their friend, Mrs. Sakamoto. In addition to witnessing and bringing her friends to church meetings, she is involved in other church functions. Whether it be teaching a lesson, preparing food, writing announcements, drawing posters, washing dishes, or whatever—we can always count on her faithful participation.

Not only has Mrs. Sakamoto been a tremendous asset to the Free Will Baptist ministry in her community, she is a real friend and helper to the missionaries. She patiently listened to our stammering, stuttering Japanese, figured out what we were really trying to say, and upon many occasions, stepped in with understanding and action.

In recent months, Mrs. Sakamoto has felt a need to assist her husband, who is in poor health, in the financial responsibilities of their home. For a small fee she teaches art to several of her friends and also helps small children in their early attempts at conversational English. Though her own health is poor, she rarely slows down—for work in her home, church and community occupies her time.

It's with gratitude and love that I introduce you to this dear friend and co-laborer in Japan—Mrs. Hatsue Sakamoto.



Hatsue Sakamoto in the Kita Hiroshima Chapel kitchen

Call to Prayer

Eunice
Edwards

A life transformed and heath restored
In lands so far away;
For Satan's fiery darts fall dead
When women kneel to pray.

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

July



Let's go adventuring! What do you say? O.K.? O.K.!

How about starting where we know we will find something extremely valuable? As the Gaithers sing, "I don't want to spend my life answering questions no one is asking anyhow." That seems to be a good starting place, so let's begin our adventure in God's Word.

What do we need help with today? Anything or everything? Is it our aging parents, our rebellious children, a marriage that's going sour, a menopause crisis? Or could it possibly be our own rebellion about being servants?

How exciting to meet God daily through His Word and discover nuggets of pure gold. The freshness of His Word invites further exploration and simply stuns me with its appropriateness. Often when a "new" verse leaps out to me, I wonder how I could

not have seen it sooner. But there it is, and a large window suddenly opens wide on a brand-new vista I've never seen before. Oh, the uniqueness of His Word! The breath taking adventures to be found there.

Let's linger here long enough to listen to God and for Him to listen to us. The blessed art of listening! What a spine-tingling experience listening becomes as one lingers to catch the faintest whisper of His voice. The absolute thrill of being carried along by His everlasting arms. The ecstasy of this intimacy reminds us that eternity will be greater, grander.

It's odd how perplexities, problems and even plans get straightened out when one goes exploring with God in His Word.

Remember Our MK's

Birthdays in July
20 Marc Gibbs, age 7, on furlough from France

29 Adam Morgan, age 7, Ivory Coast

Prayer Requests

1. Luiz Antonio ministers in Uberlandia, Brazil while the Hughes are on furlough. Pray for him and our other national workers on each field.

2. The Steve Trail family is working to establish a church in Alexandria, LA, an area strong in Roman Catholicism. Pray for divine leadership.

3. The Ron Callaways and Dennis Owens are beginning a new work in Mostoles, Spain. Pray as the Word of God is preached in this land.



August

A woman once said to me, "Friday is my day to fast." Being curious, I asked, "Why Friday?"

"Well," she began, "the week is beginning to wind down and I begin preparing myself in earnest for my day of worship."

It set me thinking more seriously about my preparation. At best, there is only a limited amount of time left for me. How can I use this time most profitably? Not just for the Sabbath but for every day.

At the moment, I can't think of anything that would be more profitable for me and my Christian growth than to learn more about my Lord. But how? Spend more time with Him! Only as we spend together will we learn more about each other, right? Well then, this must be my first priority.

Secondly, His Word must become a greater part of my life. You see, His Word reveals more of Him to me and I

do want to learn more about Him.

Next the testimonies and experiences of my brothers and sisters in Christ are of great value. Their words bring encouragement, assurances, hope, peace, comfort and love. This sharing with the saints is priceless.

My beloved books must be explored more fully. What prompted the authors to write as they did? I want to know more about these things.

And what is happening to my fellow laborers, at home and abroad? Are they enjoying God's choicest blessings? Are they serving in an infertile field today? I must meet them through the Holy Spirit. A card, letter, or poem might help, too.

And so I came to my earnest prayer: "For whatever time I have left, Dear Lord, help me to use it to serve Thee better and to yield unto Thee that glad obedience that will make my waiting time more profitable to Thee. In His name I ask it. Amen."

Remember Our MK's

Birthdays in August

5 Trey Morgan, age 9, Ivory Coast

Prayer Requests

1. The Robert Bryan family and Elaine Allen return this month on furlough from Ivory Coast. Pray for their furlough ministry.

