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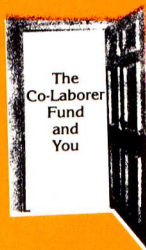
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Provision Closet

Thanks for our gifts. We appreciate those who make it possible.

Bob and Debbie Jude
Mallory, WV

The items received are very useful. Thanks for the Tupperware. Maybe after the new institute is built you can help us supply the kitchen with Tupperware.

Barbara Jones
Mexico

Congratulations, Debbie!

I enjoy writing contemporary and country gospel Christian lyrics. The first song I had recorded was "Slow Down" by LuLu Roman. My latest release is "The Righteous Shall Endure," recorded by a new Benson artist, Ton Ellenberg.

Debbie Cavitt
Tulsa, OK

Postage Stamps

Enclosed are postage stamps we have saved over the past several months.

Brenda Flora
Virginia Beach, VA

Enclosed are cancelled stamps from the Beulah Young circle of the First Christian church... Please let us know if we should keep them coming.

Pauline Barr
Mountain Grove, MO

Ed. note: By all means! The name of the game is quantity!

Pastor Appreciation

Our newly organized auxiliary has four dedicated women. From the beginning our pastor has announced meetings, encouraged all women to become involved, and depends on us to complete projects for him. He "sacrifices" for us, such as babysitting during the meeting. Last week was the ultimate—he baked a delicious chocolate cake for our refreshments. Our new pastor is Steve Stidham, former home missionary to Hamilton, OH.

Judy Nichols
Westerville, OH

Quick Caramel Rolls

Philadelphia Auxiliary, Mt. Clemens, MI, under the chairmanship of Linda Varney and Phyllis Wolf, have prepared a cookbook of their favorite recipes. The Quick Caramel Rolls by Darlene Goolsby sounds easy:

1 pkg. frozen dinner rolls
 ½ pkg. non-instant butterscotch
 pudding
 ¾ c. brown sugar
 1 t. cinnamon
 ½ c. chopped nuts
 1 stick oleo

Melt butter in pan. Sprinkle nuts. Place frozen rolls on top of nuts. Mix pudding, brown sugar and cinnamon together. Pour evenly on top of rolls. Pour melted butter over all, cover with a towel and let rise overnight. Bake at 350° for 30 min. Let cook for a few minutes. Invert on large plate.

Appreciation

I greatly appreciate Co-Laborer and those who contribute material.

Sharon Fambrough
 Norwalk, CA

We really enjoy our auxiliary materials. I can't wait to read our Co-Laborer each time they come.

Erma Jones
 Pochontas, AR

Our auxiliary seems to have a new burst of life. We average around 18-20 ladies each month.

Phyllis Lanvermeier
 Jacksonville, NC

Enthusiasm is Contagious

I'm so excited! Last weekend I attended the California Women's Re-

treat and came home with the desire to start an auxiliary in our church. I was surprised to find in Sunday's bulletin that our pastor's wife also had the same idea. She requested women who were interested to sign a sheet.

Cathy Ball
 Petaluma, CA

This year was my first national and I was overwhelmed by the auxiliary program. I am proud to be a little part of God's work.

Dorothy Briggs
 Scottsmeer, FL

Emphasis Offering

We're sending our offering for the WNAC Emphasis. We took up this offering on Wednesday night at church and our auxiliary matched it.

Joyce Taylor
 Brunswick, Ga

Spiritual Churches and Spiritual Auxiliaries

I'm so thankful for a spiritual church. I've visited in some that were so cold and formal I think I'd starve to death in them. I realize ours must be a very unique church.

Deloris Moore
 Sylacauga, AL

This new year holds such a challenge. There are new things I want our auxiliary to do, launch out into areas we have not touched before. . . I read Vaudine Lancaster's article "Invitation to Dine" three times!

Odessa Ledlow
 Sylacauga, AL

Words For Women

Mary R. Wischart



Just **listen** to her! Have you ever said that about an acquaintance when you really were tired of listening to her? Much speaking does become wearisome, doesn't it? That is, when someone else is speaking. But how about yourself? Have you tried listening to yourself lately? Try it. Just listen to yourself one whole day. Then think about what you heard.

Listen for that tone of voice. Is your voice vibrant with life and joy? Or is it high and whining? Harsh and loud? Is it bitter and scornful, as cold as ice? Sarcastic and cutting like a knife?

What are you expressing in the very tone, pitch, and volume of your voice? King Lear in Shakespeare's drama said of his beloved daughter, Cordelia, "Her voice was ever gentle, soft and low, an excellent thing in woman."

The Bible says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). Perhaps you are upset by the way people respond to you. Listen. You may be eliciting that response by the very tone of your voice. Even a dog responds differently to the harsh tones and the soft, gentle ones.

Listen to the words you use. Are the words negative, hateful, ugly ones? When the world already has so much ugliness, why add to it by deliberately choosing ugly, hateful words? "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24). Pleasant words bless both the speaker and the listener.

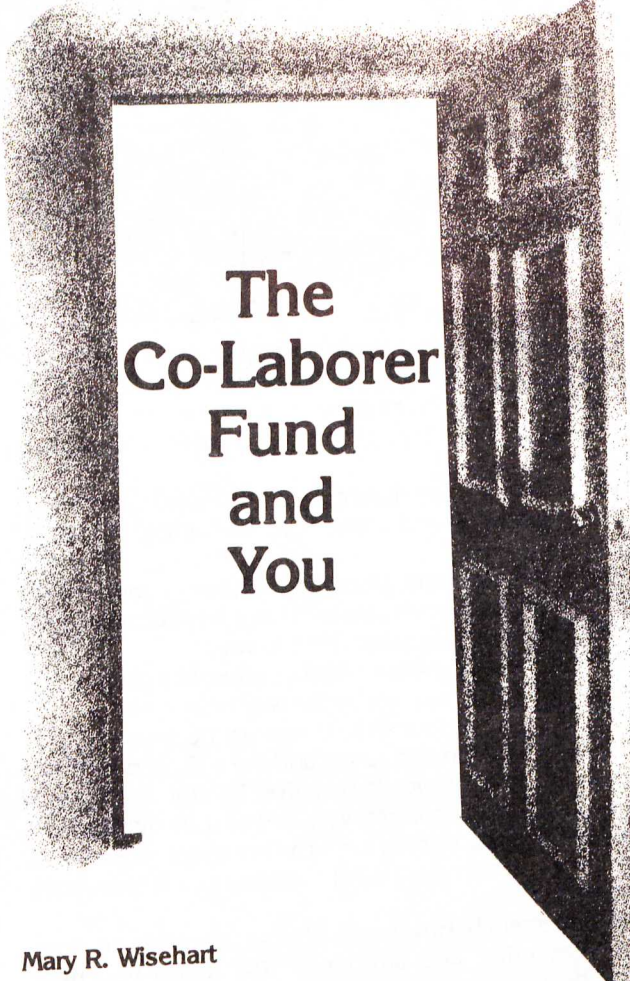
Listen to the content of your speech. How much of what you say is positive, complimentary, uplifting, reassuring and affirming? Rather, do you hear yourself nagging, complaining, criticizing, tearing down? "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house" (Proverbs 21:9). A woman can injure both husband and children, sap their confidence and feeling of self worth, and even destroy them with her talk. Listen!

