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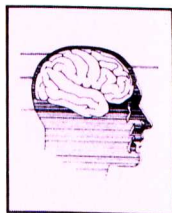
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Editorial

My husband often wishes he had kept a journal those years we were in Africa because we're so prone to forget things we are sure we never will.

If I could do it over, I think I would keep a prayer diary, recording only answers to prayer. These were almost without number. God's interventions there—as here—were so easily taken for granted.

Last night I leafed through my skimpy journals and came across this entry written during our first term on the field.

"The third day since LaVerne has been sick. I've tried to take care of the patients as best as I could, but it's been frustrating to both him and me (not to mention the patients!). But the Lord knew all about it because—guess what! Today Dr. Neville, the Peace Corps doctor, and his chauffeur drove up. They looked almost too good to be true!

Well, he first set to taking care of his host, and in no time at all, had him revived. Nothing like a little TLC administered by someone with a little authority! Then he went over and saw that the patients were professionally diagnosed and treated. And then, if that wasn't enough, the chauffeur drove to Bouna and got our mail!

My, the Lord does know how to brighten one's day in the African bush."

It's refreshing to be reminded that the God of 1964 is the God of 1984. We often wondered why no other doctor came to help us. We know now that God's timing is not always ours. We've just learned that, not one, but two, doctors are ready to go to the Ivory Coast when the board can send them.

My, the Lord does know how to brighten one's day whenever we let Him.

Lorene Miley



Memo From Cleo

Two red-letter dates should be marked on your calendar this quarter—July 16-17, and September 6-8! The first is WNAC's 49th Convention, and the latter is our third national retreat.

Convention '84

Convention activities will be held in the beautiful facilities of the Statehouse Convention Center and the Excelsior Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Missionaries Fred Hersey and Steve Riggs, will challenge listeners with a greater emphasis on intercessory prayer and missions. Six outstanding women will discuss "Your Attitude is Showing," in the Monday afternoon seminar from 1:30 till 2:30. Presidents and field workers will meet with the executive committee the same day from 3 till 4, to examine new plans and materials. Beatrice Bixler, author of numerous songs and hymns, is speaking at the fellowship dinner, Tuesday at 5 o'clock. Order your tickets early.

Retreat '84

Excitement is running high as we anticipate 1200 women from 20 states, (what fellowship), convening at Ridgecrest, NC "To Know Him and to Make Him Known" (Phil. 3:10).

Speakers are veteran missionary Mabel Willey and Jan Arnoldi (and Chester). The ten seminar leaders are: Billie Sexton, Betty Hill, Odessa Ledlow, Eunice Edwards, Laura Belle Barnard, Mildred Daniel, Ethel Whaley, Norman June Teague, Kay Hampton and Frances Poston. Music director Beverly Welch is composing a special chorus for the retreat.

Send your registration and \$8 deposit to: Ridgecrest Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770. Deposit is refundable until August 6.

Missionary Provision Closet

We need percolators, towel and sheet sets, and steam irons. Tupperware: Mix-N-Stor sets, Seal-N-Serve sets, tumblers, all sizes in the new colors, round pitchers, and Decorator canister sets.

LAST CALL!

Third National Retreat

APPLICATION

Mail to: Ridgecrest Conference Center, P.O. Box 128,
Ridgecrest, NC 28770

Please register me for the retreat. I have enclosed \$8.00 which I understand is applied to my total fee. (Deposit not refundable after August 6.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

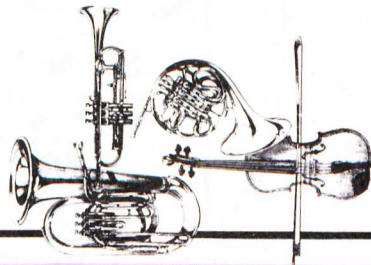
Accommodations Requested
Price includes five meals
and two nights motel

☐ Quad
\$48.00

☐ Triple
\$50.50

☐ Double
\$55.50

Emphasis Month



August is Emphasis Month on the auxiliary calendar. WNAC is dependent upon this once-a-year offering for operational expenses.

"God's Instruments," a program written by Margie Patton, Glennville, Georgia, examines four of the major groups of instruments in a symphony orchestra and likens them to auxiliary members.

Many instruments play solos, but in order to perform a great symphony, they must play their own unique part in perfect harmony with all the other instruments. Likewise auxiliary women must recognize their unique role and work in close cooperation with each other in order to participate with the Master-Composer-Arranger, our Lord Jesus Christ.

A program booklet containing publicity ideas, invitation and name tag patterns, and orchestra seating chart has been sent to each auxiliary. If you missed this free booklet, request one from:

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

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Little Rock, Arkansas

July 16, 17, 1984



Attention!

Special Groups Meeting Monday in the Little Rock Excelsior

WNAC Executive Committee: 8:00 breakfast in the Doyle Rogers Room

WNAC Executive Committee: 9:00 committee meeting in the Finley
Vinson Room

WNAC Nominating Committee: 9:00 in the Valley Room

WNAC Seminar: 1:30-2:30 in the Grand Ballroom/Salon C

Presidents and Field Workers Meeting: 3:00-4:00 in the River Valley Room

WNAC Representation

Secretaries! Each state convention is entitled to 15 delegates plus its president and field worker. Where there is no organized state, a district may be represented with five delegates plus local presidents. Where there is no district, a local may send three delegates. Any local may represent by paying \$3.00 at the booth. Send annual reports (whether or not you send a delegate) to: Peggy Outland, 611 Glenpark Ct., Nashville, TN 37217.

Treasurers! Send treasurers reports and membership dues of \$1.50 per member to: Cleo Pursell, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

WNAC Fellowship Dinner

Beatrice Bixler, Waverly, New York, musician and song writer with more than 300 published hymns, will address the banquet guests on Tuesday evening. Both men and women are invited and tickets are \$9.00, including tax and tip. No tickets will be mailed or reserved without payment.

All banquet seats are reserved. To avoid disappointment, please order tickets early. While you are filling in the 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.

_____ Number tickets requested

\$_____ Amount enclosed

☐ I wish to purchase a ticket for the following missionary:

_____ Send tickets to:

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ City

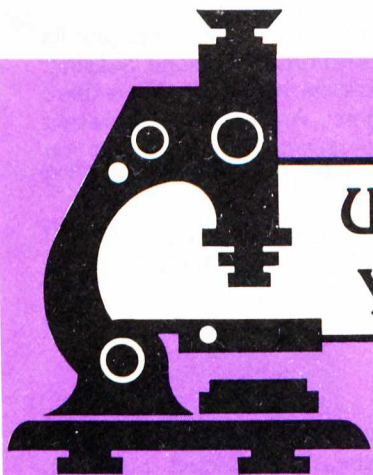
_____ State

_____ Zip

Yes!

I want to attend the
WNAC Fellowship Dinner,
Tuesday, July 17, 1984
at 5 P.M. in the
Grand Ballroom of the
Little Rock Excelsior. Each
ticket is \$9.00 including tax
and tip.

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



UNSEEN YET ESSENTIAL

Objective: To see how the blood vessels are important to the human body; in the same manner, to see how their spiritual counterparts are vital to the missionary program.

Scripture: I Cor. 12:12-14; 27-28

Hymn: "Help Somebody Today"

INTRODUCTION

The Human body is not all one part—all noses or hands or toes. It has many parts that work as a unit but have widely varying functions. Someone in the body of Christ may be the eye that clearly sees the vision of the lost world and passes that vision on to the rest of us. Another may be the mouth who tells of the Savior's love to the thousands. And still others may be the feet who travel to far away places with the gospel. These are some of the more prominent members who are seen by many as they minister.

But there are other members of the

body who are hidden from view but serve a vital role in the functioning of the body. For example, in the human body, there are lungs, a heart, kidneys, gallbladder, liver, stomach, muscles, nerves and bones. Likewise in the body of Christ there are many members functioning behind the scenes keeping the body healthy and working properly. This program shows that just as blood vessels are important to the human body, their counterparts in the body of Christ are important to the work of the Lord.

FUNCTION OF BLOOD VESSELS

One of these unseen but very important members of the body is a blood vessel. The blood vessel is a channel for blood, oxygen, nourishment and support to be carried to the rest of the body—or in the case of a capillary, to its own particular part of the body.