2. The Bob Breeden family in Wausau, Wisconsin are meeting in inadequate facilities. Pray they may be able to acquire property of their own.

3. Pray for missionaries working in

isolated areas, both at home and abroad. Pray they will have victory over loneliness.



September

When my boys were young occasionally they were permitted to "go to the woods." This was a very coveted reward for them. Sometimes they would enjoy the exclusion so much that they would stay away far too long. When they returned, I would invariably ask, "Where in the world have you been?" As if I didn't know!

Now there are times when I must ask myself this same question—where in the world have I been? The day is spent and what have I accomplished for God today? Have I met Him in the quiet place of prayer? Have I looked at His world as He sees it? Have I walked with the Prince of Peace? Where have I been today? As if I didn't know!

Where in the world have you been today? Have the cares of this life or a preoccupation with things captured and used you today? Have you, too, stayed in the woods too long?

If this is the case, then where in the world should you go next? May I suggest we go back to the Word for a period of instruction by the Master; take a slow stroll through the quiet time of precious listening; stay by the stream of energizing power until we are renewed in His promises, His purpose and His plan for each of us.

I have a practice that helps me discover where I've been and where I'm going. I clear my desk of everything that would distract my attention. I then take a clean sheet of paper and begin numbering all the things God has done for me that day. On the other

side of the page I number all the things I have done for God that day. Say, Friend, it's a most revealing exercise. His blessings so far outnumber my little efforts that I'm reduced to tears of repentance in short order.

Where have we been? Let's once again take up our crosses and follow Him wherever He leads through this troubled, sin-cursed world.

Remember Our MK's

Birthdays in September

- 3 Melissa Tumbough, age 2, Spain
- 24 Mark Inscoe, age 14, Panama
- 28 Deborah Caton, age 11, on furlough from Spain
- 29 David Lytle, age 2, Panama

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Henry and Virginia Van Kluyve and their work in the Christian school and church in Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

2. Pray that more slots will become available for Free Will Baptist chaplains. Pray for our seven: Capt. Bishop, Lt. Cooper, Maj. Cusick, Capt. Golding, Capt. Langford, LTC Mangham, and Capt. Steedley.

3. Praise the Lord for the way He met the needs of our missionaries and staff. Pray the budgets will be met in 1983.

4. Pray the Hannas may continue to enjoy good health in India.

Our Campus Auxiliary at Free Will Baptist Bible College



Cathy Conard

Our campus auxiliary has been very active for the last two years on local, district, state and national levels. We are concerned with helping our sisters in Christ, as well as emphasizing the work our missionaries are doing. It's an exciting feeling to know we are helping someone else reach others for Christ.

Some of our activities have included:

The Missionary Provision Closet.

The girls have really responded to this with enthusiasm and generous hearts. About a month before the auxiliary meeting we held a Tupperware party in dining hall "B." The doors were open to everyone and we were delighted and surprised that even some guys saw the worthy cause and placed an order, too! At our meeting, we invited some women from the national offices to come and receive the gifts. They were very proud to accept these gifts and take them to the closet for us.

Brunch. Each year we have a brunch with installation of officers, games, food, singing and fellowship. We always look forward to this occasion where just the auxiliary women can come together and share. We come early (8:30 A.M.) and stay late (12:00 P.M.), showing off our cooking skills and having a bundle of fun at the same time.

Tape. At our January meeting, we made a tape for our missionaries. We opened in prayer, sang some hymns and songs of worship, had testimonies, and just a time of conversation to the missionaries about our activities. We finished the tape by sharing our individual talents and gifts. We all received a blessing from making this tape and we pray this project will be a blessing to all who hear it.

Retreat. One of our most exciting activities was the national retreat in Hot Springs, Arkansas last September. Twelve of us were able to go and

we had sweet fellowship on the trip. Molly Barker, missionary to Uruguay, took some of us and it was great singing songs and listening to Molly tell some of her experiences.

The women of the Hot Springs auxiliary graciously opened their homes to us and we enjoyed meeting these men and women of God. We deeply appreciated their hospitality.

The seminars we attended were a great blessing. The speakers were so honest, realistic and creative. The services were Spirit-filled and the speakers were used of God. The Lord was wonderful in providing this opportunity for us to meet with other women and to receive a broader vision of the scope of the Woman's Auxiliary.

District Participation. Sometimes we participate in the district workshops and conventions. Once we presented a program on the right and wrong ways to witness to unbelievers.