Listen for sweet silence or the sound of another voice. Do you simply talk too much and fill all the empty spaces with your own voice? "The contentions of a wife are a continual dropping" (Proverbs 19:13). Are you one of those? Instead, make your house a place where family and friends love to come to enjoy peace, quiet, and a listening ear.

Listening to yourself could bring about some dramatic changes in the tone of your voice, your choice of words and what you talk about or even the amount of talking you do.

When you change, you may be surprised to discover that people around you have changed also. Everyone has suddenly become kinder, softer, gentler and more affirming to you.

Just listen!



The Co-Laborer Fund and You

Mary R. Wisehart

As the Cooperative Fund is to other departments, so the Co-Laborer Fund is to WNAC. Since we do not operate as a board or commission established by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, we are not eligible for receipts from the Cooperative Fund. (Of course, as Moderator Bobby Jackson reminded us at the 1985 national meeting, the National Association cannot direct us to operate a nursery either.) WNAC must, therefore, depend on **women** for its support. (Naturally we are always glad to accept, with thanksgiving, any gifts men wish to give us.) This support should come to us largely through the Co-Laborer Fund.

Mrs. Agnes Frazier conceived this plan and brought it to the WNAC in 1944. Her idea was that if 50,000 people would give just \$1 annually, Free Will Baptists would have the money they needed to operate. At that time the National Association work received 90% of the \$1 and WNAC received 10%. Later the fund became exclusively a WNAC fund with percentages designated to missions and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

In 1969 the Convention voted to designate the Fund to the general office needs, since women were giving designated funds to missions and education.

In 1985 the gifts to the Co-Laborer Fund amounted to \$7,815.70, almost \$1,000 less than the year before. The 1985-86 budget includes \$12,000 income from that source. Still, that would be scarcely a tenth of the total budget of \$130,500. Why not make it more than even the budgeted amount this year? What about \$16,000 at least? For the last quarter in 1985, we sent out 17,600 Co-Laborer magazines. **If each woman who receives the magazine gave just \$1 to the Co-Laborer Fund, the fund would increase to more than twice as much as it was last year.** Then gradually, perhaps, we can increase this fund to take care of salaries and general expense.

Why do we need more? General office expenses now amounts to \$83,000 per year, including salaries, rent, insurance, telephone, postage, supplies and maintenance. Of course part of this expense is paid from Emphasis Month offerings, sale of literature and dues. If we take some new steps, we will have added expenses. For example, we need to update equipment. (One worker used a typewriter which has been in the office since 1956.)

At the 1985 convention the body directed the executive committee to do a feasibility study for a monthly publication and a Woman's Auxiliary hotline.

If the Co-Laborer Fund were sufficient to support the general office work, then we could put the money from the sale of literature back into literature improvement.

The convention also voted to have the executive committee recommend a national project, and we want to continue the increase in our giving to mission objectives.

We are standing now before an open door in Woman's Auxiliary work.

Now, if we take these steps, we need to know that you, our women, are solidly behind us and that you are willing to support these efforts.

We are standing now before an open door in Woman's Auxiliary work. Shall we by faith take a step through that door which God has opened and see how He will work to accomplish His purpose in our world? Let's lift up our eyes to larger and better things in His service.

Let's think more broadly about our work and what is necessary to do the very best we can in God's service.

I'm confident that Free Will Baptist women will rise to the opportunities which God is opening before us. He is ready with His wonders. Are we ready with our sanctification and dedication to His service?

Let's Rejoice Together at WNAC's Fourth National Retreat

- YOU WILL** join over 1000 Free Will Baptist women.
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The poet's CORNER



Diann Henson, music teacher and president of the First Woman's Auxiliary, Poteau, Oklahoma, serves as the church pianist. She also teaches vocal music, grades 1-12, at Pocola Public Schools.

Diann's music naturally flows into poetry. "I began writing poems around the age of 14," she remembers, "but always threw them into the trash." About two years ago she decided they might be worth keeping. Many of her poems are about the Lord and His ever-present help. "God is always there to straighten things out," she testifies.

Like her crosstitch, she gives many of her poems away. "At least, now I have the presence of mind to keep a copy."

Diann accepted Christ into her life at the tender age of 7, so often feels like an **old** Christian. It thrills her to see couples get saved and rearrange their lives. "We've seen a lot of this in our church the past few months," she writes.

Diann, a single parent, raises two sons, Nicholas 7, and Brent 4.

If only they could look in me
And see the way I feel,
They'd know the love I have for Him
Is, oh, so very real.
It isn't only talk and show,
It's from my deepest heart,
And every day I love Him more,
More even than the start.
For every day He gives to me
A peace beyond compare;
If they would simply trust in Him
His peace He'd gladly share.

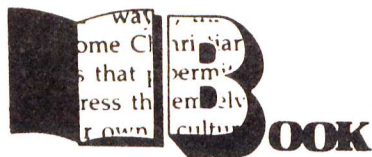


Poetry and poets featured in this column are all contributors in WNAC's annual creative arts contest. The best poetry from these entries has been compiled in seven volumes of poetry. Write WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37217, for information.

SHARE

by Genny Waddell

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Between Walden and the Whirlwind
by Jean Fleming
Navpress, 1985
133 pp.

"The curse of modern society is busyness," I recently said to a friend. "And perhaps the **Ichabod** written over many homes and churches today is **Busyness**." I have personally felt the pressure of so many "things" that had to be done this past year, not optional responsibilities, but the essentials: providing love, food, clean clothes, nursing care, and a listening ear for my husband and children; ministering to others through my church and personal work; completing graduate school; and recuperating from a painful, debilitating accident.

One day I went so far as to write down the various "things" I could cut from my schedule, but I labored in vain, for I had already deleted all but the essentials from my life.

And then I read Jean Fleming's **Between Walden and the Whirlwind**! The book entered my life just when I needed it. It is one in the Navigators' series, The Christian Character Library. The opening statement of the book hooked me: "Surely the Christian life was meant to be simpler than this!" I immediately knew that the heart of this book was directed to me by the Holy Spirit. And, from talking to other Christian women, I knew I was not alone in needing this message.

Fleming says, "It isn't wrong to be busy. Serious involvement in promoting God's Kingdom requires activity But a busyness that isn't God-directed and God-motivated is not God-blessed. Busyness can ravage the soul as thoroughly as idleness can."

