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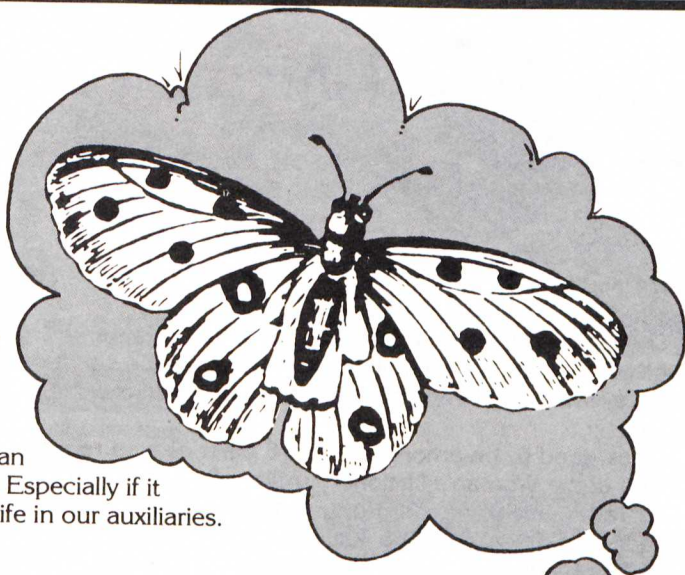
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Editorial

A new year—a year of change? Why not?

Change can be dramatic. Especially if it means new life in our auxiliaries.

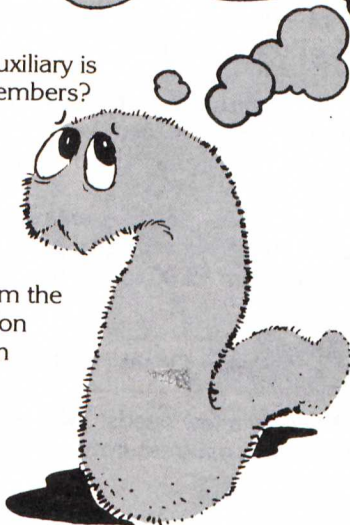


Why don't we—

Get away from the idea that the auxiliary is an exclusive club for dues-paying members? Every woman in the church who is interested in missions should feel she has a place in the Woman's Auxiliary.

WNAC is dependent on our women for support.

So at the end of the year, take from the treasury the appropriate representation fees to cover these interested women (\$2.00 each).



Why don't we—

Focus on program instead of business?

Condense business by conducting sessions quarterly instead of monthly? . . . Or routine business and planning carried out by an executive committee instead of the general body? . . . Or lengthy reports zeroxed and distributed instead of read?

For your auxiliary—a year of change?

Lorene Miley



Memo From Cleo

How Good It Is

"... how good and how pleasant it is for brethren (sisters) to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments" (Psalm 133:1).

It was good to be among the 1,078 persons who registered for the 49th session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in Little Rock.

There was standing room only at the Monday afternoon seminar, "Your Attitudes Are Showing." The state presidents and field workers meeting was also well attended and new ideas and materials exchanged.

Beatrice Bush Bixler, noted Gospel song writer, spoke to an overflow crowd of 750 at the Tuesday evening fellowship dinner.

Cash gifts to missions and Bible colleges were almost \$293,000, an increase of nearly \$21,000 over last year. Non-cash gifts were more than \$41,000 including \$31,000 in gifts to the missionary provision closet. Total gifts were a record \$334,318.

Beginning this quarter, **Co-Laborer** Magazine subscriptions increased from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per year in groups of five or more to one address. Single subscriptions, from \$3.00 to \$3.75.

Missionary Provision Closet Needs

We have only a few needs: Twin and double sheet sets, heavy towel sets, steam irons, twin mattress covers, and solid colored pillowcases. **Please**, no Tupperware!

New Eyes for the Needy

"Thank you for helping us to help others. Your recent contributions of used eyeglasses furthered our efforts to provide better vision for needy people throughout the world. In a year's time, we sent more than 200,000 pairs of used glasses to poor-sighted people in underdeveloped nations, and more than 8,500 pairs of new eyeglasses and artificial eyes were purchased for distribution in this country." Send to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., P.O. Box 332, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078. Please do not send to WNAC office.



Fred Hersey, convention speaker



President's and Field Workers Meeting

Convention In Review



Auxiliary Booth



"Your Attitude Is Showing" Seminar



Nominating Committee



Beatrice Bixler, Dinner Speaker



Creative Arts Contest Winners



Registration and Tickets



Mrs. Pursell Turns Over Auxiliary Reins to Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart.



Fellowship Dinner Guests



Registration and Tickets



WNAC Executive Committee

The poet's CORNER



Darlene Wilmoth

THE CREATOR

Don't tell me the world exists
Through some strange quirk of fate;
That man evolved from fish or fowl
Or even mighty ape.

For Someone walked beside me
As through this life I've trod;
I've heard and seen His wonder,
I've felt the arms of God.

Since I can remember, I have been putting my feelings on paper in the form of poetry. I've always written poems for my friends and family, but never made an attempt to have any published. Poetry has always come easily to me—an inheritance from my father (no doubt) who is also a poet. While others are thinking of the right words to say, I'm thinking of how to make them rhyme. I cannot recall a time when I didn't do this.

Over the years I've written hundreds of poems about almost everything in the world. But not until I was saved at the age of 33 did I realize this is a talent given me by God, not just for my own pleasure, but to honor and glorify Him. Since then I have sent several to the WNAC poetry contest.

God gives me so much poetry in my mind that I feel if I wrote it all down, I could write volumes. I don't know what I would do with them, so I keep

most of them filed away in my memory bank in hopes that some day God will show me a way to use this wonderful gift.



Darlene Wilmoth (Mrs. Bill), is a member of the Crossroads FWB Church, Waterford, MI, where she often sings solos. They have three grown children. Besides writing poetry, Mrs. Wilmoth enjoys playing the guitar, decorating, and thinking up ways to use discarded articles.



Rose Mertz, St. Louis, was guest speaker at Bethel's Mother-Daughter banquet, Festus, MO, with 64 present. In 1983, the auxiliary disbanded, but was organized a year later with 21 members.

Norwood Gibson, South Carolina's state promotional director and member of the Foreign Missions Board, conducted a study course on missions in the Central district. Lossie Mae Evans is study course chairman.

First auxiliary, Ashland City, TN, enjoyed a salad fellowship supper and presented the skit, "Parade of Pious Personalities," directed by Rose Tidwell.

Faith auxiliary, Omak, WA, reports 11 members. In the two years of their organization, they have made a quilt for the Mosers, formerly of Brazil; adopted missionary Dave Watkins in Alaska; and sent Tupperware to the Missionary Provision Closet.

First FWB auxiliary, Murfreesboro, TN, sponsored a missionary service and International dinner with the Bobby Poole family, Brazil, as guest speakers.

Mother of the Year award went to Della Jones of the First FWB Church, Lebanon, MO.

Saline district (AR) chose a theme, "Into All Nations" for their annual meeting. Each auxiliary selected a country and presented a program on "A Parade of Countries."



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1. Myrtle auxiliary (MO) sponsor their first Mother-Daughter banquet. The church is 83 years old.
2. Eight charter members of the Spanish Woman's Auxiliary in Houston, TX, receive their charge.
3. Ruth Jennische, field worker of the Central District, installs new officers of the Spanish auxiliary. Rosario Sanches, president.
4. Woman's Auxiliary of the Central FWB Church, Kansas City, MO, sponsor a linen shower for the Provision Closet.
5. Fifty-five women attend the Mother-Daughter banquet on St. Croix, Virgin Islands
6. Mother of the year, Merle Paul, receives special recognition from Virginia VanKluyve.
7. Winfred Webb, state representative, holds a crosstitch picture crafted by Chuck Cox, Central FWB Church, Royal Oak, MI, as Central ladies tour the state capital.