Co-Laborer Fund. Most of our members don't have much money, but we try to support the whole auxil-

iary program. At the close of our school year, we sent our surplus money to the Co-Laborer Offering Fund. The national office provides our literature free and we wanted them to know we appreciate it.

We are only members of our campus auxiliary for a few years, usually only two or three. We want to learn as much about it as we can so that when we leave here and become active in our local churches, we can be a help and not a hindrance, a real encouragement and a blessing.

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Someone to Care

Frances Perkins

I know you don't know my name, but I live in your home town and I desperately need your help. I feel so alone in this world. Yes, I have a home and parents, yet I feel no one really cares for me. I come and go as I please. I do what I please and my friends all think I'm so lucky. Oh, to have somebody to say NO to me. To have someone care what I do or say or where I go. Somebody, please help me!

I don't see my dad much. He travels a lot in his work. Mom works, too, to help make a living. After work she often goes shopping or out to eat with her friends. I come home from school, but many nights she never comes home before I go to bed. Oh, how lonely those hours are. I wish I had someone to help me, someone to care.

I thought I knew how to get Mom and Dad to notice me. "If I get in trouble at school, Mom will come see about me," I reasoned. So one day right after lunch, my friend and I skipped school. I knew I'd get in trouble, but it'd be worth it to get Mom's attention.

Of course, the principal found out and called Mom. She didn't say one word to me about it. She didn't even care! Oh, somebody, please help me!

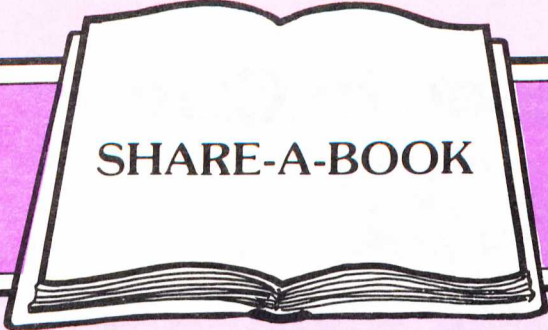
These are hard times financially. I'd like to have many things—like lip gloss and finger nail polish—but we don't have the money. My friend told

me when she needs things like that, she just goes into a drugstore and takes them. She said she'd go to town with me this Thursday night and show me how to take them without getting caught.

"Mom, please tell me I can't go to town this Thursday night," I cry inside. But the truth is, she'll probably be late getting home and I will agree to go. I must keep my friend . . . after all, who else do I have? But what if I get caught? I am so afraid. Somebody, please help me!

My boyfriend's name is Larry. Mom's never met him nor does she even know he exists. Some say he isn't a good boy because he's been in trouble with the law. He does drink some and take drugs once in a while, but that doesn't mean he's bad, does it? He's very good to me. I must admit that he's offered me drugs and sometimes I'm tempted to try them. Could one little pill hurt me all that much? Oh, if Mom would just sit down and tell me the dangers of drugs. If she would only help me make the right decisions! But it seems she's never around and I'm so lonely. Somebody please help me!

As I said before, you don't know my name, but I may live on your street. I could be that young lady you've been intending to visit on your bus ministry. You may even find me in your own home. Please help me. I need answers. Pressures are closing in on me. I'm just waiting for someone to care.



SHARE-A-BOOK

by Genny Waddell

HANDLE WITH PRAYER
by Dr. Charles F. Stanley
Victor Books, Wheaton, Illinois
1982, 120 pages \$3.95

A prayer warrior or worrywart will benefit from **HANDLE WITH PRAYER**. Even the chapter titles reveal that this book has something for the serious student of prayer, as well as the novice.

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| 1. Unveiling the Hidden | 7. How to Pray in the Will of God |
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| 4. A Prayer Burden | 10. Prayer Is Where the Action Is |
| 5. Answered Prayer | 11. The Warfare of Prayer |
| 6. Why Our Prayers Are Unanswered | |

"Submissive obedience" could well be a major theme of this excellent admonition to pray. **HANDLE WITH PRAYER** is both practical and biblical. The writer draws from his years as a pastor-counselor to write with insight, "Sometimes we flip a coin, spiritually speaking, and say, 'Lord, this is what I'm going to do. If it is of You, then bless it. If I'm wrong, then better luck next time.'"