The ministry of helping others is often an overlooked area of service, but it is an important area of ministry. It doesn't have the illustrious job of proclaiming the Word to millions or traveling to distant shores with the gospel, but it does minister to others so they can perform their tasks with greater efficiency.

Blood vessels are consistently involved, not just when it is convenient or handy. If some particular blood vessels quit functioning, that part quickly suffers damage and becomes less effective in performing its task. Thus if those who serve as blood vessels—those who help others—refuse to be a channel through which the Lord can work, another part of the body suffers. Therefore consistency—faithfulness—is an important trait of one who ministers through helping others.

Any problem this member of the body may have is greatly magnified if the blood vessels are not working properly to that part of the body. It could even cripple it if the supply of blood is greatly decreased. By being a blood vessel to a particular member of the body of Christ, you can increase his effectiveness in his service for the Lord.

PROBLEMS

Missionaries work in a cultural setting different from their homeland. This produces a certain amount of stress as they learn to function as a Christian within another cultural framework. Doing the inappropriate thing or not doing the correct thing can have an adverse effect on the cause of Christ. So they must constantly be aware of every action so not

to offend and possibly turn someone away from the Lord.

Working in a foreign language can also create problems. Missionaries cope with being laughed at for saying the wrong thing. They cope with the frustration of being unable to say what they are trying to say because of problems in translating their thoughts from English to another language.

Their work is often, very often, made more difficult because of the direct, hard-hitting opposition of Satan on all sides. He does not like for the Lord's children to move in on his territory and try to win others to Christ. So he comes out in full force to oppose their work and rob them of success.

Frequently our missionaries long for mature Christian fellowship. Because they often minister to very young, immature Christians or to non-Christians, there is a void in their lives of fellowship with mature believers. They usually are on the giving end of these relationships and often need to be ministered to themselves.

Because of trying to cope with these and other problems, the missionary can find himself also fighting depression. When the blood vessels have fallen down on the job, the missionary may feel like quitting, throwing in the towel.

THE LIFELINE OF PRAYER

As the blood vessels in the body provide the necessary components for successful functioning, so the blood vessels in the body of Christ provide His body with what they need to continue working effectively in His service. The ministry of helping others is as important in the body of

Christ as is the ministry of preaching, teaching, or being a missionary.

Blood vessels are the lifeline of the body. In a real way, consistent intercessory prayer for our missionaries is a lifeline of support for them. When we pray for them, they have renewed strength to continue with His work. Prayer provides them with the life-sustaining power of God. Consistent prayer is hard work, but it is well worth the effort.

Samuel considered prayer very important. In I Samuel 12:23a, he says to the children of Israel, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you."

Could it be that our lack of prayer is reducing the flow of power to our missionaries, producing less effective ministries? Just as a reduced flow of blood to a member of the body causes decreased usefulness, so it is with the body of Christ. When a blood vessel fails to work properly, the member to whom it ministers will suffer.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Although prayer is one of the most important ways of ministering to others, it is not the only way. Providing encouragement can be a very effective way of ministering. Like adrenaline, encouragement can pass through the veins and arteries providing warmth, strength, and the energy to complete the task. (I Thess. 5:11)

Woman's Auxiliaries have a unique way of helping others. The Provision Closet is a very special way to show you care. The fact that someone has taken the time, extended the personal effort, and given the funds necessary to stock the closet is a real source of

encouragement to our missionaries. It also helps reduce their financial burden.

Another more personal way to minister to our missionaries is sending items they cannot get or are too expensive in the country. Some auxiliaries choose a missionary family and by corresponding with them learn the items on their "need list" or "want list". Then that auxiliary gathers as many of these together as they can and mails them for a Christmas surprise. The arrival of a care package from the states is always cause for excitement. (Suggested gifts and special hints for mailing are in the booklet, "Gifts for Missionaries", WNAC, 75¢ plus postage.)

Letters let a missionary know he has not been forgotten as he labors in a faraway land, that folks back home are thinking about him, care for him, and are supporting him in prayer. As our missionaries face discouragements produced by coping with a different culture, a different language, opposition of the devil, and lack of fellowship, it is uplifting to know that others are behind him all the way.

CONCLUSION

As the body's veins, arteries, and capillaries carry blood, oxygen, nourishment, and support to other parts of the body, so the blood vessels in the body of Christ minister to other parts of the body by carrying encouragement to them. Blood vessels may be small, unseen, unheralded, and unnoticed members of the body but wouldn't we be in sad shape without them!

GOD'S UNSEEN MEMBER

Every missionary needs a "Marilyn."

While students at Free Will Baptist Bible College, the soul of Marilyn Pritchard, Johnston City, Illinois, was knit with that of Lynette Miley, MK (missionary's kid) from Ivory Coast, West Africa. Through the years this bond of friendship strengthened, especially when Lynette married Clint Morgan and they returned to Ivory Coast as missionaries.

Marilyn is one of those unseen members in the body of Christ, so she knows of which she speaks. As regular as clockwork, Marilyn offered the lifeline of missionary support through weekly letters and regular packages—all tangible expressions of her faithful prayers.

Last spring Lynette became pregnant with their 4th child. Already teaching their two oldest boys, nursing, studying Lobi, visiting the women, being a wife and mother, the missionary task threatened to become a burden instead of a pleasure.

"Lynette and I have always talked about my going over and teaching the boys. Maybe this is the time," Marilyn mused after receiving Lynette's announcement. She began praying.

Only God could have prodded homebody-Marilyn to dismantle nine years of security—job, apartment, possessions, obligations—and go to a foreign country. But His peace en-

veloped her as she informed reluctant parents, applied, resigned, packed, delegated, made lists, was injected, planned, prayed—oh my, how she prayed!

When Lynette went to the mission hospital last October for the birth of Autumn Joy, Marilyn was on hand to do menial tasks of cooking and cleaning. When they returned to their station, she set up a classroom in her house for Trey, grade 4, and Adam, grade 2. This freed Lynette to devote two mornings doing the work she loves at the clinic.

On her departure, an auxiliary presented Marilyn with an appropriate book entitled, "Starting Over." Now as she plans to return to the States, Satan taunts, "You're 30 years old and don't even have a job. What are you going to do when you return to the States?"

But thank God for the promise of His Word. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thess. 5:24). The God who directed and sustained her on the mission field (with not even one serious illness) will continue to direct her to that special place of His choosing here.

Maybe God wants you to be a "Marilyn," not necessarily to go, but to strengthen that lifeline of support here at home.

Our Writers



Marilyn Pritchard, Nashville, Tennessee, short term missionary to Ivory Coast.

Marilyn works in the nursery at Cofer's Chapel FWB Church. She enjoys reading, art and photography.



Florene Waldrep (Mrs. James), Lawton, Oklahoma.

The Waldreps, former Child Evangelism Fellowship directors, now direct the Children's Church ministry of the Crystal Hills Mission. Their four children are at home: Jim, 28, Kyle, 21, Melissa, 19, and David, 14.



Glenda Wilson (Mrs. Billy), Belk, Alabama.

Mrs. Wilson works with the teens in her church and writes the church's weekly newsletter. Her husband pastors the Belk FWB Church and they have three children, Michael, 15, Kimberly, 13, and Danny 12.

Promote Co-Laborer

Small quantities of back-dated issues of **Co-Laborer** magazine are available upon request. These are for introducing the magazine at women's activities such as Mother-Daughter banquets, retreats, conventions and workshops.

When you write, include the following information:

1. Intended use
2. Number of women expected
3. Quantity of magazines needed
4. Return address

Orders will be filled as our quantities allow. A contribution for postage would be appreciated. Address your request to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202

The poet's CORNER



Imogene Steward, Van Buren, AR, began writing poetry just 15 years ago when a tornado hit Greenwood and killed 14 people.

Although it didn't last long,
The wind must have been strong;
After the rain,
Then came the pain.

Since then she's written about 25 poems. Three or four have been published in a local newspaper and several by WNAC.