Bear Point auxiliary, Sesser, IL, quilts for missions.

Our Writers

Debbie Cavitt, Tulsa, OK, and husband, Johnny, are members of the East Tulsa FWB Church. They have three children, Amy, 14; Greg, 11; and Tate, 7. A long time contributor to WNAC, Debbie now writes lyrics for the Bill Gaither musical group.



Dorita Suggs (Mrs. Paul), pastor's wife from Leary, GA, serves as auxiliary president and CTS teacher. She writes, "I enjoy cooking, writing, singing, and being home with my children." They have two—Jason, 4, and Joshua, 2.



Lois Smallwood (Mrs. James, Jr.), Cabool, MO, is the mother of three married children and grandmother of five. A teacher since age 5, Mrs. Smallwood has taught every class from Toddler to the Golden Age. "Crafts and hobbies are my bag," she writes, "and I've dabbled in everything."



"I don't believe in redbirds, Grandma," four-year-old Wes informed me in a wise, informed tone that suggested I quit trying to fool him.

"But, Wes, you believe in squirrels and rabbits and deer and wild turkeys and even blue birds. Why don't you believe in red birds?" I was annoyed that our rural Missouri attractions had so little appeal to this California city-bred child.

"I've seen all them other things, but I never saw a red bird."

"Well, Grandma has seen lots of them and when we get home, I'll show you a picture of one."

"No. People make pictures of lots of things that aren't real." Wes was born a strong-willed child and stuck firmly to his guns.

"Well," I sighed, "I guess when you see one you'll believe in redbirds."

His expression remained unchanged. "I won't see one, Grandma. I don't believe in redbirds."

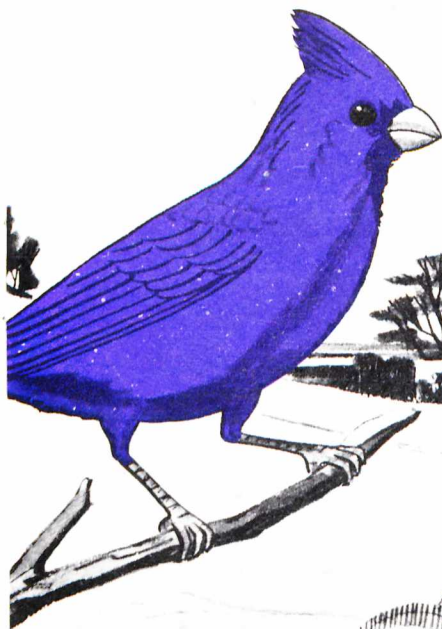
I was silent, but my thoughts raced on. How sad not to believe in redbirds! Those brilliant flashes of color always turned my thoughts to our great Creator. If Wes did see one, he'd probably think it was just a piece of colorful paper blowing in the wind. He is like people who do not believe in miracles or divine healing or answered prayer. They miss so much that God has for them simply because they've made up their minds not to believe. I ached with sadness.

As we turned in the yard, Wes turned to me and grinned. "I was just teasing, Grandma. I really do believe in redbirds."

I'll bet God wishes His children were just teasing.

Redbirds And Miracles

Lois Smallwood



You Should Have Been There!

WNAC's Third Women's Retreat

by Mary R. Wisehart



Meal Time



Registration

"O That I May Know Him," a chorus written especially for the third WNAC women's retreat by Beverly Welch, captured the retreat theme and the spirit of 1400 plus Free Will Baptist women registered at Ridgecrest, N.C., September 6-8.

"To Know Him and To Make Him Known," was the theme of the retreat, carried out in evening services and nine seminars: Knowing Him Through Prayer, Odessa Ledlow; The Word, Betty Hill; Suffering, Billie Sexton; Knowing Him As Lover, Laura Belle Barnard and Making Him Known Through Senior Citizens Ministry, Ethel Whaley; Home Bible Studies, Mildred Daniel; Prison Ministry, and Substance Abuse, Frances Poston; Juvenile Ministry, Norma June Teague; and Children's Ministries, Kay Hampton.

"Only One Life," a dramatic presentation written by Lorene Miley and performed Friday afternoon by women missionaries with the help of sisters and friends, gave the women opportunity to meet the missionaries and share some of their experiences and challenges. They responded with a \$3826.72 missionary offering.



Hampton



Teague



Poston



Sexton



Whaley



Daniel



Ledlow



Hill



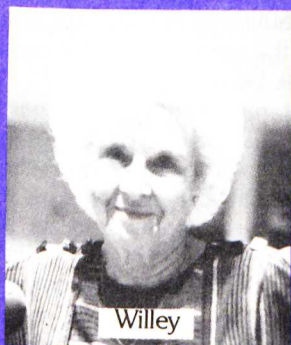
150 voice choir



Missionaries



Barnard



Willey



Jan and Chester

Mrs. Mabel Willey spoke Friday evening about knowing God as she shared her life long acquaintance with Him in varied fields of service. She challenged the audience with George Sweeting's statement: "More people have found Jesus Christ in this age of crisis than in the past fifty years." And with her own, "Prosperity is not a friend to grace; persecution is."

Jan Arnoldi, from Illinois, and her friend Chester delighted the women with devotionals and stirred wonder about Chester's knowledge and memories of the women present. Jan, a ventriloquist, has been communicating God's message since she was able to help a terminally ill patient with Chester several years ago.

June Rolan, president of WNAC, said that the bright fall weather, beautiful surroundings and pleasant hosts had many women saying "Let's make Ridgecrest a tradition."

According to Mrs. Cleo Pursell, executive secretary of WNAC, women went away saying, "This is the best retreat ever."

SHARE —A— BOOK

Genny Waddell

No Harvest Until . . .
by Bartha F. Hill
Christian Publications, Inc.
94 pps. \$ 1.50

The book's setting is a mission hospital in a tiny Indonesian village, but that is not important. The prayer group featured in the story is in New Zealand. That is not the important thing, either. The girl's name is Annie.

But neither the specific places nor the particular people are what you will want to remember about this book, although you won't forget Annie at all. Her twisted, warped face will haunt you and her beautiful spirit will encourage you.

But mostly you will remember that this is the story of what happens in a mission work when concerned people at home begin to pray.

No Harvest Until . . . documents what happened in this particular Indonesian mission work when a group of New Zealand church people formed a prayer circle. These Christians committed themselves to corresponding with Dr. Hill, the author's husband, and praying **specifically** and **regularly** for the mission work. An astounding difference in the hospital and its related ministries occurred. Where once there was coldness and indifference, warmth began to blossom. Missionaries found unsaved people who suddenly wanted to listen to the gospel, whereas they had spurned the message before.

Annie was just one result of the fruit of this prayer circle. Today she is a nurse in the hospital where she found Christ.

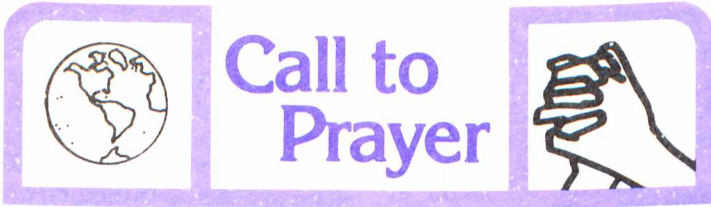
This book explains how small prayer groups, working within the framework of local congregations, can "adopt" particular mission projects. The group members then pray faithfully for the missionaries involved in the work. The missionaries and the prayer warriors exchange requests and answers to prayers.