The writer says that the answer to non-productive busyness is not a simple one, but she uses the scriptures to show that the pattern for Christian living is not simply cutting out activities, but focusing on Christ, and on His will for our individual lives. She offers timely advice for Christians: "Christ must not become simply another item in our life—not even the most important item. He did not come to be the most crucial piece of our fragmented life; He came to absorb all of life . . . into Himself and impress on it His mark." Furthermore, Fleming tells her readers how to crawl out of the busyness syndrome. She uses clear-cut biblical illustrations and bases her conclusions on the Bible.

Perhaps the jacket of the book carries the heart of Fleming's timely message. This book "is for those who long to make Christ their center, to be focused on the God who ministers to us as well as **through** us." I recommend this book to you, if you long to make Christ the focus of your life and each of your activities.

Prayer is the missionaries' lifeline. How strong is your grip?

I turned off the light and went to bed, the photo of my husband and Thangba, his young "Timothy," still engraved in my mind.

A few months before our first furlough from our mission field in Ivory Coast, West Africa, this young Lobi teenager turned his back on the way of the fetish and began walking the Jesus road.

"You won't live a year," his powerful witchdoctor father warned, and promptly put a curse on him to guarantee it. February 6, 1983—I felt impelled to record the date. When we arrived in the States for furlough, we urged everyone we met, "Pray for Thangba! Ask God to protect and preserve his life."

The tiny, curly-haired boy had a fragile beginning. First degree burns covered his body from being laid too close to a cooking fire. When his fetish medicine failed, the witchdoctor

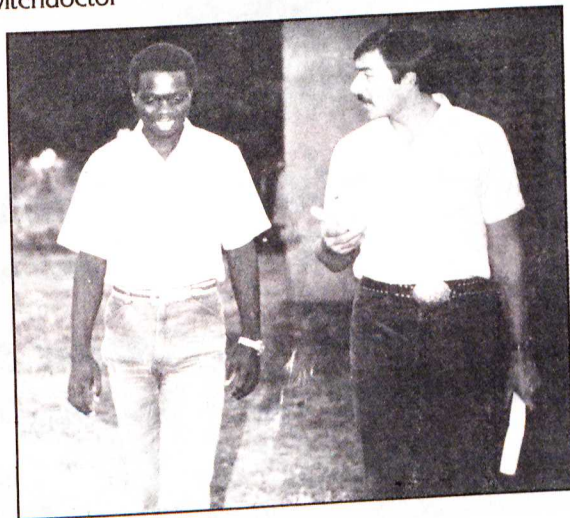
resorted to the mission clinic. Here God intervened in the life of this one who, though dedicated to Satan, was destined to become His namesake. Following this experience, the father renamed his son Thangba, their tribal name for the Creator God.

Years passed with nothing but scars to remind the young boy of his brief encounter with the living God. When he completed six years in his village school, he transferred to "high school" in Bouna, directly across the road from a Christian foyer. This student outreach center provided books, tapes, and most of all, contact with those who walked on God's road. In time, Thangba turned to God, who satisfied the longing in his soul.

God has answered prayer. This picture of Mike and Thangba, made more than a year later, stood as bold proof.

Holding the Ropes

Deleen Cousineau



Mike Cousineau with Thangba, a translator in the Bouna church

So the ill-fated year passed, then two, and now midway through the third year, I was startled from a troubled sleep. Instantly I recognized the influence of demonic forces in the room and I recoiled from their presence. At the same time, I was aware that the prayers of God's people could erect an impenetrable barrier. Would they be sensitive to God's S.O.S.?

I had no preparation for handling evil spirits, but my heart told me to turn to God. As I opened His Word, He ministered to me from Ephesians 6:10-19 and Colossians 2:13-15:



God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph through Christ Jesus our Lord!

Pray for the ministry among young people on the mission fields of the world —that they would hear the Word, receive it, apply it to their lives, and share it —that God would raise up strong leadership from among them.

*Yonder in India
is a gold mine
I will go down and dig
but you at home
must hold the ropes*

—William Carey

Call unto me, and I will answer thee,
and show thee great and mighty
things which thou knowest not.

Call missionary hotline for current requests:
615-361-5005



CIRCLE THE WORLD WITH PRAYER

April

Since WNAC's organization, 9:00 A.M. signals a call to prayer. So each morning, I find myself before His throne with my prayer list in hand. (Some habits are good ones.)

Another encouragement about this special time comes in knowing other women around the world are joining me. The knowledge that someone, somewhere, is depending upon my standing with him in the hard places puts me on my face before God in his behalf.

Why do you pray? **When** do you pray? Our workers at home and abroad need prayer support. They face serious problems, for needs grow as the work grows. As Jill Briscoe says, "It's time to pray, but how?"

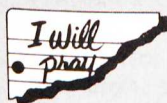
Sincere, earnest, regular prayer is needed. Our missionaries fight the arch enemy of Christ. They cry out for prayer partners to share their burdens. Prayer lightens their load.

And, in a very peculiar, delightful way, participating in prayer involves me in His great army. He uses my prayers, feeble though they may be, to assist and encourage another child of God.

So, the Scriptures enjoin us to pray. He promises to answer. Not only does prayer provide fellowship with my Father, I identify with my brothers and sisters in Christ as I pray.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him" (1 John 5:14, 15).

So then, what reason could I possibly have not to circle the world with prayer? (continued on page 13)



- ☐ Plans to relocate the Mexican Bible Institute from Monterey to Altamira, a more centralized area.
- ☐ Bible Institutes in several of our countries to be effective in training national leadership
- ☐ Patty McCullough in France and her chronic health problem with MS
- ☐ "Serviceman's Sunday" on May 25

May

A small boy sat on the kitchen floor crying. When asked, he said he wanted bread. So his kind, loving mother put a biscuit in his hand. He continued to cry for bread. She patiently put a piece of cornbread in his other hand. He kept right on crying. There he sat with bread in both hands and cried for more.

Isn't that just like us? God showers us with everything we need, yet we cry for something more. He gave His Son to be our Savior and thereby offered the key to all His provisions, even abundant life. Yet we want something more, or at least different.

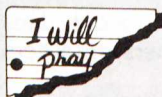
Have you noticed how need and greed become confused nowadays? How little praise and prayer are used? How mixed-up this generation has become about materialism and His matchless grace? And—have you noticed?—this same problem has widened until it embraces us?

Have you noticed the different responses you get when you ask for help with a little problem, and then ask for help with a problem that includes favorable publicity? Amazing, isn't it?

We ask God for help with our lack of faith, but we neglect to use the faith He has already given us. We ask Him for wisdom, while all the while, exercise poor judgment. We ask for a raise, but we "can't afford" to tithe the income we now receive. We ask Him to make us "real witnesses," but fail to speak to a single person about his salvation.

We're like the little boy crying for bread, with hands already full of bread. God blesses us daily, yet we cry, whine, and beg for more.

"Blessed be the Lord, **who daily loadeth us with benefits**, even the God of our salvation" (Psalm 68:19).