"I've always believed my poems came from God," Mrs. Steward explains. "I've never been able to just sit down and write a poem. They've come to me in the strangest places, as in a laundermat, on the way to town, or at church. As they come to me, I hurriedly write them down on a paper sack, check book, Sunday school quarterly, or even on a Kleenex."

A few years ago, Mrs. Steward heard about a three year old girl with an incurable disease. Her spine and shoulders were fused together, making it difficult to dress her. "The smile on her face more than paid me for the many hours I spent sewing for her," this lady writes in remembering her "angel."

I met an angel the other day,
Her beautiful blond hair was flowing;

Not one word did she have to say—
Her smile starts your heart to glowing.

"Poetry is a beautiful thing," Mrs. Steward continues. "It's a way of expressing myself that I have a hard time doing in conversation. It brings all kinds of feeling, as comfort, joy, happiness. My poems hold lots of memories, happy and sad, but things I hope my family will cherish after I'm gone from this life."

What will your family
inherit from you?
Will the smiles you gave them
be many or few?
Will you leave memories
they'll be proud to tell?
Or just a few worldly things
they can't wait to sell?



Imogene Steward and her husband, Wallace, a self-employed carpenter, are members of Oliver Springs FWB Church, Rudy, AR. They have raised six children and have four grandsons.

Designed for
prayer groups,
auxiliaries, per-
sonal, inter-
cessory prayer

Eunice
Edwards

Call to Prayer



July

1. Pray for four couples and two single girls who are ready to leave for language study. Pray as they adjust to another culture and language:
 - a) To Panama: Stan and Brenda Bunch,
 - b) To Albertville, France: Mark and Donna Daniels (Ivory Coast); Steve and Becky Riggs (France); Darrel and Lila Nichols (IC); and Dawn Sweeney (IC),
 - c) To Spain: Lynn Midgett.
2. Pray for the new Joint Project Workers:
 - a) Cliff Donoho to Salem, IL,
 - b) Kevin Frances to Greenville, MS,
 - c) Danny Hester to Bartlesville, OK.
3. Continue to pray for rain for Ivory Coast. Insufficient rain has produced drought over the area.

Meditation

God's work done as ordered is filled with God's presence, power and blessings. Solomon learned this lesson.

In 2 Samuel 12:24, we learn "God loved Solomon." But in 1 Kings 3:3, we see that "Solomon loved the Lord." Here is the crux of the matter. Here is the pivotal truth upon which Solomon's service to God hinged.

If we truly love Him, we will serve Him in loving obedience. He has always loved us. He will continue to love us. The question is, Do we truly love Him?

In response to Solomon's declaration

of love, God says, "Ask what I shall give thee." Such special privileges are only given in response to an undivided declaration of complete committal to Him—"by word and deed."

Why should God waste blessings on those who are indifferent to His commands? If a man isn't obedient to the little things God asks, why invest further in his apathy?

Solomon had seen a "thousand burnt offerings" laid upon the altar, so his mind was filled with the holiness of God and the horribleness of sin! Then—and only then—did God offer this most unusual privilege:

"Ask what I shall give thee."

When we are consumed with the holiness of God, we begin to catch a glimmer of the awfulness of sin and the high cost of Calvary. When we truly love God, we will

be obedient to His slightest command. Then we will honor Him with our service and our substance.

God has already given to us His Son. Can we ask for more?



August

1. Pray for the seven national workers appointed for Mexico:
a) Sr. Gallegos, b) Sr. Medina, c) Sr. Munoz, d) Sr. Chuy de la Rosa, e) Sr. Herrera, and f) Sr. Ollervides. Also pray for the Jerry Barron family as they begin a new work in Mexico City.
2. Sixteen student missionaries are returning to the U.S. after a ten week period on a foreign field. Pray for their safety as they travel back. Pray their burden can be shared to effect a response from our people.
3. The following states have no Free Will Baptist churches: North Dakota, Nevada, Utah, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Connecticut. Pray God would raise up workers to pioneer these states.
4. Several MK's spent the summer with their parents. Pray as they return to the States and get back into the routine of school.
5. Pray that Robert and Pam West (Ivory Coast) would have adequate funds to leave this month for language study in Albertville, France.

Meditation

We are bombarded with statistics, news of legislation (proposed and/or accomplished) and stories regarding DWI (Driving While Intoxicated). This is needful, good and appropriate.

However, it is difficult to balance all of the above with the corresponding bombardment of advertising regarding the wonderful (?) benefits of drinking alcoholic beverages. How can something be both beneficial and detrimental at the same time?

God pronounced woe upon "... the drunkards of Ephraim ..." (Isaiah 28:1-4). One would need to be completely naive, or a fool, to think God's "woe" will be less on our nation. His threatened judgment strikes fear to the core of my being. How about you?

In verses 1-6, Isaiah issues a special

rebutal to the priests who were erring in judgment and vision. As a nation, we, too are making a "covenant with death," except the leaders of our nation not only denounce the use of alcohol, but also become examples of sobriety in judgment and conduct.

There are three things Christian women can do about this situation. 1) We can pray for our leaders. 2) We can express our disapproval of the use and sale of alcoholic beverages by our lawmakers at the voting booth. 3) We can reaffirm our church covenant, "... abstain from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages."

My hope is anchored in the example God gives in verses 23-29. He promises He will not always pour out punishment, but will, in mercy, remember our frailties. God is waiting to be gracious!



September

1. Pray for General Director Rolla Smith as he travels to the Ivory Coast to minister to our missionaries. Pray for his safety of travel, health, and wisdom as he ministers.
2. The following home missionaries need prayer as they complete their building programs: a) David Reece, Fredericksburg, VA, b) Bob Thomas, Greeley, CO, c) Norris Hawkins, Anderson, SC, and d) Vergel Maness, Vineland, NJ.
3. The church in Puerto Rico has relocated. Pray for the Miguel Vera family in this greater outreach.
4. More national workers are needed on every field. Pray God would supply this great need.
5. Pray for a stronger missionary emphasis in our colleges and for a in-depth missionary conference on each campus: that God would raise up more volunteers from among our students.

Meditation

A message I was privileged to hear last year at the Mississippi State Association continues to pique my attention. The minister ably presented the truth that many churches are suffering from "Sit-in Saints" syndrome. Does your church have "sit-in saints?"

Christianity is intensely practical. Jesus taught that to even give a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple would not go unrewarded. However we are plagued with saints who seem to feel serving God is for someone else. Do you?

Jesus' death on the cross swept away all dead sacrifices. Now He seeks living bodies who will give themselves into His service. Paul encourages, "I beseech **you** therefore, by the mercies of God, that **ye** present your bodies a **living** sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is **your** reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1)

Not one note of music will ever be sounded by a dead body. Not one drop of water will be shared by a dead man. All acts of service must be done by a living human being.

The Israelite presented his lamb and left it in the hands of the priest. Jesus asks that we present our bodies and leave them in His hands in unreserved commitment. God will be pleased and you will be blessed.

Stir Me Lord

My heart was stirred by news I heard
From lands so far away.
Lost souls in darkness bowed to gods
Of wood and stone and clay.

Give me a burden Lord, I said,
"Help me to pray and give.
Help me to do the best I can
To make them know You live."

But as time passed, the stirring ceased,
My days were filled with ME.
My cares, my wants, my things to do,
Concern for souls did flee.

But then my heart was stirred again,
I bowed my head and cried,
Since last I'd taken time to care,
More souls in darkness died.

With broken heart I prayed again,
"Don't let me settled be.
Lord, keep me stirred and at the task,
Your work depends on me."

—Ruthann Hall

Meet A Panamanian



Esther Dominquez

Esther Dominquez de Osorio, an English professor, was born 30 years ago, the oldest of eight children. She was a bright, alert child so her father determined to provide her with the best education possible. Since schools only existed in the larger cities, Esther and her younger brother were taken to school daily on horseback to a town some miles away.

While Esther was still in elementary school, her family moved to Las Tablas where she finished high school and earned her degree in education from a nearby college. She maintained a 95+ average in all her studies. In 1975, she married Eugenio Osorio, a taxi driver.