This prayer plan centers around pledged praying, although no pledge card is signed. But the book specifically details how this particular prayer group took its prayer pledge seriously. And God marvelously blessed, so that the members were able to rejoice with the missionaries (Ps. 126:6-7).

You can almost read this book while sitting in the same chair. The story is interesting and moving. (You will laugh and cry with Annie!)

But beware! The book could change your life. You might find yourself a part of a prayer group supporting our missionaries around the world with your earnest prayers.

Are **you** willing to take that risk?



January

On at least three different occasions while on earth, our Lord had to do with death—the child on the death-bed (Matthew 9:18-24); the young man on the death-cart (Luke 7:12); and the man, Lazarus, in the grave (John 11).

Matthew 9:18 sets the stage for Christ and His exhibition of resurrection power. The maid's father is identified as Jairus and the girl's age as twelve. This father, whose heart is broken over the loss of his child, acknowledges his complete faith in Christ's power to raise her from the dead.

Along with His disciples, Jesus follows Jairus to his house. As they

arrive, they find the usual minstrels playing their instruments while others wailed the death of the child. She had, in their opinion, ceased to be. However, they had not reckoned with the resurrection power of Christ. When Jesus said, "Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth," they laughed Him to scorn.

Many people today laugh and scorn the saving, raising power of Christ. When saving faith meets resurrection power, a soul is saved and raised to walk in newness of life. Such was the case when Christ took the maid by the hand for she immediately arose. The bliss of those dear parents can only be imagined.

PRAY FOR

Missionaries in France who are studying the French language—the Darrel Nichols, Mark Daniels, Steve Riggs, and Dawn Sweeney. Pray they will get a good grasp of the language in order to communicate the Gospel in France and Ivory Coast.

The Jerry McClarys in Omaha, Nebraska. Their rented facilities make it difficult for the mission church to grow. However, land is priced so high the small congregation has been unable to buy. Pray that God would meet this need.

A new thrust in teaching ministries in the Ivory Coast. Eddie Payne will head up a short term Bible Institute for two months, beginning in January. Pray that the saints would be equipped to go out and disciple others.

Mike Lake, the only church extension pioneer serving in Indiana. His account is over \$3000 in the red. Pray for finances to erase this deficit.

February

Luke 7 gives another example of Christ's resurrection power. The widow of Nain is wailing the death of her only son. The grief of this young man's mother is extreme. Jesus, touched by her grief, had compassion on her and said, "Weep not."

Praise God for His compassionate look on us. We were without hope in this world and perishing in our sinful state, yet He had mercy on us. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Jesus' love and power touched the bier and the young man arose and began to speak. Again His power to raise a dead body demonstrates His

power to raise and transform a sinner to a saint.

God's love for His creation beggars description. Christians who know Him in the power of His resurrection and in the fellowship of His sufferings, can only bow their unworthy heads and, along with this boy's mother, whisper, "Thank You."

Even to know Him better and witness to His great love is so little in comparison with what He did for us at Calvary—and continues to do for us every moment of every day since—that words fail us. D. L. Moody once reportedly said, "Jesus spoiled every funeral he went to."

PRAYERS

Home missionaries serving hundreds of miles from other Free Will Baptist churches or workers. The Jerry Barron family serve in a Mexican community and the Miguel Veras work in the Spanish language. Pray for the Bill Fulcher family and their Spanish congregation in Houston, Texas.

Steve and Judy Lytle in Panama. The church in Betenia, Panama City, Panama needs a larger facility. Pray this need would be met.

Ken and Judy Bailey as they continue their second year of language school in Tokyo, Japan. Pray the Lord would help them not rush ahead until they are prepared.

The Ron Parker family in Tyler, Texas. Pray that the Lord would provide land and a building for their congregation. Their rented facilities are inadequate.

March

The third incident that involved Christ with death was the case of Lazarus. Although the news carriers told Jesus that Lazarus was sick, He told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead" (John 11:14). Jesus made it clear that

His friend was not in a faint or some other such condition, but that he was dead.

One who has not personally accepted Christ's sacrifice for sin is not sick, but he is totally dead and without

hope in this world or the next. Much propaganda is spread today regarding various kinds of sins which are referred to as sicknesses. Others smooth over sins by calling them mistakes, failures, shortcomings, missing-the-mark, faults, slips or blunders. Jesus makes it clear that without His saving power that person is "dead in trespasses and sins."

The life-giving power of Christ could only be witnessed in the case of a

dead man. Therefore, Jesus called out, "Lazarus, come forth!" God's Word gives the miraculous responses—"and he that was dead came forth." There can be no rationalizing about what happened! Jesus raised a dead man back to life!

So it is with any sinner who comes to Christ for salvation. He, too, is raised from the dead to walk in the power of a resurrected life.

Praise Him forever!

PRAYER

Our new Free Will Baptist chaplain, LTJG David Burgess, chaplain in the United States Navy in Camp Pendleton, California. Pray for his wife, Susan, that God will use her in working with Navy wives and children.

Church Extension Pioneers serving in isolated areas. Some of these are the Bill Adkissons in Albuquerque, NM; Mike Criswells in Eugene, OR; Mike Harrells in Globe, AZ; Bob Lewises in Colorado Springs, CO; Pete Minors in Providence, RI; and Steve Trails in Alexandria, LA.

Neil and Sheila Gilliland as they return to Bouake, Ivory Coast, for another term of service. Pray that God would bless their ministry to their 20 high school boys.

The church and leaders in Uberaba, Brazil. Missionaries Louis and Florine Coscia are planning to return to the States for furlough and nationals will assume the leadership. Pray for the Coscias and their furlough ministry.

PFCM

"Prayer Fellowship For Concerned Mothers" has this motto: "In touch with each other and in touch with God."

The purpose of PFCM is to united concerned mothers in prayer and fasting for their children.

A periodic newsletter "In Touch" is mailed, sharing names and addresses of members, devotional helps, etc.

For more information, write:

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P.O. Box 17680
Nashville, TN 37217

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Missionaries supported by both Foreign and Home Missions Departments are listed by their birthdates. Detach this sheet and keep it in your Bible as a reminder to pray

January

- 1—Florine Coscia (Brazil)
- 5—Donna Daniel (IC)
- **7—Ron Wallace (GA)
- 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13—Jim Combs (Brazil)
- 13—Karen Cowart (Brazil)
- **13—Bob White (KY)
- 14—Shirley Combs (Brazil)
- 23—Priscilla Inscoe (Panama)
- 24—Jerry Pinkerton (IC)
- 26—Cathy Crawford (France)
- *28—Vicky Mutchler (OR)
- 29—Janice Banks (Japan)

February

- 2—Jim Cowart (Brazil)
- 5—Judy Bailey (Japan)
- *5—Bill Reagan (Canada)
- 7—Pam West (IC)
- 10—Sandra Payne (IC)
- **10—John Hollis (IL)
- **13—Billie Sexton (TN)
- **13—Laura Ellis (TN)
- 13—Rejane Eagleton (IC)
- 17—Barbara Gibbs (France)
- 21—Judy Lytle (Panama)
- **23—Delilah Scott (WV)
- *25—Mike Harrell (AZ)
- **26—Curtis Linton (OK)
- *28—Henry VanKluyve (VI)

March

- 2—Evelyn Hersey (Japan)
- **3—Janice Wallace (GA)
- **5—Willie Booth (OH)
- 7—Patty McCullough (France)
- **8—Judy Hayes (TN)
- **10—David Reece (VA)
- 10—Carol Teague (France)
- 13—Vada Lee (IC)
- 14—Allan Crowson (France)
- *14—Peggy Adkisson (NM)
- 17—Patrick Dickens (IC)
- 19—Anita Sparks (Spain)
- 20—Trina Owen (Spain)
- 27—Olena McLain (Japan)
- *29—Lois Reagan (Canada)