- ☐ For the 14 student missionaries helping senior missionaries on five mission fields
- ☐ Russell Lowes (Lincoln, NB) and Russell Wright (Boise, ID) as they sell their present church property and relocate in more desirable areas
- ☐ The many decisions to be made during the annual board meetings of both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards
- ☐ The Mark Daniels, Darryl Nichols, and Robert Wests as they complete their French language study and begin their terms of service in the Ivory Coast

June

According to the **Manual**, the purpose of an auxiliary is to help the woman find her place in the Great Commission. The auxiliary was, and is, a missionary

service of the church through which the women can enhance and support the church in her mission activities. Christ gave His life for the church! The church remains the supreme object of God's love (John 3:16).

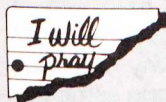
In response to His Father's will, Jesus came, lived among men, and died that all who accept His sacrifice could become children of God and be fit subjects for heaven. Therefore, the Father, in turn, gives to Jesus those believers who compose the church to be His bride.

With Satan parading his wide array of sinful attractions, our goals tend to dim and our methods become humdrum. All care must be given to keeping the true purpose of the auxiliary in view.

Likewise care must be given to the presentation of the auxiliary programs. New, attractive program additions excite the attention of those present and add to the effectiveness. Ladies, use your imagination to give value to your programs.

Why all the extra time, thought, and talent for just one auxiliary program? Because you are fulfilling your part in exalting Christ, beginning at home and on to the ends of the earth.

I like to read 1 Corinthians 3:9 like this: "For we are laborers to-get-her with God." Through our auxiliary work, we can win souls and those souls become a part of His bride. Don't you think that's reason enough for giving your best to Him?



- ☐ A strong, soul-winning church in Phoenix, AZ where the Paul Thompsons work
- ☐ The cross-cultural ministry of the Bill Fulchers in Houston, TX
- ☐ Discipleship of the Farina family in the Montevideo church where the Ellisons were
- ☐ Completion of self-supporting status in some mission locations, especially the Bob Thomases in Ft. Collins, CO
- ☐ Realization of the goals set by the **Advance** Committees to promote Missions around the world

(continued from page 11 Circle The World With Prayer)

William Carey changed the whole history of India and missions two hundred years ago. Yet few people have ever heard of Carey's sister, paralyzed and bedridden for fifty years. Although unable to speak for much of that period, with great effort, she allowed herself to be propped up in bed. She wrote long, encouraging letters to her brother and prayed for him several hours each day—for fifty years!

In God's economy, the one who prays is as important as the one who goes. Ladies, let's heed the call to pray.

The Joys of



Teaching on a Shoelace

Debbie Cavitt
Tulsa, Oklahoma

My five-year-old son and I crouched on the floor, hard at work. He was learning to tie his shoes. Our chant accompanied his actions:

Bring it up,
Make a loop;
Wrap it around,
Under pull through.

His clumsy fingers struggled with the shoelace. Several times he stopped to unknot what was intended to be a bow. How could anything so simple seem so hard?

Do you suppose God has similar feelings as He watches us struggle with His ways. Lord, will I ever learn to love as You love? To forgive? To share? I try and try, but often I make mistakes. I, too, keep having to unknot what I hoped would be right.

At last my smiling son displays his shoes. He tied it himself! It's not perfect, but it is a bow and it's his very best.

Lord, be my kind and patient teacher. Help me learn, as will Greg, that persistence pays off and practice makes perfect.



Is God Plastic?

Juanell Martin
Jesup, Georgia

When our children married and established homes of their own, I thought my life of questions—Who? Where? What? Why? Why not? Can I?—had ended. Then along came the grandchildren and the process repeated itself.

I keep one of our granddaughters while her mother works. One rainy day, we repeated the nursery rhyme,

Rain, rain go away
Come again another day,
Little Felicia wants to play.

I remarked that God makes it rain. "Where is God?" she asked.

"He lives in heaven, but also in our hearts."

"Can I see Him?"

"No, but He's there."

"Can God talk?"

"Yes, but we can't hear Him."

"Is God plastic?"

"No, God is real."



Motherhood

A short time later, I talked with her father about God. Felicious walked over to him and remarked knowingly, "God is real."

God often punctuates her questions now. My prayer is that with each question, God will become more real.

Across the Puddles

Margie Patton
South Roxana, Illinois

Our children worried all the way to school. They knew what a steady downpour could do to their unpaved parking lot. They both wore brand new tennis shoes and were eager to show them off.

I tried to soothe their fears by reassuring them that I would carry them across the puddles. My five-year-old thought of that for a minute, then declared seriously, "I guess God will have to carry **you** across the puddles, Mama."

I thought of that all day. Yes, Susannah, God **does** carry me across the puddles and the lot is full of them. The puddle of discouragement, the puddle of homesickness, disappointment, self-pity, hurry, frustration, exhaustion, and so many more. Satan would love me to cross them on my own two feet and get all dirty and muddy. But praise the Lord, He is there, always ready to carry me across the puddles.

God Has a Sense of Humor



Lois Smallwood
Cabool, Missouri

The year our two daughters married, we left them and my parents and moved to another state almost 2000 miles away.

During their teen years, my daughters had become hostile toward each other and, even after their marriage, had pulled their "Touch-Me-Not" dark cloud about them. "Let them be friends," I pleaded as I kissed them goodbye.

That first Christmas, upon my insistence, they agreed to spend together. Money was in short supply, so I had their gifts shipped from the catalog to my mother who would do the individual wrapping, including her own.

Christmas morning when the phone rang, hysterical laughter exploded in my ears. Between gales of laughter, I learned about the mix-up. My mother had wrapped up her own gift for the new sons-in-law—one pair



of extra large white knit bloomers for each! To this day, my daughters cannot believe it was not an intentional gesture on my part.

Today the girls are best friends. Laughter united them. Jesus said He came that our joy might be full. Sometimes we get so spiritual we forget that laughter is a part of joy.



The Devil Made Me Do It

**Kathy Douglas
Macon, GA**

Today I chastened a little girl in my home day-care for scratching the walls with a toy knife. Quite upset, I asked, "What in the world made you want to do something like that?"

Near tears and justifiably frightened, she whined, "I don't know."

My four-year-old, secure in the knowledge that he was out of danger, spoke up boldly, "I know. The devil made her do it."

Too young to remember Flip Wilson's trademark, he had spoken the truth in simple words.

There are two groups of people—unsaved sinners and sinners saved by grace. Both are bent on sinning. At the judgment day when we stand before the Judge, there will be no humor in the excuse, "The devil made me do it."

From the Mouth of Babes

**Lil Keener
Nashville, Tennessee**

It had been one of those days! I seemed to have a lot of those lately,

being the busy mother of three sons and wife of a Bible college student who worked evenings.