Our first contact with Esther and Eugenio was through an aunt and uncle who attended the mission. The young couple experienced a dissatisfaction with the Catholic church tradition and longed to know about God. So after much personal attention from the missionary, they began attending services. It seemed difficult at first to comprehend the simplicity of the gos-

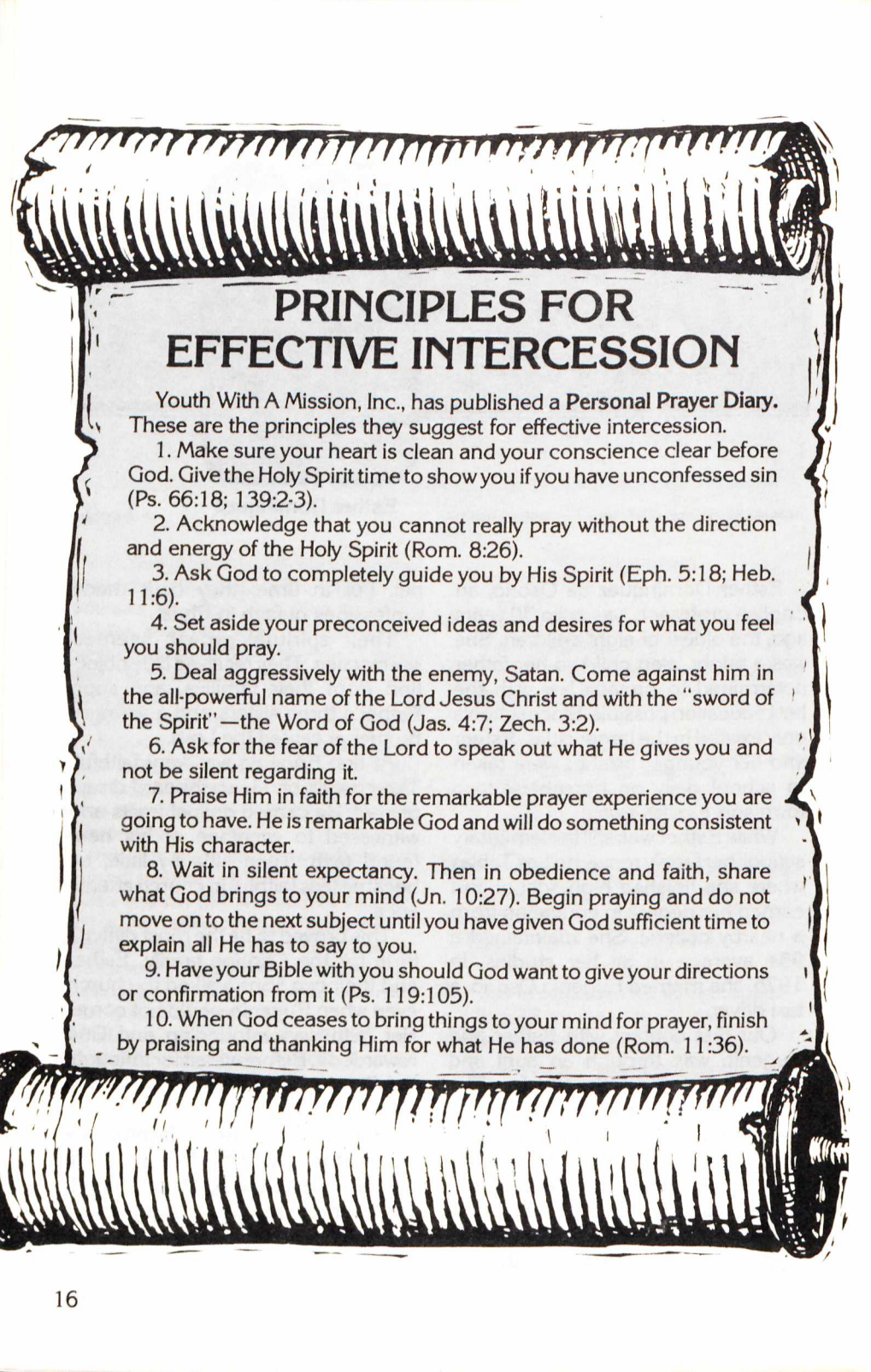
pel, but in time, they both made professions of faith in Christ.

Their spiritual growth seemed spectacular. They received little objection from their families, and soon Esther's three sisters and a younger brother accepted the Lord.

At first Eugenio was very faithful. The crucifix on his dashboard disappeared. He carried gospel tracts and witnessed to everyone of his new-found faith. Then little by little, he became less faithful in church attendance.

This proved to be the most difficult time for the Osorios family. Esther and their two sons walked to church even when Eugenio would not come. Her faith was astounding and God rewarded it. Before we left for furlough, the Osorios were back in church and growing in the Lord.

Not only is Esther a faithful wife and mother, she is our friend. Her life and faith are a challenge to our church family and to us, the missionaries.



PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE INTERCESSION

Youth With A Mission, Inc., has published a **Personal Prayer Diary**. These are the principles they suggest for effective intercession.

1. Make sure your heart is clean and your conscience clear before God. Give the Holy Spirit time to show you if you have unconfessed sin (Ps. 66:18; 139:2-3).

2. Acknowledge that you cannot really pray without the direction and energy of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:26).

3. Ask God to completely guide you by His Spirit (Eph. 5:18; Heb. 11:6).

4. Set aside your preconceived ideas and desires for what you feel you should pray.

5. Deal aggressively with the enemy, Satan. Come against him in the all-powerful name of the Lord Jesus Christ and with the "sword of the Spirit"—the Word of God (Jas. 4:7; Zech. 3:2).

6. Ask for the fear of the Lord to speak out what He gives you and not be silent regarding it.

7. Praise Him in faith for the remarkable prayer experience you are going to have. He is remarkable God and will do something consistent with His character.

8. Wait in silent expectancy. Then in obedience and faith, share what God brings to your mind (Jn. 10:27). Begin praying and do not move on to the next subject until you have given God sufficient time to explain all He has to say to you.

9. Have your Bible with you should God want to give your directions or confirmation from it (Ps. 119:105).

10. When God ceases to bring things to your mind for prayer, finish by praising and thanking Him for what He has done (Rom. 11:36).

Are You A Missions Pray-er?



Nancy Hancock is. She has prayed for missions and missionaries since the beginning of the Prayer Band in Free Will Baptist Bible College in the early forties.

She began her prayer list when Lonnie and Anita Sparks went to Africa as missionaries. At age 88, she is still a missions pray-er. Each morning she reads her Bible, sometimes sings a hymn, then prays. She prays around the world, beginning with Free Will Baptist Bible College and ending in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she resides.

It makes the WNAC staff happy to know that every morning their names are called in prayer along with 900 other friends, loved ones, and especially missionaries. Mrs. Hancock is no longer physically able to participate in outside activities of the church but devotes most of her time in prayer for those who can go and do.

Prayer is not a substitute for service; it is one of the greatest services of all. You may be homebound, but you, too, can be on the mainline team of "mission pray-ers." Join hundreds of other Free Will Baptist women in this mighty ministry of intercessory prayer.

Mail coupon to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

A Missions Pray-er

Because I am homebound, I have something special to contribute to missions. I want to consider prayerfully being a **Missions Pray-er**. Please send a **Missions Pray-er** packet to

Name _____ (please print)

Address _____

Send me the names and addresses of home and foreign missionaries for whom I should pray. _____

I already have these names. _____

On September 11, 1982, a tiny premature baby girl was born who weighed only 3 lbs. 15 oz. She was named Amy Michelle, which means "Beloved one with the Lord." Her mother held her for only a few moments before she was transferred to the Intensive Care Nursery. For Amy was born with a respiratory distress syndrome which threatened her tiny life before it hardly began.

The family was members of the Mission church in Baton Rouge, so Pastor Larry Russell kept vigil with the frightened parents. Churches from all over were alerted to pray. The power of prayer prevailed and Amy's life was spared. However it would be 5½ months of extensive treatments and surgery before she would leave the hospital.

Since Amy's birth, her family has been drawn closer to God. He has given them courage and faith to cope with the day by day adjustments. Her two healthy brothers have rearranged their lives to include their handicapped sister.