An outspoken anti-abortionist, Dr. Stanley wages a fight against humanism in his pulpit, as well as in this book. "God knew the enemy (humanism) we would face, and He did not leave us to fight alone. Through the power of prayer, He has equipped us to overcome the forces and influences of humanism. He has given us the power and responsibility to make an indelible impression on our society. But are we willing to do so?"

This is a good example of Dr. Stanley's emphasis of "putting feet onto our prayers"—practicing what we pray. He shows how God intends for Believers to pray and trust Him and then translate what the Word says into practical, everyday Christian living. He has capably shown that prayer is not an isolated incidence in a Christian's life.

Your spiritual life will be enriched by studying **HANDLE WITH PRAYER**, especially as you consider obediently surrendering yourself to the Lord as you pray to Him and live for Him.

PRAYING WITH UNDERSTANDING



Aim: To help us pray more effectively for missionaries

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-7

Hymn: "I Am Praying For You"

Introduction

Do you ever feel dissatisfied after praying for missionaries? Your prayers seem out of focus—fuzzy and indefinite. "If only I knew how to pray for our missionaries!" you exclaim to yourself.

During early church history, the Christians must have felt the same as they prayed for missionary Paul. How happy they must have been when his letters came. He shared the prayers he prayed for them. He urged them to pray about his specific needs.

Studying Paul's letters can help us pray more effectively for our missionaries and to pray with understanding.

Boldness to Speak

Even Paul found it difficult to confront people with their sins, to denounce idol gods and to speak the gospel clearly.

He wrote to the Colossians, "... pray that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ ... that I may make it manifest" (Col. 4:2-4).

He urged the Ephesians, "... pray that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Eph. 6:18-20).

To the Thessalonians he wrote, "... pray that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" (2 Thess. 3:1).

Eddie Payne, missionary to Africa, has the same needs. "Picture a world with no written word!" he writes. "No newspapers, magazines, or books. No radio or television. Nothing in your language!

"Into this world, interject a foreigner of a different color and language who talks to you about God. He speaks and another of your race translates what he says. Or he attempts to speak your language but does not come through clearly. Idioms and cultural considerations muddle communications. He may even use a language that is mutually understood to some degree, though foreign to both of you.

"Now picture this culturally crude foreigner as he tries to tell you something he evidently considers extremely important. Feel the bewilderment and confusion of a message only half understood. Still, your heart has been touched and you really want to believe and accept what he says as truth. Imagine this foreigner, frustrated and anguished by his inability to communicate. Yet, he attempts all he knows to make message both clear and plain."

Pray for missionaries' ability to master a foreign language; to communicate clearly; to speak boldly. Pray that those who hear will understand.

Courage for Conflict

After Paul spoke the Word he encountered opposition.

He appealed to the church at Rome, "... strive together with me in your prayers . . . that I may be delivered from them that do not believe" (Rom. 15:30-31).

He implored the Thessalonians to pray that he "be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men" (2 Thessalonians 3:2).

Fred and Evelyn Hersey, missionaries to Japan, experience opposition. Recently a father threatened to disinherit his daughter if she continued to believe in God and be baptized.

Norman and Bessie Richards tell of one incident in the Ivory Coast. "A young Muslim in Koun left Islam and became a Christian. Satan applied a great deal of pressure to get him to denounce his faith. His Muslim parents told him to leave and never set foot in their house again. His former teacher and several other men paid him a visit. Learning of his faith in Christ,

they forbade him to come to their homes. They also went to the director of the school where the young man taught and applied pressure to require his dismissal."

Pray that missionaries and believers have the courage to withstand opposition. Pray for God to deliver them.

Wisdom

In his letters, missionary Paul expressed his concern for the young churches and converts. Church leaders would need wisdom to make moral and cultural judgments. New converts would need spiritual understanding as they turned from the "old life" to follow Christ.

Paul wrote, "And this I pray:"

"... that God may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him . . . your understanding being enlightened" (Eph. 1:16-18).

"... that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment" (Phil. 1:9).

"... that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Col. 1:9).

Today's missionaries and believers face complex problems. Wise and workable solutions must be found.

For example: When and how often should services be scheduled? In many countries due to the cultural system and longer working week, the "American Way" just isn't possible.

What is the answer for the new convert in Africa who has several wives? What is the answer for one of his wives who is a Christian?

Should a young person defy his/her

parent and be baptized?

How can a Christian meet family responsibilities and yet separate himself from idols and pagan customs?

How can the missionary best help the believer who is cast out of his/her home by an unbelieving family?

Can you think of other problems? Even though we may not be aware of every problem, we can pray that God will give wisdom and spiritual understanding to missionaries and converts in other lands.