Finally we made it to supper time. The baby impatiently cried for his supper, so I asked Mark, our oldest, to say the blessing. The four-year old chatterbox refused. I hurriedly asked the blessing as the baby more insistently screamed for his supper.

"Mom," Mark began as I settled down to feed the baby. "Why did you ask such a short blessing?"

"A blessing doesn't have to be long," I answered, in halfway concentration.

"Yeah, but I mean the way you said it—so fast like you were in a hurry to do something else."

A full two minutes later it hit me. Wow! Slowly I allowed my mind to wander back over the past few weeks. What had happened to the joy of my salvation? Somewhere in the financial struggle, the birth of our last two sons, and involvement in church activities, my joy in the Lord had been lost in the shuffle.

With burdened heart I finished the evening chores and put the children to bed. Then in the solitude of my room, I turned to the Bible for comfort. As I pondered favorite praise passages from Psalms, realization dawned. Somewhere along the line I had stopped giving the Lord the praise He deserved.

As the warm oil of healing washed over my shriveled soul, I prayed, "Slow me down, Lord. All my busy time can never replace a time of praising You." And if somewhere down the road of life, I forget, may a small voice speak up saying, "Why did you say it so fast, like you were in a hurry to do something else?"

.....EPILOGUE

Debbie Cavitt and husband, Johnny, a deacon, are members of the South East FWB Church, Tulsa, OK. Debbie, an avid little League fan, enjoys reading, sewing and cooking. She is also a free lance lyricist in the contemporary and country gospel field.

In addition to Greg, mentioned in the article, 15 year old Amy and 9 year old Tate complete their family.

Debbie writes, "Little Greg, a 7th grader, is now 5'11" and wears a size 12 men's shoe. I'm happy to report he **did** learn to tie his shoes!"

Margie Patton and husband, Wayne, are newly installed in the Bethel Christian Academy, S. Roxana, IL, where her husband serves as principal and she teaches combination 4-5 and 6th grades. She also has piano students, including her own two.

Margie gives this update, "Nathan is in the first grade and Susannah in the second. They both have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and are to be baptized next Sunday."

Juanell Martin (Mrs. Eldridge), teaches teens at the First FWB Church, Jesup, GA where her husband serves as deacon. She enjoys reading and embroidering.

The three Martin children are married with six grandchildren, ages from 3 to 12.

Mrs. Martin explains the title of her article: "I had not given much thought to plastics being such a large part of our economy. When my granddaughter asked if God was plastic, I realized the world she knew was saturated with plastics and symbolized something easily broken and destroyed."

Lois Smallwood and her husband, James Jr., are pillars in the Cabool FWB Church, Cabool, MO. She supports her husband's bluegrass gospel musical group with her prayers and presence several nights a week as they minister in nursing homes and other needy areas.

Lois, a very artsy-craftsee person, possesses a tremendous sense of humor that carries her over the "unprintable" areas of her life. She is happy to report that her two daughters, though a continent apart, are still best friends.



Cavitt



Patton



Smallwood

Lil Keener, Nashville, TN, and her husband, Alvin, attend New Hope FWB Church, Joelton, where Mr. Keener serves as children's church pastor. Lil assists him in many areas, especially the puppet ministry.

Lil, a full time wife and mother, enjoys crafts and needlework. Their three boys, Mark, age 5, Daniel, age 2½, and Adam, 1, continue to teach her valuable lessons.

Recently the family underwent a situation where the truth mentioned in the article was reinforced—praise can drive away depression and leave a song.

Kathy Douglas (Mrs. Thomas) and her husband team-direct the Children's Church and puppet ministry at the White Oaks FWB Church, Macon, GA.

Her children, Jackson, 8, and Logan, 6, still recognize the devil's influence for bad in the lives of God's children. Also, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).



Our Program Writers

Janero Stokes, who wrote "Follow the Rainbow," program suggestion for April, is a full time wife and mother from Macclesfield, NC. She and husband, Ed, a farmer, with three daughters—Amy, 12, Lorrie, 9, and Mary, 7—are members of the Maccripine FWB Church.

Janero, who teaches Sunday school and sings in the choir, says, "My whole life centers around the Lord and my family."

Annette Dake, author of "Homespun Christian," program for May, hails from Blanchard, OK. She teaches in the day care center of the Newcastle FWB church, her home church, teaches Bible memorization to grades 1-3 in CTS, sings in the choir and participates in the Woman's Auxiliary.

She and Ron, her husband, have three children: Emily 7, Laura, 5, and Clinton, 3.

State Retreats

WOMEN IN ACTION

Michigan

Connie Dean reports 243 women attended their 14th annual retreat in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada with **Amy Robinson** (Uruguay) guest speaker.

South Carolina

Look Up Lodge, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, hosted 111 retreaters to hear **Joanne King**, North Carolina, speak on "An Overwhelmed Heart."

West Virginia

This retreat with Mrs. **Eunice Edwards** (Missouri) did not end with the Saturday session. The women carried home the challenge, which sparked revival in many of the churches. **Glenna Murphy** presided with **Becky Davis**, music co-ordinator.

Maryland

Dolly Stox, Virginia Beach, spoke to more than 60 women retreating in Groves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Virginia. The key word for the retreat, according to **Karen Southwall**, state president, was "special."

Ohio

Almost 200 women representing 42 churches attended the annual retreat at Big Prairie. **Judy Smith** (Japan) introduced her newest friend, Freddy the big mouth frog. **Linda Combs** presides over Ohio's women.

Tennessee

This biannual retreat was held in scenic Pigeon Forge with **Marge Workman**, vice president, coordinating the Bible conference format. **Billie Sexton**, **Cleo Pursell**, **Mildred Daniel** and **Lorene Francen** spoke on "The Influence of a Godly Woman."

North Carolina

Vona Bazen, **Ann Truett** and **Kathy Pike**, all home folks, led seminars at the luxurious Radisson Plaza hotel in Raleigh. **Florine Coscia** (Brazil), **Joanne King** and **Diane Thomas** were featured speakers.

Alabama

Although the state convention meets in May, the auxiliary banquet in connection with the state meeting is a popular feature. **Marie Terry**, Blountsville, served as banquet chairman.

The state's annual retreat gathered in Montgomery to hear **Pat Thomas** (Nashville), and install **Pat Pless**, Vernon, as president, replacing **Annette Tomlinson**.

Georgia

The last to have their convention (November) and the first state to have their retreat (February-March), Georgia women have elected **Martha Everson** to preside over them.

Oklahoma

A historical theme permeated the retreat at Camelot with over 700 women attending. **Karon Anderson** and **Debbie Cavitt** wrote a pageant especially for the occasion. **Marguerite Kern** was elected as president at their fall convention.

Kentucky

What would this retreat be like without **Rudene Kennedy**? She, along with Mrs. **Eunice Edwards**, joined retreaters at the Jennie Wiley state park, Prestonburg. **Frances Varney** serves as state president.