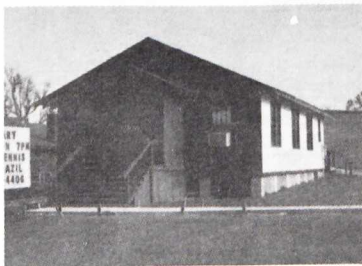
Today Amy is almost 2 years old. The doctor says she will be wheel chair bound and dependent on them for the rest of their lives. Both doctor and family recommend that this high risk child be placed in an institution, but her parents will not hear to it. She recognizes each member of her family and her special smile lights up their lives and brings joy to their hearts.

From the beginning, the church has been a very supporting family and has accepted Amy as part of it. She's been publicly dedicated to God and is anointed before each surgery. The parents are grateful for the power of love and prayer in their church.

God has a plan for each child, even Amy's. Since her birth, she has touched a lot of people. Both mother and father realize they must be very special for God to entrust them with such a special responsibility. God is still in control. He has a purpose and plan for each life. His love can do great things if you just let Him.

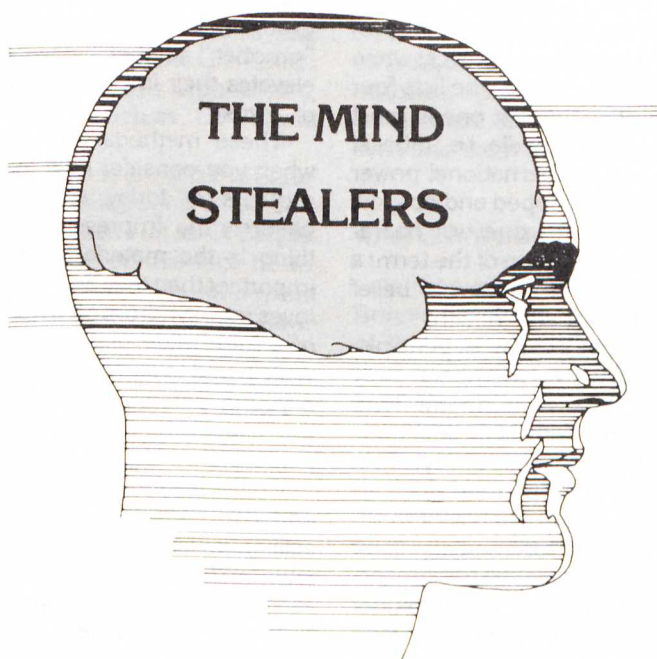
I know about this special love, for I am Amy's mother.

A Special Child . . . A Special Church



Debbie Harrison (Mrs. James), Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In addition to Amy, almost 2, the Harrison's have two boys, Joshua, 8, and Jeremiah, 6. They are members of the FWB Church where Debbie serves as church clerk.



Objective: To alert Christians to the danger of cults; to be challenged to a deeper dedication to God and His Word.

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-18; Jude 1-25

Hymn: "I Would Be True"

Introduction

Cultists are programed to take over our country by stealing our minds.

Webster defines cult as a system of religious worship or ritual; formal religious veneration worship. Veneration, he goes on to tell us, is a feeling of deep respect and reverence, an awe which is excited by personal dignity or consecration.

William D. Rogers, in his book **Cult Sunday**, defines cult as a religious

group whose teachings differ from sound Biblical doctrine. Usually these groups pledge their loyalty to a specific person or a person's interpretation of the Scriptures.

Some experts estimate there to be 1000 to 3000 sects or cults whose followers number close to 20 million! Among this number could be your neighbor, a close relative, or even someone under your own roof. Any young person who has developed an idea that "nobody loves me" is very susceptible to these so-called religious groups. A man who will not stand for something is most likely to fall for anything.

Parents and youth workers beware: these cults or sects are termed religious and are formed to deceive the very elect.

Programming The Mind

We have looked at the definition of cult and veneration; however, when Webster defines religion, he lists four different views. The first one is most often used by the media, i.e., a belief in a divine and supernatural power who is to be worshipped and obeyed. Possibly the fourth one will nearer define the cultist usage of the term: a cause, principle, or system of belief held to with ardor and in faith.

Recruiters use a cause, or principle, to lure prospective members away from their normal environment. They bombard them with love and care, even punishment. These are cycled in a negative-positive method such as psychologists use in a behavior modification program for mentally ill or retarded.

Or in prisons, as one prisoner testifies: "You hear something long enough, you begin to believe it no matter how much you know it's not true. Just say you don't like corn and that's all there is, nothing but corn. You push it away, saying I can't eat it and that's all you see for weeks. After awhile you learn to accept it and love it. It's the same way—they mold you into thinking the way they want you to think."

Couple this action with a lack of sleep, 18 hour work days, minimum of food, philosophy of the leaders in lecture-form, and you see a brainwashing in action.

Tools of the Trade

Twisted Scripture is often a tool used by cultist groups. Especially those who call themselves some sort of church, i.e., The Unification Church,

The People's Temple, The Children of God, etc. The leaders in these type groups always refer to themselves as "prophet," "father," or a term that elevates their importance above that of Jesus.

These methods are very simple when you consider how the working mothers of today are giving their children the impression that everything in the material world is more important than they are. This "nobody loves me" syndrome leaves the doors of a mind wide open for a cultist to walk in and take over and manipulate a young person. Latch-key children are especially vulnerable to cultist persuasion.

Cultist leaders are money hungry and use recruits to raise funds by selling flowers, candy, themselves, or any method. However, the money earned is not for the earner but must be handed over to the system, organization, family, or whoever.

Fear and guilt are two major feelings prayed upon to keep recruits hanging in there to help keep the leader supplied with wealth.

Who Is Deceived?

The media often gives the impression that only the young, lower classes of people, such as poor whites, blacks, Hispanics, illiterate, or minority groups are fooled into belonging to these groups of pseudo-religions. However this isn't always true.

Granted that people who receive benefits from agencies, such as social security, welfare, veterans, etc., are prime targets. People with higher education are also susceptible. For instance, Dr. Bob Jones III let his sympathies for Korea to accept a position

on the advisory board of the organization called "Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation." It was three or four months before he discovered that Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church controlled this organization, as well as others such as "One World Crusade."

Think about a man with the Scripturally sound background of Dr. Bob Jones III being taken in at all! Of course, when he discovered this fact, he resigned. You or yours are not beyond being taken in by these money slave-mongers, men with charisma who seek to create for themselves a kingdom to rule.

An Infectious Disease

A disease rampant in some churches today is termed preacheritis. Did you ever know a family of families who followed a minister from one church to another? Preacheritis. We should all love and honor and admire our pastor, but it can be carried too far when we get any person between us and Jesus.

Preacheritis is a small infection of the same type virus that infects people who follow men such as Jim Jones, Sun Myung Moon, Krisna, Buddha, Guru, and others too numerous to name here. A partial list is found in a book **The Mystical Maze** by Pat Means.

Read the book of Jude carefully and prayerfully. Verse six gives a clear picture of who is behind these mind-controlling, soul-stealing groups—Satan and his angels. Verses 18 and 19 warns of apostasy in the last days. Second Peter 2 explains how false prophets come among us and try to lead away captive any weak souls.

You may be thinking these groups

are only found in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, or large cities. Not so. Look around, there are recruiters in your town. Target areas are high schools, colleges, community centers, factories, offices, or anywhere people congregate. Don't be surprised to even find them in churches.

What Can We Do?

In her book **The Broken God**, Bonnie Thielman, a former follower of Jim Jones, gives three suggestions to combat these mind-stealing cults. First, she says, close the loopholes in our legal code that allow dangerous cults to call themselves religious and thereby avoid public scrutiny. Secondly, support groups that sensitively, tenderly and lovingly know how to deprogram cult defectors. And thirdly, Christians must get their act together in terms of practical loving and caring. Start doing the things Jesus told us to do.

Or in more practical terms, implant God's Word in our hearts and minds (1 Peter 3:15). Stay grounded in church, be active in the ministry of the church. Unless we have God's Word hidden in our hearts and minds, these cultists can lead us right into the path of least resistance.

Don't bother to argue with, or even discuss, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, etc. They claim a handbook to the Bible or one of their own copies is better than the Bible alone. The **Holy Bible** is our handbook to life eternal. Let's use it!

Bible study, fellowship with God, witnessing and serving will keep our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ. Cultists will never be able to touch a life committed to Jesus Christ.