Spiritual Needs

Paul never took the spiritual state of believers for granted. Everyone, including himself, had weaknesses; all needed prayer.

For the Colossians he prayed that they might "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work" (Col. 1:10).

He prayed for the Philippians that they might "approve things that are excellent . . . be sincere and without offence" (Phil. 1:9-10).

He prayed that the Corinthians would "do no evil," that they would "do that which was honest" (2 Cor. 13:7).

Bobby Ayccock, former missionary to Brazil, agrees. "Missionaries are not 'super men and women, super spiritual with no weaknesses or needs,' as some may suppose.

"In heathen lands Satan's fiery arrows fly almost without resistance. His strongholds have not been pulled down. Spiritual darkness is dense, and missionaries often have to do hand-to-hand combat with the devil.

"Missionary children generally have no examples and find no Christian fellowship with those of their own age.

This is especially true when new works are being started. They face the ever-present temptation to be like the unsaved nationals with whom they associate. Pray that missionaries' children will be preserved in the ways of the Lord.

"Pray that the missionary will be an overcomer and will live daily the victorious Christian life, not suffering defeat nor compromising Christian principles in his efforts to identify with the people God has called him to win."

Pray that our missionaries:

Be filled with joy and peace (Rom. 15:13)

Abound in hope (Rom. 15:13)

Be refreshed (on furlough) (Rom. 15:32)

Know the greatness of God's power (Eph. 1:19)

Be rooted and grounded in love (Eph. 3:17)

Be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19)

Be filled with the fruits of righteousness (Phil. 1:11)

Increase in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10)

Be strengthened with all might (Col. 1:11)

Be patient and longsuffering with joyfulness (Col. 1:11)

Know God's will (Col. 4:12)

Abound in love one toward another and toward all people (1 Thess. 3:12)

Fulfill God's work with power (2 Thess. 1:11)

Be comforted in heart (2 Thess. 2:17)

WOMEN IN ACTION

Barbara Gibbs, missionary to France, spoke at the Central Quarterly Conference in East Tennessee. Thirteen auxiliaries brought \$819.07 in merchandise for the provision closet and a love offering of \$204.44 for the Gibbs account. **Jane Bailey** is president.

Long Run auxiliary, Porter, OH, sponsored a three-day Thanksgiving weekend service with **Lillian Henthorne**, **Carrie Sparks** and **Charity Sparks** in charge.

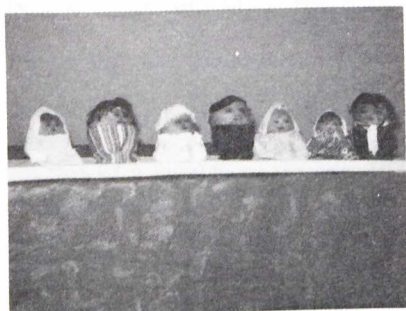
Eighty-one women attended the Eastern Kentucky Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Tom's Creek, Paintsville, with the theme "Give Yourself Away."

Rescue auxiliary, Whittington, IL, sponsored a Sweetheart banquet for the church. **Mrs. Jimmy Hicks** is

pastor's wife.

The five divisions of Acts 1:8—Both, In Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Uttermost Part of the Earth—were developed at the Martin District (GA) Missions Clinic, and included skits, speakers, music and a panel.

Jacquelyn Potter, Deerfield Beach, FL, writes of an interesting project their auxiliary enjoyed. Each lady was given a calendar onto which strips of paper were taped. "Each morning in the month we would remove a strip and put the stipulated amount of money in a jar and turn it in at our next auxiliary meeting. Each lady enjoyed this and looked forward to checking each morning to see what our offering would be." For example, one day read: 5¢ for each picture on your wall."



Four lady and three men potatoes attend the January meeting of the Monett, MO auxiliary. The spuds average 4-5 inches and are named Dictator, Agitator, Irritator, Hesitator, Devastator, Imitator and Meditator.



Hearon Circle members, Spartanburg, SC, display their homemade hats which were auctioned off and raised \$850.00 for the Poole's missionary account. The Pooles are in Brazil.



Trinity Temple, Tulsa, OK, hosts a potpourri of four mission fields with two of the models pictured—Leona Mayfield and Kellene Barbee. Features include food samples, a strolling



guitarists, a fashion show of native costumes and letters read from missionaries. Joan McCullar is mission study chairman.