District Personalities

New Hope (AR)

A project for this district was a metal file cabinet for **Bessie Richards**, Ivory Coast.

Salem (FL)

Pastor **Kenneth Ray** and wife, **Wanda**, presented a skit "How's Your Prayer Life?" at the district meeting at Malone. A salad luncheon concluded the meeting.

Social Band (AR)

Sandra Crossno reports they enjoyed "singing, a mixer, and book reviews" at their last meeting.

Beckley (WV)

Mt. Tabor hosted the retreat which featured prayer groups, outdoor vespers and skits. **Garnet Nagy** and **Mary Fluharty** contributed to the program.

Ogeechee (GA)

Mildred Wimbrely installed the new officers with "Lights in Dark Places." **Lynda Blanchard** leads this active district.

Antioch (AR)

Norma Burch reports their district was #1 in giving from the state. Terry Scott, mission action

chairman, challenged each local to contribute to the tray favor project for nursing homes during Christmas.

On The Local Scene

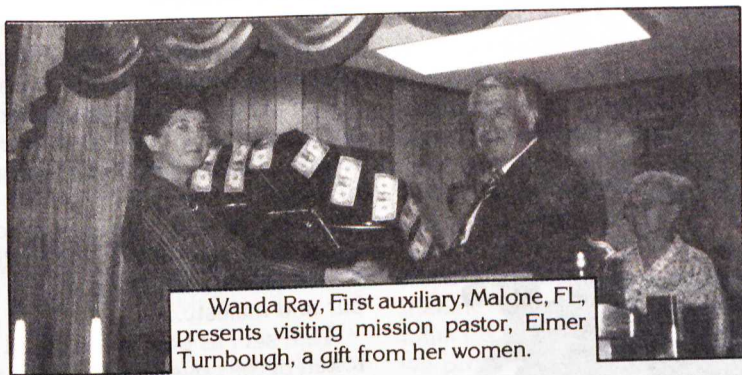
Huntsville (AL)

They advertise their meetings as "The programs are interesting, the business brief, the refreshments good, and the fellowship great." Sounds good to me!

Tom's Creek (KY)

Alfred Zornes used a flannelgraph lesson for their Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer service.

Please put WNAC on your mailing list so we can receive news of your auxiliary.



Wanda Ray, First auxiliary, Malone, FL, presents visiting mission pastor, Elmer Turnbough, a gift from her women.



WNAC president, June Rolan, addresses the Poteau River Valley district at Murry Spur, Spiro, OK.

Program for April

Aim: To discover the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—the exceedingly great and precious promises found in God's Word.

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:4

Music: "Standing on the Promises" and "Every Promise In The Book is Mine"

Preparation: There are seven colors in the rainbow—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Often these colors blend so perfectly into the other that we rarely see more than four or five. Make a rainbow and cut into the seven color sections. Build the rainbow as the topics are given.

Introduction

The storm was over and the sun peeped through the clouds displaying an amazing arc that stretched far across the sky. The colors blended to form a flaming rainbow, a wonder to behold. This phenomenon is produced by the reflection and refraction of the sun's rays as they fall on drops of rain. We stand in awe at its grandeur and majesty.

God set His bow in the cloud as a token of the covenant He made with man and the earth (Gen. 9:13-16). Each new rainbow renews our hope and reminds us of that everlasting covenant made so long ago.

Remember as a child being told there was a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? We no longer try to figure out the wealth we'd possess when we find where the rainbow ends. There is, however, a real pot of gold available to every believer—



God's promises. Let's go hunting for that pot of gold!

Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall

It takes both sunshine and rain to produce a rainbow. Trials, troubles, sickness and depression all remind us of rain. As they pour down upon us, we tend to forget that a rainbow is forming to brighten our lives. All sunshine brings drought and all rain causes flooding, but a combination of the two produces something of rare beauty.

God's Word teaches us to be anxious for nothing (Phil. 4:6, 7). As we take our concerns to Him in prayer, He gives a peace that surpasses human understanding. Peace does not come from circumstances, neither from friends or neighbors, although we may wear out their ears before we realize this! Only God gives this peace.

No matter how hard the rain falls, look up! See the rainbow!

Mini-Bible Study: *Rainbow Producing Raindrops*—1 Pet. 1:7; Ps. 1:7; Ps. 116:15; Heb. 12:5, 6; Ps. 27:10

Back of the Cloud The Sun Is Always Shining

Have you ever boarded an airplane on a rainy, overcast day? As the plane reaches altitude, it passes through the thick layer of clouds and rain into a world of sunshine. Yes, back of the clouds, the sun is always shining.

We may not be aware of God's promises while prosperity beams down upon us, but they are in effect just the same. His love, mercy and grace covers like an arch in all kinds of weather. However, too much sunshine makes us self-sufficient and less dependent upon God.

The promise found in John 15:4, 5 provides the answer for an unfruitful life. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is separated from the vine. We are branches and must remain in Christ in order to produce fruit. He replaces our weakness with power. He is the source of all our need.

He Is Faithful That Promised

As a child were you ever promised a special treat—a gift, a trip or some surprise at a specific time? You could hardly wait! Then at the appointed time you learned it had been postponed. Postponed? There is no such thing as postponement to a child; it's a broken promise.

Promises may be judged in two ways—the truthfulness of the person making the promise, and his ability to fulfill his word. We may forget what we promise but God has a faultless memory; He never fails.

Each time we see a rainbow we're reminded of the faithfulness of God.

Mini Bible Study: The Faithfulness of God. He cannot lie (Tit. 1:2); ever-present (Gen. 28:15); covenants (1 Ki. 8:23, 24, 56); also

Lam. 2:23; 1 Cor. 1:9, 10:13; 1
Thes. 5:24.

Seek and Ye Shall Find . . . If

A rainbow is translated into many different names. One African tribe calls it "the bow of God." The people of Annam call it "the little window in the sky."

Our little window in the sky is accessible by prayer. The Bible commands Christians to pray without ceasing. God delights to be called the God who hears and answers prayer (Ps. 65:2).

Some of God's promises are absolute, unconditional. Others are conditional, meaning the promise isn't in effect until certain conditions are met. A Christian walks on two legs—one of faith and the other of obedience. To chop off one makes him a cripple.

Mini Bible Study: Conditions to Answered Prayer

Seven Rules to Obey When We Pray

Ask (Matt. 7:7)

In Adoration (Deut. 4:4)

In Faith (Mark 11:24)

In Obedience (1 John 3:22)

With Praise (Ps. 18:3)

In Thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6)

In Jesus' Name (John 16:23)

The Wealth of Heaven At Our Disposal

The story is told of an aged and ragged Indian who wandered around

begging for food. Around his neck he wore a bright colored ribbon to which was suspended a small, dirty pouch. One day someone asked, "What's inside the pouch?"