April

- *1—Mike Lake (IN)
- **8—Ron Scott (WV)
- 9—Marie Hanna (India)
- 9—Ramona Miley (France)
- 11—Ledgel Ferguson (IC)
- 13—Charolette Tallent (France)
- *18—Miguel Vera (Puerto Rico)
- *23—Virginia VanKluyve (VI)
- **27—Angela Dooley (OH)
- 27—Sharon Filkins (IC)
- 27—Marvis Eagleton (Brazil)
- **27—Vina Walden (AL)
- *27—Mike Criswell (OR)
- 28—Neil Gilliland (IC)

May

- *6—Bill Fulcher (TX)
- *6—James O'Dell (MN)
- 11—Elaine Holland (IC)
- 13—Amy Robinson (Uruguay)
- *14—Brenda Lewis (CO)
- 16—Dale Bishop (Japan)
- **16—Elaine Parker (TX)
- **17—Ora Booth (OH)
- 25—Lynn Midgett (Spain)
- 26—Kenneth Eagleton (IC)
- *29—Jerry Barron (Mexico)
- 30—Alice Smith (IC)

June

- 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)
- **7—Bobbie Hensley (CA)
- **8—Kathy Archer (OK)
- **11—Kathy Donoho (IL)
- **12—Mabel Willey (FL)
- 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)
- 20—Paul Robinson (Uruguay)
- **21—Wallace Hayes (TN)
- **23—Mickey Kirkland (AL)
- 24—Jim McLain (Japan)
- **27—James Walden (AL)
- **28—Ron Parker (TX)
- 29—Steve Riggs (France)

July

- **1—Jean Bevan (VA)
- 1—Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
- **2—Hughes Ellis (TN)
- **3—Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- *3—Bill Adkisson (NM)
- **6—Vickie Hollis (IL)
- **6—Danny Hester (OK)
- *7—Wanda McClary (NB)
- 9—Linda Bowling (Uruguay)
- **9—Don Sexton (TN)
- *11—Barbara Jones (Mexico)
- **19—Norris Hawkins (SC)
- *20—Paul Thompson (AZ)
- 20—Robert Bryan (IC)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- 26—Sharon Ferguson (IC)
- **26—Cathy Kirkland (AL)
- 27—Lynette Morgan (IC)
- 27—Eddie Payne (IC)
- 27—Ron Callaway (Spain)
- 29—Dennis Teague (France)

August

- *1—Alyne Maness (NJ)
- 1—Deleen Cousineau (IC)
- 2—Judy Bryan (IC)
- *2—Marilyn Thompson (AZ)
- 3—Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 3—Jerry Banks (Japan)
- 5—Dennis Owen (Spain)
- 6—Darrel Nichols (IC)
- 7—Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- **7—Laura Cannon (VA)
- 8—Rick Bowling (Uruguay)
- **12—Pat Nason (NH)
- **13—Sam Hensley (CA)
- **13—Karen Linton (OK)
- **17—Ralph Hester (MS)
- 17—Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 18—Judy Smith (Japan)
- **24—Cheryl Reed (VA)
- 26—Larry Inscoe (Panama)
- 27—Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 27—Susan Dickens (IC)
- 29—Linda Callaway (Spain)

September

- **1—Grace Williams (MO)
- **2—Steve Cannon (VA)
- 2—Ken Bailey (Japan)
- 7—Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- **7—Sylvia Hawkins (SC)
- **7—Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8—Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- *8—Jerry McClary (NB)
- 9—David Filkins (IC)
- 9—Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- **10—Cliff Donoho (IL)
- 16—Sherwood Lee (IC)
- *16—Julie Barron (MX)
- *16—Steve Trail (LA)
- *17—Gail Criswell (OR)
- *19—Joyce Harrell (AZ)
- *23—Bob Lewis (CO)
- *25—Kathy Wright (NB)
- **26—David Archer (OK)
- 27—LaRue Crowson (France)
- 28—Brenda Bunch (Panama)
- 29—Pat Franks (Brazil)
- 30—Norman Richards (IC)

October

- *1—Mike Mutchler (OR)
- 3—Dawn Sweeney (France)
- *3—Adelaida Vera (PR)
- 5—Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6—Carol Pinkerton (IC)
- **7—Mary Bevan (VA)
- *7—Ginger Lake (IN)
- 8—Clint Morgan (IC)
- 13—Jerry Gibbs (France)
- 13—John Murray (France)
- **14—Elzo Bevan (VA)
- **16—Gladys Turnbough (FL)
- **16—Jim Williams (MO)
- 17—Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- **17—Deanna White (KY)
- *18—Bob Thomas (CO)
- 18—Becky Riggs (France)
- 23—Mike Cousineau (IC)
- 23—Lila Nichols (IC)
- 23—Robert West (IC)
- **23—Louise Vandivort (AZ)
- *23—Judy Trail (LA)
- 25—Sheila Gilliland (IC)
- 28—Lynn Miley (France)
- 31—Earnie Deeds (Brazil)

November

- **3—Greg Bevan (VA)
- **3—Shirley Hester (OK)
- *4—Glenda Fulcher (TX)
- *7—Sharon O'Dell (MN)
- *10—Gracie Lowe (ID)
- **13—Marian Reece (VA)
- 14—Patsy Vanhook (France)
- 14—Marcie Ellison (Uruguay)
- **16—Dolores Hester (MS)
- *21—Russell Lowe (ID)
- *22—Jim Nason (NH)
- 27—Bessie Richards (IC)
- 28—Bobby Poole (Brazil)
- 28—Mark Daniel (IC)
- **28—Albert Rollins (FL)
- **30—Harold Teague (TX)

December

- 3—Pansy Murray (France)
- *6—Vergel Maness (NJ)
- *7—Russell Wright (NB)
- **10—Irene Rollins (FL)
- *10—Katy Minor (RI)
- *11—Fred Jones (Mexico)
- **12—John Reed (VA)
- **13—Norma Teague (TX)
- 14—Lonnie Sparks (Spain)
- *14—Rosa Lee Thomas (CO)
- **16—Tom Dooley (OH)
- 18—Tom Hughes (Brazil)
- 19—Molly Barker (Uruguay)
- 22—Tom McCullough (France)
- *22—Pete Minor (RI)
- 24—Louis Coscia (Brazil)
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Mary Magdalene—Her Glorious Commission

Monday

Central Truth: Mary Magdalene is commissioned to tell those closest about her the resurrection message.

Responsive Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

It's interesting to note that a woman is commissioned to go and tell. We may conclude from the accounts given by Mark, Luke and John that

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there were other women present with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who was the mother of James and Josés. But in John 20:17, 18, only Mary Magdalene is mentioned.

Jesus had cast out seven demons from Mary Magdalene. Grateful for this deliverance, she became one of His most faithful followers. For all who turn to Him in faith, Easter can mean the difference between a life of frustration and a life of purpose and power.

As Mary and the other women were commissioned to go tell others the resurrection message, so women of our modern day are also sent. Mary Magdalene and the other women were first sent to those closest to them—Christ's followers. So we are responsible to tell the resurrection message to those we are closest to—our family.

A mother, when asked how she was bringing up her children, replied, "Exceptionally well. On Monday they go to the Scouts; Tuesday they have music; Wednesday, dancing school; Thursday, elocution; Friday, singing; Saturday, the movies; and when convenient, I take them to Sunday school on Sunday."

"May I ask," inquired the visitor, "What you are doing for their souls?"