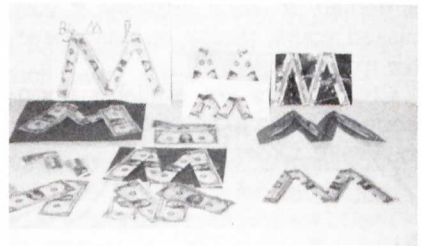
Belk, AL, ladies participate in a bake sale which met \$420 for Montgomery home missionary, Mickey Kirkland.



Seventy women attend Maryland's retreat at Syria, VA, to be challenged by June Critcher, Nashville, TN.



Bible FWB Auxiliary of Odessa, TX enjoy an "All Nations Supper" to enlist new members.



Some of the big M's made by Richland auxiliary members, Nashville, TN. Four new members were enlisted and \$86 toward a church microwave oven.

Retreat News

Rudene Kennedy spoke at the Camp Mt. Bethel retreat in Georgia with 120 registered.

Linda Wright presided at the West Tennessee district retreat which met at the Cordova Baptist Camp Ground. Cleo Pursell, Nashville, was guest speaker.

Progress

Arnold View auxiliary, Creal Springs, IL, celebrated their 22nd anniversary.

Faith mission, Glenpool, OK, have organized an auxiliary and met with Debria Perry to draft plans for their ministry.

Down By the Riverside

Betty Reeves

August is Emphasis Month on the auxiliary calendar. "Down By the Riverside" is a three-scene playlet which defines the history and purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary.

This program has been sent complimentary to each auxiliary. If you missed yours, please request these free materials.

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WHERE'S THE DISHRAG?

Aim: To liken the virtues of a dishrag to the faithful Christian servant.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-3; 10-20

Hymn: "I Want To Be A Worker"

Introduction:

Ode To A Dishrag

Just a simple piece of cloth
To fit snugly in the hand;
But the value of your service
Is praised throughout the land.

Praise for a dishrag? Absolutely! Can you think what it would be like to be without one? No matter how well-equipped a kitchen might be, you will always need a dishrag. No modern appliance can wipe up spills and clean away the crumbs. We reach for the dishrag when such tasks are at hand.

Sometimes Christians get used, too. Thoughtless children or relatives can make us feel we are no more than the dishrag. It hurts. Yet in love, we keep on serving because the need is there and we remember that our Lord was often used by those who were insincere or who were thoughtless along the way.

Without doubt, there are those in every church who serve as our dishrags. They stay in the background, get very little praise, and yet we expect them to always be on call. Actually, it is a very honorable place to fill for they serve in ways that no one else can do.

Clean Up Spills

In every kitchen there are bound to be spills and splatters. These happen because the grease gets too hot, the pot boils over, or someone is in such a hurry that glasses or pots get bumped about. No one **intends** to spill a glass of milk or tea. No one **deliberately** splashes grease all over the stove and surrounding areas. It happens in times of hurry, frustration and worry.

What a blessing is that ever present dishrag! With hot water and detergent, the splatters and spills are removed. Without it, the grease would become grime or a fire hazard. The spilled milk or food would sour or harden and smell badly. When spills come, get the dishrag.

Consider Abigail. When King David and his men were hiding from King Saul, the king sent for food from wealthy Nabal on Mt. Carmel (1 Sam. 25). Nabal was an evil, hardhearted man. Rudely he refused to give even bread for David and his men.

When David received his reply, he

immediately called his men to prepare for battle. Nabal would learn who David was!

But Nabal had a beautiful wife—a dishrag no less!—who learned of the incident. Innocent people would be destroyed if the situation were not checked immediately. Agibail hurriedly called servants and had them carry ample provisions for David and his men. She herself went along and apologized for the rude behavior of her husband and begged David's forgiveness. Though she had done nothing to offend, she was willing to be the dishrag to wipe away the stain before disaster could strike.

Did it work? Yes. The battle was spared. Later after Nabal's death, David sent for Abigail and she became his wife. Her children were of the royal line!

Not all dishrags become royalty on earth, but our Lord promised "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). When a situation is about to erupt in flames or an explosion, wipe it up!

Shields From Heat

When a potholder is not handy, a dishrag will do. When a handle is too hot to hold or the lid too hot to lift without a cushion, the dishrag can be your help. It shields the skin from intense heat.

Sometimes there are situations too hot for just anyone to handle. We need a dishrag. It's a tough place to be.