Genny Waddell

The Hurting Parent
by Margie M. Lewis
Zondervan Publishers, 1980
143 pages. \$4.95.

SHARE — A — BOOK

Pain is part of the parenting package. Depending on personalities and temperaments and circumstances, every parent will experience some degree of hurt from time to time. So do non-parents. **The Hurting Parent** could actually be named **The Book for Anyone Who Hurts Because of Relationships with Other Humans**. It does offer balm and healing for some of the pain that comes from close relationships.

The Hurting Parent was specifically written by Margie Lewis with her son Gregg for parents who find it difficult to accept a child as he/she really is. The writers paint a very real picture of the necessity of accepting the child—of any age—with unconditional love, even while the parents hate the sin involved.

This book's game plan is different. It is not the typical "advice" book. It has few formula suggestions, but it is full of examples of people who have triumphed in painful family situations. In the midst of despair, parents who suffer offer hope.

Most of all the book sets forth some workable ideas beneficial to every family. Also, the writers have broadened their targeted audience by addressing people besides the parents. They speak to friends who ought to form support groups for suffering parents, and to people who counsel families.

The appendix gives additional Scriptures that have blessed the lives of various people in despair. Some are promises; others simply point to Christ, the Rock in troubled times.

This author writes from a burdened heart, having seen Gregg's brother drift away from the Lord and home. The trials that family endured are being used by the Lord to help others in similar situations.

I personally feel that **The Hurting Parent** offers some of the best commentary on First Corinthians 13 that I have ever read. The book details the kind of atmosphere every Christian home ought to have, one bathed in love and forgiveness and acceptance. There are standards and guidelines, but the general emphasis steers away from the accusatory question, "Why did we do wrong?" Rather, it deals with "Where do we go from here?"

Whether your family is dealing with day-to-day skirmishes, waging all-out war, or posed on the brink of disaster, there is something for you in **The Hurting Parent**. If you cannot use the information, you will want to share it with others who can.

Women in Action



Southern Oaks Auxiliary, Moore, OK, sponsored a local creative arts contest. The February 1 deadline allowed time to enter the national contest. Copies were made with the names eliminated and judges were chosen for the various categories. Ribbons were awarded and presented during the church service (1st—blue; 2nd—red; and 3rd—white).

District auxiliaries could sponsor contests for small churches.

Each member of the First Church, Pamplico, SC, brought a personalized quilt square. Mrs. Miller embroidered and put them together. A frame was set up in the fellowship hall and members came at their convenience to quilt it. Names of missionaries were put in a box and one was chosen to receive it.

With Yvonne Thigpen as new president, the auxiliary at Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN, is enjoying a new format—refreshments during the program, missions information table, longer missions report, more structured and briefer business sessions, greater publicity, and a follow-up newsletter for all the women in the church.

The First auxiliary, Deerfield Beach, FL, observed their week of prayer by giving each woman a jar for her money and a certain missionary for whom to pray. The money was brought to their December meeting.

The program, "Effective 20th Century Missionary" took on a new twist at the Faith, Hope and Charity auxiliary of the First auxiliary, Monett, MO. Four ladies represented the four missionaries in developing the program with a write-up published in the daily newspaper.

Glenna Murphy, president of the WV convention, was honored at the Beckley conference with six churches represented. Kathleen Chamberlain, district president presented Mrs. Murphy with a card and afghan.

Hammond Springs, Jacksonville, GA, honored their senior citizens and widows at a special Christmas supper.

Little Bethel auxiliary, Johnsonville, SC, recently gave over \$1000 to missions. A new auxiliary at Great Lakes, Sterling, OH, is getting off to a good start by supporting missions.

The Grace auxiliary, Lake City, SC, participated in the pastor's appreciation day and presented Mrs. Robert Rose with a Thanksgiving basket of food.



Harmony auxiliary, Leighton, AL, hold their Christmas meeting with Mrs. Hillard Jeffreys.



Five Points auxiliary, Washington, NC, surprises pastor's wife Nancy Wallis with a birthday cake and gift.



Shirley Granger reports 30 ladies attend the Thanksgiving breakfast at the First Church, Charleston, SC.

Many auxiliaries publish a monthly newsletter. WNAC would be happy to receive these since they often contain interesting tidbits of interest to everyone. For example, Horton Heights, Nashville, TN, gives a profile of one of their officers. In addition to announcements and prayer requests, Woodbine, Nashville, TN, includes recipes and sometimes humor.



Ola Mae Winters, First Auxiliary, Albuquerque, NM, presents Pastor Buck Gilcrease with a \$50 gift certificate from their auxiliary.



Pastor and Mrs. James L. Carrington, Mt. Olive, Plymouth, NC, receives an autographed quilt from his auxiliary which he calls his "Prayer Cloth," a reminder to pray for each member



Reba Ritter, Pleasant Grove auxiliary, Pleasant Grove, AL, sponsors her 6th annual Christmas luncheon with 18 members and 4 children attending.



Approximately 75 people representing 7 auxiliaries attend the International Dinner sponsored by the district in Springfield, MO. Patty Hedley and Shirley Bowden man the booth for Panama.

In Loving Memory

In every church there seems to be one who sets a near example of all a Christian should be. Addie Hood was this special person at the Murry Spur FWB Church, Spiro, Oklahoma.

On September 3, 1980, at age 88, Mrs. Hood went home to be with her Lord. She leaves a testimony which inspires all who knew her to attain those qualities that endeared her to so many.

Each auxiliary in the Springfield, MO, district was assigned a country where we have missionaries. They brought a dish from that country, dressed in native costume, and were to prepare their own name tags.

Lois Smallwood, Cabool, who attended this international dinner writes: "One of my friends who had chosen Ivory Coast sat down beside me. I noticed a ragged scrap of yellow paper pinned where her name tag should be. 'Oh, Ruthie,' I pointed out, 'You've lost your name tag.'

"My friend lifted her nose so high in the air that her turban fell off, and answered disdainfully, 'We're illiterate.' "

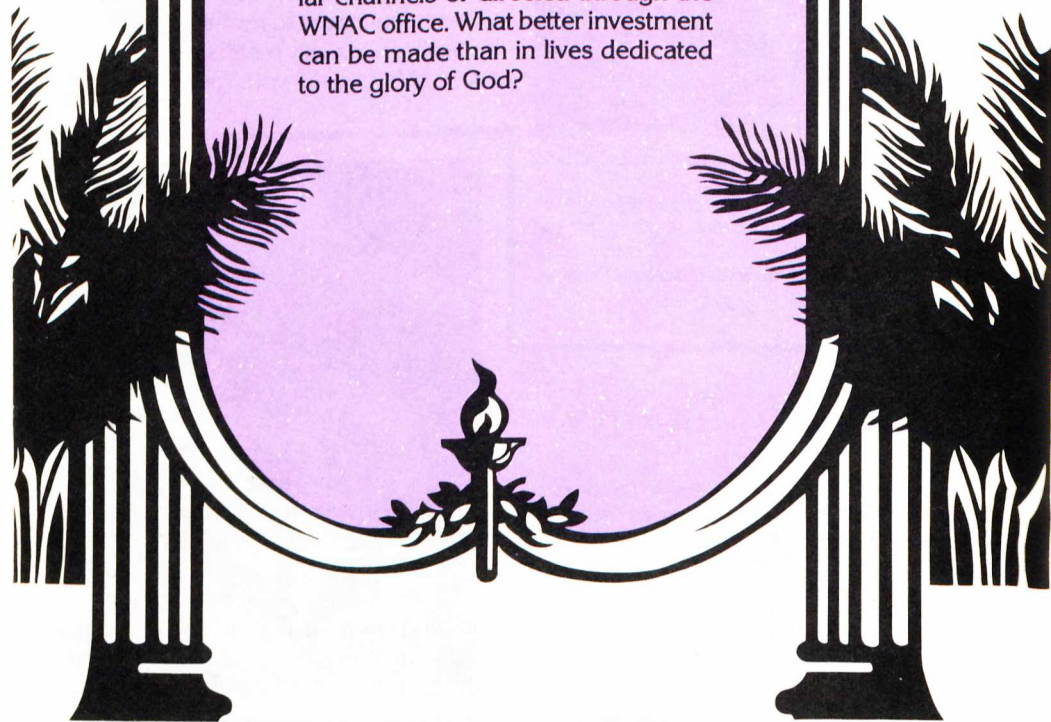
Lois went on, "I found out later that they forgot to make name tags and someone suggested this idea as they came together on the bus. But it was a powerful message to my heart of what being illiterate really means—not even being able to write your own name."