He explained it was only a charm given him in his younger days. He opened the pouch and displayed a faded, greasy paper which proved to be his regular discharge from the Federal army. This document signed by General Washington himself entitled him to a pension for life.

Here was a man assured of support and plenty all his life, yet he wandered about hungry, helpless, forlorn and begging.

Is not this a picture of many believers today? The wealth of heaven is at our disposal—all because of Christ—yet we go starving into the wilderness.

Mini Bible Lesson: The Wealth We Have in Christ according to Ephesians 1 and 2. Can you find all eight of the treasures we have?

Reflections of His Glory

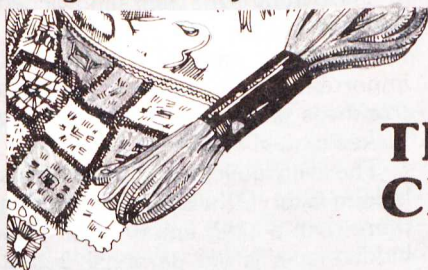
Let me, Lord, a prism be
Reflecting the light
You give to me.

Red for love to show I care,
Orange for warmth and faith to share,
Yellow for happiness, patience and joy,

Green for temperance in all I enjoy.
Blue for gentleness and tranquility,
Indigo for peace like the sky or the sea,

Violet for meekness like a heart-shaped flower
Reminding of Your unlimited power.

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THE HOMESPUN CHRISTIAN

Objective: To compare the putting together of a quilt to the living quilt the Master Quilter is making of us.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Hymn: "Make Me A Blessing"

Suggestions: Display the makings of a quilt (quilt top, batting, and material for a backing), also a completed quilt. Each one could bring her favorite quilt. String a line to display these.

Introduction

For those of you who quilt, or you with quilting projects still in the sewing basket, or perhaps others who simply appreciate the beauty and detail of handmade quilts, this lesson is for you.

Just like painting or sculpting, quilting is an artform. Each quilt is unique with a personality all its own. The top, batting and backing alone are of little use, but worked together by a skilled quilter, the finished project becomes a practical and useful object of beauty. It's wonderful to snuggle up in a cozy quilt on a cold and blustery evening. Not only does the quilt provide warmth, the memories connected with it brings a warmth that only love can give.

Imagine, then, every Christian as a special quilt in the making; if you will, a "living quilt." Our quilts are being put together each day of our lives. Some are of basic design, others more complex. But each consists of the same basic materials. Every Christian has access to these same ingredients: the Word of God, time, talents, Spiritual gifts, and the powerhouse of prayer. It is in the application



of these resources wherein we differ and make our living quilts into a unique design.

Let's examine the makings of a quilt and compare it to our Christian walk.

The Quilt Top (John 13:35)

Let's begin with that part which is most visible and pleasing to the eye—the quilt top. The pattern may be patchwork, applique, embroidery, or any combination. It may be quite colorful and detailed with the use of various materials ranging from homespun scraps to satin or velvet. A quilt is often judged by this first impression.

The living quilt has a visible side, too. We allow all to see this surface side and try to make it as attractive as possible. The outside alone, like a still photo or video, keeps people at a safe distance and discourages involvement.

Christians must be concerned with more than the superficial. If we are to be Christlike, then we will take the time to establish more than a surface relationship. It involves risk. Any close relationship, be it friend or spouse, must have an openness of communication that leaves you vulnerable.

Jesus loved us and gave His life for us. Was this a superficial love? If we love as Christ loved, we will give ourselves to each other. If we do not, we are like the quilt top—a pretty sight to see, but without purpose.

The Batting (Matthew 6:6, 16-18)

The batting is the layer sandwiched between the top and bottom layers. Although it is unseen, it is the most important part because it provides thickness and warmth. The batting makes a quilt!

The living quilt must also have this hidden layer. Otherwise it is nothing more than a cold, empty shell. This hidden layer is our personal, secret relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the part that only God sees. Prayer, fasting and feeding time contribute to this hidden layer.

If poor quality batting is used in a quilt, it will result in a poor quality quilt. After a few washings, the batting will separate or clump together, making the quilt irregular and imperfect. The same applies to the living quilt. If our daily personal relationship is hit-and-miss, haphazard, or hohum, we won't stand the test.

These washings come in the form of trials, sickness, death, financial or marital problems, to name only a few. Without consistent quality time with the Lord, these testings fray, tear and sometimes totally destroy our Christian testimony.

Quilt Backing (Matthew 7:16, 20)

The backing brings the quilt to completion. It brings together the top and batting for that finished look. The back is also the acid test of the quilt. The next time you get out a quilt, turn it over and look at the back. If there are any mistakes, puckers, or flaws in the quilting, this is where it will show. The design may camouflage on the front, but on the back, there is no place for the imperfections to hide. They stick out like

the proverbial sore thumb. If the backing is as smooth and even as the quilt top, you know the job was well done.

Our family and friends are the first to see the backing of our living quilt. We may show our attractive side to casual observers, but those closest to us see the flip side. This flip side is the real us, the side that reacts and holds nothing back. Perhaps there are some whose backing corresponds to the front, but all too often, there is a pucker here, a missed stitch there, and a tucked seam over there. These imperfections come from self-glorification.

As Jesus becomes the lord of our lives, He smooths out the wrinkles and teaches us to be like the Creator. The process is slow and tedious but the outcome promises eternal life in heaven.

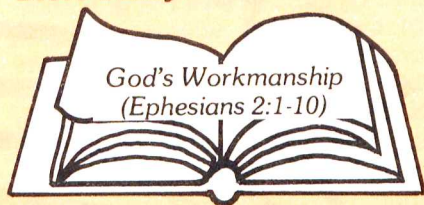
Conclusion

When properly assembled, a quilt is a beautiful piece of art, an heirloom to pass down to future generations. It serves a practical purpose, providing warmth and comfort. To finish a quilt gives a sense of satisfaction.

Not only do we have special talents and abilities, we have noticeable strengths and weaknesses. God knows how to put these characteristics to their possible use and how to diminish the weaknesses. We have the option of choosing our own design or turning the needle over to him. Going our own way leads to failure. But even then, God can take the pieces, reshape, remove the mistakes, and make of us a beautiful creation (2 Cor. 5:17).

We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus.

Bible Study:



1. We are all as an unclean thing (vv. 1-3) because we were born in sin (Romans 3:23). Our good deeds are all as wood, hay and stubble in God's sight (1 Cor. 3:12-15). We are as scraps of material, fabric, assorted remnants of various sizes, content, and usefulness. Possibilities and potential, but serving no purpose in that state.

List four characteristics of a life B.C. (before Christ and conversion) as found in verses 2 and 3.

2. "But God" (vv. 4, 5) God took these scraps and formed us into a pattern consistent with the kind of fabric we are. How was God's love manifested before salvation? How is God's love manifested toward us now?