The Book of Esther tells of the plight of the Jews in captivity. Wicked Haman wanted to destroy them all. God was preparing a dishrag—a beautiful but serviceable one—in a young

girl named Esther. She put her very life in peril (Esther 4:16). She stood in the heat to protect her people. She was willing to die to save her nation and God rewarded her efforts.

In our day of frustrations and problems, it is not uncommon for a situation to begin to boil. Maybe it is between friends, or a church member and the pastor, or over the struggle for some position. Someone must step in and take the heat to prevent a situation that could never be remedied or forgotten. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:3). It means one is willing to forget her own feelings and the pain involved in order to preserve the health of the body. Could you be an Esther?

Purifies

Today we hear much about miracles. Every now and then you may witness one in the kitchen. The counter tops get stained here and there. They make it look unsightly. What a change comes when you pour bleach on the dishrag and wipe those stains. It's a miracle? The whole surface shines again! More amazing is what happens to the dishrag. Before, it may have been dingy. Now, soaked in bleach, it not only wiped up the stains but looks like new.

There's no way to be a successful dishrag, to tackle those jobs most people avoid, without it doing something for you. It takes prayer and pouring over God's Word to fortify you for the job. It means you will have to spend time to become saturated with the Word and prayer (Heb. 9:13, 14; Eph. 5:26, 27).

Priscilla and Aquila served as dishrags. They ministered with Paul. When Apollos came to them he was a mighty preacher, but he did not know the full details of the gospel message (Acts 18:24-28). This godly couple who were saturated in the Word, taught Apollos the truths of salvation in Christ. This man and wife literally shine in the Scriptures because they knew the Word and used it. Without this, they would have passed off the scene unnoticed.

Unappreciated

No matter how much we praise the dishrag, it is really unappreciated. We keep it out of sight. No one takes the dishrag into the living room to display it on a fine table. No one even takes it to the bedroom. It stays confined to the kitchen and dining room except for its trips to the washer and dryer or clothesline.

The list of those people used in the Scriptures were mostly unappreciated in their day. The great prophets, the godly kings, and even Jesus Himself are examples. Review Hebrews 11:32-40. They did the job, but so few cared.

If you determine to be a dishrag where you are, don't expect praise and honor. You possibly will not be appreciated all the time either. Dishrags do get wrung out.

Limitations

Deep down in her heart every Christian woman wants to be a useful servant. The Lord puts this desire in us. However He also knows that everyone can't be a dishrag. He has given us gifts to work within the body (1 Cor.

12:1-13). Just because one is not a dishrag does not mean she is failing her duty. Hers may be a different place to serve. On the other hand, just because one is a dishrag, does not mean she is too weak to resist pressure or likes to be run over.

For instance, silk and velvet are both beautiful fabrics. They adorn the body for service. However, when they get wet they not only are a mess but they make a mess. They were never intended to be dishrag materials. Other cloths may be great for curtains or covers, but are hard and impliable when wet. They would cause misery in the dishpan. Some polishing cloths, etc., are just not usable in the kitchen. It is that soft, woven cotton or even a cellulose sponge that we use best. They are made for the job.

When you find a dishrag, cherish her. Protect her through prayers and reports. If you are a dishrag and feel used sometimes, remember that Jesus said, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:10).

When someone says, "Where's the dishrag?" someone will most likely point out a faithful servant, "There she is. Bless her heart." Others can say, "Here am I, Lord, use me."



Co-Laborers Write



Our Missionaries Write

Alice and I are moving into our house. We have finished screening all the windows and doors. There is still sanding and painting to be done, barrels to unpack, floors to wax and curtains to be made. **Arilla Wode, Ivory Coast.** Florine had surgery in November for the removal of a benign tumor. Louis has been having problems with his eyes. We appreciate your prayers for our physical needs. **The Coscias, Brazil.** I wish I could express to each of you personally our thanks for your participation in the provision closet . . . a special thanks for prayers for our baby Camila while she was so ill. **Karen Cowart, Brazil.** Many thanks for the nice things you provided through the provision closet, especially the baby clothes and crib quilts for our son, Joshua. **Susan Dickens, Ivory Coast.**

More Help For Deficit Accounts

In regard to Sister Cantrell's challenge, we have pledged \$1.00 per month per member. We have ten ladies in auxiliary, so I'm enclosing our first \$10.00.

**Pauline Johns
Stroud, OK**

On Fasting

Just a note to say how much our auxiliary appreciated the challenge on fasting. Our ladies began fasting each Tuesday. Soon many men of our church joined us. Our burden for family members who were having spiritual problems was our motivation. After the first month, the blessings were coming so quickly we could not stop with October. We are now in our fourth month of fasting one day each week and the blessings continue.