"For their souls?" laughed the mother. "What a quaint idea!"

What a warped sense of values this mother had!

In this pre-Easter season, let us make a special effort to impress upon our children, grandchildren, and those in our household, the Good News of salvation through the resurrection of our blessed Lord.

Prayer: For those in whom we have a personal interest—our family and loved ones.

Tuesday

Central Truth: Real love overcame fear as Mary Magdalene went forth to fulfill this glorious commission.

Scripture Readings: Luke 23:55, 56; 24:1; John 20:1.

Try to imagine the scene as the body of Jesus is hurriedly prepared for burial. Women are more sensitive to details, you know, especially when it concerns someone they love. They followed to observe where Jesus was buried, then ran quickly to their homes to prepare ointments and spices for His burial. As soon as the Sabbath was ended, they would complete the embalming procedure.

As we think of the task of these women, we admire their bravery and courage. The echo of the mob "Crucify Him!" still rung in their ears. The horror and agony from the trial to the crucifixion were indelibly imprinted on their minds. It was dark when they set out on their journey. Yet love and adoration for their Lord impelled them to prepare their spices and ointments and return to the sepulchre with neither thought for their own welfare or safety.

How does love and fear balance out in your life? We go to church and

attend Bible classes, but we are reluctant to carry out the commission outside our home or church. Knowledge will not be accepted by God as a substitute for deeds.

Jesus spent much of His time visiting in homes. He knew the value of personal contact. He commanded women to go tell. Let us accept this commission anew and go out to our neighbors. Take some pastry, tracts or a good book. Invite her to attend Easter services at your church. Most people attend church somewhere on Easter.

Prayer: For our neighbors.

Wednesday

Central Truth: The women exercised what little faith they had and ran to tell the other followers what they had witnessed.

Scripture: Luke 24:1-11

Matthew says they went with fear and great joy. "Fear, first at the wonderful scenes which they had witnessed—the stone rolled away and the presence of an angel; second, a confused state of mind, apprehensive perhaps, that it might not, after all, be true. The news was too good to be credited at once, yet they had sufficient faith in it to fill them with great and unexpected joy. Perhaps no language could better express the state of minds—the mingled awe and rejoicing—than that which is used here." (**Barnes Notes**)

Think on the words "did run." This was the only way these women had of getting the news to the disciples. Let us remind ourselves of our opportunities to communicate today.

One of the modes of communication we take most for granted is our mail service. Through a letter we can witness or offer encouragement to those far from us. Our missionaries, friends, service men and loved ones are strengthened by our thoughtfulness.

The telephone can be a means of blessing. The business world profits from it. Salesmen use it to sell their products. Are we exercising faith in carrying out the Great Commission through these numerous channels of communication?

Prayer: For a greater witness in our community and nation.

Thursday

Central Truth: The Good News of the resurrection must be spread to the whole world.

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Peter had recently denied his Lord and was almost overcome with despondency. This passage in Mark shows the love and kind remembrance of our Lord.

"If I were God," declared Goethe, "this world of sin would break my heart." Yes, it did break God's heart as He watched His only begotten Son dying for the sins of the world. Yet this act of love made the Holy of Holiest accessible to all the world through faith in Christ Jesus.

It has been reported that whenever a publisher printed a new edition of Tennyson's poems, he had to order an extra supply of the letters l and v. The word love appeared so often in the poems that the supply of type had to be supplemented. Does the love of God hold a large place in our lives?

For me 'twas not the truth you taught,

To you so clear, to me so dim,

But when you came to me, you brought a sense of Him,

And from your eyes He beckons me
And from your heart His love is shed,

Till I lose sight of you and see
The Christ instead.

Missions is opportunity—opportunity to pray, to go, to give. Wherever we go in carrying out His commission, whoever is the recipient of our service, let us always be conscious of that underlying motive of love which constrains us to be His witnesses.

Prayer: For our missionaries. Distribute prayer reminders with requests.

Friday

Central Truth: Jesus still calls women to "go tell . . ."

Scripture: Today is a holiday from school. For women with children of school age, you may wish to have Bible reading around the table following breakfast. For your personal devotions, read in detail from the Gospels the accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection.

Many auxiliaries sponsor communion and footwashing at the Good Friday Easter service. Ask the pastor to conduct this. As you leave, place your sacrificial offering on the table at the door.

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SLAY YOUR Giant

Purpose: To make us aware of the powerful and destructive giants that Satan uses to attack Christians.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:33-37, 45, 47

Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

Choruses: "Got Any Rivers" "Greater Is He That Is In Me"

Introduction

When you hear the word "giant," you probably think of someone or something that is big and powerful. David was well aware of the size and power of the giant he was about to face. Yet he was more aware of the power his Lord possessed. After all, the Lord had already delivered him from the paw of both the lion and the bear.

As Christians, we, too, face our own giants each day. We have battles that must be met and conquered if we are to live a faithful Christian life. Let us examine a few of these overpowering giants that may be standing between us and a victorious Christian life.

The Giant of Sinful Pride (Proverbs 6:16, 17; 16:6, 18, 19; 21:4)

This arrogant giant loves to be admired and praised. He is a thief, for he creeps in and robs us of our humility.

There is much said in God's Word concerning humility and meekness. One of the beatitudes promises us that the meek shall inherit the earth.

Pride is born when one departs from God and his heart is turned inward to self. This giant has probably done more harm within our churches than we realize. It is no wonder Satan uses him more frequently in his battles against the Christian.

God's Word calls conceited pride sin. But that's not all. A "proud look" is hated by the Lord and the "proud in heart" is an abomination to Him. The Lord feels very strongly about something we pass off so lightly.

Let us not be like the cock that thought the sun rose to hear him crow. Rather, let us glory in our Lord.

What better stone can we hurl at Sinful Pride than the stone containing this promise: "Humble yourselves . . . that He may exalt you in due time" (1 Pet. 5:6). God resists the proud and punishes them, but gives grace to the humble and rewards them. The stone of humility fells the giant of Pride.

The Giant of Sinful Jealousy (Ex. 20:5; John 15:12)

This green, envious giant is close friends with the previous giant, Pride.

They work well together and have many similarities. Pride often helps birth the giant of Jealousy.

There are two kinds of jealousy—Godly jealousy and unGodly jealousy. Our God is a jealous God who requires exclusive loyalty. His jealousy mentioned in Exodus shows how much He loves and watches over us. Husbands and wives are to exercise this protective kind of jealousy.

Solomon warns that sinful jealousy is as cruel as the grave. It breeds hate and becomes sin. How many times have we seen this envious giant creep into our churches and auxiliaries? His success robs of so many blessings.

There is no room for sinful jealousy in the Christian's heart. Let us kill this giant with a stone of genuine love for others (John 15:12, 17). God commands us to love one another as He loved us—such ultimate love that sacrificed His Son. How can we have a love that great and be envious, too?

The **Giant** of Sinful Gossip (Prov. 12:20, 22; 16:24; Matt. 5:9)

This giant is well known for his "big mouth." We must never underestimate his deadly power! He can permanently damage or destroy one's reputation just by opening his mouth.

Jesus felt so strongly about bearing false witness, that He included it as one of the "Thou shalt nots" of the Ten Commandments. Those who break this commandment will not go unpunished.

The story is told of a woman who waited by the window each day to watch her neighbor hang out her laundry. Then rushing to the phone, she informed several of her friends of

its dingy condition. One day, however, as she stepped back from the window, she noticed a round, clear spot on her window where her nose had been pressed against it. Looking through the spot, she saw sparkling clean and white laundry hanging on the line. Her nose was dusty from pressing against a filthy window.