3. The heavenly places (vv. 6, 7) God began a work in us. The quality of the batting (inner life) is dependent on how we frequent the heavenly places. Where, or what, are the heavenly places? Do other writers refer to them? Who has access? (Zec. 3:1)

4. Faith (vv. 8, 9). There's no way we can merit God's favor in ourselves. It's all by faith. F-A-I-T-H acrostic reads Forsaking all, I trust Him (Christ). What works are some doing today to gain a home in heaven?

5. God's Workmanship (v. 10). Why are we created? Why are we saved?

Program for June

ENLARGE MY WORLD



Thousands of Christians would like to be more involved in missions, but they don't quite know how. Here are some concrete hints:

- How to go to the mission field

- How to use your money for missions

- How to learn more about missions

- How to promote missions in your auxiliary

Aim: To take more seriously the Great Commission; to become more deeply involved in missions

Scripture: Luke 5:4-10

Hymn: Any missionary hymn or chorus, as "To The Regions Beyond," "To The East, To The West," or "Send The Light"

One day Jesus taught His disciples a lesson about missions they never forgot.

Those disciples were fishermen, so He taught them something about fishing. Jesus related His teaching to the fishermen's own goal: a great catch of fish. This goal made sense to the disciples because they were professionals. Fishermen aren't pros, of course. Some people go fishing just for the enjoyment of being out in the fresh air and getting away from the normal routine of life for a while. Amateur fishermen get satisfaction from fishing whether they catch anything or not. They prefer to catch something, they even make up fantasies when they don't, but they nevertheless go back again and again when they don't. They enjoy the fishing as much as the fish.

Not professionals! They have to take fishing more seriously than that because their living depends on it.

Jesus was talking to professional fishermen, but He made it clear that He was not really talking about fish. He said, "From henceforth thou shalt catch men" (v. 10). This reinforces the Strategy 1 goal of the Great Commission—to make disciples. Jesus wanted His disciples to take His work at least as seriously as they took their fishing. He wants a great multitude of disciples, and He is not satisfied with less.

Thousands of Christians would like to be more deeply involved in missions, but they don't quite know how. Here are some concrete hints as to how to go to the mission field, how to use your money for missions, how to learn more about missions, and how to promote missions in your auxiliary.

How to Go to the Mission Field

There are four ways to go to the mission field: First, you can go as a career missionary. If you want to investigate the possibilities of becoming a career missionary, the first thing to do is to talk to your pastor. If you have not completed Bible college training, enroll in one of our colleges. The mission board requires both education and practical experience of all their candidates.

You can go as a short-term worker. Short-term service is especially appropriate for Christians who have a skill, who want to donate a portion of their lives to making a significant contribution to God's work on the foreign field, and who are not confined to home. Those who have children at home generally should not consider short-term service. But single people, younger couples, and older couples can all find opportunities for short-term service.

You can go as a visitor. In order to do this, you will need to have a personal contact on the mission field of your choice. Do not be a burden to your missionary but plan your visit around his schedule.

How to Use Your Money for Missions

God loves a cheerful giver, but don't be careless in your giving. The Woman's Auxiliary provides avenues for concentrated missions giving through the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer sacrificial offering for Foreign Missions, the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer for National Home

Missions, and an optional week for state Home Missions support.

In addition to these opportunities, some churches use the missionary pledge support system. These tax-deductible gifts support the missionary of your choice.

Many are unaware of substantial opportunities for good financial stewardship for the cause of missions apart from direct giving. Our mission boards help you make out your will properly so that your estate will do what you want it to do rather than what the government wants it to; they will steer you into wise investments, which not only may earn you more returns now, but which will help missionary work as well; they will explain tax advantages you otherwise may not know about; and they will help you avoid costly financial mistakes.

How to Learn More About Missions

In order to keep up on the latest and best in missionary literature, read the books suggested each year by WNAC. In addition to the two study course books, a self-study missionary reading list is available.

Every auxiliary woman should receive, and read, the monthly publications from our mission boards: *Heartbeat* and *Mission Grams*. These informative bulletins are free upon request.

As your interest in missions grows, you may want to take some systematic studies. Many Bible colleges offer correspondence courses in missions. Seminars, workshops and world outreach conferences provide

enlightenment. Or if you live in the vicinity of a Bible college, inquire about courses in missions that are available.

How to Promote Missions in the Local Auxiliary

The starting ingredient for an auxiliary missions emphasis is a president who is excited about missions. As she promotes missions in the executive committee, it will catch fire.

The study chairman will see that the women are saturated with missionary literature. The prayer chairman will impart a burden for missionary praying. The action chairman will provide opportunities for putting feet to their prayers.

The auxiliary should participate in the annual missionary or world outreach conference. In addition to organizing prayer groups, they might sponsor mission booths, an international dinner, or publicity campaigns.

Bring in missionary speakers between conferences. Missions should not be just a once-a-year shot. If the auxiliary is a missionary auxiliary, missions must appear in the program all year long.

Support your church's missionary program through individual pledges as well as Foreign Mission's Advance Celebration Outreach. This program supports missions in four areas: 1) training of national leadership, 2) equipping missionaries, 3) building new churches, and 4) sending out new missionaries.

Women who care are sensitive to personal needs. They reach out to our missionaries with seasonal greetings, showers of gifts, letters, and

other expressions of love and concern.

The auxiliary supports missions by encouraging their young people to consider missions as a high calling. To paraphrase a famous quotation, "If God has called you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be the president of the United States."

Get on Board

God is pleased when his people exercise their faith and "launch out into the deep." He wants you to launch out with your mind, with your talents, and with your money. If you have read this program, you have received the challenge.

The rest is up to you.

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Ascent to the Tribes
By Searching
Green Leaf in Drought Time
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These seven colors symbolize perfection;

O Lord, let me be
A perfect reflection.

—Linda Sligh

Linda

The Pot of Gold At The End of The Rainbow

The Bible is like a rainbow, bright with promises that bring hope and joy and purpose to man. God's Word contains 7487 promises from God to man, all exceedingly great and precious. (Someone has gone to the trouble to count them and evidently no one has disputed it!)

Each promise reveals the love of God for His people. Whether you are a new believer, a mature Christian, or somewhere in-between, God's promises are new every morning, offering inspiration, comfort and challenge.

Maxi-Praise Exercise: Share one of God's promises that has been exceedingly precious to you.

A Woman



God Has Used

The Free Will Baptist banner waves in Ribeiro, Brazil today partly because of faithful prayer warriors like Isabel de Mello.

Already in her 60's when the missionaries arrived, Dona (Mrs.) Isabel quickly established herself as an able Sunday school teacher and dedicated disciple. She wielded a strong influence for good in the lives of her junior girls and boys.

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For years, this lady of God has arisen at 5 A.M. for Bible study and prayer before beginning her busy day. Now, at age 86, urgent requests are still confided to her. She has learned that when she prays, she often gets involved in the answer. As she prays for the unsaved, she anticipates opportunities for witnessing to them.

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