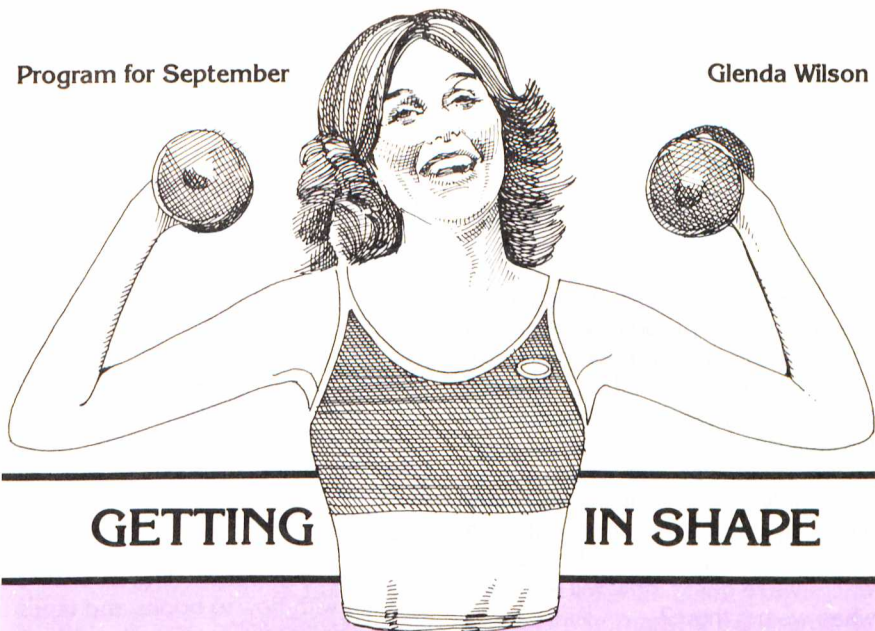


Memorial Student Loan Fund

The Memorial Student Loan Fund was established in 1958 as a tribute to WNAC's pioneer women. This fund has assisted scores of needy and worthy students complete their education at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Today many are serving in places of leadership both at home and abroad.

September is Student Loan Month on the auxiliary calendar. Each auxiliary is requested to make a special contribution to be sent through regular channels or directed through the WNAC office. What better investment can be made than in lives dedicated to the glory of God?





GETTING IN SHAPE

Objective: To see the parallels between getting in shape physically and keeping in shape spiritually; to set goals and attain them.

Scripture: Titus 2:11-14

Hymn: "I Want To Be A Worker"

Introduction

Most of us at one time or the other have looked in the mirror and exclaimed, "I need to lose some weight and get into shape!" Once we make up our mind to this fact, we are prepared to chart the course that will produce the victory.

This program examines the parallels between getting in shape physically and keeping in shape spiritually.

See A Doctor (Heb. 4:16)

Every diet or exercise program emphasizes one very important fact—

before you begin, see your doctor for a physical examination. There's a reason. Before we undergo any diet or exercise plan, we must rule out any physical disabilities that might cause problems. For example, a woman with a heart problem should know what foods to eat and those to avoid, and how strenuous her exercise should be.

Our spiritual shape-up also begins with an appointment with our Great Physician. Unlike earthly doctors, we don't have to wait for an appointment. We have a standing invitation—"Central's never busy, always on the line."

As we wait before Him in prayer, He illuminates every area of our lives. He points out changes that should be made, things we need to do—like participating in the church's visitation program, visiting a nursing home, helping in the bus ministry. He may show us excess weight we need to shed, like some bad habit that is hindering our spiritual growth.

He strengthens us in prayer and makes us eager to accomplish all He challenges us to do.

Set Goals and Ambitions (2 Tim. 4:7, 8)

A goal is an end that one strives to attain; an aim or purpose. If we want to lose ten pounds, for example, we make this our goal and look forward to the day when the scales register ten pounds less.

We must also set goals in our spiritual lives. Many Christians wander aimlessly through life seemingly with no aims in sight. If we don't know where we're going, how will we know when we get there?

What should be our spiritual goals? Paul likened his journey through life as a race. His long range goal was to win this race that led to heaven and obtain the prize, the crown of righteousness. He longed to hear His Lord's commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matt. 25:21).

Though Paul had a long range goal, he set smaller goals along the way to help keep him on track. His compelling goal was "that I may know Him" (Phil. 3:10). How can we better know Him? Perhaps in different ways—read the Bible through this year. Get involved in a Bible study program. Spend 30 minutes weekly on our knees in intercessory prayer. Keep a Quiet Time daily. Lead one person to the Lord this week/month/year. Read a Christian book monthly. And on and on.

"That I may know Him"—a challenging goal for a lifetime, because

the more we know the more we realize there is to know.

Obtain Proper Instruction (Psalm 119:105)

After we've set our goals in our physical shape-up—say, we're going to lose ten pounds—we need instruction on how best to lose this weight. We might either buy a book or recording, follow TV instruction, join a health club, or get together with a few others for group therapy. Maybe we just put in practice the basics we already know about exercise and nutrition.

Proper instruction is also important in the spiritual realm. The market is flooded with how-to books and tapes covering almost any spiritual problem. These are written by people who have learned by experience and want to help others gain an easy victory. While these may be helpful at times, they must never replace the Bible as our chief instruction book.

Christian friends, pastors, teachers, counselors—those who love us and want the best for us—are a source of help and encouragement. Attendance at worship services provides good spiritual nutrition. Sunday school, CTS, Woman's Auxiliary and other church-related meetings also build us up in the faith.

Above all, the Bible is our guide. Here He gives us the instruction we need (James 1:5). Only He can keep us on target.

Keep Regular Tabs on Progress (1 Pet. 2:2)

Once we begin our diet and exercise program, we are eager to weigh and measure ourselves to see whether

we are stalled or making progress. Keeping regular tabs keeps us going in the right direction. If we don't progress one week, then we must work harder the next and turn down those goodies that are such a temptation. Keeping a diary of foods eaten at specific times helps us understand our eating pattern.

It's easy to become stalled in our Christian life. Satan wants us to fall. He knows all our weaknesses and he's right there to defeat us. If we stop even for a minute, he'll make it hard to get going again. He sees we have our share of temptations wrapped in the most appealing of packages.

Yes, we must measure our spiritual growth regularly. Keeping a spiritual diary helps some people. Buy a notebook and label it "Conversations With God." Each day record your quiet talks with God. It takes God a lifetime to grow a Christian after His image. We must do our part by making ourselves available to His shaping.

We must never go to sleep without honestly facing these questions: "Have I done Your will today, Lord? Have I done all I should have? Those things I shouldn't have?" As we catch a glimpse of our Lord, He shows us ourselves and our failures. Then, in love, He lifts us up to try again.

The Victory (1 John 5:4)

At last the day comes when we step on the scales and the scales register ten pounds less than before! We have won the victory because we have been faithful and worked hard. There's nothing quite like the feeling of success.

Any accomplishment we've had on earth will seem like nothing in comparison to entering heaven and

receiving all the joys that await us there. John Gibbs, development director of the Home Missions department, likens this reward as to coming home after a long absence. Home is where we embrace family, he says. One day we will be at home forever with Christ our Savior and our brothers and sisters from around the world.

Home is a place where we relax after strenuous activity. God has set before us work to do, He's given us spiritual gifts to organize the work, and the Holy Spirit to empower us. One day He will judge us as to our faithfulness.

Finally, home is a place where we invite our friends. Perhaps one reason He has left us here on earth is that when He calls us home, we will be able to invite many of our friends to share heaven with us.

Conclusion

When we decide to shape-up, the first few days are the hardest. We get so hungry because our bodies have not yet adjusted to less food. Our muscles ache from exercise. It's easy to get discouraged and give up. If we can somehow make it through these first days, then it becomes easier.