Are we ready to broadcast another's dinginess when we ourselves are dusty? Alexander Pope wrote:

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the faults I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy shows to me.

Even though Gossip can quickly destroy an innocent person, we must be alert to fight back and rid ourselves from his clutches. Let's use another promise of God as a stone of peace to kill this giant. God promises blessings to those who publish peace (Isa. 52:7). And we all know what peacemakers are called—the children of God! What a blessed reward.

The **Giant** of Murmuring (Matt. 5:12; 1 Thess. 5:16-18)

This giant grumbles all the time. He has few friends because people get tired of hearing him complain at the drop of a hat.

Elaine Holland, a missionary to Ivory Coast, says they (the missionaries) refer to their complaining as "Israeliting."

You would think after all the obstacles (giants) the Israelites had seen God bring down, they would grow in faith and learn to wait upon God. Yet we know all too well of one of their

punishments for grumbling. The Lord gave them forty years to think about their unbelief.

The weapon of joy stills the giant of Murmuring. No matter what obstacle we face, we must remember that the prophets were also persecuted and faced many trials. God's promise strengthens us as we hurl the stone of joy (Phil. 4:4).

The **Giant** of Bad Temper

(John 2:14-16; Prov. 16:20, 32)

This giant can really blow his top! Most everyone walks carefully around him, for he can be very destructive—even dangerous—once he loses control.

All of us have a "boiling point," a temper, to some degree. Is ours under control, or does it control us? When we are angry, do we count to ten before we speak? Or do most of us need to count to 100?

Sin should make us angry to the point of doing something to combat it. When Jesus found the money-changers and those selling cattle and doves in the temple, He did not speak softly as He overturned tables and drove them out with His scourge!

When our anger is justified (such as Jesus in the temple), we are not to stay angry or hold a grudge. Rather, we are instructed, "Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil." To become angry and get over it is permitted. When we let our temper take over and give place to the devil, it becomes sin.

If you **find** you have a temper, try and never **lose** it again. A temper **lost** usually **finds** regret.

We never fear the might of an adversary as long as we're safe in the presence of God. He provides the weapon to combat the giant of temper—the stone of temperance, or self-control. Proverbs 25:28 tells us that one who loses control is like an unprotected city, but His blessing is "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty."

Conclusion

In complete confidence, with stone in hand and Christ in his heart, David went forth to slay the giant. His faith and obedience produced the victory.

The devil has many powerful giants in his army. We have examined only a few that he frequently uses. We have seen, too, how the Lord equips His soldiers to fight these battles. The weapons at our disposal are the fruits of the Spirit—Meekness combats the giant of Pride, Love conquers Jealousy, Peace overrules Gossip, Joy replaces Murmuring, and Self-Control puts down Bad Temper.

As we begin this new year, let us examine every area of our lives. Are any of these giants lurking in some dark corner? With the weapons at our disposal, let us slay every giant that would threaten to hinder our Christian life and the progress of His work through our church and auxiliary.

WARM HEART,

Purpose: To challenge women to a personal ministry of love through their home

Scripture: Matthew 10:11-13; Acts 2:46

Hymn: "Bring Them In"

Introduction

In one portion of the musical comedy, "Li'l Abner," Daisy Mae is telling Li'l Abner about the type of home the two of them would have "if n they wuz to git married." Their conversation feeds into a beautiful song about a home that is filled with love:

You can tell when you open the door

You can tell if there's love in a home . . .

And the clock seems to chime
Come again anytime;

You'll be welcome wherever you roam.

People have been interested in the home for many years. Much thought and verse have been given to the subject—"Home is where the heart is," "Home Sweet Home," etc. Thoughts of warmth and love and security seem nestled into the heart of these sentiments.

Yet today in the highly volatile, changing times in which we live, a home is not always a haven and love is not always the rule. In many homes, love has been replaced by bitterness, rejection and indifference.

WARM HOME



ence. Christian homes are greatly in the minority and somewhat of a miracle in their own right.

If we see our home as merely a place to live, we are nearsighted; if we see it as a vital tool for ministry, we have seen a vision. The real beauty and common factor of a home ministry is that we all have one. Everyone lives somewhere—room, apartment, dormitory, house, trailer, mansion. A Christian home is a fine example of a light on a hill for others to see. Therein lies opportunity coupled with responsibility to reach out in love to others through the home.

INSIDE

The most obvious and accessible area in which to begin a home ministry is within our own family unit, yet it is the most overlooked. Often we provide company dishes, company food, company manners for others, and nothing but leftovers for the family. Where are the common courtesies when the company has gone? Where is the pleasant voice and smile that says, "I'm glad you are here?"

Childhood memories are made at home. Do our children know that Jesus lives here? Is His love reflected through us? Do our children feel comfortable in inviting their friends? Does our husband see home as a haven and a refuge from the cares of the world? Or is it a source of neverending chores that he is reprimanded for and reminded of at regular intervals?

Covet diligently family together-

ness. Schedule mealtimes when each member of the family can be present. Arrange family devotions when everyone can participate. "The family that prays together stays together" is still a proven statement. Some families have family nights when they plan serious discussions, play games, and do things together as a family. These experiences will determine greatly what kind of home he will establish one day.

OUTSIDE

On the other side of our front door lies a world full of folks—the needy, poor, troubled, rejected. Each one is a possibility for a home ministry. Who among us has not at times felt the need of care, counseling, or a sympathetic ear? Do people with problems or unexpected troubles feel hesitant to call or drop by unannounced? Are our homes open, or would we take it as an interruption, or even an intrusion upon our home territory? Have we assured them we are available?

The love we allow to fill our homes should be a blessing to all who come into our premise, including our children's friends. Few things challenge our patience more than a steady flow of extra children. Yet we are to treat them with the same attitude of love the Lord shows us daily.

The story of Jesus blessing the children is not just for the preschool department. Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas may profit from it as well. Jesus

said if we give a child a cup of water it is as though we have done it to Him.

Outreach is a very necessary function of home ministry. There are times we should reach out and draw the weary to the sanctity of our home. Lonely people would enjoy a get-acquainted invitation into our home. Families who are struggling financially would welcome the hospitality of dinner in our home.

Youth workers often have young children they must pack-up-and-take-along each time they plan something special for the youth. How appreciative they would be if someone would care for these young children, thus leaving them more freedom to work with the youth.

Can your home accommodate a Sunday school class meeting, auxiliary gathering or youth fellowship—large yard, spacious den, etc.? Let your pastor know you are willing to minister through use of your home.

ALL AROUND

Anyone who is willing to dedicate himself to a home ministry will reap the bountiful reward of friendship. "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend" (Prov. 27:9).

Perhaps the most comfortable, enjoyable way we can use our home is to open it to our friends. This gives all involved a chance to relax, be at ease and enjoy the

interaction of others.

Our missionaries and evangelists should feel our home is their home away from home. They don't expect elaborate meals or extravagant accommodations. They thrive on simplicity with a private corner somewhere to unwind. Often single missionaries appreciate the warmth of a family relationship.

It is a great feeling to feel at home in another's home. The real core of home ministry is hospitality—having the same attitude of love and concern for others that Jesus does. Home ministry says, "I care." It is personal. It embraces all and excludes none. It is love in action.