**Gail Rhodes
Daytona Beach, FL**

Christmas Projects

We enjoy reading Co-Laborer and receive lots of ideas for future lessons and ways to serve . . . We mailed a long letter in a Christmas card to each of our foreign missionaries. All present signed each card, making it more personal.

**Marion Whittaker
Monett, MO**

Instead of exchanging gifts this year, we bought a gift of linen for the provision closet.

**Nancy Hardin
Albany, GA**

We liked the program "Christmas Leftovers" so well we used it for our Christmas program at church. Also the recipe for Christmas punch was good.

**Mable Riley
Sedalia, MO**

Scalloped Potatoes

The small mimeographed cookbook prepared by Victory auxiliary, Goldsboro, NC, is chock full of exciting recipes. Take these scalloped potatoes along to your auxiliary picnic:

1 can cream of mushroom soup
½ c. milk
4 c. thinly sliced potatoes
small thinly sliced onion
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 tsp. butter
salt and pepper

Stir soup until smooth. Add milk and onion. In buttered 1½ qt. casserole alternate layers of potatoes and onions, sauce and cheese. Dot top with butter, sprinkle with paprika. Cover and bake at 375° for 1 hr. Uncover and bake for 15 more minutes.

Health Improvement

I am doing better than I have in six years and just can't praise the Lord enough. Thank all of you for praying for me . . . It seems the Co-Laborer gets better each time. Our ladies enjoy it too.

**Eleanor Hart
Ayden, NC**

Coke and A Smile

During the month of October we had a special project called "Have A Coke and a Smile." For every coke, cup of coffee, etc., we purchased for ourselves, we would take the like amount and place it in a money can for our provision closet. At the end of the month, we had raised \$89.00. (Our ladies are heavy drinkers—coffee drinkers, that is!)

**Patty Hiltibidal
Jacksonville, FL**

Week of Prayer Program

The question came up of why the Easter Week of Prayer program was not in the first quarter Co-Laborer. The opinion was we would have more time to prepare for it . . . Our auxiliary is growing. We now have a very active membership of 26.

**Rosalee Burns
Henderson, TX**

Women Readers

We were at a stewardship banquet on Saturday night and the pastor gave out booklets to those who had read their Bible through last year. They all happened to be women.

**Maurine Lee
Goldsboro, NC**

Helps Teenagers

I work with teenage girls at school and have recently felt led to put some things in writing about their needs which are becoming greater with each passing year.

**Frances Perkins
Talala, OK**



A Woman God Has Used

Jewel Patridge was born and reared in Georgia and made Crisp County her home for many years.

She was faithful to her church, Pleasant Hill, and served in several offices. At the time of her freak accidental death at the age of 72, Mrs. Patridge served as the auxiliary mission prayer chairman and secretary-treasurer of Sunday school, CTS, as well as for the church.

Mrs. Patridge's husband preceded her in death by several years. They raised two daughters and a son who gave them grandchildren and great grandchildren to carry on the Christian heritage.

This woman of God was always ready with a devotional or whatever she was called upon to do at the camp Mt. Bethel retreat, district, state or home meeting. She witnessed wherever she went. She was an avid reader, passing along her Christian books for others to read.

In one of her books, she had underscored, "If you had to pick just one commandment to live by, which would it be? This is what Jesus said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.' " Another quote she underscored was, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Mrs. Patridge did just that. She put God first in everything and then reached out in love to her neighbors.

Her friends in Pitts miss the laughter and friendly ways of their neighbor. But some day, they say, in that mansion God has prepared for us, they'll have the joy of being her neighbor and friend again.



TAPESTRY



A collection of poetry gleaned from the 1982-83 creative writing contest

Contains over 100 poems written by Free Will Baptist women, like this one written by Cheryl Akers, Jacksonville, Florida:

A Missionary Heart

"A missionary heart, dear Lord,
That's what I ask of You;
Give me a heart for men afar
Who need a life brand new."

But the heart He did not give me first,
He gave me ears instead
To hear the call of many friends
For living water, living bread.

And then He gave me eyes to see
My neighbors as lost men,
Who daily live for worldly gain
But who will die in sin.

Yet more! He gave me hands to serve
My loved ones day by day;
And feet to go to those in need
And a mouth to tell and pray.

So as I did His will at home,
And as I did my part,
I found that through all this, the Lord
Gave me a missionary heart!



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