The first days of our spiritual shape-up are also the hardest. The minute we decide to get busy for God, Satan goes double speed to stop us. He'll make us too tired to study, too busy to visit, and too preoccupied to pray. But, thank God, the power of the Holy Spirit inside us is stronger than Satanic forces without (1 John 4:4).

Let us all examine our lives, set our goals, determine how to obtain these goals, and then start toward our victory. It's there waiting. All we have to do is go after it!



Co-Laborers Write

Our Writers

This is the first time I've entered WNAC's contest. I've enjoyed the chance to put my thoughts and feelings in writing. This article helped me spend extra time in prayer and Bible reading.

**Brenda Conyers
Moore, OK**

You know about the puppy that you pat on the head for bringing a bone and then he brings in a whole stack? I'm afraid your publishing my program may find you showered with other of my efforts.

**Kathy Douglas
Macon, GA**

I'm sending a poem written by one of our women. She wrote it the day my husband died and sent it that night. It was such a blessing and continues to be that I would like to share it with others.

**Edna Barnett
Chapmansboro, TN**

Ed. note: The poem is "Rest in Me" by Bonnie Broadway and is found in WNAC's 7th volume of poetry, *Sparks From The Fireplace*.

A friend and my daughter typed these poems for me. I write, but can't

see to read. I appreciate their kind help.

**Eva Bea Wood
Mountain Grove, MO**

Our Missionaries

Thank you for the provision closet and teaching women about missions. They give and pray and become aware of the needs of the world. **(Stan and Brenda Bunch, Panama)** We have received so many nice items through the provision closet, I doubt we could name them all. The notes of prayer and support from various auxiliaries are encouraging. **(Brenda Lewis, Colorado Springs, CO)**

In December we completed four semesters at the Bible Institute. Only I am teaching because we don't have anyone else to help . . . my wife cooks the meals.

Chuy de la Rosa, Mexico

Thank you, ladies for all the beautiful cards you sent last year. What a surprise to open a card and hear "Silent Night" playing! What will they think of next? Not only do the cards bring beauty and encouragement into

my life, but I pass them on to others. This year we used them in our art projects for VBS. And the ladies in one of my Bible study groups now carry their lessons in folders brightly decorated with cut-outs from your cards.

So keep those cards coming, ladies!

Alice Smith
Ivory Coast, Africa

Joshua is now 15 months old. He is really a lot of fun and we've been so grateful for the Lord's goodness to us.

Patrick and Susan Dickens
Ivory Coast, Africa



Joshua Dickens with his quilt from the Provision Closet. "... and in this corner, folks ..."

Missionary Calendar

I'm sure this is a novel idea, having the world in the background, but for those who have reading problems, the black print on the tiny squares does get a bit jumbled. Maybe blurred is a better word.

Marion Whittaker
Monett, MO

Enjoys the Magazine

We really enjoyed the article, "The Birth of a Church." We would like to read more articles on the work of our home missionaries.

Antioch Auxiliary
Burnsville, MS

Please send me a new catalog and a list of the new study courses so we can once again renew our interest in missions and Christian Living . . . I must tell you how much I enjoy **Co-Laborer**. I usually have mine read long before the first meeting of the quarter.

Paula Munn
Glen Allen, VA

I want you to know how much we enjoy our **Co-Laborer**. A lot of the men folk are reading them also. In fact, one of the ministers in our association asked to have the program "Where's The Dishrag?" copied for him.

Noveline Burgess
Antlers, OK

Missions Support

Our newly formed auxiliary is sending \$30 to missions.

Lois Jean Canterbury
Lenore, WV

The First Auxiliary, Bainbridge, receives an offering each Wednesday night during prayer meeting for our deficit missionary accounts.

Brenda Bailey
Bainbridge, Georgia



A Woman God Has Used

Can good come from a church folding up? Sometimes.

When the New Dunker Church of God of New Castle, Indiana closed its doors in 1970, Free Will Baptists were invited to take over.

Along with this inheritance, came the church musicians, Don and Mary Neal and their two children. Mary had directed the church music since her high school days. Don and son, John, sang in the choir and daughter, Angie, served as church pianist. Mary was saved and married in this church and this has been their church home for all of their 29 years of marriage.

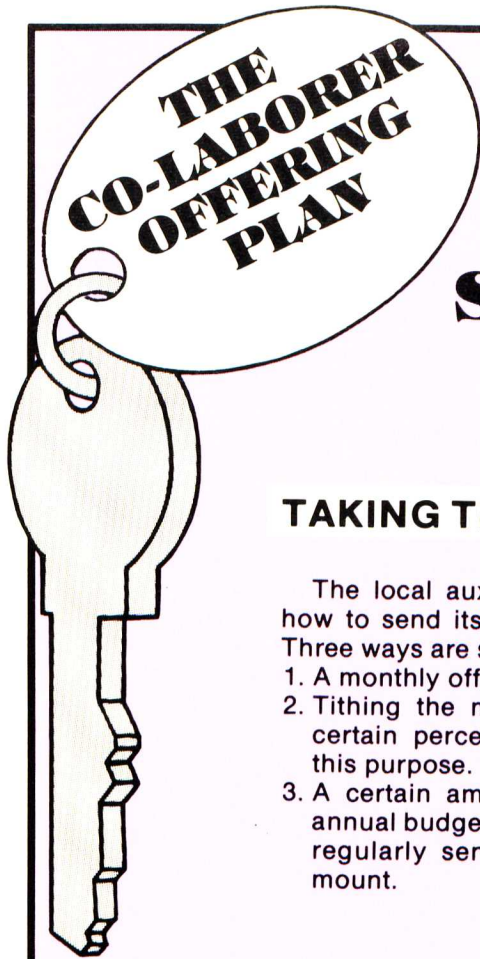
In addition to Mrs. Neal's duties as music director (adult, teen and junior choirs; planning special music, etc), she works with 24 private music students. For years she has served as primary department superintendent of the Sunday school, and delights in visiting the families of her children, as well as shut-ins in the community. Her hobbies include reading and cross-stitching.

Mrs. Neal was instrumental in organizing Indiana's auxiliary women into their first state convention. In 1979, they elected her as their first president, a position she continues to fill. Last year she was chosen as a member at large of the national convention.

Don Neal, an engineer with Indiana Bell Telephone, serves as chairman of the deacon board. The two Neal children are both married with a daughter each. John and Angie inherited their mother's love of music and are following in their mother's footsteps.

Mary's widowed mother lives on the old homeplace and is her best friend, confidante, and prayer partner. Their relationship is one which inspires all who observe.

Mary Neal exemplifies the crucified life—no longer I, but Christ. To know her is to know Him.



THE CO-LABORER OFFERING PLAN

Key to Financial Security

TAKING THE OFFERING

The local auxiliary may determine how to send its Co-Laborer offering. Three ways are suggested:

1. A monthly offering.
2. Tithing the monthly offering or a certain percentage designated for this purpose.
3. A certain amount included in the annual budget. The treasurer would regularly send the designated amount.

SENDING THE OFFERING

All offerings should be sent through regular auxiliary channels. Local auxiliaries report to the district, district conventions report to the state, and state conventions report to the national. If there is no district or state organization, please send money directly to:

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Little Rock, Arkansas

July 16, 17, 1984

Tuesday, July 17, 9:00 A.M.

Statehouse Convention Center
President June Rolan, presiding
Devotions: Steve Riggs
Missionary Hour: Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan
1:30: "Holding the Ropes" Missionary participation



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Monday, July 16, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Little Rock Excelsior's Grand Ballroom/Salon C
"Your Attitude Is Showing" seminar for all women.
Speakers: Ruth Johnson, Pat Thomas, Helen Ketterman, Kay Hampton, Lila Faye Morgan, and Elizabeth Gibson
3:00-4:00: Presidents and Field Workers Meeting—River Valley Room

Tuesday, July 17, 5:00 P.M.

Little Rock Excelsior's Grand Ballroom
WNAC Fellowship Dinner
Speaker: Beatrice Bush Bixler, Waverly, New York, speaker, musician, and song writer with more than 300 published songs, including "Life Is A Symphony."



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