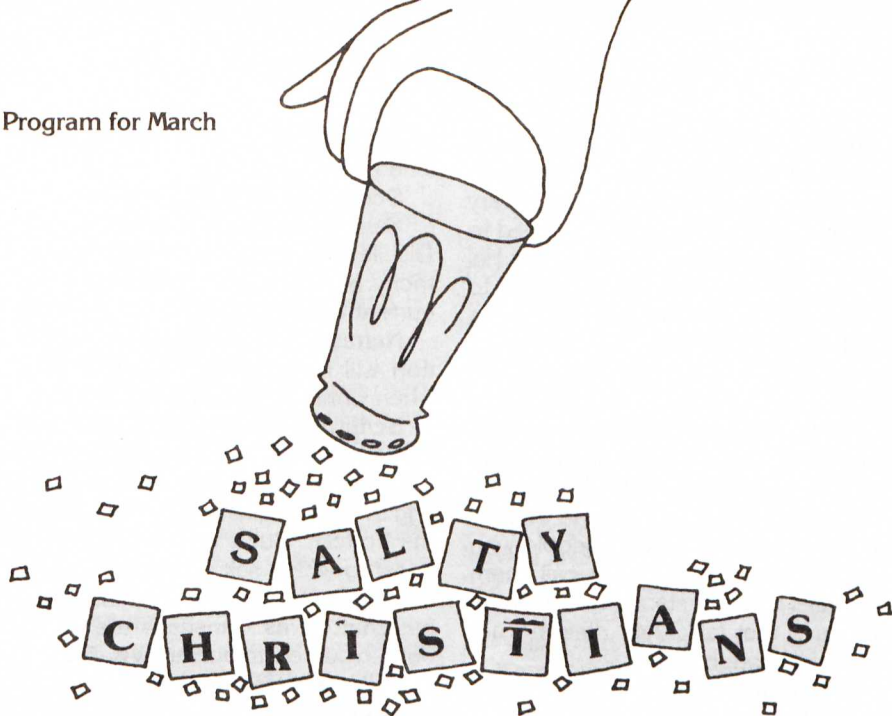
Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). The love of God visibly functions through home ministry. As a result, families are nurtured, friendships take root and churches grow.

Lord, You did not choose to call me
To go across the sea
To win the lost and weary
Through foreign ministry.

Instead You chose to use me
As a shepherd to my own,
To reach the lost and weary
Who travel through my home.



Program for March



Purpose: To examine the qualities of salt and liken them to Christians.

Characters: Narrator, Scripture Reader, and Salt

Preparation: The three women will sit at a table on which are placed a variety of saltshakers. Appropriate identification signs may be placed before each speaker. The narrator will need a glass of tap water, a glass of salt water (4-5 t. salt per cup of water) and two fresh eggs.

Salt: I may seem insignificant and commonplace to you, but I have been extremely important since the beginning of time. Even since earliest Biblical reference, I was mentioned.

Scripture: Leviticus 2:13

Narrator: The book of Job also refers to salt.

Scripture: Job 6:6a

Salt: I was important to early civilizations. Once I was so scarce and precious that I was used as money.

Caesar's soldiers received part of their pay in common salt. Perhaps that's where we get our modern expression, "Not worth his salt," which literally meant he did not earn his wages. I was valued so highly I was often used as a medium of exchange. Salt was often used to seal a bargain.

Scripture: Numbers 18:17

Narrator: The salt of the covenant made Christ's suffering acceptable to the Father. Have you ever suffered a

burn? Then imagine for a moment that salt was poured into the wound. Painful? Yes! Now look at Calvary when our gentle Savior was nailed to His cross. Consider His agony as His offering was salted with fire. Listen to His loving words as He says to His Father, "Not my will, but thine be done." No, Jesus did not exclude Himself from the salt principle.

Salt: I am essential to good health. Have you noticed that blood, sweat and tears are all salty? Body cells and tissues require salt to live and work. In Africa there is a tribe of people who are small in stature. We call them pigmies and they stand on an average under 5 feet tall. Their diets do not contain enough salt.

Narrator: We cannot have eternal life without being like salt.

Salt: I have a great seasoning influence. I bring out the natural flavor of food, thus giving zest to foods which otherwise would be tasteless.

Narrator: The addition of salt to a Christian's life gives a zest and glow that attracts even the vilest of sinners. A Christian adds enjoyment to the lives of those around him.

Scripture: Psalm 34:8

Salt: It is estimated there are more than 14,000 known uses for me. Most people think of me only as seasoning for food, when actually less than five out of every 100 pounds produced is used in this way. One of my important properties is that of healing. Elisha once used me in healing the waters of a spring.

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:21

Salt: Another important quality I have is the ability to put out a fire.

Scripture: James 3:6

Narrator: As Christians we can help put out fires of gossip and lies

through our testimony. Paul admonished the Colossians

Scripture: Colossians 4:6

Salt: I also help conduct electricity. Distilled water will not conduct electricity, but if we add a little salt to it, the current will flow freely.

Narrator: God's message of salvation will flow more freely to others when Christians are like salt.

Scripture: Luke 14:34

Narrator: Before me I have two glasses of water. Watch as I place this egg in the first glass. The egg goes to the bottom. But if I place an egg in water to which salt has been added, the egg floats. This speaks to us of the fact that we as Christians are to be burden bearers to our fellow believers.

Salt: I am also an antiseptic, possessing germ killing properties. For this reason, I am a good preservative because I retard spoilage. In pioneer days when there were no refrigerators or freezers, meats were preserved by curing them with salt. I slow down the action of leaven.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Narrator: In the Bible, leaven is a symbol for sin. The presence of a Christ-like person—one who is salted with God's love—has an adverse effect in the presence of sin. Have you known sinners who were uncomfortable around Christians? Christians are like preservatives. The presence of a salty Christian makes one want to be better than he is.

Salt: I raise the boiling point of water and things get hotter sooner and cook faster.

Narrator: A Christian will not be irritated as quickly as a non-Christian. His "boiling point" has been raised.

Salt: I also lower the freezing point. What happens when we sprinkle salt

on our icy sidewalks? The ice begins to melt.

Narrator: A Christian is like salt. He lowers the freezing point when someone gives him the cold shoulder. We can show the warm love of God by being tolerant and understanding of others.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32.

Salt: Among the Jews, I was used to rub down newborn babies to ensure good health. Among many peoples, I am still used as a sign of honor, friendship and hospitality. The Arabs have a saying, "There is salt between us," meaning we have eaten together and we are friends.

Scripture: Psalm 133:1

Narrator: Our auxiliary meetings must be salted. It's easy to become lazy in planning and presenting programs. But the double tragedy is that not only are members cheated of a blessing, but the auxiliary is blamed and is labeled "boring."

Salt: The Bible refers to salt more than 30 times. I was included among the supplies Ezra took with him to Jerusalem.

Scripture: Ezra 7:2, 11

Narrator: While a specific amount was stipulated for other supplies, an unmeasured amount of salt was given. Could this mean that our service to God is to be without measure and that it is to be given first priority? Unstinting service to God brings its

own unmeasured amount of gladness.

Scripture: Psalm 34:8

Narrator: Salt is found in the ocean, of course, as well as beneath the ground in almost every part of the world. However to be useful, salt must be refined or cleansed. Likewise each individual, no matter how good he may seem, needs to be cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Scripture: Romans 3:23

Salt: There is little more than a pound of salt in each gallon of water. If all the oceans were dried up, I would leave a layer more than a mile and a half deep, covering an area as large as the United States—with the exception of Alaska and Hawaii.

Narrator: Each grain of salt must do its duty. Though one grain by itself has little effect, joined with many grains it has a tremendous effect. So we as Christians have a responsibility for worldwide evangelization. One person alone cannot do it, but each one of us working together—we can get the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Scripture: Mark 16:15

Salt: Generally speaking, I am very important, but if I lose my saltiness, I am good for nothing.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13

Narrator: Let's pray that our relationship with Christ will be so personal and so meaningful that we will never lose our saltiness.

**We are the salt
of the earth.**

Matt. 5:13

Dear Co-Laborer,

Could you please send me the mailing address for the Provision Closet? Our association doesn't have auxiliary and we are an independent chapter.

Nellie Bays
Wagoner, OK

Noriko, a second year high school student, accepted Christ and is already using her gifts for Him. Thanks for your gifts and prayers that make it possible to share the Gospel with Noriko and others like her.

Judy Smith, Japan

Thank you for the nice things we received from the Provision Closet. We are appreciative of the way the auxiliary has taught our women about missions.

Rapid City, SC

Kathy Coats

We are small in number, only six, but when we have meetings, we can always count on more to show up . . . The poems have really touched my life.

Elsia Gabiola
Rupert, ID

We have some good auxiliary meetings. Since we meet in the afternoon (some husbands won't let their wives out at night), the women bring their small children along. It isn't unusual to have 35-40. The standard refreshment is Uruguayan pizza and cake, with Tang or tea, depending on the weather. Several have come to know the Lord through these meetings.

Amy Robinson, Uruguay

Thanks for sending Co-Laborer to us each quarter. We enjoy each issue and usually read it cover-to-cover immediately. When we were in England, this was our only link to our FWB women's work.

Walter E. Golding, chaplain
Robins AFB, GA

Thanks for the items we received from the Provision Closet. After ten years of marriage and a couple of children, linens, etc. become quite frazzled. It was grand to have nice things as we go to a new field.

Vicky Mutchler, Oregon

I was glad to see you were able to use my program ("Sticks and Stones") . . . It is my desire that the Lord will be able to use it to help others grow as Christians as He has dealt with me.

Brenda Lewis
Colorado Springs, CO

Are there filmstrips available on missions which could be used in our auxiliary meetings?

Elaine Hines
Swannanoa, NC

Editor's note: Absolutely! Contact the Foreign Missions Board for their brochure.

One of my songs has been published and recorded. I'm in the process of signing a contract to write lyrics for Bill Gaither . . .

Debbit Cavitt
Tulsa, OK

Dear Mrs. Miley
Thank you for
fixing the
woman's auxiliary
book. My Mother reads
it & whole lot.
So I love you
Love
Fred
Bass

. . . I am sending in the Mission Prayer card . . . more is wrought by prayer than the world ever dreams of. The interesting thing about prayer is that we cannot pray for missions and missionaries without getting interested in them and wanting to do something for them. The more we pray, the more we are going to get involved.

Agnes Frazier
Madison, TN

Thanks for featuring me in the Co-Laborer . . . There was a mistake in my children. I had three when I was saved, but two years later God blessed us with another little girl who is now 37 with three daughters of her own.

Kathryn Christy
Ashland City, TN



A Woman God Has Used

Proverbs 31 describes the virtuous woman. Hazel Mann, Warren, AR, fulfills all the qualifications.

Mrs. Mann was born into a Free Will Baptist home some 60 years ago near New Edinburg. When she married Fay Mann, they moved to the Pleasant Valley community where they have lived their 40 years of marriage.

Hazel and her husband, a deacon, have served faithfully in their church, teaching Sunday school and C.T.S. classes, as needed. A former state auxiliary officer, Mrs. Mann attends all district and state functions, not out of duty or necessity, but as an act of love to her Lord.

The Manns have never had children of their own, but they have expressed parental love to many. Several preacher boys have come from the Pleasant Valley church and the Manns have encouraged them and helped send them—and others—to the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Mrs. Mann, a cousin to Jean Deeds, Brazil, is a Missions-minded auxiliary member—hospitable, supportive and prayerful. Blessed is the church who has this kind of member.

Hazel's beauty is in her unselfish thoughtfulness. She shares with one and all—rich or poor, black or white, sick or well. She freely offers her garden produce, home-sewed articles, food, but most of all, her love and concern.

As we look into the life of Hazel Mann, we see a picture of a virtuous woman, and like the writer of Proverbs, we rise up and call her blessed.

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Laborers together with God,
What life-purpose so rich, so rare;
What glory or fame
Or the world's acclaim
With such honor could ever compare?

Laborers in community service,
To comfort, to witness, to teach;
To wipe away tears
And banish all fears
As lost ones for Jesus we reach.

To catch Christ's world-harvest vision
Through study of missions and prayer;
To train our youth
In Gospel truth,
And the Great Commission share.

Laborers in gifts sacrificial
Lovingly laid at His feet;
To circle the world
With banner unfurled,
Proclaiming salvation so sweet.

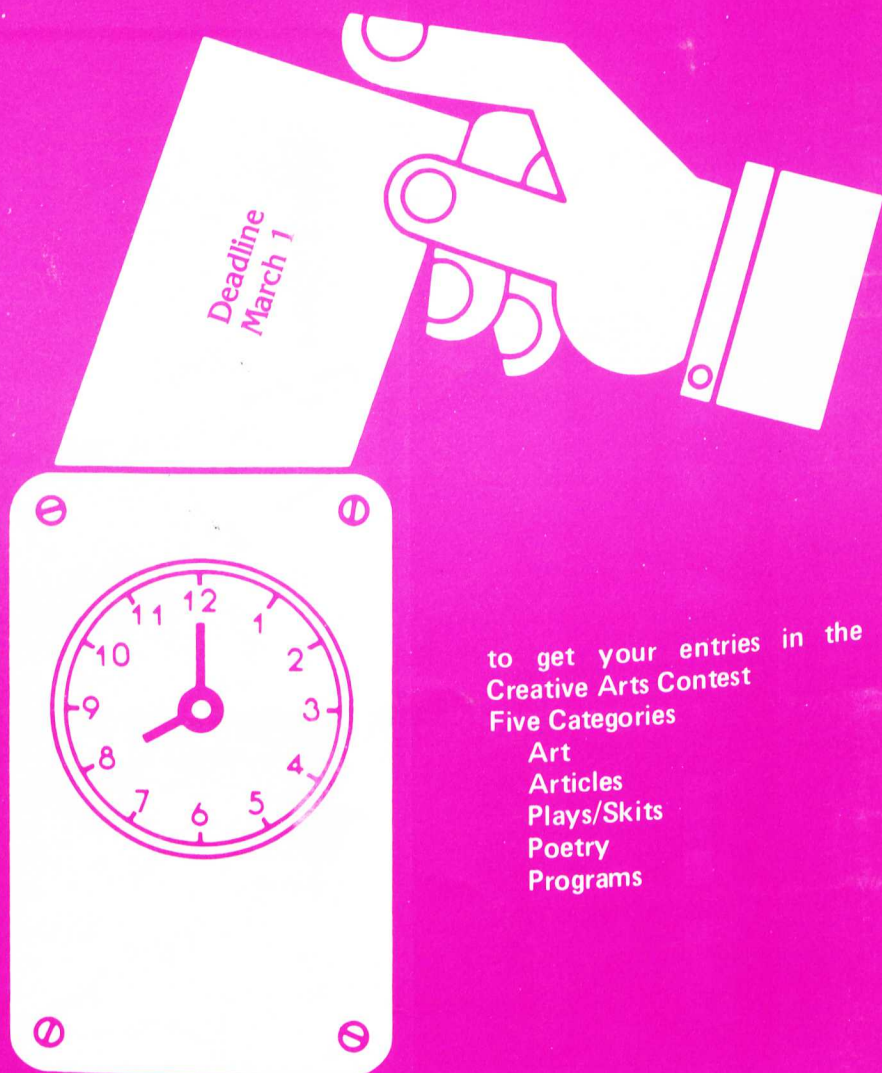
Our Savior, Teacher, our Master,
Our Comrade, our brother, our Guide;
What glory arrays
Our commonplace days
When we walk with Him by our side.

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